

# THE BAYSIDE HILLS BEACON

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Dear BHCA Board Members,

On behalf of my family and myself, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. I was overwhelmed when I saw the beautiful plaque honoring Rick on St Luke's mall that was repaired and replanted. It is not only a lovely tribute to him, but to the community that bestowed it on him.

When Rick and I purchased a home here, we loved the sense of community and friendly atmosphere, and indeed, it was everything we hoped it would be. Nice neighbors have become long-lasting and best friends. I feel so grateful to be a part of this caring and hard working community.

So thank you BHCA and all of you for your dedication and determination in maintaining this community. It makes such a difference and tributes daily to our quality of life. Even though it is not often acknowledged, it is noticed and is truly appreciated. Just know, all your effort gives a warm sense of comfort and gratitude to those of us, lucky enough to be living here.

With warm thanks,  
Jo-Ann Skutch

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FROM DSNY

PRESENTATION

TUESDAY, NOV 27 • 8PM

**GENERAL MEETING**

Bayside Hills Civic Association's next

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## ENDINGS AND NEW BEGINNINGS

Our next two BHCA events will be taking place November 27th 8pm and December 2nd 5pm. Please mark those dates on your calendars; details below.

Two of the most iconic Bayside establishments of all time and Bayside Hills Beacon advertisers, plan to close their doors by the end of November: Posner's Hardware and Lock and Bob Coccia's Appliance Center. Pictured above are a very satisfied looking Posner's employee, Michael Zisner, proprietor Joe Lamel and six year old Chloe Dallas, following the repair of a sled that was hanging in our garage for about thirty years. Chloe and I were on our way afterward to Crocheron Park for some serious sleigh riding. On the right is Bob Coccia who had a similar look of satisfaction when he sold my wife Eileen, and me some beautiful, state-of-the-art Whirlpool kitchen appliances; (refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, and microwave). Although it's a sign of the times, it's a shame to see our mom and pop shops disappear. These folks surely will be missed!

The next Bayside Hills Civic Association's General Meeting features Anthony Iuliano, our Queens Department of Buildings Community Affairs Director; Nov. 27th, 8pm, at the Colonial Church of Bayside, Bell Blvd., where Luke Place and 216th Street converge. We are asking the community to submit questions vis-à-vis DOB concerns for Mr. Iuliano to [baysidehillscivic@gmail.com](mailto:baysidehillscivic@gmail.com)



In addition to Director Iuliano, we will also have a DSNY Organics Program presentation. Our guest will be Zachary Sicardi, the Organics Collection

Outreach Associate, who will speak on this program and provide helpful tips and suggestions on how you can participate.

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.



We ask you to also remember, Sunday, December 2nd 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 students 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, we plan to have Santa Claus 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 2nd 5:00 on 53rd Avenue and Bell Boulevard for our spectacular BHCA Holiday Lighting Festival, and Tuesday, November 27th 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, family and neighbors.

## BHCA BOARD CANDIDATE TIMOTHY FUREY, CFA

I am a fourth generation New Yorker born and raised in Bayside Hills. A product of our amazing public schools, I attended P.S. 203, MS 158 and Cardozo High School before obtaining degrees in physics and economics from Vassar College in upstate NY. I ventured further for graduate school, completing an MBA from INSEAD in both France and Singapore.

I join the Board with over 13 years of experience in the financial services sector. I began my career in central banking as an analyst at the Federal Reserve Board of Governors before transitioning to capital markets/in-

vestment banking for firms such as UBS, Bear Stearns, and Oppenheimer Investments. I also have extensive international experience from work, study and travel in Asia, Latin America, Africa, and Europe and have performed M&A and strategy/business development for companies such as Cantor Fitzgerald and General Electric.

Despite my extensive international experience, I still think locally and appreciate the unique gem of a community that Bayside Hills is. I look forward to working with Michael, Eileen and the rest of the team that has dedicated so much of their time and efforts to preserve this wonderful community.

## DECEMBER CALENDAR!

### WREATHMAKING WORKSHOP

#### QUEENS COUNTY FARM MUSEUM

SAT & SUN, DEC 1-2 & 8-9, 2018; 2 SESSIONS:

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### STARRY NIGHT PAJAMA PARTY

#### ALLEY POND ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

AGES 4-6; 6:30PM-9PM; FEE: \$24

Drop off your little ones for an evening of astronomy fun including star gazing with a real telescope, an outer space themed film with star snacks, and a make-and-take galaxy in a bottle. Wear pajamas and bring a blanket to snuggle up with. Limited to 15 participants.



