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Bayside Hills Civic Association **9/11 CEREMONY** Never Forget

SEPTEMBER 11, 2019
7PM AT MEMORIAL GARDEN

Northside corner of Horace Harding Expressway and Bell Boulevard

Please join us for a very special evening as we rename the NE corner of Bell Boulevard and Horace Harding Expressway "Bayside Hills 9/11 Memorial Way"

Please bring a glass-enclosed votive candle to be placed at Memorial Garden.



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TUESDAY, OCT 29 • 8PM

GENERAL MEETING

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Thank you Councilman Barry Grodenchik and Community Board 11 for help in arranging the renaming of the Northeast corner of Bell Boulevard and Horace Harding Expressway, BAYSIDE HILLS 9/11 MEMORIAL WAY. There will be an important addition to our ceremony when we unveil our new street sign. Armando Coutinho, Ronald Keil, Sebastian D'Agostino, Jerry Iannece, Joseph Lupo Jr, and Barry Grodenchik, persons instrumental in cultivating our garden and this event, will assist in the unveiling of the new sign.

This year will mark the eighteenth anniversary of that horrible morning; therefore once again we will be reaching out through every possible media outlet including the Bayside Business Association and Bayside BID to encourage a large turnout. Last year we had great representation from our military, NYPD, FDNY, EMS, Port Authority, CERT, Jamaica Estates-Holliswood-South Bayside Volunteer Ambulance Corps, the Boy Scouts of America, houses of worship, and local clergy. All of them will be invited back again along with Chief Edward Baggott, Queens Borough Commander, FDNY, NYPD Assistant Chief Martin Morales, 111th Precinct's Commanding Officer, Captain John J. Hall, and others.

Recognizing the importance education plays in memorializing this event in our history, the BHCA will continue to increase our efforts to inform our schoolchildren and, as a former United Federation of Teacher's Chapter Leader, I will be asking the UFT and school parent coordinators to assist us in this endeavor.

During a very poignant portion of our ceremony we will be asking the assembled to place American flags and glass enclosed memorial candles on our Memorial Garden. The request for glass enclosed candles is for safety so that nothing in the area catches fire. It wouldn't be a bad idea to bring a chair along to our ceremony which should last about one hour.

I would be remiss in not thanking the Lupo family of the L'Italiano Trattoria, located at 216-01 Horace Harding Boulevard (at Bell Boulevard). Since the restaurant is directly adjacent to the Bayside Hills Memorial, they have been considerate enough to spend a great deal of time watering around

the monument and we thank them for that. They also take the time to remove weeds and debris that have accumulated around the area.

In addition, of course, our heartfelt thanks goes out to the BHCA Beautification Committee, chaired by Ronald Keil of Keil Bros at Garden World for maintaining and enhancing the appearance of the Memorial Garden site throughout the year. A great deal of effort has been taken to make this event very special, so a great turnout is always appreciated. Please take the time to remember and reflect on the tragic events that happened eighteen years ago on that day. As always, it will be a stirring, memorable evening.

In another section of our Beacon please notice information vis-à-vis a suspicious activity alert. Since we have been noticing these occurrences, the BHCA Board has contacted officers of the 111th Precinct Community Affairs Division and had discussions on how to proceed. I urge all concerned to be in attendance at the **111th Precinct's Community Council Meeting, Tuesday, September 3rd, 45-06 215th St, Bayside**, when we are sure this issue will be discussed. Our BHCA Board will also follow up on this issue at subsequent meetings.

Of course another big time concern is the installation of those lights on our precious Bayside Hills Bell Boulevard Mall. As of this printing, inquiries and complaints have been lodged to Council Member Barry Grodenchik, whose office assists the BHCA with maintaining these malls, as well as the New York City Department of Transportation, who installed these lights without consulting the

BHCA, Councilman Grodenchik, or our Queens Budget Director, Richard Lee, who is awaiting word on the commencement of a major revitalization project on this mall. Hopefully the DOT will re-seed the spots they have dug up on our malls and install those lights elsewhere.



On the horizon is our annual "BHCA Candidates' Night." This will take place Tuesday, October 29th at the Colonial Church of Bayside, Bell Boulevard, where Luke Place and 216th Street converge. We will be extending our invitations shortly following our 9/11 7:00 PM Observance. Please spread the word vis-à-vis both of these events!

Events at Bayside Historical Society
Open House New York | Sunday, October 20
 BHS will be participating on SUNDAY from 12:00pm-4:00pm in the Open House New York Weekend, a five-borough-wide free event that celebrates architecture and design. Come take a free tour of the Castle! Visit the OHNY.org for more information.

OPEN HOUSE NEW YORK

18th Annual Totten Trot 5K Foot Race & Kids' Fun Run | Sun, Oct 27
 Waterfront course through historic Fort Totten and along Little Bay Park to the Throgs Neck Bridge. "Kids' Fun Run:" Short distance sprint for tiny tots & kids up to 12 years. Check in at 7:30am; start at 9:00am. Register online at elitefeats.com



THE "FIRE ALARM GUY" COMPLETES ANOTHER BEAUTY IN BAYSIDE HILLS!

