

# THE BAYSIDE HILLS BEACON

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## WATER MAIN CONSTRUCTION ZONE UPDATES!

**Q. Have contracts been signed with the new construction company?**

**A.** Yes, MFM Construction Corp. has signed the contract with the bonding company.

**Q. Has work begun?** **A.** Yes, work commenced on December 26th, 2016.

**Q. Has the old contractor removed their old equipment?**

**A.** All unnecessary equipment has been removed from the site by Trocom Construction Corp. All necessary equipment is being stored on site (50th Ave/Luke Place) is for MFM to complete the project.

**Q. What is the anticipated timeline for completion?**

**A.** The time of completion this contract is June 30, 2018 on 216th St. between 39th Ave/Luke Place.

*\*as of 1/6/17*



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# Happy New Year Everybody!

With your help the Bayside Hills Civic Association plans to do everything possible to make this a great year.

Finally, as you can see in an article elsewhere in this Beacon, the new construction company has officially begun taking over the massive upgrade of water mains and sewers in our neighborhood. I personally have met with the foreman of **MFM Construction Corp**, the company that replaced the bankrupt Trocom Construction Corp, and during the project's duration, I plan to be in contact with Community Board 11, serving as the liaison, and with the **Department of Design and Construction's Resident Engineer, Mina Marcos**, whose office is located **213-02 42nd Avenue, Bayside, NY 11361 Phone: 718.423.4307**. As promised, to learn how everything is progressing vis-à-vis the aforementioned water main and sewer project, please attend the **next Bayside Hills Civic Association general meeting. It will be held Tuesday evening, January 31st, 8:00 at the Colonial Church of Bayside, Bell Blvd. where Luke Place and 216th Street converge**. There will be representatives from the New York City DDC and MFM Construction Corp to update us on the project's schedule, including when the construction materials will be removed from 216th Street between 48th Avenue and Luke Place. As of this Beacon issue, I have made a request to the DDC that these materials be moved elsewhere in order to finally give residents, living along that area, their block back. The January 31st meeting will be a follow-up to the one we held November 29th when Ali Mallick, DDC's Deputy Commissioner of Infrastructure, appeared to explain and apologize for all the problems that occurred, and agreed to return with a more positive update for our next meeting.

**Is anybody interested in becoming a police officer?** Perhaps you know of someone who might be? Another featured topic at our January 31st meeting will be **NYPD recruiting**.

We will have as our guest that evening **Sergeant of New York City Police Department Recruitment Section, Timothy Everoski**, whom I met during Citizen's Police Academy meetings. (I graduated the Citizen's Police Academy January, 2010 and have attended meetings when possible ever since.) Up until his recent promotion to recruitment, Sergeant Everoski worked at Patrol Borough Queens

North, 103 Precinct, with then Queens North Commanding Assistant Chief Diana Pizzuti. When I learned of Sergeant Everoski's promotion, I asked if he would like to make a recruitment presentation at a BHCA meeting and he gladly accepted. New York is among the world's most diverse cities, so its police department needs to be as well. Their hiring process ensures equal opportunities for joining, and they welcome diverse candidates to help the NYPD reflect the communities they

serve. The NYPD also needs candidates who have language skills. Serving the great diversity of people living in New York City demands that they be able to communicate effectively with everyone.

Another tidbit of exciting news is that recently I heard from the office of State Senator Tony Avella that the Parks Department, the BHCA Beautification Committee, and the senator's office will soon be setting up a meeting to discuss the revitalization of **Dermody Triangle Park**. This has been a long time coming. Stand by, we'll have further developments in the next edition of the Bayside Hills Beacon!

Thanks again to all our participants and contributors at our BHCA Holiday Lighting Festival this past December 18th. If you get a chance visit our Bayside Hills Civic Association Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/BaysideHills](http://www.facebook.com/BaysideHills)) for pictures of the event taken by BHCA photographer Rich Kashdan. Also posted is Gregg Sullivan's Bayside Live TV's December 20th coverage of the event. There are over one hundred photographs, including some great performances by the children of P.S. 203. By the way, speaking of P.S. 203, we wish them a **Happy Year of the Rooster**. Their annual Lunar New Year extravaganza is fabulous. This year it will be held Wednesday, January 25th.

