

# COMMUNITY BOARD 11

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Community Board 11 will be closed February 15<sup>th</sup> in honor of the Presidents' Day holiday

### NYPD OPERATION ID

NYPD offers a program to register your valuable portable electronics. The device can be engraved with a unique identifiable serial number.

Contact the 111<sup>th</sup> Pct. [Christophe.Dromm@nypd.org](mailto:Christophe.Dromm@nypd.org) for an appointment. If you have an iPhone you can activate the Find My iPhone setting. Go to settings, scroll to iCloud then scroll to Find My iPhone and slide to ON. Always use security features on any phone.

### PROPERTY TAX HELP

The NYC Dept. of Finance released Notice of Property Values to all homeowners. They are hosting sessions where property owners can meet one-on-one with DOF property assessors and the New York City Tax Commission to ask questions about their property's market and assessed values, learn how to get property descriptions changed, and learn about valuable property tax exemptions. In Queens, the workshops will be held at the DOF office at 144-06 94 Avenue, (Sutphin Blvd.) 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, on February 9 from 10am-12pm or on February 17 from 6pm-8pm.

### MORE ON PROPERTY TAXES

March 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for homeowners to apply for the various discounts available on their property tax bills in order to receive the benefit by July 1, 2016. These programs include exemptions for Senior Citizens (SCHE), Disabled Homeowners, Veterans, Clergy and co-op and condo abatement applications and the School Tax abatement (STAR). Call 3-1-1 for information and forms or go on-line to [www.nyc.gov/finance](http://www.nyc.gov/finance).

### STILL MORE ON TAXES

Property owners who receive the Enhanced School Tax Relief (ESTAR), Exemption must confirm their income eligibility every year. The Dept. of Finance automatically verifies income through the State Taxation Dept. Taxpayers can opt out of the automatic process and submit their own renewal application. You will receive a letter from DOF, sign and return it ONLY if you want to opt out. Call 3-1-1 if you have questions.



### FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Assemblyman David Weprin is sponsoring a food drive to benefit the River Fund of NY. Bring non-perishable food to his office at 185-06 Union Turnpike by Feb. 18.

### VALENTINES FOR VETS

Assemblyman Ed Braunstein is sponsoring the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentines for Vets donation drive. Donate cards, candy, toiletries and new clothing items to help hospitalized and disabled veterans. Bring donations to Mr. Braunstein's office at 213-33 39 Avenue, the Community Board 11 office or the Whitestone Volunteer Ambulance Service at 12-15 150 Street by Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>.

Check out our website [www.nyc.gov/queenscb11](http://www.nyc.gov/queenscb11) for meeting minutes, committee reports and updates

#### **RESIDENT TOOLKIT**

On the NYC website, you can find quick links to websites for all kinds of information you need as a City resident. Go to [www.nyc.gov](http://www.nyc.gov) and scroll all the way down and click on "Resident Toolkit". This opens up links to Voter Registration applications and poll locator, the NYC administrative code, Notify NYC, Ready NY, find your Community Board, Police Precinct or local Firehouse; connect to the MTA for travel info, Con Ed, the Dept. of Education for school registration and local schools, find City hospitals and clinics, parks and check on your garbage and recycling collection days.

Call or come by the Community Board office for recycling stickers, harmful product disposal guides, voter registration forms, bus maps, Ready New York emergency planners, DEP water survey request forms, how to control household pests, leak detector tablets and many more informational brochures. You can also drop off used, unwanted eyeglasses to donate to Eyes for the Needy, collected by the Lions Club of Little Neck and Douglaston and batteries for environmentally safe disposal.

#### **FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS**

DEP is holding their 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Water Resources Art and Poetry Contest for students in second through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Visit [www.nyc.gov/dep/artandpoetry](http://www.nyc.gov/dep/artandpoetry) to view guideline, register and submit entries.

School District 26 is hosting two workshops for parents. Nourish Your Family Naturally at MS 74 on Tuesday, Feb. 2 from 9:15am to 11:45 am. How to Talk So Kids Will Listen, a four-session series on Tuesdays, March 8-29 at PS 94 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Call 718-631-6841 to register.

#### **RIGHT IN YOUR BACKYARD**

Alley Pond Environmental Center located at 228-06 Northern Blvd. is a great place to visit, admission and parking are free. Walk the nature trails, bring the children to see live animals, and sign up for adult and children's programs and classes such as yoga, cooking or animal trainee. You can support APEC on Thursday, April 21 from 6-10pm at the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Green Gala at Terrace on the Park in Flushing Meadow Park. Call APEC at 718-229-4000 or visit their website, [www.alleypond.com](http://www.alleypond.com).

#### **LIVING SAFELY**

Illegal apartments can put you in danger. They often lack basic safety standards such as having only one exit. If that exit is blocked, a fire can be fatal. Be wary of units that rent for significantly lower prices, basement or attic apartments, apartments and rooms without windows or very small windows, odd layouts that have oddly placed kitchens or baths, extension cords to access electrical outlets, no-lease apartments, and apartments where mail cannot be delivered. Look for adequate means of egress and access to public hallways. For more information: [nyc.gov/buildings](http://nyc.gov/buildings).



#### **ASSISTANCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

INCLUDenyc provides resources to help parents with children who have special needs. They provide advocacy, support, activities, workshops, webinars and referrals. If you need help, call 212-677-4660, Monday to Friday from 9am to 3pm. Find out more about the organization at [www.includenyc.org](http://www.includenyc.org).

Beginning in April, New York City Transit will extend the hours of operation on the Q30 serving Queensborough Community College. The change will extend the weekday hours of operation to QCC to 11:09. This change is the result of the participation of residents at the Northeast Queens Bus Study workshop held last year.

#### LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Marbella  
220-33 No. Blvd.

Sullivan's  
1 Station Plaza

Brian Dempsey  
39-27 Bell Blvd.

#### DEMOLITION NOTICES

230-20 57 Avenue

202-39 47 Avenue