

BROADWAY FLUSHING HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Mark your calendar! Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 7:45pm at Church on the Hill.** Our guest speakers will be **DOT and DOB**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

THE VIC VINCENT GROUP PRESENTS A MUSICAL HISTORY TOUR OF ROCK & ROLL DOO-WOP & POP. Hosted by The Bowne Park Civic Association & Broadway Flushing Homeowners Association And Sponsored by Senator Tony Avella AT 3:00 PM ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 10, 2017 IN BOWNE PARK PLEASE BRING CHAIRS OR BLANKETS In the event of rain, the concert will be cancelled.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT – JANET MCCREESH

As we wind down an incredibly busy year we look forward to working together with our elected officials and City Agencies to strengthen laws and to address the problems that are plaguing our quality of life in BFHA. On a positive note, on May 30th I represented BFHA at City Hall for the Mayoral signing of Intro 393 and 1218. Both bills were introduced by Councilman Vincent Gentile. The new laws allow the DOB to issue summonses and violations based on observable circumstantial evidence such as excess mailboxes, doorbells and utility meters. They also create much higher penalties for illegal conversions which must be paid within a year. BFHA supported both of State Senator Tony Avella's Architectural District Bills during the year. Bill 1531 proposed the recognition of Architectural Districts. It was voted through local government and went to calendar prior to end of session. It got far but not far enough. I urge all of the members of BFHA to support the Bill and write the Senate demanding its passing. In the near future, we will put letters and instructions on our website and keep you posted about when to start writing. As of now, it's our only chance. I know that many of you wrote letters already but it wasn't enough. I am implore every one of our members personally write. There is strength in numbers. Our most effective means of support will be letters. On August 10th we met with Anthony Iuliano at Councilman Vallone's office and one thing was made very clear, there are no laws to address what a single family home should look like other than a bedroom, bathroom and kitchen. Without new laws, the DOB is powerless to stop the massive commercial like structures that are appearing faster than we can count. This fall we will be reaching out to City Planning and our electeds to revise the zoning code and the laws in order to protect communities such as ours. While BFHA always has, and will continue to strive to enforce the Rickert-Finlay Covenant, but we must also work with our elected officials to change the laws currently on the books. Please call 311 if you see any illegal activity before you reach out to us. The DOB will not help us unless we have a 311 confirmation number. I hope to see you at our next

More Plaques for BFHA



If you would like to order a plaque, please visit our website and select "Order a Plaque" The price of the plaques depends on the number of plaques we order at the same time, the more plaques we order, the better the discount. The average price of a plaque is approximately \$125. There are currently 100 homes in the neighborhood (plus St. Andrew's Church and Church-on-the-Hill) that display the plaque.

AIRPLANE NOISE UPDATE:

In response to the outpouring of complaints by New York residents, Governor Andrew Cuomo took steps to resolve the problem of excessive airplane noise by creating a New York Community Aviation Roundtable (NYCAR) and a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to conduct Part 150 Noise Studies at LGA and JFK. The Roundtable is comprised of two committees representing each airport, and Officers have been elected for each committee. Together, the Officers of each committee comprise the coordinating committee of the Roundtable. There are approximately 43 voting members on each committee. As representative for Congresswoman Grace Meng who is a voting member of the Roundtable, BFHA member Maria Becce, was elected First Vice-Chair of the LGA Committee. The full Roundtable met in July at Queens Borough Hall and the Port Authority provided updates on the LGA construction and Part 150 Noise

Studies. Noise Study meeting notes for LGA are available at: http://panynjpart150.com/LGA_homepage.asp

At the recent Town Hall Meeting at the Flushing Library hosted by Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and Congresswoman Grace Meng, Senator Gillibrand was urged to continue her support of the bi-partisan Congressional Quiet Skies Caucus. Reminder, please continue to submit excessive airplane noise complaints at: <http://www.planenoise.com/panynj/daPRAbr9/qs114wbt.php> Or, call the airport noise complaint hotline: 1-800-225-1071.

Bioswales Update:

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) informed Senator Avella that they will not be providing a full opt out for homeowners. Though DEP did inform the Senator of a number of concessions and improvements to the program, a full opt-out is what the community has been asking for since bioswales began to creep into Queens last year

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/street-tree-planting/request>