



72nd Year

BAYSWATER

June 26, 2017

BAYSWATER OPEN MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2017 AT 8:00 PM

BAYSWATER JEWISH CENTER, CORNER HEALY AVE. & DICKENS ST.

GUESTS: PORTIA DYRENFORTH,
NYC PARKS ROCKAWAY ADMINISTRATOR
and Team

BAYSWATER CONCERNS

COME JOIN US

Want to know what's happening in our community? We'd love to have more of you at our meeting on June 26. We will meet our new 101 Precinct Commander. We will meet our Queens Parks personnel and learn about improvements to our Bayswater Park. We hope to be able to report on important transportation issues and postal issues. We'll hear the latest on "Downtown Far Rockaway." Understand that the larger our resident representation, the bigger our clout. We want to learn your concerns. Meet and greet your neighbors. Please join us.

BAYSWATER PARK, NATURE TRAIL, PICNIC AREA

Come hear Portia Dyrenforth, *NYC Parks Rockaway Administrator, Executive Director of Bay Rockaway Park* and Alex Zablocki, *Forest Analyst Natural Areas Conservancy* Helen Forgione, and Forest Analyst, *Natural Areas Conservancy* Leila Mougani discuss and present improvements to Bayswater Park including the picnic area and Nature Trail. Bob Ward (from the NY NJ Trail Conference-Bayswater Jewish Center and Civic) will also be in attendance. He is responsible for our Bayswater Park Nature Trail.

IT'S 2017! DON'T FORGET!!!

We need each other. YES, I'll send my dues!

Bayswater Civic Association
1022 Bay 24th Street
Bayswater, New York 11691

YES, I will join my neighbors for the betterment of Bayswater.

- Enclosed \$25 for the year 2017
- Do you have a skill BCA can use? Join us.

Name: _____

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Print clearly, so we can send messages!
Yes, we have been sending messages.

COMMUNITY MEETING

Monday, June 26, 2017
BAYSWATER JEWISH CENTER
Corner
Healy Ave. and Dickens St.
Time: 8:00 p.m.
JOIN US

THE BAYSWATER BREEZE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Do YOU care?

BCA cares and acts on your behalf. Members of our Board of Directors have been attending many meetings concerning changes to Downtown Far Rockaway that will affect all of us. We are not complacent about what is happening. We listen and we express our opinions but we are just a few. Do you think 1 or 10 or 100 voices would have the same clout as 1000? If you care you will be a part of the decision. If not, take what you'll get. The choice is YOURS. All we ask is for your membership so we can speak with the voice of many.

Enid Glabman.
President, BCA

SCULPTURES ON THE ROCK

From THE WAVE
By Angelica Katz

There's a reason to head to the beach this summer that doesn't involve water or sand.

Instead, there's a new art exhibition that lines the boardwalk-created by the 14 Sculptors Inc., which features 17 unique sculptures by 16 artists whose works range from the intimate to monumental.

14 Sculptors Inc. artists, along with the NYC Parks Department and community members, kicked-off, "14 Sculptors Inc., On the Rock 2017: An Exhibition of Sculpture," on Saturday June 5 at Beach 94th Street.

"This is an exciting year for Rockaway, and '14 Sculptures' is a wonderful addition to the newly completed boardwalk and our full slate of summer programming," said

Rockaway Parks Administrator Portia Dyrenforth. "Beachgoers can also look forward to plenty of fun arts and cultural events and tours during each month of the exhibition. The sculptures celebrate the spirit and beauty of Rockaway, and we are proud to showcase them in one of our many open air 'museums.'"

14 Sculptors Inc. is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide opportunities for sculptors to exhibit original work and to promote the appreciation of sculpture and the visual arts.

14 Sculptures Inc.'s, "On the Rock 2017: An Exhibition of Sculpture," will be on view until October 9, 2017. The sculptures can be found adjacent to the newly completed boardwalk on Shore Front Parkway from Beach 73rd Street

50 YEARS AGO
in the ROCKAWAYS
(From June 9, 2017 THE WAVE)

50 Years Ago...

The Board of Education plans to give the public schools' first course in oceanography at the new Beach Channel High School. At last recognition is being given to Rockaway's seashore location.

Dredging operations are underway to deepen the basin between Simmis Beach and Seagirt Boulevard.

The Board of Education had approved the site of Intermediate School 53, on the property currently used by Public School 39 in Far Rockaway.

The city will take title to the Arverne renewal area property outside Arverne I within 10 months to a year according to Jason R. Nathan, administrator of Housing and Development Administration.

