

# THE BAYSIDE HILLS BEACON

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## CRIME WATCH FOR BAYSIDE HILLS

Yes, anyone can be a victim, even in our beautiful neighborhood. In the early morning hours of March 3rd, 2018 (During the winter storm), our car was broken into and valuables were taken. Our car was parked in the driveway which was equipped with motion detector lights. Apparently, this did not deter the thieves as they entered our car (with what we believe was an electronic device to override the key-less remote).

We were shocked and reported the incident to the police by calling 911.  
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BaySide Hills Civic Association  
Memorial Day Ceremony  
Saturday, May 26th  
Colonial Church of Bayside  
Located on Bell Blvd, where Luke Place and 216<sup>th</sup> Street converge

TUESDAY, JUNE 26 • 8PM

## GENERAL MEETING

BaySide Hills Civic Association's next

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**For Memorial Day sometimes a simple cartoon says it best:**

**Bayside Hills Civic Association  
Memorial Day Ceremony  
Saturday, May 26th at 9:30 AM / Bell  
Boulevard and 53rd Avenue**

Over the years we always request a large turnout of our BHCA Memorial Day Observance. Since so many people work very hard preparing for this ceremony, obviously we would wish for the area to be filled with multitudes greater than ever. This year hopefully our annual cartoon will encourage everybody to join us. Please spread the word.



can be made to either St. Jude Children's Hospital or Doctors without Borders in memory of Robert."

I cannot think of anybody who had more passion for this community or this country for that matter. I can recall how he corrected me for having the American flag on the wrong side of the room during a BHCA general meeting. For many years Bob was in our audience at Bayside Hills Civic Association general meetings with . their money in his very special way. Perhaps out of sheer respect, whenever he had the floor, I generally gave Bob all the time he needed to get his point across. In addition to being a regular at our BHCA general meetings, Bob was an absolute warrior when it came to fighting graffiti. Copied and pasted here is one

of his previous emails to me, so typical of him:

Elsewhere in this publication there are photographs of our highly successful BHCA Mall Clean-Up Fest. Kudos to all participants and contributors. It is amazing what a great community such as ours can do when we put our minds to it!

Purchased 3 cans "POST OFFICE BLUE " PAINT on line...Used and tested...all good...Color is state wide...official paint and it's in a spray can...



If I may, I would like to say a few words about the passing of **Bob Balzarini**, the greatest watchdog our Bayside Hills community has ever known:

He called me "Mr. Mike," with warmth, affection, and apprecia-

tion in what we do as a civic association. Sometimes there was a twinkle in his eye, and sometimes he expressed frustration at how slowly our city government grinds its wheels. The following was taken from the Fredericks Funeral Home website:

"Robert F. Balzarini, age 78, of Bayside, New York passed away on Sunday April 22, 2018. Robert was born March 18, 1940. He is survived by his loving wife, Helene, daughter, Rachel and siblings Steven and Elaine. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.frederick-fh.com](http://www.frederick-fh.com) for the Balzarini family.

The Balzarini family requests that if you would like to order flowers please do so with Garden World Florist in Flushing or a donation

Forget Police Department..Bob

So Rest In Peace Mr. Balzarini and thank you for everything. A civic association such as ours exists because people such as you are out there understanding and caring about what it means to be a community, and in the broader sense a country!

**Hope to see everybody  
9:30, Saturday, May 26th  
for our BHCA Memorial  
Day Observance! BTW:  
Our final BHCA General  
Meeting at the Colonial church before our summer hiatus will  
be 8:00 Tuesday, June 26th. More about that in next month's  
Beacon publication.**





# A Brief Bayside Hills History Lesson

Before Bayside Hills was built, it was the Belleclaire Golf and Country Club. The image on the left was taken from The New York Tribune in 1919 advertising the country club. Our largest hill begins on 217th street and 48th Ave. It used to be called "Hazel's Hill," named after a family named Hazel that lived on that block. It was great for roller skating and bike riding but somewhat dangerous as you approached 48th Ave and had trouble slowing down. The "Hills" of this facility are where the "Hills" of Bayside Hills comes from.



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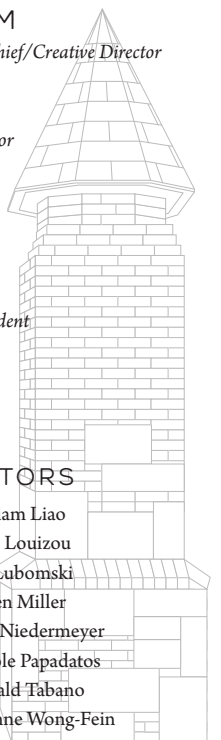
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# BHCA MALL CLEAN-UP FEST 2018

The Bayside Hills Civic Association held its annual mall cleanup on Saturday, April 14th, 2018. We were very fortunate to have a glorious spring day to achieve this cleanup and were happy to see over 35 volunteers come out to mow, weed our planters, trim the shrubs, rake leaves and fill in the deep trenches with new soil.



