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## Dermody Triangle Restoration Update

Last month, board members of the Bayside Hills Civic Association met with city and state officials, including Borough Parks Commissioner Dottie Lewandowski, and State Senator Tony Avella, to discuss the Dermody Triangle repair and restoration. Through the office of Senator Avella, \$275,000 was allocated for the restoration and repair of Dermody Triangle. As of yet, there is no time frame for the project, but the city hopes to have it completed this year.

**Here is a list of the structural changes planned for the site:**

- All walkways will be replaced with paving blocks.

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**GENERAL MEETING**

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# WELCOME *Sweet Springtime* EVERYBODY

Our next BHCA general meeting will be Tuesday, April 25th at the Bayside Colonial Church located on Bell Blvd where Luke Place and 216th Street converge. Among other topics, I have asked our 111th police Community Affairs officers to discuss trespassers at our residences who rummage through our trash and what we can do about this. Our other guests that evening will be representatives of Senator Chuck Schumer, Governor Andrew Cuomo, and Congresswoman Grace Meng, who will be discussing national affairs with regards to their respective offices. We are soliciting from our community any questions you wish to ask these elected officials. Please email your questions to baysidehillscivic@gmail.com. I will collect them and have them ready for our guests that evening. Of course, please remember our 50/50 raffle and food drive (non perishables please).



On a sad note we all regret the **passing of our BHCA treasurer Rick Skutch**. Rick was a talented CPA, and a wonderful and conscientious member of our Board of Directors. An example of what he meant to all of us can be seen in his business mission statement which reads, "I am dedicated to accuracy, thoroughness and close personal service on a timely basis." Rick was definitely all that for the Bayside Hills Civic Association and the community of Bayside Hills. He will be missed. The BHCA's plans to honor Rick Skutch will be reported in the next issue of *The Beacon*.



We would also like to share the **retirement announcement of our Community Board 11 District Manager Susan Seinfeld**, who goes way back as a legislative aide to both former City Councilman Sheldon Leffler and Councilman David Weprin. For many years, Susan has aided immensely in helping me do my job as president of

the BHCA, almost always supplying me with the best answers possible to questions that arise involving the needs of our community. Good luck Susan in all your future endeavors. It's been a pleasure! Susan will join us at our general meeting in June as our guest of honor.

Of late there has been an abundance of successful BHCA undertakings that will be a sight to behold when completed. With much appreciation to State Senator Tony Avella who initiated the project, our BHCA Beautification Committee, and Parks Commissioners and their staffs, who gathered together and announced that our beautiful little village green, **Captain Dermody Triangle** on 216th Street and 48th Avenue, is going to be beautifully restored in the not too distant future. Senator Avella's efforts to push this project through in spite of cumbersome bureaucratic obstacles has not gone unnoticed. Kudos also to our NYC Department of Parks and our BHCA Beautification Committee for their time and effort.

Similarly, great progress has been made for the future of our **Bell Boulevard malls** and iconic structures germane to our community. Thanks to our Councilman Barry Grodenchik and Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, meetings have been conducted at Borough Hall with our BHCA Board members, our City Councilman, the Queens Budget Director, city architects, and others to plan the future of our malls and structures. There is a walk-through scheduled for April 21 of the Bell malls with those aforementioned individuals and other city employees so this massive project is also officially under way.

The Bayside Hills Civic Association, our volunteers and elected officials, are really rolling up our sleeves and getting to work like never before as we announce our second annual **BHCA Mall Clean-Up Fest**. The event will be held Saturday, April 29th beginning 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. A small army, spearheaded by our BHCA Beautification Committee and Sara Baral, Queens Outreach Coordinator of "Partnership for Parks," a joint program of NYC Parks and City Parks Foundation, will once again tackle a major clean-up of our malls. We are inviting the community to pitch in, as well as any organizations, (Boy Scouts, Explorers, etc) and schools to help make this a wonderful neighborhood event. We'll provide the tools, and you will provide the elbow grease and desire to make our beautiful neighborhood even more beautiful. On that morning, let's all gather on Bell Blvd and 56th Avenue and work our way to the LIE Service road to the South and 48th Avenue to the North.

