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## SAVE THE DATE

**Our next GENERAL MEETING,  
Election Night will be held on  
Tuesday, November 30 at 8pm  
via Zoom.**

Simply go to [www.zoom.us](https://www.zoom.us) and click on

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## • PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE •



# Happy Thanksgiving!



All of sudden we find ourselves publishing a holiday season issue of our Bayside Hills Beacon so let's begin with wishing one and all a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving! And thank you to Assemblywoman Nily Rozic's office for the daffodil distribution which occurred this month. It will give us something to look forward to as before we know it it will be spring and those bulbs will be blooming. "To everything (turn, turn, turn) There is a season (turn, turn, turn) And a time to every purpose, under heaven."

Something occurred today that makes me want to turn back the clock a bit. One of our Bayside Hills residents informed me that when they went for an outpatient test at the hospital they were informed that their address came up "Flushing" rather than "Bayside Hills." In addition when we attempt to order something online, often it will come up "incorrect address" when we try to use "Bayside Hills" rather than "Flushing" or "Oakland Gardens." Probably worst of all, Google maps GPS cannot find Bayside Hills to save itself, no matter what we try to do. It has been coming up "Oakland Gardens" for years and very frequently giving incorrect information as it attempts to find a Bayside Hills location, especially when driving home from upstate New York.

With that being said, despite all the iconic structures, cupolas, flower beds, street signs, etc identifying the community of Bayside Hills, after doing a little research online, here are a couple of articles describing our efforts to maintain our "Bayside Hills" identity.

Actually, this is a continuation of articles sent to everybody vis-à-vis the history of Bayside Hills culminating with that Saturday, May 1st celebration of our 85th Anniversary at our Bayside Hills Jubilee clock. There was a time Bayside Hills was known only as Flushing or sometimes Oakland Gardens. This was because the USPS decided to use the central post office, which distributed the mail as the "town" portion of the address. The Bayside Hills Civic Association decided to do something about it. Following is an article from the Queens Courier vis-à-vis a BHCA General meeting conducted June, 2008, describing how we began to regain our identity:

### ***What's in a name? Don't ask***

*By [Victor G. Mimoni](#) Posted on [June 18, 2008](#)*

*Shakespeare first posed the question, "What's in a name?" as if the issue were trifling. Don't tell that to Michael Feiner, President of the Bayside Hills Civic Association.*

*"We have been wondering for years - what is the reason we are called Bayside Hills but some post offices consider us Oakland Gardens, others Flushing, and in actuality, shouldn't we be called Bayside?"*

*The issue of postal addresses came to the forefront years ago, when the United States Postal Authority decided to use the location of the central post office which distributed the mail as the "town" portion of the address.*

*As a result almost all of eastern Queens wound up as either "Flushing" or "Jamaica." Given the realities of the real estate market, this caused quite a stir in some corners of the borough.*

*People thought the matter was settled when Congressman Gary Ackerman got a bill passed which enabled more accurate addressing. Yet Bayside Hills still suffers mis-identity, according to Feiner. Recently, "A couple of residents asked me about it," and Feiner decided it was time to resurrect the issue.*

*In a preliminary announcement of the civic's last meeting before summer recess to be held on Tuesday, June 24 he said, "I have invited experts to help us delve into this issue including Congressman Gary Ackerman, his press secretary Jordan Goldes, and Flushing Postmaster William Rogers."*

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Here is another newspaper article from back in those lost Bayside Hills identity days:

### ***Bayside Hills residents want to be recognized, just not as Oakland Gardens!***

By **LEIGH REMIZOWSKI**

DAILY NEWS WRITER | DEC 09, 2010

*Michael Feiner, president of the Bayside Hills Civic Association, says of mail delivery, 'It would be nice to be called what we are.'* (Noonan for News)



*We appreciate your efforts in continuing to promote this campaign by addressing anyone who sends you mail to a township other than Bayside Hills, and asking them to correct that error.*

<https://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/queens/bayside-hills-residents-recognized-not-oakland-gardens-article-1.472081>

As for our next **Zoom Video Teleconferencing BHCA General Meeting**, it will be conducted **Tuesday, November 30th**. Our guests will include the usual 111th Precinct with their report from Community Affairs, a "State of our NY State" update with our State Senator John Liu, and an address by Joseph Ottomanelli of the New York State Department of Sanitation addressing preparedness for the winter. In addition, we will be conducting elections for the January, 2022 BHCA Officers and Board of Directors.

So once again, Happy Thanksgiving everybody as we enter into the holiday season. We would love to see everybody via Zoom Teleconferencing November 30. By the way, we will be conducting our annual **BHCA Holiday Lighting Festival Sunday, December 5th at 5:00 PM** on Bell Boulevard and 53rd Avenue, this year officiated by BHCA Board of Director and Programs Committee Chair, Eileen Miller, NP. Hope you can all join us!!

