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NEWSLETTER

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

It is with a sense of relief I am enjoying these warmer days that we are experiencing recently. It is a wonderful indication that Spring is around the corner.

There is a Quality-of-Life issue that we all need to address. Many properties (private homes and businesses) in our village are unkept and filthy. I am appealing to everyone here in Queens Village (homeowners, businesses, and renters) to Please Clean Up the Garbage you generate/around your property and dispose of it properly. We all can do our share in keeping Queens Village a beautiful place to raise our families and grow older with dignity.

Littering is an issue that is close to our board members hearts and has affected us immensely. I am saddened to include this in my message, but it is crucial to get the point across. Recently a car pulled up in front of my house and dumped a bag of garbage. Within two hours, another man walking by threw another bag of garbage next to the bag of garbage laying there. I have videos of both incidents and have reported both disgusting incidents to 311 and the NYC Department of Sanitation.

I moved to Queens Village late 1979 and it is here that I raised both my children, who attended our Public Schools. I love Queens Village and want to live the rest of my life here. Littering is a recent development in this neighborhood, and I am encouraging all residents to comply with the local sanitation regulations.

Lastly, we are living in an age of instant communication; social media and emails allows us to go paperless, thus saving trees and by extension saving our Planet. So, moving forward, we will begin to transition members with email addresses to receive the Newsletter via email. If you prefer to continue receiving hard copy, please contact us and we will try to accommodate you. See you at our next meeting!

Your neighbor and friend,

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Ram Ramgarib



Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 20th
7:30 P.M.

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

Entrance on 220th Street, behind Parking Lot on
Springfield Blvd.

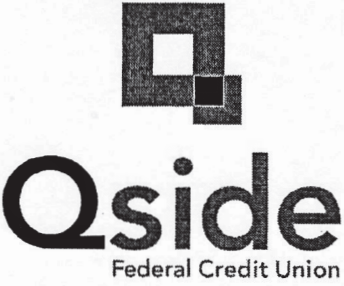
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We need not only your financial support, but your contribution of ideas, expertise, and time to make our community a better place. Dues are \$10.00 a year per person. Please mail this form to P.O. Box 0766, Queens Village, NY 11428-0766 or enroll at our meetings. Make your check payable to the Queens Village Civic Association.

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OUR MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to the following members: Yudi Persaud from Martin Paint, Cassandra Greene from 221 Street and Barbara Ramood from Francis Lewis Blvd. 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

Mayor Adams' recently announced plans to add an additional 170 beds for migrant men to the current 1,000 bed at Creedmoor Humanitarian Emergency Response and Relief Center (HERRC) in Queens Village

The HERRC at Creedmoor Psychiatric Center is operating with some negative impact on the community. The Commanding Officer at the 105 precinct, Captain Sony Beauvoir, updated the attendees at the February 28 Community Council meeting of their activities at the Center. He reported an incident with a drunk resident trying to break into a car to sleep after being turned away from the center because of his drunkenness. He also reports incidents of residents from the Center continuing to enter private yards to retrieve refundable bottles and cans.

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 2019, the MTA published the Original Queens Draft Plan. The MTA then hosted public engagements sessions throughout the borough of Queens in order to get the commuters and other stakeholder feedback.

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

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

At the last Community Council meeting the Queens South Traffic Command appealed to drivers to contact them directly instead of calling 311 or 911 on traffic accidents that do not involve any injuries. Their contact information is as follow:

Traffic Manager email: MOHAMMAD.RAHMAN@NYPD.ORG

Front Desk Phone number: (718) 523-0295

TAX HELP AND E-FILING AT QUEENS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Filing taxes can be an overwhelming, complicated process. But it does not have to be. Queens Public Library is partnering with a number of organizations to offer FREE tax counseling to New Yorkers.

Free tax preparation is available at the following Queens Library branches:

Bellerose 250-06 Hillside Avenue (718) 831-8644.

Mondays, February 5-April 15 except February 19 (holiday)
10:15am-2pm

Briarwood 85-12 Main Street (718) 658-1680

Wednesdays, February 7-April 10, 10:15am-1pm

DINING OUT NYC

Mayor Eric Adams, Department of Transportation (DOT) Commissioner Ydanis Rodriguez, and Chief Public Realm Officer Ya-Ting Liu recently released the final rules for the city's permanent outdoor dining program, "Dining Out NYC". The new rules offer 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 is fronting a ground-floor restaurant, will be permitted year-round.

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