

Rocky Hill Civic Association Bulletin

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NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS

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

Location: P.S. 18 on 235th Court



Annual Holiday Celebration

This should be a big and fun party. We have invited many of our elected officials. This is a good time to meet them and build relationships. Encourage your neighbors to come

Free Refreshments ~ Raffles ~ Merriment

This is your chance to take a night off from cooking and eat out at no cost. Come and enjoy.

There will be a brief presentation on Solar Energy by Blue Raven Solar.

If you think you are interested in seeing how much it can save you, bring a copy of your electricity bill and the company can follow-up with quotes.

New Councilmember Elected

Congratulations to Barry Grodenchick who has been elected **New York City Councilmember for our District (23)**. Since he was elected he has come to our membership meeting and met with us on future development of the Winchester Mall. He has also been active in meeting other civic leaders and attending various local events even though he had not officially started. We are off to a good start.

Congratulations to the Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association on their 80th year. It is quite an achievement, requiring a lot of hard work and dedication by volunteers who are concerned with their community. The event was celebrated by a luncheon attended by over 40 people.

You may remember that a few years ago the **Rocky Hill Civic Association** celebrated its 80th Anniversary.

It is nice to know there are some really good things happening in our area.

President's Message:

Thanks to the resident(s) who planted the flowers on Union Turnpike median. Also, thanks to the Sanitation Department for the clean-up along that same median. It is a joint effort to keep our area beautiful but we are doing pretty well. We are not, however, helped by those that disperse bread crumbs to feed the pigeons and other birds. It is a questionable practice by itself since it attracts birds who make a mess on our sidewalks and streets. The other issue is that it attracts other less desirable animals like rats. We have had numerous rat sightings lately, something we have not seen much of in the past. So I implore people not to spread food out on the ground. It is creating health hazards.

Assemblyman David Weprin's letter to the Commissioner of Mental Health concerning safety issues regarding Creedmoor Patients

In response to complaints about issues with Creedmoor patients from his constituents, David Weprin wrote a letter to the New York State Commissioner of Mental Health, Dr. Ann Marie Sullivan. In the letter he reiterated complaints he has received such as patients exposing themselves, participating in inappropriate sexual activity, loitering and disposing of trash at bus stops, and behavior that makes people feel unsafe and intimidated.

Assemblyman Weprin has asked for an investigation and a report back to his office with information on how this situation will be remedied.

We applaud this initiative and hope it brings results. There is also the ongoing issue of drug dealing. Drug dealers seem to know when the Creedmoor Patients receive money and take advantage of that to sell them drugs (the most recent one is called synthetic marijuana). It is despicable that they take advantage of the most vulnerable. I brought this issue up once again at the monthly meeting at the 105th precinct. Apparently there was once a plan to take the Creedmoor patients to the bank by van on their payday but this fell through the cracks. I will bring this up with the Creedmoor Executive Director, Ann Marie Barbarotta, when we meet early in December.

105th Precinct Crime and Safety report:

At the last meeting at the 105th precinct it was reported that crime is finally trending down. They also noted that there is progress in closing massage parlors in our area. It seems amazing to me that prostitution should become a big issue in a quiet neighborhood such as ours. It has. This shows how we must always be vigilant. Safety tips were also given. Keep at least one light on if you are not home in the evening. If you receive a big ticket gift, like a new tv, when you throw out the packaging, turn the box inside out so a robber doesn't see what you just received.

Honoring Detective Brian Moore

Event: Renaming 222nd Street between 92nd Ave. and 92nd Road in honor of Detective Moore

Date/Time: Friday December 11th at 10 a.m.

Place: In front of the 105th precinct at 92-08 222nd St.

On May 2nd, 2015 police Officer Brian Moore was performing plain clothes anti-crime patrol with his partner in an unmarked vehicle. At approximately 6:15 pm the Officers approached a male subject who discharged multiple shots from a firearm striking Officer Moore. Officer Moore was removed to Jamaica Hospital but succumbed to his injuries on May 4th. Officer Moore was posthumously promoted to Detective 1st Grade.

Please come to honor Detective Moore and support his family. Refreshments will be served courtesy of the police unions.

Holiday Toy Drive

Assemblyman David Weprin is sponsoring his annual Holiday Toy Drive. It will benefit charitable organizations including the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Queens. Make a child smile this holiday season.

What to bring: Please bring a new or gently used unwrapped toy, book or game suitable for children ages 12 and under to Assemblyman Weprin's office.

Where: Fresh Meadows District Office, 162-06 Union Turnpike Fresh Meadows
Phone: (718)454-3027-----All donations must be received by Dec, 18th.



The Board and Officers of the Rocky Hill Civic Association
Wish you a Joyous Holiday /season and a Happy and Healthy New Year

Bayside Hills Civic Association Holiday Lighting Festival

Date/Time: December 6th at 5 p.m.

Location: Bell Boulevard and 53rd Ave. Mall

All are invited to attend this event. There will be Folk Singers, a Chorus, Chanukah Songs, Christmas Carols, Tree Trimming and Lighting, Santa Claus, Refreshments and more. Take the family and start off the holiday season in a fun and relaxing way.

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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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