## **BHCA 2022 Election**

The annual election for the BHCA Officers and Board of Directors, whose term commences January 1, 2022, will be conducted at the November 30th General Meeting via Zoom. As we are holding an uncontested election, I will make a motion that we cast one vote to elect the entire slate. I will call for a second to that motion, and a virtual vote will be conducted.

Respectfully submitted, Eileen Feiner, *BHCA Election Chair*

### **BHCA 2022 Election Slate**

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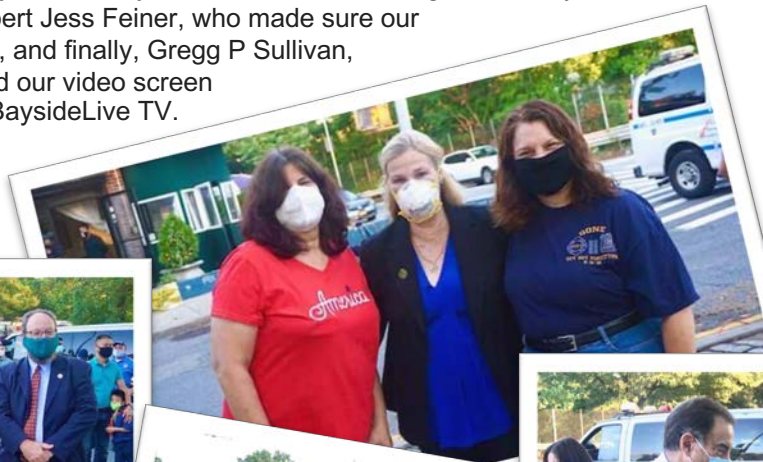




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## 9/11 Tribute

We thank the Bayside Hills community, and our surrounding areas, our Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts Troop 142 and Pack 142, The Bayside Hills Civic Association and it's Beautification Committee, our Police and Fire Departments, our EMS, CERT, GOVAC, People who helped Bayside Hills Civic Association advertise this event including Carole Jacobson Papadatos, who ordered American flags, sent out the emails, blogs, and social media posts, Yvonne Wong Fein, our graphic designer who designed the 9/11 fliers, our local newspaper publications, our Internet Webmaster, Yang Li, Former FDNY Captain Alex Hagen, NYPD PBA President Patrick Lynch, Father John Hwang of Saint Robert Bellarmine Roman Catholic Church, Rabbi Charles Agin, Emeritus Rabbi Free Synagogue of Flushing, Rabbi Gordan Yaffe of Congregation L'Dor V'Dor, Little Neck, L'Italiano Trattoria and the Lupo family, Joseph Lupo, The New York Black Belt Center, Garden World and Keil Bros Garden Center, The New York City Department of Parks, Assemblywoman Nily Rozic and her staff, singers Lindsay Feiner, Rabbi Gordon Yaffe, audio expert Jess Feiner, who made sure our sound system worked properly, and finally, Gregg P Sullivan, and Teddy Byrne, who supplied our video screen and streamed this event over BaysideLive TV.





**Come Celebrate With Us!**  
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*Holiday Lighting Festival*

**Sunday, December 5**

**5:00 PM**

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## A Garden Grows on Bell!

Kudos to Nancy Valderamma, owner of Bell Home and Hardware, for her extra efforts to beautify the green space in front of the store. With the assistance of Bayside Hills resident Lori Diaz, Nancy cleaned out the space and planted perennials so that the flower bed might look beautiful for years to come. It is our hope that the merchants along Bell Boulevard will follow her lead.



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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](mailto:baysidehillscivic@gmail.com). Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

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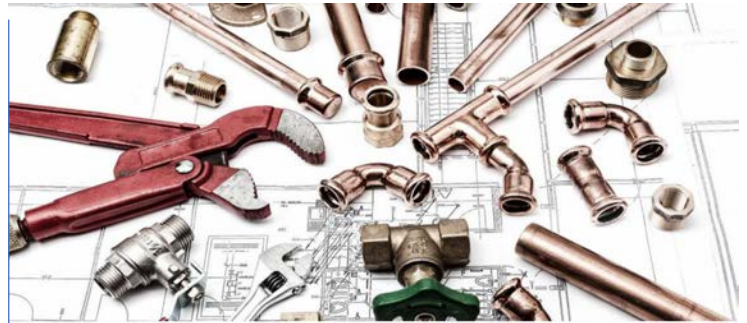


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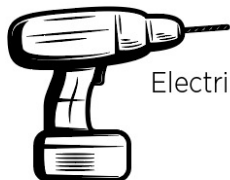
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