

# THE BAYSIDE HILLS BEACON

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## A SUCCESSFUL MALL CLEAN-UP FEST!

The sun was shining, the birds were singing and it felt like a summer day when the Bayside Hills Civic Association held its grass mall clean-up on Sat., April 29th, 2017. Our malls add to the beauty of our neighborhood and it is quite expensive to maintain throughout the year. We are deeply appreciative of all our neighbors who came out on this glorious day to participate in our annual clean-up.

We take pride in where we live and are able to achieve an excellent reputation by keeping Bayside Hills a desirable neighborhood. Credit also goes to the Parks Department for maintaining the malls on Bell Blvd. which helps us keep our costs down. This also could not be accomplished without your dues and generous donations towards beautification. Bayside Hills Civic Association thanks you for whatever you can do and hope that your involvement to better our community will continue.

*(See photos on page 5)*



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# REMINISCING ON MEMORIAL DAY



Upon announcing our **BHCA Saturday May 27th Memorial Day Ceremony** at 9:30 AM on Bell Boulevard and 53rd Avenue, I think of my father, Leo Feiner, who served in the US Navy on a WW II Landing Craft (LST) in Europe and was injured when his ship was torpedoed. Fortunately Leo survived, although he sustained injuries which led to him receiving government checks similar to the ones below (with those little rectangular holes in them) that were sent to him on a regular basis in a brown envelope.

Every once in awhile when I asked my father the reason he was receiving those checks, he would show me photos of himself on his LST such as those above, as well as pictures of his damaged ship. Interestingly, back in the fifties there was a TV show I watched with my father chronicling Navel battles called "Victory at Sea." One of the episodes was about the LST my father served on, showing the damage it received when it was torpedoed, and mentioning all the casualties. Hopefully, this little story of my war hero father will encourage a great turnout for our Memorial Day Observance. In addition, at this time I would like to once again present the history of this holiday:



The custom of placing flowers on the graves of the war began on May 5, 1866, in Waterloo, NY, and Waterloo has been recognized by Congress as the official birthplace of Memorial Day. In 1868, Gen. John A. Logan, then president of the Grand Army of the Republic, declared that May 30 would be a day to decorate with "flowers the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion."

After World War I the day was set aside to honor those who died in all American wars, and the custom was extended to pay homage to deceased relatives and



friends, both military and civilian. The most solemn ceremony conducted on Memorial Day is the placing of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns located in Arlington national Cemetery.

*SOURCE: Encyclopedia Americana, 1991 edition - Contributed by: David Whitten*

Our invited guest list includes the following: State Senator Tony Avella; Councilman Paul Vallone; Councilman Barry Grodenchik; State Assemblyman Edward Braunstein; Anthony Lemma - Community Liaison for Assemblyman David Weprin; Assemblywoman Nily Rozic; Chaplain Michael Proto; Jerry Vilbig, bugler; Rabbi Charles Agin, Emeritus Rabbi Free Synagogue of Flushing; BHCA VP Armando Cortino; Father Gabriel Lee; Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts of America, (Troop & Pack 142); local theatre star Rhea Arkin; officers from the 111th Precinct; our Community Emergency Response Team; (CERT) audio expert Jess Feiner; and others. There will once again be a Memorial Day poem, recited by Will Liao.

**On another note, thanks to everybody who turned out for our BHCA Mall Clean-Up Fest. As you can see it was a huge success!**

**So there you have it Bayside Hills. Please join us May 27th, 9:30 AM and remember our next BHCA General meeting June 27th. More about that in our June Beacon.**





## CALENDER REMINDERS

- Please attend our next **General Meeting on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 8pm!** Food pantry collection & 50/50 Raffle are held at every BHCA General Meeting.
- **Saturday, June 10** Citi Field Park Parking Lot A, Cars approach from Shea Avenue & 126 Street **2017 SAFE Disposal Event** provide NYC residents an easy option for disposal of potentially harmful household items. All events are rain or shine, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **For more information: [www.nyc.gov/sanitation](http://www.nyc.gov/sanitation)**



PLEASE JOIN US for our annual **Memorial Day** ceremony to be held on **Saturday, May 27 @ 9:30am**  
**Bell Boulevard and 53rd Avenue**

### BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR SERIES

## LESSON 1: INTRODUCE YOURSELF

Whether you're new in the neighborhood or new residents have just moved in on your block, introduce yourself. Say hello, offer a welcoming gift (the classic homemade pie never fails) and share or ask about the local area, sanitation service schedule and favorite restaurants.

