

Bayswater Breeze



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BAYSWATER

June 22, 2015

BAYSWATER OPEN MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2015 AT 8:00 PM

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

GUESTS: PHILIP MCMANUS RE: ROCKAWAY TRANSPORTATION,
101ST PRECINCT DEPUTY INSPECTOR LENZ,

101ST PRECINCT NEIGHBORHOOD COORDINATION OFFICERS: POLICE OFFICER EGERTEN AND POLICE OFFICER WATSON

BAYSWATER CONCERNS

From the Woodmere Fire Department

As a result of the devastating fire in a Brooklyn home, the Woodmere Fire Department issued safety information that is extremely informative and helpful to all of the residents of our community, so it is being printed in the inside pages of The Breeze.

What Philip McManus Will Discuss

NYC Department of Transportation is proposing a select bus route for Woodhaven and Cross Bay Boulevards. While I doubt that many Bayswater residents use the buses on these roads, the plan does affect us. The lanes available for auto traffic will be reduced and auto traffic impeded. During the 3 years that implementation will take, efforts to start rehabilitation of the Rockaway line, which runs parallel to Woodhaven Blvd., will be put on the back burner. After \$200 million is spent on SBS, the case for \$400 million for rapid transit serving the same corridor will be much harder. There is much opposition to this plan in Woodhaven and Forest Hills for local reasons; loss of parking spots, diversion of truck traffic onto local streets, etc. Everyone in Rockaway who wants to see direct rapid transit to Manhattan in this decade must oppose SBS as well. DOT will hold a workshop explaining the project and taking feedback on Thursday, April 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. DOT repeats their presentation during the 2 hour period and then take questions and listen to the public response. It is not necessary to remain for the whole session to make your opinion known. Some of the DOT staff privately recognize the need for the reopening of the Rockaway line, but the official proposal ignores it.

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COMMUNITY MEETING

Monday, June 22, 2015

BAYSWATER JEWISH CENTER

Corner
Healy Ave. and Dickens St.

Time: 8:00 p.m.

JOIN US

We look forward to seeing you along with your friends and neighbors as we meet to learn about and discuss Rockaway's transportation situation with Philip McManus. It is also important to hear from the source as to what is going on in our world, so we welcome Deputy Inspector Justin C. Lenz and Police Officers Egerten and Watson of the 101st Precinct to our meeting. This gives us an opportunity to speak privately, if necessary, to the police as often happens at these meetings.

We wish you all a fun, safe, healthy, and warm summer.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The seasons change, life changes and now many changes are taking place in the Rockaways. Perhaps it was Sandy that started it all. The Rockaways are newsworthy. Many of us never expected too much. So much negativity. But now there is so much activity, so many committees, so many meetings and the internet gives so much information. If we remain complacent, we'll miss it all. If we continue to say "nobody listens to us", we'll not be heard. If we have something we want or don't want, this is the time to take part. If we come together and voice our opinions and rally for what we need to make our community even better, we stand a chance to get what we want and not what is imposed upon us. Please join our Civic Association, come to our meetings, express your ideas. We try to keep you up to date on what is happening. We need you to support us!

Thank you,

Enid Glabman
President

BAYSWATER CONCERNS

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Zombie Homes

According to Philip Goldfeder's release, the New York State Department of Financial Services (DFS) will be creating a registry of "zombie properties", those properties abandoned as a result of Hurricane Sandy. A number of banks, mortgage companies, and credit unions will be making regular inspections of these properties (exterior inspections to determine vacancy or abandonment every 60 days, and then on a monthly basis) and will report them to the DFS registry. If a property is determined to be vacant or abandoned, the property will be seized with the windows being boarded up and the locks changed. If the property is taken over by a bank or mortgage lender, it then must be maintained in a sanitary condition to be compliant to New York maintenance codes.

At the same time, Assemblyman Goldfeder is pushing for the NYC Health Department be more proactive in dealing with the mosquito situation that we face every summer.

