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Save the Date

Bayside Hills Civic Association GENERAL MEETING Tuesday, November 28th • 8pm at the Colonial Church of Bayside

Guest Urban Planner Paul Graziano will discuss how new mayoral proposals will destroy our neighborhoods

Future Dates

BHCA Holiday Lighting Festival
Sunday **December** 10th at 5pm
Bell Blvd & 53rd Ave

BHCA **January** General Meeting
on January 30th, 2024• 8pm at the
Colonial Church of Bayside

BHCA **April** General Meeting on
April 30th, 2024• 8pm at the
Colonial Church of Bayside

BHCA Annual Spring Festival –
May 4, 2024 Captain Dermody
Triangle

BHCA **June** General Meeting on
June 19th, 2024• 8pm at the
Colonial Church of Bayside



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•PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE•

Welcome everybody to the holiday season edition of the Bayside Hills Beacon.



There are plenty of important topics to discuss so let's get right to it.

Urban planner Paul Graziano will be the guest at our next BHCA general meeting, Tuesday, November 28th 8:00 at the Colonial Church of Bayside, Bell Blvd., where Luke Place and 216th Street converge. Mr. Graziano will be discussing Mayor Adams's "City of Yes" set of zoning proposals. The details of this plan are truly frightening and make the previous recent proposals from Governor Hochul look simple by comparison. Should any of these proposals be adopted the damage to our communities will be catastrophic. The Queens Civic Congress has taken decisive action and formally retained Mr. Graziano in our fight to protect our neighborhoods. (Our Bayside Hills Civic Association is a member of the QCC.)

Please remember on that evening our elections chair, Eileen Feiner, will be introducing the slate of candidates for your vote. They are running for positions as officers and directors on the BHCA Board of Directors beginning January, 2024. Of course, as usual, we have invited representatives from our 111th Precinct with their regular police report. Remember The BHCA programs committee will be on hand supplying wonderful refreshments.

We would like all our neighbors to understand that the Bayside Hills Civic Association, along with Community Board 11, have vehemently opposed those bike lanes on our residential streets! Quite a few letters have been written to the Department of Transportation for quite some time urgently objecting to the placement of these bike lanes, apparently to no avail, with more coming as we have learned, on 56th Avenue. They are ridiculous and illogical especially because bikers can easily ride from Flushing Meadow Park to Joe Michaels Mile along the Motor Parkway which connects Cunningham Park to Alley Pond Park. There was never any reason for placement of these bike lanes on our blocks in front of our homes and even worse eliminating many of our residents' parking spaces.

On a positive note, by now most of us have noticed how beautifully Captain Dermody Triangle has become another jewel of Bayside Hills. It took at least ten years of lobbying to have this iconic little piece of landscape revitalized. With that being said, we were certainly honored to join with the Bayside Historical Society this past November 11th for our annual BHS/BHCA Veteran's Day Ceremony. This was our very first event at Captain Dermody Triangle since all those years of waiting.



We truly appreciate the BHS for joining us for this extraordinary event and for inviting representatives from Co. K, 67th New York Infantry Volunteers Association who attended our ceremony in period correct Civil War uniforms. Photographs of our ceremony appear elsewhere in this Beacon. The original flyer advertising the event is below. BTW: Please place on your calendars Saturday, May 4th, the date of the Bayside Hills Civic Association Spring Festival, also at the aforementioned Captain Dermody Triangle. More about that as we get closer to that date!



Veterans Day Ceremony at Captain Dermody Triangle

Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 3:30pm

Bayside Historical Society and the Bayside Hills Civic Association commemorate Veterans Day at the historic Captain Dermody Triangle in Bayside Hills. Alongside community leaders and honored guests, we will lay a wreath to honor the memory of Baysider Captain William C. Dermody and all those who bravely fought in the Civil War. Representatives from Co. K, 67th NY Infantry Volunteers Association will attend the ceremony in period-correct Civil War uniforms and include an honor guard carrying a reproduction of their Regimental Flag and drummer during a "present arms" salute.

