



# BROAD CHANNEL CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## **CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING**

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

**\*\*\*\*\*December 6, 2018\*\*\*\*\***

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## **President's Message**

This month's Civic meeting will be held on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the VFW Hall. This is a departure from our normal time scheduled date of the fourth Thursday of the month due to the holidays.

We would like to commend Councilman Ulrich for personally hosting a Thanksgiving Day meal for those in need of a place to go and some company for the holiday. It was a great success and was in keeping with the true meaning of Thanksgiving - well done!! I hope everybody had a great and happy Thanksgiving.

DEC inspections under the Build-It-Back program - all residents who are enrolled in the Build-It-Back program should be aware that in addition to the numerous building department inspections, the New York State DEC will conduct a final inspection of the property to ensure compliance. This has led to a number of complaints from residents who are home for over two years and are only now seeing this inspection take place. The Civic Association, working in conjunction with Borough President Melinda Katz, Senator Addabbo and Assemblywoman Amato, has challenged the DEC on this practice. As a result, we have come to resolution on this matter. A full report will be given at Civic meeting.

The Sunset Cove project is now fully underway after a major setback! Work had started in August on surface clean up. Excavation was scheduled to take place next, but a major bureaucratic hurdle involving the DEC threatened to not only delay but to derail the project. The entire project was threatened, and we stood to lose \$16 million as well as the project. The Civic Association worked around the clock through the weekend before Thanksgiving with Senator Addabbo and Assemblywoman Amato to reach out directly to the governor's office to find a resolution. We are happy to report that thanks to these efforts this ridiculous bureaucratic snafu has been overcome, and the project is now back on track. We are truly fortunate to have elected officials who are willing to fight for us.

Speaking of elected officials fighting for this community, Dan Brown from Borough President Melinda Katz's office has been a relentless advocate and was critical in getting the street raising project on West 13<sup>th</sup> Road restarted after numerous delays and, of course, more bureaucracy. That project is now fully underway, and we will get an update from the DDC liaison at the Civic meeting.

We have been working with Councilman Ulrich's office to address recent complaints from parents about the PS 47 heating issues that the school is experiencing, apparently leaving some of the classrooms very cold. The councilman immediately reached out to Commissioner Grillo at the School Construction Authority, and at the time of this writing a resolution was being sought. We will have a report on that at the Civic meeting as well.

Big shout out again to Stephanie Wagner on, once again, coordinating the effort to run a fundraiser to fund the Christmas lights in town. She has been doing this every year now, and her efforts produce a very festive result for our town throughout the holiday season - great job Stephanie!

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan Mundy Jr.

# Happy Holidays!



**The Flag flies in January for  
John (Stanley) Cotton,  
U.S. Navy, WWII.**

**2019 HISTORICAL CALENDARS ON SALE**

2019 HISTORICAL CALENDARS MAKE GREAT PRESENTS!!!

Get your calendars (\$5 still) at Bagels & Barista and at Channel Market, or from members of the Historical Committee.

Mail orders should add \$2.25 postage, make check out to Broad Channel Historical Society, and send to Barbara Toborg, 17 E. 6 Rd., Broad Channel, NY 11693

**BROAD CHANNEL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AMBULANCE CORP.**

Renovations of the Noel Road firehouse continue. Many thanks to the many members of the community who have already volunteered their time to help us on this large and overdue endeavor. We still need help from skilled tradesmen in town willing to volunteer their time and expertise. If you can't help but want to help solicit donations of materials needed, please contact Commissioner Dan McIntyre at 347-678-5857 to volunteer hours or to acquire the list of needed materials. The department's membership has been spread extremely thin during this renovation and the department's equipment and apparatus has had to be stored off-site making it next to impossible for the members to both perform renovations and respond to emergencies and training classes. **WE NEED PEOPLE TO JOIN WHO LIVE IN BROAD CHANNEL!** There is no more simple way to put it. We can't survive without you. The BCVFD will be holding its annual department elections on December 13<sup>th</sup>. We would like to congratulate in advance Commissioner Dan McIntyre who will take office as Chief of Department on January 1<sup>st</sup> for the 11<sup>th</sup> time in his 30+ year career, as he is running unopposed on the ballot. We would also like to thank current Chief of Department Andrew Knee for his service this year. Chief elect McIntyre is also working on re-activating the BCVFD Auxiliary. The Auxiliary will be a way for former members and/or residents who can't necessarily perform the grueling duties of answering alarms and responding to emergencies, but would like to help in setting up and participating in fund raising activities and help in the simple day-to-day tasks of the firehouse. This would take the burden off the current membership and allow them more time to dedicate to training and responding to calls. If you're interested in being a full-time member or an Auxiliary member, please contact Chief McIntyre. The BCVFD will also be helping Jolly Old St. Nick again this year on Christmas Eve delivering gifts to you and yours. An official announcement will be made on the department's Facebook page (@BroadChannelVolunteers) when you can start calling to make reservations. A \$25 donation is requested per visit. Happy and Safe Holidays to all from the Volllies!!!



**CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BY THE SEA**

Christ Presbyterian Church By The Sea will be having their annual Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to 2PM. No matter what age you are all are welcome! Watch for details and flyers will be distributed through the community.

**ST. VIRGILIUS / ST CAMILLUS**

St. Camillus Catholic Academy will be having its annual Christmas Boutique on Saturday and Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in Springman Hall, located between Beach 99<sup>th</sup> and Beach 100<sup>th</sup> Streets. Saturday-11:00AM to 7:00PM and Sunday-9:00AM to 4:00PM.

St. Camillus Catholic Academy will be having an Open House for children entering Kindergarten for school year 2018-2019. Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2019. It is from 2:30PM-5:00PM on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please call the office for more information. 185 Beach 99<sup>th</sup> Street Rockaway Park, NY 11694. Phone: (718) 634-5260

Solemnity of Immaculate Conception December 8<sup>th</sup> - Holy Day of Obligation: There will be a 10AM Mass at St. Virgilius and 12 Noon Mass at St. Camillus.

Reconciliation Monday: There will be a communal Penance Service at St. Virgilius on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24<sup>th</sup>: Vigil Mass at 4PM. Children's Pageant will begin at 3:30PM. The Adult Choir will sing.

CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25<sup>th</sup>: There will be a 10AM Mass at St. Virgilius.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, January 1, 2019 - Holy Day of Obligation: There will be a Vigil Mass (New Year's Eve) at 4PM in St. Virgilius Church. There will be a 10AM Mass in St. Virgilius on New Year's Day.

ST. VIRGILIUS GOLDEN AGE CLUB meets on Thursday afternoons at 12:30PM in the American Legion Hall.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: There will be NO CCD on Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Recess). There will be CCD classes on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP: There is a bereavement group that meets on Wednesday evenings at 7PM in St. Camillus Convent, 191 Beach 99 Street in Rockaway Park. All are welcome!

Bible Study: There is a Bible Reflection Group that meets on Wednesday mornings at 10AM in St. Camillus Church.

**AMERICAN LEGION**

\*\*\*December 9 – Children's Christmas Party 1PM in the Hall

Material for the next newsletter is due by Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>.