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BAYSIDE HILLS KEEPS GETTING BETTER!

Thanks to the generous beautification donations from our BHCA members, the Civic Association was able to build a new stone planter at the mall on Bell Blvd. and 48th Avenue. We are grateful for the contributions that help make Bayside Hills look amazing! Thank you to Sebastian D'Agostino and Lenny Iaffaldano Contracting, Inc. for design and construction.

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TUESDAY, APR 30 • 8PM

GENERAL MEETING

Bayside Hills Civic Association's next

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WELCOME SWEET SPRINGTIME EVERYONE!

*Welcome, sweet Springtime! We greet thee in song,
Murmurs of gladness fall on the ear,
Voices long hushed now their full notes prolong
Echoing far and near.*

*Sunshine now wakes all the flow'rets from sleep,
Joy-giving incense floats on the air;
Snow-drop and primrose both timidly peep,
Hailing the glad new year.*

*Balmy and life-breathing breezes are blowing,
Swiftly to nature new vigor bestowing.
Ah, how my heart beats with rapture anew,
As earth's fairest beauties again meet my view.*

*Sing then, ye birds: raise your voices on high;
Flow'rets awake ye! Burst into bloom!
Springtime is come! and sweet Summer is nigh,
Sing then, ye birds, O sing!*

*Voices of the Woods--also known as: Welcome, Sweet Springtime!
w., anon. m., "adapted to Rubinstein's Melody in F"
by M. Watson. G. Schirmer [1884]*

OMG, the Bayside Hills Civic Association Beautification Committee is on a roll as we "Welcome Sweet Springtime" once again. Feel free to walk around the neighborhood and see their work. Perhaps you will notice the new planter on the corner of Bell Boulevard and 48th Avenue, or the repair and replacement of the Belgium blocks at our BHCA 9/11 Memorial Garden on Bell Boulevard and Horace Harding Expressway. While you're at it, take a gander at the exquisitely painted fire alarm box thanks to craftsman John Colgan's labor of love. BTW: We are looking to have Mr. Colgan refurbish three more fire boxes in the future; we are in the process of making those arrangements.

Believe it or not, we are getting even closer to hearing the news vis-à-vis the revitalization of Dermody Park Triangle on 48th Avenue and 216th Street. We are pushing very hard for a "shovel to the ground" date and, according to the office of State Senator John Liu, this news should be forthcoming. In addition, at our March BHCA Board of Directors meeting, there was a discussion about repairs to the walls around the park.

Last but not least, you will be seeing the results of our annual BHCA Mall Clean-Up Fest, which took place Saturday, April 13th. Thanks to our Parks Department, volunteers, and the aforementioned BHCA Beautification Committee, it looks like our malls are going to look quite special as the season of spring continues.

Additional news about our Beautification Committee's work will be reported on at our April 30th General Meeting with the community which takes place at the Colonial Church of Bayside, Bell Blvd. where Luke Place and 216th Street converge. As usual, we are inviting our 111th Precinct officers, but in addition we are asking our NYPD Precinct Sector C Officers Melissa Bonilla (917.807.7523) and John Aluska (718.357.5912) to join us and officially introduce themselves and update us on their programs.

Another topic that evening will be news from the New York City Transit (NYCT) as they discuss their rollout of the Queens Bus Network redesign. We will have a speaker from that agency to update us on this issue. (While they're at it, perhaps we can give them a little reminder about how buses in our community should not be speeding on our streets.)

We also plan to have an interesting discussion on Spot Zoning, "the process of singling out a small parcel of land for a use classification totally different from that of the surrounding area for the benefit of the owner of such property and to the detriment of other owners." Invited to speak on problems and possible illegalities involving this issue is Sean Walsh, president of the Douglaston Civic Association (DCA).

As usual our Refreshment Committee will be on hand with their delectable treats at our post meeting collation. Finally, perhaps you will get lucky at our 50/50 raffle.



I would be remiss in not congratulating our BHCA Board of Director Eileen Miller, who has been elected the new Chairperson of our Queens Community Board 11. So best of luck Eileen on your new position!

Speaking of congratulating BHCA Board members, our very own Vice President, Sebastian D'Agostino, was honored as "Man of the Year" at this past March 9th's "Little Neck-Douglaston Memorial Day Parade Annual Fundraiser" at Monahan & Fitzgerald Restaurant.

Happy Spring Everybody! Hope to see you all at our April 30th meeting. Until then, continue strolling around our beautiful neighborhood and enjoy the fruits of our labor! Kindly mark on your calendars 9:30 AM Saturday, May 25, our annual BHCA Memorial Day Observance by our flagpole, Bell Boulevard and 53rd Avenue.

DATES TO REMEMBER!

PLEASE JOIN US!
All are welcome at the
**BHCA & Partnership for Parks
MALL CLEAN-UP FEST!**

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

10am-1pm

@ 56th Ave & Bell Blvd Mall

Assignments will be given out at the meeting area and
light refreshments will be served afterwards.

WE WELCOME EVERYONE AND HOPE OUR NEIGHBORS WILL SPREAD THE WORD.

