

Rocky Hill Civic Association Bulletin

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March 2010 Bulletin

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS

Tuesday Mar. 9th at 7:30 P.M.

Location: P.S. 18 on 235th Court

(Between Hillside Ave. and 88th Ave)

**Rocky Hill Civic
Association (RHCA)**

Email or send updates,
suggestions and questions
to:

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Bellerose Manor, N.Y.
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**SPEAKER: ELSY GUIBERT
PARTNERSHIP SPECIALIST, NYRCC**

TOPIC: 2010 CENSUS

The Speaker will provide information on the importance of the 2010 census and let us know what to expect as the count gets underway. Informational fliers will be provided. It is important that we cooperate with this effort since it will affect government funding for our community for years into the future.

2010 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Dear Neighbor: In 2006 we noticed the number of persons who were contributing dues had fallen to an all time low. In the next year, we conducted a vigorous dues collection drive and increased participation by 10%. However, since then, participation has once again dwindled. Interestingly the number of people who contribute extra amounts has increased. We always appreciate the extra contribution since it shows that many people truly value all the work we do for the community. However, what is most important is to have broad participation. This year we ask that, as usual, that you complete the dues form on p. 3 and mail in your dues. You may have already received a self addressed envelope. If your Block Captain has the opportunity to personally stop by and collect dues, please thank him/her for volunteering his/her time and services. In the spring, myself and other Board Members will be part of the effort to increase membership. If we get a chance to talk to you we will be glad to hear your concerns. We are willing to make this effort because it is most important to have as much community involvement as possible. Dues are used for such items as newsletters, mailings to public officials on your behalf, beautification projects, and support of local Little League and other organizations. We feel the dues of \$5 is one of the best investments you can ever make.

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President's Message:

In this newsletter I will tell you who to vote for in our next election.

Now that I have your attention, let me explain. We recently had a special election in which there were marketing fliers distributed which showed the opposing candidate in a very unfair light. There was an irresponsible use of a Nazi symbol, which many felt could be construed as implying that the opposing candidate would condone hate crimes. This is, of course, not the first time "dirty politics" has been used in an election. In another recent election our State Assemblyman was accused of supporting only certain groups and that accusation was completely without merit. Similarly our State Senator had many allegations thrown out against him by his opponent which were distortions and untruths.

The point is this. The best way we can improve this situation is to say we will not vote for those who lower themselves to using lies and distortions. If two candidates use these tactics, perhaps it is time to vote for that third candidate even if you think there is no chance of that person winning. If those who seek public office lie to us, they are showing they do not respect us and anyone who does not respect each and everyone of us does not deserve to be in a position of trust. We must demonstrate to those who lie and deceive, that there will be consequences. In this government of the people, by the people and for the people, we should never tolerate anything less than the truth.

COMMUNITY



Dues Acknowledgement:

I wish to acknowledge the following persons who were left off last month's 2009 dues payer list.

231st St Seigal and Hirschorn

CONDOLENCES

To the family of Jack Lockwood of Winchester Blvd. Jack was a longtime member of the Rocky Hill Civic Association and often attended our meetings.

To the family of Pat McParland of 236th St., a longtime Rocky Hill Civic Association supporter.

To the family of Nora Culley who was living in Maine but had been a long time resident, owning several businesses in the area.

Welcome and Thanks

To our new Block Captain for Union Turnpike, Ingrid Ulzheimer. We are grateful for your volunteerism. I am sure the residents of Union Turnpike are grateful to be receiving their bulletin once again.

The President of the Queens Civic Congress (QCC), Corey Bearak, has resigned. The QCC is the umbrella organization for all the civic associations in Queens. Patricia Dolan will assume the Presidency of the QCC. We thank Corey for his many years of service.

Census Jobs

There are job opportunities for census takers in our area. Pay for the jobs starts at \$18.75 an hour. Applicants must be 18 years or older and must take a test. You can begin the application process by calling (866) 861-2010. Please spread the word.

New York City Graffiti Removal Program

Property owners or their representatives may submit a waiver to the City, authorizing the GFNYC (Graffiti Free New York City Program), to clean their building up to 20 feet in height, at no cost to the owner. The form may be downloaded at www.nycedc.com/graffiti. Forms will also be available at our March 9th meeting. non-owners can call 311 to report graffiti on properties of others. The City will send them a notice to remove the graffiti along with a waiver.

QUEENS COUNTY FARM MUSUEM

This wonderful local institution opens its 35th Season. It is located at 73-50 Little Neck Parkway in Floral Park. Phone: 718-347-3276. Website: www.queensfarm.org
They have a calendar of events for the year. The early April events are listed below:

- ❖ April 3rd Saturday from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm-- Barnyard Easter Egg Hunt (Admission \$5)
- ❖ April 10-11 and 17-18. Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm Children's Carnival. Admission is \$9 per person to enter the grounds. Carnival rides included in price of admission.

GOING GREEN IN QUEENS 2010

A Greening, Educational and Networking Conference with free admission, free parking, free workshops, free food, free giveaways. Details are below:

Date and Time: Saturday March 27th from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

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

To Pre-Register: Herr281761@aol.com or GGIQ2010@yahoo.com

Important Community Meetings open to the Public:

➤ **105th Precinct Community Council**

At the 105th Precinct located at 92-08 222nd St.

Wednesday March 31st from 8 PM to 9 PM

➤ **Community Board 13Q**

At the Bellerose Assembly of God Church located at 240-15 Hillside Ave.

Monday March 22nd. Community time begins at 7:15 PM

Rocky Hill Civic Association, Inc. -- Annual \$5.00 Dues Drive Receipt for 2010

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.