Our sincere thanks to the Parks Department Partnership program and Shah which provided all the tools, gloves and guidance to help us in completing our tasks. We'd also would like to thank our neighbors that provided their own equipment. In addition, our deepest thanks to the C.E.R.T. organization, Cub Scout Pack 142 and their scout leaders, the photographers, Gregg Sullivan, Bayside LiveTV, our dear neighbors and members of the Board of directors of the BHCA. The cleanup began at 10 a.m. and we finished at 1p.m. Many volunteers gave additional time to make sure all the work was completed and our thanks go out to all of them for their hard work and support. A special thank you to Mike from Foodtown for donating refreshments of water and cookies The cleanup was a success and we hope more volunteers will join us each year to help us maintain our beautiful neighborhood.



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**Here are some suggestions to prevent this from happening to you:**

- 1- Try not to keep valuables in your vehicle
- 2- Report any thefts to the police immediately by calling 911
- 3- Light up your homes with what's called dusk to dawn lighting
- 4- Install cameras around your homes
- 5- Be vigilant if you see something suspicious and don't hesitate to call 911

The NYPD has a **Crime Victim Assistance Program (CVAP)**. The 111th pct. has advocates from the Safe Horizon agency. They help victims of crimes who may have emotional, physical and financial issues. The advocates at the 111th pct. are Victoria Garvin and Alexander Herrera. They are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and can be reached at (718) 279-0225. If you need immediate help you can also call the Safe Horizon Hotline at 1-800-621-4673.



## BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR STEP 5: PRACTICE PARKING ETIQUETTE

When you park your vehicle, be sure not to block anyone's access, or make them have to pull out of a very tight spot. Don't over-rev the engine of your car or motorcycle early in the morning or late at night. Park in front of your home, not theirs. Avoid slamming your doors or shining your headlights into your neighbor's windows late at night.



It is not just illegal, it is a hazard. When another vehicle is parked opposite the truck or bus, passage by two cars moving in opposite directions or turning is very difficult and unsafe.

Here's what you can do:

1. Whenever you notice and illegally parked commercial vehicle, tell us at [BaysideHillsCivic@gmail.com](mailto:BaysideHillsCivic@gmail.com).

Please provide as much detail as possible including plate numbers, markings, and hours of illegal parking. We'll ask CB 11 to work with the appropriate agencies to remedy the problem.

2. Call NYC 311, preferably during the hours of illegal parking. Here again, be as specific, as possible with your request.

3. Talk to the owner/operator of the vehicle when possible and if you are comfortable doing so. The driver is most likely a resident and BHCA neighbor. Politely remind the operator that it is illegal to park a truck or a bus on a residential zoned street.

Note that parking commercial vehicles overnight in Bayside Hills is a violation of the NYC code. The proliferation of commercial vehicle parking and storage on our neighborhood streets is changing the quaint nature of Bayside Hills. This commercialization of the community will inevitably lead to a less attractive neighborhood and lower property values. The Bayside Hills Civic Association is working with Community Board 11 to address this problem. The City code states that it is illegal to park a commercial vehicle on a residential street between the hours of 9pm and 5am and illegal to park a commercial vehicle on a residential street for more than three hours unless doing business within three blocks. Buses may only park in areas permitted by signs.



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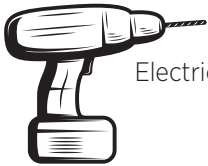
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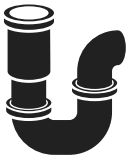
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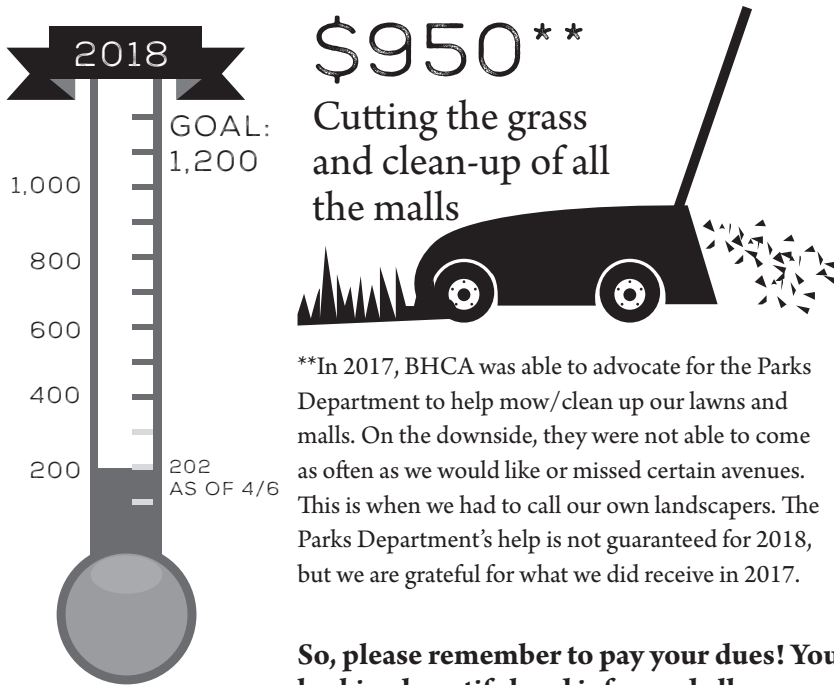
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