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**Our next GENERAL MEETING,
will be held on Tuesday,
June 22 at 8pm via Zoom.**

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What a success story! The collaborative effort behind a beautiful Bayside Hills Civic Association Memorial Day Weekend Observance evolved into one of our greatest turnouts in the event's history. The week prior to that 9:30 AM Saturday, May 29th ceremony, on our BHCA Memorial Mall on Bell Boulevard and 53rd Avenue, there was good reason to be considerably pessimistic due to a very stormy weather forecast for that day. Sure enough, on the morning of our event, it was raining cats and dogs. Attempts to erect some kind of awning or canopy were unsuccessful and soon suggestions were being made to cancel our program. In all honesty, there were two very good reasons not to cancel. First, as far back as we can remember, there was never a scheduled outdoor BHCA event that was ever postponed or canceled. Second, when you think of our soldiers fighting in the trenches, inclement weather never postponed or canceled what they had to do.

Immediately upon entering the area of our event, the pessimism began melting away in spite of the deluge coming down from the sky. The first thing observed were our officers blocking traffic in preparation for our ceremony.



Simultaneously our neighbor Peter Turck was driving up on our mall with, one at a time, two amazing World War II vehicles to be on display for our ceremony.



Following that, a very sweet young lady by the name of Cathy presented a hand made little collage made in honor of Memorial Day, which will be heretofore treasured in our BHCA files!



Photos by Rich Kashdan except top right photo by Joe Lubomski

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By the time the 9:30 starting time rolled around, perhaps the largest attendance in the history of our event was assembled, braving the elements in all kinds of assorted rain gear. Canopies and awnings proved to be unnecessary with our sound system staying dry in the back of an SUV and safely protected with plastic coverings. Almost every invited guest was in attendance; just about all our elected officials or their representatives. Two Boy Scout troops handled the colors most admirably; American Legion Post # 103 was there in uniform; Rhea Arkin once again was present singing our National Anthem as she has done for many years; Eagle Scout bugler, Andrew Ewanitz IV played an amazing version of "Taps;"

https://fb.watch/5_bB3Zozgh/

Patriotic poems were read by students Will Liao and Erica Niedermeyer; blessings were given by local clergy; (U.S. Army Chaplain Michael Proto and Father Gabriel Lee, Pastor Saint Robert Bellarmine Roman Catholic Church). We even had our audio assistants Jess and Lindsay on hand with their daughter, Emerson!



We would be remiss not to mention the Bayside Hills Civic Association Board of Directors (Beautification and Programs Committees) and volunteers covering our event for the Bayside Hills Beacon and social media outlets. A special thanks to our photographers Rich Kashdan and Carole Jacobson Papadatos; sharing here Carole's video of the Pledge and the National Anthem

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Thanks to all who helped publicize this event including our local media. Our thanks to the efforts of the New York City Department of Parks; members of our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT); and last but not

least, the officers of our very own 111th Precinct, who made sure we were all safe and well protected.

Finally, thanks to one and all who attended and helped to remind everybody what Memorial Day is all about!

Hope to see everybody **Tuesday, June 22** (not June 29th) for our next Bayside Hills Civic Association Zoom Teleconferencing general meeting. Your Zoom invitation appears elsewhere in this Bayside Hills online Beacon. Guests include our State Senator John Liu, who will be discussing State Senate issues; members of the Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps, who will give us a tour of their facility. There will be a Girl Scouts Service Award presentation, as well as our usual 111th Precinct officers' regular police report. So, happy summer everybody. Please join us June 22!

Moonlight, Summer Moonlight by Emily Jane Brontë

'Tis moonlight, summer moonlight,
All soft and still and fair;
The solemn hour of midnight
Breathes sweet thoughts everywhere,

But most where trees are sending
Their breezy boughs on high,
Or stooping low are lending
A shelter from the sky.

And there in those wild bowers
A lovely form is laid;
Green grass and dew-steeped flowers
Wave gently round her head.

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Even Rain Won't Stop Our Memorial Day Celebration

Photos by Rich Kashdan



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For two weeks prior to our Saturday, May 1st 85th Anniversary Celebration at the Jubilee clock, we sent out emails and social media posts vis-à-vis the history of Bayside Hills. This installment was from Kevin J. Farrelly, former president of the Bayside Hills Civic Association. Mr. Farrelly was kind enough to write the following statement which appears below conveying his love and dedication to the community of Bayside Hills.

STATEMENT IN HONOR OF THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BAYSIDE HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

When Mike Feiner kindly asked me to prepare a statement in honor of the BHCA's 85th anniversary celebration, I at first thought I misread his email. Could it really be 25 years since the Association's Diamond Jubilee in 1996? Has a quarter of a century marched on since we celebrated that event with a rousing dinner dance at Café on the Green?

For those who don't know me, I am a child of Bayside Hills. My family moved into a house on 213th Street in 1963 when I was eight years old. I attended St. Robert Bellarmine Elementary School. Years later, from 1987 to 1996, I had the honor of serving as President of the BHCA. Although I no longer live in the Hills, I treasure the many fond memories of the almost 40 years I spent there.

Those memories start with my years growing up in the Hills. Youngsters played on the street and rode their bicycles while parents chatted on stoops or tended their gardens. Neighbors knew and watched out for one another. It was a wonderful time and place to be a child.

