

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,

As we prepare for the upcoming holidays, we welcome the cooler temperature of Fall. Take a moment or two to enjoy nature's display of her most beautiful and vibrant colors.

Recently, the concrete medians in front of Martin Van Buren High School were transformed into catch basins with beautiful foliage to trap the runoff water (Rain / Snow). This of course is designed to prevent flooding in the surrounding areas. According to our mayor, this water trapping system will be replicated throughout our city.

However, several homeowners in Queens Village are removing all the grass lawns, trees, and shrubs on their property. They are replacing them with concrete or pavers which may look nice but goes against our Department Of Building codes. This illegal action add stress on our water management infrastructure system to its limit and more seriously creates flooding in the surrounding yards in the area. We may recall that during a recent storm several lives were lost because of flooding. We can prevent this from happening again by being a good neighbor in our Village. The NYC Building Department, along with the Mayor, Borough President, and Elected Representatives have all recognized this trend. They are considering appropriate action to stop this trend that is changing the character of our Village and by extension our city. Let us hope they act swiftly to reverse this damaging trend.

Aggressive driving around our Village is a serious problem. The 105th Precinct is aware of this and is addressing the problem. The widening of the medians at crossing street systems and additional traffic lines have been put in place, but still, it is necessary to be vigilant while we cross the streets, especially on Jamaica Avenue and other busy roads.

Please remember to renew your membership and we will see you at our meeting. Bring a friend!

Your friend and neighbor,

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Ram Ramgarib

P.S. Please express your precious rights and go out to Vote this November, see page 3 for details.



OCTOBER



Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 16th
7:30 P.M.

Place: Bethsaida Spirituality Center at
Our Lady of Lourdes School Building
92-70 220 Street

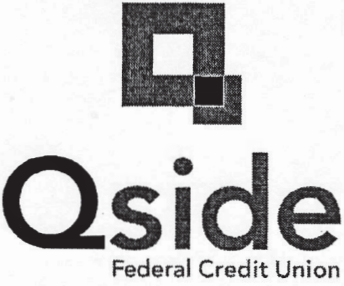
Entrance on 220 Street
(behind Parking Lot on Springfield Blvd)

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FROM
QUEENS VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 0766
QUEENS VILLAGE, NEW YORK 11428-0766

Proposals on the Ballot in this November General Election

1. Adds Certain Protections to the State Bill of Rights - Adds anti-discrimination provisions to State Constitution.
2. Cleaning Public Property - amend the City Charter to expand and clarify the Department of Sanitation's power to clean streets and other City property and require disposal of waste in containers.
3. Additional Estimates of the Cost of the Proposed Laws and Updates to Budget Deadlines - require fiscal analysis from the Council before hearings and votes on laws
4. More Notice and Time Before Votes on Public Safety Legislation
5. Capital Planning - require more detail in the annual assessment of City facilities
6. Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBES), Film Permits, and Archive Review Boards - to establish the Chief Business Diversity Officer.




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OUR MEMBERSHIP

You can join our civic association by using the membership application form on page 2 of this newsletter. Dues are \$10 a year per person. As a member you will receive our newsletter and have our support to help resolve problems in the community that diminish your quality of life.

NYC SANITATION OFFICIAL NOTICE

Please remember, beginning November 12, 2024, all trash must be set out in a garbage bin, fifty-five gallons or less, with a secure lid. This applies to all homeowners.

Please note, that this bin requirements only apply to regular garbage and not to recyclables.

You can use a compliant bin, fifty-five gallons or less with a secure lid, that you already have.

However, starting in June 2026, you MUST use an Official NYC Bin.

Official NYC Bins are only available for purchase online at: www.bins.nyc. Multiple sizes are available and different colors for your recyclables, the price is below \$50.

2024 GENERAL ELECTION

Early Voting: October 26, 2024 - November 3, 2024

Early Voting Poll Sites - Antun's-

96-43 Springfield Boulevard, Queens Village

Early Voting Hours - 8:00AM - 8:00PM (except weekend, it is 8:00AM - 5:00PM)

Election Day - November 5, 2024

Election Day Hours - 6:00AM - 9:00PM

Election Day Poll Sites:

JHS 109-Jean Nuzzi IS - 213-10 92 Avenue

PS 33-Edward M. Funk - 91-37 222 Street

PS 34-John Harvard - 104-12 Springfield Boulevard

What am I voting on: Offices of -

- President and Vice-President
- U.S Senate
- U.S House of Representative
- NY State Senate and Assembly
- Judges
- Six Ballot Proposals - see page 2 for details.

105 AND 116 PRECINCT NEWS

The 116 Precinct (Pct.) in Rosedale is scheduled to open this fall. The 105 Pct. is the largest, by area of coverage, in NYC. The southern part of the 105 Pct. coverage area will

be under the 116 Pct. the southern boundary of the 105 Pct. will now be at 121 Avenue. The current 105 Pct Commander Capt. Beauvoir has been designated the Commanding Officer of the new 116 Pct. The new commander of the 105 Pct. will be announced soon. On behalf of the Civic members, we would like to thank Capt. Beauvoir for his service and wish him well in his new assignment.

QUEENS FARM MUSEUM

Queens County Farm Museum is located at 73-50 Little Neck Parkway. The following are upcoming events:

- The Amazing Maize Maze - New York City's only corn maze is waiting for you at The Queens County Farm Museum! The adventure begins with a Stalk Talk to prepare you for the challenge of finding clues, solving puzzles, and mazing your way to Victory Bridge - where the stunning vista of this 3-acre living labyrinth is revealed. Saturdays & Sundays, 11am-4:30pm (last entry 4pm), *also open Monday, October 14th, 11am-4:30pm (last entry 4pm).
- Pumpkin Patch - October is pumpkin month at Queens Farm! Enjoy the crisp fall air as you wander through the patch to scoop up the perfect pumpkin. Daily, October 1-31, 2024. Monday - Friday, 12pm-4:30pm, Saturday-Sunday, 10am-4:30pm.

Visit queensfarm.org for more information and to purchase tickets.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Food Pantry - Our lady of Lourdes Pantry is appealing for help as everyday living becomes more challenging. The pantry provides food products for many families in the community each week and the numbers are increasing. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the pantry, the entrance is on 220 street behind the church, Monday through Thursday from 10 AM to 4 PM. For further information please contact the pantry director Sister Mary Vianney Nwakaazor, SJS at (718) 479-0924.

STREET RENAMING CEREMONY

At a ceremony on Sunday, September 22, 2024, at 1:30 PM, 217 Street at Jamaica Avenue was renamed Police Officer Paul Heidelberger Way. On July 18, 1992, Officer Heidelberger was shot and killed off-duty while intervening in a dispute. Officer Heidelberger served with the NYC Police Department for six years and resided with his family on 217 Street. Among the speakers at the ceremony, which was heavily attended by officers from the Housing Unit of NYPD and family members of Heidelberger family, were the Chief of the Housing Unit, Martine Materasso. Commanding Officer Captain Ronald Cheng of the Police Service Area 4, nephews Larry Fullam, Jr and David Correia. Representing the Civic were President Ram Ramgarib and Treasurer Mo Ishmael,

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