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2018 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 an eligible child, who is a high school or middle school student, urge them to not miss this opportunity for a \$50 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 baysidehillscivic@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.

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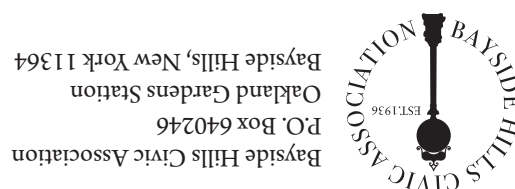
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GENERAL MEETING

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Happy New Year Bayside Hills!

HERE'S THE PLAN:

- All construction materials from main sewer line project QED1002 out of Bayside Hills ASAP; current promise by February
- Requesting "shovel to the ground date" for revitalization of Dermody Triangle Park
- Colossal Spring Festival will be planned upon revitalization of Dermody Park completion
- Repair of iconic guide towers on 48th Avenue and 216th Street
- Becoming more involved in advocacy including formally opposing congestion pricing
- Reaching out to the community to better learn of their concerns
- Continued meetings with the New York City Department of Parks vis-à-vis the improved appearance of our malls
- Merchant discount program for members will continue
- Student scholarship program for BHCA member families

See more about our goals and plans for the new year elsewhere in this Beacon publication.

OUR NEXT BAYSIDE HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING 8:00 PM TUESDAY, JANUARY 30TH,

promises to be an interesting, informative and most important community event. As always it will be conducted at the Colonial Church of Bayside, Bell Blvd., where Luke Place and 216th Street converge. Our very special guest will be Kevin Dugan, the Long Island Regional Coordinator for the **New York Public Interest Research Group**. Kevin will be speaking about NYPIRG's recent efforts to ensure access to clean drinking water for everyone throughout



New York State. The presentation will include an overview of what actions both New York State and New York City have taken, and what we can do as citizens to pressure our elected officials to take action on this issue. Kevin's presentation will also include an introduction on NYPIRG's "What's In My Water" online water quality testing database.



Along with our NYPIRG presentation, continuing on the topic of our precious water supply, and as a supplement to Mr. Dugan's discussion, we are delighted to have former BHCA Board Member, Jay Koellner, on hand. Mr. Koellner has a filter on his water system that collects all the silt that is in the NYC water. He also has a great deal of experience with the silt issue through his years in the dialysis industry. Mr. Koellner has offered to present his findings at this meeting and bring a sample filter.

Please remember our food drive (no perishables please) and our 50/50 raffle as well. In addition, as per usual, we have invited officers from the 111th Precinct for their regular police report.



For those of you who are celebrating, **HAPPY YEAR OF THE DOG!** Hope to see everybody Tuesday, January 30th, 8:00 PM at our next BHCA general meeting.



I would be remiss not to acknowledge the good fortune of having access to the extraordinary talents of **ANDRES NAVARRO**, who posts his marvelous photographs on Facebook. Occasionally he also exhibits his works at art and photography shows, most recently the Bayside Historical Society in Ft. Totten. The following two pictures are of our iconic Bayside Hills Mall Clock. The one to the left was taken last year and the one on the right was following this January 4th's so called "Bomb Cyclone" winter storm.



THE BEACON SPOTLIGHT



MICHAEL FERNANDEZ
MANAGER, FOODTOWN
47-33 BELL BOULEVARD



Q: How long has Foodtown been in Bayside Hills?

A: This is going to be our 8th year, I've been the manager this entire time.

Q: Do you live in Bayside Hills? Did you grow up in Queens?

A: No, I live in West Hempstead, New York. I grew up in Corona

Q: How did you get started running your business? What inspired you to be an entrepreneur? Was there any reason?

A: It's been a family business. My father-in-law was here when it was a C-town. He was getting a little up there in age, they needed a little help, the store needed a little help. The area demanded it so I came in to help and I've been here ever since.

Q: What is your favorite thing about Bayside Hills?

A: The people, I love the people. It's a very family-oriented community. That's what motivates me and drives me to come here every single day. I don't close any day of the year. I bought a truck just to make sure I make it to work so the store can be opened for the community. There are days that I'm here by myself to open up just so people have a place to go. It's a family-oriented store. People trust us. They trust me. They trust my family and they know our background.

Q: What would you like Bayside Hills to have more of?

A: I'd like Bayside Hills to have more commercial establishments here. We could do a better job working together to try and

accomplish some of the things that the businesses on the other side of Northern Boulevard have accomplished—like how they beautify Bell Boulevard during Christmas time. So I think unity among the business owners is what I'd like to see more of. We have an opportunity, all of us here together to accomplish better things. There's a lot of work to do. I keep my store clean. I keep my outside clean, because this area warrants it. You see the way people manicure their houses here, it's the least we can do—to give them a nice clean store. We should do more to help the community, because the community is what keeps us open

—Interviewed by Benjamin de Leon, III

Photo courtesy of Tom Louizou

JANUARY/FEBRUARY EVENTS



SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018

NYRR OPEN RUN:

CUNNINGHAM PARK

Meet off Union Turnpike at the comfort station between the tennis courts and baseball fields.

