

Bayswater Breeze



73rd Year

BAYSWATER

September 17, 2018

BAYSWATER OPEN MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 AT 8:00 PM

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

GUEST: ASSEMBLYWOMAN STACEY PHEFFER AMATO

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Why don't you join Bayswater Civic Association? BCA has been representing the residents of Bayswater for over 75 years. Its Board of Directors, a group of dedicated people, holds monthly meetings, and all kinds of meetings with our political leaders and representatives of city agencies (post office, sanitation, transportation etc.).

WOULDN'T 500 VOICES HAVE MORE CLOUT THAN 100?

Our Open meetings are held quarterly. We value your opinions, suggestions, and questions. Won't you become a member so we can greet you in person? You'll have an opportunity at our next Open Meeting on Monday September 17th when our guest speaker will be Assemblyperson. Stacey Pfeffer Amato. Also attending, as always, Captain Tavalaro or a member of the NYPD. I look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,
Enid Glabman
President

BAYSWATER NEWS

STACEY PHEFFER AMATO COMING TO SEE US

How lucky we are to be having Assemblywoman Stacey Pfeffer Amato with us for our September 17, 2018 open community meeting.

The Assemblywoman's mobile office will be parked by Bayswater Jewish Center on Healy and Dickens between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm for you to visit and discuss problems and questions you might have.

Then, Assemblywoman Amato will be joining our BCA meeting to give us updates on what is happening in Albany and around town.

Please join us for a delightful and eventful evening. The more the merrier and the better for Bayswater.

THE BAYSWATER BREEZE

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CARS, PEDESTRIANS, CHILDREN

School has opened. The streets are being utilized not just by vehiculatr traffic, but by walkers: people on their way to work, children and parents going to and from school, shoppers, and the walking the list goes on.

Now, also, there are bike riders making use of the free bicycles that are available. One can see them dropped everywhere.

Drivers as well as pedestrians, have to be vigilant in the words of Captain Vincent J. Tavalaro of the 101st Precinct. His warning came at the 101st Precinct Community Council's August 15th meeting as a result of a hit-and-run accident occurring at the inersection of Healy Ave. and Dickens St. in Bayswater. An 11-year old, Richard Glanville, had to be hospitalized. BCA wishes him a speedy recovery.

Captain Tavalaro continued as he, "urged everyone to be aware of their surroundings and added the accident could have been avoided had the victim taken the proper precautions.

Tavalaro noted that the youngster wasn't wearing a helment & was riding against traffic which increased the probability of the victim being struck head-on.

"You can't expect drivers, at all times, to do the right thing." said Tavalaro. "You see it all the time... people on the phone walking through a crosswalk.

Tavalaro said being cautious, especially in light of a recent uptick in pedestrians being struck, is the best way to avoid accidents.

"I'm a persion and he's surrounded by 40,000 pounds of metal. I'm going to take the phone out of my hand look up when I cross the street," said Tavalaro. "The helmets are important because his head smashed the windshield of the vehicle and you just have to obey the rules of traffic. Just don't expect the driver of the vehicle to be paying attention. He could have his head buried in his phone---unfortunately."

The bottom line: Driving a car is not a multitasking event and if you are a pedestrian, crossing the street is not a multitasking event either. Finally, as a bike rider, please learn the proper rules of the road.

Take care. We worry about you.

At an earlier meeting of the 101st Precinct Community Council on July 18th, Captain Tavalaro addressed the opioid crisis. Assemblywoman Stacey Amato was there and addressed the opioid situation saying that "her office is planning to provide free training to teach people not only how to properly administer the potentially life saving drug naloxone, but also how to recognize and respond to those suffering from an opioid addiction and get them the help they need."

The issue of parking came up with participants complaining about a "recently initiated Zip-Car pilot program" taking parking spaces from an already overcrowded area. (Can you imagine?) Amato said she would check into it.

FROM: GREEN AMERICA RECYCLING

We know that Best Buy takes back ink/toner cartridges as part of its recycling program and Stop and Shop accepts plastic bags and their own liquid product containers (soda seltzer, water, etc.).

