

COMMUNITY BOARD 11

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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER- JANUARY 2013

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

BE SAFE AND SECURE

The 111th Police Precinct has reported a spike in home burglaries. Please protect yourself and your property by securing your home. Don't rely on an alarm only but be sure to leave lights on when it gets dark *inside* and *outside* of the home, leave a radio playing or get a dog! Professional burglars are fast and go for jewelry and cash. Hide valuables in unusual places in the home. For more security tips, visit the crime prevention section at www.nyc.gov/nypd.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

On the first Tuesday of the month, the 111th Precinct Community Council meets at the precinct house located at 45-06 215 Street. Residents are invited to join the council and learn about what is happening in the area, meet with the officers and share public safety concerns. The next meeting is Tuesday, January 8th at 7:30 pm.

BAYSIDE LIBRARY GETS A MAKEOVER

The Bayside library located at 214-20 Northern Blvd. will close at the end of business on December 29th for a complete interior makeover. Renovations include new automated service check-out, a 24/7 check-in system, new areas for teens and children and full handicap accessibility. The re-opening is scheduled for the summer of 2013. While closed, a mobile library will provide limited service several days a week, or visit the other nearby branches: East Flushing, 196-36 Northern Blvd. or Douglaston/Little Neck, 249-01 Northern Blvd.

MTA WEEKENDER GUIDE

The NYC Transit system has been doing extensive work on subway lines on weekends. The 7 line from Flushing will have extensive signal work done on the weekends starting December 29 through March 25th. To keep informed about the weekend service diversions, go to www.mta.info/weekender. You can also sign up for *free* text and e-mail alerts at www.mta.info.

BRONX-WHITESTONE BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION

The MTA announced that beginning January 7th, the 3rd Avenue exit, the last exit in Queens before the bridge to the Bronx, will be closed to all traffic. To access areas near 3rd Avenue from the Cross Island Parkway, passenger vehicles will exit at the Utopia Parkway exit. Those traveling on the Whitestone Expressway northbound will exit at 20th Avenue. The reconstruction of the bridge, which started in July 2011 includes the bridge's support foundations and concrete piers supporting the roadway approaches. The reconstruction will also require the closure of one Bronx-bound lane for approximately one year.

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TALKING ABOUT SNOW.... AGAIN

The Final Plans for the 2012-2013 winter snow season are now posted on the Department of Sanitation's website. They can be found at <http://www.nyc.gov/dsny> under the tab Snow Plans and Mapping. On NYC Map, you can find out if your street has been designated a primary, secondary or tertiary street which determines in what order plows are deployed.

HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Home Energy Assistance Program applications are now available for low income households. This federally-funded program requires documentation of income and identification. The Queens Borough President's office, located at 120-55 Queens Blvd., has a HEAP representative available in Room 225 from Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm to process applications.

ZONING UPDATES

BSA No. 724-56 BZ/42-42 Francis Lewis Blvd.-Prela Service station - BSA approved with conditions
BSA No. 67-91BZ/260-09 Nassau Blvd.- Gulf Service Station- BSA approved with conditions
BSA No. 30-58BZ/ 184-11 Horace Harding Blvd. - Citgo Service Station- BSA approved with conditions
BSA No. 95-90BZ/242-24 No. Blvd.-CVS- BSA approved with conditions

For details about Board of Standards and Appeals decisions visit www.nyc.gov/bsa; click on BSA Decisions and chose Queens Community Board 11 in the drop down menu.

LIQUOR LICENSES

RENEWALS

Douglaston Club
600 West Drive

Joe's Place Too
56-07 Marathon
Pkwy.

BBQ Chicken
251-16 No. Blvd.

Uno Chicago Grill
39-02 Bell Blvd.

Maggie Mays
214-22 41 Ave.

Il Vesuvio Pizzeria
39-34 Bell Blvd.

Yi Yi Rang
192-10 No. Blvd.

Cana Catering
212-30 48 Ave.

La Baraka
255-09 No. Blvd.

DEMOLITION

NOTICES

53-23 192 St.-garage
40-14 Francis Lewis Blvd.