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This is the final print edition of the Beacon. It will end over 70 years of printed editions which started a few years after the BHCA was chartered in 1936. Starting next year, the Beacon will be issued in a new digital format that will be posted on our website and emailed to our subscribers.

This transition to a new format will save money and free up funds for more beautification projects in our community. We will continue to send postcard reminders about our general meetings and other activities. The Merchant Discount program will continue in 2020 and our loyal advertisers will have an opportunity to continue advertising in the e-Beacon and on our website.

We have much to be thankful for in our beautiful community. From our

supporting members, discount program merchants, generous advertisers, our vigilant police and civic partners, to friends and community helpers—we are blessed. Our appreciation also goes out to our editors, copywriters, and mail wranglers. A special heartfelt appreciation goes to **you, our loyal and constant readers** for the past several decades. And lastly, thank you to Ink-It Printing for always meeting our deadlines no matter the hour!

Happy Holidays from the BHCA Board and the entire Beacon team! See you on the web!

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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President's Message For our Tuesday, November 26th BHCA general meeting with the community at the Colonial Church of Bayside, Bell Boulevard, where Luke Place and 216th Street converge, I have a little homework assignment for everybody that I am sure many of you have already done. Nevertheless, once again before the aforementioned November 26th date, please take another walk around the Oakland Lake path. With that being said I am pleased to announce that one of our guests that evening will be none other than Matthew Symons, our New York City Parks Department Northeast Queens Administrator. Matt is in charge of the overall upkeep of the parks in the district, including Oakland Lake



*Depicted above is the path's reopening ribbon cutting ceremony when Oakland Lake reopened to the public. Standing between Park Rangers are Assemblyman Braunstein, Congresswoman Meng, Parks Commissioner Silver, Queens Borough President Katz, Councilman Grodenchik, Judge Iannece, former CB 11 District Manager Seinfeld, BHCA President Feiner, Queens Parks Administrator Symons, and former Queens Parks Administrator Lewendowski.*

Mr. Symons will discuss the maintenance of the lake and perhaps we'll get into some of the lake's history including how it became part of the finishing touches of the "Alley Creek-Oakland Ravine Project," thanks to our former BHCA President Jerry Iannece, our BHCA Board of Directors, three Queens Borough Presidents, the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, elected officials, and others.

Another guest is no stranger to the community; it's our renowned Gregg Sullivan, the founder, chairman and chief executive officer of Bayside Live TV. Over the years Mr. Sullivan has done some great work for the BHCA, including

covering in its entirety our most recent 9/11 observance that was streamed live and is available now on <https://www.facebook.com/122144277940464/videos/2447613175523095> All of Gregg's terrific coverage of our community is available on his Bayside Live TV - YouTube, and on their Facebook page. Gregg will be discussing some of the cultural projects he has been involved with in our community.

Of course we have invited the officers of our 111th Precinct for their regular NYPD report, along with our food drive (no perishables please) and our 50/50 raffle.



As I am writing this President's Message, I am singing Andrea Bocelli's "Time to Say Goodbye," because this will be the last time this publication will appear in hard copy. From now on your "Bayside Hills Beacon" can only be seen digitally on your computer, laptop, phone, and other devices. With that being said, please, please make sure we have your email address, and if not, kindly send it to us at

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So hope everybody can join us Tuesday, November 26th for our General Meeting at the Colonial Church, and do not forget our spectacular BHCA Holiday Lighting Festival, Sunday, December 8th 5:00 PM on our Bell Boulevard Mall and 53rd Avenue!

HAPPY  
**Thanks**  
**Giving**



**Come Celebrate With Us!**  
**Bayside Hills Civic Association's**  
*Holiday Lighting Festival*

**Sunday, December 8, 2019**

**5:00 PM**

**Bell Boulevard & 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Mall**



## SAFEGUARD YOUR HOME!

A resident's house in Bayside Hills was burglarized on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Metal security bar will not stop determined burglars. Here are some tips from the NYPD.