Thank you to John S. Colgan for completing another fire alarm box restoration for Bayside Hills! **We are grateful to have Mr. Colgan working on re-painting fire alarms in Bayside Hills!** Follow him on Twitter @thefirealarmguy75



BAYSIDE HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION'S NEXT GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 8PM
CANDIDATE'S NIGHT!
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Back to School.

MOTORIST TIPS FOR CHILDRENS SAFETY

What Can I Do?



Do Not Pass

It is illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.



Seeing Yellow

School buses use yellow flashing lights to alert motorists that they are preparing to stop to load or unload children.



Seeing Red

Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign arm signals to motorists that the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off the bus.



All Stop

Traffic in both directions stop on undivided roadways when students are entering or exiting a school bus.



Stay Behind

Traffic behind a school bus (traveling in the same direction) must stop.



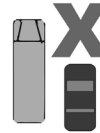
Crosswalks

Do not block the crosswalk.



Distance

Stop your car far enough from the bus to allow children the necessary space to safely enter and exit the bus.



Never Pass on Right

Never pass a school bus on the right.



Look Out

Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, residential areas, playgrounds and parks.



Stop

Always stop when directed to do so by a school patrol sign, school patrol officer or designated crossing guard.



Stay Alert

Children are the least predictable pedestrians and the most difficult to see.



Don't Honk

Don't honk your horn, rev your engine or do anything to rush or scare a child in front of your car.

NYPD

www.nyc.gov/nypd

Safety Tips for Children.

What Can I Do?

Because children cannot look out for themselves, it is our responsibility as parents to foresee problems they might encounter. The most important key to child safety is open, frequent, and effective communication. Children are naturally trusting, especially with adults. Parents must teach children to balance this trust with caution. Educate children in a gentle manner by giving them certain rules to remember. This will build the self-confidence they need to handle dangerous situations.

Teach children to be street-smart.



Friends

Get to know your children's friends. Encourage children to play in groups, not alone. Besides being safe, it is more fun.



Strangers

Tell your children never to go with, or talk to, strangers. Make sure your child knows what a stranger is.



The Neighborhood

Walk the neighborhood with them and show them the safe places to go, such as a trusted neighbor's house or business.



Muggings

If someone on the street demands money, jewelry, or other items from your child, advise the child to hand it over.



Cars and Vans

Instruct children to stay away from individuals in cars or vans. Teach them that it is okay to decline an invitation for a free ride by simply ignoring the invitation.

Basic Tips

- Teach children their full name, the name of their parents or guardian, their address, and home telephone number with the area code.
- Teach children how to use the telephone (cell phone and landline) to call "911" or "0" if an emergency occurs. Practice periodically on a disconnected telephone.
- Maintain open communication with your children. Listen to their feelings and fears about certain people and uncomfortable places. Help them to learn to trust their instincts.
- The National SAFEKIDS Campaign recommends that no child under the age of 12 be left at home alone.

NYPD

www.nyc.gov/nypd

The BHCA encourages all residents: IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.
Something not right? Suspicious? Drivers parked with engines idling, tinted windows?
Vehicles rendezvousing and departing quickly? Exchanging goods/cash?
Strangers loitering?

Report it to the BHCA and the NYPD in as much detail as possible.
 Send pictures, videos, plate numbers, date, time and exact location with descriptions to:
baysidehillscivic@gmail.com and Call 911

Deception Burglaries The Scam

Criminals often target seniors. These impersonators use false covers such as roofers, plumbers or electrical contractors. A common ploy being used is: "A pipe broke down the block and we have to check the water." Once inside, they distract a victim while stealing their valuables.

What can I do?



Safety

If uninvited contractors knock on your door to discuss repairs on your residence, do not invite them in.



Keep doors locked

If a contractor unexpectedly knocks on your door, DO NOT let them in. Tell them that you are expecting a family member or neighbor to be stopping by very soon. Call a neighbor or 911 if you feel uncertain.



Request I.D.

If a utility worker needs to gain access to your residence to read the meter, request to see his/her photo identification through the peephole.



Contact

Contact the company to verify employee's legitimacy (company numbers are provided below). You may want to keep a list of utility company phone numbers in a convenient location.



Report it

Immediately report a theft or any suspicious activity to the NYPD by calling 911.

CON ED:	800-752-6633
NATIONAL GRID (KEYSPAN):	800-930-5003
DEP/WATER:	311
PSEG:	800-490-0025

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Beginning in 2020, the Beacon will be issued in a new digital format that will be posted on our website and emailed to our subscribers. All paper editions will be ending with our last newsletter this November. It will end over 70 years of printed editions which started shortly after the BHCA was chartered.

More importantly, the new format will save money by eliminating printing and mailing costs! That will free up funds for more beautification projects in our community.

We will continue to send postcard reminders about our general meetings and other activities. The Merchant Discount program will continue in 2020 and our loyal advertisers will have an opportunity to continue advertising in the e-Beacon and on our website. **Please be sure to send us your email address to ensure uninterrupted receipt of our BHCA communications.**

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Colonial Church rental and refreshments

\$951

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