

# THE BAYSIDE HILLS BEACON

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## COMMUNITY BOARDS

The New York City Revision Commission proposes sweeping changes to community boards by recommending a ballot question to establish Community Board Members' term limits of four consecutive two-year terms with staggered implementation. Each Community Board Member represents the interests and needs of his or her neighborhood, and is appointed for two years by the borough president; half nominated by the city council members who represent the area. Some members are not reappointed, as it is not a lifetime position. They assist in matters which affect part or all

of the community: traffic, transportation, education, environment, housing and buildings are also a concern of a board, as well as zoning matters. These members are the voice of the people. They volunteer their time and energy to invest in their communities and receive no compensation in return.

I believe it is very important to keep people with "institutional knowledge," especially for particularly complex board functions. The core of each board is the long-serving seasoned members, who are the target of this legislation. If you dismiss these members you weaken the board. To weaken the board is to weaken the voice of the people. If the amendment passes, "Many members of the community boards who have knowledge about land use and other issues

would automatically be off the board. With a four-term limit, I believe by the time new members develop this knowledge, they'll be "term-limited off the board."

Many community boards have vacancies, so why limit board members when there are still openings? We also encourage community members to join, as it is important to hear from all sectors of our diverse community. Applications are filed in January (available online at [queensbp.org](http://queensbp.org)) and appointments are announced in March. I believe that imposing term limits would not be good for the communities they serve.

—Eileen Miller RN MS Nurse Practitioner

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TUESDAY, OCT 30 • 8PM

GENERAL MEETING

Bayside Hills Civic Association's next

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## MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT 2018!



From left to right for the New York State Senate 11th District candidates: Tony Avella, John Liu, and Vickie Paladino, Assembly District 26 Candidates Ed Braunstein, David Bressler, and Assembly District 25 candidate Nily Rozic.

Welcome to the fall season as we turn our heads to politics. Our next BHCA general meeting at the Colonial Church of Bayside, located on Bell Boulevard where Luke Place and 216th Street converge, will take place Tuesday, October 30th at 8:00 PM. It's our annual "Candidate's Night." As for the questions, they're coming from you as we request emailed questions from the community at [baysidehillscivic@gmail.com](mailto:baysidehillscivic@gmail.com), with everything you wish to ask of our guests. You can then decide who will do the better job of representing our neighborhood. As of this printing of the Beacon, the invitees will be as follows: For New York State Senate 11th District candidates Tony Avella, John Liu, and Vickie Paladino. Assembly District 26 Candidates Ed Braunstein, David Bressler, and Assembly District 25 candidate Nily Rozic.

Speaking of elections, this is the time to contact our BHCA elections chair, Eileen Feiner, also at [baysidehillscivic@gmail.com](mailto:baysidehillscivic@gmail.com), if you wish to serve on next year's BHCA Board of Directors. The slate of candidates will be published in the November Beacon. Therefore, Eileen must be apprised of your intent by the first week in November. As usual we've invited officers from our 111th Precinct, who will be in attendance with their regular report, plus our famous 50/50 raffle, clothing drive, and our wonderful refreshments.

Hopefully, at our meeting we will also try to get updates on the revitalization of our Bell Boulevard Malls and the iconic Civil War monument, Dermody Triangle Park, on 216th Street and 48th Avenue. Now that the major water main and sewer construction project is out of Bayside Hills along with the debris that went with it,

there should be a "shovel to the ground" date for our Parks Department to begin work in these areas.

### Vis-à-vis the passing of **Senator Frank Padavan:**

I had a hunch something was wrong. We always invited Frank to our BHCA 9/11 observances. This year he didn't respond to our invitation and obviously he did not show up. Years ago Frank donated a beautiful "Flag of Heroes" flag for our ceremony. Actually the senator showed up to just about anything whenever the BHCA invited him to one of our events or meetings. Personally I thought very highly of him. May he rest in peace.



