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Dermody Triangle circa 1935 (one year before the formation of Bayside Hills). Thank you Tommy Byrne for providing us with this historical photo!

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HAPPY 80TH ANNIVERSARY BAYSIDE HILLS!

Bayside Hills Civic Association is celebrating our 80th Anniversary! We are an amazing community with the beauty of our grass malls, unique homes, outstanding school district, wonderful shopping, and easy access to many major transportation hubs. The civic association has stepped up this year with banner displays and American flags placed at our malls. This is a magnificent neighborhood and we have tremendous pride in it. Kudos to our neighbors Gene Greenlaw who produces the beautiful banners and Jack Niedermeyer for purchasing the flags. The banners are posted at the end of the malls on Horace Harding Expressway and 48th Avenue as a reminder for every general meeting and our special events. These banners are paid for with our membership dues so please help us maintain our neighborhood and other structures which need repair by paying your very reasonable membership dues today.

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TUESDAY, OCT 25 • 8PM

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If you notice that our appearance has changed significantly from our previous issues, that's because every once in awhile the Bayside Hills Civic Association comes up with something wonderful. This time it materialized in the form of an extremely talented graphic designer, Yvonne Wong-Fein, who has volunteered to join the staff of our Bayside Hills Beacon publication as Creative Director. The BHCA Board of Directors is absolutely delighted to have Yvonne's exceptional abilities to enhance our newsletter.

Now it is time to really, I mean REALLY, focus on the future of the Bayside Hills malls, decaying cupolas, guideposts, planters, and other iconic structures that identify our neighborhood. On Friday, September 15th, members of our BHCA Beautification Committee had their first meeting in the office of Queens Borough President Melinda Katz to discuss plans for the future of our malls, iconic structures and a \$500,000 allocation from the Office of the Borough President. Discussions included replacement of crumbling curbs, identifying and replacing dead or dying trees, possible introduction of bioswales, (simple landscaping features used to slow, collect, infiltrate, and filter storm water), power raking, seeding, pedestrian ramps, and other possibilities. Besides our BHCA Beautification Committee members there was a most impressive panel; in attendance was our City Council Member Barry Grodenchik who, along with Queens Budget Director Richard Lee, hosted our discussion. In addition there were Councilman Grodenchik's Chief of Staff Ari Gershman; Ilan Kutok, Director of Green Infrastructure, NYC Dept. of Parks and Recreation; Community Board 11's Department of Parks' liaison Joseph Block; the Administrative Associate at NYC Department of Transportation, Richard Gippetti; and the Director of Constituent Services, from Queens Borough President Melinda Katz's Office, Ann Marie Boranian. Our Beautification Committee members who were present, and I, truly feel progress was made. Prior to our next meeting in December, estimates for repairs to our structures will be submitted and we'll continue to meet regularly until hopefully we can see shovels in the ground.

While on the subject of our malls, how about some kudos for our BHCA Beautification Committee and their helpers for the work they have been doing for quite some time now? There's Chair Ronald Keil (Garden World-Keil Bros), who planted flowers all over town including our 9/11 Memorial Garden; clock, flagpole area and elsewhere; Eileen Miller, BHCA Board member and our CB 11 representative, painter of our Bell Boulevard sign; Bayside Hills residents such as Jo-Ann Skutch with our neighborhood all-star gardeners including BHCA Board members Jack Niedermeyer, and Sebastian D'Agostino; Jay Koellner, who is responsible for our beautiful clock; and Rita and Rich Kashdan, who are in charge of hanging the signs announcing our BHCA events. BTW: The Kashdans immediately prior to our BHCA 9/11 Observance, spent considerable hours in the heat painting and beautifying the planter and gate house near our spectacular Bayside Hills Memorial Garden. Here are just a few examples of their dedication below.



Photos from left to right by Rich Kashdan (pedestal/banner), Eileen Miller (plaque) and Yvonne Wong-Fein (clock)

I would also like to send a big time note of appreciation to everybody who attended and contributed to our Bayside Hills Civic Association Annual 9/11 Observance. To see all those youngsters and parents from our schools in great abundance was extremely heartwarming. There are photos posted elsewhere in our Beacon; as you can see the turnout was very large and the collaborative effort toward the event's success was immense. Although it is a shame we have the existence of a 9/11, the BHCA's labor of love to conduct this event annually will continue. Next year it will be observed on a Tuesday. Thank you everyone; please come back!

As for our next BHCA general meeting at the Colonial Church of Bayside, located on Bell Boulevard where Luke Place and 216th Street converge, it will take place Tuesday, October 25th at 8: 00 PM. It's our annual "Candidate's Night." As for the questions for the candidate's ...they're coming from you as we request emails from the community at baysidehillscivic@gmail.com, with everything you wish to ask of our guests, and you can then decide who will do the better job in representing our community. As of this printing of the Beacon, it is a little too early to finalize responses for potential candidates but the invitees are:

Senator Chuck Schumer, currently has no known opponent.

