



The City of New York

## Queens Community Board 11

Serving the Communities of Auburndale, Bayside, Douglaston, Hollis Hills  
Little Neck and Oakland Gardens

**Paul DiBenedetto** Chair / **Joseph Marziliano** District Manager

To: All Board Members

From: Fleur Martino, Committee Chair

Date: February 20, 2024

RE: Blood Drive, Community Garden, and Movie Night projects

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Committee Members

Fleur Martino, Committee Chair

Henry Euler, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, ex. off.\*

Rosemarie Guidice\*

Seihee Ryu

George Hadjiconstantinou\*

\*via Zoom

CB11 Staff

Joseph Marziliano, District Manager

Christina Coutinho, Community Associate

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On Thursday, February 15, 2024, the CB11 Public Relations met to discuss the above-referenced projects. Mr. Marziliano opened the meeting by introducing himself and Ms. Martino, Chair of the Public Relations Committee.

The purpose of the meeting was to go over and refine plans for committee projects. Ms. Martino began by discussing the upcoming blood drive scheduled for March 2, 2024, between 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. It will be held at KCS, 203-05 32 Avenue, Bayside in the sanctuary room. CB11 has partnered with New York Blood Center and KCS on this initiative. Ms. Martino stated that 40 donations can save 120 lives., so each donor will make a very large impact. Fifty pledges were required to schedule the event, and the committee had great success in making the benchmark, especially Ms. Ryu. All together, we are hoping for a large turnout and need amplification announced within the board to do so. Ms. Martino asked that all board and committee members share this event with their networks, contacts and on social media.

Three (3) translators were already identified to be on hand (one from the board, two from KCS). Light refreshments will be provided. Ms. Martino asked for committee members attendance.

Ms. Martino followed up on the January Board meeting on a collaboration between committee business and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from P.S. 41, who educated on the science, procedure, and the civic importance of blood donation. After that presentation, Ms. Martino sent letters of excellence to those students.

The next project Ms. Martino discussed was the community garden event that is scheduled for April 6, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. This event needs to be promoted. Friends of Alley Pond Park may be interested in attending. CB11 Member, Benjamin Turner, is planning on bringing his students. Planting will be done. Seeds and tools will be provided by the New York Restoration Project. Subsequently, students will steward the garden to keep it clean etc. once a month. Ms. Martino said they currently have three (3) candidates who will probably work on a rotating basis. Ms. Martino said that a movie night is being planned in June at the Pembroke Community Garden. Details of this event need to be discussed as soon as possible as the New York Restoration Project needs to get the rights to the film. Several members feel that a family movie should be shown so adults and children can both attend. Ms. Martino stated she will send an email out to solicit ideas for the film, refreshments etc.

Events can be reserved at this community garden through New York Restoration. Ms. Martino said that a wedding was held there over the summer. The CB11 community garden might be filmed by a volunteer. Ms. Martino knows someone who expressed interest. Several members feel this is a good idea.

Mr. Marziliano announced that this year, the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Bell Blvd. will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Usually, the local, elected officials march in the parade. CB11 has been represented in past parades. Mr. Marziliano stated CB11 has a banner that can be carried by members representing the Board. He will inquire as to who may be attending and marching.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted February 20, 2024*