

Rocky Hill Civic Association Bulletin

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**Rocky Hill Civic
Association (RHCA)**

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NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS
TUESDAY MARCH 12TH

THERE IS NO MEETING FEBRUARY

The speaker for March will be Paul Graziano. Paul is an expert on city zoning issues and was instrumental in helping our community obtain the zoning changes that are set to be implemented this year. Please mark this date on your calendar. This is the first time we have been rezoned in over fifty years and the changes will affect home values and the quality of life in our community.

Auction Carnival at Martin Van Buren High School
Friday February 22nd at 5:30 pm

Fun and Games for adults and children begin at 5:30 pm. The Auction starts at 7:30 pm. Please come out and support our local High School. The Auction/Carnival has been a tradition at Martin Van Buren for over 30 years. It all takes place in the school cafeteria. \$5 admission charge covers admission, game card, 3 free game tickets and a raffle ticket. A live auction takes place and all items which are donated by the community and local businesses are raffled off.

For additional information, or if you wish to make a donation for the raffle, contact Mr. Brian Greenspan, coordinator of student affairs, at 718-776-4728 Ext.5720.

Important Community Meetings open to the Public

✓ **105th Precinct Community Council**

At the 105th Precinct located at 92-08 222nd St.
Wednesday Feb. 27th from 8 PM to 9 PM

✓ **Community Board 13Q**

Bellerose Assembly of God, located at 240-15 Hillside Ave.
Monday Feb. 25th. Community Time begins at 7:30 pm.

President's Message:

Over the last couple months I received a number of calls from people who wanted to help those who were devastated by the Super-Storm Sandy. I would like to use this opportunity to thank all of you who organized events and/or sent contributions to those in need. Much still needs to be done but I am sure your help has been greatly appreciated.

As your civic organization, we too try to improve our community on a constant basis. Sometimes progress is agonizingly slow. I was contacted in the summer by one of our members about a dangerous condition at the corner of 88th Ave. and 235th Court. Cars turning on to 88th avenue were hitting into parked cars. The street is just too narrow there. The Department of Transportation finally agreed and this should be resolved by placing a "No Standing" sign near the corner. Last Spring I also requested sign replacements for Ashford St. and Billings St. on Braddock Ave. I have finally received a tracking number—so hopefully they will be replaced soon. We do thank Council Member Mark Weprin for his assistance in these matters.

We think by now most of the fallen trees have been taken care of. (We currently have a request to replace the trees that were damaged on the Union Turnpike median from the Grand Central Pkwy to the Cross Island Pkwy.) If you know of fallen trees please call 311 to report them.

There are no garbage or recycling collections on the following Holidays for 2013.

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| Tuesday | Jan. 1st | New Year's Day |
| Monday | Jan. 21st | Martin Luther King Day |
| Tuesday | Feb. 12th | Lincoln's Birthday |
| Monday | Feb. 18th | President's Day |
| Monday | May 27th | Memorial Day |
| Thursday | Jul 4th | Independence Day |
| Monday | Sep. 2nd | Labor Day |
| Monday | Oct. 14th | Columbus Day |
| Tuesday | Nov. 5th | Election Day |
| Monday | Nov. 11th | Veteran's Day |
| Thursday | Nov. 28th | Thanksgiving Day |
| Wednesday | Dec. 25th | Christmas Day |

Set out garbage after 5 pm (4 pm from October 1st to March 31st) on the Holiday for collection beginning the next day, which may occur earlier or later than normal collection. Recyclables should not be put out until the next week. When there are back to back holidays (e.g. two Monday holidays in a row) recyclables will typically be collected after the second holiday.

New York City Department of Environmental Protection Announces Water and Sewer Line Protection Plan.

You can now purchase a protection plan for repairs to your water line or sewer line. The lines that go from the street to your home are your responsibility if they break or spring a leak. The cost of a water line repair can be from \$3,000 to \$5,000 to repair. For a sewer line it can be up to \$15,000.

This program is being done in conjunction with American Water Resources. You can sign up and pay for it directly through your water bill. The cost is a reasonable \$3.99 per month (plus tax) for your water line protection and \$7.99 per month (plus tax) for the sewer line protection. You can sign up for either or both. Please remember the cost can change each year (there is already a small increase scheduled later this year). For more information go to nyc.gov and under "city agencies" pick "environmental-DEP". To sign up call: 1-888-300-3570.

Burglary Alert:

We have received an alert from the 105th Precinct that there have been burglaries in our area. Often these burglaries are occurring in daytime. If you see any suspicious person please call 911. Please keep your windows and doors to your home locked. If you have an alarm or video surveillance system please activate them when you leave your home. Please be aware of these conditions and speak to your neighbors and friends in your community about them.

Items for anyone who wants to pick them up:

- 2 White 1 inch Miniblinds, 32 inches wide 64 inches long –still in original box.**
- Light colored (oak) wood headboard, for 60 inch wide bed.**
- One Dell Photo 924 Printer. Believed to be working—hasn't been used in years.**

If interested, call 718-465-3608.

Candace Garrett has resigned from the position of **Recording Secretary**. She will be sorely missed.

We thank her for her years of dedicated service.

Suggestion:

It seems like the weather is getting windier all the time. As a result, garbage cans are being blown all over the streets. Often you are missing a can or may have someone else's. You may want to put your address on the inside of the can and cover—or even on the outside.

Book Store---worth a visit:

Transitional Services of New York which is an organization that treats individuals with mental disabilities, has a substantial population on the Creedmoor campus. Some of the individuals served by Transitional Services run a bookstore at 39-15 Bell Blvd. called "Turn the Page ... Again". You can take used books there and receive either a store credit or a tax deduction. Purchase of used books is very reasonable and this month they are running a special, \$1 for all books. The phone number is 718-767-2341.

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 2013

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.
