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Save the Date

Bayside Hills Civic Association GENERAL MEETING Tuesday, June 20th • 8pm at the Colonial Church of Bayside

Featured guests will be a DOT Representative discussing the LIE construction project. NYC Dept of Parks reporting on the upcoming construction project on Bell Blvd Mall. Officers from the 111th Precinct. Community Affairs Police Officers along with our new Crime Prevention Officer Sean Desena will also be in attendance.

Save the Date for our Candidates' Night on October 31st • 8pm at the Colonial Church of Bayside



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•PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE•

There will be quite a few hot topics covered at our June 20th, 8:00 PM Bayside Hills Civic Association General Meeting, which as always will be conducted at the Colonial Church of Bayside. Our first speakers will be those involved with the Long Island Expressway construction project X22869M DOT

Elsewhere in our Bayside Hills Beacon we have published plans for that construction project on the L.I.E. which passes through our community. The construction components are as follows:

- A. Roadway work
- B. Oceania Street Bridge Replacement
- C. Noise Barriers and Retaining Walls
- D. Lighting
- E. Intelligent Transportation System (ITS)
- F. Traffic Signal
- G. Utility Work
- H. Drainage
- I. Landscape

Roadway work will consist of as follows:

- New auxiliary lane from southbound Clearview Expwy ramp to eastbound LIE (SE) to just west of Springfield Blvd.
- Reconstruction of ramps from northbound Clearview to eastbound LIE (RNE), entrance ramp from Horace Harding Expressway at 212th Street (RXE) and Exit 29 to Springfield Blvd (RXX) to accommodate the auxiliary lane.
 - Improving acceleration/deceleration lengths and taper lengths at the four ramps within the project limits.
 - Improving the merge between Exit 29 (eastbound LIE exit to Springfield Blvd) and the service road.

As usual we have invited speakers from our 111th Precinct who will give us their latest report and field questions. We have also invited the team at New York City Parks who will oversee our Bell Mall construction project.

As usual we will ask our audience if they have any community questions or concerns they would like to discuss followed by delicious refreshments thanks to our BHCA Programs Committee.

We hope everybody had a meaningful Memorial Day! Thanks to all who attended and participated at our BHCA Memorial Day Ceremony.. Our Bayside Hills Civic Association Facebook page is chock-full of beautiful photographs and videos.

With that being said, the following individuals must be thanked for making our ceremony such a success: The 111th Precinct, Glen Oaks Volunteer Fire Department – GOVAC, American

Legion Post 103, Boy Scout Troop 142 Cub Scout Pack 142 Special Guest Contributor - Erica Niedermeyer, PS 390Q The CIVIC School of Bayside Hills, Foodtown & Dunkin Donuts, New York City Department of Parks, Wildcats (Councilwoman Linda Lee's office), Our elected officials: Congresswoman Grace Meng, Borough President Donovan Richards, State Senator John Liu, Assemblyman Ed Braunstein, CM Linda Lee, US Army Chaplain Michael Proto - American Legion Post 103, Rabbi Charles Again, Emeritus Rabbi Free Synagogue, Flushing, Father Gabriel Lee Pastor Saint Robert Bellarmine Roman Catholic Church, Ian and Susan Zdatny for the use of their home's electricity, Bayside Hills Civic Association Programs Committee, Refreshments -Rita Kashdan & TC Chan, Photography: Rich Kashdan and Carole Jacobson Papadatos, Bayside Hills Civic Association Beautification Committee, BaysideLiveTV- Gregg Sullivan, Audio technicians Lindsay Feiner and Jess Feiner, The Community of Bayside Hills and surrounding areas and Emerson Feiner

When you have the opportunity, be sure to check out how the construction project at Captain Dermody Triangle on 216th Street and 48th Avenue is progressing. We are excited to announce a huge BHCA spring festival extravaganza Saturday, May 4th, 2024. Believe it or not, the original request to have this Bayside Hills Civil War landmark revitalized began about ten years ago. Finally, after all this time it appears all these years of lobbying will have a happy ending. Photos of groundbreaking appear elsewhere in our Beacon. NY 1 video courtesy of Carole Papadatos.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tVFU9VOBw68>

So welcome to the summer everybody. Please remember our Tuesday, June 20th BHCA General Meeting at the Colonial Church located on Bell Blvd. where Luke Place and 216th Street converge. Now that Covid-19 is on the wane, we'd really love to see the church's meeting well attended.



Long Island Expressway Construction Project is Underway!

Community input was sought prior to construction. Significantly, homeowners directly bordering the work for 1-2 blocks north and south of the Expressway were asked to vote on the sound barrier project. In addition, mobility improvement on the east bound LIE by the Clearview merge and Springfield exit have begun to help alleviate congestion during peak hours.

