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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER- MARCH 2014

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TRANSLATION PLEASE

All City of New York websites, including Community Board 11's website, can be translated into a variety of languages. Just click on the "translate" word at the top of the screen and choose a language.

SAVING ALLEY CREEK WETLANDS

The Parks Department and the Department of Environmental Protection have been working on plans to protect and restore the Alley Creek watershed and its marine habitats through a project funded by NYS Dept. of State under Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund. Community Board 11 members have attended meetings to discuss our concerns with pollution in the Alley Creek wetlands and Little Neck Bay and how these agencies can help clean and protect these areas so that the salt marsh and the marine habitats of fish and birds are protected. In the fall, a final plan will be available. The Parks Department is interested in finding more groups that will volunteer to be stewards of the parklands in Alley Creek. If your group is interested, please contact the CB office.

DRY CLEANERS MUST PROVIDE FULL DISCLOSURE

The Dept. of Environmental Protection has announced a new rule requiring dry cleaners to post signs disclosing the chemicals used in the dry cleaning process. Businesses just have to fill out and print a DEP form that is posted in their store. Perchloroethylene is the primary chemical used in dry cleaning, however, there are "perc" alternatives now being used by some dry cleaners. For more information about the rule, visit the DEP website at www.nyc.gov/dep.

DO NOT DELAY IF YOU OWE THE CITY TAXES

The Dept. of Finance released the tax lien list of properties owing property tax, water and sewer charges, and/or emergency repair and other related charges. The list is available on-line at www.nyc.gov/liensale. It is not too late to negotiate payments with the department 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 2, 2014 or the lien will be sold. If so, the lien holder collects a surcharge plus interest and administrative fees and may lead to home foreclosure.

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TAXI! TAXI!

Queens residents now have access to safe, legal street hail taxi services. The Taxi and Limousine Commission has licensed taxis, affiliated with a livery car base, to accept passengers by street hail. You may have seen the Granny apple green cars driving around the neighborhood. The livery car service will continue to provide pre-arranged dispatched services also. All Boro Taxis must accept credit cards, have a taximeter, a GPS unit and a rooflight.

VISION ZERO

Mayor DiBlasio announced the Vision Zero Action Plan to drastically reduce traffic-related deaths. Over the next few years, you will see increased enforcement by NYPD for speeding, more neighborhood slow zones, redesigned intersections and corridors, and the administration will ask the state government to allow the reduction in the speed limit to 25mph and an expanded use of speed and red light cameras. Community Board 11 will be making recommendations to the various city agencies for initiatives in our neighborhoods.

COLD WEATHER MEANS HIGH WINTER UTILITY BILLS

Con Edison understands that customers are receiving higher than normal bills due to the extreme cold weather. They remind customers that energy costs can be spread out over 12 months to ease the burden through a level-payment plan. Call the number on your bill or go to www.coned.com/customercentral/managemybill.

BECOME A COMMUNITY ADVOCATE

JASA, a non-profit agency for the aging in New York City, offers a 10-week course in leadership and advocacy training for adults over 50 to become engaged in civic affairs and social action. On Thursdays from March 6th through May 15th, classes will be held at JASA, 200 East 5th Street, Manhattan from 10 am to 2 pm. Speakers versed in political organizing and action, benefits and entitlements and civic engagement educate the participants. The course fee is \$100. For information call 212-273-5282 or e-mail ifsa@jasa.org.

PARTY WITH THE ANIMALS

Alley Pond Environmental Center hosts unique two-hour educational parties for children. It includes interaction with live animals, a trail walk and a hands-on craft project. New to APEC are parties for tweens in the outdoor log cabin. Call 718-229-4000 or visit www.alleypond.com.

ATTENTION FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS

The Human Resources Administration has a new way for beneficiaries to recertify for SNAP benefits 24 hours a day, seven days a week, through an interactive voice response system. Call 1-866-761-8357.

FAMILY TO FAMILY

The National Alliance on Mental Illness has announced a free series of classes that will help caregivers to understand and support individuals with serious mental illness. The classes will be held at the Creedmoor Psychiatric Center at 79-35 Winchester Blvd., Queens Village from March 6th through May 22nd from 6pm to 8:30 pm. Call 718-347-7284 to register or email namiqn@aol.com.

CONSTRUCTION IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

QED1002- Replacement of water mains in the Bayside Hills area and along 216 Street from 54 Avenue to 39 Avenue. Con Edison is currently moving utility lines to prepare for the installation of the water mains by the Department of Design and Construction. Some work will interrupt gas service. Con Edison crews will be contacting homeowners as needed.

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