

Rocky Hill Civic Association Bulletin

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Rocky Hill Civic Association(RHCA)

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NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS

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

Location: P.S. 18 on 235th Court

(Between Hillside Ave. and 88th Ave.)

SPEAKER: Mr. Daniel Pianow
Queens Botanical Gardens

TOPIC: Composting

Free literature on "growing a lawn organically" will be provided.
Free literature will also be available on the Automated Meter Reading Program that will soon hit our area as well as the Free Rain Barrel Giveaway. (See page 2.)

Installation Ceremony for Newly Elected **RHCA Officers and Board Members**

Conducted By: Corey Bearak
President, Queens Civic Congress

Being Installed:

Frank Toner	President
William Schmidt	Sergeant at Arms
Dinesh Arjun	Treasurer
Craig Frey	Board Member

Coffee, Tea, and Cake

50-50 Raffle

(Thanks to Jessie Vukich and Gladys Villacres for the delicious home-baked goods at our last meeting.)

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

 **FLAG DAY -- SUNDAY JUNE 14TH**

PLEASE COMPLETE CEASE & DESIST FORM ON PAGE 3

President's Message:

As I write this bulletin we enter a time of year when there are a number of "Patriotic Holidays". On May 16th we had **Armed Forces Day**, a remembrance of all the sacrifices our men and women in the armed forces make. June 14th is the celebration of **Flag Day**, which is a remembrance of our symbol of freedom. The two more widely known and more celebrated holidays are **Memorial Day**, which just took place on May 25th and **Independence Day**, on July 4th.

Our July 4th holiday is traditionally the biggest and splashiest of the holidays, as it should be. It is our celebration of freedom from an oppressive ruler. It celebrates struggles under great hardship so that people could live in a fair, just society and pursue their dreams. Memorial Day is much more solemn, much more personal. It remembers the ultimate sacrifice so many have given. It is not a remembrance of war or of victory. Those who have died did not cause the war. They simply followed their conscience and did what they thought was right. In honoring the dead our wish should always be that we and future generations will do everything possible to prevent the conditions that lead to war. Personally I have known friends who have died in war as I am sure many who read this have. When I was a medic in Vietnam only one soldier died in my arms and that was a young Vietnamese soldier. He was probably like many of us, full of ideals and hopes for a better life. As I remember him and others, I always remember that to make this a better world, it starts with building your community. As one of the pegs of our great democracy, a community that shows respect and concern for others will do its part to make the "American Dream" a "World Dream".

Speaking of working together, I was very pleased recently to be invited to a meeting of civic, political, and religious leaders from this and nearby communities. The meeting was sponsored by the "Asian Indian Initiative for Greater Unity". It had the expressed purpose of bringing people of various ethnic and religious backgrounds together, to better help all to realize the American Dream. I applaud such efforts.

COMMUNITY



Collection Drive to Benefit the Boodram Family

Ghanwatti Boodram died in a gas explosion in Floral Park on April 24th. Assemblymember Mark Weprin announced a collection drive to benefit the family. You can bring or send gift cards or gift checks to: Public School 115Q, the Glen Oaks School, 80-51 261st Street. Floral Park, N.Y. 10004, 718-831-4010.

Automated Meter Reading (AMR)

AMR is coming to our neighborhood in the near future. We received this announcement and informational fliers about the program at our last meeting. The AMR system consists of small, low-power radio transmitters connected to individual water meters that send readings to a network of rooftop receivers throughout the city. There may be a need to access your home in the installation process. Detailed handouts about the program will be available at the next meeting. Additional information may also be obtained from the Department of Environmental Protection website: www.nyc.gov/dep or by calling 311.

Rain Barrel Giveaway Program

Our community has been selected to participate the New York City Department of Environmental Protection's Rain Barrel Giveaway Program. The rain barrels capture water from your roof and store it for future use such as watering your lawn or garden. This Pilot Program is free and includes the barrel and training. For more information call 311 or visit the DEP's website at www.nyc.gov/dep

National Night Out is scheduled for Aug. 4th from 5pm to 9pm at Alley Pond Park Union Tnpke and Winchester Blvd. Free Food and Fun. Mark your calendar.

To: Secretary of State
State of New York

(I) (We), the undersigned owner(s) of the property located at _____

Bellerose Manor, New York, New York County of Queens, are not desirous of selling such property and hereby revoke my (our) implied invitation to solicit for the sale or purchase of such property in any manner whatsoever and do not wish to receive any communication of whatever nature relating to such sale or purchase from any real estate broker or salesperson.

(I) (We) hereby request you, by virtue of the power vested in you as Secretary of State pursuant to Article 12A of the Real Property Law, to issue a Cease and Desist Order to all Licensed brokers and salespersons from solicitation of the undersigned, until such time as (I) (We) notify you to the contrary in writing.

Zip Code: 11427

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

Print Name(s) _____

Note: Completion of this form and the issuance of a Cease and Desist Order do not prevent an owner from selling or listing his or her home for sale with a real estate broker.

Cease and Desist Order

Please take the time to complete and send the above form to State Senator Frank Padavan's office: 89-39 Gettysburg Street, Bellerose, N.Y. 11426. This program has been in effect for about 20 years. It is up for renewal every five years and the renewal is coming due on August 1st. Please send it in soon after that date. Before this program went into effect, we were inundated by real estate people contacting us by mail, flyers, and by phone asking us if we wanted to sell our homes. Some used intimidation and unprofessional pressure tactics. Please take a few minutes to complete, cut out and mail in the form. It does not mean you cannot sell your home. You can sell your home at any time with the real estate agent of your choosing. You can also register and send it in on line by going to <http://www.dos.state.ny.us/lcns/cdform.asp> , after Aug. 1st.

**Blood Drive: Thursday June 11, From 12 pm to 5:30 pm. At the 105th Precinct
Located at 92-08 222nd St. For details call: 718-776-9176.**

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 236th 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.

