

# 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,

On Saturday June 6, we conducted a very successful protest against the planned site for a neighborhood prison by bringing attention to this ill-conceived idea in the presence of the press and two statewide electives. This community protest was spearheaded by our civic and fully supported by our fellow Civic Associations in Eastern Queens and concerned residents. The NYC Administration of Children Services (ACS) is planning, under a program called "Close to Home," to relocate up to 20 juvenile offenders from upstate prisons into the building located at 207<sup>th</sup> Street and Jamaica Avenue. Thanks to every one who participated and special thanks to NYS Assembly Member, Barbara Clark and NYS Senator, Leroy Comrie, for attending and publicly pledging to do all they can to prevent this facility from opening. However, we call on the Assembly Member and the Senator to sponsor legislation in Albany to prevent these facilities from being located in residential areas. This will be a long fight and, we look forward to everyone's continued support.

City Council Member Mark Weprin will be resigning his position on June 15<sup>th</sup>, to accept a position in Governor Cuomo's administration. I would like to personally and on behalf of all civic members thank Council Member Weprin for his honest and outstanding services to our district and to wish him success in his new position in public service.

There will be a special election, probably in September, to fill the vacant City Council position created by Mark Weprin's resignation. There are many potential candidates who are waiting for a formal resignation announcement to declare their candidacy. I will invite them all to attend our civic meeting on June 16 so that they can inform us about their position on different issues.

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

Your friend and neighbor,



Mohamood Ishmael



Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 16  
8:00 P. M.  
Place: Stewart Hall  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church  
Springfield Blvd. & 93<sup>rd</sup>. Ave.  
On the Agenda: Candidate for 23<sup>rd</sup> Queens  
Council District

FROM  
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## LET'S FIGHT NOISE POLLUTION

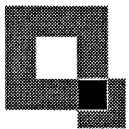
July 4 fireworks and thunderous late and all-night parties are becoming a way of life in our summers. Fireworks and making loud noise are unlawful, and, if insensitive neighbors don't care about your comfort or getting a good night's sleep, you can fight back by calling 311. Your call will be kept anonymous if you so desire. Our police may not get to all the complaints, but they will stop the noise when they can and issue summonses if warranted. Some homeowners rent their backyard for blaring all-night parties. If you are aware of such a situation, call the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct at 718-776-9090

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ON AUGUST 4

The National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 4, at Cabbell Park, in Cambria Heights, from 5:00 P. M. to 9:00 P.M. Come out with your family and friends to enjoy a night of games, music, prizes, and free food and drink. This is an annual summer event to enhance relationships and cooperation between the police department and communities. For more information, call the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Affairs Officer at 718-776-9173/9176.

## CALL US AT 718-598-1483

Your civic association does not hold regular monthly meetings in July and August. But we are not on vacation. If you have a quality-of-life problem, call us at 718-598-1483. We will use our resources to help you. Do not hesitate to call. The line is open 24/7.



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## 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.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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CHECK HERE IF NEW MEMBER

## EXECUTIVE BOARD 2015

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## **OUR MEMBERSHIP**

Our newest members are William Braganza (Springfield Boulevard), Joanne Harling (218 Place), Persaud Latchman (Springfield Boulevard), Frank and Joanne Russo (214 Place), and Jean and Rose Marie Turnier (Springfield Boulevard). Glad to have you aboard! You can join our association at our regular 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 that help to maintain or improve our quality of life.

## **KEEPING CATCH BASINS CLEAN**

When catch basins are clogged with debris, rainwater cannot flow into the sewer, causing street and home flooding. Although the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) cleans catch basins on schedule, you can help by keeping your sidewalks and gutters free from debris. If you notice a catch basin blocked with debris and water is backed up there, call 311 to file a complaint. You can also call Community Board 13 (Q) at 718-464-970 to get catch basins cleaned by DEP.

## **DUES DUE**

If you have not paid your current dues, you are being notified in this month's newsletter. We need your financial as well as your moral support. Your support is gratefully appreciated.

## **CANINE ETIQUETTE**

Persistent dog barking day or night is a quality-of-life crime. If you have an insensitive, unconcerned neighbor who allows such noise pollution, call 311 to make a complaint. A person who owns a dog may not allow the dog to be in a public place without being restrained by a leash or chain no more than six feet long. Feces left by a dog in a public place must be deposited in a toilet or non-leaking container for pickup by Sanitation. Complying with these City laws will improve our quality of life, and you will be avoiding fines beginning at \$100.00.

## **NEW YORK CITY ID CARD**

The New York City Identification Card (IDNYC) is available for New York City residents who are at least 14 years old. The free card provides many benefits such as membership in over 30 cultural institutions, discounts at movie theaters, access to health and wellness, access to Big AppleRX (the New York City official drug prescription program), and a photo ID. To obtain the card, call 311 for instructions or visit [nyc.gov/idnyc](http://nyc.gov/idnyc). You have until December 31, 2015, to apply.

## **NYC RECYCLES**

A Queens SAFE disposal recycling event will be held on Saturday, June 20, in Cunningham Park, at the ball field parking lot on Francis Lewis Boulevard, between Union Turnpike and Grand Central Parkway, from 10:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M. The Department of Sanitation will be accepting electronic, automotive, household, sharp, and medication items that you cannot recycle from your home. For more information, call 311.

## **NYC POISON CONTROL HOTLINE**

If you believe that a person or animal has been exposed to a harmful product, call the New York City Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222 or 212-764-7667. Don't hesitate.

## **POWWOW AT FARM MUSEUM**

The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Thunderbird American Indian Powwow will be held at the Queens County Farm Museum, located at 73-50 Little Neck Parkway, in Floral Park, on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 24 to July 26. The powwow is New York City's oldest and largest and will feature Native American dance competition. Over 40 Indian Nations will be represented at this spectacular event. Native American art, crafts, and jewelry will be available. (Day pass admission is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. Weekend pass is \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children under 12.) Performance times are: Friday, 7:00 P. M. to 10:00 P. M.; Saturday, 12:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M., and 7:00 P. M. to 10:00 P. M.; Sunday, 12:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M. Parking is free. For more information, call 718-347-3276.



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