

# 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,

On behalf of the officers and members of the Queens Village Civic Association, I would like to thank Inspector Igor Pinkhasov for his many years of dedicated and outstanding leadership as the Commanding Officer of the 105 Precinct and to wish him success in his new assignment.

The NY Foundation for Senior Citizens has a Home Repair and Safety Audit Program. Senior homeowners with limited financial means may be entitled to minor plumbing, gutter-cleaning, masonry, electrical, carpentry, caulking, weather-stripping, home readiness for winter and summer, and installing smoke detectors, air conditioners, crime prevention devices, grab bars, and some emergency services. The program also offers free home safety audits to identify and correct safety hazards. For more information, visit [www.nyfsc.org](http://www.nyfsc.org) or call (212) 962-7655.

Our civic held its election for new officers to serve in 2024 at our October meeting. The following members were elected: Nagassar Ramgarib (President), Beulah Wilson (Vice President), Chris Trofemuk (Financial Secretary), Mohamood Ishmael (Treasurer), Sueann Amoroso (Recording Secretary), Suan Lopez (Corresponding Secretary) and Leonard Fazzillo (Sergeant-at-Arms).

Our Installation dinner for the new officers will be held on November 15 at 6:30 P.M. at the Mateus Restaurant, located at 222-07 Jamaica Avenue in Queens Village. The cost is \$25 per person. Our Councilmember Linda Lee will be joining us to perform the installation. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Your friend and neighbor,

*Mo Ishmael*

Mohamood Ishmael



Installation Dinner: Wed. November 15  
6:30 P.M. at Mateus Restaurant  
222-07 Jamaica Avenue, Queens Village  
Ticket \$25 per person  
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FROM  
QUEENS VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
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## SAFETY TIPS FROM THE NYPD

**AT HOME:** Equip your door with a deadbolt lock. The lock should also have a highly pick-resistant cylinder protected by a guard plate.

Always lock your door when leaving, even to put out trash or pick up mail.

Do not leave house keys under a mat, in the mail box, or in any other area near the door.

If when returning you find the door open or tampered with, do not enter. Leave immediately and call 911.

If you lose your keys or they are stolen, replace cylinders immediately.

For fire escape windows, the FDNY approved "ferry" gate is recommended. Any key-operated gate on escape windows is against the law.

If awakened at night by an intruder, lie still and do not panic. Call 911 as soon as you can.

Do not volunteer information to unknown callers over the telephone.

**ON THE STREET:** Travel and shop with company whenever possible during daytime as well as nighttime. There is safety in numbers.

If possible, avoid carrying a pocket book. Keep keys and cash in garment pockets or hidden elsewhere on your person.

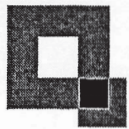
When walking and especially when shopping, hold your pocket book at all times and keep your hand on the clasp to foil pickpockets.

When in a theater or restaurant, keep your pocket book on your lap. Do not place it on the floor, on another seat, or on the back of a chair.

If your pocket book is snatched, let it go. DON'T FIGHT FOR IT.

## FIND YOUR LOST MONEY FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### 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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## EXECUTIVE BOARD 2023

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1st Vice President	Beulah Wilson
Financial Secretary	Chris Trofemuk
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Recording Secretary	Sue Ann Amoroso
Corresponding Secretary	Nagassar Ramgarib
Sergeant-at-Arms	Leonard Fazioli
Trustee	Latchman Persaud
Trustee	John Stiller

## **OUR MEMBERSHIP**

Welcome to our newest members Daniel Cronin from 222 Street and Akshey Sidhu from 212 Street. 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 peace and comfort.

## **NYC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVES**

a. Citywide Art Program -DOT will partner with community-based, nonprofit organizations and professional artists to present temporary public art on DOT property for up to 11 months. Artists will transform streets with colorful murals, dynamic projections, and eye-catching sculptures. Sidewalks, fences, triangles, medians, bridges, Jersey barriers, step streets, and public plazas will serve as canvases and foundations for art. \$20,000 funding available.

b. Biketober 2023 Bike Events - NYC DOT celebrates cycling by hosting events, training and helmets & other give aways. BQE in Brooklyn closed on certain weekends for events.

c. LockerNYC - NYC DOT Commissioner Ydanis Rodriguez announced recently that the agency will launch LockerNYC, a pilot program this summer to cut down on package thefts and reduce delivery truck trips. The pilot program, which will run for one year, will allow New Yorkers to conveniently receive and send packages using secure lockers on public sidewalks.

d. E-scooter Share Program - Transportation Commissioner had also announced in the summer that the City's popular Bronx e-scooter share program will move beyond its pilot phase and that service will expand to eastern Queens in 2024 to improve residents' mobility and transit connections.

e. The Mayor and the DOT Commissioner recently announced proposed rules for a permanent eight-month outdoor dining program, which the city hopes to get off the ground by spring 2024, but they want the public's feedback on the "Dining Out NYC" guidelines ahead of a virtual hearing scheduled for Monday, Nov. 20 at 10 a.m.

After the public comment period and hearing, the DOT will publish the final rules that will be adopted by the end of 2023.

## **THE CREEDMOOR HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RELIEF CENTER**

The Humanitarian Emergency Response and Relief Center (HERRC) at Creedmoor Psychiatric Center is operating

with minimal negative impact on the community. The Commanding Officer at the 105 precinct, Inspector Igor Pinkhasov, updated the attendees at their monthly Community Council meeting of their activities at the Center. He reported that apart from a few reports of residents from the Center entering private yards to retrieve refundable bottles and cans, there were no serious incidents from the migrants. The 105th Pct has two officers 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.

## **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 Nwakaor, SJS at (718) 479-0924.

## **VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11**

Happy Veterans Day to all those who sacrificed their lives to help build our great nation! Thank you to all the great and brave soldiers who helped build this great nation! You are the reason behind our greatness today! Have a great Veteran's Day!

## **GRANT FOR SNAP**

Services Now for Adult Persons (SNAP) received \$1 million in state funding from NYS complete renovations to their acquired building in Glen Oaks - eventually allowing their senior center to move out of their current location on the Creedmoor campus in Queens Village.

## **QUEENS COUNTY FARM MUSEUM**

Queens Farm offers a variety of programs including field trips for school groups and adult education, special admission days, site tours, volunteer farmer days, and corporate & private site rentals.

The farm grounds are open to the public seven days a week, year-round from 10 AM to 5 PM (except on special admission days). Stop by the Farm Store / Welcome Center to pick up a site map. You will find directions to where the goats, sheep, alpaca, steer, and hens are and details about what is new on the farm that day.

## **FOOD ASSISTANCE**

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