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**Our next GENERAL MEETING,
will be held on Tuesday,
January 26 at 8pm via Zoom.**

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*Happy New Year and Happy Year of the Ox
(to those celebrating!)*

For many of us it is extremely disconcerting when you turn on your favorite public radio station or PBS on television and they are having one of their lengthy membership drives. If you're like me, you'll find yourself either changing the station or fast forwarding the commercial if the show was originally DVRed. Nevertheless, just for now I'm going to say, "Uh, uh, uh, don't touch that dial! It's time for a Bayside Hills Beacon President's Message Membership drive," and here's why:

Last week our BHCA treasurers emailed our Board our annual year end summary and there was something that was extremely alarming and impossible to ignore: each year the number of households that are BHCA members continue to decrease, and for the year 2020 the number has gone down to 336; down from 368 in 2019. That is an all time low according to our records. Taking into consideration that the BHCA has a [Facebook](#) page, a mass email address, a [website](#), contacts with local media, contacts with all city agencies, not to mention our unbelievable extremely dedicated BHCA Board of Directors and their committees, the fact that our membership continues to decrease, must be addressed!

With that being said, this column begins with a membership drive because obviously if the BHCA is going to remain strong, that 336 number must begin to rise. As we have 1,253 households, this is very poor representation. We've been in existence since 1936 with wonderful, appreciative dues paying homeowners and beautification contributors throughout this great community of Bayside Hills. If you know of a Bayside Hills friend or neighbor who has not joined the BHCA, kindly tell him/her about us. Perhaps this message written by BHCA Board of Director and co-treasurer, Tom Louizou, parts of which have appeared in this Beacon publication before, will help:

Household Membership Dues

2020	336
2019	368
2018	404
2017	393
2016	401
2015	406
2014	433
2013	448
2012	450
2009-2011	n/a
2008	479
2007	547
2006	541
2005	563
2004	579
2003	575

Our \$25 annual membership and supplemental beautification donation goes a long way. Here are the ABCs for some of the services that the all-volunteer BHCA helps provide:

- Advocacy
- Oakland Lake ravine project to alleviate flooding
- Residential zoning violation enforcement including opposition to the 216th Street "House in the Garden" illegal property sub-division
- Traffic and commercial vehicle parking law enforcement
- Property/title covenant enforcement including the requirement for buried Time Warner cables
- Representation on Community Board 11
- Advocacy for LIE sound barriers
- Crime rate monitoring and advocacy for foot and bike patrols
- Greenway maintenance
- Attendance and participation in local planning meetings
- Successfully lobbied for the "Bayside Hills" postal address designation
- Beautification and community events
- Mall maintenance with a commercial contractor (BHCA pays for this service on the avenue malls)
- Clock purchase, installation and maintenance
- Flag flying and mall ceremonies on Memorial Day and July 4
- 9-11 memorial garden installation, maintenance and annual ceremony
- Spring Festival (following revitalization of Captain Dermody Triangle)
- Christmas tree and Menorah installation, lighting and maintenance
- Cupola, flagpole and landmark maintenance and repair
- Communication publication and distribution (1200 homes – dues and non-dues paying members) of the Beacon newsletter. The editing and writing is done by the all volunteer board
- Quarterly general membership meetings
 - Meet the candidates, guest speakers on subjects ranging from safety, security, health, housing, zoning, nutrition, sanitation, avian flu, police services, water rates and more

• PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE •

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It goes without saying how proud we were that in spite of the pandemic we were able to produce this most wonderful Virtual 2021 BHCA/BaysideLive TV Holiday Lighting Festival. Although we had to promise the 111th Precinct that there will be no spectators while videoing our virtual event, nevertheless we were able to present it the same time as always, the Sunday in December when it is also Hanukkah. This year it was December 13th and that was when we posted it on all our combined social media outlets. For those who have not seen our Lighting Festival, here it is one more time: https://youtu.be/y8nQ_RVmh34

Thanks to all who participated in making our video!

In the "What's going on here?" department, so many things are taking place behind our backs while we as citizens have little or no input in the matter. All of a sudden we look and see unappealing, unwanted lampposts on the Bell Boulevard Mall by 48th Avenue, former prison inmates residing at a Fresh Meadows hotel, a homeless shelter in Glendale, and now we are learning of a 75-bed homeless shelter for women that will be located at 243-02 Northern Blvd in Douglaston. The question that must be raised is, "Why must we be made aware of these things after the fact?" These occurrences are taking place repeatedly under the noses of our elected officials while their silence has been deafening. As far as the Douglaston Women's homeless shelter, (a done deal), I will be listening in on January 12 during a virtual meeting of Community Board 11's Douglaston Zoning Committee and the Health and Human Services Committee and perhaps learn how this shelter is going to be run. Following that I am planning to address the next Virtual Community Board 11 meeting and voice my displeasure vis-à-vis how all these facilities and projects are so suddenly being planned and appearing without our knowledge.

