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Come ZOOM with us!

**Our next GENERAL MEETING
will be held on June 23 at 8pm
via ZOOM link provided here.**

Invited guests: Melody Leib, *Project Director of 26Q390*
(currently St. Robert Bellarmine Roman Catholic Church),
Captain John Portalatin, City Councilman Barry Grodenchik,
and BHCA board member Eileen Miller, NP.



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- Depending upon the number of participants who have questions and wish to speak, it may be that not all participants will be able to speak due to time constraints.
- If a participant is not unmuted due to time constraints, please email your question to BHCA at baysidehillscivic@gmail.com



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• PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE •



Kudos to the New York City Department of Parks for all the work they have done vis-à-vis the maintenance of one of our absolute jewels in our community, Oakland Lake and the Oakland Lake path. Among other things, not only has the foliage been trimmed at prime locations but the damaged area on the south side of the path has been fenced off for our safety, with the hopes that one of these days we will see the area restored to its original splendor.

During our recent COVID-19 restrictions I have had the opportunity to truly explore our Bayside Hills community and its surrounding areas as a frequent jogger. Over the course of these past few months I have taken the opportunity to jog within an approximate three mile radius of our Bayside Hills home and found it to be quite enjoyable. Some of these places I have not been to in many years and if not for the pandemic I probably would not have frequented these areas for quite some time. With that being said, here is my list of the top ten places you can walk or jog around our Bayside Hills neighborhoods. Many of these areas you can walk to and none are more than about a ten minute ride away. Here they are in no particular order:

- **Traverse up and down the streets of Bayside Hills:** Springfield Boulevard to the east, 211th Street to the west, 48th Avenue to the north and Horace Harding Expressway to the south.
- The aforementioned path around **Oakland Lake**. There are entrances along Cloverdale Boulevard, Springfield Boulevard and 46th Avenue.
- **Little Bay Park** beginning at Fort Totten: During one of your trips there, be sure to go out the north end of the park by Utopia Parkway, and jog/walk around the Cryders Lane area.
- **Alley Pond Park:** Enter on 73rd Ave. Be sure to run around to Motor Parkway which is on the south side of the park.
- **Motor Parkway:** East is Alley Pond Park, West is Cunningham Park
- **Douglas Manor:** Begin your trip on Marathon Parkway and

Northern Boulevard. Go north and stay to the left. You'll pass the LIRR tracks, Udalls Cove, a beautiful park, and finally you'll get to the shores of Long Island Sound. Just keep bearing left and eventually you will be heading south on Douglaston Parkway back to Northern Boulevard.

- **The Bowne Park** path: Be sure to check out the turtles in the lake.
- **Francis Lewis Park** and the surrounding streets of Malba. One of Queens most exclusive areas most notable for its waterfront, large homes and winding roads.
- **The Joe Michael's Mile:** The path along the shores of Little Neck Bay. The mile-long path runs out of Crocheron Park and in front of Ft. Totten, and features pine oak and honey locust trees that provide shade along the path as well as benches for exercisers to rest or enjoy the view of the bay and surrounding marshland.
- **Queensborough Community College** track (Once it's reopened) on 56th Avenue between Springfield and Coverdale Boulevards.

We have been experiencing some troubled times for sure. Hope this Bayside Hills Beacon issue's President's Message finds everybody well and that you have enjoyed the top ten jogging/walking list. **Please join us June 23rd at our next general meeting coming to you via Zoom Teleconferencing.** Invited guests include Melody Leib, Project Director of 26Q390 (currently St. Robert Bellarmine Roman Catholic Church) back to discuss the opening of our new Bayside Hills school; Captain John Portalatin (or a representative) discussing suspicious vehicles and activities in Bayside Hills; City Councilman Barry Grodenchik, who has been asked to update us on the upkeep of Bayside Hills malls, and maintaining our Bayside Hills identity; and Eileen Miller, NP and BHCA board member, who will be sharing information about *Stress & Covid 19*.