## SLATE

The following is the slate for the Bayside Hills Civic Association Officers and Board of Directors for the term commencing January, 2019. The uncontested election will be held at the next general meeting on November 27th at the Colonial Church of Bayside.

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**A.** It's what we do - it's what we specialize in.

**Q: Why did you choose Bayside Hills?**

**A.** Easy. There were a lot of Greeks, we're Greek and we also lived around here already.

**Q: What is your favorite thing about this community?**

**A.** My favorite thing about this community is it's safe, quiet, good people - it's a good neighborhood.

**Q: Is there anything you would change about Bayside Hills?**

**A.** I hadn't really thought about it. No not really.

—Interviewed by Benjamin de Leon, III

### EDITORIAL TEAM

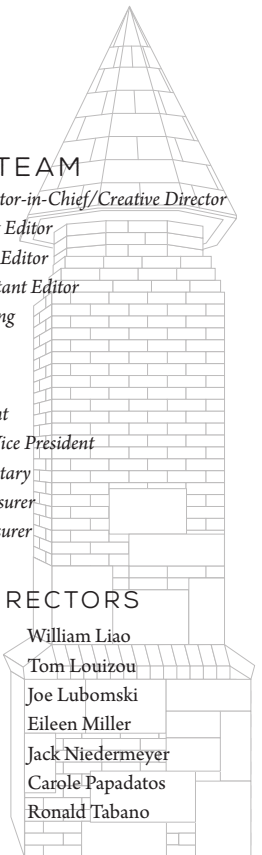
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Please email us at [baysidehillscivic@gmail.com](mailto:baysidehillscivic@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns you may have. Send us your email to join our mailing list! Feel free to let us know of any upcoming neighborhood events that you would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



# GIVING THANKS AND KEEPING SAFE:



The end of Daylight Saving Time and the turning back of our clocks brings shorter days and challenging driving conditions to our streets. The Bayside Hills Civic Association (BHCA) cautions motorists and pedestrians to be more alert as the potential for harm increases as darkness falls earlier.

**Consider the following tips for motorist and pedestrian safety during the shorter days of autumn and winter:**

## MOTORISTS

- Slow down. During the evening hours, you need more time to see a pedestrian in your path.
- Keep your windshield, windows, and mirrors clean. Make sure your defrosters and windshield wipers are working

properly and that washer fluid is replaced as needed.

- Never text while driving. Driving is a full time job – keep both hands on the wheel and eyes on the road

## PEDESTRIANS

- Don't depend on the traffic signal to protect you. Motorists may be distracted, especially when adjusting to the nighttime travel environment.
- Avoid jaywalking and crossing between parked vehicles. Crosswalks offer a safer alternative.
- When crossing the street, look left-right-left and listen for cars from the curb.

Remember that less daylight can disrupt our familiar driving routine. Also since sleep patterns are affected, the BHCA warns drivers to be aware of their need for rest and the effects that a loss of sleep can have on driving attention and fatigue.

With Thanksgiving right around the corner, we will soon flock to the roads to visit and celebrate with family and friends. So, whether you are heading across the country or just across town, our Thanksgiving wish is for a safe and happy holiday with family and friends.

# ILLEGAL OVERNIGHT PARKING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

The proliferation of commercial vehicle parking and storage on our neighborhood streets is changing the quaint nature of Bayside Hills. This commercialization of the community will inevitably lead to a less attractive neighborhood and lower property values. The Bayside Hills Civic Association is working with Community Board 11 and the NYPD Pct. 111 to address this problem.

Parking commercial tagged or use trucks and buses overnight on residential streets is a violation of NYC parking regulations. City code #3 states that it is illegal to park a commercial vehicle on a residential street between the hours of 9pm and 5am and illegal to park a commercial vehicle on a residential street for more than three hours unless doing business within three blocks. Buses may only park in areas permitted by signs.

It is not just illegal, it is a hazard. When another vehicle is parked opposite the

truck or bus, passage by two cars moving in opposite directions or turning is very difficult and unsafe.

