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**Our next GENERAL MEETING,
will be Election Night held on
Tuesday, November 24 at 8pm
via Zoom.**

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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 •

Pride; this is going to be the operative word for your November, 2020 President's Message. Let's begin with what has become one of our Bayside Hills landmarks, the Jubilee clock on Bell Mall, at the crossroads of Bell Boulevard, 214th Street, and 50th Avenue. Remember how proud we were on the day of this ceremony back in June of 2015? Here's the Queens Chronicle article vis-à-vis that glorious event:

https://www.qchron.com/editions/north/time-marches-on-in-bayside-hills/article_2076e894-d1f8-562c-b65d-898bad65cb64.html

With the passage of time, water caused the controlling mechanism to stop illuminating, and in addition the Bayside Hills lettering decals began to peel off. Nevertheless, recently a BHCA Board of Director Beautification Committee member, Jack Niedermeyer, discovered the clock's light sensor needed to be replaced. We contacted local electricians, R. J. Russo Electric Co., and voilà! the clock lights up in all its splendor as soon as darkness arrives. The next plan is to soon restore the Bayside Hills lettering in a more permanent, more beautiful fashion.

Pride; this New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame was created to honor and recognize outstanding veterans from the Empire State who have distinguished themselves both in military and civilian life. Their meritorious service to our nation deserves the special recognition that only a hall of fame can provide, as a fitting expression of our gratitude and admiration.

One of this year's recipients is none other than our Bayside Hills Civic Association Vice President, Sebastian D'Agostino, who was recently selected as a 2020 Veterans Hall of Fame inductee by State Senator John C. Liu. More information vis-à-vis Sebastian's award appears elsewhere.



Pride; BHCA Board members Rita Kashdan and Marianne Downes for all their years of dedicated service to this organization, who will be stepping down this coming January. Both members served on our programs committee. Rita made certain refreshments were plentiful at all BHCA General Meetings, Board of Directors' Meetings, our outdoor ceremonies, and more recently made major contributions to our Beautification Committee, especially with the upkeep of our malls on Bell Boulevard and on the avenues. Rita was also instrumental in our scholarship awards program for deserving neighborhood students. As for Marianne, in addition

to being a member of our Programs Committee (including BHCA Memorial Day Observances) she was in charge of our Merchant Discount Program and distributed cards and stickers tirelessly either in person or by mail. Needless to say these two Board members have been invaluable to our Civic Association and community. We thank them for all their service and appreciate their offer to continue some of their previous duties, as members of the community.

Pride; our relationship with the 111th Precinct. As a matter of fact at our next BHCA Zoom General Meeting, November 24th at 8:00 PM, our featured guests will be our precinct. Our officers will be asked to give us their usual police report, plus they will be inviting a special speaker to address us on a police matter soon to be announced. Over the years the BHCA has appreciated how the 111th Precinct assisted us at all our outdoor community events, namely the annual 9/11 observance, the BHCA Holiday Lighting Festival, (this year presented virtually December 13 at 5:00 PM) our Spring Festivals, Clean-Up Fests, and our Memorial Day Observances. Speaking of pride, seen here are photos of Officer John Erdman being awarded "Cop of the Month" at the most recent Community Council Meeting at our precinct. For years Officer Erdman served as our Community Affairs Officer and it always was an honor having him serve our neighborhood. Now he is a coordinating officer and we wish him all the best in all his future endeavors.



So look for us on Zoom to access our next BHCA General Meeting, Tuesday, November 24th, 8:00 PM; then stand by for information vis-à-vis our big "Virtual Holiday Lighting Festival," which will be available Sunday, December, 13th at 5:00 PM on multiple social media outlets.

