

# COMMUNITY BOARD 11

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## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER- March 2013

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### **GO DIRECT WITH FEDERAL BENEFITS**

By March 1<sup>st</sup> all recipients of federal benefits, including Social Security and SSI, must switch to electronic payments. Recipients must be enrolled in Direct Deposit or for a Direct Express Debit MasterCard in order to receive benefits. Call the U.S. Treasury Electronic Payment Solution Center at 800-333-1795 or go on-line to [www.GoDirect.org](http://www.GoDirect.org) for information and enrollment.

### **PEDESTRIAN PROJECT IN DOUGLASTON**

The Department of Transportation has posted on their website the plans they are initiating to improve traffic safety on Douglaston Parkway at 240 Street. Concerns about the lack of safe crosswalks for pedestrians lead the DOT to reevaluate the intersection and propose changes. You can see the presentation at [www.nyc.gov/dot](http://www.nyc.gov/dot); go to the links on the left "About DOT", then "Current Projects."

### **DO YOU OWE THE CITY TAXES?**

The Dept. of Finance released the tax lien list of properties showing tax, water, sewer, emergency repair and other related charges that have not been paid. The list is available on-line at [www.nyc.gov/liensale](http://www.nyc.gov/liensale). It is not too late to negotiate payments with the City if you have not paid your taxes. There are exemptions for senior, disabled, active duty military and veteran homeowners, but you must contact the Dept. of Finance by calling 3-1-1. Debts must be paid or a payment agreement arranged by May 16, 2013 or the lien will be sold.

### **BUDGET PROJECT EXPOS**

Council Members Mark Weprin and Dan Halloran have been sponsoring Participatory Budgeting workshops for residents to help decide on how to spend a million dollars in each district for capital projects. Mr. Weprin will hold his Project Presentations on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Hillside Manor, 188-11 Hillside Avenue, for residents living in his district. Mr. Halloran will hold his Project Expos on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Poppenhusen Institute, 114-04 14 Road and on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Bayside Historical Society at Fort Totten, both are held from 6:30-8:30 pm. Residents are invited to come and learn about the various projects that have been proposed. During the first week of April, residents will vote on the million dollar project they want in their community.

### **Board Members**

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## **COMMUNITY BOARD 11'S BUDGET PRIORITIES**

Every year Community Boards throughout the City submit their Capital and Expense budget priorities to the City's Office of Management and Budget. Go to our website and see how we want the City to spend money in CB 11. We also have a link to the agency responses from the FY 2014 Preliminary Budget. Go to our website at [www.nyc.gov/queenscb11](http://www.nyc.gov/queenscb11). Go to "Our Community Profile" on the left.

## **IS HE STILL MY COUNCILMAN?**

The NYC Redistricting Commission has published the revised district plans following public hearings throughout the City. The City Council must now review and vote to adopt the new district lines by the end of February. Community Board 11 has parts of three Council Districts, 19, 20 and 23, within its boundaries. The maps are available at the Commission website at [www.nyc.gov/districting](http://www.nyc.gov/districting). Call your Council Member or the Community Board office for more information.

## **GOOD FOR CUSTOMERS. GREAT FOR BUSINESS.**

The Dept. of Consumer Affairs is making rules and regulations easier for City businesses by providing immediate help and inspection checklists so an owner knows what to expect. For the first time, DCA has made available the list of what inspectors look for during inspections. Business owners can also have an online Live Chat with the DCA licensing center with questions and concerns. DCA has also updated their business guide, "10 Things Every Business Should Know". Visit the DCA online at [www.nyc.gov/BusinessToolbox](http://www.nyc.gov/BusinessToolbox).

## **ABOUT THOSE SUPERSIZE SODAS**

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has released their triennial report "Living Healthy-2009-2011". It documents the City's efforts to promote and protect the health of New Yorkers who today are healthier and living longer. The life expectancy of a baby born in New York City in 2010 is at an all-time high of 80.9 years of age and outpaces the nation and other major U.S. cities.

## **A "FRUIT" TREE GROWS IN BROOKLYN**

And one can grow in your neighborhood in Queens too. Learn about fruit trees and growing them in our urban landscapes. The workshop, sponsored by the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation's NY ReLeaf volunteers, will be held at Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street from 9 am to 4 pm on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. There is a fee and registration is required. Call 718 482-6440 or 9413 or more information.

## **ZONING UPDATES**

BSA Cal. No. 85-91 BZ/ 204-18 46 Ave. Bayside Veterinary Center variance renewal- Granted by BSA 2/5/2013

## **LIQUOR LICENSES**

### **RENEWALS**

Laterna Restaurant 47-20 Bell Blvd.	Sala 189-11 No. Blvd.	Bell Diner 215-25 73 Ave.	Mizumi 231-10 No. Blvd.
Maria's 38-11 Bell Blvd.	Shabu Shabu 45-34 Bell Blvd.	Nonno's Pizza 223-30 Union Turnpike	