• BAYSIDE HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION •

A Socially-Distant Memorial Day



With the assistance of Gregg Sullivan's BaysideLive TV, and Gregg's Associate, Teddy Byrne, we're presenting our annual BHCA Memorial Day Observance with footage from our 2019 event. This year's program appeared virtually via mass emails and on our social media outlets. Hopefully, this was seen by an extremely large audience in lieu of our usual ceremony that has been conducted every year on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend.

Although this is not the same as being at our BHCA ceremonial site at the Bell Boulevard Mall and 53rd Avenue by our flagpole in person, we nevertheless will be able to celebrate this great American holiday with excerpts from our 2019, best attended Memorial Day observance in the history of the BHCA.

<https://youtu.be/ydWhRObVxrM>



The Bayside Historical Society also held a special ceremony on Memorial Day paying tribute to veterans for their service and sacrifice by laying a wreath at Captain Dermody Triangle in Bayside Hills. Every year, a flower wreath is laid by the Triangle, located at 48th Avenue and 216th Street, honoring Captain William Dermody, a dedicated and outspoken abolitionist who was mortally wounded in the Civil War on May 12, 1864, during the battle of Spotsylvania in Virginia.



• BAYSIDE HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION •

Happy 100th Birthday!

-from Bayside Patch writer Carlotta Mohamed.... A Bayside Hills woman celebrated turning 100 with the socially-distanced birthday bash of a lifetime. Louise Ceci Jacobson, also known as Louisa or Louie, entered the centenarian club Sunday by partying the day away to the tune of a car cavalcade of friends and family circling her home, followed by lunch in her backyard. State Sen. John Liu and City Council Member Barry Grodenchik also joined the weekend's festivities by presenting Jacobson with proclamations from their offices.

"She was just overwhelmed," her daughter, Carole Jacobson Papadatos, told Patch of the birthday celebrations. "She loved it." Jacobson previously served on the board of the Bayside Hills Civic Association.

Louise was born in Vallacorsa, Italy, and became the first woman from her town to attend college after enrolling in the University of Rome. She continued her studies at the University of Southern California, then Hunter College in New York City. She worked as a language teacher in New York City and Long Island schools and is fluent in English, Spanish and Italian.



From Councilman Grodenchik's Office

1. Phase 1 began on Monday, June 8th. Phase 1 includes construction, manufacturing and wholesale trade. Retail operations are also included in Phase 1, but limited to curbside or in-store pickup or drop off.
2. The state is launching a new focused testing strategy in NYC to closely monitor reopening. The state will perform approximately 35,000 tests per day in New York City, which enters phase 1 of reopening June 8th. Additionally, the state is prioritizing 15 testing sites across the city for individuals who have participated in protests. More information on where and how to get tested for COVID-19 is available at <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>.
3. Outdoor, socially distanced graduation ceremonies of up to 150 people will be allowed beginning June 26th. This is subject to any outbreaks or significant changes in the metrics.
4. Summer day camps statewide can open on June 29th.
5. A reminder that the State has a mental health hotline available for anyone who needs it. We cannot underestimate how a crisis can impact our mental health. Remember: You are never alone. For free emotional support, consultations and referrals to a provider, call 1-844-863-9314.
6. Good news on Coronavirus testing results. The state tested 60,435 people as of June 6th for COVID. Of those, only 781 were positive—about 1% of the total. That's very encouraging news to see as we accelerate reopening the state.
7. Here is the MTA's Action Plan for reopening: <https://new.mta.info/coronavirus/reopening-plan>

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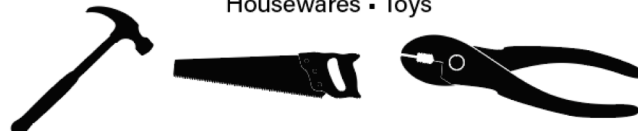
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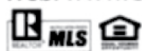
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