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Save the Date

Bayside Hills Civic Association GENERAL MEETING Tuesday, October 24th • 8pm at the Colonial Church of Bayside

(Please note: One week earlier not to conflict with Halloween)

This will be our annual “BHCA Meet the Candidates’ Night” Featured guests are to be determined.

Future Dates

November General Meeting on November 28th • 8pm at the Colonial Church of Bayside

BHCA Holiday Lighting Festival Sunday December 10th at 5pm



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•PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE•

Captain Dermody Triangle: Lo and behold the amazing revitalization project has been completed, quite lovingly we must say, by the New York City Department of Parks. Yes, the ten year lobbying effort sure was frustrating, but that's a thing of the past and now the community of Bayside Hills has a beautiful little park on 216th Street and 48th Avenue. Two exciting events will be taking place at Captain Dermody Triangle including a Veteran's Day observance (still in the early days of planning) and a May 4th BHCA Spring Festival.



Now we turn our attention to a very solemn day, when the Bayside Hills Civic Association conducts its annual 9/11 Observance, 7:00 PM on the northeast corner of Bell Boulevard and Horace Harding Expressway. It's been 22 years since those attacks. For our younger readers and those who have forgotten what 9/11 is all about, here's a review:

The September 11 attacks were a series of airline hijackings and suicide attacks committed in 2001 by 19 terrorists associated with the Islamic extremist group Al-Qaeda. It was the deadliest terrorist attack on U.S. soil; nearly 3,000 people were killed. The attacks involved the hijacking of four planes, three of which were used to strike significant U.S. sites. American Airlines flight 11 and United Airlines flight 175 were flown into the World Trade Center's north and south towers, respectively, and American Airlines flight 77 hit the Pentagon. United Airlines flight 93 crashed in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, after passengers attempted to overpower the hijackers. The plane was believed to be headed to the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C.

As stated previously nearly 3,000 people died as a result of the attacks, yet what have we learned? Maybe we learned that life can end at any given moment, for the most bizarre of reasons. Evil exists in this world, despite the good nature of most people.

On Monday, September 11th, our community and the Bayside Hills Civic Association will be observing the twenty-second anniversary of those attacks; quite a somber thought indeed. In addition to our usual ceremony, we also plan to acknowledge some of the individuals who are responsible for our beautiful Bayside Hills Memorial Garden as it appears today.

The Boy Scouts of America, as is our tradition, will be in charge of the colors, flags will be distributed, patriotic music will be played, special guest speakers have been invited, and

you will be asked to bring glass enclosed candles to place around our Memorial Garden similar to the photo below. (They must be glass enclosed to protect against fire on our mall.)



I would be remiss in not thanking the Lupo family of the L'Italiano Trattoria, located at 216-01 Horace Harding Boulevard (at Bell Boulevard) who watch over our Memorial.

In addition, of course, our heartfelt thanks go out to the BHCA Beautification Committee, co-chaired by Ronald Keil of Keil Bros at Garden World, BHCA Vice President Sebastian D'Agostino, and Rita Kashdan, for maintaining and enhancing the appearance of the Memorial Garden site throughout the year.

Of all our activities, (and for obvious reasons, a great deal of effort has been taken to make this event very special), in particular for this one a great turnout is appreciated. Please take the time to remember and reflect on the tragic events that happened 22 years ago on this date. As always, it will be a poignant, memorable evening.

One final request of all parents, teachers, and my fellow United Federation of Teachers members: Please tell your children about 9/11 and if at all possible take them to our twenty-second anniversary observance of the attacks. We must perpetuate the memory of what occurred that terrible morning forever! Thank you!

Please place on your calendars Tuesday, October 24th, the date of our next BHCA General Meeting 8:00 PM at the Colonial Church, located at Bell Blvd. where Luke Place and 216th Street converge. Note it will be a week earlier than previous October meetings so as not to interfere with Halloween. As usual this will be our "Meet the Candidates Night," always an interesting evening. Of course, we will be inviting officers from the 111th Precinct for their regular report; our BHCA programs committee will be on hand with delicious refreshments; and hopefully we'll have a nice turnout with you, our community members, and your questions for our guests.

We hope you all had a wonderful summer. Please join us at our BHCA activities beginning with 9/11, and kindly spread the word about our events.

Neighborhood Tidbits:

1. We recommend you not only check out the revitalized Captain Dermody Triangle on 216th Street and 48th Ave, but also see our nearby refurbished iconic guide tower caps that were recently replaced. We also had restored our neighborhood fire boxes; one of them is pictured here as you can see. All this thanks to our BHCA Beautification Committee.
2. Due to opposition of zombie houses, (one- four family homes that are abandoned and vacant, and 90 days or more delinquent on the mortgage) an article appeared in the Bayside Times <https://qns.com/2023/08/zombie-house-bayside-hills/>
3. Well known long time Bayside Little League Commissioner and Bayside Hills Holiday Lighting Festival Santa Claus, Bob Reid, had a remarkable day of marksmanship at CitiField during a Mets game. <https://www.facebook.com/100010937569108/posts/pfbid0D1kbibeWaYxcudDZpkyuou2uu8R2sQC1Xa5kEoHr3ZPYGfq3AZsS4tG6eZEwEKMYI/>





Bayside Hills Civic Association

9/11 Ceremony

Never Forget

Please join us to commemorate the 22nd Anniversary of this tragic day.

September 11, 2023

7PM at Memorial Garden

Northside corner of Horace Harding
Expressway and Bell Boulevard

If you want to place candles at the
Memorial Garden, please make sure the
candles are glass enclosed.

**LET'S STAND
STRONG TOGETHER**



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Pictures taken by:
Joe Lubomski
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Captain Dermody Triangle Renovations Have Been Completed!

Ten years of lobbying, calling city agencies and elected officials finally culminated in results. The Captain Dermody Triangle was completed in July. Please enjoy the renovations and remember the soldiers who fought during the Civil War.

Michael Feiner, President Bayside Hills Civic Association

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