

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,

We have had our share of snow and I'm looking forward to the warmer days ahead. This brutal winter has taken its toll on our streets. The City DOT will fill and repair every pothole, but they need our help by calling 311 to report any potholes or damaged streets on our neighborhood streets.

Seniors before filing your taxes this year, be mindful of the STAR and ENHANCED STAR exemptions you can receive from NYC and NYS. Several of our elected officials are offering help and assistance with the paperwork for you to get these benefits. These exemptions if successful will reduce your property tax bill annually.

Recently QVCA Executive Board had a meaningful meeting with District 29 School Superintendent and the principal for the District 75 school they have proposed to incorporate into IS 109. This school is for challenged children within our school district. Presently our children must travel far from their homes to attend specialized classes to get their education that cater to their needs. This new location will help.

Please help us maintain a good quality of life in our village. As the snow clears, garbage and yard waste are left behind. Please clear the sidewalk and curb to show the best side of our neighborhood. Also, we have been inundated by illegal smoke shops. Please do not hesitate to report them to the 105th Precinct. These illegal smoke shops are not good for our children and our village.

Enjoy the pleasant weather now and see you at the meeting!

Your neighbor and friend,

Ram

Ram Ramgarib



Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 18th
7:30 P.M.

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

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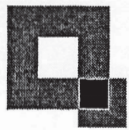
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AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE QUEENS VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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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NAME _____

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OUR MEMBERSHIP

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

APEC's FREE VACATION PROGRAMS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CM LEE

Free April Vacation Day Children's Programs at APEC

Join Alley Pond Environmental Center (APEC) for FREE children's programs funded by Council District 23!

Scan the QR codes next to each program to register or contact us at (718) 229-4000 or contact@alleypond.org

All Programs take place at Alley Pond Environmental Center at 229-10 Northern Boulevard, Douglaston, NY 11362.

Intro to Vet Tech (Ages 9-12, drop-off)

Tuesday, April 7th from 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

A brief introduction to veterinary science: animal terminology, behavior, and handling. Vet technicians, specifically, oversee many tasks around a vet clinic and work closely with their patients. Children will learn about the different types of patients that vets provide care for and will practice with some of the tools they use. Our Vet Tech students will learn the ins and outs of keeping some of the most common pet animals in peak medical condition. Space is limited.



A Tree for All Seasons (Ages 4-5, with one adult)

Wednesday, April 8th from 9:30 am - 10:45 am

What are the four seasons? What does a tree do during different seasons? Let's find out together! There will be a nature walk so we can observe the trees in the current season, and we'll enjoy an all-season craft. Live animal presentations will clue us into why animals need these trees every season. One parent per child. No siblings except babies in carriers or car seats. Space is limited.



Nature Nick's Animal Adventures Session 1 (Ages 5-11, must register with a parent)

Thursday, April 9th from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Get ready for a wild adventure with "Nature Nick's Animal Adventure!" You and your child will enjoy an unforgettable experience observing some of the world's most fascinating and rare creatures. Space is limited



Nature Nick's Animal Adventures Session 2 (Ages 5-11, must register with a parent)

Thursday, April 9th from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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Preregistration is required. Space is limited. Parking is free but limited. Additional parking is available on Northern Boulevard.

Thank you Council District 23 for providing funding for these programs!



FOOD ASSISTANCE

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

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 several organizations to offer FREE tax counseling, preparation and E-filing to New Yorkers 50 years or over and with low to moderate income. Free tax preparation is available at the following neighborhood Library branches:

1. Queens Village: 94-11 217 Street (718) 776-6800).

Currently through April 14, from 1pm - 5pm

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

Currently through April 13, from 10am - 2pm

You must preregister and schedule an appointment.

UPDATE ON FIRST PHASE OF CREEDMOOR MIXED-USED PROJECT

The City has issued a 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 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 Empire State Development.

FAIR FARES PROGRAM

Fair Fares NYC is a City program created to help New Yorkers with low incomes manage their transportation costs. Using the Fair Fares NYC MetroCard, eligible New York City residents receive a 50% discount on subway and eligible bus fares. Pay-per-Ride, weekly unlimited, and monthly unlimited options are all available. Fair Fares can also provide 50% off MTA Access-A-Ride paratransit trips. Pay-Per-Ride, 7-Day (Weekly) and 30-Day (Monthly) Unlimited Ride options are all available for those using the Fair Fares MetroCard on subways and eligible buses. Access-A-Ride customers do not use a Fair Fares NYC MetroCard; their discount is applied automatically

SNAP OLDER ADULT RESOURCES

The Caregiver Program of SNAP is committed to the well-being of the informal caregiver and provides supportive services at home, in the community, and by telephone.

If you would like further information about how to receive meals, please contact: SNAP's Safe at Home Case Management Program at (718) 454-2385.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS :

Queens Community Board 13 - Monday March 23 at 7 PM. at City Church, 240-15 Hillside Avenue.

105 Precinct Community Council: Wednesday March 25 at 7 PM, at the precinct.

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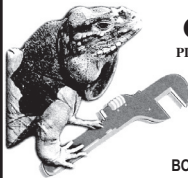
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