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HOLIDAY FOOD SAFETY TIPS

The holidays are an exciting time of year for everyone, and to help ensure they have a safe and happy holiday season, here are some food safety tips to keep the celebrations merry and bright!

- Bacteria are often present in raw foods. Fully cook meats and poultry, and thoroughly wash raw vegetables and fruits.
- Keep hot liquids and food away from the edges of counters and tables, where they can be easily knocked over by a young child's exploring hands. Be sure

that young children cannot access microwave ovens.

- Wash your hands frequently, and make sure children do the same.
- Never put a spoon used to taste food back into food without washing it.
- Always keep raw foods and cooked foods separate, and use separate utensils when preparing them.
- Always thaw meat in the refrigerator, never on the countertop.
- Foods that require refrigeration should never be left at room temperature for more than two hours.



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Well, we made it to the holiday season edition of the Bayside Hills Beacon Civic Association. There are plenty of topics to discuss beginning with what I was working on the day I wrote this President's Message, November 9, 2017.

My day began when I learned that personnel from St. Robert Bellarmine Roman Catholic Church were getting fined because of confusing "No Parking" signs surrounding the building due to the complex, often delayed, water main project that has been driving our community crazy. In addition, although a temporary stop sign was placed on 56th Avenue at Luke Place, the construction materials have rendered the entire area from the Colonial Church to Springfield Boulevard extremely hazardous. Making matters worse, construction from the same project at the corner of Horace Harding Expressway and Springfield Boulevard, caused such traffic slowdowns at that intersection, it sometimes took a half hour for a vehicle to go from Douglaston Parkway to Springfield Boulevard on the L.I.E Service Road. Other hassles included construction materials remaining all along 217th Street for the entire summer, a major construction storage spot on 216th Street and 48th Avenue blocking traffic near Dermody Triangle, (which has been unusable for quite some time), and numerous emails and phone calls from irate residents who had enough already.

So let's mention that date again, November 9, 2017. (a Thursday) That was the day I called the Department of Design and Construction and went over all our concerns with QED1002 Project Manager Mina Marcos, who informed me the entire project is heading north and will be out of Bayside Hills by Thanksgiving. Thereupon I contacted the office of Council Member Barry Grodenchik and Community Board 11 District Manager Joseph Marziliano and requested that they help monitor the removal of the construction materials from the Bayside Hills area in keeping with that time period. Hopefully, these plans will come to fruition and our annual BHCA December 10th Holiday Lighting Festival will be conducted in a construction free neighborhood for the first time in years.

Which brings us to our next BHCA general meeting Tuesday, November 28th 8:00 at the Colonial Church of Bayside, Bell Blvd., where Luke Place and 216th Street converge. Please remember on that evening our elections chair, Eileen Feiner will be introducing the slate of candidates for your vote. They are running for the BHCA Board of Directors and Officers beginning January of 2018.

Our first guest that evening will be Gregg Sullivan, founder, chairman, and CEO of Bayside Live TV a grass roots, down home repository for video chronicles about Bayside News, People, Events, Music, Sports, Arts, Businesses, Pets, etc. Over the years, Bayside Live TV have covered BHCA General Meetings, previous 9/11 Observances and Holiday Lighting Festivals.





Our other guest will be Christine Silletti, Executive Director of The Bayside Village BID, which supports the dozens of businesses along the bustling Bell Boulevard corridor between Northern Boulevard and 35th Avenue, as well as 41st Avenue from 213th Street to 214th Place. The group works to promote local business through marketing efforts, community events and support services, including helping owners navigate through the often confusing world of city permitting and regulations.

Of course as usual we have invited representatives from our 111th Precinct with their regular police report. Remember too that we'll have our regular food drive, 50/50 raffle, and wonderful refreshments.



Finally, on Sunday, December 10th at 5:00 PM, on the Bell Boulevard

and 53rd Avenue mall we will be having our BHCA Holiday Lighting Festival. Most of our usual guests will be in attendance including a return engagement from the children of PS 203. Thank you so much Principal Deborah A. Florio, Ai Huei Chang Lau, Assistant Principal Debra Halpern, Parent Coordinator, and music teacher Linda Holcomb, who have been tremendous in setting all this up. We also will be printing song sheets and select volunteers to lead us in singing Chanukah songs and Christmas carols, and later we'll be decorating that fabulous Christmas tree donated to our community by Garden World and Keil Brothers Garden Center. Oh yes, do not worry, Santa Claus will be on hand spreading joy and cheer to everybody. Please see our flier about our festival elsewhere in this publication.

In conclusion, please remember our two big upcoming dates, December 10th 5:00 on 53rd Avenue and Bell Boulevard for our spectacular BHCA Holiday Lighting Festival, and Tuesday, November 28th at the Colonial Church of Bayside, Bell Blvd where Luke Place and 216th Street converge, for our next general meeting. See you all then and please tell your friends and neighbors.

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 Alley Pond Environmental Center Keep Calm and Practice Yoga Ages: 14 years old – adults

Time: 9:15 - 10:15

Fee: \$10 Members; \$16 Non-Member Book your spot and bring your mat!

