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NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

This month is full of many celebrations: Teacher Appreciation, Nurse Appreciation, Mother's Day, Military Appreciation, College Graduations, The Preakness Horse Race, and Eid al-Adha. With all these celebrations let us not forget Memorial Day. It is not just the unofficial start to summer, but a day to honor and remember all the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our community, city, state, and nation. There will be many ceremonies and parades during the May 23rd to 25th Weekend. It is important that we do our civic duty and attend, if not participate, in at least one event. On Monday, May 25th at 3pm, our nation has asked us to give a moment of silence out of respect; one might even hear the playing of TAPS. Take some time out and remember. We should appreciate the sacrifices others have made to keep and preserve the freedoms our nation has and that many nations still strive to achieve.

Please join us at Veterans Plaza at 11am on Memorial Day (May 25th); bring a chair and bring a friend. What a great way to get into the "Spirit of '76" as our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence!

Beware of Scams: Recently a member called alerting me that their Electric Power was being turned off. After a brief conversation, the member informed them that they were calling the power company to confirm and also calling the 105 Precinct. The caller immediately hung up. Please be proactive; know what to do and don't fall for these Scams. **THEY WANT YOUR MONEY.**

Congratulations to all our students graduating and moving forward to other schools. The District 75 school for specially challenged students at IS 109 will open in September 2026. We welcome this school and hope it benefits our children and families tremendously.

See you at the meeting,

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Ram Ramgarib



MAY



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

Place: Bethsaida Spirituality Center at
Our Lady of Lourdes School Building
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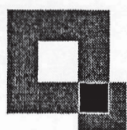
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OUR MEMBERSHIP

Welcome our newest members, Sandra Walsh, Eric Clements, Debra Mitchell, Joyce Smith, Shaneeza Shakur, Deandra Barnes, Florence Porter and Andela Weston.

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.

LATEST NEWS FROM THE 105TH POLICE PRECINCT

The Queens Village Civic executives and members extend congratulations to 105 Pct Commander, Douglas Moodie, on his promotion to Deputy Inspector!

Crime has been trending lower recently. Response times to 911 and 311 calls are still among the lowest in the city. But there is an ongoing jewelry scam happening in the 105th Pct and other areas of Queens. Typically, a male and one or two females sit in a parked SUV. As someone approaches, the thieves either get out and approach the victim or encourage them to come close to the vehicle and then robbed them of their jewelry.

ENFORCEMENT OF NYC BIN COMPLIANCE TAKES EFFECTS JUNE 1, 2026

Buildings with 1 to 9 residential units will be required to use NYC Bins for their trash starting in June 2026, in another step in the city's plan to remove the mountains of black bags from our sidewalks, reclaim public space and improve quality of life

The New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY) announced that all nine sizes and colors of official NYC Bins are now available at NYC Home Depot locations, for in-store pickup or at [homedepot.com/NYCBins](https://www.homedepot.com/NYCBins), for online order and for delivery.

NYC Bins continue to be available for all waste streams - trash, paper, metal/glass/plastic, and compost - in different sizes. While the official bin is only required for trash, the others are available for those who would like a matching set.

Bin Reimbursement - Owners of 1- and 2-family homes who receive the STAR or ESTAR in 2025 exemption or credit are eligible to receive a one-time reimbursement check to pay for the cost of one official NYC Bin.

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.

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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.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Memorial Day Wreath Laying Event on Monday May 25, 2026, 11am at Veteran Park - Jamaica Avenue and Springfield Blvd, Queens Village

Queens Community Board 13 - Monday May 18 at 7 PM. at City Church, 240-15 Hillside Avenue.

105 Precinct Community Council: Wednesday May 27 at 7 PM, at the precinct.

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