

Rocky Hill Civic Association Bulletin

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Rocky Hill Civic
Association (RHCA)

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NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS

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

Location: P.S. 18 on 235th Court

(Between Hillside Ave. and 87th Ave)

SPEAKER: **Kenneth Duggins**
Branch Manager, Queens County Savings

TOPIC: **Fraud Protection, Retirement Planning**

- **Raffles 50-50 and Gifts from local merchants**
- **Light refreshments.**

2015 FUND DRIVE BEGINS

If you have not already paid your dues, please drop a check in the self-addressed, self-stamped envelope that you received with the bulletin. It is more important than ever that your local civic receives your support. This year we incurred legal expenses in our fight to reduce the size of a building on the Creedmoor grounds. (see below). On page 2 are listed the many things the Rocky Hill Civic does to protect and beautify our community and enhance the values of our homes. Paying dues is one of the best investments you will ever make. Thank you.

ICCC JUDGEMENT: The New York City Board of Standards and Appeals has approved the building of a 4 story building for seniors on the grounds of Creedmoor. The local civics have for a long time supported housing for seniors on the land but were vehemently opposed to the original plans for 9 story buildings. Two six story buildings were also rejected by the Board. The four story buildings will still loom over nearby single family homes but this seems to be the final determination. We will monitor the progress of this development and keep you apprised.

Important Community Meetings open to the Public

- ✓ **105th Precinct Community Council**
At 92-08 222nd St., Queens Village
Wednesday Apr. 29th at 8 pm.
- ✓ **Community Board 13Q**
Bellerose Assembly of God, 240-15 Hillside Ave., Bellerose
Monday Apr. 27th at 7:30 pm.

President's Message:

Reasons to support your civic association: In the 1970's it successfully fought against the establishment of a poorly run homeless shelter on Creedmoor grounds. In the 1980's it successfully fought to keep open PS 18 which the city wanted to close. The RHCA also found a place for the Sanitation garage, under the Grand Central—keeping it out of our neighborhood where the city wanted to put it. Imagine our community if these things weren't done.

In 2007 we embarked on the creation of an area that would be a beautiful center point of our community. At the corner of Hillside Ave. and Winchester Blvd. we now have a sign "Welcome to Bellerose Manor" surrounded by flowers and shrubs. The city takes care of the flowers and shrubs, the sign was expensive—but worth every penny.

In recent years we successfully worked to have our neighborhood rezoned. This meant a downzoning from what was previously on record. Our neighborhood is now preserved for either one family or one and two family homes. We fought against the building of two nine story towers on Creedmoor grounds. These buildings would have overshadowed nearby single family homes and set a terrible precedent.

Those were some of the big battles. Every year the association is here to fight the smaller battles—bus shelters (we got the ones on Union Tnpke. built), street repair, graffiti—which is now virtually absent from our community thanks to our efforts, and all the other issues that crop up. We try to keep you informed with 10 bulletins a year and eight meetings a year with interesting speakers.

We support our local schools, Little League and organizations that are a help to our community e.g. SNAP.

There are many officers and board members who work without pay to make this a better community. Please join with us, support us, or both. Thanks.

FOOD DRIVE

**Sponsored by Bob Manzc Auto Service
In memory of Gary Keenan**

Date: April 26th 2015. Time: 10 am to 3 pm At: The Gas Station, 222-33 Braddock Ave.

This is a benefit of Our Lady of Lourdes Food Pantry. For information call Chris Manzc 718-465-9482

Please give only can food or non-perishables. You can drop off food all week.

Participatory Budgeting Persons 16 and over who reside in District 23, Council Member Mark Weprin's district, can vote, from April 12th until the 19th for the projects listed: 1. Security Upgrades in Queens Village and North Hills Library. 2. Exterior Self Check-in at Queens Village Library. 3. Fitness equipment at Alley Pond Park. 4. Rehabilitation of the Vanderbilt Roadway. 5. Portable security cameras for NYPD. 6. Countdown clocks at 8 bus stops. 7. Gym Renovations at Benjamin Cardozo and Martin Van Buren. 8. New Audio and Sound System at PS33. 9. Smart Boards at PS26, PS188, P4 at PS213, PS179. 10. Technology Upgrade at PS 18, 26, 115, 188, P4 at PS 179, P4 at PS 213, Queens High School of Teaching, PS 811.

Contact Council Member Mark Weprin's office for more detail on the projects at 718-468-0137. They will also supply you a voting schedule. Some of the voting places closest to our community are listed below:

Monday April 13th from 3pm to 4pm at **PS18**. Wednesday April 15th from 10:30am to 1:30 pm. At the **SNAP** center on the Creedmoor campus. Saturday April 18th from 11 am to 4 pm at the **Cross Island Y**.

Condolences to the family of Yolinda Barroso of 233rd Street who died this past November.

Thanks to Darren and Jane Walla for the great clean-up job on the Winchester Blvd Mall near Seward Ave.

Indoor Garage Sale –Sunday April 26th at American Martyrs Church Basement (located at Bell Blvd. and Union Tnpke.) If you have items to sell, tables are available for \$40. For more information: Ed Malench at 7187-468-9351.

Registration for Pre-K is from March 16th until April 24th. Online at nyc.gov/prek or call 718-935-2067. Also you can go to a Welcome Center. For a list go to nyc.gov/schools/welcomecenters

Martin Van Buren invites the community to attend their Annual Celebration Day on Saturday May 2nd from 1 pm to midnight. There is an open house from 3 to 5 pm and talent showcase at 5 pm among other things.

News on B-tech at Martin Van Buren location. Contrary to the enrollment pattern of last year where very few students from District 26 enrolled in B-tech, this year the early indications are that there will be a big increase in district 26 enrollment.

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

Rocky Hill Civic Association, Inc. – Annual \$10.00 Dues Drive Receipt for 2015

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

Address..... Phone.....

I want to be on the list of people who receive an email blast Yes ___ No ___

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

RHCA Attn: Marie deAngelis, 80-35 236th Street, Bellerose Manor, N.Y. 11427-2123

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.

Thanks to Country Pointe and all the Dues Payers for 2014 listed below

Persons with asterisk contributed an additional amount

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