

THE QUEENS VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

NEWSLETTER

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October 2026

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

As we enter the colder months, please review the following community updates and safety recommendations:

- Emergency Preparedness: Every household member should prepare an emergency "Go Bag" containing critical documents, necessary medications, and essential supplies in case of an immediate evacuation. Please see the article inside for additional guidance.
- Affordable Housing Updates: The NYC Planning Board recently identified Queens Village as one of several communities in our city that does not currently meet the required affordable housing ratio. Following the City Council's passage of the "City of Yes" legislation and Ballot Proposal passed last year, future proposals for affordable housing structures will be fast-tracked through the approval process, which completely bypasses our elected NYC members.
- Cannabis Dispensaries: The NYS Cannabis Board has approved another dispensary in Queens Village. Notably, our elected officials have not objected to the proliferation of cannabis shops in our community. Please feel free to share your thoughts or opinions on this matter with us.
- Flooding Issues: As a reminder, please report any local flooding issues to the CB13Q community board or QVCA.
- Pest and Wildlife Concerns: We are experiencing an influx of raccoons and stray cats in our village. You can help by properly securing your garbage and food leftovers. Additionally, feeding pigeons is against the law, yet several individuals due to religious belief continue to do so. Please report these violations via 311.

Please register (Oct 24th is the deadline) and vote on Nov 3rd—it matters! Best regards! I'm looking forward to seeing you at the meeting! Bring a friend!

See you at the meeting,

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Ram Ramgarib



OCTOBER



Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 21st
7:30 P.M.

Place: Bethsaida Spirituality Center at
Our Lady of Lourdes School Building
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Entrance on 220 Street
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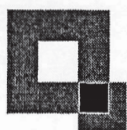
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OUR MEMBERSHIP

Welcome our newest member, Luis Riveros. 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.

2026 GENERAL ELECTION

Early Voting Period is October 24, 2026 - November 1, 2026.

Early Voting Poll Sites - Antun's-

96-43 Springfield Boulevard, Queens Village

Early Voting Hours - 8:00AM - 8:00PM (except weekend, it is 8:00AM - 5:00PM)

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

Election Day Hours - 6:00AM - 9:00PM

Election Day Poll Sites:

JHS 109-Jean Nuzzi IS - 213-10 92 Avenue

PS 33-Edward M. Funk - 91-37 222 Street

PS 34-John Harvard - 104-12 Springfield Boulevard

What am I voting on: Offices of -

- Governor -Kathy C. Hochul (D): Bruce A. Blakeman (R)
- State Comptroller - Thomas P. DiNapoli (D): Joseph Hernandez (R)
- State Attorney General - Letitia A. James (D): Saritha Komatireddy (R)
- Justice of the Supreme Court
- Judge of the Civil Court - Queens County
- Representative to US Congress - Thomas R. Suozzi (D): Michael J. LiPetri Jr.(R) or Gregory W. Meeks (D): George Marsh (R)
- State Senator - Toby Ann Stavisky (D): Pamela H. Michos (R) or Leroy G. Comrie Jr. (D)
- State Assembly Member - Clyde Vanel (D): Oster Bryan (WP)
- Judge of the Civil Court - District
- NYC Charter amendment proposals.

NYC's 2026 Ballot Proposals:

There are five proposed amendments to the New York City Charter on the ballot this fall. You can vote "Yes" or "No" on each proposal.

1. Speed Up Process for Granting a Revocable Consent to Use Public Space
2. Reduce City Contractor Paperwork; Require Regular Meetings of Procurement Policy Board
3. Speed Up Street Safety Projects, Disposition of Unused City Property, Office Leasing

4. Simplify Building Permitting and Move Waterfront Permitting to Department of Buildings

5. Set Contribution Targets for Rainy Day Fund to Promote Sufficient Budgetary Reserves

FDNY'S TOP SEVEN FIRE SAFETY RULES

1. Never use an extension cord with large current appliances such as a space heater, air conditioner or refrigerator. Extension cords can cause home fires by overheating.
2. Never smoke while lying down, especially if drowsy, medicated or you have been drinking. Completely douse cigarette butts with water before discarding. Smokers are seven times more likely than nonsmokers to have a fire in their home.
3. Stay in the kitchen while cooking and wear short or tight-fitting sleeves. Unattended cooking accounts for thirty-three percent of home fires.
4. Installing and maintaining a smoke alarm will reduce your chances of dying in a fire by half. Install alarms on every floor and in bedrooms for extra protection. Seventy percent of fire deaths occur in homes with an inoperable smoke alarm or no smoke alarm present. Most deaths: children and older adults.
5. Plan and practice a fire escape plan. Do not attempt to fight the fire yourself. Get out and CLOSE THE DOOR. Call 911 from a safe location.
6. Store matches and lighters out of reach and sight of children. Toddler fire deaths are most often due to children playing with matches or lighters.
7. Never leave burning candles unattended. Half of the people killed by candle fires in the home are younger than 20 years of age.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Queens Village is among a dozen New York City communities that built the least affordable housing and are going to see development in the next five years.

The Department of City Planning announced the list of 12 community districts Thursday morning, concluding a prolonged fight over which neighborhoods should bear the burden of building new housing, and setting the stage for where future battles may unfold.

Thanks to ballot measures passed by voters last year, affordable housing projects in the 12 districts producing the least will now be "fast tracked," shortening land use review timelines and taking the final call out of the hands of the City Council and giving it to the mayor-appointed City Planning Commission. The fast track will take effect in January.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Queens Community Board 13 - Monday October 26 at 7 PM. at City Church, 240-15 Hillside Avenue.

105 Precinct Community Council: Wednesday October 28 at 7 PM, at the precinct.

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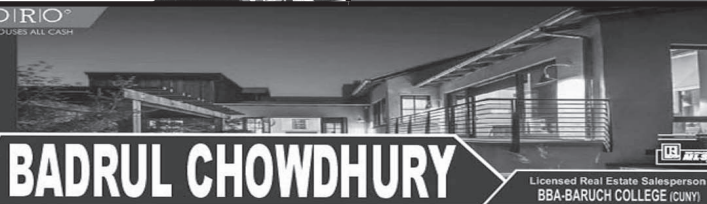
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