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SAVE THE DATE

Our next GENERAL MEETING, will be held on Tuesday, April 26 at 8pm via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87647524802?pwd= d1ZNU003R0tYV3QxL29pOURHZVIMZz09

Meeting ID: 876 4752 4802

Passcode: 861286

Only the first 100 guests will be admitted due to our account restrictions.

Here are some housekeeping rules:

- All participants will be muted upon entering and will remain muted unless they raise their "virtual hand"
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- If a participant is not unmuted due to time constraints, please email your question to BHCA

at baysidehillscivic@gmail.com



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• PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE •

On Tuesday, April 5th, something very unprecedented occurred. Perhaps for the first time in the history of the Bayside Hills Civic Association, our Board of Directors switched the date of our monthly meeting and assembled elsewhere. In this case we convened at the 111th Community Council where the featured topic was the increased crime rate in our area, and how we, along with the NYPD, are going to combat this problem. In attendance were our BHCA Board, the Precinct's executive officers, their community affairs officer, three NY City council members, and other prominent members of our community. The BHCA, by our presence, wanted to convey to everybody how concerned we are that there is so much crime in our area and see what the efforts are to curtail this unacceptable onslaught of criminal activity so close to home. At this meeting we heard from Captain John Portalatin, who shares our concerns, and relayed that perpetrators have been arrested, weapons been taken off the streets, and promised his precinct is doing everything possible to combat this crime spree that we have been experiencing.



With that being said, we will continue on this topic at our next Zoom BHCA General Meeting Tuesday, April 26th at 8:00 PM with City Councilwoman Linda Lee as our featured guest, along with our 111th Precinct Community Affairs Officer Luigi Galano. We will also ask Councilwoman Lee to update us on the maintenance of our Bell Boulevard malls, progress on the Captain Dermody Triangle revitalization project, and the planned reconstruction of our Bell Boulevard malls.

In addition to this, our other guests will be the student council of PS 390 - The Civic School of Bayside Hills. They are speaking on their initiative to have garbage cans located outside of the school to help prevent litter. The children wish to share their vision.

Now for the big announcement, although I'm sure you have seen it before if you are following the endeavors of the BHCA. On April 30 we will be conducting our annual Bayside Hills Civic Association Mall Clean-Up Fest. This is the time we truly enjoy showing off how much we love our Bayside Hills community, especially in one of our signature spots, the Bell Boulevard malls. We hooked up with the New York City Parks Department's "Partnership for Parks," the BHCA Beautification Committee, and our BHCA Programs Committee to make this a spectacular event! All we need is you and we can show the world what can be done with a great collaborative effort to clean up our iconic malls. Tools, work gloves, refreshments, (of course), and service certificates are just some of the items we're planning to have on hand. Let's all meet that April 30th morning at 10:00 AM on Bell Boulevard and 53rd Avenue and the BHCA will be there to greet you with all our appreciation.

BHCA & Partnership for Parks MALL CLEAN-UP FEST! SATURDAY, APRIL 30 | 10am-1pm Join us at 53rd Avenue & Bell Blvd Mall

One last item everybody. We've been saying this year after year around this time: "Welcome Sweet Springtime!" It's finally here!

Welcome, sweet Springtime! We greet thee in song, Murmurs of gladness fall on the ear, Voices long hushed now their full notes prolong Echoing far and near.

Sunshine now wakes all the flow'rets from sleep, Joy-giving incense floats on the air; Snow-drop and primrose both timidly peep, Hailing the glad new year.

Balmy and life-breathing breezes are blowing, Swiftly to nature new vigor bestowing. Ah, how my heart beats with rapture anew, As earth's fairest beauties again meet my view.

Sing then, ye birds: raise your voices on high; Flow'rets awake ye! Burst into bloom! Springtime is come! and sweet Summer is nigh, Sing then, ye birds, O sing! Voices of the Woodsalso known as: Welcome, Sweet Springtime! w., anon. m., "adapted to Rubinstein's Melody in F" by M. Watson. G. Schirmer [1884]



Once again we wish to address the frequent criminal activity that has been taking place in our neighborhoods within the confines of the 111th Precinct. As stated previously, the Bayside Hills Civic Association and our Board of Directors are very concerned about these crimes. With that in mind our BHCA Board assembled in its entirety at the 111th Precinct Community Council meeting on April 5, 7:30, to discuss these issues in person. As a precaution we're circulating these preventative tips below vis-à-vis recent burglaries to protect your homes and yourselves—Michael Feiner,

President, Bayside Hills Civic Association



In recent weeks, there have been numerous residential burglaries that have occurred within the confines of the 111th pct. Follow these preventive tips to protect your homes:

Criminals are looking for:

• Jewelry • Currency • Small electronic & luxury items e.g. expensive bags and clothing.

