

Rocky Hill Civic Association Bulletin

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Upcoming 2009 Membership Meetings

- No Meetings for January and February 2009
- Next meeting is Tuesday March 10th 2009

December 2008 Holiday Party Update

Thanks to everyone who came to celebrate our Holiday Party. We did not have elected officials or many representatives from other civic organizations in attendance as we had in past years. What we did have was great attendance from members of our own civic association and we can't ask for more than that. Of course we had a lot to offer once again. The food, supplied by **Pickles Deli**, was delicious, as was the cake we ordered from **EOK Bakery**. Attendance was so good that even though we "over-ordered", not expecting so many, the food was almost all gone.

The prizes used for the many raffles were another big hit. This year the amount given away grew to an estimated \$600. Special thanks to **Gene Foster and Bernard Aquilino** who solicited gifts from our local merchants. We thank all the merchants and service providers who donated gifts. A complete list is supplied on page 2. We urge you to support with your patronage all the merchants who gave so generously. Thanks also to **Bill Schmidt** for supplying drinks and helping with setup along with his wife **Donna**, my wife **Marge**, **Carol Foster**, **Candace Garrett**, **Dolores Agunzo** and **Suwarna Rambukpotha**. Thanks to **Laurence Mclean, District Manager of Community Board 13** for his informative talk

Thanks to all who voted and actively participated in our democratic process this past year. In last year's January bulletin **100% voter participation** was listed as a goal of our association. Across the country we had record numbers of voters. Near election time I received calls about voter registration and voting. We hope this interest in civic activity continues and builds. With the projected rise in unemployment for this year, it will be a tough year. We will need a strong community spirit of willingness to help each other make it through the coming year.

DUES FOR 2009 should be sent to Marie de Angelis. Her address is on the dues coupon on page 3.

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- **How to get an Historic Picture of your house**

President's Message:

We wish to give special thanks to our local merchants and service providers who so generously provided prizes for our Holiday Raffle. We hope you will thank them with your patronage.



- ❖ Angel Touch Pet Spa at 92-08 245th St. , Bellerose
- ❖ Best Paint at 220-23 Jamaica Ave., Queens Village
- ❖ By the Slice at 236-09 Braddock Ave., Bellerose
- ❖ Cara Mia Restaurant at 220-20 Hillside Ave, Bellerose Manor
- ❖ Cross Bay Appliance at 158-34 Crossbay Bay Blvd., Howard Beach
- ❖ C & T Hairstylists at 248-16 Union Tnpke, Bellerose
- ❖ EOK Bakery at 236-03 Braddock Ave., Bellerose
- ❖ Gino's at 61-32 Springfield Blvd., Flushing
- ❖ Great Neck Auto at 390 Great Neck Road, Great Neck
- ❖ Joe's Barber Shop at 222-62 Braddock Ave., Queens Village
- ❖ New Hyde Park Diner at 160 Hillside Ave., New Hyde Park
- ❖ New Hyde Park Wine at 400 Hillside Ave., New Hyde Park
- ❖ Pet Food and More at 248-01 Jericho Tnpke., Bellerose
- ❖ Pickles Deli at 236-05 Braddock Ave., Bellerose
- ❖ Queens Village Diesel at 218-02 Hillside Ave., Queens Village
- ❖ Robert Mancz at 222-33 Braddock Ave., Bellerose Manor
- ❖ Rocky Hill Pharmacy at 236-01 Braddock Ave., Bellerose
- ❖ Rollin Green at 247-77 Jericho Tnpke, Bellerose
- ❖ Sapphire Limo, 718-776-9558, Bellerose Manor
- ❖ Stop and Shop at Hillside Ave. Mall in New Hyde Park
- ❖ Vito's Italian Restaurant at 78-37 Springfield Blvd., Bayside
- ❖ Walbaums on Union Tnpke, in the Glen Oaks Shopping Center
- ❖ Winchester's Pub at 233-12 Hillside Ave., Bellerose Manor



You can find additional information on many of these vendors on the back page of this bulletin since many of them have advertised in our bulletin for years.

January Events

- **Martin Luther King Holiday January 19th.**
- **Presidential Inauguration January 20th.**

Using your local library

The borough of Queens has a tremendous library system. It offers many free services that have been paid for by you the taxpayer. Why would you pay for something and then not use it—especially such a good service. At the local Bellerose Library located at 250-06 Hillside Ave. they have a number of upcoming events. On **Jan15th** there is an **Adult Book Discussion at 10 a.m.** On the **28th** the author of “**The New York World’s Fairs**”, **Ron Marzlock** discusses his book. There is a **Children’s Program on Wednesday’s from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. from Jan 7th to Feb 11th.** Call **718-831-8644** for additional information.



Department of Sanitation News:

- ✓ **Christmas Tree Recycling** begins January 5th through Friday Jan 16th. Trees should be placed curbside only after all stands, tinsel, lights, and ornaments have been removed. They should not be placed in plastic bags. These trees will be collected, chipped, and made into compost. The compost will be processed and subsequently spread upon parks, ball fields, and community gardens throughout the city.
- ✓ **An alternate way to dispose of trees is through Mulchfest.** You can drop off your tree at Cunningham Park, Parking Lot #2 on Union Tnkpe. and Francis Lewis Blvd. on Saturday Jan. 10 or Sunday January 11th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to have your tree mulched and to pick up free mulch.
- ✓ **Garbage cans should not be placed out until after 5 p.m. the night before collection.** Be careful since placing cans out too early can result in a summons. Garbage cans should be placed back on your property within three hours of collection, beginning at 6 a.m.

Get an Historic Photo of your Home:

Between 1939 and 1941 the city photographed every house and building in the five boroughs. Copies of these unique images are now available for purchase. You can receive an 8" X 10" print for \$35 and an 11" by 14" print for \$50. Information on this service is available at nyc.gov. Look on the lower right hand side of the homepage for "You can get Historic Photos Online" for more information. If you order one, please bring it to our next civic meeting in March.

Home Security Tip

Put your car keys by your bed at night. If you hear a noise in your yard, or if someone is trying to break in to your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will set off and the horn will continue to sound until you either turn it off or the battery dies. It will work if you park your car in the driveway or garage. If the alarm goes off while someone is trying to break into your home, odds are the burglar/rapist will not stick around. Within seconds your neighbors will be looking out their windows and the criminal will not want that. Also, it is a good idea to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there.

Community News:

Condolences to Albisano and Curto families of 233rd St. on the death of Joseph Mistretta. Joe passed away on November 30th, 2008. Joe worked at the Bell Park Jewish Center for many years.

Condolences to the family of Jan Benczak of 234th St. Jan passed away in November.

We still need a Block Captain for Musket Street. Please contact me if you can volunteer.

Please note the address below where all dues should be mailed. Thank you.

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

Name..... Email.....

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Please make your check Payable to: **Rocky Hill Civic Association** and mail it with this coupon to:

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I am interested in becoming a RHCA Board or Committee Member or would like to volunteer for a Special project. Yes _____ No _____ We will contact you to discuss volunteer opportunities.

