

# THE BAYSIDE HILLS BEACON

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## CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON 795-SEAT CARDOZO H.S. ANNEX



Cardozo's 3-story annex will open in 2022 and will include 27 classrooms, a Science (STEM) Lab, Robotics Lab, Court Room, Media Center and Production Room and will help alleviate overcrowding at the HS which is at 149% capacity. The annex, which will be fully accessible and air-conditioned, is scheduled to open in September 2022, according to a press release. School Construction Authority staffers are responsible for the building's design, and Arnell Construction Corp. has a \$47.8 million contract to build the annex. Work started in August, according to the School Construction Authority.



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## GENERAL MEETING

Colonial Church of Bayside

Located on Bell Blvd., where Luke Place and 216<sup>th</sup> Street converge

TUESDAY, JAN 28 • 8PM



I know, I know, every time I advertise our next BHCA general meeting, everyone is always encouraged to join us, and I make it sound as though this meeting will be the best one ever. This time our plans for the **Tuesday, January 28th BHCA general meeting with the community at the Colonial Church of Bayside, Bell Boulevard, where Luke Place and 216th Street converge**, is absolutely sensational. I am sure you will agree.

Our featured guest will be **Paul DiBenedetto, President of the Bayside Historical Society**, who will give us a fascinating history lesson on our Bayside community including once again Dermody Triangle Park. Speaking about that park, we have tried everything possible to finally come up with a “shovel to the ground” date for Dermody’s revitalization project. Our plan and our hope is that elusive date is going to be announced by State Senator John Liu’s office on or before that evening. In honor of this fantastic news I will be compiling and posting a collection of pictures and articles that you will find most interesting about this landmark site in Bayside Hills. Be sure to look out for it on our social media venues. (See page 5 for more historical images of Dermody Triangle.)

At our meeting, BHCA treasurers will give our financial report pertaining to some of our improvements including recently installed planters, beautiful Bayside Hills signs, the spectacular painting of area fireboxes, repairing our iconic guide towers on 216th Street and 48th Avenue, refurbishing our Bayside Hills clock, and those cupolas on 48th Avenue. (211th & 212th Streets)

As usual we have invited our 111th precinct’s officers to make their regular report, plus we’ve invited our Precinct’s new commanding officer, Captain John Portalatin, who has previously served with the 109th Precinct in Flushing, and the 110th Precinct in Corona, and the 104th Precinct in Ridgewood. Finally, do not forget our delicious refreshments, clothing drive, (no perishables please) and 50/50 raffle.



Happy New Year everybody! Hope to see you all Tuesday, January 28th at the Colonial Church!



## TEMPORARY WORKERS FOR 2020 CENSUS

The 2020 census is fast approaching and the recruiting of hundreds of thousands of temporary workers is now underway. Applicants can qualify for both field and office positions.

Competitive pay of \$25-\$27.50 per hour, flexible hours, paid training, mileage or transit reimbursement while on official duty and weekly paychecks. These are the benefits of working with the Census Bureau.

Applying for one of these jobs is simple. Just visit [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs) or call 855-JOB-2020 and select option 3 for more information. Pay rates for field and clerical jobs can be found at [2020census.gov/jobs/pay-and-locations](https://2020census.gov/jobs/pay-and-locations).

## 2020 BAYSIDE HILLS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM Apply by May 15!

The Bayside Hills Civic Association is again offering two (2) high school and two (2) middle school scholarships to eligible family members. If you are a BHCA member and have a eligible child, who is a high school or middle school student, urge them to not miss this opportunity for a **\$100 BHCA Scholarship Award**.

**Criteria are as follows:** 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. Recipients

must demonstrate all-around achievement in scholarship, character, and civic responsibility. Provide an essay application (1-2 pages) detailing your qualifications. Applicants are encouraged to include letters attesting to their achievements. **Applications must be post-marked by May 15 to: BHCA, P.O. Box 640246, Bayside Hills, NY 11364** Questions? Please email [bayside-hillscivic@gmail.com](mailto:bayside-hillscivic@gmail.com) Winners will be listed in the Beacon.