Here are a number of places to help you out from Green America:

10 Things You Didn't Know You Can Recycle

- 1. Appliances** world/ikea/2451. Many stores will recycle your old appliance when you purchase a new one. Goodwill accepts working appliances. Go to www.goodwill.org.
- 2. Athletic Shoes** MORE takes donations of lightly used running shoes which are resold to fund sustainable farming programs. www.morefoundationgroup.com
- 3. Batteries** Find a battery recycling drop-off location near you: www.call2recycle.org.
- 4. Clothes** Wearable clothes can go to your local thrift store or shelter. Donate wearable women's business clothing to the nonprofit Dress for Success, which gives them to low-income women in their job searches: www.dressforsuccess.org. Offer unwearable clothes to animal boarding and shelter facilities, which often uses them as pet bedding.
- 5. Compact fluorescent bulbs (CFL)** Take them to your local IKEA store for recycling: www.ekko.com
- 6. Computers, electronics, and LED lightbulbs** To find the most responsible recyclers go to www.e-stewards.org.
- 7. Foam packing peanuts** Your local pack-and-ship store may accept these for reuse. To find a drop off location for loose fill or foam blocks, contact the EPS Alliance, www.epspacking.com
- 8. Ink/toner cartridges** Many companies include a return label when you buy a new cartridge. Or, try www.recycleplace.org
- 9. Cooking Oil and Motor Oil** Find a nearby drop off location for used oil: www.earth911.com/recycling-guide
- 10. Phones** Resell, reuse, or recycle your old cell phone: www.techrepublic.com/article/10-places-to-recycle-your-cellphone

Also from Green America:

The organization offers an opportunity to know more about food and what labels mean or don't mean through their ABCs of food labels at www.greenamerica.org/food-labels-guide

IN REMEMBRANCE

BCA offers its condolences to the family of Anna Clarke who drowned on Sunday, August 12th at the edge of Bayswater Point State Park here in Bayswater.

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR ST. JOHNS

On Friday, Aug. 3, Councilman Donovan Richards announced \$1,025,000 in Council funding dedicated to St. John's Episcopal Hospital's new Labor and Maternity Ward in Far Rockaway. St. John's is the only hospital on the Rockaway Peninsula, serving more than 110,000 residents.

Councilman Richards said that the conditions in the current health facilities - those now on the peninsula, like St. John's - must be improved. He thanked Speaker Corey Johnson for his partnership in providing the necessary funding to move this project across the finish line."

101ST PRECINCT: BE AWARE

The 101st Precinct is advising the community to be aware of scammers who solicit money through mail or over the phone. The NYPD never asks for money directly and the IRS will never ask for information, financial or personal, over the phone. The precinct asks you to never give away personal information to any organization or person you feel uncomfortable about, particularly if you are contacted.

Other scams include a group of thieves going door-to-door pretending to be officials from Home Affairs and burglarizing homes. There are people posing as IRS or Con Edison or PSE&G employees who threaten to turn off power or gas unless they are immediately paid by debit card or Bitcoin. Check. Hang up and call the IRS or Utility Company to confirm or report what is happening. People who ring your doorbell and tell you they're working down the block or around the corner and have a deal for you? Forget it. Don't say yes and don't open the door!

FAR ROCK REDEVELOPMENT

If you have been in town within the last week or so, you will have seen construction beginning. The old Waldbaums shopping center parking lot has been closed off with large green fences. The bank has been given a small area for parking. Everything else is gone, including Dunkin Donuts. Capital One is still there but different comments regarding its staying or going abound.

The new supermarket on the corner of Beach Channel Drive and Dix Avenue should open as soon as some agency papers are straightened out while the corner of Mott Avenue and Beach Channel Drive (the Checker's store) is in limbo at the time of writing this (Sept.3)

IT'S 2018! 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 2018

Do you have a skill BCA can use? Join us.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Print clearly, so we can send messages!

