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DERMODY TRIANGLE CEREMONY

On Friday, May 31, the Bayside Historical Society and honored guests layed a wreath to honor the memory of Baysider Captain William C. Dermody and all those who bravely fought in the Civil War. Dermody Triangle is the site of one of New York City's oldest war memorials. Representatives from Company K, 67th New York Infantry were also there in period-correct Civil War uniforms.

Captain William C. Dermody was an outspoken abolitionist who was mortally wounded at the Civil War Battle of Spotsylvania, Virginia in May 1864. He volunteered with the 67th New York Infantry and served in Company K, the first regiment of Long Island volunteers. In 1866, the Dermody Triangle site was dedicated to the memory of Captain Dermody by a ceremonial meeting of a Union and



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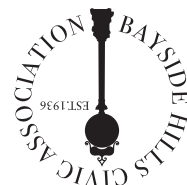
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Over and over again we constantly hear of parks being built or renovated, new wings to schools being constructed, the erection of a new police precinct, (the 116th), nicely manicured malls that are constantly well taken care of in other neighborhoods. We see photographs galore of elected officials posing at groundbreaking ceremonies, etc.

So here's the plan: Its time to ask, what about us in Bayside Hills? **On June 25th, 8:00 PM at Bayside Colonial Church Auditorium, Bell Blvd,** (where Luke Place and 216th Street converge), we will address these issues with you, the community of Bayside Hills, and how we have been neglected in this regard, beginning with Dermody Triangle.

The fascinating history of Dermody Triangle Park on 216th Street and 48th Avenue will be covered by our former BHCA president, past Community Board 11 Chair, and current Judge, Criminal Court of the City of New York, Queens County, Hon. Jerry Iannece. It's great to have Jerry address our audience once again! We have also invited John Liu, a member of the New York State Senate for the 11th District in northeast Queens to discuss the current \$500,000 grant that is in place for the revitalization of Dermody Triangle Park, the site of New York City's oldest war memorials.



For quite some time now, we have been looking toward when we can possibly learn of a "shovel to the ground" date for the commencement of this area's construction project. Ideally, we are hoping for an announcement prior to this June 25th date. As of this writing, Senator Liu has been involved with unraveling years of red tape in attempts to release the funds to our NYC Parks Department. Recently Senator Liu was in attendance at a Dermody Triangle Memorial Ceremony where representatives from Company K, 67th New York infantry in period-correct Civil War uniforms placed a wreath on the park's monument. Hopefully, the Senator's attendance at this event will act as a catalyst for some decision making up in Albany with regards to that aforementioned "shovel to the ground" date.



In reference to our struggles in maintaining our malls and a \$500,000 grant to renovate our Bell Boulevard mall, Council Member Barry Grodenchik, who represents the 23rd City Council District in Eastern Queens, has been invited to address these issues. The Bayside Hills Civic Association has been in existence since 1936. We have been successful in solving numerous problems that have arisen over the years. Nevertheless,

the maintenance of our malls on Bell Boulevard and the avenues of 58th, 56th, 53rd has quite frequently been an issue. As of this writing, I am awaiting a report from our Queens Budget Director Richard Lee vis-à-vis Bell Boulevard's redevelopment. In the past our Board has had meetings in Borough President Melinda Katz's office with Mr. Lee, contractors, designers, architects, and our BHCA Board of Directors in attempts to get this project started. We will be asking the City Councilman to update us on this issue.

This upcoming **Bayside Hills Annual 9/11 Ceremony (7:00 PM)** will have a special moment, the renaming the area's northeast corner where Bell Boulevard and Horace Harding Expressway intersect, to Bayside Hills 9/11 Memorial Way, thanks to the collaborative efforts of Councilman Grodenchik, the New York City Council, and Community Board 11's Transportation Committee, (who unanimously voted favorably for the street sign renaming). There will be an unveiling of that sign at the end of our ceremony. In light of this special moment, we anticipate a larger attendance than usual considering that we plan to publicize this in as many sources as possible. More on this very special Bayside Hills Annual 9/11 Ceremony in our September Beacon publication.

With that being said, prior to this upcoming 9/11 ceremony we want our Bayside Hills community to appear worthy of an event of this magnitude. Therefore in the upcoming months we will be planning the following upgrades to our community:

- 1) Improve the appearance of the tops of the guide towers on 216th Street and 48th Avenue east of Dermody Triangle. We hope to be submitting estimates to you BHCA members who will be in attendance at our June 25th general meeting at the Colonial Church.
- 2) Repair work to be done on the cupola on 213th Street. With the help of Queens Budget Director Richard Lee, we will be planning to have the structure funded and repaired.
- 3) Planters on the avenues to be replaced.
- 4) 48th Avenue Bayside Hills fireboxes to be artistically repainted, similar to the one on 217th Street and 51st Avenue. (Thank you volunteer painter John Colgan and BHCA Board of Director Jack Niedermeyer.
- 5) Lettering on our Bayside Hills clock to be replaced.
- 6) Bayside Hills signs on the 48th Avenue and Horace Harding Expressway entrance ways of Bell Boulevard to be replaced.