This congestion is exacerbated by the high volume of truck traffic, both on the entrance ramps from the Clearview Expressway & on the Eastbound Long Island Expressway mainline. The existing acceleration and deceleration lanes at Clearview Expressway, Oceania Street, Bell Boulevard & Springfield Boulevard do not provide sufficient distance to accommodate the vehicles which enter & exit the Long Island Expressway. The project will construct an auxiliary lane to connect the entrance ramp from the Clearview with the Exit ramp to Springfield Boulevard. The provision of a continuous lane for entering and exiting traffic will alleviate congestion and reduce delays. This project is currently Under Construction.

Documents provided by
Eileen Miller

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OCEANIA STREET BRIDGE

POST-CONSTRUCTION CONDITIONS



Post-Construction rendering of Oceania St. bridge

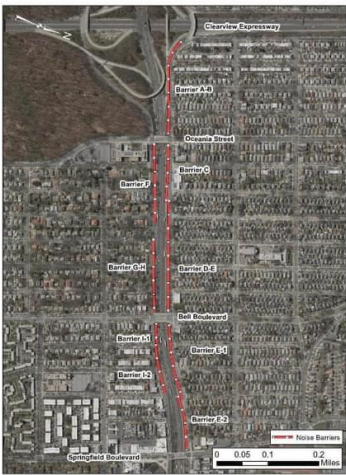
- Four lanes, with dedicated left turn lanes (one per direction).
- Bicyclists will be separated from vehicular and pedestrian traffic on the overpass to improve safety.
- American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalk curb ramps.




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NOISE BARRIERS



- Noise barriers were identified to abate noise impacts.
- Viewpoints were solicited from owners and residents who would benefit from these noise barriers.
- Based on the responses received, all identified barriers are reasonable, feasible and are being constructed.
- Barriers are absorptive on both sides, reducing noise from the Horace Harding Expressway and the LIE.



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Representatives from the New York City Department of Environmental Protection and the New York City Fire Department will also be in attendance.

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Concerts in the Parks: Cunningham Park

June 15
at 8pm



Program To Include

- Copland, Fanfare for the Common Man
- Beethoven, Symphony No. 5
- Rossini, William Tell Overture
- NY Phil Very Young Composer Mia Mičić, Raft Dino Spies
- NY Phil Very Young Composer Michael Rodriguez, Trip to the Moon!
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- J. Strauss II, On the Beautiful Blue Danube

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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.

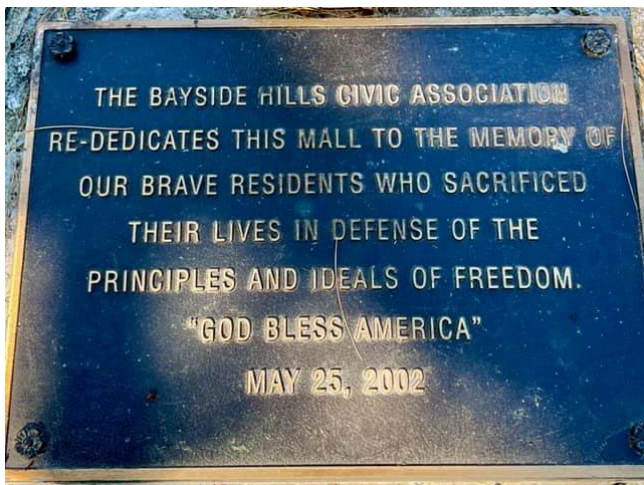
**LET'S STAND
STRONG TOGETHER**



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On May 27, 2023 BHCA had their Memorial Day Ceremony. Thank you to all who came out!



Pictures by Rich Kashdan

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Pictures taken by:
Carole Jacobson
Papadatos

Captain Dermody Triangle Renovations Have Begun!

Ten years of lobbying, calling city agencies and elected officials finally culminated in results. In spite of all the time and effort this has taken, as you can see, the groundbreaking for Captain Dermody Triangle has finally come to fruition.

Michael Feiner, President Bayside Hills Civic Association

<https://qns.com/2023/04/work-transform-captain-dermody-triangle/>

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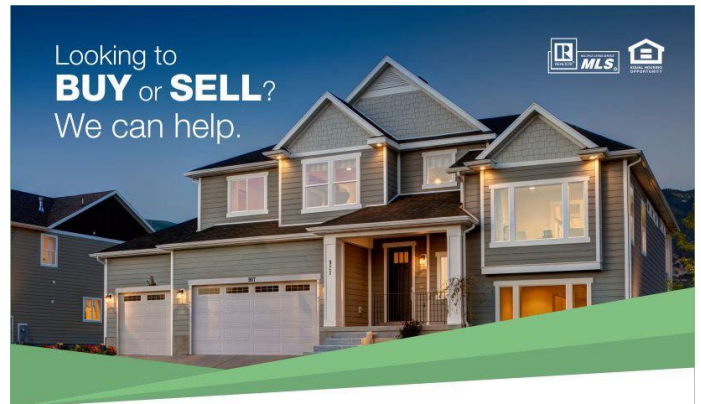


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