

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 Members,

To all our members who celebrated their High Holy days (Easter, Ramadan, Passover, or Naurathi) in the last few days, our best wishes for continued Success in your faith and sincere Blessings to you and your families from your civic association.

To all our Veterans and Neighbors, we will again participate in the observance of Memorial Day on Monday May 25th, 2026, at Queens Village's Veteran Square (in front of the LIRR Train station). We are therefore asking our Vets and Queens Villagers interested in participating in these observances to contact us. We can together make it a good celebration honoring all those who have served and gave the ultimate sacrifice.

A Note to our Elected Officials: I know I have written and spoken about this plague of illegal smoke shops in our village and the NYPD and the NYC Marshal are doing their best under present laws to curb this blight. Unfortunately, sometimes the monetary rewards are so good that these businesses are reopened within a few days with no fear of Law Enforcement or consequences.

As required by our constitution, we must review our QVCA constitution every three years. The executive board has begun this process. We will discuss the amendments we are proposing at a future General Membership meeting for your input and vote.

A word of advice to all Queens Villagers: our nation is in turmoil presently and crime is everywhere. So, if you see something, say or do something; report it to appropriate authority. The neighborhood along with our own personal safety/wellbeing is in our hands.

Your friend and neighbor,

Ram

Ram Ramgarib



***APR*JL**



Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 15th
7:30 P.M.

Place: Bethsaida Spirituality Center at
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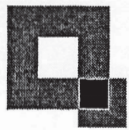
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OUR MEMBERSHIP

Welcome our newest member Michael Budhoo from the early childhood school, A To Z Center on Jamaica Avenue. You can join our civic by using the membership application form on page 2 of this newsletter or on our website. 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.

QVCA PRESIDENT TO BE HONOR AT QCC CONVENTION ON APRIL 19

The Queens Civic Congress, an umbrella of civic associations throughout Queens, will hold its biennial convention on April 19 at 1 pm at Antun's in Queens Village.

Nagassar (Ram) Ramgarib, the current president of Queens Village Civic Association will be one of their honorees for his years of community service.

Tickets for the three-course lunch are \$80. per person. Anyone interested can contact the Civic or James Trent, QCC Events Chairman, at jtrent8830@aol.com or 718 343-8830

UPDATE ON FIRST PHASE OF CREEDMOOR MIXED-USED PROJECT

The Empire State Development (ESD) had requested and received request for proposal (RFP) for the first phase of the Creedmoor Mixed-Use Project, a major development of the 125-acre Creedmoor Psychiatric Center campus. The ESD is expected to announce their selections from the RFP received in the fall. The RFP seeks a development team to deliver a 100-percent affordable community with a mix of rental units, supportive housing, and homes for purchase. The project is being guided by the community-driven Creedmoor Master Plan created by the.

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SNAP OLDER ADULT RESOURCES

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EARLY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

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FOOD ASSISTANCE

If you need emergency food assistance, call the Emergency Food Hotline at 866-888-8777 or 311 to find a local pantry.

COMPOSING FINE NOW BACK IN EFFECT

As of April 2026, NYC has reinstated mandatory composting fines for all residential buildings, requiring organic waste (food scraps, yard waste, food-soiled paper) to be separated from trash. Fines, issued to property owners rather than individual tenants, range from \$25 to \$300 based on building size and infractions.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS :

Queens Community Board 13 - Monday April 27 at 7 PM. at City Church, 240-15 Hillside Avenue.

105 Precinct Community Council: Wednesday April 29 at 7 PM, at the precinct.

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