Wishing everybody a Happy Thanksgiving and finally, considering all the turmoil and uneasiness that we've been experiencing for quite some time, let's end with this https://youtu.be/0_DxNpW1kHQ



• HAPPY •
thanksgiving

• BAYSIDE HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION •



Dear Community: The following is the slate for the BHCA Officers and Board of Directors for the new term to commence January 1, 2021. As we have an uncontested election, Election Chair, Eileen Feiner, will cast one vote for the entire slate, which will be seconded, and then voted upon via Zoom by all attendees at the November 24th, 2020 General Meeting

2021 Slate- BHCA Officers and Board of Directors:

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President, Michael Feiner
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New Board Member Jonathan Rivers:

I was born in Brooklyn and moved to Bayside in 1965 where I was raised on 56th Avenue and attended P.S. 203 as a young boy. In my previous career, I was a prosecutor in 3 different jurisdictions and 2 different states (New York and California) and finished practicing as a White-Collar Criminal Defense Attorney/Civil Litigator. As I round out my professional career, my goal is to dedicate my last 20 years or so in public service. One part of that service is teaching as a Professor of Legal Studies/ Criminal Justice at ASA College in Manhattan. The other part of my public service is to serve my community.

I recently moved back to New York/Bayside and purchased our home in Bayside Hills on March 31 of this year. I love Queens and especially adore our neighborhood as one of the most desirable places to live within the 5 boroughs. While there are always things to improve in any community, I want to work for all of us to maintain and improve our neighborhood for our children and the next generation of homeowners that wish to enjoy our special way of life here in NYC and especially in our Bayside Hills community.

My wife, Catherine, our 4 children (Annabella, Alexander, Emma, and Jack), and our 2 dogs (Lansky and Fredo) are excited to be here and I am here to serve!

• BAYSIDE HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION •

Come Celebrate With Us!
Bayside Hills Civic Association's
Virtual Holiday Lighting Festival

Sunday, December 13, 2020
5:00 PM

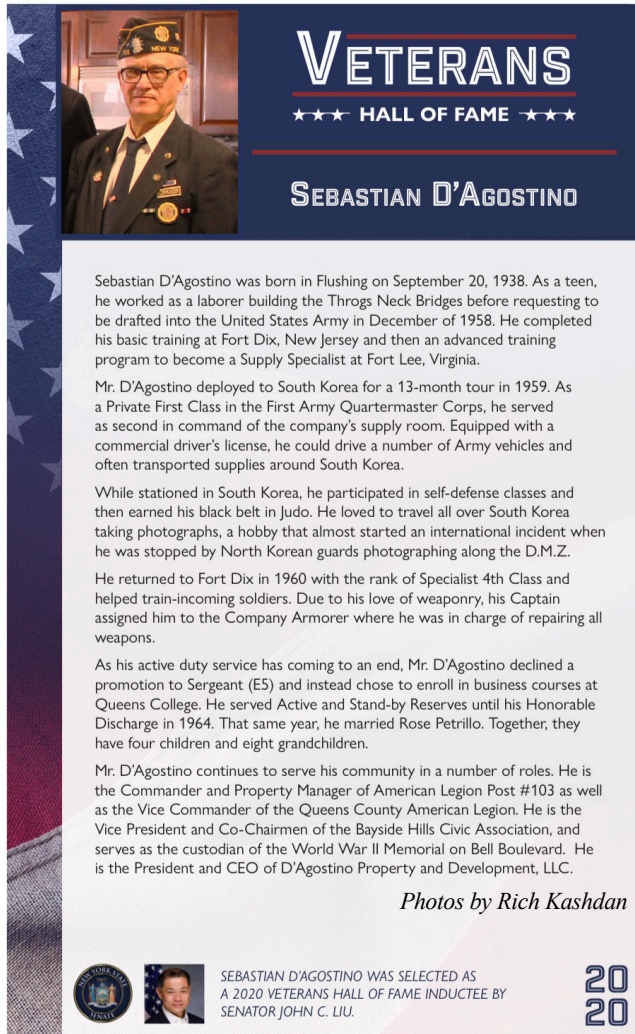
*This year's festival will be virtual and
information to view will be provided later.*

**Hosted by Bayside Hills Civic Association
and Bayside LiveTV.**



• BAYSIDE HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION •

Congratulations BHCA VP



VETERANS
★★★ HALL OF FAME ★★★
SEBASTIAN D'AGOSTINO

Sebastian D'Agostino was born in Flushing on September 20, 1938. As a teen, he worked as a laborer building the Throgs Neck Bridges before requesting to be drafted into the United States Army in December of 1958. He completed his basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey and then an advanced training program to become a Supply Specialist at Fort Lee, Virginia.