I'll leave you with the poem which has appeared for quite some time in this column as we welcome Spring:

*Welcome, sweet Springtime! We greet thee in song,  
Murmurs of gladness fall on the ear,  
Voices long hushed now their full notes prolong  
Echoing far and near.*

*Sunshine now wakes all the flow'rets from sleep,  
Joy-giving incense floats on the air;  
Snow-drop and primrose both timidly peep,  
Hailing the glad new year.*

*Balmy and life-breathing breezes are blowing,  
Swiftly to nature new vigor bestowing.  
Ah, how my heart beats with rapture anew,  
As earth's fairest beauties again meet my view.*

*Sing then, ye birds: raise your voices on high;  
Flow'rets awake ye! Burst into bloom!  
Springtime is come! and sweet Summer is nigh,  
Sing then, ye birds, O sing!*

*Voices of the Woods--also known as: Welcome, Sweet Springtime! w., anon. m.,  
"adapted to Rubinstein's Melody in F" by M. Watson. G. Schirmer [1884]*



## CALENDER REMINDERS

- Please attend our next **General Meeting on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 8pm!** Food pantry collection & 50/50 Raffle are held at every BHCA General Meeting.
- **Saturday, May 6** Beautiful Butterflies program being offered at Alley Pond Environmental Center; for ages 3-4; 9:30am-11:30am. **Saturday, May 13** Mother's Day Nature Facials offered at Alley Pond Environmental Center; for ages 7+; 9:30am-11:30am. **Register for either event at [alleypond.com](http://alleypond.com)**
- **SAVE THE DATE** for our annual **Memorial Day** celebration to be held on **Saturday, May 27**. More details to follow. Please follow our Facebook page for updates!
- **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!**  
All are welcome at the  
**BHCA & Partnership for Parks  
MALL CLEAN-UP FEST!**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29**

**10am-1pm**

**@ 56th Ave & Bell Blvd Mall**

Assignments will be given out at the meeting area and  
light refreshments will be served afterwards.  
**WE WELCOME EVERYONE AND HOPE OUR NEIGHBORS WILL SPREAD THE WORD.**

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## Dermody Triangle Restoration Update

*(continued from cover)*

- All steps and walls on the north and east side of the triangle will be replaced.
- Entry to the park will become handicap accessible.
- Eight benches, at least two concrete tables and a few concrete garbage pails will be added.
- New trees will be planted for shade.
- All streetlights will be checked and either repaired or replaced based on need.

—Benjamin de Leon III



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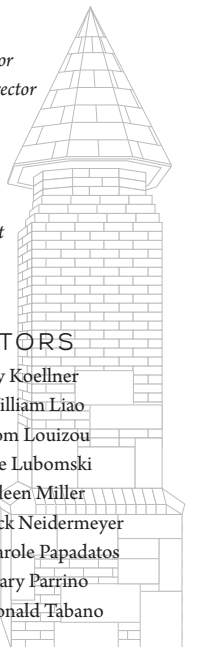
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## BHCA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD! APPLY BY MAY 15!

The Bayside Hills Civic Association is offering two (2) high school and two (2) middle school scholarships to eligible family members. If you are a BHCA member and have an eligible child, grandchild or great-grandchild who is a high school or middle school student, urge them to not miss this opportunity for a \$50 BHCA Scholarship Award. Four winners will be chosen. **SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS MAY 15.**



**CRITERIA:** The awards are presented to students who have demonstrated leadership qualities and concern for civic responsibility and good citizenship. Disciplines include environmental sustainability, volunteerism, advocacy for clean air and safe sustainable transportation, public health, education and other livability concerns. Recipients must demonstrate all-around achievement in scholarship, character, and civic responsibility.

Provide an essay application (1-2 pages) detailing your qualifications. Applicants are encouraged to include letters attesting to their achievements. **Applications must be post-marked by May 15 to: BHCA, P.O. Box 640246, Bayside Hills, NY 11364** Questions? Please email [baysidehillscivic@gmail.com](mailto:baysidehillscivic@gmail.com). **Winners will be listed in the September Beacon.**

## Our Website is Up and Running!

### Bayside Hills is finally back on-line!

Many thanks to volunteers Yang Li and Yvonne Wong-Fein for putting together our new website. It's still a work-in-progress, so please bear with us as we work towards improving our site. We would also like to thank volunteer photographer, Glenn Heckman, Jr. ([www.glennheckman.com](http://www.glennheckman.com)) for the beautiful photographs on our website. Now you can go on-line to 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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With the end of another school year almost upon us, most families will need to start planning summer activities for their children. Here are some ideas in our neighborhood to help get you started.\*

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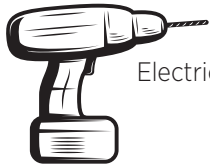


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## **BHCA HELP CORNER!!**



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would be for replacing the planters? Any and all  
help would be appreciated! Please email  
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# 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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