9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

Open Run is a community-based, volunteer-led running initiative bringing free weekly runs and walks to local neighborhood parks, across all five boroughs of NYC. All runs are directed by volunteers and are free to all participants. The finish line is open until the last person is done. The courses are between 2.5 and 3 miles long. Participants are encouraged to arrive 15 minutes before the start of the run. Bag check is not provided. No need to do anything before the run, just show up. Open to all ages, experience levels, walkers, strollers, dogs: All are welcome!

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

**8PM | COLONIAL CHURCH
BHCA General Meeting**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

**1st Day of Lunar New Year
Happy Year of the Dog!**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

**Alley Pond Environmental Center
APEC Animals Around the World
Grades K-4th**

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

FEE: \$10 Members, \$16 Non-Member

Pick up your passport and get ready to meet live animals as you "travel around the world" at APEC. At the culmination of our program, each participant will receive a beautiful, hard covered souvenir book.

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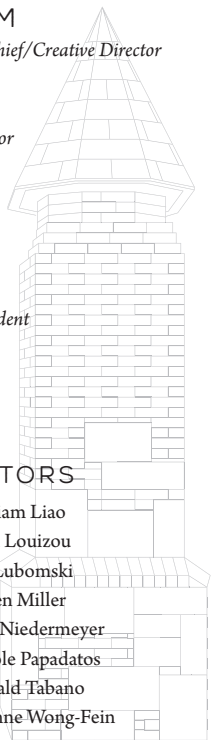
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2017 HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

Our holiday event was another success! Thank you to all who came to celebrate with us. Special gratitude to all of our guest speakers, P.S. 203 performers, the 111th Precinct, New York City's Community Emergency Response Teams, Ron Keil, Garden World, volunteers and the tireless work of our Board of Directors who help put this event together for our neighborhood.



Photos courtesy of Rich Kashdan, Carole Papadatos and Yvonne Wong-Fein

IMPRESSIVE HOLIDAY HOUSES

Our beautiful community becomes illustrious during this celebratory season. Many of our residents add to the charm of Bayside Hills by taking the time and effort to adorn their homes with lights and decorations. Traditionally some of the most elaborately decorated homes are highlighted in local newspapers. These abodes are certainly impressive and stand out in their communities, but collectively Bayside Hills' lights shine brighter. While we would like to recognize all the beautifully decorated homes, the following deserve special recognition:

53-47 Bell Blvd.
58-25 Bell Blvd.
50-27 211th St.
58-47 212th St.
50-27 212th St.
48-57 213th St.

53-08 213th St.
58-42 213th St.
50-12 214th St.
50-24 214th St.
53-08 214th St.
53-48 214th St.

58-49 214th St.
56-37 215th St.
49-10 217th St.
213-15 56th Ave.

SECRET SANTA!

Someone in our wonderful community took it upon themselves to decorate this tiny tree on the mall on 56th Avenue between Bell Boulevard and 215th Street.

Thank you!



YOUR DUES AND BEAUTIFICATION DONATIONS MAKE OUR COMMUNITY BETTER

The all-volunteer Bayside Hills Civic Association (BHCA) is our advocate and voice for a safer more livable community. Our dues and beautification donations have made this neighborhood one of the most beautiful and sought after addresses in the City. You can make a difference. If you are already a member of the BHCA, thank you. We look forward to you returning in 2018. If you are not a member, please join one of the most vital and effective homeowners' associations in the city. As you can see from the activities detailed, the BHCA provides a host of services that many of us take for granted and may not even be aware are supported by the Association. The BHCA is at your service and works to maintain our home investments and to keep our community safe, clean and secure. Simply put, it is only with your support and participation that Bayside Hills can remain well maintained and livable.

The \$25 annual membership and supplemental beautification donations go a long way. With your support, here's what we achieved together and what we will work hard to continue in 2018:

ADVOCACY

- Oakland Lake Ravine Project to alleviate street flooding
- Residential zoning violation enforcement through the issuance of stop work orders for illegal work
- Traffic and commercial vehicle parking law enforcement
- Property/title covenant enforcement including the requirement for buried Time Warner cables
- Representation on Community Board 11 incl. attendance and participation in local planning meetings and membership in the Queens Civic Congress
- Advocacy for LIE sound barriers and air traffic noise abatement
- Crime rate monitoring
- Balanced greenway maintenance with community input for any expansion of bike lanes
- Successfully lobbied for the "Bayside Hills" postal address designation

BEAUTIFICATION

- Mall maintenance, grass cutting and debris removal (BHCA maintains the avenue malls with a combination of beautification/dues donations and City Council member grants.
- Spring clean-up of the Bell Blvd. malls. Incl. planter maintenance and refreshing
- Banner purchase, installation, maintenance and replacement
- Clock purchase, installation and maintenance

- Flag flying and mall ceremonies on Memorial Day and July 4
- 9-11 memorial garden installation, maintenance and annual ceremony
- Ecumenical Holiday lighting ceremony
- Cupola, flagpole and landmark maintenance and repair

