

Next meeting: April. 14 at 8 PM

Meetings at the Living Hope Christian Church (basement), Braddock Avenue at 241st Street



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QUEENS CIVIC CONGRESS HOSTS COUNTY-WIDE LUNCHEON ON APRIL 27

The Queens Civic Congress, an umbrella group consisting of some 100 civic associations from all part of Queens, will host their biennial luncheon on April 27 at Antun's in Queens Village.

Two years ago some 200 people attended the event including a record number (21) of elected officials from Federal, State, and City offices.

Melinda Katz, the Queens Borough President, will be a principal speaker. Other speakers are being confirmed. The event is open to everyone, but members of civic associations who in turn are members of the Congress only pay \$55 for the four-course lunch (choice of chicken or salmon) if registered in advance. The price for all others (non-members and those who pay at the door) is \$60.

Creedmoor Civic, as always, will be in attendance. We will be taking names at the April meeting for those who want to go under the Creedmoor Civic banner. A limited number of subsidized tickets (50%) are expected to be available.

Queens has been notable for its strong civic movement. Queens has more civic associations than any other borough and many people in Queens identify with the civic association they live in.

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The speaker for our April 14 meeting will be Frank G. D'Angelo, Esq., an attorney who specializes in Elder and Family law. Mr. D'Angelo was scheduled to speak at our February meeting, which was cancelled due to bad weather.

MTA PLANS REMOVAL OF MORE SUBWAY AGENTS

Several years ago the Metropolitan Transportation Authority in a bid to cut costs, removed many manned subway booths, requiring subway users to purchase Metrocards from vending machines, but the loss of these agents reduced a feeling of safety in those stations. To make sure the agents weren't brought back, the MTA then demolished the booths. Now there's a plan to remove another 25 as an "experiment", but clearly the MTA would like to remove all of them. Finding ways to do things cheaper is fine, but there may be a cost to security and convenience as some people cannot use the machines for reasons of language, eyesight, etc. There's a petition to try to stop this plan:

<http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/station-agents-must-remain>

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President's Message

Joint Civic Meeting

Over 75 people attended joint civic meeting last month. Thanks to the Rocky Hill Civic Assn and to the Bellerose-Hillside Civic Assn for making the meeting a success. Thanks, also, to Mr. Jason Hilliard from Comptroller Stringer's Office, and to Police Officer Epps from the 105th Precinct Community Affairs Unit, for addressing our group. Finally, thanks to all of the speakers who explained their Participatory Budget projects.

Participatory Budget

As this newsletter is being printed, the Participatory Budget voting has been completed, but the results have not yet been tallied. We will notify members by email when we receive the results, and we will discuss them at our meeting on April 14.

Spring Cleaning

After such a difficult winter, it is great to see people planting, seeding and cleaning up their properties. Special thanks to those who go out of their way to do more than their share to clean up our neighborhood.

April 14 Meeting/Living Hope Church Food Pantry

Please join us at our April 14 meeting. Learn about legal issues that pertain to senior citizens. Bring something to support the food pantry run by our generous host facility, the Living Hope Christian Church.

Membership Drive

Our 2014 Membership Drive is underway. If you have not already paid your 2014 dues, please fill out the coupon on page 4, enclose your annual dues of \$6, and mail to our PO Box. We need you to join, not only for your financial support, but also to demonstrate that the civic truly represents our residents. If you would like to receive the newsletter and other announcements by email, please include your email address (if you already receive our emails, this is not necessary). Many thanks to those who have already paid their dues or made generous donations.

Your neighbor, *Mike O'Keeffe*

BLOCK PARTY PERMITS NEEDS 90 DAY NOTICE

The procedure for applying for a block party permit has changed. The most notable change is that 90 days advance notice is now required. An application must be filed with the NYC Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO). Visit their website at

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/cecm/html/office/office.shtml>.

Once you are on the web site, the person applying for the permit needs to create an account, and then fill out the application on line. Fees are also paid on line. Print out the completed application, and bring a copy to Community Board 13, located at 219-41 Jamaica Ave, phone number (718) 464-9700.

If you have any questions, contact SAPO at (212) 788-7567.

Around the Town

❖ **Condolences to:** the family Edna Maag formerly of 240th Street who passed away this past week at a nursing home at the age of 100 years and 8 months. Edna and her husband, Chester, who passed away some 40 years ago, were both very active in the Creedmoor Civic Association.

❖ **Happy birthday to:** Rose Daddario, of 240th Street who will be 98 on April 26th.

DONATIONS

The following donations are gratefully received:

88 Block of Moline Street: Mitraco, Sabino (2)

88 Block of 237th Street: Mulcahy

88 Block of 239th Street: Remache

88 Block of 242nd Street: Aragona

237 Block of 88th Avenue: Covatti

242 Block of 89th Avenue: Coscia

242 Block of 90th Avenue: Sileo

CIVIC LUNCHEON (cont'd from page 1)

Several civic leaders will be receiving awards. Seymour Schwartz, the longtime president of the Briarwood Neighborhood Association; Barbara Larkin, past president of the Belle Harbor Property Owners; Paul A. Kerzner, president of the Ridgewood Taxpayers and Civic Association; and Murray Berger, president of the Kew Gardens Civic Association.

NEWS FROM THE 105TH PRECINCT

At the 105th Precinct Community Council meeting on March 26, 2014, Deputy Inspector Coyle reported that the 105th once again leads the city in crime reduction, comparing the year-to-date statistics with the same period from last year. Robberies have decreased from 97 to 48, burglaries are down from 125 to 57, and shootings in the precinct are down from 6 to 3 this year. Tire and rim thefts remain a problem, but there has been some progress in preventing thefts of catalytic converters.

