

# Bayswater Breeze

73rd Year

BAYSWATER

December 17, 2018

## **BAYSWATER OPEN MEETING**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2018 AT 8:00 PM

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

**GUEST: ASSISTANT CHIEF DAVID P. BARRERE, COMMANDING OFFICER PATROL BOROUGH QUEENS SOUTH**

### BAYSWATER CONCERNS

#### **FAR ROCKAWAY TEMPORARY LIBRARY NOW OPEN**

It was a longtime coming. Our old library is being replaced. For library patrons the question became one of where to go for books, events, etc.

Well, the answer is a temporary space at 1003 Beach 20th Street, next door to the Teen Library Center on the corner of Beach 20th Street and Cornaga Avenue.

#### THESE ARE THE HOURS:

Monday: 9 AM - 8 PM

Tuesday: 1 PM - 6 PM

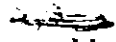
Wednesday: 10 AM - 6 PM

Thursday: 12 N - 8 PM

Friday: 10 AM - 6 PM

Saturday: 10 AM - 5 PM

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ENJOY

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picnics and balls  
in castles and halls  
by deserts and streams  
sharing wishes and  
dreams  
with pirates  
elves and  
other selves

Come...

Follow the Reader!  
1974 Lucille Clifton

### OPEN MEETING

MONDAY,  
DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

Please join us as we have our last open meeting of 2018. Yes, it's amongst many holidays, but isn't that just the time to greet friends and neighbors and wish all a happy and healthy 2019.

We will be hearing from the top - Assistant Chief David P. Barrere, Commanding Officer Patrol Borough Queens South, who will, along with everything else, be making us aware of the scams that can befall us in this very busy season and how to be safe.

We look forward to seeing you there. Bring your friends. Have coffee and cookies.

Have wonderful holidays and a special New Year to come.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hope everyone will join us at our next OPEN MEETING on Dec. 17. I'm sure you will want to hear Queens Borough Commander of the NYPD, Dave Barrere, who is our guest speaker. I look forward to greeting you at this important meeting.

We have updated our mailing list and hope we have reached more of you and that you like getting our Newsletter and that you will become interested in joining Bayswater Civic Association. This is your organization and exists to keep you informed of local matters. Our membership drive begins shortly. Why not join with us? 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.) along with our 4 open community meetings.

My very best wishes at this holiday season and approaching new year to each of you and your family for good health and happiness.

Sincerely,  
Enid Glabman  
President

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## BAYSWATER CONCERNS (CONT'D)

### Mayor De Blasio Visits the Rockaways

BCA President Enid Glabman, Phyllis Rudnick, and Eugene Falik were able to attend a community meeting on October 24th with guest Mayor Bill de Blasio at PS 42 on 66th Street right off Beach Channel Drive.

The room, a gym, was packed. It seemed as if several hundred people were there including the NYC commissioner, police heads and auxiliary personnel. The seats were arranged into four quadrants and questions were asked by one person per quadrant. The people were chosen by Councilman Donovan Richards who emceed the event. As necessary, the administrative people helped the mayor answer questions or develop a plan of action.

One question stood out. A young boy, 10 or 11, was called on. He and his father had already met with police and were given a crossing guard for 73rd Street to help children cross the street to their school. The boy's complaint was that cars were ignoring the crossing guard. What to do? The mayor called on the police captain who said that a police car would be made available to help when the crossing guard worked. That was a good solution.

It is important to note that P.S. 104 exists in the middle of Bayswater on Mott Avenue and residents are complaining about the speeds of which cars travel back and forth on Mott Avenue including near the school. Mott Avenue is not a speedway. Drivers and walkers have to be alert, eyes looking in both directions and not on cell phones. Your travelling may take a few minutes more, but you won't be part of an accident.

Other questions that came up involved requests for higher salaries for assistant teachers and a review of classroom curriculum for three and four year olds as it was felt it was too weak: no alphabet charts or clock charts on the walls.

What did not come up: better transportation and jobs available to the thousands of people who will be moving into the Rockaway once the buildings go up throughout peninsula. While it was an exciting meeting, these were the disappointments.

## New Achiezer Kosher Respite Room for SJEH

THE WAVE NOVEMBER 2, 2018

*By Amanda Bernocco*

St. John's Episcopal Hospital (SJEH) opened its arms to the Jewish community on Sunday, Oct. 28 with the ribbon cutting of the Achiezer Kosher Respite Room.

The hospital's kosher respite room was moved from the ninth floor to the first floor, in the heart of the emergency room where the most foot traffic is on the Sabbath, a day of religious observance, kept by Jews weekly from Friday evening to Saturday evening, explained SJEH CEO Gerard Walsh.

Since Walsh took helm of the hospital three years ago, making the respite room accessible has been one of his top priorities.

"It's been a very long time coming," Walsh said. "We need to establish strong relationships with the whole community."

A kosher respite room is a place where Jewish families can go to eat and pray while a loved one is in the hospital - especially on holidays and the Sabbath. Moving the respite room to the first floor is beneficial to Jewish families because they cannot operate an elevator, or other electronics, during these times.

