



BROAD CHANNEL CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

***** VFW Hall – Shad Creek Road – 7:00 PM *****

*****April 26, 2018*****

This issue of the Newsletter is sponsored by
Tom and Debbie Harnisher.

President's Message

This month's Civic meeting will be held on Thursday, April 26th at 7PM at the VFW Hall.

I want to thank Judy Zackiewicz for her many years of service to our Civic and to our town as leader of the Beautification Committee. She has made a huge difference in leading our annual Spring clean-up along the Boulevard and center mall. Our town has always looked so much better after the rough winters because her great efforts. Judy will be stepping down after all these years, and we all owe her a debt of gratitude. Going forward, if anyone wants to step into her big shoes and help to lead the Beautification Committee and the annual clean-up, let me know.

Street Raising Project - We are pleased to announce that the restoration work on the residents' homes on West 11th and West 12th Roads has resumed. This work had been put on hold to allow Build-It-Back to come in and rebuild and elevate the homes on those blocks. I want to thank Borough President Melinda Katz, Assemblywoman Stacey Amato and Senator Joe Addabbo for all of their efforts to resolve the very complicated process of re-activating the contractor and resolving the red tape that at times seemed to be 10 feet deep!

Once again we will have a notary at the Civic meeting for those residents who live on West 14th through West 19th Roads and need to notarize the consent forms for the next phase of street raising.

The Modular program has really cranked-up and at this time numerous modular homes are being installed. The Civic Association wants to thank all residents for helping to accommodate the short-time parking restrictions that are necessary. This is one of the last big steps to getting some of our neighbors home.

The Sunset Cove Park Project is about to break ground - end of May or the beginning of June. This now 14 million dollar project will see the 15 acre vacant waterfront area at the end of West 19th Road cleaned up and turned into an environmental park with walking trails, maritime forests, restored wetlands and a sweeping boardwalk out to the water's edge with fantastic views of the Bay. It's been many years in the making, and we are happy to announce it's finally happening!!

Build it Back - The beginning of the end is in sight for the federally funded and City managed Hurricane Sandy rebuilding efforts. We are now told that by the end of June almost all work will have been completed. It will be great to see our remaining displaced neighbors finally get back home and to see our small quiet town return to normal and our streets quiet back down.... just in time for the summer! Since we are not totally there yet, we will once again have BIB reps at the Civic meeting to address the questions that residents have.

Quote of the Month - *Never argue with stupid people, they will drag you down to their level and then beat you with experience.* ---Mark Twain

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Mundy Jr.

**PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION
REGARDING THE CELL PHONE TOWER VOTING PROCESS!!**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE CELL PHONE TOWER VOTING PROCESS

The vote on whether to allow a cell phone tower to be installed near the new fire house at 2nd Road in Broad Channel will take place at the May 24, 2018 Civic Association meeting. According to the Civic Association's bylaws, only those residents who are up to date with their dues are eligible to vote. A table will be set up near the entrance of the VFW hall where residents may check their payment status and pay their dues, if desired. The cost for membership remains \$5.00 per year per household or family and is payable in cash or by check. So as not to disturb the regular civic meeting, the VFW doors will open at 6:30pm for both the April and May meetings to handle any business and to assist with any concerns regarding the voting process. It is suggested you arrive early if you need to address any of these matters.

Voting by Proxy (Absentee Ballots)

Any dues paying member who has a residence in Broad Channel may vote by proxy. If you are unable to attend the May meeting, you may grant the right to cast your vote to another person. In such cases, the proxy must present a note, legibly hand written or typed, using the following format:


I, **print resident's name** residing at **Broad Channel address**, hereby authorize **print proxy's name** to cast my vote regarding the installation of a cell phone tower in Broad Channel.
Resident's signature & Date

Please note - Although this document **does not** need to be notarized, it **must be signed and dated** by the resident. Any deviations from this format will not be accepted.

At the May meeting, every dues paying member will receive one blank index card (plus one for each proxy vote). Please stop at the voting table when you arrive to receive your ballot. On this card write **YES** if in favor of the cell tower or **NO** if opposed to the cell tower. The member will then place their index card in the collection box provided. The votes will be tallied and the results announced prior to the end of the meeting.

Please remember to **bring any proxy notes and a pen** with you to May's meeting. You may contact Jim Harper (718) 669-0196 or Tracey Harper (718) 536-0947 with any questions or concerns.

Dues for 2018

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New or Renewal Membership
\$5 Dues per Household per Year

Name:

Address:

Bring dues to Civic Association meetings or mail or drop off to:
Tracey Harper, 11 West 16th Road. Please make all checks out to BCCA. If you have any questions please contact Tracey at 718-536-0947.

My apologies for last months "Who the Flag Flies for". I inadvertently put that the flag would fly for William "Bill" Morris in March, when it should have read that the flag will fly for him in April.



The Flag is flying in April for William "Bill" Morris, US Navy Medic, WWII



The Flag will fly in May for Harry Sergerdell, US Coast Guard, WWII

ST. VIRGIlius / ST. CAMILLUS CHURCH

Building Update: Progress is being made on the new building at St. Virgilius. A "design drawing" is on display in the Church. Preliminary approvals have been received from the DOB. Tobin-Parnes is preparing the formal design of the building for approval. The new building will be handicapped accessible, have bathrooms, classrooms/meeting space, storage and offices. It will be attached to the Church. Both the attached school (big building) and the small school building will be demolished so that the new building can be built. The CHURCH will remain!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Congratulations to the young men and women who will be confirmed by Bishop DiMarzio on Thursday, April 26th at 5PM in St. Camillus Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

Congratulations to the boys and girls who will receive First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 5th or Saturday, May 12th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

Registration and re-registration for CCD classes will begin in May. Please visit the PARISH website for information. www.stcstv.com

MAY CROWNING:

The May crowning will take place on Sunday, May 13th (Mothers' Day) at the 10AM Mass.

ASCENSION THURSDAY:

(May 10th) - The students in our CCD program will attend Mass at 4PM in St. Camillus Church. At St. Virgilius Church, there will be a Vigil Mass at 7:30PM on Wednesday and a 10AM Mass on Thursday.

SENIOR CITIZENS

meet on Thursday afternoons at 12:30PM in the American Legion Hall.

A.O.H. Division 21 Irish Festival

will be held in St. Camillus Parking Lot on Saturday (June 2nd) and Sunday (June 3rd).

St. Camillus Catholic Academy:

Registration for September 2018 is taking place in ALL GRADES. Please call 718-634-5260 to arrange a tour.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

"HOLD THIS DATE" - JUNE 9th, 2018. The Broad Channel American Legion Auxiliary will host an "Oldies but Goodies Nite of Doo-Wop". Two Live Groups with band. \$40 per ticket. 8PM-12AM. A dress up event! Look for the flyers out soon. For more info or tickets call Carol 917-930-0546. There will be positively no tickets sold at the door. Limited tickets on a first come basis.

Material to be printed in the next Newsletter is due by May 10th.