

Rocky Hill Civic Association Bulletin

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NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS

Tuesday Oct. 13th at 7:30 P.M.

Location: P.S. 18 on 235th Court

(Between Hillside Ave. and 87th Ave)

SPEAKER: State Senator Tony Avella

TOPIC: Supporting our Community

- **Raffles 50-50**
- **Light refreshments.**

CANDIDATES DEBATE

The Rocky Hill Civic will co-sponsor, along with several nearby civic associations, a debate between the candidates for Council Member of District 23. This position was made available by the resignation of Mark Weprin.

Candidates: Barry Grodenchik (Democrat) vs Joe Concannon (Republican)

Date and time: Oct. 8th at 8 pm.

**Location: Basement of Holy Trinity Church at 246-55 87th Ave.
(entrance on Commonwealth Blvd.)**

Important Community Meetings open to the Public

- ✓ **105th Precinct Community Council**
At the 105th Precinct located at 92-08 222nd St.
Wednesday Oct 28th from 8 PM to 9 PM
- ✓ **Community Board 13Q**
Location not yet determined—call 718-464-9700
Monday Oct. 26th at 7:30 pm.

Please consider patronizing those who advertise on the back of our bulletin. They support our community with money for the ads. It is in our interest to keep our local businesses strong. If interested in an ad, please contact us.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

In the past I have written thanks to our many Board Members, Officers, and Block captains who have done so much for our community, all on their own time. They truly deserve our thanks. I would also like to take time to thank all the other persons in our community who do things to help out. Those that just do nice things for their neighbor, rake their leaves—clean their sidewalk (especially the snow in winter), and clean the common areas. We also have persons who are diligent in reporting health hazards, dangerous behavior, broken lights etc. Our neighborhood would not be a great place to live without all these efforts to make it a great community. Many thanks to all.

On September 8th we held a debate of candidates for the democratic primary for Council Member of the 23rd district. The debate was organized in conjunction with several other local civics. It was very successful with nearly 100 people attending. With so much dysfunction going on in our government at a national level it is nice to see how well our local civics work together. Another example of the togetherness our local civics exhibit is on Oct. 3rd when many of the local civic leaders and some other community people are having dinner with Barney Aquilino, former President of Rocky Hill Civic Association, on his visit to New York.

Public Health: This year there have been many public health issues reported. Racoons turn over garbage, dig up lawns, feral cats take over areas, pigeons defecate in our public places, and there is a preponderance of mosquitos. I am currently trying to schedule the Department of Health for our November meeting. In the meantime don't hesitate to use 311 to report problems. Also we have been warned about the problems standing water creates—mosquitos and other health hazards--- so please check your yard and nearby street. Every little bit helps.

Report Card

Martin Van Buren: On September 28th there was a Public meeting at the school, to discuss the steps being taken to improve the school. In addition, public comments were taken. The district superintendent and representative from the Chancellor's office were present to receive the public comments. The School Principal, Sam Sochet, presented his ambitious goals for a turn around. The Deputy Chancellor said that if these goals were met, the school would be removed from a list of struggling schools. I believe the school is on the right track and support the efforts being made by the current administration and teachers.

PS18: The good news is that the school is doing great. The concern is that it is so crowded. It is currently slotted to have 450 students. Actually it has well over 600 students. So they are rather crowded. One of the problems this has created is safety in the drop off and pick up of children. They are trying to deal with this by having parent volunteers on the sidewalk accepting students and directing traffic. Additional police presence is also there when available. **I ask that the community avoid 235th court in the early morning between the hours of 7:45 and 8:30 and the afternoon hours of 2:00 to 3:00.**

Holiday Party:

Every year we have a Holiday Party. This year it will be on Tuesday December 8th. If anyone is interested in being on a committee to work on the party (getting food—prizes) please contact me: (718) 465-3608 or rhca@verizon.net.

105 Precinct Crime Statistics:

3% drop in crime statistics—not one shooting related to a party this summer.

There has been an increase in car break-ins and garage break-ins. Talk to your neighbors and help watch out for one another. You can request the 105 to send an officer to your home to point out weaknesses to your security.

They have seen more IRS and immigration scams, especially against the elderly.

Good news: There are now 12 more community police officers working at the 105th precinct.

➤ **Upcoming Events at the Queens County Farm Museum:** Located at: 73-50 Little Neck Parkway, Floral Park, N.Y. For information on the events listed below: Call: 718-347-FARM or send an email to: info@queensfarm.org, website is: Queensfarm.org

➤ **THE AMAZING MAIZE MAZE** sponsored by Con Edison
Weekends, September 19 – October 25, 2015
AND Columbus Day, Mon, October 12th
11 am – 4:30 pm (*weather permitting; last ticket sold at 4:30 pm*)

(Don't miss Maze by Moonlight Sat, Oct 3rd & Sat, Oct 17th, 2015 when the maze stays open until 9pm!)

ADMISSION*: \$9.00 / adult. \$5.00 / child (ages 4-11) . Ages 3 & under free

➤ **PUMPKIN PATCH**
Weekends, October 3 – 25, 2015
AND Columbus Day, Mon, Oct 12th
11 am – 4:30 pm

October is pumpkin month at Queens Farm. Enjoy wandering through our patch to find your perfect pumpkin. A great farm adventure for the whole family!

➤ **HAUNTED HOUSE**
Sat & Sun, October 24 & 25, 2015
4 – 7 pm

Visit our Haunted House for thrills and chills! Hayrides, Halloween treats, mulled cider, pumpkins and apples will be sold. This event is recommended for children age 6-12. Adults will find it creepy too!

ADMISSION: \$4.00 per person

➤ **CHILDREN'S FALL FESTIVAL**
Sunday, October 25, 2015
11 am – 4 pm

A festival of Halloween fun for children of all ages; everyone is invited to wear their costume! Free children's games & bounces and professional character look-alikes will add to the excitement. Don't miss out on pig races, kids' pony rides, food, live country music, and the Con Edison Ecology Booth. Our Haunted House and Amazing Maize.Maze will be open as well (*see event descriptions for hours*). This is a popular event, so if crowds aren't your thing we recommend arriving early.

ADMISSION: \$5.00 per person*.

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 2015

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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.