### Locks

- Use a deadbolt lock with a one-inch throw bolt or a heavy duty drop-bolt lock.
- Install a highly pick-resistant cylinder.
- Protect the cylinder with a guard plate.
- Do not use a double-cylinder lock; that is, a lock that has a key on both sides. It can be deadly if a fire breaks out.



### Lighting

Illuminate the perimeter of your house and door areas with enough light to see.



### Garage

Secure an attached garage as you would your dwelling, as it is an access point into your house.



### Shrubbbery

Cut or trim shrubbbery so that it does not obstruct viewing from inside or outside.



## PLANTING A SAPLING FROM A TREE THAT SURVIVED 9/11

Thank you John Bowne High School for this sensational addition to our community. Thanks also goes to Assemblywoman Nily Rozic; Ronald and Richard Keil who planted the sapling; Isabel Pulgarin, who continued to remind us about having this ceremony done; our Bayside Hills Civic Association Board members; my neighbor, Brenda Tow; David Noh of Councilman Grodenchik's office; and Hudy Rosenberg of Assemblywoman Rozic's office, who were also in attendance.

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# REMEMBERING 9/11, 18 YEARS LATER...

BHCA President Michael Feiner led the evening which included healing messages from Monsignor Martin Geraghty, *St. Robert Bellarmine R.C. Church* and Congregation L'Dor V'Dor, and Rabbi Gordon Yaffe, *Oakland Little Neck Jewish Center*. Our Cub Scouts Pack 142 and Boy Scouts Troop 142 opened the event with the presentation of colors and the Pledge of Allegiance. Our ceremony was streamed live by Gregg Sullivan of BaysideLive TV. Also in attendance were uniformed members of the NYPD Pct 111 (Captain John Hall, *Commanding Officer*) and the FDNY Engine 326/Ladder 160, Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, New York State Senator John Liu, State Assemblywoman Nily Rozic, Assemblyman Edward Braunstein, City Councilman Donovan Richards, City Councilman Barry Grodenchik, BHCA Board of Director and Community Board 11 Chair Eileen Miller, 9/11 first responder Joe Murray, and former BHCA president, Judge Jerry Iannece.

In the beautifully manicured garden, (courtesy of Garden World and Ron Keil), flags and candles were placed by BHCA residents who turned out in record numbers. The evening included a special ceremony when we renamed the northeast corner of the street "BAYSIDE HILLS 9/11 MEMORIAL WAY." Thank you and the community volunteers for supporting and participating in this year's ceremony. You make our community better and more livable for everyone.



Photos contributed by Carole Papadatos and Rich Kashdan—thank you!

# 2020 BHCA BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS!

Below is the slate for the BHCA Officers and Board of Directors for the term commencing January 2020. As this is an uncontested election, a motion will be made to elect the Board in its entirety. Once the motion is seconded, the voting will commence. We want to thank outgoing member Carole Papadatos, a long-time resident and Board member, for her outstanding service to our special neighborhood. You will be missed! The following candidates are running for BHCA Board of Director for the term beginning January 1, 2020. We are pleased to welcome two new board members:

## Bob Aufenanger

Mr. Aufenanger and his wife Mary have been active Bayside Hills residents since 1980. He graduated from St. John's University, is a CPA, and works as a consultant in the financial services industry.

He is active in the community and serves St Robert Bellarmine Parish as a Trustee, and is a member of its Finance Committee and Parish Council. Mr. Augenanger is also a member of St. Robert's Knights of Columbus and serves on the Board of ANIBIC, a local Bayside organization that serves the developmentally disabled population.

His interests include not for profit work, golf and the New York Yankees.

## SLATE

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## Nicholas Paolucci

Mr. Paolucci, 49, brings a career of public service and communications experience to the board. He has held numerous executive positions during more than two decades working for New York City and New York State, including through his current role as Director of Public Affairs for the New York City Law Department.

Mr. Paolucci and his wife, Dina, have one child. They reside in Bayside Hills.

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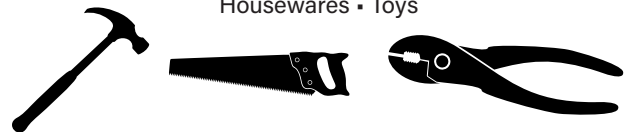
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