

# 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

March 2008 Bulletin

## Rocky Hill Civic Association (RHCA)

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**Lynn Lodato**

**Angel Touch Pet Spa**  
has moved four blocks to

**92-08 245th Street** in  
Bellerose

**Phone 516-279-4345**



### Murphy's Law

Nothing is as easy  
as it looks.

Everything takes  
longer than you expect.  
If anything can go wrong,  
it will and at the  
worst possible moment.

## March 11, 2008 Membership Meeting Agenda Tuesday Evening Meetings Start at 7:30pm



Membership Meetings Are Held in PS 18,  
Located on 235th Court, directly off from Hillside Avenue

- **Guest Speaker: Richard Hellenbrecht**  
Chairman of Community Board 13 will discuss issues which directly impact our neighborhood.
- **Guest Speaker: Representative from Congressman Gregory Meeks' Office** will discuss the Proposal for a New Precinct for Community Board 13
- Distribution of **Free Signs** for your window or lawn for use in connection with "Lawn Litter" Bill (see article on page 2 for more information)

### Volunteer Needed to Produce Monthly Bulletins



Our Bulletins are currently created using Microsoft's "Publisher." A similar format can be made using Microsoft "Word" or an entirely new format may be introduced. Email access and the ability to convert to Adobe pdf format are required.

If interested in greatly helping your community and Civic in a creative and individualized way, please contact us by email, phone or use our web site.

### RHCA 2008 Dues Drive Begins: We Need Your Support

Please fill out the coupon on page 3 and send it along with your 2008 annual dues. Once again, dues are only \$5.00 for the entire year.



### Grand 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Founding of the Rocky Hill Civic Association

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

**Koenig's Restaurant, Tyson Avenue, Floral Park, NY**

~ DJ playing all styles of music ~ Sit-down dinner ~  
~ Unlimited beer, wine and soda ~ Souvenir Journal ~

**\$65 per ticket \$30 for Block Captains**  
**\$20 for children under 18 Years of Age**

Call **Linda Gritsch at 718.465.0925** with your questions.

Send your reservations and checks to **Frank Toner** at  
88-19 Billings Street Bellerose Manor, NY 11427-2646





## A Message From Your President, Frank Toner

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This month, we celebrate a landmark event in our community - the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Rocky Hill Civic Association. This is a celebration of both people and community. We applaud the many homeowners who have diligently maintained and beautified their homes. We honor those who have gone out of their way to help a neighbor, write a letter or make a phone call to a politician or government agency about an issue that affects the community. We greatly commend those who have given of their time and talent to volunteer for youth programs, School Boards and other service groups that work to maintain and improve the quality of life in our community.

Finally, we honor those who have made the Rocky Hill Civic Association such a successful and integral part of our community: the Block Captains, Board Members and Officers both present and past, as well as the many other volunteers who have contributed their time and efforts.

**Hopefully, you will join your neighbors in this happy celebration.**

Thank You So Much

This will be the last bulletin Lynn Lodato will produce and edit for the RHCA, since she is moving out of our community. Over the last year and a half, she has not only produced and edited our Bulletin but also created and maintained our website. Her efforts have produced a beautiful and professional newsletter and brought our website to a whole new level. Lynn, your talent and professionalism will be missed. Thank you.

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## Community News

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### Stop "Lawn Litter" Bill Signed into Law: Free Signs to be Distributed by RHCA

A bill sponsored by **Assemblymember Mark Weprin** and **State Senator Frank Padavan** has been signed into Law. This law allows residents of Queens and the City of New York to place a sign on their property to stop the incessant and unwanted literature and advertisements from being placed on a homeowner's property.

Signs must state, in one inch letters the following: "Do Not Place Unsolicited Advertising Material on this Property." The sign must be at least five inches tall and seven inches wide and be placed in a noticeable location on the homeowner's property. **These signs are available and will be distributed by the Rocky Hill Civic Association at its March 11 Membership Meeting.**

The law imposes civil penalties of between \$250 and \$1,000 on the businesses that do not adhere to a sign posted by a resident.

The Mayor of New York City will be designating an agency or agencies to enforce the provisions of the Lawn Litter Law. The City has been given 60-90 days to establish rules and regulations in relation to the enforcement of the Law. As they are formulated, details of the implementation of this law will be provided by the RHCA.