Yes, we have been sending messages.

THE A TRAIN

At a meeting regarding a homeless shelter on Loretta Road, NYC's Department of Homeless Services (DHS) was asked about employment opportunities once the shelter opens and was being pushed to hire locally.

With regards to that, Assemblywoman Amato said, "One good winter storm and people will see how hard it is to get to work in Rockaway" the assemblywoman said, explaining that the area was a "transportation desert" and that locals are in a unique position to get to work easily, ensuring that the shelter's operations can continue to run smoothly regardless of the weather,

DHS reps promised to do their best to hire locally, and said interested parties should keep their eyes open for ads in the local papers.

July 19th was the day that residents and community activists rallied outside the Mott Avenue subway station and blasted the A train and shuttle service provided during ongoing repairs as bitter fruit for people here who are dependent on these services for work and school. The MTA said, according to Fionnuala O'Leary's Wave article that it had been performing storm resiliency and infrastructure improvements.

Concilman Donovan Richards called Rockaway a "transit desert", asking how the economy can improve, how can we get the retail we want, and how can people keep from losing jobs with the transit situation here.

The MTA said they are "committed to improving subway service particularly in the Rockaways", to repair and improve and strengthen the train/infrastructure so that another Sandy wouldn't be so devastating.

Fast forward to a town-hall style meeting with the president of NYC Transit, Andy Byford, at York College in Jamaica, Queens where Mr. Byford introduced his "Fast Forward" plan to modernize subways, buses, and other forms of public transportation over the next decade.

Following is Mr. Byford's plan but notice that Rockaway will still not have any answers for the immediate future. Mr. Byford told State Senator James Sanders that "we will at least here you out."

In the next five years, Byford promised to overhaul the signaling system on five lines (benefitting three million riders) as well adding 50 new stations, with an (ADA) accessible station available every two stops. He said repair work would be conducted at 150 stations with the addition of more than 650 new subway cars and more than 1,200 cars with communications-based train control (CBTC) technology, which will control the speed and starting and stopping of trains.

Bus routes in all five boroughs will be redesigned, with an additional 2,800 new buses and a new fare system implemented as part of the plan.

Increased accessibility is also in the works, with employees undergoing sensitivity training in this coming year while more direct routes are implemented and better information will be made available via website, app and text alert. Access-A-Ride users were also promised a more responsive ride-hailing options.

"As the Fast Forward plan states we are looking to do 50 more accessible stations in the next five years. "The way that those stations are being prioritized is to make sure that you're never more than two stations away. That actually is meant to create fairness across the system and certainly we'll be having community engagement as to what the next stations will be. No matter where you're at Far Rockaway, or anywhere along those lines, you'll be no more than two stations away. That is our goal and that's what we're committed to." If the funding comes through.

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24 HOUR HOTLINE**

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POLICE - 911**

To receive Security Alerts sign up at:
securityalerts@rockawaypatrol.org

TOO MUCH ZUCCHINI?

Here's An Idea!

Zucchini Linguine Aglio Olio

Ingredients (Serves 2)

2 zucchinis

2 handfuls of grape tomatoes - from the garden or organic will taste best

4 cloves garlic

A healthy pour of extra virgin olive oil

Basil, salt and pepper to taste

3-4 tablespoons romano cheese

Dictions

1. Make your zoodles with a Spiralizer. There are many types so follow the directions for your specific model.
2. Spiralize the zoodles directly onto the serving plate.
3. In a small skillet, heat on low the extra virgin olive oil (I swear by Colavita oil)
4. Halve the grape tomatoes and dice the garlic. Add those ingredients to the oil.
5. Add salt and pepper, letting it simmer for about 5 minutes. When the garlic lightly remove and let the mixture sit for 2 minutes.
6. Pour the oil/tomato mixture over the zucchini linguine. Top with the romano cheese and chopped basil. Serve right

REMEMBER TO VOTE

PRIMARY DAY - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th

ELECTION DAY - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6th