Mr. D'Agostino deployed to South Korea for a 13-month tour in 1959. As a Private First Class in the First Army Quartermaster Corps, he served as second in command of the company's supply room. Equipped with a commercial driver's license, he could drive a number of Army vehicles and often transported supplies around South Korea.

While stationed in South Korea, he participated in self-defense classes and then earned his black belt in Judo. He loved to travel all over South Korea taking photographs, a hobby that almost started an international incident when he was stopped by North Korean guards photographing along the D.M.Z.

He returned to Fort Dix in 1960 with the rank of Specialist 4th Class and helped train incoming soldiers. Due to his love of weaponry, his Captain assigned him to the Company Armorer where he was in charge of repairing all weapons.

As his active duty service has coming to an end, Mr. D'Agostino declined a promotion to Sergeant (E5) and instead chose to enroll in business courses at Queens College. He served Active and Stand-by Reserves until his Honorable Discharge in 1964. That same year, he married Rose Petrillo. Together, they have four children and eight grandchildren.

Mr. D'Agostino continues to serve his community in a number of roles. He is the Commander and Property Manager of American Legion Post #103 as well as the Vice Commander of the Queens County American Legion. He is the Vice President and Co-Chairmen of the Bayside Hills Civic Association, and serves as the custodian of the World War II Memorial on Bell Boulevard. He is the President and CEO of D'Agostino Property and Development, LLC.

Photos by Rich Kashdan

SEBASTIAN D'AGOSTINO WAS SELECTED AS
A 2020 VETERANS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE BY
SENATOR JOHN C. LIU.

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With Gratitude...

Our sincere thanks and appreciation go to Board members, Marianne Downes and Rita Kashdan, who will be stepping down in 2021. They have worked tirelessly throughout the years that they have served and will be sorely missed. We know they will continue to be valued BHCA residents, volunteering to continue in their current endeavors and help out wherever they can. We wish them only the best.



Bayside Hills' Jubilee Clock Shines Again!


Our village clock needed a new light sensor and the wiring needed to be completely replaced. Thank you to BHCA Board member Jack Niedermeyer for assisting in having it repaired.

• BAYSIDE HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION •



Use Caution!

Please be mindful when driving or walking in our neighborhood.



See!


Drivers:

- YIELD for pedestrians at crosswalks and intersections - it's the law.
- Do not block crosswalks when stopping at intersections.
- Slow down and obey posted speed limits.
- Take extra care around schools, playgrounds and neighborhoods.
- Always look out for pedestrians, especially before turning at a green light or making a "right turn on red."
- Never run red lights.
- Be careful when passing stopped vehicles. They might be stopping for pedestrians.
- Pay Attention! Do not text and drive!
- Share the road. It's your responsibility to look for others.

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Be Seen!

Pedestrians:

- Cross at intersections and marked crosswalks.
- Use pedestrian pushbutton and WAIT for signal to cross.
- Before crossing, look left, right, then left again, and over your shoulder for turning vehicles.
- Use sidewalks. If there are none, walk facing traffic so you see vehicles, and drivers see you.
- Pay attention! Don't text while crossing!
- Make eye contact with drivers so they see you.
- Stay visible after dark and in bad weather with light-colored or reflective clothing.
- Don't step suddenly in front of buses and trucks. They take longer to stop than a car.
- Watch out for trucks and buses backing out of parking spaces and driveways.

Pedestrian Safety: It's no Accident.

C-102 (2/18)



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We are asking the community to kindly refrain from placing any branches or debris on our malls. The BHCA works very hard to maintain them so that they can be enjoyed by all our residents.

• BAYSIDE HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION •

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One bird can herald spring.
One smile begins a friendship,
One handclasp lifts a soul.
One star can guide a ship at sea,
One word can frame the goal.
One vote can change a nation,
One sunbeam lights a room
One candle wipes out darkness,
One laugh will conquer gloom.
One step must start each journey.
One word must start each prayer.
One hope will raise our spirits,
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