

# Bayswater Breeze

74th Year

BAYSWATER

December 16, 2019

## **BAYSWATER OPEN MEETING**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019 AT 8:00 PM

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

**GUEST: STACEY PHEFFER AMATO**

### BAYSWATER CONCERNS

"I hope and believe that we're leaving here better than it was 2 1/2 years ago. I gave it my all and my best effort. I'm moving to the 103rd in Jamaica but I'm not sure if I'll be able to replicate the relationships that I had here. It's been my pleasure and one of my best endeavors with the NYPD. You are in really good hands!"

These are Deputy Inspector Vincent Tavalero's last words as he left the position of CO of the 101st Precinct and headed toward his new assignment in the 103rd Precinct in Jamaica.

The new CO of our 101st Precinct is Captain Eric Robinson, formerly of the 113th precinct in Southeast Queens. Captain Robinson to the 101st Precinct Community Council said that he hoped to bring the same energy to Far Rockaway that Captain Tavalero had brought and achieve even half as much.

CB14 is looking to have an advanced middle school/high school in Far Rockaway. The capital budget for 2021 also includes the reconstruction of the Sea Wall in Bayswater.

### OPEN MEETING

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 21**

**BAYSWATER JEWISH  
CENTER**

**CORNER HEALY AND  
DICKENS**

We look forward to seeing you. Our guest is Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato to tell us about the state of the state as it affects Far Rockaway.

Our 101st Precinct will also be joining us with community updates.

This is a good time to visit with friends and neighbors, learn about what's happening in Bayswater and the peninsula and how it will affect us, enjoy conversation and coffee and cookies, as the holiday season starts in earnest.

A short reminder - Please bring your membership dues of \$25 for 2020. All December dues will be counted towards 2020

We wish you a most enjoyable, happy, healthy, and peaceful holiday and new year.

### **MENORAH LIGHTING**

December 23, 4:30 PM

Mott Ave. Plaza

Refreshments Served



# THE BAYSWATER BREEZE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At our last meeting this year, we will be introducing Captain Eric Robinson, the new Commanding Officer of the 101st Precinct. In addition, our guest speaker will be our own Stacey Pheffer Amato, who will bring us up to date on the affairs of the city and state and the effects on Rockaway. We know you won't want to miss this.

The proposed changes to Downtown Far Rockaway are underway and we will experience some inconveniences.

We hope this will lead to much needed improvement. You must attend to remain aware. Our every wish to you is for a calmer, healthier, and more prosperous beginning to a new decade.

Sincerely,  
Enid Glabman, *President*

## KEEPING OUR CARS SAFE

Every time we hear from the officers of the 101st Precinct, they tell us to lock our cars. The 100th Precinct is no different. The comments used are that car break ins are really crimes of opportunity since the perpetrators simply walk along the street trying the door handles. The strong recommendation is that we double check that the car doors are locked and that we are careful to keep keys and fobs with us as opposed to leaving them in the cars. The NYPD requests that people file complaints about any incidents, large or small because if people don't get involved, there is little the police can do.

People who were at this 100th Precinct meeting were told that if they wanted more red lights and speeding cameras, were told to call 311 and request them because, according to the officers, the legislature gives the city only a certain number of cameras to place, and studies are done based on complaints and other factors to determine where it is best to put them.

## \$21.5 MILLION GRANT FOR DISTRICT 31 SCHOOLS

It was announced by Councilman Richards on October 15th that a \$21.5 Million Grant will be coming from the NYC School Construction Authority program Reso A, two thirds of which will be varying technology, classroom and building upgrades for Rockaway schools. Far Rockaway High School will receive \$2.6 million for a new woodshop/robotics lab and complete library upgrades. P.S. 183 and P.S. 104 will receive \$1.6 million and \$1.5 million, respectively; for park upgrades and new technology. According to the article in the October 18th THE WAVE, some of that new technology for the schools will include laptops, desktops, iPads and Kindles.

## SORENTINO RECREATION CENTER (NYC PARKS)

From Peter Iengo: (Ienga).

These are the programs for adults of Sorrentino Recreation Center from 10:30am to 2pm.

Classes include -

- Intro to Adobe Premiere, Adobe Photoshop, and Adobe Lightroom
- Acting classes
- Web design with Wix.com
- Intro and basics of MS Office
- Intro Digital Photography
- Intro to Filmmaking/Digital Filmmaking (media).

Come to our Media Lab and learn how to better use MS Office or design a website using Wix.com. Enhance your creative skills in digital photography or learn the basics of using a professional digital camera. Learn the basics of photo editing, video editing, and graphic design with the power of Adobe's Creative Cloud. Have you ever wanted to make a short film or music video? Then come to our lab and learn digital filmmaking! Maybe you've always wanted to be an actor or you want to brush up on your acting skills. Come take a class at our Media Lab and learn professional acting techniques. All classes are taught by an industry professional filmmaker.

November 13th - December - 21, 2019

Monday - Friday

10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sorrentino Recreation Center

18-48 Cornaga Ave

Far Rockaway, N.Y. 11691

Contact (212) 360-1430 for more information regarding accessibility.

ANYC Parks Recreation Center membership is required. For more information, please contact Stanley Brown at (718) 471 - 4818.

Contact ME the Media Education Coordinator Peter Iengo to sign up for classes today!

# NICE THINGS HAPPEN

November 25, 2019

Dear Editor:

I am an elderly lady, a recent retired social worker living in Far Rockaway, NY 11691. I will greatly appreciate the publication of the attached thank you letter to Detective Drew Solomon at the 101st Precinct in Far Rockaway.