FROM THE NYPD CONFIDENCE SCAMS

There are many different kinds of confidence games. To avoid becoming a victim:

Beware of friendly strangers offering goods or services at low rates.

Beware of friendly strangers who tell you they found money and want to share it with you.

Be suspicious of telephone calls from persons claiming to be bank officials who ask you to withdraw money from your account for any reason. Banks communicate in writing on business transactions.

Be alert to any scheme that involves removing your savings or any other valuables from safekeeping and turning them over to anyone.

Be suspicious of fortune tellers, "readers," "advisors," etc. If you are asked to turn over money or valuables, notify the police.

Don't hesitate to notify police of any suspicious circumstances.

Remember, YOU DON'T GET SOMETHING FOR NOTHING.

NEW COMMANDER 101ST PRECINCT

The 101st Precinct's commanding officer, Deputy Inspector Justin Lenz is moving into a new position as part of the Force Investigation Division at One Police Plaza.

The new commander of the precinct is Captain Vincent Tavalero who has been at the 101 before serving as Lenz's Executive Officer for about eight months in 2015. Captain Tavalero introduced himself by saying.

"[Lenz] did a wonderful job with crime in the community," said Tavalero. "I have some big shoes to fill. I will continue to reduce crime. I have ties on a personal level to this community. I grew up

in Inwood and went to high school here. My grandmother worked at St. John's Hospital. I have seen how this community has changed. I wish to see this community grow and flourish."

This was done at the May 17th meeting of the 101st Precinct Community Council meeting of May 17, 2017. Other matters discussed at the meeting included the following:

Representatives from Rockaway Waterfront Alliance encouraged the members to join the Rockaway Farm Share. In partnership with Sang Lee Farms the Rockaway community will be able to get access to chemical free, certified organic vegetables for 25 weeks based on their income level. RWA can be reached at info@rwalliance.org.

Eugene Falik reminded the members to come out and show up to make their voices heard at the City Council Planning Committee Meeting on Wednesday, May 24 when a vote will be taken on the Downtown Far Rockaway Revitalization Plan.

Gordon Williams reported on the outcome of the petition he circulated last month to have a countdown light installed at the dangerous intersection of Seagirt Boulevard and Beach 20th Street.

"I am happy to report that the countdown light has been installed," said Williams.

Charles Jacobs of the Dred-surfer Grill, who holds a concession license for the boardwalk, informed the community that he is planning to bring food, craft and entertainment vendors to the boardwalk from Beach 50th Street to Beach 9th Street, from July 1 to Sept. 3. He is seeking vendors to bring weekend activities to the area and says the community noise complaints from last summer have been addressed.

"The (problems) have been (fixed) so that the entertainment can be enjoyed by everyone," said Jacobs. "We want people to come and enjoy the surroundings, enjoy the food; we want to make Beach 17th Street a go-to destination. Memorial Day weekend will begin with a free salsa concert and other musical events will continue over the long weekend. Sun, fun and food, let's bring it back again."

Interested in being a craft or food vendor or providing entertainment contact Jacobs at 646-463-3271.

A PLAN FOR DOWNTOWN FAR ROCKAWAY

By Sarina Trangle

Newsday, May, 2017

The city is hoping to revive a village vibe in downtown Far Rockaway - and the robust business scene that once came with it.

The city wants to jump-start downtown Far Rockaway's economy by rezoning a 22-block swath of the area and establishing a smaller urban renewal zone within it. Under the city's vision, new development, a pedestrian plaza and a series of walkable streets would center around Mott Avenue.

Not incidentally, downtown Far Rockaway became known as the village when it was bustling with vacationers and entertainment and tourism venues, according to Nate Bliss, senior vice president at the city's Economic Development Corp. The neighborhood enjoyed its heyday in the early 20th century.

Bliss said that for years, the city did little to address the economic stagnation or the 1960s-era zoning rules limiting the village. Bliss said downtown Far Rockaway is already benefiting from Mayor Bill de Blasio's decision to invest \$91 million in its revitalization last year. And he noted that the area could recapture its place as the peninsula's commercial hub through the rezoning.

Bliss said the rezoning should usher in construction of new, larger residential buildings, with lower levels full of retail, commercial and community gathering spaces.

Eugene Falik, speaking on behalf of a civic association in the Bayswater neighborhood near downtown Far Rockaway, said it would be unwise to close a 70-spot parking lot. The city plans to build a pedestrian plaza and allow new housing on the lot. "If you want to revitalize the shopping district, then turn down the conversion of our only parking areas into housing," Falik said.