Please mark down on your calendars future BHCA events such as our **November 27th 8:00 General Meeting**, which will mark the return of our New York City Department Buildings Director of Intergovernmental

Affairs, Anthony Iuliano, and then, on **Sunday, December 2nd at 5:00 PM, we will be having our BHCA Holiday Lighting Festival**. More on that in our November Bayside Hills Beacon. For now, we hope to see everybody at our **"Candidate's Night" on the evening of October 30th at 8:00.**



# OCTOBER/NOVEMBER CALENDAR!

**SAT, OCT 27, 2018**

**1:00 PM–7:00 PM**

**QUEENS COUNTY FARM MUSEUM  
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**4:30-5:30PM**

**TEENS-ADULTS**

**FEE: \$28**

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prepared and try their hand at using a henna cone to create their own design. Limited to 15 participants. Register/query at [jaconet@aol.com](mailto:jaconet@aol.com)

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

**ALLEY POND ENVIRONMENTAL  
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**PEDAL POWER PESTO MAKING!**

**ADULTS; 6:00pm-8:00pm**

**FEE: \$31**

Come ride the Sweetcycle with chef Kate Zuckerman. We will make three different pestos on our blender bikes using pedal power. This is an interactive cooking workshop where we will learn about the raw ingredients in a pesto sauce. In addition to making three different pestos we will discuss the emulsion science in the pesto sauce and learn about the key ingredients that make up the sauce. By the end of the workshop you will learn how to build

your own pesto recipe based on the nuts, seeds, oils and herbs that appeal to your taste.

**WREATHMAKING WORKSHOP**

**QUEENS COUNTY FARM MUSEUM**

**SAT & SUN, DEC 1-2 & 8-9, 2018**

**2 SESSIONS:**

**10:00 AM–12:00 PM; 1:00 PM–3:00 PM**

**FEE: \$25 / Non-member (price per wreath)  
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Get in the holiday spirit with your own handmade evergreen wreath! Make a gorgeous evergreen wreath at this popular workshop. No experience necessary. We'll show you the ropes and provide materials; you only need to bring garden shears. We'll have festive tunes, hot cider, and cookies on hand to keep the mood merry and bright. (Materials provided include: evergreen boughs, wire wreath frame, and one red bow. Participants are welcome to bring additional decor.)

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**Q: What made you want to get into hardware? Why did you choose Bayside Hills?**

**A.** Well, I started working here for Mr. Posner part time when I was going to school. I've been here since 1964.

**Q: What's your favorite thing about Bayside Hills?**

**A.** The people. I mean I like the people. Almost all of them—there are a few I could live without, but by and large over the years I've developed a relationship with these people. [Bayside Hills] is small townish and it's rewarding to work here.

**Q: Is there anything you'd like to change about Bayside Hills?**

**A.** The only thing I'd like is for people to be nicer to each other. Other than that, no.

—Interviewed by Benjamin de Leon, III



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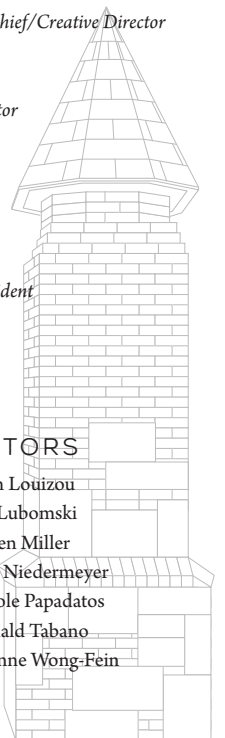
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# REMEMBERING 9/11, 17 YEARS LATER...

BHCA President Michael Feiner led the evening which included healing messages from St. Robert Bellarmine R.C. Church Monsignor Martin Geraghty and Rabbi Charles Agin, Emeritus Rabbi Free Synagogue of Flushing, Our Cub Scouts Pack 142 and Boy Scouts Troop 142 opened the event with the presentation of colors and the pledge of allegiance. The beautifully manicured site—courtesy of Garden World and Ron Keil. Uniformed members of the NYPD Pct 111 (Captain John Hall, Commanding Officer) and the FDNY Engine 326/Ladder 160 participated along with dignitaries including State Assemblywoman Nily Rozic, Assemblyman Edward Braunstein, City Councilman Paul Vallone, Community Board 11 Chair Christine Haider, and former BHCA president, Judge Jerry Iannece.

Flags and candles were placed in the framing garden by BHCA residents that turned out in record numbers. Thank you and the community volunteers for supporting and participating in this year's ceremony. You make our community better and more livable for everyone.



Photos contributed by Carole Papadatos and Rich Kashdan—thank you!

# 2019 BHCA BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS!

Anyone interested in running for an officer position or member of the Board of Directors on the Bayside Hills Civic Association slate, please contact Elections Chair, Eileen Feiner, at [baysidehillscivic@gmail.com](mailto:baysidehillscivic@gmail.com) by the October 30, 2018 general meeting. Elections will be held at the November 27th 2018 general meeting with the new term beginning January 1, 2019.