## Our Website is Up and Running!

### Bayside Hills is back on-line!

Learn about our latest events, download current and past issues of *The Beacon*, get information about how to become a member of BHCA and so much more! **So please visit: [www.baysidehills.info](http://www.baysidehills.info) today!**

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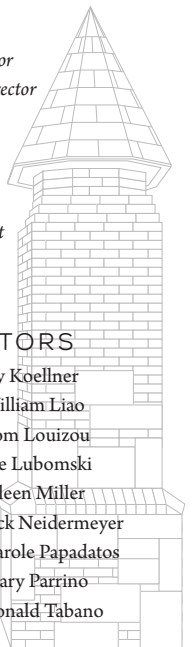
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Please email us at [baysidehillscivic@gmail.com](mailto:baysidehillscivic@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns you may have. Feel free to let us know of any upcoming neighborhood events that you would like us to add to our calendar!

# No Crime is Too Small, by BHCA Board member Tom Louizou

Our April BHCA general meeting was both remarkable and disappointing.

Remarkable because our all-volunteer civic association is able to consistently get the attention and participation of our Federal, State and Local representatives at our events. Credit to BHCA President Mike Feiner and to you, an enduring well represented, reliable tax-paying, constituency at the ballot box. We heard from our Governor, Congresswoman, and Council members' offices on issues ranging from infrastructure needs, increasing water and inequitable property tax rates, prison closures, sustainable development plans, trespassing and illegal parking.

Disappointing because there were few specific remedies or action plans presented to our concerns beyond the advice to call 3-1-1. Curious was the lack of indignation and acceptance of the status quo—a surrender to inaction. Often, calling 3-1-1 is not effective. We heard that observed criminal behavior cannot be acted upon by the police unless they observe it. That's understandable and expected. Enforcement based on unfounded or manufactured accusations is not justice. What is more troubling is the seeming acceptance of lawlessness. Neighbors described how commercial vehicles are routinely parked on our streets and avenues with impunity or how trespassers can't be stopped from rummaging in backyards. Other examples included aircraft and construction noise, descriptions of long standing abandoned, litter-strewn properties and code violations that persist because access is denied to inspectors who then must eventually close the case.

In some cases, passenger vans used for commercial purposes, yet bearing passenger vehicle tags are parked on our residential streets. They skirt enforcement entirely due to this ruse. We learned that

judges very rarely will find a verdict against the illegal registrants because of the lack of direct observation of the illegal use by the police.

The lesson to the violators: no one care—you are safe to continue to flaunt the law. The unintended message to the law abiding registrants and property owners that pay extra for parking, insurance, property taxes and fees: no one cares. Not a message our community is ready to accept. Nor should our elected officials and enforcement community be satisfied that "it is what it is."

It may appear like small potatoes to express concern over illegally parked vans, abandoned properties, and noise because the police have much bigger problems. Except for the fact that the City's record low crime rate and "safest big city" recognition is based on the "broken windows" policing theory that holds that no crime is too small; take care of the small crimes like littering, noise pollution, fare beating, traffic offenses, illegal parking and the big crimes will be prevented—order will prevail. This central tenet of community policing has been embraced by our City's leadership for decades. It has resulted in safer, more secure and more livable neighborhoods. Abandoning the enforcement of quality of life violations provides an opening for disorder and cynicism.

Poor form New York City leadership. Do not surrender to the illegal, selfish behavior of the few. Together, we must do better for our community.

**We would like to hear what you think! Or if there's something on your mind that you'd like to share with our community, please write us and your letter can be share. Send your letter to the address on the back page or e-mail the BHCA Beacon at [baysidehillscivic@gmail.com](mailto:baysidehillscivic@gmail.com)**

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## JOIN BHCA'S GARDENING GROUP!



If you have a green thumb and would like to help us with up-keeping our flowers in our malls, please feel free to contact BHCA board member **Rita Kashdan** at **917-330-1542**



# THANK YOU—to all who came out to help us at our BHCA & Partnership for Parks MALL CLEAN-UP FEST!



## Participants in the clean-up of the malls:

Assemblyman Ed Braunstein  
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## Students:

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P.S. 203Q  
Stefanie and Annie Boo from  
P.S. 115Q

## Donations from Mike at Foodtown for water and cookies

**And special thanks to:**  
Joe Block and the Parks Dept.  
for providing the tools,  
work gloves, mulch and end of  
the day clean-up. And Ron Keil  
and Garden World for donating  
the flowers and bulbs.

Photos courtesy of Carole Pappadatos  
and Rich Kashdan



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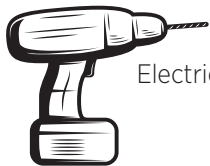


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We're looking for help from the community to replace the 15-20 planters in our malls. Over the years, they have become worn and are falling apart. **Are you in construction or a business where you can donate lumber/paint/supplies or your time? Or perhaps you are able to provide us with a proposal of what the cost would be for replacing the planters? Any and all help would be appreciated! Please email baysidehillscivic@gmail.com.**



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We want to create the best newsletter we can for our community, but we need your help! If you're interested in helping us at The Beacon with your talents, please feel free to contact us at **baysidehillscivic@gmail.com**.

# 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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