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BAYSIDE HILLS WATER MAIN PROJECT ON HOLD AGAIN

Residents may have noticed that the water main project along 216th Street has once again come to a halt. The reason being that water can not be turned off during the summer months. Work will not begin again until September—which will hopefully not delay the June 2018 completion date. If you have further questions, please contact the Department of Design and Construction's resident engineer, Mina Marcos at 718-423-4307. We will do our best to keep everyone updated as often as possible. Please check our website, Facebook and we will also send email alerts as we hear of news.



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IT'S THE START OF SUMMER!

At our next **Bayside Hills Civic Association General meeting, Tuesday, June 27th** the featured guest speaker, once again back by popular demand, will be **Anthony Iuliano**, our New York City Department of Buildings Intergovernmental & Community Affairs Director for the borough of Queens. As in the past visit, we are asking the BHCA Zoning Committee, as well as the community, to submit any questions you may have for Mr. Iuliano, to baysidehillscivic@gmail.com. I will be collecting your questions between now and right up until a couple of days prior to our meeting, and will submit them to Mr. Iuliano. In addition, I will continue following up until our concerns have been taken care of in the best manner possible.

The meeting will include a special ceremony honoring our retiring **Community Board 11 District Manager Susan Seinfeld**. Seen in the photo to the right, she is receiving a proclamation from the New York City Council by Councilmen Paul Val-lone and Barry Grodenchik at her very last CB 11 meeting as District Manager. Susan began work as CB 11 District Manager late August, 2004. She had worked with David Weprin. Her position with Weprin gave her plenty of experience dealing with city government since she was actively involved in problems dealing with transportation, buildings, zoning, housing, parks, education and sanitation. Over the years she has appeared at many of our civic events and helped publicize them, but most importantly, has always been a tremendous friend and supporter of the Bayside Hills Civic Association. For that we will always be eternally grateful.



As usual we have invited officers from the **111th Precinct** to give their regular police report. Do please remember our **50/50 raffle and food drive**, (non-perishables please).



Hopefully by now you have noticed the Bayside Hills Beacon has a state-of-the-art updated appearance thanks to our BHCA creative director, **Yvonne Wong Fein**. In addition Yvonne was able to recruit some student volunteers, **Yang Li and Glenn Heckman Jr.** to revitalize our BHCA website and bring it into the twenty-first century. Please visit www.baysidehills.info to see what I mean. Although this website is still a work in progress, you will have to agree its improvements are already extraordinary. As years go by and our membership unfortunately has declined, the BHCA continues to increase our efforts to make our presence known as best we can with the help of this aforementioned enhanced website. In addition, local neighborhood volunteers, some of whom you may have seen working on Bell Boulevard during the BHCA Mall

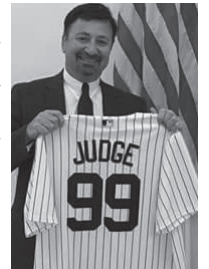
Clean-Up Fest, constantly updated signs advertising our events on Bell Boulevard. Thanks to Carole Jacobson Papadatos and Yvonne Wong Fein, the administrators of our meticulously run and constantly updated Bayside Hills Civic Association Facebook page (Carole) and email account (Yvonne). Other social media, and local print and television media, including this Bayside Hills Beacon publication, all denote our efforts in this endeavor. Optimistically speaking, everything's cyclical, so we are looking forward to the day our membership will increase to the numbers of years past, as will turnouts at our general meetings, Memorial Day and 9/11 observances, and Holiday Lighting and Spring Festival events.

Thanks to everybody who contributed to our successful BHCA Memorial Day observance this past May 27th. Much appreciation to our elected officials: **Congresswoman Grace Meng**, (who donated a new American flag that first flew over the U.S. Capital Building in Washington DC), Councilman Barry Grodenchik, Assemblyman Ed Braunstein, and Assemblywoman Nily Rozic; the BHCA Programs and Beautification Committees who helped set everything up, our clergymen: Monsignor Geraghty and Rabbi Agin; our Boy Scouts Troop 142; Little Neck-Douglaston American Legion Post #103; singing star Rhea Arkin; our New York City Department of Parks liaison Joseph Block; audio expert Jess Feiner; NYPD officers from our 111th Precinct who directed traffic; and of course the residents of our wonderful community who came out on a beautiful morning to join us.

