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COMMUNITY BOARD 11 SALUTES OUR VETERANS & WISHES A HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL

GETTING READY FOR THAT FOUR LETTER WORD

The Dept. of Sanitation will start their night shift hours on Nov. 10 in order to have staff and trucks ready for snow. Put your garbage out after 4pm the night before your scheduled pick up as it may be collected during the night as you sleep. Commissioner Kathryn Garcia has released the 2014-2015 Winter Snow Plan for Queens. The report explains how the department operates during snow removal. The plan and the PlowNYC map can be found at www.nyc.gov/dsny.

SLOW DOWN YOU'RE MOVING TOO FAST

The city speed limit will be reduced to 25 mph as of Nov. 7 unless otherwise posted. So slow down and watch out for the speed cameras and your local police officers. The faster a vehicle is going, the more time a driver needs to stop. Crashes at higher speeds are more deadly.

LOVE YOUR BLOCK

The City Committee for New York City and NYC Service announced the availability of grants of \$1,000 for volunteer-led neighborhood groups for block beautification projects. The deadline for submission is November 7. Call 212-822-9567 for more information. To apply on-line, go to www.citizensnyc.org/grants.

STOP STREET SPAM

Assemblyman Ed Braunstein is stepping up the fight against illegal posting. Signs and stickers offering "Cash for Cars" are popping up all over on City lampposts and poles. Call Mr. Braunstein's office, 718-357-3588, with locations of these stickers so that the Department of Sanitation can remove them and fine the perpetrators.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BUILD AN ARK, BUT....

The Dept. of City Planning has released a new report, "Rebuilding for Flood Resiliency". This comprehensive report shows how you can build homes and businesses to resist flooding and reduce the cost of federal flood insurance. The report is available on-line at www.nyc.gov/planning.

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DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

PARKS DEPARTMENT AT WORK

During FY 2014, the Parks Dept. removed 605 dead trees, 236 stumps, 233 broken limbs, 4 split trees, 9 uprooted trees, 271 fallen limbs and 40 fallen trees in Community Board 11. Under the block pruning contract, 4155 trees were pruned. The following projects are being planned for the next year, fencing and benches for the Joseph Hellman Overlook on Douglaston Parkway, drainage alleviation of the ball fields at Crocheron Park, construction of the new Alley Pond Environmental Center, ADA accessible play equipment for Crocheron Park, and in the planning stages, is the reconstruction of the paths and improvements along Joe Michael’s Mile.

TRANSPORTATION AND SANITATION GETTING THE JOB DONE

The Dept. of Transportation resurfaced 42.42 lane miles in CB 11 last year. In Queens, they installed 19 new signals, 4,483 street signs, and replaced 24,489 signs.

The Dept. of Sanitation collected 120.2 tons *daily* of our curbside trash during the last fiscal year. 21.2% of that curbside trash was paper, metal, glass and plastic. This is the highest recycling diversion rate in Queens. A perfect diversion rate is 30%. Good work CB 11 residents!

DISCOUNTS FOR VETERANS

The Queens Chamber of Commerce is partnering with Assemblyman Michael Simanowitz to launch the Queens VETS program. Veterans will be given an identification card and when presented at a participating business, will enable them to receive a discount on goods and services. The Queens Chamber is seeking merchants to participate in the program. If you would like to offer a discount, please download an application form at www.queenschamber.org or call 718-898-8500.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT CB11

The CB 11 office has Sanitation stickers for garbage cans, plus a variety of informational brochures about recycling, “Guides to the Noise Law”, Ready New York brochures about hurricanes, “Do Not Place Unsolicited Advertising Materials on Property” posters, “Homeowner’s Guide to Flood Preparedness” and “Know Your Community Board” brochures. We also collect batteries for proper disposal and collect unwanted eyeglasses to donate to Eyes for the Needy.

Zoning Updates

Genesis Auto – 200-15 No. Blvd., BSA #751-78 BZ- Variance renewal granted.

Construction in the Community

QED1002 – Ongoing water main replacement, currently along 217 Street between 48 and 54 Avenues, 216 Street between 39 Ave. and No. Blvd. Work includes water shut-offs and restricted parking.

Oakland Lake -Rehabilitation of pathways. The park is currently closed during construction.

LIQUOR LICENSES

RENEWALS

Villa Rustica
73-28 Bell Blvd.

NEW

Piura Corp.
32-29 Bell Blvd.

Forest 158, Inc.
213-07 No. Blvd

DEMOLITION

NOTICES

39-03 210 St. 64-23 Cloverdale
244-55 No. Blvd. Blvd.
56-50 186 St. (garage)