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Bayside Hills Civic Association GENERAL MEETING Tuesday, April 25th • 8pm at the Colonial Church of Bayside

Featured guest will be the FDNY Fire Safety Education Unit who will be discussing the dangers of lithium ion batteries. Officers from the 111th Precinct will also be in attendance.

**Save the Date for our June 20th General Meeting • 8pm at the
Colonial Church of Bayside**

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• PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE •



Welcome Sweet Springtime

*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 Woods*

--also known as: Welcome, Sweet Springtime! w., anon. m., "adapted to Rubinstein's Melody in F" by M. Watson. G. Schirmer [1884]



We're baaaack believe it or not! On **Tuesday, April 25th, 8:00 PM**, we will finally be conducting our next in person BHCA General Meeting at the Colonial Church, located at Bell Blvd. where Luke Place and 216th Street converge. As usual we have invited our officers from the 111th Precinct, featuring their regular crime report. Recently we heard from our precinct's crime prevention officer that burglaries in the Bayside Hills area seem to have subsided.

Hopefully, he's not jinxing anything, but just wanted to bring you some good news. Obviously, we still need to be vigilant and by no means become complacent.

In addition to our 111th Precinct report, we have as featured guests' members of the FDNY Fire Safety Education Unit. Topics covered in the presentation include, but are not limited to:

- fire facts/statistics
- common causes of fires (e.g., cooking, e-bikes, electrical, candles, heaters, etc.)
- proper usage of lithium batteries
- smoke and combination alarms
- knowing the type of building you live in
- escape plans, based on the type of building you live in
- closing doors if there is a fire
- the importance of obtaining a fire extinguisher in your home
- overloading power strips



Once again, our programs committee will be supplying delicious refreshments. Please mark April 25th at 8:00 PM on your calendar and help us have a great turnout.



On Thursday afternoon, October 13, 2022, a meeting was conducted with the Department of Parks including its new commissioner, Susan Donoghue, Parks Capital Projects representative Eric Mattes, Matt Druary from Intergovernmental Affairs, Justin Argo, NYC Parks Department Administrative Park & Recreation Manager, BHCA Vice President Sebastian D'Agostino, other civic leaders, and myself. It was there that we learned the revitalization construction project of Captain Dermody Triangle will commence the Spring of 2023. Early this month we received word from the NYC Department of Parks and Community Board 11 that construction will begin sometime around March 20th. If this holds true, by the time you read this edition of the Bayside Hills Beacon you should be seeing workers at that 48th Avenue and 216th Street site finally on the job. Exactly just how arduous it has been to finally get to this point has been written in this publication for many years, and it's been quite a saga. Perhaps instead, a BHCA Spring Festival photo from twelve years ago will serve to bring back fond memories, while providing inspiration for what's to come. (see photo in left column)

Hopefully, if everything progresses favorably, our next BHCA Spring Festival will be April 2024, held on what should become one of the most special places in Bayside Hills. So once again, "Welcome Sweet Springtime" Bayside Hills. Please spread the word about our in person General Meeting April 25, 8:00 PM at the Bayside Colonial Church.

• BAYSIDE HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION •



Please Be a Responsible Dog Owner

In recent weeks, it has come to my attention that many dog owners are not fulfilling their LEGAL and CIVIC responsibilities of picking up after their pets. As a dog owner who often walks two dogs and has had the unfortunate experience of stepping into a pile of poop, I am disappointed and appalled by this behavior.

The inconsiderate give all dog owners a BAD REP!! Whether you are walking your dog on a mall, city park, near a lake or on a sidewalk in NYC it is your obligation to pick up and dispose of the poop properly!! If YOU are walking your dog in these areas, it is likely that another owner will be walking their dog in that area as well.

Furthermore, we rely on both landscapers and volunteers to clean up and maintain our malls. It is unkind and thoughtless to leave feces behind for them to step into!!! Your cooperation is needed to keep our neighborhood clean and beautiful. It is not just the neighborly thing to do. It's the law: **Dog Laws**

Failure to Remove Canine Waste

Each person who owns or controls a dog must remove any feces left by that dog on any sidewalk, gutter, street, or other public area and dispose of it in a legal manner. The person may remove the feces and carry them away with him/her for disposal in a toilet or their own trash container or trash bag. The feces may also be placed in a non-leaking sealed bag or container and deposited in a DSNY litter basket. The provisions of this law do not apply to a guide dog accompanying any blind person.