It was also fantastic that we were able to announce to the audience at our Memorial Day observance the good news that former BHCA

President **Jerry Iannece** was sworn in as a NYC Civil Court Judge the day before. Everyone who knows Jerry's work ethic feels this was well deserved and we wish him all the luck in the world at his new position. For me personally, Jerry had enough faith in me to suggest that I become BHCA President back in

2002. To this day Jerry has been available when I need his advice and for that I will always be grateful.



In conclusion, please join us for our next important general meeting at the Colonial Church June 27th at 8:00 PM. Please invite all your friends and neighbors and help us have a large turnout. Show our New York City Department of Buildings Community Affairs Director, Community Board 11 members, our elected officials, and media reporters covering our event how much our neighborhood means to us.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER EVERYBODY!



SUMMER CALENDER REMINDERS

- Please attend our next **General Meeting on Tuesday, June 27th at 8pm!** Food pantry collection & 50/50 Raffle are held at every BHCA General Meeting.
- **Friday, June 24** Family Fun Field Fun Day; 12-3pm @ Fort Totten Park Parade Grounds
- **Wednesday, June 28** Northeast Queens Concert and Fireworks; Concert @ 8pm, Fireworks @ 9:15pm; Fort Totten Park Parade Grounds
- **Thursday, July 13** Magic by Georgie Porgie; 10:30am, Crocheron Park Buzz O'Rourke Playground
- **Tuesday, July 18**, Pre-K Early Literacy Workshop, 9:15am at MS 74, Register Lori Butera, lbuttera@schools.nyc.gov
- **Thursday, July 27** Shakespeare's "Henry IV, Part 1"; Kids Program @ 7pm, Main performance @ 7:30pm, Crocheron Park (35th Avenue, west of Cross Island Parkway)
- **Friday, July 28** MOVIE NIGHT Across from Golden Pond, Kids activities @ 7:30pm, Film, 15 minutes after sunset, Crocheron Park, "Finding Dory"
- **Tuesday, August 1** at MS 74, Walk and Talk with the Superintendent; Register Lori Butera, lbuttera@schools.nyc.gov
- **Wednesday, August 2** at PS 46, 64-45 218 Street, Coding in the Classroom, Register Lori Butera lbuttera@schools.nyc.gov
- **Tuesday, August 22** Puppets in the Park presents "Cinderella Samba"; 10:30am, Alley Pond Park (76th Ave and Springfield Blvd)

HEALTH CORNER **STROKE PREVENTION**

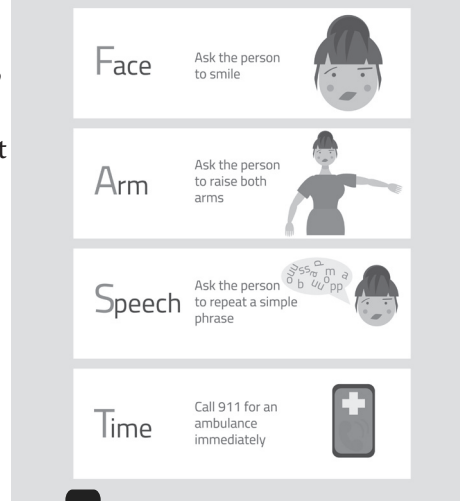
Strokes are the leading cause for long term disability. In the United states, someone has a stroke nearly every forty seconds. While there are genetic factors to be accounted for, there are steps that can be taken to prevent the likelihood of having a stroke. The biggest contributing factors are high blood pressure and weight, which can be controlled.

How to Control Blood Pressure and Weight

- Reduce salt intake
- Avoid high cholesterol foods like burgers and ice cream
- Eat more fruits and vegetables
- Exercise at least thirty minutes a day

—Benjamin de Leon III

Warning signs of a stroke



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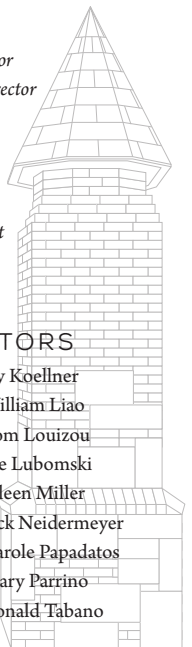
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Please email us at baysidehillscivic@gmail.com with any questions or concerns you may have. Feel free to let us know of any upcoming neighborhood events that you would like us to add to our calendar!