Our next meeting sounds interesting for sure. It's just another reason we are asking/inviting you to join us that evening and please ask neighbors and friends to come along with you. Of course as usual we have invited representatives from our own 111th Precinct for their regular report. Remember too that we'll have our usual food drive, 50/50 raffle, and wonderful refreshments. We will also be collecting for Valentines for Vets. Assemblyman Braunstein and the Law Offices of Ann-Margaret Carrozza are sponsoring our

community's **21st Annual Valentines for Vets gift drive**. Your donation of a card, candy, playing cards, puzzles, shaving cream, toothbrushes, toothpaste, or NEW clothing items are much appreciated.



## FITNESS TIPS TO ACHIEVE YOUR NEW YEAR GOALS

### • Be prepared for lapses

A lapse is when you temporarily "fall off the wagon." This is a normal part of the process; no one is perfect. It is important for you to take a moment to recognize that you got sidetracked, but don't use it as an excuse to throw in the towel. Every day is a new chance to start over, so return to your healthy lifestyle immediately.

### • Eat Breakfast Everyday

Eat a big healthy breakfast as early as possible. You will have more energy and it will keep you feeling full so you eat less later.

### • Exercise

Incorporate exercise into your life. Take it slow at first, and then increase your time and/or intensity once you feel comfortable. If you haven't exercised in a while, talk to your doctor to make sure that you are healthy enough to begin an exercise plan.



## MAIL THEFT TIPS!

• **"CHECK WASHING"**: There have been incidents where mail has been stolen from residential and U.S. Postal mailboxes. Criminals erase the ink on a check using assorted chemicals and then rewrite the checks payable to themselves. When writing checks, utilize a **Uniball 207 gel pen**. This pen uses pigmented ink which adheres to the paper, making it difficult to alter the payee and value of the check.

• **MAIL DROP OFF**: Avoid leaving outgoing mail in mailboxes over Sunday and holidays when the mail carriers don't work. Drop off your mail as close to the last collection time as possible.

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# JANUARY REMINDERS

• The **Lunar New Year parade** in Flushing is on **Saturday, February 4**, beginning at 11 a.m. The parade route begins at Union Street and 37th Avenue and usually ends at Main Street and 39th Avenue. Have an auspicious and joyous year!



### • Please remember to pay your BHCA 2017 membership dues!

We still have many structures within our neighborhood that are in need of repair (atriums on Horace Harding & 48th Avenue, replacing planters on the malls, new signage at Bayside Hills entryways). Your dues help us keep our community looking great!

• Accepting adult men's clothing to donate to the American Legion. **Contact Sebastian at 718-225-3438.**

• **Please attend our next General Meeting on Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 8pm!** Food pantry collection & 50/50 Raffle at every BHCA General Meeting.



Please email us at [baysidehillscivic@gmail.com](mailto:baysidehillscivic@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns you may have. Feel free to let us know of any upcoming neighborhood events that you would like us to add to our calendar!



## BHCA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

A special community scholarship will be awarded to two (2) high school and two (2) middle school students who are residing in a BHCA paid-member household. Four \$50 awards (funded by the Bayside Hills Civic Association) are presented to students who demonstrate **leadership qualities, concern for civic responsibility and good citizenship. Disciplines include environmental sustainability, volunteerism, advocacy for clean air and safe sustainable transportation, public health, education and other livability concerns.** Recipients must demonstrate all-around achievement in scholarship, character, and civic responsibility.

**Please provide an essay application (1-2 pages) detailing your qualifications, along with your name, address, current grade and school, email and phone number. Applicants are encouraged to include letters attesting to their achievements.** Winners will be announced in *The Beacon*.

