

Rocky Hill Civic Association Bulletin

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NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS

Tuesday March 8th at 7:30 P.M.

Location: P.S. 18 on 235th Court

(Between Hillside Ave. and 87th Ave)

REMINDER: There are no meetings in January or February

Happy New Year to All

It was great that so many of our residents made it to the Holiday Party. It was a great time with all the food (I think we ate it all) and the great prizes raffled off. Besides the presentation on Solar Power we had visits from two of our Elected Officials, New York Assemblyman David Weprin and our New York City Councilmember Barry Grodenchik. We owe thanks to those who helped organize the party, Suzanne Peritz, Bill Schmidt, Mike Paparo, Perminder Thiara and Marge Toner. We thank the local vendors who contributed gifts for our raffle:

- Accardi's Cleaners 236-07 Braddock Ave., Bellerose
- Cara Mia 220-20 Hillside Ave. , Queens Village
- C&T Hairstylist 248-16 Union Tnpke., Bellerose
- European Image 224-15 Union Tnpke., Oakland Gardens
- Heffron Chiropractic 80-03 211th St., Hollis Hills
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- Pet Supplies of Bayside 224-25 Union Tnpke. . Bayside
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- Rollin Greens 247-77 Jericho Tnpke., Bellerose
- Silver Moon Diner 235-20 Hillside Ave., Bellerose Manor
- Thiara Liquors, Bayshore
- Trattoria Lucia 247-63 Jericho Tnpke., Bellerose
- Vito's Pizza 78-37 Springfield Blvd. Bayside

Please thank these vendors by patronizing them.

Street Renaming in honor of Detective Brian Moore

On Dec. 11th the section of 222nd street in front of the 105 precinct was renamed in honor of Detective Brian Moore who was slain earlier this year in the line of duty. In attendance were Commissioner Bratton, police and elected officials along with civic leaders, members of the community and his family members.

President's Message:

The New Year often brings thoughts of new hope. We continue to hope that our community will flourish but also acknowledge that it will only prosper if we put effort into making this a better community. I hope you get a chance to read through this bulletin. It reflects in many ways the work being done to maintain and improve our community.

I am encouraged by the large crowd that came to our Holiday Party and exhibited such community spirit. We have identified an exciting program of speakers for the Spring Meetings and will share that with you once the speakers are confirmed. In the meantime, I hope we have a better winter than the last one.

Crime and Safety report:

If you have read the papers recently you have seen that there was a slight increase in murders (projected to be about 5%--much lower than many other cities) but overall major crimes were down. Queens had even better reductions than some other boroughs. At the last meeting at the 105th precinct we were told that crime had been trending down lately. That is good news. Also we have been told that officers doing community policing will be part of the mix for 2016. Again, good news. Of course this means we need to continue to be vigilant. One alert we have received from the **105th precinct** is that criminals are targeting **tires and rims** during the night hours. We are advised to park our vehicles in well lighted areas and install wheel locks. Of course, report suspicious people to **911**.

Creedmoor and the Homeless

Recently there were some newspaper articles claiming that Creedmoor was being considered as a location to house the homeless. Our elected officials were contacted and they followed up with the Governor's office (Creedmoor is State run) and at this point we have all been given assurances that there is no plan to house homeless on the Creedmoor grounds. We thank State Senator Avella and New York City Councilmember Grodenchik for their prompt response and follow-up on this issue. However, the civic leaders in our area have all agreed to meet soon so we can talk strategy on how best to monitor this and make it clear that we do not believe this is a good option. We can never be too vigilant.

Snow Removal

- If snow falls between 7:00 am and 4:59 pm it must be removed within 4 hours
- If snow falls between 5:00 pm and 8:59 pm it must be cleaned within 14 hours
- If the snow or ice becomes frozen so hard that it cannot be removed, the sidewalk may be strewn with ashes, sand, sawdust, or similar suitable material within the same time limits. The sidewalk must be thoroughly cleaned as soon as the weather permits.

Important Community Meetings open to the Public

- ✓ **105th Precinct Community Council**
At the 105th Precinct located at 92-08 222nd St.
Wednesday Jan. 27th from 8 PM to 9 PM
- ✓ **Community Board 13Q**
Location: Bellerose Assembly of God, 240-15 Hillside Ave.
Monday Jan. 25th at 7:30 pm.

Christmas Tree Disposal

Trees will be removed curbside from Monday Jan. 4th through Friday January 15th. Residents should remove all tree stands, tinsel, lights and ornaments from the trees before they are put out.

Winchester Mall Renewal Update

Our plans to renovate the mall area along Winchester Blvd. from Seward Avenue to Hillside Avenue received a boost with the election of New York City Councilmember Barry Grodenchik. He has already done a site visit to the area and promised to do what he can to get this done. Community Board 13 District Manager Mark McMillan is interested in assisting people who want to place artwork in public places—which is one of the possibilities for this area. Our committee is meeting in January to determine the next step.

Martin Van Buren Update

The outlook for Martin Van Buren continues to improve. Recent test scores are showing improvements. Recently Brenda Figueroa, from the Superintendent's office, gave an impressive presentation on building family support. Other initiatives include a vision testing program with distribution of free eyeglasses where needed. This multi-faceted approach looks promising.

Queens City Council District 23 Interesting Statistics

Some interesting statistics about our area are: 17% of our area is playground and park land. That is almost double the average in the city. We are ranked #1 in playgrounds per 1,000 children in the entire city. Our resident population is 156, 094. Our residents over 65 are 15% as opposed to the 12% citywide and our under 18 resident percentage is 20% compared to the citywide average of 22%.

Vigilance

Our **New York City Councilmember Barry Grodenchik** was recently driving along Union Turnpike and noticed a pile of garbage dumped in the wooded area between Stronghurst Ave. and the Grand Central Parkway near union Turnpike. He contacted the appropriate person at the Sanitation Department who agreed to send a truck into the area as soon as the muddy ground dries out. He also advised me of the situation. We then had a conversation about homeless sleeping in the open areas. I toured Alley Pond Park and spoke to members of the local dog club who are in the park daily. No evidence of homeless currently sleeping in our parks was found, although one person had set up camp deep in the woods during warmer weather—he has since abandoned that spot.

I thank Barry Grodenchik for being so pro-active and thank all the members of our community who go out of their way to keep our neighborhood safe.

If interested in volunteering, please check the box at the bottom of the dues receipt.

Rocky Hill Civic Association, Inc. – Annual \$10.00 Dues Drive Receipt for 2016

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I want to be on the list of people who receive an email blast Yes

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.