Our ceremony will include a rededication of the newly renovated Captain Dermody Triangle, the site of one of NYC's oldest war memorials. This is a free event. Please join us as we honor and thank our military veterans for their service to our country.

RSVP at www.baysidehistorical.org/events

Meetup Location: Captain Dermody Triangle, 48th Avenue and 216th Street, Bayside, NY

This program is supported, in part, by public funds from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the City Council.

Captain William C. Dermody was an outspoken abolitionist who was mortally wounded at the Civil War Battle of Spotsylvania, Virginia in May 1864

Captain Dermody volunteered with the 67th New York Infantry and served in Company K, the first regiment of Long Island volunteers

In 1866, the Dermody Triangle site was dedicated to the memory of Captain Dermody by a ceremonial meeting of a Union and Confederate veteran. The monument is inscribed, "For a Better Union 1861-1865"


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President's Message Continued

Finally, on Sunday, December 10th at 5:00 PM, on the Bell Boulevard and 53rd Avenue mall, we will be having our BHCA Holiday Lighting Festival. Most of our usual guests will be in attendance including a return engagement from "Squeezebox 18," the children of PS 203 and their accordions. We also will be printing song sheets and selecting volunteers to lead us in singing Chanukah songs and Christmas carols, and later we'll be decorating that fabulous Christmas tree donated to our community by Garden World and Keil Brothers Garden Center. Oh yes, do not worry, Santa Claus will be on hand spreading joy and cheer to everybody. Please see our flier about our festival elsewhere in this publication.

In conclusion, please remember our two big upcoming dates, December 10th, 5:00 on 53rd Avenue and Bell Boulevard for our spectacular BHCA Holiday Lighting Festival, and Tuesday, November 28th at the Colonial Church of Bayside, Bell Blvd where Luke Place and 216th Street converge, for our next general meeting. See you all then and please tell your friends and neighbors.



Dear Community:

The following is the slate for the BHCA Officers and Board of Directors to be voted on at the November 28th General Meeting. The term will commence January 1, 2024. As this is an uncontested election, we will cast one vote to elect the entire slate.

Best regards,

Eileen Feiner, BHCA Election Chair

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Bio for newly elected Board of Director Daniela Niedermeyer

My name is Daniela Niedermeyer and I have lived in Bayside Hills for over nine years with my husband Jack and two children Erica and Jack. I love taking long walks with my husband around Bayside Hills and together we admire the beautiful pre-war architecture of the homes in our community. Each and every home was constructed by talented craftsman who worked with such pride and passion during the Great Depression building homes in Bayside Hills. The unique style and architecture of our beautiful homes ranging from English Tudors to Dutch Colonials should be appreciated and preserved. I look forward to serving the community members in Bayside Hills and will work to preserve and beautify our amazing community for years to come.

• BAYSIDE HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION •

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Bayside Hills Civic Association's

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Sunday, December 10, 2023

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**BHCA Annual Spring Festival – Captain Dermody Triangle
May 4, 2024**

Michael Feiner, President Bayside Hills Civic Association

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Bayside Historic Society/BHCA Civil War Reenactment - Captain Dermody

November 11, 2024



Good Evening BHS, Paul, Co. K, American Legion Post 103, Boy Scouts, Gregg Sullivan, etal:

Still sitting by my iPad rehashing the tremendous event that transpired in Bayside Hills today. If I haven't thanked you this afternoon enough in person, I'm compelled to thank you once again. It's such a tremendous feeling to receive so much heartfelt thanks from people attending events of which we are a part. Thanks also to all who assisted in advertising our ceremony because the turnout was extraordinary. On top of everything else, meeting actual family descendants of Captain William Dermody was astounding.

Speaking of families, included below is an example of a delighted family photographed by one of our BHCA photographers!

So, congratulations to everybody who contributed to making the obvious collaborative effort an all-time community success.

Michael Feiner, President BHCA



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at Captain Dermody
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May 4, 2024



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