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NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday October 14th at 7:30 P.M.

Location: PS 18 on 235th Court

(Between Hillside Ave. and 88th Ave.)

Speaker: Assemblymember Mark Weprin

Assemblymember Mark Weprin is a longtime representative of our area and has spoken at the Rocky Hill Civic Association before. He is always interesting and informative. Please bring your questions and a neighbor.

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY NOV. 4TH



VOTE



Your future and that of our children depends on our active participation in the democratic process. If we do not express our views, others will express them for us and that is not democracy. Please encourage everyone you know to vote. If someone cannot get to the polls, call us and we will arrange a ride.

On Election Day, polls are open from **6:00 a.m. to 9 p.m.** You can find out additional information about your polling site, handicap accessibility, candidate's list, and if there will be interpreter's available by calling the **New York City phone bank at 1-866-868-3692** Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The new Rocky Hill Civic Association Banner will be displayed for the first time at our meeting. Don't miss it.

President's Message

On Thursday September 25th our association, along with seven other civic associations and Community Board 13, sponsored “**Candidate's Night**”. The event was held at Middle School 172 in Floral Park. Speaking at the event were the following: Rob Speranza, Republican candidate for Assembly in the 26th Assembly District, Democrat Ann Margaret Carrozza, Assemblymember for the 26th Assembly District. Also speaking was Republican State Senator Frank Padavan, the incumbent for Senate District 11. His opponent, Democrat City Councilmember James Gennaro spoke soon after. Democrat Congressman Gary Ackerman from the 6th Congressional District was in Washington and unable to attend but sent a representative from his office. His opponent, Republican Liz Berney did attend and spoke. Two candidates who seem to be running unopposed also spoke, Democrat Assemblymember Mark Weprin from the 24th Assembly District and Democratic Assemblymember Barbara Clark from the 33rd Assembly District.

The format used for this event was to allow each candidate three minutes to make a statement. Then they would answer questions submitted by the audience and were read by moderator Steven Blank, the publisher of Time/Ledger papers.

It was an informative and interesting night for the 100 plus attendees. It was also a testament to the democratic process and community spirit that eight civic associations from the Bellerose, Bellerose Manor, Floral Park, Glen Oaks and New Hyde Park area working together organized such a successful event. At the end of the night I had the pleasure to present certificates to the six students who assisted with this event, three of whom came from our local school Martin Van Buren.



Welcome to October

DAYS OF OBSERVANCE AND REMEMBRANCE

Yom Kippur (Oct. 9th)
Columbus Day (Oct. 13th)

October Events at Queens Farm:

- **Sunday October 5th from 11 am to 4 pm “Apple Festival” Admission Free**
- **October 4th to the 26th from 11 am to 4 pm “Pick Your Own Pumpkins”**
- **October 25th, 26th & 31st, Saturday, Sunday, and Friday from 4 pm to 7 pm “Halloween Haunted House”. Admission is \$4.**

The Farm is located at 73-50 Little Neck Pkwy, in Floral Park. Phone # 718-347-3267.

FREE FLU SHOTS

On Monday October 20th and Thursday November 6th Senator Frank Padavan in conjunction with Services for Adult Persons (SNAP), the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Visiting Nurse Services, is sponsoring a “Free Flu Shot Distribution” from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The event will be held at 80-45 Winchester Blvd., Building #4, CBU # 29, on the Creedmoor campus. For more information on this event, contact Senator Padavan's office at: 718-343-0255.

REZONING

On September 4th, the Laurelton Rezoning was passed by the City Council. Next up is Bellerose, Floral Park, and New Hyde Park. We are currently trying to find out if we can be included in this group and are trying to get an idea of their time frames for getting it done.

Invited speakers for the November meeting are:

Corey Bearak, President of the Queens Civic Congress
Inspector Paul Piekarski from the 105th Precinct

Invited speaker for the December meeting is:

Laurence McClean, District Manager of Community Board 13

Please Note: Our November meeting will not be held on the usual 2nd Tuesday of the month since that is Veteran’s Day and PS 18 will be closed. Instead, it will be held Tuesday November 18th. This also means that all bulletins will be delivered a week later.

Major Improvement Project scheduled for Jericho Turnpike/Jamaica Avenue:

On September 25th, Public Hearings were held on a project planned to begin in Spring of 2011. The Project covers a length of 4.2 miles and goes from 225th Street to Herricks Road. It includes milling resurfacing the asphalt pavement, replacement of existing pavement repairs and utility patches, replacement and upgrade of the existing traffic signals, enhancing the existing median and the option of a proposed median on the east end of the project. At major intersections with large peak hour volumes, new turn lanes are being proposed to improve safety and capacity along this stretch of Jericho Turnpike and Jamaica Avenue.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact the State of New York, Department of Transportation at 631-952-6632. Contact person is Pat Audinot.

Crime Stats for the 105th Precinct as of September 21, 2008 indicate that overall crime is down from last year by 5.74% year to date. Although that is encouraging news, we must always be vigilant. A home on Ashford Street was recently burglarized. If you see something—report it. Call 911 for a crime in progress. An Officer from the 105th precinct will visit your home and review steps you can take to prevent a burglary. To request this service call the 105th precinct at 718-776-9176.

Beware: Decorations have been stolen off houses—if you see suspicious vehicles cruising the area (some have noticed a white van) report it to the police immediately.

Term Limits for Elected Officials in New York City---What is your position.

The public has voted two times in favor of term limits, once to enact it and the second time to reject its’ repeal. The Queens Civic Congress, the umbrella group for Queens County Civic Organizations, has taken a formal position that the only way it should be changed is through a public referendum—not by a law change by our elected officials. Do you support that position? We invite you to make your position known by contacting your elected officials. We will have a brief discussion on it at our next meeting to get a feel for the views of our community.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Condolences to the family of Marie Miskowitz of 230th Street. Marie was a long time resident of the area. **Condolences** also to the family of Joe Barroso of 233rd Street.

Congratulations to Debra and Randy Coote of 233rd Street who welcomed the birth of their daughter Emilie Ann, on August 29th.

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

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