

# **Rocky Hill Civic Association Bulletin**

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**Rocky Hill Civic Association(RHCA)**

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## **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M.**

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

(Between Hillside Ave. and 88<sup>th</sup> Ave.)

**SPEAKER: Mr. Marvin Wigutow**  
**Account Executive, David Lerner Associates**

**TOPIC: Investments with Safety**

Pictured below is a demonstration held on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> in front of Food Dynasty in which the Rocky Hill Civic Association participated. Due to the efforts of Bob Friedrich, Senator Frank Padavan, Assembly Member Mark Weprin, and the members of the various civic organizations who participated in the demonstration, the supermarket will not close. Reportedly, a new 20 year lease has been signed.



## **President's Message:**

Last month I wrote about the Presidential Inauguration and the increased civic involvement across the nation. This month we have two stories on the local level that demonstrate the power of civic involvement. The first is the story pictured on page one. It came to the attention of some local civic leaders and elected officials that Food Dynasty, our local supermarket used by many of our residents, was in danger losing its lease. Senator Frank Padavan and Assembly Member Mark Weprin wrote letters. Bobby Sher and Kirby Lindell from Bell Park Manor Terrace, Bob Fiedrich from Glen Oaks Village and Senator Frank Padavan organized a rally to "Save Our Supermarket". Rocky Hill Civic, when it learned of this action, published a notice of this rally and a number of our members attended. Our efforts were successful and the supermarket has been saved. The loss of the supermarket would have been devastating to our community. We have many members, especially our elderly, who do not have cars to drive to supermarkets in nearby communities.

The second story is also one that I believe shows true civic and community involvement. In many ways the photographs of the **Inauguration Ceremony for State Senator Frank Padavan** below tell the story better than my words. It is a story of a well respected State Senator who won an election by a narrow margin. The election was challenged in the courts by his opponent despite the fact that ballots were counted three times by an impartial panel empowered by the Board of Elections. All this time our community was denied representation. Persons in the community, democrats, republicans and independents, who saw this happening, knew this was not right. Their response was to show up for this inauguration ceremony. 800 people packed the auditorium at Holy Cross High School on February 15<sup>th</sup>. This turnout for an inauguration of a local official is not a common experience. Rather, it reflects the fact that justice had finally prevailed. The support shown for Senator Padavan was simply gratitude for his years of support for our communities.



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### **Education Town Hall Meeting** hosted by **Assemblymember Mark Weprin**

**Date and Time:** Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 11 AM

**Place:** Queens Children's Center 74-03 Commonwealth Blvd, Bellerose

**For information:** Call 718-428-7900

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### **GOING GREEN IN QUEENS 2009**

This is a Greening, Educational and Networking Conference.

**Date and Time:** Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 2009 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**Place:** Al Oerter Recreational Center, 131-40 Fowler Ave., Flushing

**Details:** Free Admission, Free Workshops, Giveaways, Food, Fun

## Election of Rocky Hill Civic Association Officers and Board Members

A nominating committee has been established to recruit Officers and Board Members to run for election for the Rocky Hill Civic Association. Craig Frey will chair the committee. The other members are Linda Gritsch, John Masotti and Raymond Marcus.

The positions up for re-election include three members of the Board, the President, Sergeant-at-Arms and Treasurer. A person interested in running for an Officer position must be a member in good standing and have paid dues for three years. The Board position requires that you have paid dues for the last two years. The nominating committee will be preparing a list of candidates for the April Meeting. If you are interested in applying for a position please come to our next meeting where you can learn more about the duties and responsibilities of the available positions.

### DEADBEAT LANDLORDS AND DEVELOPERS

The Daily News has reported that hundreds of thousands of deadbeats owe the city more than \$2 billion in unpaid taxes, parking tickets, and overdue fines for violations like dangerous construction sites or dirty sidewalks. That's roughly half the money that Mayor Bloomberg wants to raise through layoffs and tax increases. City Councilman James Vacca (D-Bronx) has noticed that deadbeat landlords who fail to pay their bills or correct unsafe conditions are still being allowed to gain new permits and expand their empire. He is pushing for "bad actors" legislation to curtail that practice. We urge you to express your support to Councilman Vacca and to your local City Councilman ( David Weprin) or other elected officials.

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Correction: In last month's bulletin when talking about the expanded service for the Q27, on one line "Q79" was inserted in error. I apologize for the error.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**Condolences** to the family of **Marie de Angelis** of 236<sup>th</sup> St. who met an untimely death this past week. Marie was a longtime resident of the area and actively attended meetings and events of the Rocky Hill Civic Association. She had four sons and a daughter, also named Marie, who serves on the Board of the Association and is also our Financial Secretary. She will be missed.

**Condolences** to the family of Helen Gelb of Union Turnpike who died this past January. She was a RHCA member for 41 years.

**For Sale:** Dell Inspiron B120 Notebook (3 yrs old) with all software. Will do system restore for purchaser. Hewlett Packard Officejet 5610 all in one Printer-Print-Fax-Copy-Scan. (3 yrs old) with software, cables and extra ink cartridges (black & color). Asking \$600 or best offer. Notebook alone \$550. Printer alone \$100. Contact Gene Foster at 646-258-4461—leave message.

We apologize for omitting the following 2008 dues payers from last month's bulletin: Fields\* 233<sup>rd</sup> St., Wilking and Aaborowsky of 232<sup>nd</sup> St.

**Dues pay for the cost of renting a meeting place, our newsletters, support of local organizations & beautification projects.**

### Rocky Hill Civic Association, Inc. -- Annual \$5.00 Dues Drive Receipt for 2009

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, 80-35 236<sup>th</sup> 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.