Criminals are looking for residences that are:

- * Unoccupied
- * Have easy access e.g. unsecured windows, have glass doors, No alarm systems or security cameras.

Some suggestions:

Call 911 as soon as you suspect suspicious activity Have your keys ready before you get to the door. Make sure your entrance area is well lit. If you live in an apartment, close the lobby door behind you, especially if a stranger is approaching. Make all visitors and delivery persons use the door bell. Place your name on the inside of the mailbox where only the mail-carrier will see it. If a name must be on the outside, use only the last name, e.g., the Smiths.

Recommendations:

- Get an alarm system, if you can afford one. If not, get small window sensor alarms that will admit a high pitch noise that will alert anyone in the home that the window is opened.
- · Get security cameras that have a good video quality.
- Doors should be of solid core wood or metal and always be in good condition including the door frame.
- Utilize two locks on your door, 12 inches apart. This will

add strength to your door and help against forced entry.

- Choose grade level 1 or 2 for door locks, as these will resist prying/lock picking attempts.
- Dead bolts should have a throw of at least 1. 1/2 inches into the strike plate that is
- anchored with at least 2 1/2 inch screws.
- Keep blinds and windows closed so burglars can't see what's inside.

ONCE AGAIN IN AN EMERGENCY, CALL 911 AND DO NOT ENTER THE RESIDENCE





The subjects pictured above are wanted in regards to a non-fatal shooting that occurred on March 25, 2022 at 3:05pm in the vicinity of 59 Ave & Springfield Blvd. If you have any information please contact the 111th squad at 718-279-5282. Thank you!

PLEASE JOIN US! All are welcome at the

BHCA & Partnership for Parks MALL CLEAN-UP FEST!

SATURDAY, APRIL 30 10am-1pm @ 53rd Ave & Bell Blvd Mall

Assignments will be given out at the meeting area and light refreshements will be served afterwards.

WE WELCOME EVERYONE AND HOPE OUR NEIGHBORS WILL SPREAD THE WORD.

Please email us with questions: baysidehillscivic@gmail.com and check our Facebook page for updates! Facebook.com/baysidehills





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Meeting Attendance

The BHCA is trying to become stronger in reaching and being of service to our members. We would like to know if our members do not attend meetings because of the stairs at the current meeting place, or another reason that we are not aware of. Please send us your thoughts so we can be of service to all of our neighbors. Thank You.

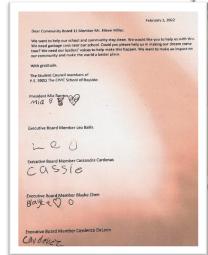
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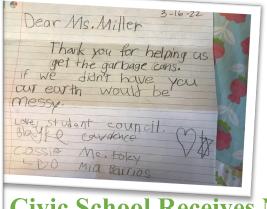
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Civic School Receives New Trash Cans

Thank you to BHCA Board Member Eileen Miller who reached out to CB11 and the Department of Sanitation to arrange to have extra trash cans and bags to be placed outside PS 390Q. Above are some thank you letters written by the children to Ms. Miller.



Please place branches and leaves in front of your home for sanitation pick-up.

It has come to our attention that certain parties are using our beautiful malls as trash/ debris receptacles. In the interest of maintaining the quality of life that we covet, and to which we are all entitled, if you see any individual engaging in such activity, please ask them to refrain and alert our Board at baysidehillscivic@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

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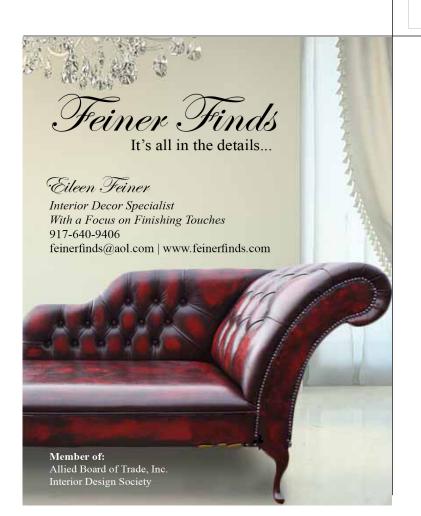
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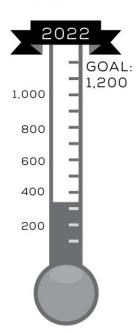
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