FROM THE WOODMERE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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www.facebook.com/wfd350

Letter To Our Community

An open letter to our community from the Chiefs and Members of the Woodmere Fire Department:

After the horrible fire in Brooklyn this past Shabbat, we have put together some information to help make your homes safer with regards to the following:

Cooking Safety: The majority of all residential fires start in the kitchen. Most home cooking fires involve the stovetop portion of the range. One-third of these fires result from unattended cooking.

- Turn pot handles inward, facing the wall, to prevent burns caused by overturning or spills.
- Never put water on grease fire, use an extinguisher and call the Fire Department.
- Have a pot lid and container of baking soda on hand to smother a pan fire. Do not use water.
- Treat burns immediately with cool running water and seek medical attention.
- Position the blech so heat can escape from all sides without heating walls, cabinets, and counters.
- Never put linens of any kind on top of your blech or stovetop.
- Never cover oven vents with aluminum foil.

- Never leave appliances which are turned on unattended and always check all electrical cords for damage.
- Heating appliances such as hot plates can be used with a timer that shuts off the unit while asleep.
- In case of an oven fire, keep the oven door closed and call the fire department from a safe place immediately.

Candle Safety: More than 33% of candle fires occur when candles are left unattended. Half of the people killed by candle fires in the home are younger than 20 years of age, with most of the victims between the ages of five and nine. Burns and fire burns are the leading cause of death in the home for children and young adults.

- Use sturdy candleholders, with flame-protective non-combustible (glass or metal) shades or globes.
- Place candles at least four feet away from curtains, draperies, blinds, kitchen cabinets, and bedding.
- Secure hair and clothing, such as sleeves or aprons, from the flame when handling candles.
- Light candles out of children's reach and where they cannot be knocked over.
- Never leave candles unattended and keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children.
- Use extra caution when lighting yahrzeit candles and keep them on a heat resistant surface away from flammable materials.

Pesach Safety:

- Do not place candles in paper bags with chometz.
- Keep candles away from all flammable materials.
- Be Safe: Use a flashlight when search for chometz.

We urge you to be safe when cooking and warming food for upcoming holidays.

Escape Plan

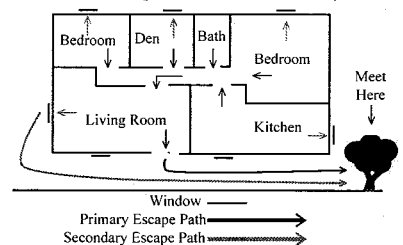
Plan ahead! If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

Safety Tips:

- Make a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- Know at least TWO ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
- Have an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole, or mailbox) a safe distance from your home where everyone should meet.
- Practice your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home at least twice a year.
- Practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you cannot help them.
- Close doors behind you as you leave.

If The Alarm Sounds...

- If the smoke alarm sounds - GET OUT AND STAY OUT. NEVER go back inside for people or pets.
- If you have to escape through the smoke - get low and go under the smoke to your escape route.
- Call the fire department from outside your home.



COMMUNITY POLICING

Reporter Harry Kane, THE WAVE

The NYPD launched its new community policing program on Monday, May 17. At the latest Community Board 14 meeting, Deputy Inspector Justin C. Lenz of the 101st Precinct gave an update on the new community policing pilot program.

Lenz explained officers will be given a bit more free time to get involved in the community. The plan is to get more cops directly involved with organizations and the public to create "better community and police interaction," Lenz said. Community officers will get to know the public in various ways.

Lenz explained that the job of a police officer is changing and that it's important for officers to play a more participatory part in the community, from being involved in meetings to playing in basketball tournaments.

"We've gotten away from being friendly and involved," he said. Lenz plans to get police more connected to the people, and one of the examples he gave is that he will send officers to play basketball at a tournament at the Beach 40th Street Community Center instead of simply policing the event.

"I want our cops to be involved with young people, where they know their names, so that when we get that call for disorderly youth on the seventh floor of a building and a police officer responds, maybe there's a chance that they know each other, which tends to de-escalate the situation."

