

Zoom meeting September 14 (see details in box)



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RESTAURANTS SUE TO OPEN INDOOR DINING

A news conference took place on September 3 at Il Bacco Restaurant in Little Neck to announce a lawsuit against NYC and NYS for not yet allowing indoor dining in the 5 boroughs.

About 100 people turned out. They included other Queens restaurant owners (including London Lennie's, La Baraka French Restaurant, and the Greek Islands Restaurant across



Some press conference attendees on September 3.

the street.) Elected officials included City Council Members Eric Ulrich, Robert Holden (both Queens) and Mark Gjonaj (pronounced Joe-nye) (The Bronx). Also present were some candidates for public office. The parties to the lawsuit, including the Triple Crown Diner in Bellerose, are suing to open the restaurants and are also seeking monetary compensation. They object to the fact that all counties of New York State allow

some level of indoor dining, except for the 5 boroughs of NYC. The suit also demands that NYC show the science that justifies keeping NYC restaurants closed.

Because Bellerose is located on the Nassau County border, you are not allowed to dine indoors on the north side of Jericho Tpke, but it is allowed across the street. It has been reported that 1,300 NYC restaurants have already gone out of business. After outdoor dining ceases in the end of October, the remaining restaurants face extinction.

LIVE CIVIC MEETINGS CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. JOIN US IN A ZOOM MEETING.

We are unable to hold public meetings for the time being. We are holding our first Zoom (virtual on-line) meeting in September instead.

Time: Sep 14, 2020 07:00 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86506438064>

Meeting ID: 865 0643 8064

One tap mobile

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MVB HIGH SCHOOL ISSUES COOKBOOK

The students, faculty and alumni of Martin Van Buren High School have teamed up to create an on-line cookbook called "Comfort Food from Around the World." The cookbook, which contains 168 recipes from over 60 countries, is a fund raiser to help MVB students and their families who were hit hard by the Covid-19 pandemic. The suggested donation is \$10.00. To download the cookbook and make a donation, visit the MVB Alumni Association website at www.mvbhsaa.com

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AT WINDSOR PARK LIBRARY

Covid-19 testing, provided by NYC, is available seven days a week from 9 am to 6:30 pm at the Windsor Park Library, located at 79-50 Bell Blvd. No appointment needed. They will take ID and insurance information during registration, but there is no out-of-pocket cost. Results are available in 3-5 days.

TREE BRANCHES STILL AROUND

As we went to press, the piles of branches from Tropical Storm Isaias had not been picked up. We sent a list of locations to the Parks Dept through QCB 13 and Councilmember Grodenchik's office. You can help by calling 311 and asking that the branches on your block be removed. The more calls the better. Have specific addresses ready when you call. Thanks!

FARM MUSEUM REOPENS

The Queens County Farm Museum is located at 73-50 Little Neck Parkway. A City owned, privately operated, 47-acre site that goes back to at least 1697. Program Hours:

Farm Store: Daily, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

Community Compost Drop-off Site: Daily, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Seasonal Farm Stand: (on-site): Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat & Sun, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

President's Message

For the foreseeable future, we will not be able to hold in-person meetings due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Please join us for our first Zoom meeting on September 14 at 7 pm. Our elected officials, their representatives and our NCO officers have been invited.

Many of our members on 239 St and a part of 88 Ave suffered through hot summer weather with no power for several days following Tropical Storm Isaias on August 4. Hurricane season extends through November 30. Forecasters expect an active season, so let's be prepared.

Your neighbor,

Michael O'Keeffe

VANDERBILT PKWY CONSTRUCTION

Repairs to the Vanderbilt Motor Parkway will begin the week of September 21. The parkway is part of the world's first motor parkway, constructed in 1908. Originally, it extended to Lake Ronkonkoma. Now it runs through parks from Winchester Blvd to Peck Ave in Fresh Meadows. Phase 1 of this project, expected to last about one year, will reconstruct the section from Winchester Blvd to Springfield Blvd.

U.S. CENSUS REMINDER

It's not too late to take part in the 2020 Census. An accurate head count helps NYC receive its fair share of government funding and representation in the US House of Representatives. You may respond by mail, by phone at 844-330-2020, or on-line at <https://2020census.gov/>

NEW TWIST TO AUTO CRIME

At the last Build the Block meeting, NCO Detective Shawn Gallagher and PO Christopher Spotts explained that it's possible for thieves to push the door button on a late model vehicle and activate the car's key fob if the fob is in your house near your front door. This may allow someone to gain entry to your car and maybe to drive it away. We have also learned that there are commercially available devices that thieves can use to activate key fobs near the front door. In either case, a solution would be to keep your keys away from the front door or store them in a box or envelope that blocks radio frequency transmissions (like the EZ-Pass envelope). These protective devices are available on-line and possibly in local stores.

POLL WORKERS NEEDED!

There is a shortage of poll workers for the upcoming Presidential election. Part of the problem is that many poll workers are senior citizens who may not want to work because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Also, early voting has increased the number of shifts that need to be covered. Someone who attends the training and works all 9 early voting days plus Election Day can earn up to \$2800. To sign up, or for more information, visit nyc.electiondayworker.com or call 1-866-VOTENYC