Rabbi Boruch B. Bender, founder and president of the Achiezer Community Resource Center, a Lawrence-based organization that helps families with medical, emotional and professional support, applauded St. John's for opening the respite room during Sunday morning's ribbon cutting ceremony.



# FAR ROCKAWAY LIBRARY TO ANCHOR DOWNTOWN

## A Bit of History and What We'll See in Three Years

Far Rockaway's library on the corner of Central and Mott Avenues closed its doors on September 29th and in its place will arise a \$33 million, two story, state of the art building. The old building, 9,000 square feet in size, brick and one story, was completed in 1968.

The "Center for an Urban Future," Branches of Opportunity released a NYC Libraries report in 2013 stating that the Far Rockaway branch was one of the 5 NYC's 10 highest performing libraries that was too small for its users and needed major capital improvements." (From Oct. 5, 2018 THE WAVE article by Gail Johnson)

The new building will be LEED-certified, 18,000 square feet and 2 stories tall. It will use natural light and daylight to control interior temperatures, will have a blue roof to capture storm water, and will be elevated to exceed new FEMA flood zone guidelines.

The new library, hopefully completed in 2021 will have children's and teen spaces, an elevator, ADA-compliant entrance and restrooms, a large meeting room, extra computer stations, a quiet room, and self check-in/out equipment. This writer prefers librarians.

This building designed by the Brooklyn and Oslo-based architectural firm Snohetta, the designers of the National September 11 Memorial Museum & Pavilion at the World Trade Center site and the Alexandria Library in Egypt, and has received the Annual Award for Excellence in Design from the Public Design Commission of the City of New York. (according to the architects), will be the cornerstone of the revitalization of Downtown Far Rockaway for which parking areas have not yet been added.

## WORK AT THE WAVE

Coverage of local events is the core of what we do here at The Wave, and we are actively looking for freelance reporters to cover breaking news, as well as community and civic meetings.

Our coverage area is Broad Channel, Far Rockaway, Bayswater, Edgemere, Arverne, Hammels, Seaside, Rockaway Park, Rockaway Beach, Belle Harbor, Neponsit, Roxbury and Breezy Point.

Journalism experience is required, as are photography and social media skills. The preferred candidate is someone who has the ability to report live events on multiple platforms.

If you're interested in joining our team, please send a resume, cover letter and examples of your work to [editor@rockawave.com](mailto:editor@rockawave.com)

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**IT'S 2019! A NEW YEAR!!!**

*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 2019  
 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.*

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## BEACH CHANNEL SENIOR APARTMENTS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

We've all watched as the new buildings on the corner of Beach 34th Street and Beach Channel Drive developed from an empty lot to floor by floor completion along with street re-adjustment until its big day on Tuesday, November 30th when a ribbon cutting ceremony was held to mark its opening.

The building is a 154-unit affordable living facility which Councilman Donovan Richards says is "about building community" a way "to put a dent in the housing issue in our city, to promote more permanent affordable housing."

New applicants must be senior citizens making less than \$36,000 per year. As of this writing, 15 people now live there.

A representative of the real estate developer - the Azkin Companies - said that the building has been build to the new code which is required in order to protect against another "Sandy" type hurricane. It has inside the building a standby emergency generator and solar panels among other things. There is a service to assist seniors in gaining access to transportation and other benefits and St. Johns is opening an adult primary health clinic and diabetes care center on the ground floor.

## OUR MOON

Don't know how many of you take walks to the bay or just around Bayswater after the sun is gone and the moon comes out. It is a truly quiet and gentle time. Dennis Mammanna, in his Saturday, November 17, 2018 article for Newsday, in effect, wrote an ode to our beautiful satellite. Hope you enjoy reading it.

### Sky Watch: Listening to our satellite

Sky watchers have long recognized the importance of the moon; in ancient days, they knew it as a great celestial goddess and gave her names like Diana, Aphrodite and Levanah.

Why many cultures perceived the moon as having female traits is anyone's guess. Perhaps it was her 28-day cycle during which she dances among the stars, intriguing us with her ever-changing shape and brilliance. Or maybe it's all just whimsical thinking.

Some believe the moon pales in comparison to the sun. After all, the sun is pure power. It's bold, strong and, at times, completely overbearing. It demands our attention. The moon, by comparison, is subtle. She's patient, reliable, soft and friendly, and it's in these qualities where we find her great strength.

By day, she graciously fades and allows the sun to light our world. But after dark, she looks down upon the land and invites our glances in a most alluring way.

When full - as she will be on Nov. 22 - her soft radiance can illuminate even the darkest of nights and outshine the most brilliant of stars. Two weeks later, when she's but a delicate crescent peering through the sun's glare, she will display a remarkably dazzling elegance.

And just when we think she may be overwhelmed by the sun's immense power, she slips silently in front of its rays to create the most amazing sight in all the heavens: a total solar eclipse.

Anyone who merely sees our moon but doesn't listen will miss her great wisdom. Pay close attention, for in her movements she will teach you about the cyclic nature of life - the ebb and flow of all things - and how to embrace all with the style and grace she displays on her celestial journey. - DENNIS MAMMANA