**Not a BHCA member? Join now so you can take advantage of the Scholarship Awards Program and other benefits available to BHCA members.**

## OUR NEW COMMANDING OFFICER AT THE 111TH PRECINCT

Captain John Portalatin will be replacing Captain Hall. We wish Captain Hall the best of luck.



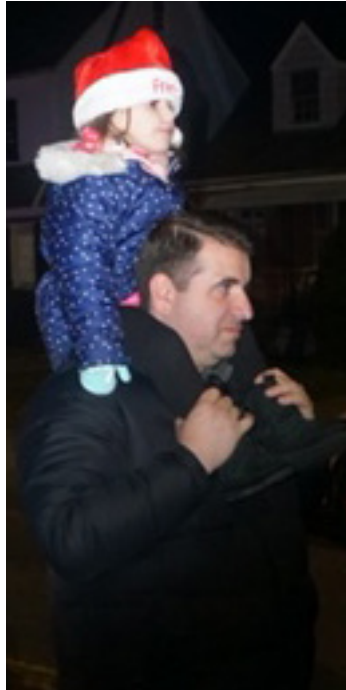
Dear Community,

It has come to our attention in the process of judging the holiday lights, that many homes do not have easily visible addresses. It is definitely a safety issue should anyone need Emergency Services, as well as just to facilitate mail or package delivery, or even in receiving visitors. And of course it will make the lighting committee's job easier next holiday season.



# CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS!

The December 8th 2019 BHCA “Holiday Lighting Festival,” was our best attended, most spectacular holiday event we’ve ever conducted in Bayside Hills. Big time thanks must go to our local schools, houses of worship; Congresswoman Grace Meng; State Senator John Liu; Assemblywoman Nily Rozic; City Councilman Barry Grodenchik; Assemblyman Ed Braunstein; Rabbi David Wise of Hollis Hills Jewish Center; Community Board 11 Chair Eileen Miller; our terrific 111th Precinct’s, Bob Reid along with a couple of elves—Aka Bob’s grandchildren); our local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT); PS 203 music teacher Linda Holcomb; accordionist “Papa” Joe DeClemente, assisted by John Del Vecchio; the 2nd grade accordionists and chorus; Father John Hwang; Saint Robert Bellarmine Roman Catholic Church folk singers; Danielle and her Girl Scout Troop; audio experts Jess and Lindsay Feiner; the New York City Department of Parks; BHCA Vice President Sebastian D’Agostino; Chris Liecht and Ronald Keil of Garden World and Keil Bros, Ian Zdatny; the Burke family, who contributed and installed the Crèche; the Programs Committee of the BHCA; Gregg Sullivan and BaysideLive TV; staff photographers Carole Jacobson Papadatos and Rich Kashdan; BHCA graphic designer Yvonne Wong Fein and webmaster Yang Li; and most importantly, the residents of Bayside Hills and our surrounding areas.



# LET THERE BE LIGHT!

To all who have contributed to beautifying our Bayside Hills neighborhood with your lovely light displays, we thank you. Below please find the list of those holiday lights that stood out amongst the rest. May the glow you have cast shine on throughout the coming year.

## Holiday Light Winners

213-15 56th Avenue  
53-48 214th Street

## Honorable Mention

48-21 211th Street  
48-69 211th Street  
50-20 211th Street  
53-46 211th Street  
50-36 212th Street  
50-39 212th Street  
53-39 212th Street  
50-48 213th Street  
53-08 213th Street  
56-52 213th Street  
58-02 213th Street  
50-12 214th Street  
50-28 214th Street  
53-08 214th Street  
56-19 214th Street  
48-11 215th Street  
48-26 215th Street  
53-37 215th Street  
56-37 215th Street  
58-46 215th Street  
48-18 217th Street  
58-03 217th Street  
58-15 218th Street  
50-03 Bell Boulevard



Photos contributed by Rich Kashdan.



# LIGHTING YOUR HOME FOR SAFETY

Does your home glow? Beautiful lamps and light fixtures do wonders to spruce things up. A well-lit home is a safer home. Light not only keeps burglars away, but it can help prevent trips and falls that can cause serious injury.

