

Rocky Hill Civic Association Bulletin

..... proudly serving the community for over eighty years

"Whatever you do will be insignificant, but it is very important that you do it." -Mahatma Gandhi

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Rocky Hill Civic Association (RHCA)

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2008 Dues Drive Starts

Please complete the form on page 3 and send your dues in early. Thank you.



*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

*"I like to see a person
who is proud of the
place in which he lives."*

-Abraham Lincoln

Upcoming 2008 Membership Meetings

- No Meetings for January and February 2008
- Next meeting is Tuesday on March 11, 2008



80th Anniversary Celebration of the Founding of the Rocky Hill Civic Association

Saturday, March 15, 2008 (1 to 5pm)

At Koenig's Restaurant

Please Use the Insert in this Bulletin
to Send in Your Reservation

100% Voter Participation Drive: League of Women Voters

The **League of Women Voters** is sponsoring Spring educational seminars, many of which will be held at LaGuardia Community College. Some of the topics include:

- Roots and Branches of the U.S. Government
- How to Watch a Presidential Debate
- How to Watch a Local Debate
- What Makes New York City Run
- Becoming an Advocate
- Developing Fact-Based Positions
- Politics is People
- How to Run for Public Office in New York City



For more information, email your name and address to office@lwwnyc.org and you can get on their mailing list. You can also log on to the League of Women Voters website at www.lww.org. For information on voting in New York City you can also visit the following site: vote.nyc.ny.us.

February 9, 2008: Chinese New Year/Lunar New Year Celebrations

Celebrations start on Saturday, February 9, with Flushing's 13th Lunar New Year Parade, which begins at 11am and continues to 1pm.

Congratulations to Bernard Aquilino: Civic Award Winner

Our own **Bernard Aquilino** is being honored for his fine work of improving our community. He will receive the Civic Award at the annual Lincoln Day Dinner on February 10, hosted by the Queens Village Republican Club.

Winchester's Pub: 233-12 Hillside Avenue, Bellerose Manor

Visit this welcoming neighborhood pub, serving hearty tavern food and drinks and conveniently located on Hillside Avenue.



A Message From Your President, Frank Toner

As a Civic Leader, I try to stay as positive as possible, although many times my job involves needing to make complaints about issues. Recently, a matter did personally bother me. While walking through our neighborhood park, Alley Pond, I came across some hateful graffiti. It was done by someone who claimed to be a true American. Of course, just the opposite is true - this person was performing a truly un-American and offensive act. Once home, I called 311 to report this finding. It is a shame that New York City resources need to be wasted on such a senseless, negative activity.

The RHCA Board also discussed a highly controversial and current issue, "Congestion Pricing." Proponents say it will bring in Federal Funding, reduce traffic in Manhattan, raise money for public transit and improve the City's air quality. These are all good things. With some mixed feelings, the Board voted against the proposal as it currently stands. There were concerns about the increase to driving costs and whether there was a real commitment to improve mass transit. Why not just improve mass transit so people will want to use it and give up their cars?

There are a lot of serious concerns about this issue and we hope you let your city councilmember, **David Weprin**, know where you stand. You can use the RHCA web site (www.rockyhillcivicassociation.com) to conveniently log on to your city councilmember's web site and the sites of all of our local politicians.



Community News

Snow Removal Reminder: Avoid Costly Fines

Remember, it is the law that snow must be removed within 4 hours of the end of the snowfall. If the snow ends after 9pm, it must be removed by 11am the next day. Quickly removing snow from around your home is a benefit for all of your neighbors and keeps you from receiving heavy fines.

2008 Sanitation Refuse Collection: Holiday Schedule

Please note that on these days refuse **will not** be picked up. Refuse may be put out on the night of the holiday to be picked up the next day.



**Clip
and
Save**

2008 Sanitation Refuse Collection Holiday Schedule

Tuesday	January 1, 2008	New Year's Day (Observed)
Monday	January 21, 2008	Martin Luther King Day
Tuesday	February 12, 2008	Lincoln's Birthday
Monday	February 18, 2008	President's Day
Monday	May 26, 2008	Memorial Day
Friday	July 4, 2008	Independence Day
Monday	September 1, 2008	Labor Day
Monday	October 13, 2008	Columbus Day
Tuesday	November 4, 2008	Election Day
Tuesday	November 11, 2008	Veteran's Day (Observed)
Thursday	November 27, 2008	Thanksgiving Day
Thursday	December 25, 2008	Christmas Day
Thursday	January 1, 2009	New Year's Day

⇒ **Members' Corner**

Free Service Available to Members

This area is available, as a free service to our members, to share major milestones, like the birth of a child or grandchild, a marriage or graduation. You can also make announcements about local events and to sell or find items to buy.



If you wish to place an announcement or list an item to sell, please send the information, by email, to **rhca@nyc.rr.com**. It should be received no later than the last Sunday of the current month to be included in the next month's Bulletin.

⇒ **Our Condolences**

We extend our sincerest sympathy to the following members on the loss of their loved ones:

Millie Montano and family of 233 Street. Millie's husband, Joseph, passed away on 1-26-08.

Ralph and Virgie Vassallo of 233 Street. Ralph's mother, Angelina, passed away on 1-22-08.

Claudia Sedar of 233 Street. Claudia's sister, Mary Lou, passed away on 1-25-08.

Freida Pawlowych of 232 Street. Freida's husband, Rostyslaw, passed away on 8-7-2007.

⇒ **Rocky Hill Civic Association Updates**

Rocky Hill Civic Association: Working to Enhance Our Quality of Life

We have been a volunteer organization for over eighty years and our primary goals still remain to improve the quality of life for our members and their families and to protect the investments made in their homes and their community.

Our Civic supports beneficial initiatives and takes action to new challenges facing the neighborhood. Our ongoing efforts include providing cleaner and safer streets, monitoring zoning and development concerns and lobbying elected officials. The neighborhood is kept informed through our regular Member Meetings, the monthly Bulletin and a web site. This is an impressive amount of community assistance, time and talent for only \$5.00 per year. Please send in the coupon below, along with your \$5.00 dues payment, to help maintain and support the Association's work in 2008. Thank you for your continuing support.

Rocky Hill Civic Association, Inc. - Annual \$5.00 Dues Receipt for 2008

Name: **Email:**

Address: **Phone:**

Please make your check payable to the Rocky Hill Civic Association and mail it, along with this coupon, to:

Rocky Hill Civic Association - Attention: Margaret Toner
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Please check this box if you are interested in volunteering to become an RHCA Board Member, a Committee Member, a Block Captain or would like to participate in a special project. We will be happy to contact you and discuss volunteer opportunities and answer all questions.