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DECEMBER 10, 2017 Bayside Historical Society Holiday Jazz Brunch Cost: \$30 BHS members; \$35 Non-Members

Time: 12:00pm to 2:00pm

Ring in the season with our jazz-themed holiday brunch! Enjoy a festive buffet in our

newly renovated ballroom while listening to the sounds of our jazz band. R.S.V.P. required: 718-352-1548.

DECEMBER 16, 2017 Bayside Historical Society Holiday Cookies & Crafts

Cost: \$5 per child/\$15 maximum per family; Time: 1:00pm to 3:00 pm

Join us at the Castle for this walk-in workshop. Families are invited to craft delightful decorations celebrating the winter season. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served, and Santa will be making a guest appearance.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28 Alley Pond Environmental Center Kidz Kitchen - Two Turtle Yums

Ages: 6-7

Time: 11:00 - 12:00

Fee: \$16 Members, \$22 Non-Members

...and a partridge in a pair tree. Turtles and doves are the inspiration for this holiday

treat. Fruits and cheeses will be the star ingredients for healthy fun snacks to bring in the New Year. 2018 here we come! For those little ones who just can't wait to be a young chef, here's something just for you. APEC Kidz will have fun learning about an animal, and then help make a delicious snack to compliment what they've learned. All materials included. Limited to 8 participants.

DECEMBER 26-28 Queens Farm HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE 12:00–4:00 pm

This event is FREE

Warm up by the fireplaces of the decorated Adriance Farmhouse at this celebrated annual event. Take a tour of this historic landmark building and enjoy seasonal kids' crafts and hot mulled cider throughout the afternoon!

2018 BHCA BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS!

Below is the slate for the BHCA Officers and Board of Directors for the term commencing January 2018. As this is an uncontested election, a motion will be made to elect the Board in its entirety. Once the motion is seconded, the voting will commence.

Thank you to all those who have worked so tirelessly to better our wonderful Bayside Hills Community, and we applaud your continued efforts. We especially want to thank outgoing members Mary Parrino, our devoted secretary, and Jay Koellner, long-time resident and Board member for their outstanding service to our special neighborhood. You will be missed!

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December 10th, 2017

5:00 PM

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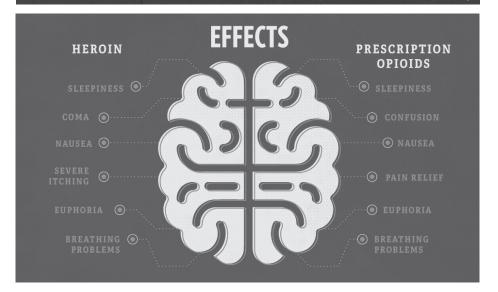
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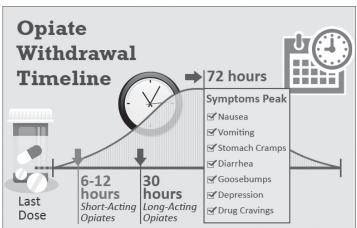
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ZONING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS

The Bayside Hills Civic Association (BCHA) has made complaints regarding the construction at 58-25, 58-29 and 58-33 220 Street Bayside Hills. The Department of Buildings has made inspections of these properties and issued Stop Work Orders for each for performing work that doesn't conform to plans. We are thankful to Community Board 11 for its usual prompt assistance in these matters.

Stop Work Orders have been issued for the properties at 58-25, 58-29 and 58-33 220 Street. It is anticipated that fines will be levied and that the properties will eventually be developed in accordance with the applicable zoning and building regulations.

Because the advertisement at the property features homes each with 2 master suites, 4 additional bedrooms, 6 bathrooms and the size of the homes the BHCA is of the opinion that the developer intends for these properties to be illegal 2 or 3 family homes. The BHCA will do everything in its power to prevent this from happening. Bayside Hills is a R2A zone (meaning 1 family homes only) and this Association will be vigilant to see that any renovation or new construction conforms to applicable zoning and DOB regulations. It is requested that residents notify the Department of Buildings via 311, Community Board 11 and the BHCA of any suspected violation of Zoning regulation, DOB regulation or construction safety concerns.

Other recent actions by the Department of Buildings in Bayside Hills include: issuance of a Stop Work Order for constructing a 2-story extension without permit at 214-19 51 Ave, issuance of a ECB Violation constructing a basement apartment at 214-19 51 Ave., issuance of a ECB Violation for occupancy of a basement apartment without a Certificate of Occupancy at 214-19 51 Ave. Issuance of a Stop Work Order for job site safety at 53-23 212 Street. The site has been brought into compliance and hopefully work will be completed within the applicable zoning and building regulations.



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

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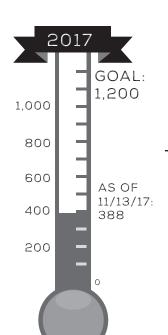
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also become a source of contention for your neighbor. Put yourself in their shoes and imagine how upset you'd be if you or perhaps your newborn was woken from a much-needed nap by the sudden yapping of a nearby dog. If you have problems controlling your dog's barking or whining, consider seeking advice from your local vet or a local animal organization.

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES!

THANK YOU to all who've already renewed your dues for 2017! We appreciate your generosity. For those who haven't yet, there's still time! 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 info graphic to show how dues were spent in 2016.





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