## DOUSING THE DECOR DOLDRUMS

The use of full floor carpeting or area rugs are integral in warming up a space. Removal of old, tired carpet, with replacement vinyl flooring, very big on the decorating front right now, offers a contemporary look. Its practicality lies in the fact that it touts a waterproof feature, yet has either the look of real wood if desired, or other interesting patterns. **An area rug in a vibrant color** or design appeals to the eye while serving to create that desired warmth as well as tie in the color scheme.



I'm a big fan of **throws for sofas, chairs, or use in the bedroom**. They look chic thrown over the chaise of a sectional, across the back of a favorite armchair or recliner, or across the lower portion of a bed. They can be twisted, folded, or casually tossed, depending on the effect you would like to achieve. And while focusing on throws, what better way to spruce up furniture than **toss pillows**, often referred to as "jewelry for your furnishings." There are so many rich textures, patterns, and colors to select, and they are an invaluable tool in redecorating without having to invest a huge sum in the design.

Happy Decorating! –Eileen Feiner, Feiner Finds

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**THINGS CHANGE.** So much of the news receive is immune to deadlines—it's real time and not limited to copy space. The Bayside Hills Civic Association has produced and delivered a print edition of the Beacon to 1200 Bayside Hills households for over seven decades. We began supplementing the print edition with a digital version a couple years ago. It allowed us to share timely construction and crime updates, upon receipt. Still, our e-mail address book is limited. We hope that you will join our digital mail group by sharing your e-mail address with us. In addition to the print edition, you'll receive advocacy, beautification, zoning, merchant discount and safety news on-line. Please send us (or update) your email address at: [baysidehillscivic@gmail.com](mailto:baysidehillscivic@gmail.com)

We also look forward to launching our online dues payment option in November. Stay tuned!- Continue to follow us on Facebook for more up-to-date news about our community.



Please email us at [baysidehillscivic@gmail.com](mailto:baysidehillscivic@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns you may have. Send us your email to join our mailing list! Feel free to let us know of any upcoming neighborhood events that you would like us to add to our calendar!





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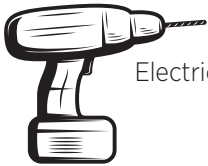
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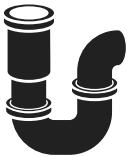
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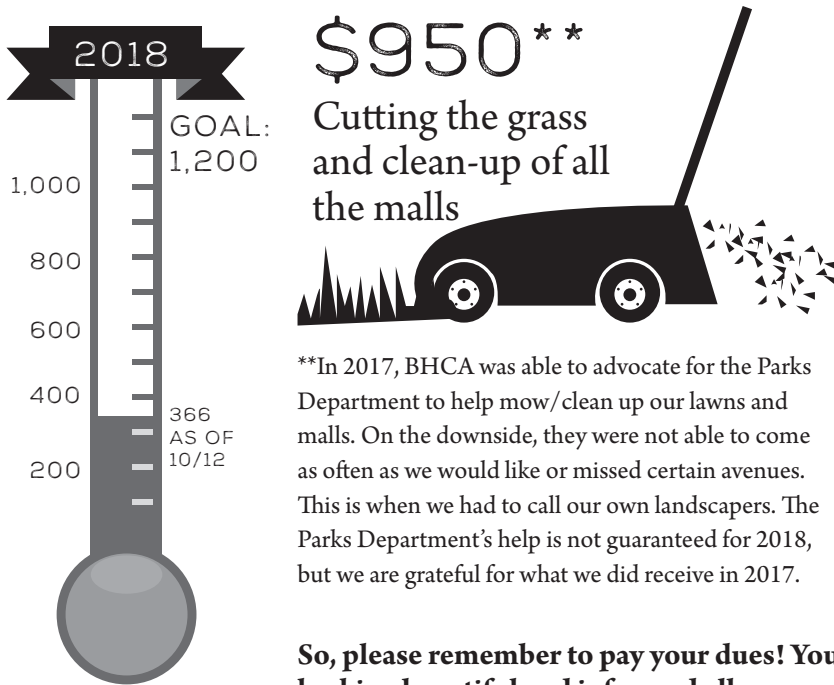
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