Danniel Sun Maio, running against **Congresswoman Grace Meng**.

Mark Cipolla running against **State Senator Avella**.

Carlos Giron running against **State Senator Stavisky**.

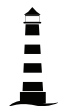
Assemblyman Ed Braunstein will be running unopposed.

Assemblywoman Nily Rozic currently has no opponent.

Speaking of elections, this is the time to contact our elections chair, Eileen Feiner, also at 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.

On your back burners, please make a note of our next two events which will be covered to a greater extent in our November BHCA Beacon. For Tuesday, November 29th, in addition to our BHCA



**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 8PM**

Bayside Hills General Meeting
"Candidate's Night"

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

Halloween

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Election Day
(NYC public schools closed)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Veteran's Day
(NYC public schools closed)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Bayside Hills General Meeting
"Department of Design & Construction"



SAFETY TIPS FOR A "BOO-DACIOUS" HALLOWEEN!

MOTORISTS

- Stay alert. The streets of the "Hills" that don't normally have a lot of pedestrian and bicycle traffic will experience an increase on Halloween night.
- Be patient and SLOW DOWN. Give children lots of time to cross the street. Their costumes may impair their ability to see and hear you.

PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

- Costumes should be brightly colored and clearly visible to motorists.
- Decorate or trim costumes, "goody" containers with reflective tape that will glow in the beam of a car's headlights.
- An adult should accompany the trick-or-treaters

TRICK-OR-TREATERS

- No running! Always walk when crossing streets, and cross at corners or crosswalks
- Look both ways before crossing the street or stepping off the curb.
- Always stay with an adult.



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Children's Fall Festival | Sunday, October 30

(11am-4pm; Admission \$5 for all ages)

A festival of Halloween fun for children of all ages! Everyone is encouraged to wear their costume. Free children's games, bounce houses, and professional character look-alikes will add to the festive air. Keep the fun going with hayrides, pony rides, and a petting zoo.

FORT TOTTEN PARKS/LITTLE BAY PARK

Halloween Festival | Saturday, October 29 (12-3pm; FREE)

Park Administrator Matt Symons, Council Member Paul Vallone, and the Friends of Fort Totten Parks welcome you to a spooky, fun-filled afternoon, featuring crafts, games, rides, music, and more!

BAYSIDE HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS!

We will be holding elections for the BHCA officers and Board of Directors at our November 29 General Meeting, please submit any nomination requests to baysidehillscivic@gmail.com by November 8. The slate for those candidates running for office, commencing January 1, 2017, will be published in the November Beacon.

REMINDERS

- Please pay your \$25 Bayside Hills Civic Association 2016 annual dues if you have not done so already!
- American Legion clothing donation for adult men. Contact Sebastian at 718-225-3438.
- Food pantry collection at every BHCA General Meeting.



Please email us at baysidehillscivic@gmail.com with any questions or concerns you may have. Feel free to let us know of any upcoming neighborhood events that you would like us to add to our calendar!

REMEMBERING 9/11, 15 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 Gordan Yaffe of Congregation L'Dor V'Dor, Little Neck. The Boy Scouts of America opened the event with the presentation of colors and the pledge of allegiance. Cathy and Mike Chimenti provided a moving musical tribute on the beautifully manicured site—courtesy of Garden World and Ron Keil. Uniformed members of the NYPD Pct 111 and the FDNY Engine 326/Ladder 160 participated along with dignitaries including State Assemblywoman Nily Rozic, Assemblyman Edward Braunstein, City Councilman Barry Grodenchik, State Senator Frank Padavan (ret.) and former BHCA president, 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!

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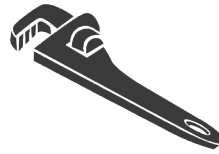
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Board of Director's election, we will have representatives from QED 1002, vis-à-vis what is to be a \$19.7 million upgrade to the water delivery and sewer systems in the Bayside Hills neighborhood of Queens. Last summer work began to install nearly 3 miles of new distribution water mains. The new ductile iron mains are to replace the unlined cast iron mains that currently serve the neighborhood and were installed in the 1930s. The project is also to include the installation of 1.3 miles of new steel trunk water mains, which serve as a conduit between the large water tunnels and the local distribution mains. The new water mains are to help accommodate the added demand from the growing population of Northeast Queens and should ensure adequate water pressure for firefighters and a reliable supply of high quality drinking water for the area. The project is being funded by DEP and managed by the Department of Design and Construction. It was expected to be completed during the summer of 2016. Apparently, for some reason, there have been difficulties in regards to this construction project, too numerous to mention here. Therefore with the assistance of Community Board 11, this construction project will be the featured topic the evening of November 29th.

Finally, on Sunday, December 18th 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" General Meeting on the evening of October 25th at 8:00.

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