IN MEMORY OF RICK SKUTCH

It is with deep sadness that we mourn the passing of Rick Skutch, a BHCA board member. Rick served as Treasurer for two years and brought a fresh and positive perspective to that role. Rick and his wife of 35 years, JoAnn have been Bayside Hills residents and active community advocates for 27 years. Rick was a self employed CPA who served both corporate and individual clients. His calm and empathetic demeanor helped him to establish and maintain an extremely loyal client base. Indeed, he may have been the only accountant whose clients LOOKED FORWARD to seeing him once a year during tax season. Rick was an avid Mets fan and perhaps it was his "GOTTA BELIEVE" outlook that helped him face his own recent health issues with positivity and fortitude. Rick is survived by JoAnn and his two sons, John and Brian. Rick's kindness and gentle nature will forever remain in the memories of his grandchildren Alexa, Elliot, Clara and Norah.



BHCA RICK SKUTCH SCHOLARSHIP AWARD* WINNER

Marina Tsimisiris, 8th grade | St. Nicholas William Spyropoulos School

One of the benefits of Bayside Hills Civic Association (BHCA) membership is being able to apply for the student scholarship award. Annually, two middle school and two high school students of current BHCA member households are eligible for a \$50 scholarship award. The awards are presented to students who have demonstrated leadership qualities and 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. Students were asked to provide an essay application (1-2 pages) detailing their qualifications and were encouraged to include letters attesting to their achievements. The application deadline was May 15.

This year, one student, **Marina Tsimisiris**, an 8th grade graduate from St. Nicholas William Spyropoulos School in Flushing, will be awarded a scholarship at our June 27th general meeting. Marina's family have lived in Bayside Hills (and have been enduring members of the BHCA) since 2000. Marina was also born and raised in Bayside Hills. Marina's essay described her passion and dedication to environmental sustainability lifestyles. She will be attending Archbishop Molloy High School, located in Briarwood, Queens, in September. She loves math, biology, and technology. Congratulations Marina! The BHCA and community are pleased to present this award to you in celebration of your dedication to making our community and world greener.

**Formerly known as Bayside Hills Civic Association Scholarship*

JOIN BHCA'S GARDENING GROUP!

If you have a green thumb and would like to help us with up-keeping our flowers in our malls, please feel free to contact BHCA board member **Rita Kashdan at 917-330-1542**



OUR WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING!

PLEASE VISIT US AT WWW.BAYSIDEHILLS.INFO

WE'RE OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE IT BETTER!

THANKS to all who came out to HONOR OUR VETERANS on Memorial Day!



The Bayside Hills Civic Association held our annual memorial day ceremony on Saturday, May 27th. We were fortunate to have a bright sunny day to honor all our veterans and to have a good turnout from the community. Our invited guests were present and Will Liao did a magnificent job reciting a poem about a soldier. Dunkin' Donuts on Northern Boulevard has been generous to us for many years by donating coffee and munchkins for our Memorial Day ceremonies. Once again thank you for your continued support and contributions. The ceremony and the participation of our neighbors definitely brought pride and respect to our veterans.

Photos courtesy of Rich Kashdan

GET UP AND ACTIVE THIS SUMMER!

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The nearest one is on Sundays in Cunningham park @ 9am

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Come to Alley Pond Park for free events like

Tai Chi on Fridays @ 9am

(228-06 Northern Blvd. Douglaston, NY)

Check for more events at

www.nycgovparks.org/parks/alley-pond-park/events/page/1

—Benjamin de Leon III



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BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR SERIES

LESSON 2: CONSIDER YOUR NEIGHBOR'S LIFESTYLE

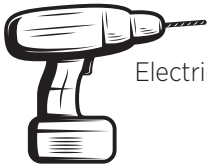
Get to know your neighbors—what they do for a living, what their schedules might be like, and so on. Sometimes, you can remedy problems before they even start; for example, if they work nights, quiet mornings will be important for them. If they have young children, quiet evenings will be very important to them. Similarly, give them information that'll help them be more considerate of your lifestyle. If you do a lot of yard work, or if your teenage son plays the drums, let them know in advance and mention that if it's getting too loud, they shouldn't hesitate to let you know.

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**WE'RE LOOKING FOR
VOLUNTEER WRITERS
& FACT CHECKERS!**

We want to create the best newsletter we can for our community, but we need your help! If you're interested in helping us at The Beacon with your talents, please feel free to contact us at **baysidehillscivic@gmail.com**.

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES!

THANK YOU to all who've already renewed your dues for 2017! We appreciate your generosity. For those who haven't yet, there's still time! 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.**



2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES

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