On Sunday, April 27, from noon until 4 PM, ASPCA representatives will be at 105th. The first 100 pets will get a free micro chip ID. Vaccinations and advice from pet behavior specialists will also be available. There will also be some pets that are available for adoption.

As always, PO Mc Coy will conduct a security survey of your home, or will engrave serial numbers in vehicles, bicycles, and electronic equipment. Call him at (718) 776-9207 for an appointment.

GAS LEAK AWARENESS TIPS

The March 12, 2014 gas explosion in Harlem caused the complete collapse of two buildings, killing eight people. Subsequent reports indicated that gas was leaking from the street main. Con Ed has started a campaign to increase safety awareness. Their slogan is: "Smell Gas. Act Fast."

The following information is taken from the Con Ed website (www.coned.com):

✧ A gas leak can be detected by the distinct smell of the odorant, similar to rotten eggs, that is added to natural gas. You may also hear sounds of roaring, hissing or whistling. You could see a "white cloud, mist, fog, bubbles in standing water, blowing dust, or vegetation that appears to be dead or dying for no reason."

✧ If you smell a strong odor of gas in your house, leave immediately. Do not do anything that might cause an ignition spark. Don't use your phones, don't turn a light switch or appliance on or off. Don't light a match. Don't ring a doorbell or start a car.

✧ If odor is faint, open windows before you leave.

✧ After you get away from property where the gas leak was discovered, call 911 or 1-800-75-CONED.

✧ "To protect these pipelines, you must call 811 two to ten days before you dig or excavate on public or private property. After you call, utility companies will mark the approximate location of their lines at no charge to you."

Con Ed crews and the FDNY are regularly in our area to investigate reports of gas leaks. They often need to gain access to houses in the vicinity of the leak. You may want to leave cell number or other contact info with neighbors. If you smell gas in the street, make the call. Don't assume someone else did.

SPRING GARDENING TIPS

by Larry Burke



For most of us, it seemed like Winter was never going to end, but we're finally beginning to feel Spring in the air. Now is the time to begin getting those gardens ready to show off their beauty from now until late fall. Here are some tips for April:

✓ Take a good look at the garden now.

Check for places you might add some more Spring color in the future. You can order bulbs in August to plant and bloom next year. You might even take a few pictures of the garden to remind you where to plant the bulbs. It may seem early, but you need to plan ahead with bulbs.

✓ Clean up any debris which remains from the fall. Get rid of the dead leaves, twigs, etc. Add compost to the soil. You can make your own by choosing a corner where you put your leaves, lawn clippings and vegetable peels. After a few months you have the best possible soil, and it is free!

✓ Watch for weeds. Pull them out as soon as you see them and you will save yourself some time later on.

✓ This is the time to plant peas. They like the cool weather.

✓ Perennials can be dug up, split and replanted. Most perennials are expensive in the nursery, but you can "create" your own. You can add extra color to your property or share with a neighbor.

✓ Re-seed bare spots in the lawn. This is a good time to fertilize it, also.

✓ Remove the heads and stems from daffodils and tulips once the flower has died. Leave the foliage until it turns brown and dies back. The green leaves bring energy to the bulbs so that they will bloom again next year.

✓ Fertilize bulbs as they finish blooming.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, April 21 at 1 PM. Braddock Boys Film, with director and some "Braddock Boys" present. If you missed this film at our December 2013 meeting, here's your chance. Floral Park Recreational Centre. For more information, email jocontardi@optonline.net, or call (516) 437-8125.

Saturday, April 26, 10 AM to 4 PM (rain or shine). NYC SAFE Disposal Event at Cunningham Park. Enter from Francis Lewis Blvd between Union Turnpike and the Grand Central Parkway. Dispose of solvents, flammable materials, automotive products and electronic items in a safe and environmentally friendly way.

Sunday, April 27 from 11 AM- 4 PM. Antique Car Show at the Queens Farm Museum. Admission \$5 for adults. 73-50 Little Neck Parkway.

Sunday, April 27 from noon- 4 PM, ASPCA will be at the 105 Precinct, at 92-08 222 St. The first 100 pets will get a free micro chip ID. Vaccinations, advice from pet behavior specialists, pets available for adoption.

Saturday, May 3 at 7:30 PM. Oldies Concert, Dinner and Dance. St Hedwig's Hall, 309 Jericho Turnpike, Floral Park. Sponsored by St. Anne's Council Knights of Columbus. Tickets \$45. Call John Harley at (718) 343-9758 or Bernie Sorrentino at (718) 343-3779.

Sunday, May 4 from 11 AM- 4 PM. Celebrate Queens Farm Day. Hayrides, sheep shearing, music and more. Admission \$5 for adults. 73-50 Little Neck Parkway.

Through May 12: Free Hearing Test. St John's University. 152-11 Union Turnpike. Call (718) 990-6480.

PARTICIPATORY BUDGET VOTING AS ENDED

While the voting has ended, we at press time do not know the results of the vote. We will report it to you as soon as it is announced via e-mail if you have sign up for e-mail service.



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HAVE YOU HAD YOUR MEASLES VACCINATION?


As of March 7, the NYC Dept of Health and Mental Hygiene had identified 16 cases of measles in Northern Manhattan and the Bronx, and has urged all NYC residents be vaccinated. Two doses of the MMR vaccine (measles-mumps-rubella) are required for full protection. Children usually receive the 1st vaccination before they are 12 months old, and receive the second one from 4 to 6 years of age.

If you are not sure that you or a member of your family has received the measles vaccination, contact your doctor, or visit nyc.gov. Call 311 to find out where you or your children can obtain the MMR vaccination. Adults can be re-vaccinated or have a blood test to determine whether they have been vaccinated. Be sure you have been vaccinated before traveling internationally.



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If not, it's your job.

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