Now for news of our next virtual BHCA General Meeting via Zoom, that will take place Tuesday, January 26th at 8:00 PM. As always we will invite members of the 111th Precinct who will discuss the uptick in burglaries in our area. Recently, along with other local civic leaders, I attended a meeting with Captain Portalatin where he expressed a need for "Blockwatchers." According to the "Blockwatcher" booklet we received, "Every citizen should be a 'Blockwatcher'"; a concerned public spirited citizen who observes criminal activity in his or her neighborhood and reports that information to the police department. A 'Blockwatcher's' objective is to watch their block, and if observing any criminal activities, to report that activity to



the police department. No further action is necessary."

In addition to our guests from the 111th Precinct, we have invited representatives from "Meals on Wheels" to address our community on what their organization has been doing, especially during the pandemic. Please see their fliers elsewhere in our Beacon publication.

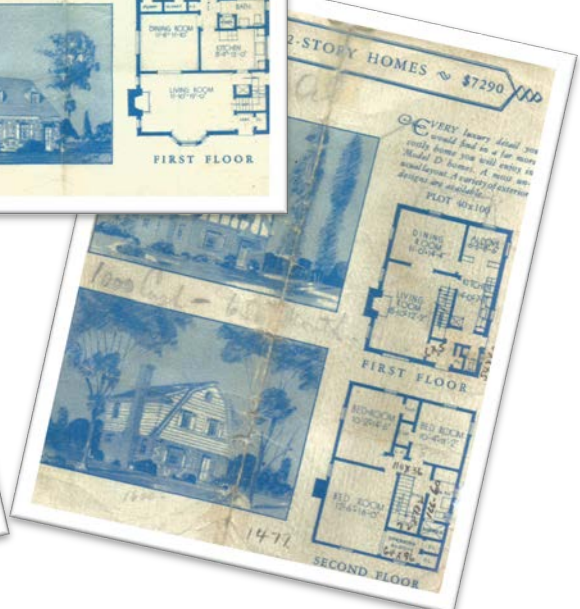
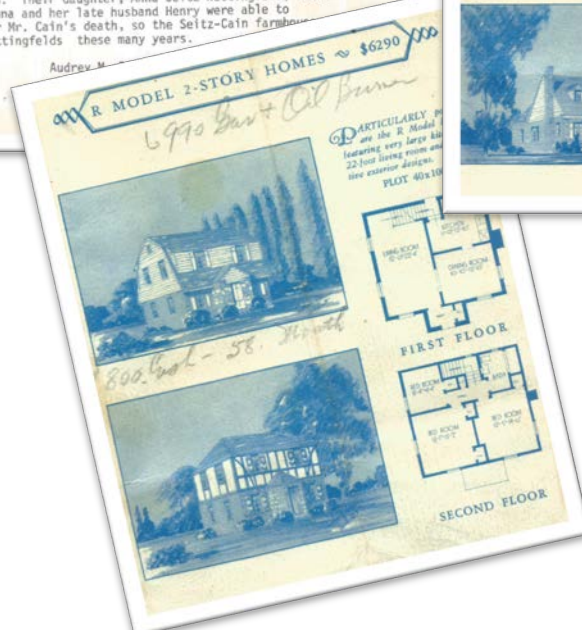
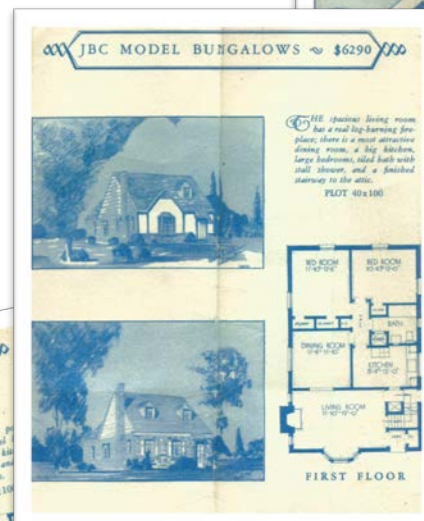
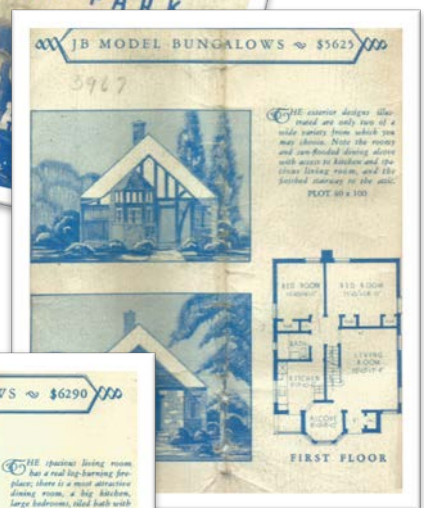
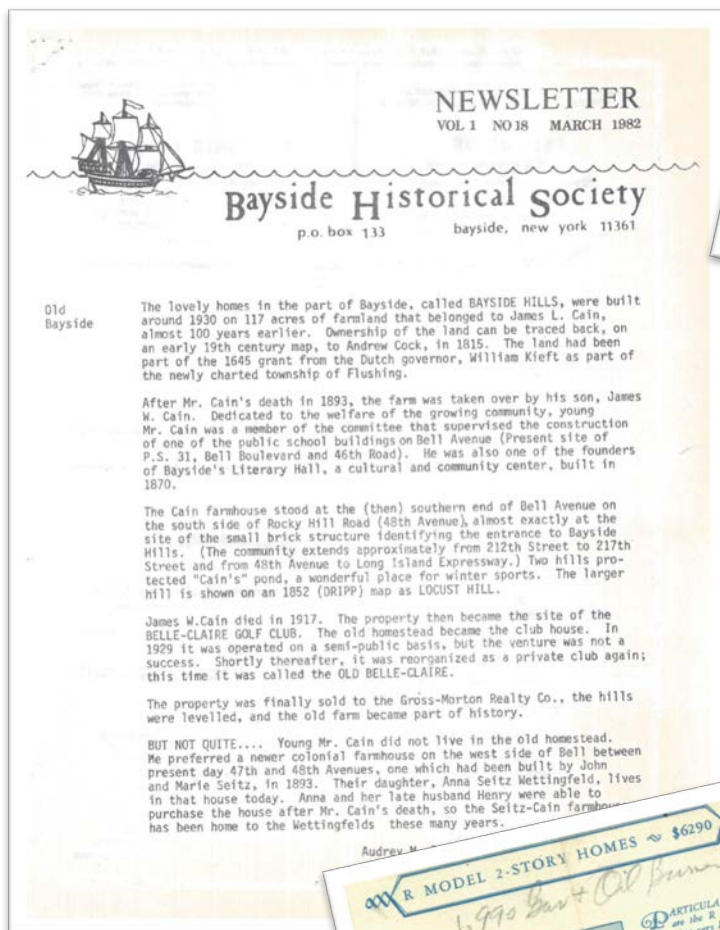


