

THE QUEENS VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

NEWSLETTER

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We Don't Complain About Problems — We Work On Solutions

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful warm weather and blooming flowers. On May 2, Officer Brian Moore, from the 105th Precinct, was shot while on duty in Queens Village. He succumbed to his injuries and was buried on May 8th. This is a real tragedy for the Moore family, the 105th Precinct, the NYPD, and our community. We extend our sympathy to the Moore family and our support to the 105th Precinct. First responders put their lives at risk daily to protect our community and we need to offer them our full support and cooperation.

The results of Council Member Mark Weprin's Participatory Budgeting (PB) were announced recently ; 2,022 residents from council district 23 voted on ten projects. The following were the three top projects voted that accounted for the million dollars: (1) fitness equipment for Alley Pond Park, (2) gym renovation and equipment for Benjamin N. Cardozo and Martin Van Buren high schools and (3) technology upgrades for nine public schools .(See page 2 of this news letter.)

Unfortunately, American Legion Post 301 will not have their Memorial Day observance at the Queens Village Veterans Plaza at Springfield Blvd and Jamaica Ave. Our civic will be laying a wreath at the Veterans Plaza monument at 12 noon on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, to show our support for our troops and veterans. I hope you will join us.

Detective Jovoda Cooper, the community affairs officer at the 105th Precinct, expresses her regret for not making it to our last meeting. Hopefully she will be at this month's meeting. We are also expecting a representative from NYC Fire Department at this month's meeting.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming meeting on May 19.

Your friend and neighbor,



Mohamood Ishmael



Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 19
8:00 P. M.

Place: Stewart Hall
Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Springfield Blvd. & 93rd. Ave.

On the Agenda: Representative from New York
City Fire Department

FROM
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LET'S TAKE THE TIME TO COMBAT THE WEST NILE VIRUS

Mosquitoes and the potentially deadly West Nile Virus will soon be in season. Do everything you can to eliminate standing water from your property to safeguard against mosquito infestation. That means disposing of empty cans and uncapped glass and plastic bottles or similar water-collecting vessels. Remove discarded tires as they are the Number One breeding place for mosquitoes. If not in use, keep pools covered. Drain water and turn over wading pools when not in use. Change water in bird baths every three or four days. If you want more information about the West Nile Virus, visit nyc.gov/health/wnv.

RESULTS OF PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

Following a year-long process of neighborhood assemblies, delegate meetings, and project presentations, Council District 23's Participatory Budgeting (PB) results are finally in. Of the ten capital projects on this year's ballot, three have been selected by residents and will be included in next year's budget. The winning projects include technology upgrades at our local schools (\$455,000), new fitness equipment at Alley Pond Park (\$450,000), and gym renovations at Benjamin N. Cardozo High School and Martin Van Buren High School (\$300,000), for a total of \$1,205,000.

Last month, more than 2,000 community residents came out to cast their votes, making this year's PB cycle the most successful to date. Though the race was tight, the technology upgrades at the schools received the most votes, 1,146.; the new fitness equipment at Alley Pond Park was a close second with 1,065 voters, and the gym renovations at nine schools received 973 votes.

Participatory Budgeting is a unique process that empowers the community by giving residents a say in how money in the district is spent. Council Member Weprin introduced Participatory Budgeting to the residents of Eastern Queens in 2012. Back then, Council Member Weprin was just one of eight New York City Council Members to offer PB in their districts. Just three years later, 24 Council Members have accepted this democratic process, including nine Council Members from Queens.

Council Member Weprin gratefully thanks the many volunteers and members of his staff who worked so hard to help ensure the great success of this year's PB for the communities of the 23rd Council District.

For more information about Participatory Budgeting, call Council Member Mark Weprin at 718-468-0137 or visit him at mweprin@council.nyc.gov.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE QUEENS VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

We need not only your financial support, but your contribution of ideas, expertise, and time to make our community a better place. Dues are \$5.00 a year per person. Please mail this form to P.O. Box 0766, Queens Village, NY 11428-0766 or enroll at our meetings. Make your check payable to the Queens Village Civic Association.

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OUR MEMBERSHIP

Our newest members are John May (93rd Avenue), Pulintanath Rajeswar (217 Street), and Ranamau Waheeda (Janaica Avenue). Welcome aboard. You can join us at our monthly meetings or by using the membership application form in this newsletter. Dues are \$5.00 a year per person. As a member, you will receive our newsletter and have our support in helping to resolve problems in the community that diminish your peace and comfort. We need you to increase our strength and our clout as we fight for City services and programs to help improve our quality of life.

MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

Memorial Day is our country's remembrance of and salute to the millions of our fallen and living war veterans whose dedication and bravery keeps our country free. Here are two events in our neighborhood that honor them on this year's Memorial Day on Monday, May 25.

John F. Prince VFW Post will hold Memorial Day services on Monday, May 25, beginning at 11:00 A. M., in the upstairs hall of the post, located on Braddock Avenue at the Cross Island service road. Members of the community are welcome. Refreshments will be served after the services. The Little Neck-Douglaston Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 25 from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P. M. The parade proceeds west to Northern Boulevard from Jayson Avenue in Great Neck and ends on 245th Street. For information, call 718-279-3200.

REDEEMER CHURCH JUNE FAIR

Redeemer Lutheran Church is having its annual summer fair on Saturday, June 6, from 11:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M., at the church, located at 92-10 217th Street in Queens Village.

What to expect: Games and crafts, flea market, photo booth, food for sale (hot dogs, hamburgers, baked goodies), raffles, and more. Don't miss it.

CHANGE OF MENU AT SEARS

The Sers store at the shopping mall at Hillside and Braddock Avenues no longer sells hardware. Space has been made to increase their stock of appliances and furniture. Sears sells scatch and dent items there at a discount.

THE NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIRS 1939-1940 and 1964-1965

Millions attended the two New York World's Fairs and lasting memories were created for generations of New Yorkers, Noted historian **Ron Marzlock**, author of **The New York World's 1939,1964**, presents an exciting power presentation of 200 images of the fair, many taken behind the scenes and never seen before. Take a trip down memory lane and learn things about the fairs htat you never knew. The program is a must see for Queens residents who attended one of the airs and a great education to those who didn't. Come to the Douglaston--Little Neck Library on Friday, May 29, at 4:00 P. M., to see this great show. The library is located at 249-01 Northern Boulevard.

IMPORTANT COMMUNITY MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The 105th Precinct Community Council meets on Wednesday, May 27, at 8:00 P.M., in the precinct located at 92-08 222nd Street in Queens Village. You can find out about police activity in our our neighborhoods and make complaints.

Community Board 13Q meets on Monday, May 18, in the Bellerose Assembly of God Church, 240-15 Hillside Avenue, st 7:30 P M..You can sign in to address the board about your suggestions or complaints.

Yet another scam.....

You receive a telephone call from a person who claims that he or she is from Microsoft or another major electronic company and tells you that your computer is in danger. If you answer the scammer's questions, you are giving away personal information that can steal your identity. Detective Jovoda Cooper. of the 105th Precinct, reports that the scammers typically use disposable cell phones so they are very difficult to trace. Hang up on these crooks. Immediately.

BLOCK PARTIES

The procedure for applying for a block party permit has changed. and now requires a 90-day notice. An application must be filed and you can get help to do so by visiting nyc.gov/311.



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