# 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,

Welcome home from your summer vacations and to Fall in our neighborhood air.

We have been very busy during the summer break with several issues that affect our Quality of Life in our village:

- mandatory Sanitation Garbage cans
- objection to the "City of Yes" Legislation
- Creedmoor Migrant Shelter
- illegal parking of Commercial vehicles, Trucks and Tractor Trailers on our streets overnight

I will address everyone at our next meeting concerning these issues.

Borough President Donovan Richards recently held a news conference on Braddock Avenue regarding the concrete medians with overgrown weeds and bushes in the Borough of Queens. Kudos to the Sanitation and Parks Department, who have cleaned and mowed all the medians in our area. It's my hope that they continue keeping the medians clean and mowed.

Finally, the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct is being split in two. A new precinct (116<sup>th</sup>) is opening this year in Rosedale. The 105<sup>th</sup> Commanding Officer will be moving on to that precinct and we recently met the two officers seeking the position of Commanding Officer at our precinct.

We will discuss all these things and much more at our September meeting. Bring a friend!

See you at the meeting, Ram Ram Ramgarib

P.S. Please remember to Vote this November. If you want change, do as Mayor Koch said, "Vote the Bums out."



### SEPTEMBER



**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> 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)

text / call (917) 751-5327

FROM QUEENS VIL

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

#### PPREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WINTER WITH OUR FALL MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

Here are some tips to prepare your home for fall:

- 1. Clean out the gutters to remove leaves and grime that may have built up during the summer.
- 2. Ensure proper lighting as fall and winter mean less daylight.
- 3. Check your heating system to make sure it's working efficiently.
- 4. Clear out the fireplace if you have one.
- 5. Look for drafts and seal any gaps to keep your home warm.
- 6. Store summer items that you won't need during the colder months.

Additionally, you can also wash your windows, have the chimney cleaned, and embrace fall fashion with lumberjack plaid.

#### **CUNNINGHAM PARK FARMERS' MARKET**

The Cunningham Park Farmers Market is now open for the season with local fruits and vegetables, pasture-raised meats, fresh seafood, baked goods, prepared foods and much more.

The market opens every Sundays from 9:00AM to 2:00PM through December 22, 2024. The market is in the parking lot of the Park northeastern corner, Union Turnpike & 196 Place.



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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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#### **OUR MEMBERSHIP**

Welcome to our newest members, Suzanne Wright-Jones, Tina Wolfolk and Nalini Jainarine. 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 OFFICAL NOTICE**

Beginning November 12, 2024, all trash must be set out in a garbage bin, 55 gallons or less, with a secure lid. This applied to all homeowners.

You can use a compliant bin, 55 gallons or less with a secure lid, that you already have.

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

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#### CITY OF YES FOR HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

In 2023, Mayor Eric Adams introduced the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity (COYHO) program proposing massive changes to manufacturing, commercial and, especially, residential zoning throughout New York City. Most impacted in his residential by COYHO plan would be in our low-density residential neighborhoods. If passed and implemented numerous changes would all be available to developers as-of-right that would affect our communities forever.

City of Yes for Housing Opportunity is now in public review and receiving input from community boards and borough presidents. It will then go to the City Planning Commission for a vote. If passed, it is anticipated to come for a vote before the City Council by the end of 2024.

Queens Borough President Donovan Richards held a hearing on August 8th to get community feedback. However, he has since announced that he was in favor of COYHO with certain conditions. His main condition is to require parking for new developments in low-density areas. BP Richards also called for more affordable housing development and for an amnesty program to allow homeowners with existing basement apartments to bring them up to code without penalties.

#### **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. Sony 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.

#### SAFE DISPOSAL EVENT

Get rid of your harmful household products safely. Any solvents, automotive, flammable and electronics products.

Saturday September 14, 2024, 10AM to 4PM.

Conningham Park, Ball Field Parking Lot

Cars enter from Francis Lewis Blvd. between Union Turnpike and Grand Central Pkwy. Walk-in area available.

#### **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).
- Queens Agricultural Fair Get a little bit of country at the Queens Agricultural Fair! Enjoy pie eating and corn husking contests, hayrides, carnival rides, and midway games. Saturday-Sunday, October 5-6, 2024; 11am-6pm.
- 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**

The 100 Anniversary - Congratulations to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish on their 100 Anniversary from the Queens Village Civic executives and all its members.

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 Nwakaozor, SJS at (718) 479-0924.

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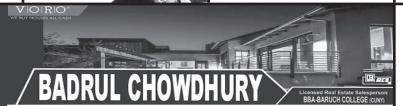
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