So once again, Happy New Year Bayside Hills and everybody else. Hope you can help us recruit some more residents to join us, and please mark down our **January 26th Zoom General Meeting**. Stay well, remember to wear those masks, and hopefully most of us will be receiving the vaccine real soon! In closing, here is a very interesting article from the Japan Times vis-à-vis "The Year of the Ox." <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/life/2021/01/01/lifestyle/2021-year-ox/>

• BAYSIDE HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION •

Happy 85th Anniversary Bayside Hills Civic Association!

Here are some historical materials to commemorate our neighborhood!



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Update on the Bayside Hills Malls

The Bayside Hills community is a beautiful place to live and our malls bring serenity and nature to our neighborhood. This past December the Bayside Hills Civic Association (BHCA) allocated some funds to do a major clean up of our avenue malls (50th Ave. thru 58th Ave.) due to the city's unavailability to do the job. This was because of the pandemic, cuts in the crew and funding.

We were able to hire Matt Kenny and his Pivot Landscaping Company; they came to the rescue by cutting and cleaning the avenues. He and his crew did an outstanding job and over 300 bags of grass and debris were collected. Mr. Kenny contacted the Department of Sanitation and they removed the bags. Matt Kenny is a resident of our community and we are grateful that he was available to complete this enormous undertaking.

All of our malls are maintained by the BHCA in conjunction with the city. The Park's Department cuts and cleans Bell Boulevard and the Wildcats, another part of the city cuts and cleans the avenue malls. The BHCA requests your help and cooperation by keeping our malls free of litter, dog poop, branches, cigarette butts and any other debris.



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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Holiday Lights Contest!

This holiday season Bayside Hills was once again aglow with the hope of a bright year ahead. While there were so many participants this year, there were three that were outstanding, and several that deserved honorable mention.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind homeowners that addresses should be clearly visible from the street to not only insure the safety of the inhabitants in the event of an emergency, but to facilitate deliveries and welcome visitors. This issue was made evident during the holiday lights judging, whereas securing addresses was quite challenging.

Contest winners:

53-48 214th St.
213-15 56th Ave.
56-06 218th St.