Related Law: [New York State Public Health Law §1310](#)

(Search for Public Health Law (PBH), Article 13, Title 1: General Provisions; Control and Abatement)

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•- an anonymous Bayside Hills resident letter to the Beacon



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Rick Skutch \$150 Scholarship Opportunity for Current BHCA Member Households

The Bayside Hills Civic Association is once again proudly sponsoring its annual Rick Skutch Memorial essay contest. We invite all 6th – 8th grade students to submit a short essay addressing the topic of civic engagement. Entrants may describe their role in civic affairs and how participation and fulfillment of their civic duty can impact the community and society. Themes may include but are not limited to—sustainable, accessible, and equitable services, trash clean-up and graffiti removal, volunteer work and social issue advocacy.

All essays must be received by the BHCA on or before Friday, May 26, 2023. Essays can be emailed to baysidehillscivic@gmail.com or mailed to the BHCA at P.O. Box 640246, Bayside Hills, NY 11364.

Eligibility: Open to all 6th – 8th graders from a current 2023 dues paying BHCA household*

The winner will be announced in the Beacon newsletter and the \$150 scholarship award will be presented at the June 2023 General Membership meeting.

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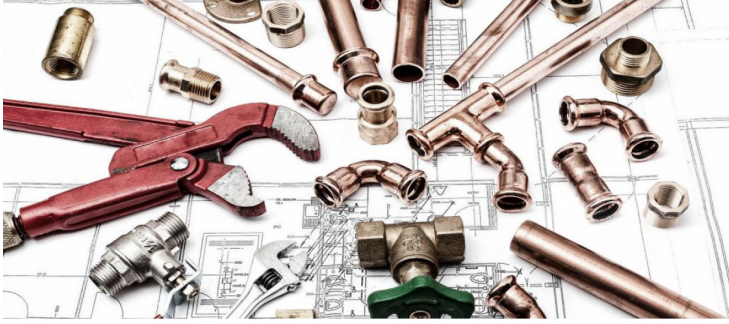
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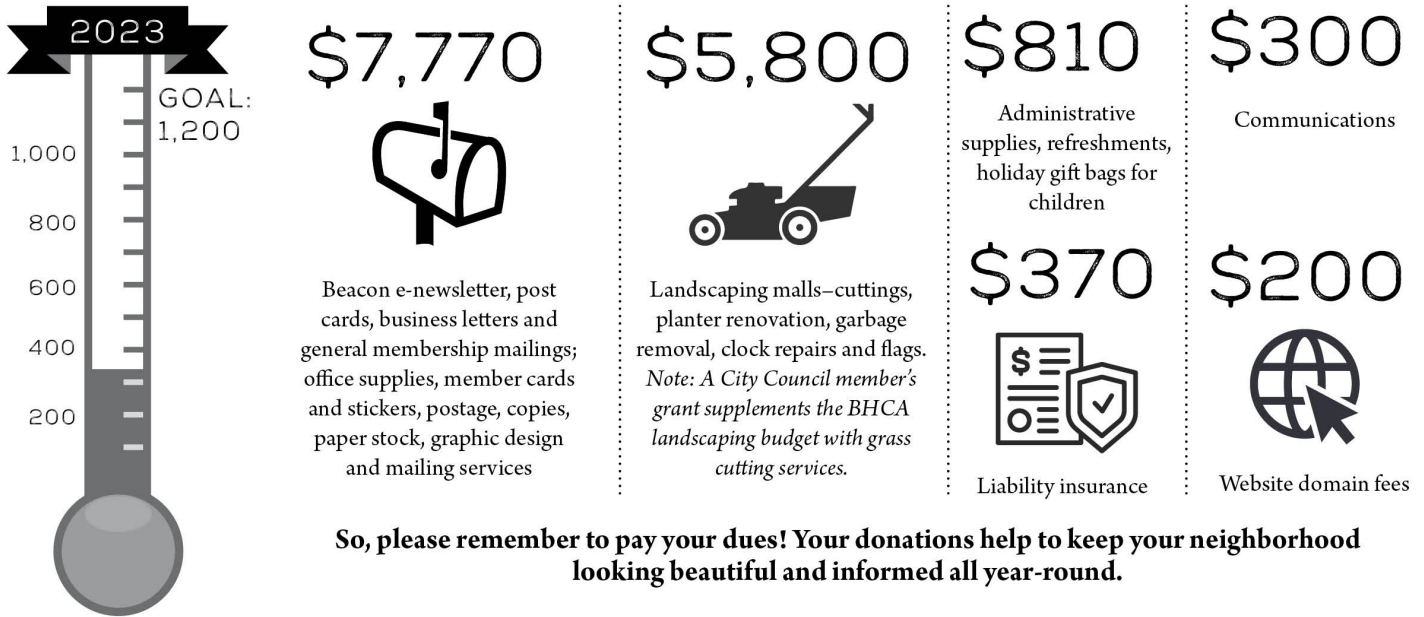
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