Dedicated officers will be assigned to policing specific areas. "The same police officers, every single day, will be working in those sectors," he said. "It affords the people the opportunity, who live and work in that part of the community, to see the same faces every day."

Lenz explained that policing can be a high stress job and that his job is to lessen some of the stress, both on the police force, and with the public through the new community policing program.

"We're going to get the benefit of not having that stress when you respond," he said. "Most of the time, when people call 911, it's not to say hi. So usually the member of the community is going to be stressed and the police officer responding - his level of stress will rise. It's just in the nature of the job that we do."

With the uptick in crime, the new community police program hopes to combat criminal activities while improving the perception of police officers throughout the city. "Neighborhood Coordinating Officers" will be a direct conduit to the community.

Neighborhood Coordination Officers will be permanently assigned to a geographical sector. The NCO will attend community meetings and will coordinate police and other city resources to address crime and solve the problems of the community.

Lenz said the department will spend the next four months to experiment and make a determination about whether the program is working and helping to foster a better relationship within the community between the residents of Rockaway and the NYPD.

Lenz was formerly the commanding officer at the 76th Precinct in Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn and has been on the force for the past 25 years. He is also a member of the New York Army National Guard. He has now been stationed at the 101st Precinct for the past three months.

FLOODING AND THE ROCKAWAYS

Public Meeting with Dan Falt & U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers "3" To Think About

Dan Falt explained that after Hurricane Sandy occurred in 2012, the Reformulation analysis had to be revised, considering the altered conditions and the expanded scope of the problem. Now, as Broad Channel, Howard Beach, Canarsie, Jamaica Bay West (from Canarsie to Sheepshead Bay and Manhattan Beach), and the Head of Bay area (southeast of JFK), are included in the overall study, the delays have been significant.

The plan has three alternatives for the ocean side of Rockaway.

Alternative 1 was met with the least enthusiasm. It calls for little more than sand replenishment and dune construction.

Alternative 2 detailed much of what Alternative 1 contained but would include a relocation of the existing boardwalk from Beach 28th to Beach 39th streets, and the shortening of existing groins from Beach 60th to Beach 86th streets.

The magic number for almost everyone was Alternative 3. It includes all of the elements of 1 and 2; the sand replenishment, the dune construction, the berms, but it also calls for the construction of 12 new groins, and the extension of other groins on the east side of the peninsula.

As #3 was described, the nodding of heads was almost universal, especially when words like "steel, rocks, concrete" were being discussed as elements of the protective materials that would be used.

For the bayside, two alternatives were presented, one was the Inlet Barrier: a giant floodgate from Breezy Point to Brooklyn that would be utilized when it became clear that a severe storm was imminent.

The Perimeter Plan is a scaled down version of the Inlet Barrier, calling for smaller floodgates and other means of protecting certain areas more selectively.

Project experts were on hand to answer questions and collect comments.

"I'm just as disappointed as anyone that we aren't starting this process sooner." Goldfeder said following the meeting. "But instead of working fast, I'd rather we work smart."

"Dan Falt is a Rockaway resident like us, he was affected by Sandy like we all were, he understands what's at stake," Goldfeder said. "This wasn't a dog and pony show...I'm not raising any 'Mission Accomplished' banners, but I am excited we are moving forward."

The 2018 start date is based on the long process that lay ahead. Once the alternatives are identified and selected - which is expected in September - there remains a very long process of federal, state and city approval.

The public comment period will remain open until June 30, and any and all comments should be sent to Robert J. Smith, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Robert.J.Smith@usace.army.mil.

101ST PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The council meets every third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM at Beth Abraham Health Services, 1821 Cornaga Avenue just off Mott Avenue. Everyone is welcome

NYC OFFSHORE WIND PROJECT

While the open meeting dates have already passed, it may be possible to view it on the website.

Described as what could be the largest offshore wind farm in the United States, the Long Island - New York City Offshore Wind Project is working its way through a multi-year federal review process. If everything goes as planned, almost 200 3.6-megawatt wind turbines will eventually be constructed 13 miles off the Rockaway Peninsula.