So that's the plan folks. Hope to see everybody the evening of June 25th at 8:00 PM at the Colonial Church. Remember our food and clothing drive, the 50/50 raffle, and our delectable refreshments prepared with love by our programs committee. Please join us and spread the word. Happy summer everybody!





Registration is ongoing for **September 2019 Colonial Church Nursery School** classes located at 54-02 217th Street, Bayside, NY (where Luke Place and 216th Street converge)

Information about our 2 yr. old playgroup and 3 yr. old classes is available by calling the church office at 718-224-3899 or by contacting the school director, Mary Pyne at mary@colonialchurch.net



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Please email us at 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!

THANKS to all who came out to HONOR OUR VETERANS

The Bayside Hills Civic Association held our annual memorial day ceremony on Saturday, May 25th. We were fortunate to have a bright sunny day to honor all our veterans and to have a good turnout from the community. Once again thank you for your continued support and contributions. The ceremony and the participation of our neighbors definitely brought pride and respect to our veterans.



Photos courtesy of Carole Papadatos & Rich Kashdan

AN ALL-DIGITAL BEACON COMING IN 2020

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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 two newsletters this August and November. It will end over 70 years of

printed editions which started shortly after the BHCA was chartered.

Much of the news we receive now is through e-publications and social media, so an e-version of the Beacon will allow us to communicate in a more timely manner. More importantly, the new format will save money by eliminating printing and

mailing costs—nearly \$5,000 per year! 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.

Although we anticipate on-line editions of the Beacon going forward, it is possible that from time to time we may issue a printed edition to commemorate a special event or share important news. **Please be sure to send us your email address to ensure uninterrupted receipt of our BHCA communications.**

Please share your e-mail address with us at
baysidehillscivic@gmail.com
 in order to receive the e-Beacon in 2020.

BAND OF BROTHERS

To commemorate the 75th Anniversary of D-Day Bayside Hills resident Paul Turck center and two of his brothers, Michael (left) and Peter, who were raised in Bayside Hills, had the two vintage WW2 vehicles restored and shipped to Omaha Beach, France to participate in the events of the 75th Anniversary of D- Day.



Photo courtesy of Carole Papadatos

2019 RICK SKUTCH SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CONGRATULATIONS TO BOY SCOUT TROOP 142

The enduring hallmark of the Bayside Hills Boy Scout Troop 142 is community service. And so, it is appropriate that the 2019 Rick Skutch Scholarship is awarded to our local troop. Led by Scoutmaster David Risueño, the troop of 11 to 17-year-olds holds its meetings at the St. Robert Bellarmine gym where it plans its scout and community enrichment activities.

They have been integral to our mall clean-up and graffiti removal efforts for years. For example, years ago the troop and a group of Cardozo H.S. students that they recruited painted over graffiti on four of our cupolas on 48th Ave and 212th and 213th Streets. One scout, Steven Chow, earned credit for part of his Eagle Scout installation project.

The scouts' cheerful and friendly helping hand has made the Hills safer and more livable. They embody strong character and civic responsibility as they selflessly volunteer and advocate for environmental sustainability, clean air and a more beautiful neighborhood—all leadership qualities that center scouting and the Skutch award.

The award will be presented at the BHCA General meeting on June 25th at the Colonial Church at 8pm. Please join us.



(continued from cover) Confederate veteran, each planting a special tree: a maple to represent the North and a sycamore to represent the South. The trees were to grow together as a symbol of the communal hope for a better union. To this effect, a monument was placed in the square with the inscription "For a Better Union 1861-1865," which remains there today.



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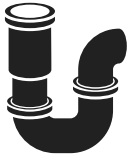
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Safeguard Your House.

What Can I Do?

Check the condition of your house doors and door frames. Should they be repaired or replaced? All exterior doors should be either metal or solid core wood (1-3/4 inch thick). Always use a licensed locksmith. Security devices for windows vary, depending on the type of window and its location. All accessible windows in a private house need securing. Second-story windows can be accessed by ladder, trash cans, nearby trees, garage rooftops, or shrubbery, and basement windows are one of the most popular points of entry for a burglar.



Lighting

Illuminate the perimeter of your house and door areas with enough light to see.



Timers

Use timers throughout the house that have variable time changes.



Mailbox

Avoid displaying the first names of family members on the mailbox.



Shrubberty

Cut or trim shrubbery so that it does not obstruct viewing from inside or outside.



Air Conditioners

Secure air conditioners to the window opening to prevent them being pulled out or pushed in.



Window Gate

On the first floor, or on any emergency exit window (fire escape), use a window gate - commonly known as the "ferny" or "safety gate" - approved by the New York City Board of Standards and Appeals.



Garage

Secure an attached garage as you would your dwelling, as it is an access point into your house.



Alarms

There are a variety of alarm systems available in different price ranges. Get estimates for your alarm needs from at least three established alarm companies.

Locks

- Use a deadbolt lock with a one-inch throw bolt or a heavy duty drop-bolt lock.
- Install a highly pick-resistant cylinder.
- Protect the cylinder with a guard plate.
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Danger

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