

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,

First, I would like to welcome the appointment of Ms. Lukia Naraine, as the new Principal of IS 109. Also, our congratulations to Sarah Cameron (Valedictorian) and Niasha Sooriyakumar (Salutatorian) on their special achievements and to all the graduating students at IS 109.

The Memorial Day observance at Queens Village Veterans Park was well attended and we are happy many of you attended to pay respect to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in preserving our country and our Democracy.

As we begin our summer vacation, we have several critical issues still unresolved:

1. "City of Yes" Legislation: The Rally on June 1, 2024, at MS172 organized by all the civic association in our area was a tremendous success. Your civic was well represented and hopefully together we sent a powerful message to our elected representatives and the Mayor of our united opposition to this proposed legislation. See page 3 for more details.
2. Creedmoor Redevelopment proposal is still in the planning stages. We have submitted our united input, and we are hoping our elected representatives will support our request in maintaining the Quality of Life in our neighborhoods.
3. The Rite Aid Pharmacy on Hempstead Turnpike is now closed. As of this writing we have not seen nor heard of any proposals for that vacant building. Our message to our elected representatives - No Homeless Shelter, and No Immigrant or Detention Shelters. We will remember your stand on this Quality-of-Life matter when we vote on Election Day (November 5, 2024).
4. Have a safe and enjoyable summer with friends and family.

See you at the meeting,

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Ram Ramgarib



JUNE



Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 19th
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

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OUR MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our newest members, Violet Matanzo, Carlton & Laverne Mitchell, Rocyna Yoingco and Sankar Singh. 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.

PRIMARY ELECTION

Election Day is Tuesday, June 25, 2024. Polls are open from 6am to 9pm.

Election Day Polling Sites Details:

(1) HS 109-Jean Nuzzi Intermediate School
213-10 2 Avenue, Queens Village, NY 11428

(2) Solid Rock Church of the Nazarene 99-15
Springfield Boulevard, Queens Village, NY 11429

Early Voting Period is June 15, 2024 - June 23, 2024.

Early Voting Polling Site Details: Antun's

96-43 Springfield Boulevard, Queens Village, NY
11429.

CONGESTION PRICING INDEFINITELY DELAYED

"After careful consideration I have come to the difficult decision that implementing the planned congestion system risks too many unintended consequences for New Yorkers at this time," Governor Hochul said during a video briefing from her office in Manhattan on June 5.

Scheduled to start on June 30, 2024, vehicles entering the Congestion Relief Zone in Manhattan—local streets and avenues at or below 60 Street—would have been charged a toll.

The toll amount would have depended on the type of vehicle, time of day, whether any crossing credits apply, and the method of payment. For example, passenger vehicles with E-ZPass will be charged \$15 in the peak period and \$3.75 overnight, once daily.

CITY OF YES FOR HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

In 2023, Mayor Eric Adams introduced the City of Yes program proposing massive changes to manufacturing, commercial and, especially, residential zoning throughout New York City. Most impacted in his residential ("Housing Opportunity") 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.

A Town Hall style meeting on June 1, organized by Eastern Queens Alliance (comprising of the following civics, The Civic Associations of Bellerose, Floral Park, Fresh Meadows, Glen Oaks, Hollis, Queens Village, and New Hyde Park), for the residents to learn the community impacts of Mayor Adams's Proposed will have on our community. A presentation by Paul Garziano, a city planner, highlighted the following impact this proposal will have on our community:

- one-and two-family zoning would be eliminated, making way for larger, multi-family homes,
- Accessory Dwelling Units, or ADUs, such as basement, attic and garage apartment conversions and "tiny" year yard houses could remove valuable green space and introduce a more transient population, and further stress our schools and infrastructure,
- Smaller lot size and yard requirements and increases in Floor Area Ratio (FAR) would further reduce daylight and green space, cramming more and larger houses in any lot that becomes available,
- Off-street parking requirements would be eliminated, increasing street congestion (and competing with ever-expanding bike lanes), especially where no mass transit is available,
- New apartment buildings would be permitted on commercial strips ("Town Centers") and would dominate private homes in communities near transit hubs ("Transit-Oriented Development"),
- Churches or related properties could repurpose open space to larger residential buildings,
- Communities in eastern Queens which currently enjoy quiet, tree lined streets, adequate parking near home and at church and open back yards with plenty of sunlight may be doomed,

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.

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.

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