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### Alley Pond Environmental Center (APEC): 150 Acres Right in the Heart of Queens

The **APEC** provides 150 acres of woodlands, trails, streams and ponds plus an aquarium and animal care/education center. Come see for yourself and participate in the many programs provided for children, families and individuals. **APEC** is located in **Douglaston, at 228-06 Northern Boulevard**. Their phone is **718.229.4000** or you may email **inof@alleypond.com** to request a brochure or visit their web site: **www.alleypond.com**.

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### ICL Milestone Presents First Annual Egg Hunt: Saturday March 22, 2008

On Saturday, March 22, from noon to 3pm there will be music performed by the "**Mixed Nuts**," free games and prizes, face painting, food and refreshments and dance contests. All these **free** activities will be taking place locally at:

**80-45 Winchester, Building 4 W (Creedmoor Community Campus)**

For information or to register to vendor, call **Patricia Scharbach** at **718. 468.4700 ext. 8114**.

**Free Local Fun  
for the Family**

Food  
Refreshments  
Face Painting  
Music  
Dancing



## Community News Continued ...

### 105th Precinct Updates

- **Welcome to Inspector Paul H. Piekarski: New Commander of 105th Precinct**

Inspector **Paul H. Piekarski** is now in command of the 105th Precinct. He is known for his efforts to keep crime low and improve community relations and we are looking forward to working together to keep our community safe and attractive.

- **Precinct Council Meetings: Voice Your Concerns**

Homeowners with complaints are urged to attend the **Precinct Council Meetings** that are held every last Wednesday of every month at the 105 Precinct Station House and begin at 8:00pm. The Station is located at 92-08 222 Street, Queens Village.

- **New York Residents: Free Confidential Security Survey**

The police department offers a **free confidential security survey** to all residents in New York. This survey analyzes the present security level of the premise and makes recommendations on how to increase the level of security. If you are interested in getting a survey, you can contact the **Crime Prevention Officer** at **718.776.9207**.

### Going Green in Queens: New York Hall of Science on Saturday, March 8, 2008

A free environmental and educational event will be held **Saturday March 8, 2008 from 10am to 2pm** at the **New York Hall of Science**, located at **47-01 111<sup>th</sup> Street in Queens**.

There will be informational workshops on: Street Trees; Alternate Energy Sources; Composting and the many Queens Waterfronts. **Light refreshments** will be served and there will be **free giveaways**. RSVP is a must. Phone: **718-343-6779** or sign up using the following email address: **goinggreeninquenes@gmail.com**.



## ⇒ Member Updates

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

- The family of **John W. Topa** of 232 Street. **John** died September 27, 2007 at age 96
- The family of **Rosty Pawlowych** of 232 Street. **Rosty** died on August 7, 2007

### For Sale



**Antique Crystal Chandelier in Excellent Condition:** A ten (10) light, lovely crystal chandelier, over 50 years old and in excellent condition is on sale by an RHCA member. **Original price was \$2,000, asking \$800. OBO Call Dolores at 718-468-1205.**

**1993 Ford LX:** 4 door red sedan, 61,600 miles. **\$1,000 negotiable. Contact: Frank Toner 718-465-3608.**

### Rocky Hill Civic Association: 2008 Dues Drive Starts: Thanks For Your Continuing Support

Our Civic supports productive initiatives and meets new challenges facing the neighborhood. Our on-going efforts include providing cleaner and safer streets, monitoring zoning and development concerns and lobbying elected officials. The community is kept informed through regularly scheduled Member Meetings, a monthly Bulletin and a web site. Please send in the coupon below, along with your \$5.00 dues payment to maintain the Association's work in 2008.

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

**Name:** ..... **Email:** .....

**Address:** ..... **Phone:** .....

Please make your check payable to the **Rocky Hill Civic Association** and mail it with this coupon to:  
RHCA Attn: Margaret Toner 88-19 Billings Street Bellerose Manor, New York 11427-2646

Check this box if you are interested in becoming an RHCA Board or Committee Member or would like to participate in a special project. We will contact you to discuss volunteer opportunities.