

# THE QUEENS VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

# NEWSLETTER

**Serving Our Community Since 1957**

**April 2024**

*We Don't Complain About Problems - We Work On Solutions*

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Neighbors,

As we prepare for more beautiful weather, we must continue being more vigilant about our safety. I know the migrant crisis will not disappear overnight and I am hoping that our elected officials will address the lawlessness and restore sanity to our Immigration system. Members, if you encountered any incidents, please reported it via 311.

The Mayor have asked our city council members to approve a bill referred to as "City of Yes." There are 18 zoning items that our Mayor want changed or eliminated including requesting a variance to build something that's not zoned for, to "as of right to build". Should the full measure of this proposal be approved, it will change our City and Village dramatically.

The New Queens Bus Route designs are in their final stages of data collection and input by the public. Several existing Bus Routes will be changed or eliminated affecting thousands of daily commuters. QVCA took active participation from its inception of data gathering and have continued doing so on behalf of our residents. Please see page 3 for information on how you can participate.

Recently at Jamaica Ave and Springfield Blvd eastbound, the NYC Department of Transportation changed the flow of traffic by eliminating left turns at this intersection. The NYC-DOT need restore the left turn.

I lived in Queens Village since 1979 and see it has changed from a vibrant shopping center to many closed storefronts. However, recently I am extremely encouraged to see many new businesses opening in our village. I am appealing to our villagers to patronize all the stores and business in Queens Village.

Your neighbor and friend,

*Ram*

**Ram Ramgarib**



**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 17<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<sup>th</sup> Street, behind Parking Lot  
on Springfield Blvd.

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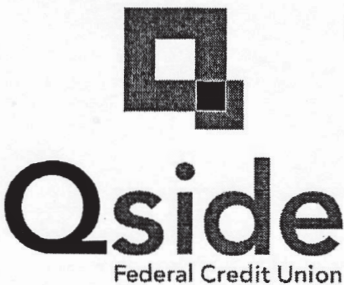
**FROM**  
QUEENS VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
P.O. BOX 0766  
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## Essential Spring Gardening Tasks

1. Time for a spring inspection.
2. Address hardscaping issues first.
3. Do a thorough spring cleanup.
4. Test your garden soil.
5. Feed your soil.
6. Get out a sharp pair of pruners.
7. Divide perennials and transplant shrubs.
8. Put out any necessary supports like trellises and stakes.

## Driving tips

1. Always wear your seatbelt.
2. Continuously move your eyes and observe all traffic.
3. Look for vehicles that enter the highway from curbs, driveways and businesses.
4. Be alert for parked cars, pedestrians and cyclists.
5. Frequently check both your inside and outside rearview mirrors.




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### 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 \$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 the following members: Judith Goodman, Samantha Deonauth, Lorinda James and Raymond Britton. 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.

## THE CREEDMOOR HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RELIEF CENTER

The Mayor's Office and NYC Health + Hospitals recently announced that the migrant facility will be implementing a curfew effective on April 15. The curfew, which limits migrants from coming or going between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. each night with exemptions for work and emergencies.

The 105th Pct continue to station an officer 24/7 at the entrance and NCOs are giving the site special attention. The children's playground near PS 18 is being monitored by the 105th and adults without a kid are not allowed in the park.

## FREE NOTARY SERVICE

The office of Assembly Member Clyde Vanel is now offering free Notary Services. Please reach out to the Assembly Member's office should you need this service and speak to Legislative Director, Tyler Fritzhand at (718)-479-2333.

## QUEENS BUS NETWORK REDESIGN – FINAL PLAN

The Queens Bus Network Redesign is an innovative and comprehensive initiative aimed at enhancing the bus commuting experience for Queens residents. This plan signifies the Mass Transit Authority (MTA) commitment to making bus travel more efficient, accessible, and responsive to our riders' needs.

In December 2023, a Proposed Final Plan was released. The MTA will continue with stakeholders outreach through the Spring 2024.

The redesign team will host open houses close to Queens Village on the dates listed from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

- Thursday, April 18: King Manor Museum (inside Rufus King Park), 150-03 Jamaica Av, Jamaica
- Wednesday, May 1: Queensboro Community College in the Administration Building Lobby, 222-05 56 Av, Queens
- Thursday, May 9: The Helen Marshall Cultural Center at Queens Borough Hall, 120-55 Queens Blvd, Kew Gardens

The Redesign team will also be out in our community on the dates listed below from 4-7 p.m.

\* Monday, April 15: Queens Village LIRR Station, at the corner of Springfield Blvd and Amboy Ln

\* Tuesday, April 16: Union Tpke and Utopia Pkwy, on the southeast corner

For detail on the Bus Redesign and to provide your feedback please go to: <https://new.mta.info/project/queens-bus-network-redesign>.

## 105th PRECINCT

Queens Village Civic express it support and convey its tributes to the 105 Precinct on the death of their officer Jonathan Diller. who was killed in the line of duty in Far Rockaway in March. The Civic also expresses its condolences to the family of Officer Diller.

## QUEENS FARM MUSEUM

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

- April 20-21 April 27-28: Apple Blossom Children's Carnival.
- April 22: Bee-a-Pollinator Earth Day Service Day
- May 11: Sheep Shearing Festival

Visit [queensfarm.org](https://queensfarm.org) for more information and to purchase tickets.

## PRELLER FIELD REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration is open for baseball and softball for ages four and up. Opening Day will be April 20. Register at [hbqvbba.com](https://hbqvbba.com). Call Steve at 516-322-1354 if you have any questions.

## DINING OUT NYC

The City recently released the final rules for the city's permanent outdoor dining program, "Dining Out NYC." The new rules layout clear guidance for restaurant owners as they work to create new set-ups based on the new rules. The final rules prioritize equity, expanding access to safe, clean outdoor dining in all five boroughs. The following is what will be allowed:

- Roadway cafés, which are located in the curb lane or parking lane fronting a ground-floor restaurant, will only be permitted from April 1 through Nov. 29.
- Sidewalk cafés, which are located on a public sidewalk or sidewalk widening that fronts a ground-floor restaurant, will be permitted year-round.



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