NYPD LAUNCHES NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMITS (Newsday, May 17, 2017)

By Anthony M. Destefano

In a move aimed at bringing street cops closer to the people they serve, the NYPD yesterday formally kicked off a series of small community meetings around the city as a crucial part of the neighborhood policing strategy.

Some 166 neighborhood summits will take place in the five boroughs to give neighborhood coordination officers, otherwise

known as NCOs, an opportunity to meet residents of their small precinct sectors to build relationships and get feedback in the effort to solve crime and problems.

"These are meetings at which residents, workers and visitors that make up those small areas, meet and bond with specific police officers who are safeguarding the streets," said NYPD

Commissioner James O'Neill yesterday at a Bronx news conference to announce the initiative.

The setting for the media announcement was the Mullaly Recreation Center, in city parkland adjacent to Yankee Stadium on Jerome Avenue. The location is in the 44th Precinct, where O'Neill was once a precinct commander.

O'Neill is the chief architect of the neighborhood policing strategy that began in late 2015 and has now spread to 52 of the city's 77 precincts, as well as all public housing areas. O'Neill is staking a great deal on the program, which he believes will build bridges between communities and law enforcement.

TICKS AND THEIR NATURES

This article from the New York Times science section of June 11, 2017 gives us an update on what is being reported as a big tick year on Long Island:

Zombie of the Woods By DAVE TAFT

No scientific paper is required to prove that ticks abound in the New York City area. People who have walked through an unmown field near or in the city have probably met one. I'm equally certain their dogs have, too.

Like most outdoorsmen, I have had the misfortune of being far too up close and personal with ticks over the years, and though three species of ticks are commonly encountered within the city limits, the dog tick (*Dermacentor variabilis*) is the one most likely to annoy hiking New Yorkers.

Dog tick adults are relatively large and, consequently, are more obvious than either deer or lone star ticks. June is prime time for tick encounters; while the adult ticks are questing for blood (they are very active during the spring months), more New Yorkers are searching for a breath of fresh air in the moderate weather.

Though not everyone is interested in identifying ticks - most people would prefer to spend as little time in their presence as possible - you can readily distinguish the adults of each species, if you have a stomach for it; their arachnid lives are

inscrutable, and for many, just watching one creep along in its single-minded, zombielike drive for blood makes the skin crawl. A tick's entire life is the rapacious search for a living being to sink its mouth-parts into. But as with any good horror story, the tick's is quite fascinating.

All ticks mature through three life stages. The larvae, nymphs and adults - like the undead - are cursed to roam the earth in search of a suitable host. Unfortunately, ticks can afford to roam; experts estimate that they can survive up to two years without eating. And though dog tick larvae and nymphs generally seek small rodents and medium-size mammals upon which to attach themselves, they are relatively indiscriminate in their preferences. Ticks are happy to feed upon our own species as long as they don't have to travel too far.

Tick identification is quite important for anyone with a serious interest in the outdoors. The dog tick does not carry Lyme disease, but it can transmit Rocky Mountain spotted fever. So knowing what bit you can be handy when visiting your doctor. Not all ticks harbor diseases, but treatments vary con-

REMEMBER WHEN

Not too many of us can, but check out these comparisons made by Nerdwallet.com US Census Department

	1917	2017
Loaf of bread	7 cents	\$3.35
Dozen eggs	34 cents	\$3.14
Gallon of milk	18 cents	\$2.39
Subway ride	5 cents	\$2.75
Gallon of gasoline	15 cents	\$2.26
Median home price	\$5,000	\$730,000
Median household income	\$700	\$68,000

**New York City*

Quick tip: Ceiling blade fans should be set to rotate in a counterclockwise direction during hot weather to provide the best cooling action. If the fan is used during the heating season, the blades should rotate clockwise to circulate warm air that otherwise collects near the ceiling. Most fans have a knob or switch to control blade direction.

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siderably depending on the pathogen to which you may have been exposed. Nature isn't always pretty, and staring at a deer or rabbit with its ears congested with engorged ticks is enough to make anyone question a tick's ecological role. The answer is relatively simple: Like humans, they are a cog in the gears of the natural world. In the tick's case, they are set upon by a host of species, such as birds, reptiles, amphibians and mammals. Perhaps less obviously, ticks are a limiting factor. Though larger predators are more charismatic, ecologically speaking, a rabbit in the talons of a red-tailed hawk is no better than one hampered by a thousand tick bites. In the unsentimental way of nature, the answer to "What good are they?" is an unwavering "Well, they survive and they reproduce."

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