

COMMUNITY BOARD 11

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NEWSLETTER AND THE USPS

Once again, I am asking anyone who would like to receive our newsletter via e-mail to contact us with your e-mail address. Many of you may not have computers at home and, therefore, still receive our newsletter via the post office. However, the USPS is proposing the closing of the facility where we drop off our bulk mail. If, and when, this occurs, and depending where the new drop off facility will be, we may have to discontinue bulk mail. Bulk mail saves us mailing expenses. Community Boards may also be facing a large budget cut in the coming year, making it difficult to send large amounts of mail by first class. Therefore, if you can, please sign up for our e-mail newsletter service. The agenda and newsletter are also available every month on our website at www.nyc.gov/queenscb11.

ON A SNOWY DAY.....

The Fire Department requests that when it snows, residents clear snow from fire hydrants as soon as possible. If you have a fire hydrant in front of your home, removing the snow will safeguard you and your neighbors in case of fire. In deep snow, firefighters have trouble finding hydrants. Prevent a tragedy, help our brave firefighters and remove snow from around the fire hydrants.

NYC Service is looking for community organizations to become partners with them to help mobilize volunteers for snow removal for seniors and citizens living with disabilities. NYC Service aims to engage volunteers and dispatch them to citizens in need of help. If your organization is interested, e-mail NYCService@cityhall.nyc.gov or call 212 788-7550.

As always, Community Board 11 maintains a list of snow shovelers in our area (some may charge for the service). Call the CB office to request a copy of the list.

NEW SENIOR SERVICES

Services Now for Adult Persons, Inc. has been awarded the contract for a new Innovative Senior Center. The SNAP of Eastern Queens Center will be focusing on health and wellness and will have two Community Health Nurses on staff to work with center participants about healthy aging. There will be many new educational and recreational opportunities during regular daytime center hours and, now, on evenings and weekends. SNAP is excited to be expanding its services to include all of Community Board 11. The Transportation program will be available to bring seniors to the center, to take them to doctors, hospitals, shopping and other necessary community resources. You can call Marian at 718-454-2100 and let her know your needs and interests so that they may make the new innovative center program responsive to the community's needs.

TASTE OF BAYSIDE

Join our local restaurateurs at the Taste of Bayside, hosted by the Bayside Business Association, on Wednesday January 25th from 6-9 pm at the Adria Hotel and Conference Center at 220-33 Northern Boulevard. Several Bayside restaurants will present their favorite dishes for your enjoyment. The cost of the event is \$30.00 in advance and \$35.00 at the door. You can purchase tickets at 718 261-3517 or on line at www.tastequeens.com

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DINNER FOR CHARITY

St. Anastasia's LEOs youth group, sponsored by the local Lion's Club, is holding their Third Annual Spaghetti Dinner at St. Anastasia's Father Smith Hall, 245-02 Alameda Ave. in Douglaston on Saturday January 21st from 1 pm to 5 pm. For only \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 7 and \$3.00 for children under 5, enjoy a spaghetti dinner where all proceeds go to charity. Each year, these young people, in 7th through 12th grade, donate proceeds to worthy causes such as the Make A Wish Foundation, tornado victims, earthquake victims and North Shore Animal League.

HEAP HELPS

Home Energy Assistance Program applications are now available. This federally-funded program provides qualified low-income households with assistance to pay heating bills and make needed repairs. The Borough Presidents' office will have a representative, until March 16th, to help process applications in Room 225 at Borough Hall, Monday to Friday from 9 am to 1 pm and 2 pm to 4:30 pm. The office number is 718 286-2650. For additional information about the program, call 1800 342-3009 or go to www.mybenefits.ny.gov.

WINTER ENERGY EFFICIENCY HELP

The NYS Dept. of Public Service is providing information and advice on reducing home heating costs and saving money. Through insulating attics, foundations, heating ducts and water pipes, caulking around windows and doors, opening shades in the daytime to let in warm sunlight and installing a programmable thermostat, homeowners realize a saving. There are also other programs for assistance in paying utility bills. Call the Commission's Helpline at 1-800-342-3377 for financial assistance, Call 1-888-ASK-PSC1 or go to www.AskPSC.com for more home energy saving ideas.

WHAT ARE THOSE LINES IN THE STREET?

Before digging or drilling in a street, the utility companies must mark-out the location of buried gas pipelines, electric lines, sewers and water mains. Each of these utility locations are marked in a color code for easy identification. Anyone doing drilling or digging MUST call 8-1-1 two to ten days before working so that the utility can mark the street. The color codes are: White-proposed excavation; Red- electric; Yellow- gas and oil; Orange-communications; Blue-water; Green-sewer.

ZONING UPDATES

BSA 624-68 BZ / 188-07/15 No. Blvd. /CB denied, BP approved, North Shore Plumbing BSA hearing cont. 1/10/2012
BSA 252-71 BZ / 190-18 No. Blvd. / Jennifer Convertible/ CB approved, BP approved, BSA granted 12/13/2011
BSA 926-86 BZ / 217-07 No. Blvd. /BMW showroom/ CB approved, BP approved, BSA granted 12/6/2011

LIQUOR LICENSES RENEWALS

Fuji San Restaurant 248-25 No. Blvd.	Kebab House 255-05 Northern Blvd.	La Baraka 255-09 Northern Blvd.
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NEW

Volume 123, Inc. 45-37 Bell Blvd., 2 nd floor	Moa Karaoke 47-29 Bell Blvd.	Anya Agra Restaurant 213-35 39 Ave.
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DEMOLITION NOTICES

36-29 Bell Blvd.

MAJOR ALTERATIONS/PARTIAL DEMOLITION

56-15 212 ST.