Honorable Mentions:

53-47 Bell Blvd.
56-54 Bell Blvd. (corner of 58th Ave)
56-10 Bell Blvd.
53-14 211th
58-08 211th
58-49 212th St.
58-02 213th St.
48-11 215th St.
49-08 215th St.
50-05 215th St.
50-21 215th St.
56-37 215th St.
58-46 215th St.
49-19 217th St.
56-06 218th
217-24 54th Ave

Congratulations to all winners and thank you to all participants for "keeping a light on for us!"



BHCA Holiday Lighting FESTIVAL 2020

Even though our event was virtual this year! We still had a lot of fun putting our video together!



Photos by: Rich Kashdan and Carole Papadatos

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Self-Care Checklist During a Pandemic

Besides disinfecting and washing your hands, here are some ways to take care of your heart and spirit during these times.

- 1. Stick with a normal, daily meditation practice.** A daily meditation practice (20 minutes) is so important.
- 2. Maintain contact virtually by creating a schedule.** Now is a great time to make sure that we check on the ones who matter to us, and those who we rarely get to see in person because they are so far away.
- 3. Get outdoors.** If you are blessed to live in a place where there are parks or waterfronts—access them with walks, runs, and bikes.
- 4. Give yourself permission to cry.** Know that you will inevitably feel sad, disheartened, or downright hopeless at times, but also know that giving yourself permission to feel these emotions will help release any pain.
- 5. Create a venting-hour.** Just like some families have adopted a “happy hour,” you can adopt a “venting hour.” It

reduces the build-up of tension and makes sure that there is no resentment, which is possible for even the kindest amongst us.

- 6. Limit how often and through what means you access the news and information.** Limit yourself to 30 minutes of news per day on the television with a news anchor and station you trust. Do not watch the news before you go to bed, because it can get you all worked up, which is counterproductive.

- 7. Be of service to others without depleting yourself.** What skills can you bring to this moment in order to be of service? As always, it's important to recognize and hold the boundaries that are safe for you. This is why your Self-Care Plan is so important. Offering help to others can give you meaning during this time of uncertainty

- 8. When all else fails, ask yourself: “What do I need in this moment?”** When I sense that I am not feeling right, physically or mentally, just pause, take a long, slow deep breath and ask yourself this question.

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• 2020 FINANCIAL REPORT •

BHCA ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT – DECEMBER 31, 2020

The Bayside Hills Civic Association closed out 2020 with 336 members—less than 30 percent of the over 1,200 households in the Hills. Membership dues (\$25) comprised the largest portion of income, followed by beautification donations. Additional credits came from Beacon newsletter advertising and the sole 2020 in-person general meeting raffle in January of last year.

Major cost categories included landscaping, printing and distribution of the Beacon post card bulletins and membership letters.

Household memberships have declined over the past ten years. A City Council member grant provided a free grass cutting service for the avenue malls but the work was inconsistent. As a result, contractor services were needed periodically throughout the year. In addition, we completed several improvement projects including the renovation of the Memorial Clock, mall planters and fire alarm posts.

As of December 31, 2020

PAID HOUSEHOLDS	DUES	BEAUTIFICATION	BEACON ADVERTISING	FUNDRAISING 50/50	TOTAL COLLECTED 2020
336	\$8,380	\$7,849	\$800	\$31	\$17,060
Carryover from 2019					\$13,878
Total 202 credits					\$30,938

2020 EXPENSES

Landscaping malls – cuttings, planter, clock, firebox and cuppola renovations, garbage removal; flags, signs	\$10,287
Beacon e-newsletter, post cards, business letters and general membership mailings; office supplies, member cards and stickers, photocopies, paper stock, envelopes, graphic design service and bank fees	\$3,759
Liability insurance	\$502
Bayside Live TV media, webdomain fees	\$460
USPS, stamps, postage, POBox rental, bulk mail fee Adm.clerical mail prep.	\$1,696
Student scholarship awards	0
Queens Civic Congress dues	\$35
TOTAL 2020 debits	<\$16,739>
Carry forward to 2021 2020 credits – debits = balance \$30,938 - \$16,739 = \$14,199	\$14,199
Escrow	\$5,001
TOTAL LIQUID ASSETS ON JANUARY 1, 2021	\$19,200

• MEMBERSHIP DUES •

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PLEASE SEND IN YOUR 2021 DUES DONATION TODAY!

We appreciate your generosity. The Bayside Hills Civic Association is an open homeowner membership organization representing over 1,200 households within the boundaries of Bayside Hills. Our mission is to promote a safer, more livable community. The BHCA Board is volunteer-powered and service-driven. Its advocacy, beautification, and communication work rely solely on the support of members, sponsors, *Beacon* advertisers, and participating discount merchants to maintain and improve our neighborhood. **Here is a simple infographic to show how some of our dues were spent in 2020.**

2021 MEMBERSHIP DUES

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