COMMUNICATION

- Design, publication and distribution of the Beacon newsletter to all Bayside Hills households and businesses.
- Quarterly general membership meetings with guest speakers on safety, security, health, housing, zoning, construction updates, nutrition, sanitation, avian flu, police services, water rates and more.
- Design and maintenance of the BHCA website (baysidehills.info) and Facebook account (www.facebook.com/baysidehills)
- Merchant discount program for members
- Student scholarship program for member families

OUR GOALS FOR 2018

We are excited about the New Year and will work toward a safer and more secure Bayside Hills. In addition to the core ABCs detailed earlier, here are some of the few critical tasks we will be focusing on this year:

- Growing the BHCA membership. Currently, approximately one-third of the Hills 1,200 households are dues paying members. Our goal is to increase membership by 20%
- Advocacy for the safe and clean completion of the water main project and the remaining construction material removal by June 2018. As well as the strict enforcement of all zoning and construction regulations in our neighborhood
- More timely mall cuttings
- Join with the Queens Civic Congress to oppose congestion pricing
- Continuing to remind DDC we want all construction materials from main line sewer project QED1002 out of Bayside Hill ASAP.
- Requesting to learn "shovel to the ground" date for Captain Dermody Triangle Park from Borough President Melinda Katz, Department of Parks Commissioner Lewendowski, Senator Tony Avella, and Community Board 11
- Repair of guide pillars on 48th Avenue and 216th Street

How can we serve the community better? Do you want more social media interaction/communication? What other information would you like us to provide or feel you are lacking? Let us know!



Don't miss
out on the
benefits
of the
merchant
discount
program!
Join
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BHCA MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS BENEFITS!

We continue to work with local merchants to offer them increased consumer traffic and offer you discounts on a variety of products/services. Discounts vary by merchant and are subject to change without notice. Minimum purchase may be required. Just remember to show your BHCA Membership card! Enjoy the savings!

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Blue Water Fish Market
47-35 Bell Boulevard, 718-423-5397
Discount: 10%

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Foodtown of Bayside
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Discount: 10-20% depending on purchase

L'Italiano Trattoria
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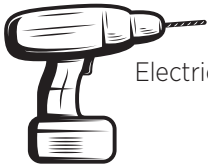
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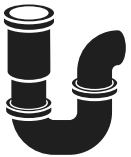
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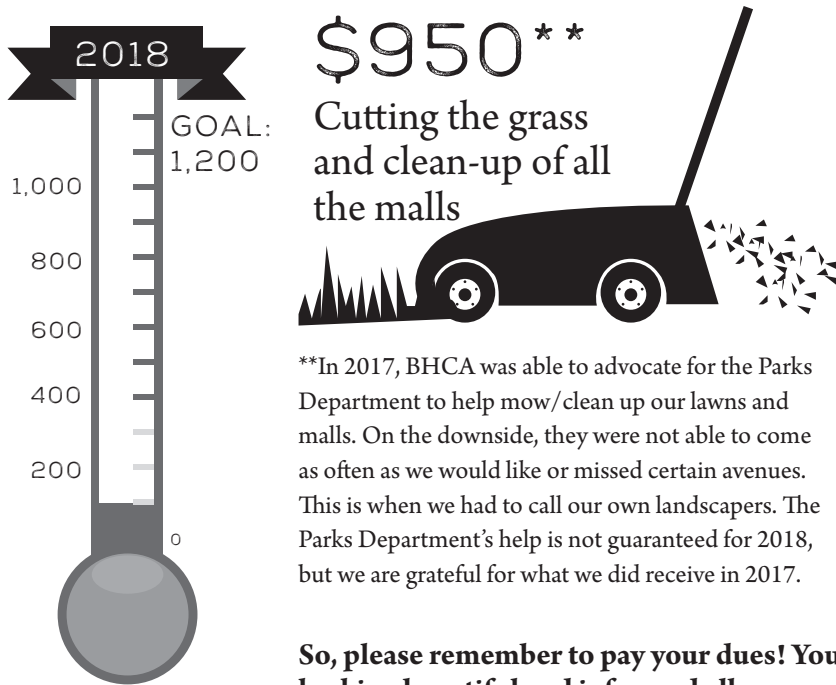
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It's time to renew your dues for 2018! We appreciate your generosity. The Bayside Hills Civic Association is an open homeowner membership organization representing over 1,200 households within the boundaries of Bayside Hills. Our mission is to promote 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 2017.** * Please visit our website at www.baysidehills.info for complete 2017 Financial Report.



\$6,819

Printing and mailing our newsletter to everyone in our community



\$1,027

Colonial Church rental fees for meeting space

\$1,186

Misc. expenses: Queens Civic Congress dues, General meeting refreshments, Mall banners, Scholarship awards, Certificates, Flags, Domain fee, P.O. Box rental

So, please remember to pay your dues! Your donations help to keep your neighborhood looking beautiful and informed all year-round.

2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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☐ CHECK HERE IF YOU ARE A NEW MEMBER OF THE BHCA

ANNUAL DUES: \$25.00

BEAUTIFICATION DONATION: \$

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$

BHCA 의 회비 \$25 을 다음 주소로 보내 주십시오.

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