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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Second Meeting Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2017 7:45 PM

CHURCH ON THE HILL- 35TH AVENUE & 167 STREET

Dear Member,

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

1. **GUEST SPEAKER:**
Susan Lacerte, Executive Director – Queens Botanical Gardens
2. **109th Police Precinct –** Our Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCOs) Mark Wilson and Anthony Cutaia will join us for social hour to answer any questions you may have.
3. **Proposed Nominating Committee:**
Karen Barbieri, Chair
Dennis Occhino
Diane Arfsten
Robert Anich
Maria Becce
4. **Minutes:** October 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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Believe it or not, spring is upon us and as we are out and about cleaning up our gardens and yards I ask that if you see any construction that looks unusual or illegal to you please report it to 311. If you send us the complaint number we will follow up and put more pressure on the DOB to resolve our issues. We have been working hard trying to get all of the elected officials to support Senator Avella's Architectural District Bill. At this time it is the only way we can protect all of Broadway Flushing from gross overdevelopment. We will also be supporting a bill sponsored by Councilman Vincent Gentile from Brooklyn that would allow DOB inspectors to gain access to a home based on "observable evidence" such as many doorbells, mailboxes, meters. We continue to remain free from Airbnb listings and are in negotiations to settle the lawsuit we initiated with the home at 32-35 159th Street that was being rented out by the room on Airbnb. One thing is for sure, our Rickert-Finlay Covenant has protected us from some of the recent offenders and we are very lucky to have it. We continue to stay on top of the bioswales that have currently been stopped by Senator Avella in effort to get the DEP to allow homeowners to "opt-out". So far no decisions have been made and we will remain active in the talks and keep you posted. We have exhausted all means available to address certain homes in our community that are being built with an excessive number of bathrooms and bedrooms. The DOB stands by their laws and unfortunately there are no laws that limit the number of bedrooms and bathrooms in a single family home. Some of the new homes being constructed have more bathrooms and bedrooms than a Hamptons mansion. We need to ask our elected officials and those who will be campaigning next year what they are going to do about it! BFHA is here to protect and preserve our wonderful community but times and homes are changing fast and we need city agencies like the DOB and City Planning to adjust for these changes and the only way that will happen is if our elected officials go to bat for us. Start doing your homework, research the candidates, ask questions and know the person you vote for is going to work for you! I look forward to seeing you at the meeting on March 23.

Sincerely,
Janet McCreesh
President

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

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