## No More Dark Stairways

All stairs, landings, and entries, inside and out, should be well lit.

- Install a light switch at the top and bottom of each indoor staircase.
- Point light directly onto stairs; be sure to light the whole staircase.

## Think Outside the Box

A well-lit home inside won't mean much if you fall on the patio or front stoop because it wasn't lit well enough.

- Shine a light on your address for convenience to others and for cases of emergency.
- Be sure to light your front door so you can see who's knocking.

- Install motion detectors, which automatically activate lights when someone approaches the house; add these to existing lights or buy a kit that includes the detector and fixtures.

## Safety First and Safety Last

Practice these additional precautions:

- Make sure lamp cords aren't frayed or have wires exposed.
- Try not to use extension cords.
- Don't leave cords where people can trip over them.
- Check from time to time that lamps and light fixtures are in good working order.
- Turn off fixtures and switches before replacing bulbs; if you're unsure, unplug.
- Be careful handling bulbs and shades—they get hot.
- Don't try to do your own electrical work; hire a licensed professional.

# DERMODY TRIANGLE



*The Memorial Day celebration in 1935 included the rededication of Dermody Square on 216th Street and Forty-eighth Avenue. Named in honor of Capt. William Dermody (1830–1864), an abolitionist and member of the 67th Regiment, New York Volunteers, who was killed while on a mission at Spottsylvania, Virginia, on May 12, 1864. The festivities included a period reenactment, as seen in this photograph, as well as a tree planting ceremony that included a sycamore representing the South and a maple symbolizing the North. A monolithic stone that had been placed on the site by Dermody's sister upon his death simply reads, "For A Better Union 1861–1865."*





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**New York Black Belt Center**  
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## BHCA ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT – DECEMBER 31, 2019

The Bayside Hills Civic Association closed out 2018 with 368 members—30 percent of the 1,242 households in the Hills. Membership dues (\$25) comprised the largest portion of income, followed by beautification donations. The balance of our receipts and deposits came from Beacon advertisers, the general meeting 50/50 raffle, and donations from friends of the BHCA. The major cost categories included landscaping, printing and distribution of the Beacon newsletter and membership letters.

Membership and receipts declined by 9 and 12 percent respectively from 2018. Landscaping costs rose primarily due to the completion of several improvement projects including:

- The addition of the stone entrance planter on the corner of Bell Boulevard and 48th Avenue
- The renovation of the entrance planter at Luke Place and 56th Avenue
- Renovation of landmark towers on 48th Avenue

PAID HOUSEHOLDS % OF ALL BHCA HOUSEHOLDS	DUES	BEAUTIFICATION	BEACON ADVERTISING	FUND- RAISING 50/50	DONATION FRIENDS	TOTAL CREDITS
368 (30%)	\$9,171	\$7,735	\$840	\$141	\$200	\$18,087
Escrow						\$5,000
Carryover from 2018						\$19,455
<b>Total 2019 credits</b>						<b>42,542</b>

### 2019 EXPENSES

Landscaping – malls, planter renovation, garbage removal, clock repair, cupola and 48th Av. entrance pillars	<b>\$10,959</b>
Beacon newsletter, business letters and general membership mailings; office supplies, member cards and stickers, postage, copies, paper stock, graphic design service	<b>\$10,584</b>
Liability insurance	<b>\$502</b>
Banners/posters for malls and meetings	<b>\$55</b>
Room/hall rental, general membership supplies, refreshments	<b>\$595</b>
Student scholarship awards	<b>\$100</b>
Queens Civic Congress dues	<b>\$55</b>
<b>TOTAL 2019 debits</b>	<b>\$22,850</b>
<b>2019 ending balance carry forward to 2020</b>	<b>\$19,692</b>



# PLEASE SEND IN YOUR 2020 DUES DONATION TODAY!

We appreciate your generosity. 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 infographic to show how some of our dues were spent in 2019.**



**\$10,584**

Beacon newsletter, business letters and general membership mailings; office supplies, member cards and stickers, postage, copies, paper stock, graphic design service



**\$1,097**

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