The memories of the years of my involvement with the BHCA are similarly pleasurable. I had the good fortune of working with many residents who volunteered countless hours to attend meetings, plan events, work on the malls and publish *The Beacon*. I look back on my years as BHCA President as an exciting and productive time and I am

grateful to all the residents who worked alongside me for the good of the community.

During the past 85 years, the BHCA has diligently protected the interests of the neighborhood. It has consistently maintained a vibrant spirit of community through its beautification efforts and event programs. And it has effectively mobilized the community when it faced challenges such as the Vigils and BQ Cable.

I am delighted to join you in celebrating this special occasion and I wish all of today's Bayside Hills residents — the civic descendants of those wise original residents who created the BHCA in 1936 — many more successful years of safeguarding the community which has meant so much to me both as a person coming of age in the Hills and as a BHCA leader.

Kevin J. Farrelly
May 1, 2021

Enjoy this video and song of Bayside Hills:
Falling in Love With Bayside Hills for its 85th Anniversary!

www.youtube.com/embed/VpAx3PKewkc

The Hills are Alive!
By Eileen Feiner

The Hills are alive with the sounds of Bayside
With sights we have known for eighty-five years,
Preserve and protect- won't fall by the wayside
Civic spirit is music to our ears!

Our hearts feel the beat of the Jubilee Clock
Whose hands mark the passage of time,
Our eyes rise up toward Colonial steeple
And below to our malls sublime.
To Memorial Malls as we honor those, who have sadly passed away
Who gave with their lives, so that freedom can triumph today!

Our history thrives through iconic structures
Triangular patch at the Dermody site,
We're blessed, Bayside Hills,
to have shared this strong past
And our future's bright!!!



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Being A Good Neighbor Tips!

Control your BBQ grill.

Position it where the smoke and smell will least likely blow onto your neighbor's property. Burning leaves or open fires are illegal.

Put rubbish/garbage out on the right day.

Only put your rubbish/garbage out on the day it's due for collection. If you accidentally miss the collection, bring it back onto your property immediately and try to contain it well. Clean up in front of your property. Garbage can attract vermin, insects, and other pests, and is also unsightly. By picking up litter, you'll discourage further littering. You'll risk a fine if your garbage is set out before 5p on the night before the scheduled pick-up.

Report zoning violations.

Call 3-1-1 and write to the BHCA at BaysideHillsCivic@gmail.com to report neglected/abandoned properties, zoning violations like illegal two-family homes, illegal construction, permit violations, illegal second entrances and driveways and more.

Maintain your sidewalk, front property boundary.

Each homeowner is responsible for repairing the sidewalk. You can call 3-1-1 to report cracked sidewalks, street potholes, missing or faded street signs, broken street lamps and trees in need of pruning. An unwritten but longstanding covenant among Bayside Hills homeowners is a prohibition against fences and laundry lines in the front yard. The open frontage adds to a pleasant, expansive and inviting Hills appearance.



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Please place branches and leaves in front of your home for sanitation pick-up.

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. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

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Bayside Break-in!

I am sharing a story, hoping you don't ever have to experience what my neighbor and her husband experienced one morning a couple of Fridays ago.

At a little after eight o'clock in the morning, they drove away from their home to drop the kids off at school. The routine takes them about half an hour tops. They returned to this: Unlocked front door, cabinet and dresser drawers wide open, personal items like photographs and clothes strewn about the floors.

The burglar turned the place upside down. The bedrooms were rummaged through in a hurry. Clothes all over the floor; jewelry drawers on the bed, their contents gone. Other valuables and cash were taken.

All this in about 12 minutes.

Officers from the 111th Precinct are on the case.

The family's Google Nest Cam video showed the burglar boldly entered through the front window minutes after they left the house. He was dressed in a baseball hat, hooded sweatshirt, and a face mask. He approached the front door and then quickly ducked behind two overgrown bushes that gave him good cover. He used tools to pry open the window pane **and** cut the window locks. It took him about 7 minutes to gain entry. The video shows people and cars passing during that time, including one car that suspiciously circled the block a number of times.

Video footage showed he entered the house around 8:40am.

The homeowner passed along some of the lessons she's learned from her incident:

- Get a home security system with window sensors and a loud alarm. There are inexpensive services out there, including DIY set-ups with camera monitoring you can pay for separately.
- Vary your schedule if you can. And if possible, vary your entry and exit points. They are watching, casing the best targets.
- Trim overgrown plants or shrubs that could provide good cover for a burglar near windows and entrances.



- Valuable jewelry: Don't store it in a unit that's obviously jewelry storage and don't store it in your bedroom. Try to wear it when appropriate or store it in a safe or safety deposit box at the bank. The basement is a good place as burglars fear being trapped there.
- Don't keep cash at home, and especially not in your bedroom. Secure safes away from bedrooms. Burglars target bedrooms.
- Open bank accounts for your kids and encourage relatives to pay them electronically for gifts, instead of gifting cash.
- Keep documents with sensitive and personal information in a safe.
- Back up your files on the cloud in the event your computers and tablets are stolen, and protect your devices with passwords.
- Itemize jewelry and valuables with photos and receipts in the event you need to file a claim for stolen property.
- Make friends with your neighbors and encourage them all to have home security and outdoor cameras which are a deterrent to crime.
- Call the police if you hear a neighbor's home alarm go off.

Nick Paolucci is a Board Member of the Bayside Hills Civic Association.

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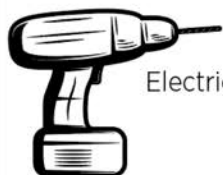
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