

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

My Dear Queens Villagers,

I start my message this month with sad news: Our dear State Assemblywoman, the honorable Barbara M. Clark, passed away last month on February 22. She was a dear, dear friend of mine. This elected official was very approachable, strong, and brave. Whenever there was an issue in our civic, she always accommodated me. As always we agreed to respect each other's views, and remained very good friends to the end.. Honorable Barbara M. Clark was a staunch and strong advocate for Children's Education and Programs for the Elderly. She was good to our civic, and we will miss her dearly. Your job is now done here my good friend. Rest in peace.

I received information two days before Councilman Barry Grodenchik's news conference on February 26 against the placement of a charter school at IS 109. I do not have more to report on this. Any more information I get will be passed on to you our members. IS 109 has its problems, and any improvement will hopefully be better for Queens Village.

To our members thinking of selling their homes: Please transact your business through a reputable licensed Real Estate Broker. Be warned. Some investors offer cash on the spot and other closing incentives. Please do not be duped. This is a back door scheme to locate Group Homes in our village. Your investment is very important, and your contribution to Queens Village is important to us. More at this month's meeting.

Albert Silvestri, Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Transportation (DOT), will be at this month's meeting to answer your questions.

News Flash: Compose containers are coming soon to Queens Village.

There is a healthy conversation on our Executive Board to ask businesses in our village to offer our civic members a discount on items or services purchased. More details on this as we move forward with it.

Voting for Participatory Budgeting Projects runs from March 26 through April 3. We encourage you to vote for projects that benefit Queens Village. The projects are listed on page 2 of our newsletter. We will discuss this matter at this month's meeting.

Please call 311 and Community Board 13Q (718-464-9700) for action on your complaints.

Your friend and neighbor,



Nagassar (Ram) Ramgarib



Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 15
8:00 P. M.
Place: Stewart Hall
Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Springfield Blvd. & 93rd. Ave.
Guest Speaker: Albert Silvestri, Queens Deputy
Borough Commissioner for DOT

FROM
QUEENS VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
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NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL
PARTICIPATORY
BUDGETING   

2016 Project Proposals

Technology Upgrades: \$548,000 (Smartboards/Laptop Carts)

QHST, P.S. 178Q, P.S. 33Q, P.S., 109Q, P224Q @ P.S. 205Q, P224Q @ I.S. 266Q, B-TECH

A/V System: \$375,000

P.S. 18Q, P.S. 26Q, P.S. 33Q, P.S. 109Q, P.S. 186Q

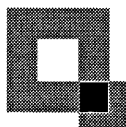
Gym Renovation: \$100,000

Martin Van Buren High School

Vanderbilt Parkway Repaving: \$500,000

Upgrades for Hollis and Queens Village Libraries: \$550,000

VOTING DATES: MARCH 26, 2016 TO APRIL 3, 2016



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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We need not only your financial support, but your contribution of ideas, expertise, and time to make our community a better place. Dues are \$10.00 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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- Trustee.....

OUR MEMBERSHIP

Our newest member is Joseph Concannon, who resides on 237th Street. Welcome aboard. You can join us at our monthly meetings or by using the membership application form in this newsletter. Dues are \$10.00 a year per person. As a member, you will receive our newsletter and have our support 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.

THE PASSING OF OUR BARBARA CLARK

Assemblywoman Barbara M. Clark, who served us with determination, honor, and skill for almost 30 years, has passed away. She died on February 22 at the age of 76. Barbara worked diligently to improve the lives of those she represented in the New York State Assembly. She will be especially remembered for her efforts to improve education and health care in our communities. Her loss will be deeply felt by her family and by all of us who respected and admired her.

BLOOD DRIVE AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The Outreach Program of Our Lady of Lourdes Church is having its first blood drive of 2016 on Sunday, April 10, from 8:15 A. M. to 2:00 P. M., in Stewart Hall, located in the church compound at 93rd. Avenue and Springfield Boulevard. Donors must be between 17 and 75 years of age, although a 16-year-old can donate with parental permission. If you are over 75, you must obtain a note from your doctor stating that you can donate blood. For more information, call Coordinator Paul Robison at 917-613-5190 or visit probison @aol.com. Remember: Each person who donates a pint of blood helps to save 3 lives.

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

Residents of our NYC District 23 Council again have a unique opportunity to decide how to spend one million in capital discretionary funding for our district. The proposed projects are listed on page 2 of this newsletter. We hope to have a list of the voting sites at this month's meeting. You can obtain the name of the voting site nearest you by calling our Council Member Barry S. Grodenchik at 718-468-0137. Please vote to improve our quality of life.

QUEENS FARM MUSEUM EVENTS

The Queens County Farm Museum, located at 73-50 Little Neck Parkway, in Floral Park, has these special events scheduled in March and April.

The annual Barnyard Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 26, from 11:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M. Egg hunts will be ongoing in the farm's orchard throughout the day. Bunny "Whiskers" will be hopping around the farm to greet the children. Play egg tossing and egg rolling games on the front lawn, visit the farm animals, and take a hayride. Tours of the historic farmhouse will be available. Admission is \$5.00 per person.

The Children's Carnival will be held on two weekends, Saturday and Sunday, April 9-10 and April 16-17, from 11:00 A. M. to 6:00 P. M. Enjoy carnival rides, midway games and prizes, hayrides, and children's entertainment. Admission is \$12.00 per person. (Carnival rides are free.)

HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Residents in need of financial assistance to help pay their home heating bills this winter can come to Queens Borough Hall, 120-55 Queens Boulevard in Kew Gardens, to apply for a grant from the federally funded Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) that helps low income home owners and renters defray the cost of heating oil. HEAP application assistance will be available Monday through Wednesday from 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. until March 15. Call 718-286-2899 for more information.

LET'S GET RID OF OUR POTHOLE

Extreme wintry weather and days of springlike temperatures have pockmarked our streets with many potholes that are a danger to both motorists and pedestrians. The NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) fills potholes. You can help direct the DOT crews by calling 311 to report potholes in your street or neighborhood. Let's do all we can to get rid of these monsters.

DUES DUE

We are asking that you pay your 2016 dues. We gratefully appreciate your financial support as well as your moral support. Dues are \$10.00 per person annually and can be paid at our monthly meetings or by mailing your check or money order to the QVCA, PO Box 0766, Queens Village, NY, 11428.



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