In some cases, passenger vans used for commercial purposes, yet bearing passenger vehicle tags are parked on our residential streets. This may violate registration and commercial driver license (CDL) laws in addition to insurance vehicle use standards.

## Here's what you can do:

1. First, talk to the owner/operator of the vehicle when possible and if you are comfortable doing so. The driver is most likely a resident and BHCA neighbor and has the same aspirations and dreams for his family as you do. Politely remind the operator that it is illegal to park a truck or a bus on a residential zoned street. They may simply be unaware of the regulation. Suggest that the transit vans and busses be parked in a driveway,



garage and if necessary in front of the vehicle owners' property.

2. Second, tell us at [BaysideHillsCivic@gmail.com](mailto:BaysideHillsCivic@gmail.com). Please provide as much detail as possible including plate numbers, markings, and hours of illegal parking. We'll ask CB 11 to work with the appropriate agencies to address the situation.

3. Call NYC 311, preferably during the hours of illegal parking. Be as specific as possible with your request.

Thank you for helping to keep our community safer and more secure for all families.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR BHCA'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTING FESTIVAL!

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 | 5PM**  
**BELL BLVD AND 53<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE MALL**

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## DSNY Organics Program Presentation



**Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2018 | 8:00pm** (rain or shine)

**Bayside Colonial Church Auditorium**  
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Food scraps, food-soiled paper and yard trimmings — collectively known as organics or organic waste — make up about one-third of our waste. Just like traditional recycling of paper, cardboard, metal, glass and plastic, residents separate these items and put them in a brown organics bin. The NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY) collects these organics every week and turns them into compost and clean energy. A DSNY representative will speak on this program and provide helpful tips and suggestions for how you can participate in this program.

Visit [nyc.gov/organics](http://nyc.gov/organics) for FAQs and videos.

## JOIN THE DIGITAL BEACON CLUB BY SHARING YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS WITH US!



**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)







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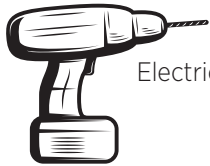
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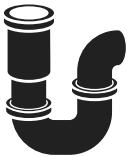
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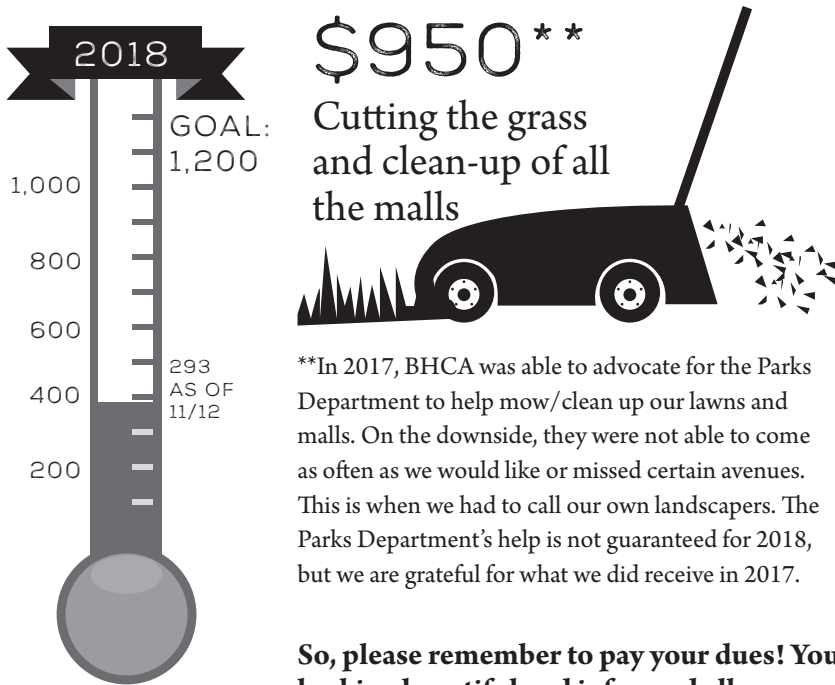
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We appreciate your generosity. The Bayside Hills Civic Association is an open homeowner membership organization representing over 1,200 households within the boundaries of Bayside Hills. Our mission is to promote a safer, more livable community. The 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 2017.**



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