

# COMMUNITY BOARD 11

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## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER- JANUARY 2014

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### **TREecycle**

There are two ways to dispose of your real Christmas tree. The Dept. of Sanitation will collect trees, placed at the curb without any ornaments, the week of January 6<sup>th</sup> for composting at the City Parks. Or, if you would like to take home tree mulch, bring your tree to the Oakland Playground at PS 203 at Springfield Blvd. and 56 Avenue on Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> between 10am and 2pm to be chipped.

### **E-WASTE RECYCLING**

Got a new computer for Christmas? Need to dispose of the old one? Then come to the Queens Botanical Garden E-Waste Recycling Event on Sunday, January 12, 2014 from 10am to 2pm. Enter at the QBG parking lot at 42-80 Crommelin Street. The event is sponsored by the Lower East Side Ecology Center and Tekserve. Bring computers, fax machines, cell phones, televisions, cameras, stereo equipment, even tangles of broken holiday lights. For a full list of accepted electronics, go to [www.lesecologycenter.org](http://www.lesecologycenter.org), call 212 477-4022 or e-mail [info@lesecologycenter.org](mailto:info@lesecologycenter.org). As a thank you to recyclers, all participants can enter a raffle for a new MacBook Air and coupons for Tekserve and Zipcar.

### **MORE REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE EVENTS**

The NYC Compost Project, with the Queens Botanical Garden, urges residents to compost kitchen scraps and turn it into rich, nutritious soil. For eight weeks starting in March, you can learn to be a Master Composter and share your love of composting with others. The Project sells compost bins to NYC residents, including worm bins that can compost kitchen scraps in an apartment. On Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 4pm come to a workshop on natural Spring Lawn Care. For more information about all their projects, call 718 539-5296 or e-mail [compost@queensbotanical.org](mailto:compost@queensbotanical.org). For on-line information about composting, go to [www.nyc.gov/wasteless/compost](http://www.nyc.gov/wasteless/compost).

### **FIRE SAFETY DURING COLD WINTER MONTHS**

During winter months, the Fire Department urges residents to be extra careful. It is a time that fireplaces, candles and space heaters are used. Please be sure that extension cords are grounded and not under rugs, do not put candles on window sills near curtains and never put directly on flammable surfaces. To clean out fireplaces, put ashes only in metal cans with a lid and dispose of away from the house. Be sure the area around a space heater is clear and that it is in proper working condition. Check batteries in your smoke alarms and place one on all floors of the house. Consider upgrading to microprocessor alarms, as they last for years without battery replacement. Have an escape ladder on the second floor of the home. Be sure to install CO2 detectors and be sure they are working.

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## **MORE SCAMS, SO BEWARE**

The Police Department has reported that there is another scam involving Green Dot MoneyPak cards. The thief calls his intended victim claiming to be a debt collector for a utility company or the IRS. The caller instructs the victim that to avoid disconnect of service or avoid fines or even arrest, they have to purchase a Green Dot MoneyPak card sold in retail stores. These are legitimate products that allow you to put money on an account and use a credit card. The scammers ask the victim to purchase a card and give them the 14-digit number on the back and then drain the money from the card. Be suspicious of callers who demand immediate payment, never give out personal or financial information, never wire money, provide debit or credit card or Green Dot card numbers to anyone you do not know. Utility companies and government agencies do NOT ask for immediate payment over the phone.

## **CONSUMER AFFAIRS HAS YOUR BACK**

The Dept. of Consumer Affairs has launched an education campaign, "Consumer Affairs Has Your Back" with a new consumer guide, "10 Things Every Consumer Should Know". The website features stories highlighting how the department has helped consumers. Information is available on their website, [www.nyc.gov/dca](http://www.nyc.gov/dca).

## **SAMUEL FIELD Y CARES**

The Samuel Field Y, located at 58-20 Little Neck Parkway, cares about our elderly residents, providing various services. Caring Calls pairs a volunteer with a senior, who can help run errands, escort him/her to go to the doctor, help with paperwork or just take a walk. CAPE provides counseling and psychiatric services for seniors who are depressed, emotionally stressed, overwhelmed, lonely and confused. This program also provides support for caregivers overwhelmed by caring for family members with Alzheimer's or related diseases. Samuel Field Y works with other agencies, under the umbrella organization QueensNet, to help provide access to all services available throughout Queens. Call 718 225-6750 for more information.

## **WHAT WE COMPLAIN ABOUT**

The top 5 service complaints made to the Dept. of Environmental Protection in November were for:

- 1- dirty water,
- 2- sewer back-up,
- 3- barking dog noise,
- 4-clogged, flooding catch basin and
- 5- construction noise before or after permitted hours.

## **Zoning Updates**

BSA Cal No. 339-12 BZ//252-29 No. Blvd., 2-story commercial building (former Scobee Diner), granted 12/10/2013.

## **LIQUOR LICENSES**

### **RENEWALS**

The Attic 44-25 Douglaston Pkwy.	Karaoke Moa 47-29 Bell Blvd.	Okinawa Sushi Bar 39-28 Bell Blvd.	BCD Tofu House 220-05 No. Blvd.
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### **NEW**

T.B.A. 216-17 No. Blvd.	Hot Ginger Asian Fusion 73-32 Bell Blvd.
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PHO 32/IKE Corp.  
45-34 Bell Blvd.

## **DEMOLITION**

### **NOTICES**

64-58 214 St.  
40-46 204 St.  
85-06 211 St.

