

Rocky Hill Civic Association Bulletin

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NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS
TUESDAY MARCH 12TH

THERE IS NO MEETING IN JANUARY OR
FEBRUARY

Happy New Year to all:

Thanks to everyone who chipped in to help us have such a successful Holiday Party. We had it in conjunction with the Bellerose Hillside Civic Association who celebrated their 75th Anniversary. We thank the local vendors who donated prizes for our raffle. We urge you to patronize them to show our thanks. Thanks to Bill and Donna Schmidt, Bernard Aquilino, Marge Toner, Candace Garrett and Manite Vilmeney who assisted in organizing the Party. We also thank those who aided with the clean-up. We were glad to welcome State Senator Tony Avella and Council Member Mark Weprin and a representative from State Assemblyman David Weprin's office.

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 28th. Community time begins at 7:15 PM.

Mark Weprin Sponsors Council Member for a day Essay Contest

The contest is for students in grades 5 through 8. The winner will travel to City Hall accompanied by a parent or guardian, meet with colleagues, sit for an interview with a reporter, and review constituent concerns. Any student who wishes to participate should write a composition of no more than five hundred words on the following topic: "Why I love Queens County".

Describe in detail the places you have visited, the foods you have eaten, or anything else you love about Queens. Each entry should include the student's full name, address, telephone number, school, grade and class. Students should submit their entries by Friday, January 18th, 2013 to Council Member Mark Weprin, 73-03 Bell Boulevard, Oakland Gardens, New York 11364 or to MWepri@ council.nyc.gov.

President's Message:

2012 has been a particularly busy year. Not only did we have our usual schedule of guest speakers at the eight membership meetings we conduct but we had a number of big issues that impact on our area. The biggest item was the rezoning of our area. We have been to many meetings, talked about it in our bulletin and at our meetings and finally it is happening. The final phase should be completed by mid-year. We also had major redistricting of our state and federal districts. Once again we were active in going to meetings and testifying. Our New York City districts are being worked on this year and we will keep you up to date on that. Other initiatives taken on this year was a very active reach-out to the two most influential entities within our civic community which are Van Buren High School and Creedmoor. Again many meetings have been attended. There is a new Principal at Van Buren, Mr. Sam Sochet and a new CEO at Creedmoor, Ann Marie Castella. We have established a working relationship with both and through continued dialogue hope to accomplish things that are both beneficial to the institution and the community. We also thank State Senator Avella and Council Member Mark Weprin for their help and support in reaching out to these institutions.

Of course we had our regular issues—potholes, street signage, health hazards, abandoned property, road and sidewalk repair etc. Some of these issues take many calls(I have been working on signage for my block, Billings St., for nine months now) but they are all important to maintain our quality of life.

Finally we had Super Storm Sandy and all the issues that brought. We were just lucky that we did not suffer the devastation seen in the shore areas.

So we count our blessings and hope for a prosperous and healthy New Year.

Local Merchants Contributing to Holiday Party

Best Paint Supplies 220-23 Jamaica Ave. Queens Village
Braddock Auto Service 235-15 Braddock Ave. Queens Village
By the Slice Pizzeria and Restaurant 236-09 Braddock Ave. Bellerose
C & T Hairstylists 248-16 Union Tnpke., Bellerose
Cara Mia 220-20 Hillside Ave. Queens Village
Gourmet Bake Shop 775 Hillside Ave., New Hyde Park
JR Bagels 222-10 Union Tnpke., Bayside
Minute Man Press 248-14 Union Tnpke, Bellerose
Nutracare Pharmacy Hillside Ave. Bellerose Manor
Omega Diner 1809 Lakeville Rd., New Hyde Park
Queens Village Deisel 218-02 Hillside Ave., Queens Village
Robert Mancz 222-33 Braddock Ave., Bellerose Manor
Rocky Hill Pharmacy 236-01 Braddock Ave., Bellerose
Rollin Greens 247 77 Jamaica Ave., Bellerose,
Sapphire Limo 80-22 232nd St., Bellerose Manor
Sew Right Sewing Machines 223-20 Union Tnpke., Bayside
Sewtime Sewing Centers 78-35 Springfield Blvd., Oakland Gardens
Stop and Shop at Hillside Ave., New Hyde Park
Village Liquors 248-62 Jericho Tnpke., Floral Park
Winchester's Pub 233-12 Hillside Ave., Bellerose Manor

COMMUNITY 

Condolences to the family of Margot Cigliano who died in December. She was a long time member of the Rocky Hill Civic Association.

Condolences to the family of Linda Davanzo of 88th Ave. She was a long time resident of our community.

Warning—Car Break-ins:

There has been a rash of car break-ins and robberies in the Bellerose area. Apparently gangs are just going down streets, breaking in and stealing. These have been happening at night. Please be alert and report any suspicious activity to 911 immediately.

New Advertisers:

Recently we added a new advertiser to our back page. It is an ad for computer services. We think our community may have a need of these services from time to time. We also have advertisers who cover such things as food services, car repair, real estate, banking, legal services, transportation, plumbing, law care, etc. We urge you to utilize their services and provide us with feedback on the quality of these services. This sharing of information is good for everyone—except perhaps the merchant who does not offer good service. Also, if you are aware of others who are interested in advertising in our bulletin please let us know. The cost is only \$30 for the year which means they get their ad in our newsletter eight times a year for that price.

Christmas Tree Recycling:

Recycling begins Wednesday Jan. 2nd and runs through Saturday Jan 12th. Residents should remove all tree stands, tinsel, lights and ornaments from trees before they are put out at curbside. Trees should not be placed into plastic bags. The trees will be collected and made into compost.

Special Alert:

The last exit in Queens off the Cross Island Parkway before the Whitestone Bridge, **3rd Ave. Exit**, will close to traffic on January 7th as part of a reconstruction project. The closure is expected to be in place for approximately two years.

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 2012

Name..... **Email**.....

Address..... **Phone**.....

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.

