

Rocky Hill Civic Association Bulletin

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NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS

Tuesday Dec. 13th at 7:30 P.M.

Location: P.S. 18 on 235th Court

(Between Hillside Ave. and 88th Ave)

SPEAKERS: Elected Officials and Community Leaders

Topic: Open Floor Discussion with the Elected Officials and Community Leaders in Attendance. This will be an informal meeting in conjunction with our Holiday Party. It will give everyone a chance to ask questions and get to know those who represent you.



Annual Holiday Celebration

Free Refreshments ~ Raffles ~ Merriment

This meeting is our annual **Holiday Celebration**. It is a great chance to take a break, get together with your neighbors, and relax for a while. During this season of peace and understanding, it is also great time to get to learn more about your neighbors and community.

➤ **Free Food and Refreshments**

➤ **Raffle –Gift Certificates from local merchants—lots of prizes**

If you have a favorite local merchant please ask them to donate a gift certificate. They can support their community while introducing new customers to their products and/or services.

Community Meeting

- **Community Board 13 will next meet on Dec. 19th at 7:30 pm**
The meeting will be held at the Mixon Center of the Maranatha Baptist Church at 112-46 Springfield Blvd.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

What does Tunisia have to do with us? Maybe not a lot—maybe more than we think.

We have all seen the news reports on its conversion to a democratic state. But what intrigued me is an article I read that reported on factors that were responsible for that conversion. According to the article the single most important element was the existence of “active Civic Associations”. Really!! Are Civic Associations, which hardly ever hit the news, that important to Democracy? Yes they are important would be our answer. Recently in our country a lot of the news has focused around the “Occupy Wall Street” movement. The movement has proclaimed the message that economic injustice in our country has hurt our democracy, placing too much power in the hands of the rich and powerful, instead of with “we the people” as our forefathers had envisioned. Polls show that a majority of Americans have sympathy for their views, although many also think the demonstrators should just go back to work. I believe we all need to work harder to make sure our democracy work.. I often think—how did we get in this situation where we feel powerless? This is our country—we are supposed to govern. We all need to be more involved.

Just some thoughts.

Last month I had a lot to report in the bulletin and did not take the time to thank the great group of people who make the Rocky Hill Civic Association work. First, thanks to Barney Aquilino for all he does on an ongoing basis. A special thanks to his wife Elsie and we hope that she gets well soon. Thanks to Craig Frey for continuing to fill in as Treasurer and for all the extra work he does. Thanks to Marie DeAngelis for the great work she does as Financial Secretary and to Candace Garrett who takes all our minutes as our recording secretary and Bill Schmidt our Seargent-at-Arms. And thanks to all our Board Members, Suwarna Rambukpotha, Manite Vilmeny, Linda Gritsch, and Patricia Morales.

We also have another group of support workers and that is the Block Captains who distribute your bulletins. A special thanks also to Lynn Lodato for maintaining our web site. Thanks also to our neighboring civic associations for all the support and help they give. Finally, thank you to our elected officials and city agencies who work with us to keep our neighborhood one of the best places to live and raise a family. I wish everyone a joyous holiday season and peace and happiness for the New Year.

Rest in peace—Pat Dolan

Pat Dolan who was the President of the Queens Civic Congress (QCC) was killed in a tragic accident on November 5th. The Rocky Hill Civic Association is a member organizations of the Queens Civic Congress. Pat will long be remembered for her tireless efforts on behalf of the people of Queens and even for people throughout the City. In addition to her day job and being President of the QCC, she was the head of the Flushing Meadows Corona Park Conservatory and was involved in many causes, committees and boards. In a memorial service held for her on Nov. 29th hundreds of people from across the city paid homage to her. Included in the group were borough presidents, a district attorney, many other state and city elected officials and countless civic leaders.

Pat was extremely knowledgeable and persistent. Through her hard work, she epitomized what a great civic leader could be.

Toy Drive

Assemblyman David Weprin is conducting a toy drive this holiday season. He is collecting new unwrapped toys for boys and girls. The collection will take place up until December 19th. Toys will be distributed to children and families in need and to local not-for-profit organizations who provide services for children with special needs. Toys can be brought to the following locations:

Assemblyman Weprin's office at 56-21 Marathon Pkwy, Little Neck, N.Y. 11362 **or**

Hollis Hills Jewish Center located at 210-10 Union Turnpike, Hollis Hills, N.Y. 11427

For further information, contact Assemblyman Weprin's office at 718-428-7900.

THANKS FOR MAKING OUR COMMUNITY BETTER

The Rocky Hill Civic Association normally works with New York City agencies in seeking to either maintain or improve our neighborhood. Recently we had assistance from agencies from New York City, New York State and the U.S. government.

- **The NYC Department of Transportation** milled and paved 88th Ave. this Fall. It took longer than we wanted and we did some nudging but it got done.
- **The U.S. Post Office** painted graffiti covered mailboxes on Seward Ave. and 88th Ave. It was initially requested in early Summer but did get done in the Fall.
- **The New York State Administration at Creedmoor** was very responsive to complaints from residents of Country Pointe about noise and unruly behavior. We are keeping our fingers crossed that the issue will not resurface.

Snow Removal

I received the name of a person who does snow removal. He is a private businessman and you would need to contact him for prices. He will set a yearly rate or charge for one time snow removal.

Call Mac at 646-251-7321.

Anti-Foreclosure Seminar:

New York State Senator Tony Avella will be co-hosting this seminar with MFY Legal Services, JASA Legal Services for the Elderly, Neighborhood Housing Services of Jamaica, and Legal Aid Society. The purpose of the seminar is to inform homeowners facing foreclosure of the many options available to them.

Date and Time: Saturday December 10th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Location: Poppenhusen Institute, located at 114-04 14th Road in College Point

Cease and Desist Listing:

Homeowners in our area are allowed to register in the New York Cease and Desist program which, when registered, prevents real estate brokers or salespersons from soliciting the sale, lease or the listing for sale or lease of residential property from homeowners who reside within a cease and desist zone. It allows homeowners to prevent all forms of real estate solicitation, which include the use of telephone, mail, delivery services, personal contact or otherwise causing any solicitation. Homeowners can register at:

<http://www.dos.state.ny.us/licensing/realestate/cdform.asp>

You will be registered through the New York State Division of Licensing, their phone number is : 212-417-5752.

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

Rocky Hill Civic Association, Inc. – Annual \$5.00 Dues Drive Receipt for 2011

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.

