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US CENSUS FORM DUE APRIL 1ST - *IT'S NOT AN APRIL FOOLS JOKE*

This month every residence will be receiving a census questionnaire that is to be returned by April 1. *It is vital that the owner of the housing unit complete this simple 10-question form.* Census data determines the number of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, the allocation of federal funds to the City, including services for seniors and youth and funding for new construction of highways and hospitals. Citizens and non-citizens must be counted; by law, the information is *NOT* shared with *ANY* other agency including law enforcement agencies.

MTA PUBLIC HEARINGS

The MTA is holding a public hearing in Queens on Tuesday, March 2nd at 6 pm at Sheraton LaGuardia East Hotel 135-20 39 Avenue in Flushing. The MTA plans to discontinue service on the Q75, Q79, discontinue the Q31 on weekends, and the Q30 overnight. They are also considering reducing weekday off peak and weekend service on the Port Washington branch of the LIRR. These lines all serve Community Board 11.

GRAFFITI FREE NYC-NEW GRAFFITI REMOVAL REGULATIONS

Beginning in April, the City will eliminate the waiver requirement, previously required from property owners, in order to remove graffiti. When graffiti is reported to the City, a notice will be sent to the property owner advising them of its intention to remove the graffiti. Within 35 days the property owner can inform the City that they want to clean it themselves. After 35 days, if they do not hear otherwise, the City will add the property for graffiti removal without owner permission, free of charge. For civic groups who want to start a graffiti removal project, free paint is available through the Mayor's Community Affairs unit. The NYC Economic Development Corporation also offers free graffiti removal. Residents can report graffiti to 3-1-1 or at www.nycedc.com/graffiti.

NYC311

NYC 311 has expanded its online Service Request ability to allow customers to input complaints and service problems on line without having to call 3-1-1. These include additional services for Housing Preservation and Development, Taxi and Limousine Commission, Dept. of Environmental Protection, Dept. of Sanitation and the Dept. of Buildings. NYC311 is working with the agencies to include all types of service requests for all agencies in the near future. Try to submit your request/complaint on line first. *As always, Community Board 11 is here to help you submit any complaints and answer any questions you have for any agency.*

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

FDNY wants to remind property owners to be sure to clear snow from hydrants and not to conceal them with garbage at any time. FDNY is now directed to respond to complaints of gas leaks along with Con Edison. If Con Edison suspects that there is a gas leak inside homes, the FDNY will have to inspect the homes to measure for emissions. Please understand that this is for your safety and to prevent explosion and fire, so please allow access.

NYPD COMPSTAT REPORT

Board Chair, Jerry Iannece and District Manager, Susan Seinfeld attended a briefing with Queens Patrol Borough North Assistant Chief Diana Pizzuti and Precinct Commanding Officers. 111th Precinct CO Deputy Inspector Scott Hanover presented the statistics for the 111th Precinct that reflected an overall 10.2% decrease in the 7 index crimes for 2009 compared to 2008. D.I. Hanover reports that auto related crimes, the theft of tires and rims, airbags and items left in cars, make up a large part of the 390 Grand Larcenies. He suggested that car owners with high end rims and wheels buy wheel locking nuts. Of the 169 auto thefts this past year, six were stolen from valet parking lots and 18 were stolen when drivers left their cars running and stepped away into a store or home. He reminded us that there is a \$250.00 fine for leaving running cars unattended. Weekly Crime Statistics are available to view on line at www.nyc.gov/nypd.

	2009	2008	% change
Murder	1	0	+100%
Rape	4	1	+300%
Robbery	87	97	-10.3%
Felony Assault	37	43	-14.0%
Burglary	240	284	-15.5%
Grand Larceny	390	446	-12.5%
Grand Larceny Auto	169	162	+ 4.1%
Totals	928	1033	-10.2%

DEP WATER BILL PAYMENTS ONLINE

The NYC Dept. of Environmental Protection announced the launch of an on-line payment feature to schedule direct debit. Currently, you can pay your water bill by check, credit card and Electronic Funds Transfer, but now you have the option to allow the bills to be drawn from a bank account. Access this option at www.nyc.gov/dep and click on “Pay Your Bill Now”.

WATER DEBT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

DEP announced that those owners in class one owner occupied properties at risk of foreclosure, who owe water and sewer bills only and are on the 90 day lien sale list can have the lien removed from the May 1st lien sale. DEP will freeze the debt temporarily, and defer the debt until the property is sold, refinanced or the owner has the ability to pay. The owner must enter a binding agreement for the debt and pay all future water charges.

LIQUOR LICENSES

NEW

Alley Pond House Corp.
d/b/a Mizumi
231-10 Northern Blvd.
Little Neck, NY 11362

RENEWAL

Tomi Sushi
254-04 Northern Blvd.
Little Neck, NY 11362

Pearl Nighlife, Inc.
d/b/a Pearl
45-30 Bell Blvd.
Bayside, NY 11361

Lonia Restaurant Corp.
d/b/a/ Marbella Restaurant
220-33 Northern Blvd.
Bayside, NY 11361

RENEWAL

Woon Am Jeong
45-53 Bell Blvd.
Bayside, NY 11361
(Wine & Beer License)

MDM Marina Corp.
d/b/a/ Bayside Marina
28-05 Cross Island Pkwy.
Bayside, NY 11364
(Wine & Beer License)

BJR Restaurant Inc.
d/b/a/ Brian Dempsey’s
39-27/29 Bell Blvd.
Bayside, NY 11361

Bayside Shabu Shabu
45-34 Bell Blvd.
Bayside, NY 11361
(Wine & Beer License)

GMD Services LLC
d/b/a/George Martin
42-15/25 235 Street
Douglaston, NY 11363

Douglaston Golf LLC.
63-20 Marathon Pkwy.
Douglaston, NY 11363

Osaka Japanese Fusion Inc.
224-23 Union Turnpike
Bayside, NY 11364
(Wine & Beer License)

DEMOLITION NOTICES

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