

THE QUEENS VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Dear Members,

Yes, it's spring, but the weather doesn't feel like it.

Let's start with some good news for Queens Village. I have been reappointed to Community Board 13Q for another two years by the Honorable Queens Borough President Melinda Katz. Civic associations are the first pair of probing eyes for Quality of Life infractions in our neighborhoods, and community boards and 311 are the formats to address our complaints. Together with Moe Ishmael, I hope to continue our job as your voice on Community Board 13Q.

This has been a very busy month for Community Board 13Q and the Queens Village Civic Association members. We welcomed the new commanding officer of the 106th Precinct, Inspector Jeffry Schiff. We also participated with the NYPD and the 105th Precinct in establishing a 24-hour Manned Satellite Post in Rosedale. This will greatly increase response time.. It is the first step in establishing a desperately needed new precinct near Kennedy Airport. Our Community Board 13Q has petitioned our elect officials for a new precinct there for the last 25 to 30 years.

Street Repaving: There are several streets around Queens Village that are scheduled for repaving. In this budget year. Please be prepared for street disruption in your area. (List available at this month's meeting). **Habitat for Humanity** has several homes scheduled for refurbishing and rebuilding in our community. Many of these homes are from foreclosures or abandoned. This is good for our neighborhoods, our quality of life, and property values. (List available at this month's meeting.) The long awaited **Queens Village Traffic Study Report** was presented to CB13 Traffic on April 5. Many of our complaints were addressed and some remedial actions are scheduled. A full report will be given at this month's meeting.

NYC is installing **New Mini Meters** throughout the City. In Queens Village, some streets that are presently not metered will be metered. More at this month's meeting.

Sadly, we said farewell to Joseph Gormley, a longstanding member of our association who passed away two weeks ago. Our heartfelt condolences go to the entire Gormley family.

Your friend and neighbor,



Nagassar (Ram) Ramgarib



Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 19
8:00 P. M.
Place: Stewart Hall
Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Springfield Blvd. & 93rd. Ave.
On the Agenda: Queens Village Traffic Study

FROM
QUEENS VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
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105th PRECINCT CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS



In a continuing effort to reduce theft in the confines of the 105th Precinct, the following crime prevention programs are being offered:


RESIDENTIAL SECURITY SURVEY: The Crime Prevention Specialist from the 105th Precinct will visit your home and conduct a security survey. All security devices, locks, windows, doors, and alarms are checked thoroughly to determine their effectiveness. A confidential, written report with recommendations to improve the security of your home will be provided by the police officer. Call 718-776-9173 to make an appointment.

GLASS VIN ETCHING: Glass Vin Etching is a chemical process that permanently etches your auto VIN number on your auto glass. Some of the advantages of this program: It helps to deter auto theft by reducing the value of the auto to the thief, helps to identify stolen auto parts in salvage yards, and many insurance companies offer discounts for this program when completed by the police department. Until further notice VIN etching is being done on Saturdays from 10 A. M. to 12:00 P. M. at the 105th Precinct, located at 92-08 222nd Street, in Queens Village, If you would like to make an appointment or want more information about VIN etching, call 718-776-9176.

C.A.T. (Combat Auto Theft): This program is done by attaching a C.A.T. Sticker to the rear side windows of your auto. The owner signs an authorization form that allows the police department to stop your auto during the hours of 1:00 A. M. to 5:00 A. M. If you are out and are stopped, all you have to do is show proper identification.

H.E.A.T. (Help End Auto Theft): In order to participate in this program, you must be a New York City resident, registered owner of a motor vehicle, and above the age of 40. The decals inform the police that anyone under the age of 25 who is operating the vehicle is doing so without the owner's consent. This program is in effect 24 hours a day.

BICYCLE REGISTRATION: A police officer of the 105th Precinct will etch a serial number onto the frame of your bicycle at the precinct. The number will be kept on file, and the information will help identify your bicycle if it is lost or stolen.

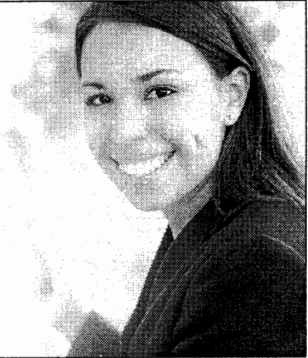


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QUEENS SAFE DISPOSAL EVENT

OUR MEMBERSHIP

Our newest members are Dolinda Gonzalez(218 Street), Lall Ramkishun (192nd Street), Roslin V. Spigner (112 Road), and Jeanette White-Small (215 Place). Welcome aboard! You can join our association 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 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 and improve our quality of life.

FREE EMERGENCY CELL PHONES

The Cornucopia Society Cell Phone Recycling Program collects cell phones that are no longer operative and reconditions and distributes them to senior citizens and those who need such a phone but cannot afford one. These phones are restricted to dialing 911 only. They enable people to get medical treatment quickly and emergency police and fire assistance. Your donated phones should be brought to the Community Affairs Office of the 105th Precinct or to a meeting of the 105th Precinct Community Council. Both are located at 92-08 222nd Street in Queens Village.

Call Fred Kress of the Cornucopia Society at 718-341-1395 if you need such a phone.

FREE HEARING TESTS AT ST. JOHN'S

St. John's Speech and Hearing Center is sponsoring free speech and hearing screenings through April 28. The center is located at 151-11 Union Turnpike. The center is also offering free testing service to those who are experiencing difficulty in using their hearing aid. Please call 718-990-6480 for an appointment.

THANKS A HEAP!

We gratefully thank Joy Polanco and John May for joining our newsletter distribution team. We need more distributors. You will be given a route in your block or immediate neighborhood. If you're interested, see Circulation Manager Chris Trefemuk at this month's meeting or call us at 718-468-2160.

You can safely get rid of electronic and household products that the Department of Sanitation no longer picks up at your curb on Saturday, April 30, in the ball field parking lot of Cunningham Park, from 10:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M. (rain or shine). Cars enter on Francis Lewis Boulevard between Union Turnpike and Grand Central Parkway.

Electronics (TV's and computers), flammable automotive and household products, and medical items will be accepted. No air conditioners, refrigerators, dehumidifiers, or tires will be accepted. For more information, call 311 or visit nyc.gov/disposal.

BLOCK PARTIES

Applications for the approval of block parties have to be submitted on line at nyc.gov 90 days before the event. The cost is \$25.00. At least 51%% of the home owners in the block must give approval. For more information, call Community Board 13Q at 718-464-9700.

ANIMAL NOISE COMPLAINTS

The Department of Environmental Protection now handles animal noise complaints. The noise code holds pet owners responsible for their animal's noises. Dog barking for 10 consecutive minutes between 7:00 A. M. to 10:00 P.M. and five consecutive minutes between 10:00 P. M. to 7:00 A.M. is considered excessive. Call 311 to make your complaints.

NEW COMMANDER AT 105TH PRECINCT

Deputy Inspector Jeffrey Schiff is the new Commander of the 105th Precinct. We look forward to working with him to keep our communities safe places. We wish the departing commander, Inspector Mike Coyle, the best in his new assignment in Brooklyn. He was dedicated and always responded positively to community complaints and issues.

BE AN AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICER

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