**Essays must be post-marked by May 15, 2017 to:** BHCA, P.O. Box 640246, Bayside Hills, NY 11364

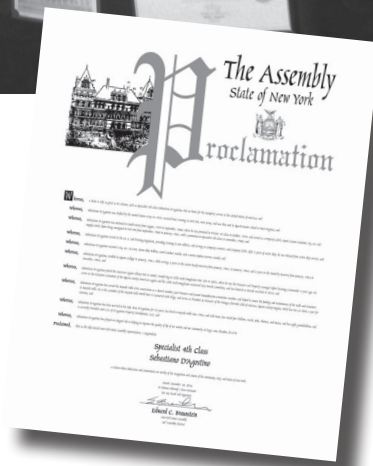
## Congratulations SEBASTIAN D'AGOSTINO!

On Thursday, November 10th, BHCA Board of Director, Sebastian D'Agostino, was honored by the Jefferson Democratic Club for his service to his country and service to his community. At their November 10, 2016 meeting, in honor of Veterans Day, the club paid tribute to Specialist 4th Class Sebastiano D'Agostino. Assemblyman Edward C. Braunstein presented Sebastiano with a New York State Assembly Proclamation, Council Member Barry Grodenchik presented a New York City Council Citation, and Council Member Paul A. Vallone provided a Council Citation.

Specialist 4th Class D'Agostino, enlisted in the US Army in 1959. He was stationed in South Korea from 1959-1960 and at Fort Dix from 1960-1961. He is a recipient of the Hq. Co. 1st Corp Korea Blue Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and a Korea Defense Service Medal. In addition to his service to our country, Specialist 4th Class D'Agostino is the Post Commander of Little Neck-Douglaston American Legion Post #103, a Board Member of our Bayside Hills Civic Association, serves on the Executive Committee of the Queens County American Legion, and the Little Neck-Douglaston Memorial Day Parade Committee. Sebastian is also President & Treasurer of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America, Queens County Region.



From left to right: Male District Leader Assemblyman Ed Braunstein, honoree Sebastian D'Agostino, City Councilman Barry Grodenchik, Jefferson Democratic Club Female District Leader Carol Gresser, JDC officers Matt Silverstein, and President Dave Fischer.



## 2016 Holiday Festival!

Our holiday event was another success! Thank you to all who braved the elements to come and celebrate with us. Special gratitude to all of our guest speakers, performers, the 111th Precinct, New York City's Community Emergency Response Teams, Ron Keil, Garden World, the Burke Family, volunteers and the tireless work of our Board of Directors who help put this event together for our neighborhood.



Photos courtesy of Rich Kashdan

## Our Bright Christmas Season

The spirit of the Christmas season has once again been captured by the creative light displays adorning the homes of many Bayside Hills residents. We appreciate the time and effort our neighbors take to brighten our neighborhood during this festive season. Each year the holiday light committee has the enjoyable assignment of driving through the Hills to recognize and highlight some of the more memorable displays. We would like to commend everyone for helping to make our season bright and in particular the following homes were exceptionally noteworthy:

48-22 215th Street  
48-26 215th Street  
53-08 213th Street  
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56-32 213th Street

56-10 Bell Boulevard  
58-12 218th Street  
58-16 219th Street  
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56-07 212th Street



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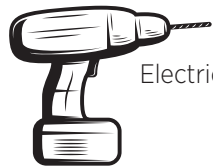
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It's that time of year again! Your Bayside Hills Civic Association membership dues are up for renewal! The Bayside Hills Civic Association is an open homeowner membership organization representing over 1,200 households within the boundaries of Bayside Hills. Our mission is to promote a safer, more livable community. The BHCA Board is volunteer-powered and service-driven. Its advocacy, beautification, and communication work rely solely on the support of members, sponsors, *Beacon* advertisers, and participating discount merchants to maintain and improve our neighborhood. **Here is a simple info graphic to show how dues were spent in 2016.**



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