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Broadway-Flushing Homeowners' Association, Inc.

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May 1-April 30

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

First Meeting Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2016 7:45 PM

CHURCH ON THE HILL- 35TH AVENUE & 167 STREET

Dear Member,

The AGENDA for the first meeting of the fiscal year will include:

1. **GUEST SPEAKER:**
**Marilyn Bitterman–District
Manager (retired), Community
Board 7.**
2. **109th Police Precinct - Meet *New***
Deputy Inspector Judith Harrison and
our Neighborhood Coordination
Officers (NCOs) Mark Wilson and
Anthony Cutaia.
3. **Special Recognition:** Mrs. Susan
Kennedy, (retired) St. Andrew
Avellino School
4. **Minutes:** May 2016
5. **Treasurer's Report**
6. **President's Report**
7. **Zoning Committee**
8. **Mix and Mingle Social Hour:**
Meet and greet your neighbors and enjoy
beverages and desserts provided by the
Hospitality Committee

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful summer! I am happy to have been elected President for the 2016-2017 fiscal year – thank you for your support! We certainly have our work cut out for us! Over the summer, the BFHA Executive Board has been busy at work dealing with several important matters. We've been coordinating efforts with Councilmember Paul Vallone's office to record more than 500 homes in Broadway-Flushing, covered by the Rickert Finlay Covenant, with the NYC Department of Finance. Another matter of grave concern is the problem of Single Room Occupancies (SRO's) involving Airbnb and other short term rental agencies. **IT IS ILLEGAL TO RENT ROOMS IN BROADWAY-FLUSHING.** The zoning code and the Rickert Finlay Covenant prohibit this activity in our neighborhood. Thank you to Senator Tony Avella for organizing an important press conference in July which took place in front of a home illegally advertising on Airbnb. The Association has initiated legal action against the homeowner to enforce the Rickert Finlay Covenant. Also, we continue to deal with tear-downs of our older homes which are being replaced by out of character and over-developed homes. We strive to maintain our long-standing working relationship with the Department of Buildings (DOB), but it is becoming increasingly difficult to receive timely responses and swift action by the DOB. We rely more and more on our members to report potential illegal activity, so please keep your eyes open and contact the Association with photos and descriptions. The Association is also concerned about the "as of right" bioswales proposed for our streets, and we will keep you updated on developments. Lastly, the Association is working with the Queens Civic Congress to develop a platform of mutual concerns that all civics are experiencing with the DOB. The intent is to bring these concerns as a unified voice to our elected officials. We need to review old and un-enforceable laws and draft new and modern laws to address current problems with the DOB. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting on October 27 -

-- **Janet McCreesh, President**

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<http://www.planenoise.com/panyinj/daPRAbr9/qs114wbt.php>

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<http://www.nycgovparks.org/trees/street-tree-planting/request>

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NEIGHBORS BRING NEIGHBORS!

WE ENCOURAGE EVERY HOMEOWNER TO JOIN BFHA AND BECOME A PART OF OUR COMMUNITY – NUMBERS COUNT!

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