

# Rocky Hill Civic Association Bulletin

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## NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS

Monday Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M.

Location: P.S. 18 on 235<sup>th</sup> Court

(Between Hillside Ave. and 87<sup>th</sup> Ave)

Rocky Hill Civic  
Association (RHCA)

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President  
**Frank Toner**

Vice President  
(vacant)

Financial Secretary  
**Marie deAngelis**

Treasurer  
**Craig Frey**

Recording Secretary  
(vacant)

Sergeant at Arms  
**William Schmidt**

### Executive Board

**Manite Vilmeney**  
**Patricia Morales**  
**Joaquin Pradas**  
**Mark Sullivan**  
**Deneille Loprete**  
**Suzanne Peritz**

**Rampali Fernando M.D.**

**SPEAKER: Queens Borough President Melinda Katz**

**TOPIC: Serving Queens and our Community**

This meeting will be a special meeting and perhaps one of the biggest civic gatherings in recent memory. Our civic is being joined by several local civics to host a meeting with our Queens Borough President Melinda Katz who was newly elected to that position in November of last year.

Ms. Katz has spent her whole life in Queens. She served Queen's residents as a member of the City Council for eight years and served as Director of Community Boards for Queens Borough President Claire Schulman.

We will hold the meeting in the school auditorium due to the anticipated turnout. We urge you to not miss this important event and to bring a friend.

### **Election of Board Members and Officers for the Rocky Hill Civic:**

The following positions are up for reelection this year:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Currently held by:</b>
President	Frank Toner
Treasurer	Craig Frey
Recording Secretary	Vacant
Board Members	One vacancy

We are currently forming a nominating committee. If you are a member in good standing and wish to be on the nominating committee please contact Frank Toner at 718-465-3608. Elections will be held at our May Meeting and installation of the new Officers and Board Member will be in June.

**Free Mammograms and Clinical Breasts Exams**

**Sunday March 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**At the Sikh Cultural Society 9530 118<sup>th</sup> St. Richmond Hill, N.Y.**

**For Appt. Contact Assemblyman David Weprin's office at 718-805-2381**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

I am hoping that by the time this bulletin reaches you the weather will be a little better but I know enough to not hold my breath. It has been rough on everyone. As usual in our community there are lots of people out there helping their neighbors. Unfortunately there are some who have been a bit inconsiderate—I have heard of some persons parking in other people's driveway's etc. Please be considerate of your neighbor—most of the time your kindness gets rewarded.

I have listed the Rocky Hill Officer and Board positions that are available this year. In order to qualify you simply need to be a member in good standing—having paid last year's and this year's dues. Feel free to contact me if you are interested in a position or would like to help with anything else. For instance, in this past year we got a volunteer to be our web master and keep our website updated. We also could use help on the hospitality committee (it is a committee of one right now—my wife Marge). Thanks.

### **Participatory Budgeting:**

For the last three years, Council Member Mark Weprin has been part of the Participatory Budgeting process. This is what that means. The Councilmember is allocated a certain amount of capital funds he can spend for projects in his district. He has allocated one million dollars of that allocation to the Participatory Budgeting process. This process gives back to the public (his constituents) the right to decide how that money is spent. The process starts with the public making recommendations (usually at meetings Mr. Weprin's office staff have arranged) then a group of volunteers reviews the project to make sure they are appropriate. Finally the projects get voted on. We are almost up to that stage. There is one more process to help familiarize you: there will be an exhibit evening where each eligible project is exhibited so the public can be informed before they vote. The project presentation evening will be:

**Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Bayside Senior Center  
Located at 221-15 Horace Harding Expressway in Bayside**

**The elections will be the week of April 12<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>. Actual dates are not yet confirmed. Remember that it will matter if you vote. There will be items that affect your local schools; Martin Van Buren is requesting a new bleachers and basketball hoops; PS 18 is requesting Think Pads, Computer Carts, and Printers. No matter what projects you choose, it is important to vote.**

### **Important Community Meetings open to the Public**

- ✓ **105<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council**  
At the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct located at 92-08 222<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Wednesday Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> from 8 PM to 9 PM
- ✓ **Community Board 13Q**  
At Bellerose Assembly of God, located at 240-15 Hillside Ave.  
Monday Mar. 30<sup>th</sup>. Community time begins at 7:15 PM.

### **Update on ICCC building on Creedmoor Grounds:**

The decision on whether to allow a building four stories high on the Creedmoor grounds has been delayed by the Bureau of Standards and Appeals. We have raised concerns about whether proper environmental reviews have been performed and apparently this issue is being looked into. There are also concerns about a viable entranceway and egress for fire department vehicles. We continue to maintain legal counsel to advise us.

### **2015 Dues**

Early each year we have a month where we rev up and have an annual dues drive. This year, due to the harsh weather, we will wait until April. However, please feel free to use the coupon on page three to send in your dues. Thanks

**Creedmoor Development:**

As mentioned last month, we were told there will be future land sales and development on the Creedmoor grounds. There is nothing new to report at this time. I will be attending my first meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup> at Borough Hall. However, at our next meeting our Borough President will be speaking and we may receive further updates at that time. Another reason for you to attend.

**Martin Van Buren Update:**

Six months ago, Martin Van Buren High School started sharing their space (called co-location) with a B-tech school. By all reports this process has gone well with good cooperation between both administrations. Martin Van Buren principal, Sam Sochet, continues his active recruitment of students, inviting students from MS 174 and PS 188 for a visit. He also continues to improve facilities with plans to air condition the library. On May 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be another “Celebration Day” that includes an Open House, sporting activities, class reunions and programs showcasing students. Please mark the date on your calendar. Additional information will appear in the next bulletin.

**MTA Bus Time:**

Recently, State Senator Tony Avella sponsored a workshop in which members of the community could meet with MTA officials and provide feedback on Bus Services in Eastern Queens. At the workshop I learned about “Bus Time” which is a system that tracks every bus in the borough in real time. For more information, go to [mta.info/bustime](http://mta.info/bustime).

**Email Blasts:**

The Rocky Hill Civic Association publishes a monthly bulletin ten times a year. It also has a website full of information and helpful links to services, elected officials, government entities etc. The website is: [rockyhillcivicassociation.com](http://rockyhillcivicassociation.com). Another form of communication is through phone and email. Our phone number and email address is published in every bulletin. There are also “**email blasts**” sent out to some of our members whenever there is something that may be of more immediate importance. Some examples are: we are notified by the 105<sup>th</sup> precinct of some recent criminal behavior in our area, a dangerous person escapes from Creedmoor, some event of interest is coming up and there is not enough time to put it in the bulletin. If you wish to be on the list of persons receiving the email blast, please indicate below and provide your email address.

**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:

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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.

