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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER- January, 2011

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WE EXTEND OUR VERY BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR!
MAY YOU ALL HAVE A HEALTHY AND SUCCESSFUL YEAR!

The Community Board office and all City offices are closed on Dec. 24th and 31st.

BLOOD DRIVE

The New York Blood Center is holding a blood drive on Monday, December 27th between 12:45pm and 6:45 pm at the Bayside LIRR station. Look for the Busmobile. Eat well before you donate, bring ID, be over 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 lbs., but if you had a tattoo in the past year, fuhgeddaboutit.

PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

Due to the increase in Deed theft and foreclosure rescue scams the Dept. of Finance and the Mayor's Financial Crime Task Force are encouraging property owners to register for the Recorded Document Program. By filing an on-line registration form at www.nyc.gov/finance you can be notified by email, text message or letter if anyone tries to register a document affecting your property.

NYS DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

NYS DEC has announced the launch of an online form for citizen to report environmental violations. Persons can make complaints on line at www.dec.ny.gov/ and type "TIPP" in the search box at the top right hand side of the page, then send a confidential complaint to DEC. You can still call the DEC hotline at 1-800-TIPP-DEC (1-800- 847-7332).

DON'T LET THE BEDBUGS BITE

The Dept. of Sanitation has new rules for disposing of mattresses and box springs because of the spread of bedbugs. They must be encased in sealed plastic bags for disposal. Full enforcement begins January 3rd, 2011 with fines of \$100.00 for failure to encase a mattress or box spring.

BE SURE TO HAVE ENOUGH MONEY IN THE METER

The NYC DOT announced that beginning January 3rd, 2011 parking meter rates will start to change with an estimated completion citywide of June 30th. Citywide rates at metered locations which are \$.25 for 20 minutes now will increase to \$.25 for 15 minutes. In Manhattan, south of 86th Street, the rates that are \$2.50 per hour will increase to \$3.00 per hour.

HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

HEAP applications and assistance are available at Borough Hall from 9 am to 4:30 pm in Room 225 (718-286-2650) from Monday to Friday. HEAP provides qualified low-income households with assistance to pay heating bills and make needed repairs. For eligibility information, call the hotline at 1-800-342-3009 or go to www.mybenefits.ny.gov. The website provides information about all benefit services.

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WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE

The Community Environmental Center provides weatherization services to small homes and multi-family dwellings. Funds are administered by the NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal and provided by the US Dept. of Energy. Families who meet income requirements, established by the federal government, are eligible to receive free services which include insulation, heating system upgrades and other energy saving home repairs. Call 718 784-1444 for information.

HELP FOR CAREGIVERS

Services Now for Adult Persons and HANAC Caregivers Program are providing free weekly caregiver support, counseling sessions, individual or group respite care in this community. Call 718 -777-6941 for information.

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

CUNY Citizenship NOW! is holding free English language and civic classes for the immigrant community in Manhattan at 101 West 31 St. on Saturdays from Jan. 8th to March 5th from 10 am to 1 pm; and a five week civics class on Wednesdays at 39-07 Prince Street from Jan. 12th to Feb. 9th from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

LANGUAGE GATEWAY

The Mayor's Office of Operations has introduced a multilingual web portal that provides essential City resource material translated into the most commonly spoken languages in NYC. The language gateway is at www.nyc.gov/gateway and includes documents from 23 City agencies helping limited-English proficient New Yorkers obtain information on City services.

LAND USE UPDATES

ULURP # C080293 ZMQ- Bell Blvd rezoning from 42 Ave. to LIRR right of way
CB 11 recommended disapproval
Borough President recommended approval with conditions
DCP vote Dec 15

BSA- 174-10 BZ – 36-29 Bell Blvd., application to reduce parking requirement on new three-story building
CB11 recommended approval
Borough President recommended approval

BSA 245-49 BZ - 78-09 Springfield Blvd., to legalize the Alley Pond Apartments management office and cancel the term of the variance
CB 11 recommended approval, Borough President recommended approval
BSA hearing Dec. 14th

BSA 926-86 BZ – 217-07 Northern Blvd. BSA application to extend term of a previously granted variance for auto sales and service
CB11 recommended approval
Borough President recommended approval with conditions

LIQUOR LICENSES

RENEWALS

Bonne Saison Thai Cuisine 40-04 Bell Blvd.	Joe's Place Too Pizza 56-07 Marathon Pkwy.	Gyro Corner 32-69 Francis Lewis Blvd.	Pizzeria Uno 39-02 Bell Blvd.	Sushi You 215-05 73 Ave.
YiYi Rang 192-10 Northern Blvd.	Bourbon Street 40-12 Bell Blvd.	Tae Neung Kalbi 248-25 Northern Blvd.	Villa Rustica 73-28 Bell Blvd.	Aunt Bella's 46-19 Marathon Pkwy.

Douglaston Club
600 West Drive

NEW

Fairytail, Inc.
45-37 Bell Blvd.

DEMOLITION NOTICES

36-37 215 Street

32-41 214 Street

NEW BUILDING

45-64 Francis Lewis
Blvd.