Now's your chance to see what the project could actually look like.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is hosting four public open houses (in Brooklyn, Long Island and New Jersey) to share the results of a recently completed "visualization" study. They are asking for the public's input on "our renewable energy planning efforts in Federal waters on the Outer Continental Shelf offshore New York."

<http://www.nyenvironmentreport.com/in-our-backyard-u-s-largest-off-shore-wind-farm-could-be-coming-to-nyc-area/>

DID YOU KNOW?

Regarding Surfing in the Rockaways

From Diane Cardwell article "The Wave Rider" in May 31st, 2015 NY Times Sunday Styles section:

I didn't know a thing about New York surfing - that Rockaway had been home to a vibrant, if outlaw, scene in the 1960s, with talented riders who drew sponsorships from coveted California brands like Hobie. Or that the sport exploded there in the 1940s as World War II veterans returned from being stationed in California or Hawaii with the heavy longboards they picked up there. Or that all the way back in the early 1900s, Duke Kahanamoku, the legendary Hawaiian who was a three-time Olympic swimming champion and is considered the father of modern surfing, put on an exhibition in the waters of Rockaway Beach. And then hit the waves of Rockaway.

The air was heavy and moist, and the beach was shrouded in fog, but I could just make out that the waves were clean and glassy, clear lines of energy rippling through molten silver. I walked out of few yards, then lay on the board and paddled beyond the jetty.

I stopped, sat up and spun toward the shore, catching a glimpse of the projects of Far Rockaway peeking through the mist and the cranes looming over the stretches of metal fencing, piles of I-beams and blocks of concrete, part of the snail's-pace reconstruction of the boardwalk. I looked back and spotted a wave gathering behind a cluster of ducks bobbing in the water. I hit the deck, feeling the board catch and lift as it hydroplaned. Miraculously, I sprung to my feet and coasted for a few seconds before the wave suddenly broke, heaving me off and under, like liquid bronco.

I surfaced, grabbed a hold of the board and began paddling back out again. If I'd known all I was getting into, I might not have ended up here, I remember thinking. But I'm awfully glad I did.

PONDERING DEMOCRACY

These suggestions come in our email every so often as a reminder to keep ourselves involved and engaged on our government. So, for those of us that it is important to be good citizens, here are the suggestions:

1. Politicians aren't interested in the opinions of people who can't vote for them. Identify yourself as a constituent of the legislator you're contacting.
2. Whether writing or calling legislators, focus on a single topic. You'll be more effective and receive a faster response.
3. Ask the legislator to take specific action, like supporting a piece of legislation. Ask for a written response that gives your legislator's position on the issue.
4. Make your points quickly and concisely to have a greater impact.

Bayswater has a couple of issues where it would help if many of us could take the time to follow the above suggestions. Two essential items would be the repairing of the bay wall along the curve off Norton Drive and the re-opening of the Rockaway Branch Rail Line (White Pot Junction to Manhattan). Also, essential is keeping the ferry.

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WE MISS YOU! IT'S NOT TOO LATE 2015 DUES

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

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

Enclosed \$25 for the year 2015

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

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

YOUNG ISRAEL SENIOR CENTER

In each Breeze, there is an article about the Senior Center at the young Israel on Healy Avenue in Bayswater. If you stop by the center, you can obtain a monthly schedule of events along with the monthly menu. Doors are generally open after 9:00AM with many activities starting at 10:00AM. There are also AARP SAFE DRIVING classes monthly. Call 718-327-0997 for information. Also, great exercise classes.

If you were to eat lunch there, it would cost \$2.00 per lunch and be a very good value. A meal includes soup, juice, freshly cooked vegetables, bread and margarine, dessert, fruit, and milk (frozen because the facility is kosher). Some entrees offered during the month may be turkey breast, roast chicken, baked tilapia, baked flounder, meatloaf, eggplant rotolini, pot roast or stuffed cabbage.

Everyone is welcome. It is a good community resource.

The senior center provides a place to go to and share activities and a wholesome meal besides. It's well worth becoming part of the center. There is also a pickup service. Call for info.

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