My thank you stems from being a victim of identify theft on three different occasions, through no fault of my own. The perpetrators were never caught in my first two thefts, leaving me with little hope for justice. My most recent theft, in June 2019, involved large sums of money being withdrawn from my bank account. Initially, two small ATM withdrawals were made, then a larger amount was withdrawn face to face with a bank teller. All transactions occurred in the state of Virginia, a place I have never been.

I performed numerous agonizing tasks such as, closing out accounts, opening a new one, contacting vendors, debtors, friends and family members in order to deter bounce check charges since the original accounts were closed. In addition, I contacted the major credit card bureaus, made a face to face visit to the social security office and my local precinct to file a police report, which led to my most grateful encounter with Detective Solomon.

## AN OVERDUE THANK YOU

As we approach the holiday season, I wish to extend a heartfelt Thank you to Detective Drew Solomon at the 101st Precinct in Far Rockaway, NY.

On three separate occasions, at no fault of mine, I have been the victim of an "account takeover". A term used by the bank, but what we recognized as identity theft. On each occasion, I filed a police report, but what we recognized as identity theft. On each occasion, I filed a police report, but only on the third occasion, when the matter was being handled by Detective Solomon, did any concrete information regarding the perpetrator come to light. Much to my relief, the criminal was identified and arrested. Had it not been for Detective Solomon's persistence, this crime would have likely gone unsolved, like my first two experiences. During the course of the investigation, I met with Detective Solomon four times. During each visit, he demonstrated compassion for me as a victim and devotion to his work. Within a short period of time, his diligence and dedication led to the identity and arrest of the criminal. I realized Detective Solomon was the same officer who knocked on my door in November 2018 during a murder investigation that was meticulously handled and resolved much to my relief and the relief of the Bayswater community.

I have been a Bayswater resident for over 40 years and believe that our community has a high safety record due to the stellar work done by Detective Solomon and the 101st precinct staff.

With my sincerest thanks and deepest gratitude, I appreciate the work Detective Solomon has done and still continues to do.

Respectfully yours,

The elderly lady you helped.

**IT'S 2020! 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 2020

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

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**Print clearly, so we can send messages!**

*Yes, we have been sending messages.*

## SQUIRRELS AND THEIR FEASTING

Did you know that the squirrels that feed in your backyard leap through your trees in a single bound, and hang on to the tiniest twigs without falling off and are Eastern Gray squirrels. That includes the darker grey and the hardly seen black-colored squirrels. All this according to Paula DiGioia who writes The Glorified Tomato article in THE WAVE. She considers them "true New Yorkers, mischievous and resilient." They can live up to three years in the city, ten years in rural areas, and 20 years in captivity. If you watched the PBS documentary on them, you would have learned that their sense of smell is such that they can find most of the nuts they have hidden for food over the winter.

One interesting item I learned from Rocky the Squirrel Man who helped get them out of our house after we heard them running - more like galloping - between floor and ceiling: if they were born in a house, they will look for a home in a house. But if they were born in the outdoors, that is where they will look for a home. We did not check with the squirrels that were caught.

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## QUEENSBOROUGH PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS

With Melinda Katz becoming the new Queensboro District Attorney, there are now a number of people who are looking to complete her term in office as the QB President. Names to know so far: Jimmy Van Bramer, Queens 26th District Councilman and Deputy Leader of the NYC Council; former 30th District Councilwoman Elizabeth Crowley; Councilman Donovan Richards; and Queens Councilman from the 22nd District and Chair of the Committee on Environmental Protection in NYC Council. These names will be appearing in the media in the following months, maybe along with others, and it behooves us to pay attention to what they are saying with regard to how the Rockaways will be affected.

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## LOOKING BACK

THE WAVE has a weakly column called Looking Back. It brings back memories as well as still, on occasion, being pertinent to the world today. The column on October 16, 2019 is just such a column. The Beach 92nd Street Courthouse is still in the news and finally being worked on, St. John's is still being upgraded and very nicely, the tolls on the Cross Bay Veteran Memorial Bridge are still in the news, and Rudy Giuliani is still making headlines. Take a few moments to step back into history:

### 20 YEARS AGO

More than 30 years have gone by since the courthouse on Beach 92nd Street and Beach Channel Drive was open for public use. That might change in the near future, as the city's Economic Development Corporation (EDC) reviews proposals for the property from several developers. After New York City consolidated the court system in the 1960's the courthouse was closed. The doors were firmly shut after a civic association used the property for a playhouse for a few years after that. Since then, the large gray structure has become an eyesore, with weeds and wild grass growing around the property. Martin Ain, a Belled Harbor resident and real estate developer, went to the Rockaway Development and Revitalization Corp. with his plans for the courthouse... EDC issued a request for Proposal (RFP), which combined the courthouse with other properties around the city, and began showing the site to developers six months ago...Final

RFP's were submitted in September, and EDC expects to make a decision in a few months

### 30 YEARS AGO

St. John's Episcopal Hospital - South Shore at Far Rockaway is training nursing assistants to provide more direct, skilled, hands-on patient care.

Rudolph Giuliani, the Republican candidate for mayor will speak at the October meeting of the Bayswater Civic Association, which will be held on October 29.

### 40 YEARS AGO

Discount tolls, offered to residents of the Rockaways for the Cross Bay Veteran Memorial Bridge were abruptly stopped, Friday, October 12. Although the TBTA had originally stated that this was to be a temporary thing, no one expected them to stop issuing discount tickets.

Judge Phoebe K. Greenbaum, who was serving an interim term as Justice of the Family Court of the State of New York, City of New York has been reappointed to that position for a full 10 year term by Mayor Ed Koch.

### 50 YEARS AGO

After dropping the first game in the World Series, the Mets won the next four straight to defeat the Baltimore Orioles. It's been a long time since so many smiling faces were seen about town.