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**RAIN BARREL
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Cunningham Park
Parking Lot on Union Turnpike & 196th Place

Sunday, June 9, 2019
8:30 AM - 10 AM

PLEASE JOIN US for our annual
Memorial Day ceremony to be held
on **Saturday, May 25 @ 9:30 am**
Bell Boulevard and 53rd Avenue

Bayside Hills Civic Association's next
GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, April 30, 8pm
COLONIAL CHURCH OF BAYSIDE
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VISION ZERO SAFETY REMINDERS!

IF YOU DRIVE

PAUSE & WAIT BEFORE YOU TURN

Left turns severely injure three times as many pedestrians as right turns—after you find a break in oncoming traffic, there is still likely to be someone in the crosswalk where you are about to turn.



Turn slowly and expect people in the crosswalk every time.



Give pedestrians space. Stop at the stop bar—not in the crosswalk.



Neighborhood Slow Zones take the speed limit down to 20 mph on residential streets.

SLOW IT DOWN SPEED LIMITS ARE CHANGING

If you hit someone at 30 mph, you are twice as likely to kill them than if you hit them at 25 mph.

This is why the speed limit in New York City is changing to 25 mph.



DO WHAT YOU CAN TO BE SEEN

Hawaiian shirts might not be your style, but adding a brightly colored umbrella or scarf will help others see you.



Stop at the curb. The sidewalk is the safest place to stop and check for traffic.



3 out of 4 crashes occur at intersections. Some spots are more complicated than others. Be especially alert for traffic turning left.

LOOK IN ALL DIRECTIONS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES AND BICYCLES



Even if it's a one-way street... even if the signal is in your favor... look around, just in case.

STAY OUT OF THE BLIND SPOT

Turning trucks and buses cannot see a bicycle in their blind spot.



Be seen at night. A white headlight and red taillight are required by law and wearing something reflective is really smart.



Do not pass when trucks and buses are turning, especially on the side they are making the turn.

GO WITH THE FLOW BIKE IN THE DIRECTION OF TRAFFIC



A head-on collision is much more serious than a rear-end collision.

Cars, pedestrians, and other cyclists expect all traffic to come from the same direction.

OUR BOARD MEMBERS ARE BEING RECOGNIZED!



BHCA Vice President, **Sebastian D'Agostino** (pictured on the far left) was honored on March 9 at Monahan & Fitzgerald by the Little Neck-Douglaston Memorial Day Parade Association. He was named "Man of the Year". The parade was founded in 1927 by American Legion Post #103.

Eileen Miller (pictured on the right) BHCA's board member, who had served as third vice chairwoman since 2014, was elected chairwoman of Community Board 11 in a 27-8 vote. She beat Douglas Montgomery of Douglaston to succeed Auburndale resident Christine Haider as the advisory panel's head. "I believe I have the aptitude and the experience to fill the role of chair," said Miller, who pledged to work on issues throughout Community District 11 without giving any neighborhoods preference and briefly discussed her advocacy for smoke-free housing. **Congratulations to Sebastian and Eileen! Well-deserved honors!

2019 RICK SKUTCH ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

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 **\$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 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.



GARDENING TIPS FOR LATE SPRING!

Protect Plants from Slugs

Slugs and snails are especially fond of young growth, particularly that of delphiniums and hostas, and can attack young buds before they have even emerged from the soil. General controls, such as commercially produced slug pellets, can be very effective, but organic methods, such as beer traps, are also worth trying. One way to stop the pests in their tracks is to use a physical barrier, such as eggshells or a layer of coarse grit. Copper tape is one such deterrent, delivering a minor electric shock to the slug as it attempts to pass over it.

Plant Out Vegetables

Vegetable crops sown earlier in the year, such as leeks, self-blanching celery, globe artichokes, marrows, and zucchini, can be planted out in May. These tender plants are safe to plant out now that the threat of frost has passed.

Move Pots Outside

Any tender or exotic plants, such as citrus trees, that you have brought indoors over winter can now be moved back into the garden after a gradual acclimatization to outdoor temperatures (the shock of a sudden change can cause leaves to drop).

Keep Watering

As temperatures start to rise, it's important to keep plants well watered, especially those that have just been planted out. As plants become established and develop bigger and more effective root systems, they will need watering less frequently. Established plants only need a good soaking in dry conditions if they show signs of wilting.

Plant Summer Bedding

Beds and borders planted with spring bedding can be cleared now as summer approaches, ready for tender summer bedding plants, such as Bacopa. A wide selection will be on display at nurseries and garden centers and can be safely planted out from May into June.

Trim Hedges

Formal hedging, such as boxwood (*Buxus sempervirens*), should be lightly trimmed by hand now. Hand shears will give a better result than a mechanical hedge trimmer, which can bruise leaves instead of cutting them cleanly, resulting in brown and unsightly foliage. Boxwood does not like to be cut back hard, so it's much better to trim it regularly to keep it in shape. Use a length of taut twine or a cane as a guide to help you keep the line straight as you work. —from HGTV online



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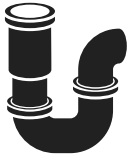
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We appreciate your generosity. The Bayside Hills Civic Association is an open homeowner membership organization representing over 1,200 households within the boundaries of Bayside Hills. Our mission is to promote a safer, more livable community. The 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 2018. Please pay your dues within the first quarter of 2019 so you can take advantage of our merchant discount program all year!**



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