

Rocky Hill Civic Association Bulletin

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NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS

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

Location: P.S. 18 on 235th Court

(Between Hillside Ave. and 87th Ave)

CANDIDATE'S DEBATE

Due to the resignation of Council Member Mark Weprin there is an election this year for the New York City Council in the 23rd District. Several civic organizations are sponsoring a debate among the democratic candidates. At a later date, there may be a debate between the Democratic and Republican candidates at a nearby civic meeting.

Invited Candidates: Celia Dosamentes, Bob Friedrich, Barry Grodenchik, Rebecca Lynch, Ali Najmi, and Satnam Parhar.

Sponsoring Civics: Rocky Hill Civic, Creedmoor Civic, Bellerose Hillside, Queens Colony, Bellerose Commonwealth, Royal Ranch

Debate starts promptly at 7:30 pm.

Important Community Meetings open to the Public

✓ **105th Precinct Community Council**

At the 105th Precinct located at 92-08 222nd St.
Wednesday Sep. 23rd from 8 PM to 9 PM

✓ **Community Board 13Q**

At Bellerose Assembly of God located at 240-15 Hillside Ave.
Monday Sep. 28th at 7:15 pm.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

I and the Board Members of the Rocky Hill Civic hope that you have had a pleasant and relaxing summer. It has been warm but it could have been worse.

We start off the season with a bang. As you see on the front cover we, along with four other civics, are sponsoring a debate of the Democratic Party candidates for the New York City Council spot that had been vacated when Mark Weprin resigned.

We hope to bring you interesting speakers once again.(let me know what type of speakers you would like) We also will be dealing with the usual host of issues, our schools, illegal parking, persons who violate our community and also ways to make our community better.

This summer the house next to me was sold and I got a new neighbor. I, of course, went over, introduced myself, welcomed them, and talked a little about the activities of our civic. This reminds me to encourage everyone in the neighborhood to please be conscious to welcome newcomers to our neighborhood and tell them both about the support they can receive from our civic and also about the importance of them being involved in helping to make this a better community.

Community Policing:

We have been informed that there will be eight new officers added to the 105th precinct for purposes of Community Policing. This is great news .Two officers already have been introduced to our area with a walk through by Mike O'Keefe, President of the Creedmoor Civic. They have been alerted to a number of our concerns; panhandling, illegal parking, etc.

Close to Home Prisons:

In May of this year we learned that the Administration of Child Services was attempting to move youthful offenders from Upstate prisons closer to where their families live. This would allow for easier visitation by their families. It is obviously a more humane approach. However, the implementation of this policy is misguided. They proposed to move prisoners into a building that was about ten feet from private homes in a residential area. Also, the building had no decent enclosed outside area where prisoners could exercise. A rally was held on May 30th and several meetings were held throughout the summer. Senator Comrie got actively involved and recruited two lawyers who would help initiate a lawsuit if necessary. As of now, there seems to be a hold on this program—at least in this area.

Dues paid:

Apologies to Barbara Waldron of Union Turnpike for not listing her as a dues payer for 2014.

Day at the Races:

Our third annual day at the races was held on June 13th. Once again everyone had a great time and we enjoyed spending a fun time with our neighbors. This year we did have a slight loss, about \$140 but overall this event has also been a money maker for us. Thanks to Mike Paparo for all his work on this.

Abandoned Homes:

Senator Avella has been working to combat the issue of chronically vacant and abandoned properties. As part of this he has been maintaining a list. In our area there are two properties on this list, 233-14 Seward Ave. and 80-46 233rd St.

If you are aware of any other properties that should be on this list, please give that information to me and I will forward it to the Senator Avella. We need the address, if the lot is vacant, if there is any construction going on, any other information about the conditions, especially health issues e.g. rats, raccoons, mice, garbage, etc, Also if any city agencies have been involved. If you know how long it has been abandoned, please include that information.

Job opportunity:

Public Advocate Scott Stringer’s office has asked us to get out the word on a job opportunity for immigrant workers. It is called “**Make the Road**”. It is an Intensive Community Health Worker Training Program. The 5 month intensive training will begin during the middle of September. For the first 3 months, classes will run M-F from 9-2:30pm. During the last 2 months, students will have internships during the week and will receive complimentary job readiness and job placement counseling services. Those who aren't placed into Community Health Workers jobs at the conclusion of the training will receive support applying for other health related jobs and allied-health trainings, as appropriate. Any candidate applying should meet the following requirements:

*Strong English speaking skills and good English reading and writing skills
(a TABE reading score above 530 (6.4 Grade level Equiv. and above)

*GED or Diploma (from U.S or foreign Country)

*Work authorization

*No criminal record & strong interest in and/or experience in the health care field

Those interested in the training should leave their names and numbers at [718-418-7690 x1271](tel:718-418-7690). They will be contacted for follow up appointments.

Below is a description of some of the training:

The CHW training is a rigorous program taught by skilled instructors with expertise in adult education, community health, and workforce development. The teachers use proven methods to help students gain skills and apply them in practice. Trainees gain core competencies and specialized health knowledge through three months of full-time classroom studies, followed by a two-month internship component. They also have access to MRNY’s range of high quality education, workforce, legal and health support services.

The CHW program includes four main components:

- a. Core competencies (e.g. health literacy, group facilitation, case management, communication, cultural competence, health disparities, Affordable Care Act, home visiting);
- b. Health specialties trainings (e.g. obesity, diabetes, asthma, heart disease, sexual health, domestic violence, LGBT/gender identity, maternal/child health, alcohol and drug addiction);
- c. Job readiness trainings / Occupational health and safety;
- d. Internship and job placement support.

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

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

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

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.

