

Rocky Hill Civic Association Bulletin

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NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS

Monday March 9th at 7:30 P.M.

Location: P.S. 18 on 235th Court

(Between Hillside Ave. and 87th Ave)

REMINDER: No meeting in January or February

Happy New Year to All

Thanks to everyone for all the efforts you have made to make this a better community.

Due to the Nor'Easter we had to cancel our Holiday Party since we did not wish to encourage people to come out on a dangerous night. As it turned out, the rain and winds had died down by meeting time and we were able to have a small meeting and share a piece of holiday cake. We also raffled off a couple prizes and kept a few prizes for raffles in the Spring.

Thanks to the following vendors who donated prizes for our raffle:

- **Best Paint Supplies, 220-23 Jamaica Ave., Queens Village**
- **Cara Mia restaurant, 220-20 Hillside Ave., Queens Village**
- **NutraCare Pharmacy, 220-36 Hillside Ave., Queens Village**
- **Queens Village Diesel 218-02 Hillside Ave., Queens Village**
- **Robert Mancz Service Station, 222-33 Braddock Ave., Q.V.**

Important Community Meetings open to the Public

✓ **105th Precinct Community Council**

At the 105th Precinct located at 92-08 222nd St.
Wednesday Jan. 28th from 8 PM to 9 PM

✓ **Community Board 13Q**

At Bellerose Assembly of God, located at 240-15 Hillside Ave.
Monday Jan 26th. Community time begins at 7:15 PM.

New Advertisers: We encourage you to check the back of our bulletin and utilize the services of those vendors who support our association. We have two new vendors advertising this year: **Best Paint at 220-23 Jamaica Ave.** and **Village Hardware at 221-15 Jamaica Ave.**

President's Message:

For our March meeting we will once again hold a joint meeting with two other local civic organizations, the Creedmoor Civic Association and the Hillside-Bellerose Association. This gives everyone a chance to meet with other people of our community. It also enables us to invite a Speaker who may not normally come to speak at a meeting with only 15 or 20 people. So we have invited our Borough President Melinda Katz and she has accepted our invitation. You may want to mark that date. In her position she has the power to be quite a help to our community and it benefits us if we can make our presence known.

Speaking of making a showing—myself and Joaquin Pradas attending the Annual Legislative Reception of the Queens Civic Congress on December 13th. This event is often attended by our U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer. He was busy down in Washington and asked Congresswoman Grace Meng to do the swearing in of the Officers this year. The event was as usual well attended by local elected officials and their representatives. The big talk of the event, especially by our Borough President Melinda Katz, was that Queens had been named the number one travel destination in the United States by travel guide book publisher **Lonely Planet**. How special we are.

Snow Removal:

You can request snow removal assistance from New York City by dialing 311.

Remember you must clean snow from your sidewalk within 4 hours of the snow stopping or by 11 am if the snow stops falling after 9 pm the night before. If the snow has become too hard to remove, you must spread clean unused cat litter, salt, sand, or some similar suitable material within the same time frames.

Do not throw snow into the street. Failure to comply with the law can result in in fines.

Garbage and recycling collection may be delayed or suspended, depending on the intensity of the storm.

This information will be available via 311, the DSNY website, or on social media outlets.

One more thing: If you have an elderly neighbor, perhaps you or a family member can lend a hand.

e-Waste Collection Ban

Starting January 1, 2015, a state law will make it illegal for New Yorkers to discard most electronics in the trash. Sanitation Workers will no longer collect electronics left at curbside, and the resident may receive a summons. The electronics covered by this New York State law include computers and their peripherals, televisions, fax machines, VCRs, DVD players, printers/scanners, video game consoles, MP3 players, tablets, and small servers. For options on how to dispose of items see nyc.gov/electronics or nyc.gov/safedisposal. Or dispose of your electronics at Queens Botanical Garden Sunday Jan. 11th between 10 am and 4pm. The location is the QBG parking lot at 42-80 Crommelin St. They will be open, rain or shine.

Decision Day for Creedmoor Building Jan. 13, 2015:

The Bureau of Standards and Appeals (BSA) is currently set to make a decision on whether to approve one four story building on the Creedmoor grounds that is being sponsored by the Indian Cultural and Community Center (ICCC). The final hearing was on November 25th. Since then the ICCC has submitted responses that had been requested by the BSA. The Civics and our legal counsel have submitted arguments against the building. It is possible the decision could be delayed but these hearings have gone on a long time and it is likely a decision will be made.

This is the project that started out as two nine story towers. The BSA requested a smaller project and a proposal for two six story towers was submitted. This also was rejected (the Civics, our legal counsel, and elected officials, particularly Senator Avella, attended and testified at many meetings) and a proposal for a four story building was then submitted. It is still too big for our neighborhood and being built by a group whose financial resources are unknown. If they had stayed with their original plan to build a cultural center we would have had no objection. I will email members on my email list when I get news. If you can't wait until the next bulletin to find out the verdict, please send me an email.

It's "Tree-Cycling" Season; Curbside Christmas Tree Collection Offered by DSNY

DSNY will begin its annual Christmas tree curbside collection and recycling program on Monday, January 5. The program will run through Friday, January 16, 2015. City residents should remove all tree stands, tinsel, lights, and ornaments from trees before they are put out at for curbside collection. Clean, non-bagged Christmas trees that are left on the curb between Monday, January 5 and Friday, January 16, 2015 will be collected, chipped, and made into compost. The compost will be processed and subsequently spread upon parks, ball fields, and community gardens throughout the city.

Website Reminder:

Our website has been enhanced. Please take the time to visit. Soon you will be able to look at our "Ad Page" online. The website is rockyhillcivicassociation.com.

Advertisers wanted:

We still have spots available on our website. If you know a person who would like to advertise in our bulletin please send me an email rhca@verison.com

It is only \$30 for the whole year.

Health Care Proxy: This is a good time of the year to consider doing some very important planning that costs nothing more than some serious thinking and decision making. Create a Health Care Proxy. This document was made possible by the Task Force on Life and the Law that was created by former Governor Mario Cuomo (which is also a great legacy for him). The document is just as legal as a Living Will or any other Advance Directive created for a fee by a lawyer. With this document you can pick who you want to make health related decisions for yourself when you become unable to make decisions and also make your wishes known. You can obtain the document in any Hospital Admissions office or online at <http://www.health.ny.gov>. Type in healthcare proxy in the search box. You will get complete instructions and forms in multiple languages.

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.....

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.

