

Next meeting: Dec. 9 at 8 PM

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



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We ought to be in pictures...

"BRADDOCK BOYS" DOCUMENTARY TO BE SCREENED AT OUR DECEMBER MEETING

Please come to our meeting this Monday, December 9 at 8PM, to see the long-awaited film "The Braddock Boys." It's a documentary about a group of kids who shared Braddock Park during the 1950's.

They became life-long friends and learned many important lessons along the way. Several of the "Boys" plan to be there. And so will the film maker, Mary Umans.

We will show the twenty-minute film at the start of the meeting, followed by a discussion. Refreshments will be served. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, this will be an opportunity to have some fun and meet some great people.

To learn more about "The Braddock Boys," visit their website <http://thebraddockboys.weebly.com/>

The DVD can be purchased. Details on line, or come to the meeting for further details.

QUEENS CIVIC CONGRESS HOLDS ANOTHER LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

The Queens Civic Congress (QCC), the umbrella organization of civic associations in Queens, held its Sixteenth Annual Legislative Reception on Sunday, December 1, 2013, at the Douglaston Club. About 95 civic leaders and elected officials were in attendance. US

Congressman Steve Israel swore in the Executive Board, which included our Treasurer, Jim Trent, who also serves as the QCC Treasurer. NYC Comptroller-elect Scott Stringer also made a few brief remarks. Also present was Congressmember Grace Meng; Assemblymembers Clark, Weprin, Scarborough, Braunstein, Simanowitz, and Rozic. City Council members who were present: Weprin, Lancman, and Koslowitz, Outgoing NYC Comptroller John Liu visited with us.

QCC President Rich Hellenbrecht spoke about some of the issues currently being addressed by the QCC, which include proposed tolls in East River bridges, excessive noise from planes taking off and landing at New York airports, and proposed use of Flushing Meadow Park land for a commercial mall in Willets Point. The QCC has also adamantly opposed the NYS sales tax which was levied on the DEP-approved sewer and water main insurance program. A bill to repeal the tax, sponsored by NYS Assembly Member Michael Simanowitz, has been passed by both the NYS Senate and Assembly and signed into law by Governor Cuomo.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

✪ We have been informed by attorneys representing the Indian Cultural and Community Center (ICCC) that the next Board of Standards and Appeals public hearing on the ICCC's proposed project will take place on January 14, 2014.

✪ The monthly NORC WOW Meeting (Normally Occurring Retirement Community With Out Walls) will take place on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 2PM at the Glen Oaks Library, located at 256-04 Union Turnpike. The topic will be "Laughing Out Loud This Holiday Season." RSVP (718) 347-2244.

✪ The Participatory Budget process in our City Council district is continuing. Community members have proposed many capital projects to be funded by about \$1 million in discretionary funds from Council Member Mark Weprin. Next, Budget Delegates will sift through the many proposals, and select the most feasible ideas which will be voted on in the spring. If you wish to become a Budget Delegate, contact Council Member Weprin's office at (718) 468-0137.

✪ Congratulations to the Gurdwara Sant Sagar, located on Braddock Avenue, for a successful parade and celebration in commemoration of the birth of Guru Nanak, the Founder of the Sikh Religion. The event took place on November 2.

President's Message

As another year comes to a close, we have a lot of people to thank. To start with, many thanks to Pastor Jay and the members of the Living Hope Christian Church for your generous hospitality in allowing us to meet at the church. Next, many thanks to our officers and Board of Governors for their selfless work on behalf of our community.

We are grateful to our block captains, who deliver almost 1,000 newsletters each month in all kinds of weather. We appreciate the help and encouragement we receive from fellow civic leaders and elected officials. Most of all, we thank you, our members, for your dues, donations, suggestions and support. Without you, we would not exist. Please help us even more by telling us what we should focus on to improve our neighborhood in the coming year.

Your neighbor,

Mike O'Keefe

Winter Fire Safety Tips

Fire dangers increase during the winter months. Here are a few tips from the FDNY website and from the presentation made by FDNY Captain Kevin Anderson at our September meeting:

- ◆ If you plan to buy a live Christmas tree, select as fresh a tree as possible. Keep it watered, and discard when it becomes dry. Keep the tree at least 3 feet away from any flames or heat sources, and turn off tree lights when going to sleep or leaving the house.
- ◆ A common cause of electrical fires is overloading a power strip.
- ◆ Minimize use of extension cords. Make sure they are in good condition and rated for the correct load. Do not run cords under carpeting.
- ◆ Keep space heaters three feet from any combustible material, such as bedding and furniture. Buy UL listed heaters with an automatic shut-off feature. Unplug the space heater whenever you leave the room or go to sleep.
- ◆ Kitchen fires are common, and can be deadly. Don't apply water to a grease fire. Put a lid on a burning pan, or close the oven door for an oven fire. Also, don't cook while wearing loose fitting clothes, frilly bathrobes, etc. Clothing can catch fire, causing serious burns.
- ◆ Be extremely careful while burning candles, and never leave them unattended.
- ◆ Every family should make a fire escape plan, and practice it. Decide on an outside meeting place, away from your property, on the same side of the street.
- ◆ When calling 911, give the exact address ASAP. If you are visiting someone, know the address, or have it posted in a prominent location.
- ◆ Clear snow obstructing fire hydrants.
- ◆ Remember that the Fire Alarm Boxes in our area are still out of service. Call 911 in the event of a fire or emergency.

**DON'T MISS OUR ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S PARTY AT OUR
JANUARY CIVIC MEETING! MORE DETAILS NEXT MONTH.**