

BROADWAY FLUSHING HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Mark your calendar! Our next meeting will be held on **March 10, 2016 at 7:45pm at Church on the Hill**. Our guest speaker will be Councilmember Paul Vallone, who will update us on proposed Bills in the City Council, Department of Finance: Restrictive Covenants, Landmarks Preservation Commission and Proposed: New Architectural/Contextual Zoning



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As we finish getting through another winter, please know that while it might seem quiet in BFHA land, it has been anything but! Your all-volunteer Executive Committee has been very active in the last couple of months. We've met with Elected Officials and new homeowners regarding Land Use (including the proposed "Pedestrian Plaza" near 156th Street and Northern Boulevard) and building issues including a proposed art and cultural Buddhist Temple in the area. We've monitored the renovation of houses with the DOB, and aided our neighboring Civic Associations with their own struggles. The Executive Committee also fights for a reduction in airplane noise, and has a special committee that fought for landmarking by the city. Because we recently received a letter from the Landmarks Preservation Commission denying Broadway-Flushing Historic District Status, we are working closely with our elected officials on a proposal for the creation of a "Contextual/Architectural District" that would require new buildings to conform substantially with present homes as a way of protecting the open and suburban character of the neighborhood. Oh...and we sponsored a Christmas Tree and Menorah lighting with hot chocolate and holiday music in the park too! Man, we've been busy! -- Robert J. Hanophy Jr., President

We would like to give a special thanks to:

Queens Borough President Melinda Katz
 Congresswoman Grace Meng
 Senator Tony Avella
 Assemblyman Ed Braunstein
 Assemblyman Ron Kim
 Councilman Paul Vallone
 Councilman Peter Koo

Who all signed a letter to the Landmarks Preservation Commission and Mayor DeBlasio, imploring them to calendar Broadway Flushing for local landmarking. It's not too often you can get electeds to agree on an issue, but one thing is for certain ALL of our elected officials agree that Broadway Flushing must be protected.



Once again the Bowne Tree Lighting was a big success! Great showing of community and holiday cheer. Thanks to all who attended this fun event.

Queens Quiet Skies needs your help! Please visit them at www.queensquietskies.org to find out what you can do. Would you like a tree planted in front of your house? Contact <http://www.nycgovparks.org/trees/submit-tree-planting/request>

Dues are Due!

If you haven't paid your dues for 2015-2016 please do so ASAP! We are a volunteer organization and rely on the dues and contributions to the legal and reserve fund to pay for our expenses. Please help us so that we can help you.

Landmarking Update



We had an extremely well attended Landmark Rally in January with 200+ in attendance. We continue to work with all elected officials, and every option will be explored to preserve and protect our uniquely beautiful neighborhood. Unfortunately, the LPC sent us a letter explaining why we do not qualify as a Historic District. However, Senator Avella is planning to introduce a new Bill that will allow us to petition NY City Planning for a special architectural district designation. We will continue to work with Councilmember Vallone, DOB, City Planning and all of our elected officials until Broadway Flushing is granted the protection it deserves!

