



# BROAD CHANNEL CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

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

\*\*\*\*\* January 25, 2018 \*\*\*\*\*

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## President's Message

This month's Civic meeting will be held on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at the VFW Hall. Come down and get caught up on what is going on in your neighborhood!!

The Department of Transportation - DOT, Department of Design and Construction - DDC and the design firm NV 5 will be attending the Civic meeting to give an update on the Street Raising Project including:

- 1) When restoration work will begin on West 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Roads and when road work will begin on West 13<sup>th</sup> Road.
- 2) Phase 2 (West 14<sup>th</sup> through West 19<sup>th</sup> Roads) plans and how they plan on addressing the numerous questions that have arisen from residents (the Civic has forwarded the ones that we received). Consent forms and the process for determining block consent.

For those residents who are in favor of the project but have yet to submit their consent form the two-week time frame that was noted on the form is not accurate. We will be submitting these forms over the next month or two. If you are in favor of the project but have not yet had an opportunity to get the form notarized, Broad Channel resident Carol Fox has graciously offered to notarize forms for those who bring them on the night of the Civic meeting (bring your ID).

We are entering a critical point for the Phase 2 blocks (West 14<sup>th</sup> through West 19<sup>th</sup> Roads) in that we are now at the consent form phase and it is highly recommended that residents from these blocks try to attend to hear the latest.

DDC Commissioner and operations chief for the Build-it-Back program, Lou Mendes, will be on hand to give an overall update on the Build-It-Back program including issues that have recently come up with through the Civic including:

- 1) The Modular Program and in particular the time frames for those in this program as they have fallen behind on projected construction dates.
- 2) Warranty and construction issues for those who have moved back in and have problems with construction defects or heating and plumbing issues.
- 3) AWL homes now taken over by either Navilus or Commodore and when they will be completed.
- 4) Any other questions from the floor.

Sunset Cove Project has received the additional 7 million dollars after direct intervention by Mayor DeBlassio's office and is now fully funded. Last week we received notice that The Office of Management and Budget of the City of New York has issued a certificate to proceed for this capital project and then the next day that the contract has been awarded. This will allow us to hopefully see work begin in April. This is great news on a project that has been years in the making. We will have the Parks Department give a full presentation in the coming months.

Propane use in Broad Channel is unique (under city ordinance) with an exception for this island that is not available anywhere else in the City and the Civic Association worked hard after Hurricane Sandy to ensure that we could continue to use it when there was an attempt to impose new regulations. Recently one of the companies that supplied this area, United Propane, went out of business. This left Starlite and TW Smith as local suppliers for 100lb. tanks. We were informed that Starlite has now purchased United and will continue to supply the former customers of United through the same contact number. In addition, Starlite employees have been recently inspecting the tanks of the former United customers and residents may receive notices from the company with recommendations to upgrade tanks or equipment. This is not a formal agency notice and should not be taken as such. Residents can act on this or not at their discretion just as they are free to use United/Starlite or TW Smith going forward for their Propane needs. We wanted to make sure residents were aware of these developments and not confused by any correspondences that they receive

Quote of the Month – “Stay away from negative people. They have a problem for every solution”

---- Albert Einstein

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan Mundy Jr.



The Flag will fly in February for  
Charles & Henry Hoffman,  
US Navy, WWII

**AMERICAN LEGION AND AUXILIARY**

American Legion Auxiliary will hold a spaghetti and meatball dinner on Feb. 11, 2018 at the Hall at 2 PM.

**ST. VIRGILIUS / ST. CAMILLUS**

Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio will celebrate the **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM in St. Camillus Church.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** (February 14<sup>th</sup>) – Ashes will be blessed and distributed in St. Virgilius Church at 8 AM Mass; 12 Noon service and 8 PM Service (with Adult Choir). Ashes will be blessed and distributed in St. Camillus Church at 9 AM Mass (with SCCA students); 12 Noon Mass and 3:30 PM Service (with CCD students); 5PM Service and 7 PM Service.

**ST. VIRGILIUS GOLDEN AGE** meets every Thursday at 12:30 PM in the American Legion Hall.

**FREE FULL-DAY PRE K FOR ALL** - St. Camillus Catholic Academy offers FULL DAY FREE PRE K FOR ALL program. Children must be 4 years old by December 31, 2018. Please call 718-634-5260 for information.

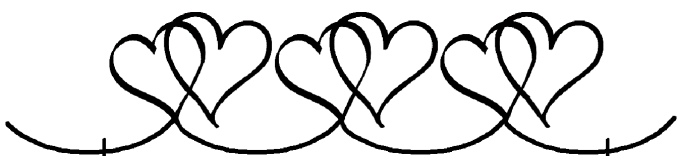
**REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2018** - St. Camillus Catholic Academy registration of students for September 2018 in Grades Kindergarten to Grade 8 is now open. Tuition assistances, grants and scholarships are available. Open house is January 31, 2018 from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM, or schedule a tour by calling 718-634-5260.

**Adult Dance Party** is Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in Springman Hall. \$25 a person includes food, snacks and set up -- BYOB -- DJ, games, and fun! Get a babysitter and come out!

Our Annual **BY THE SEA Card Party** is Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM in Springman Hall. Doors will open at 6:30 PM. Cost of admission is \$10. Early Bird bundles will be for sale at the door. \$25 first come first served. Only 100 bundles will be available. For more information and tickets contact the main office 718-634-5260.

**2018 HISTORICAL CALENDARS ON SALE**

The Broad Channel 2018 Historical Calendar is a bargain at just \$5.00! The calendar is available from Channel Market, All American Bagel & Barista, from members of the Historical Committee, and at Civic meetings. Thanks for your support!



**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 16<sup>th</sup> Road. Please make all checks out to BCCA. If you have any questions please contact Tracey at 718-536-0947.

The **Civic Association** would like to express our thanks for the donation of a check from an anonymous donor, which was given in appreciation for the Civics' hard work.

**GLIMPSE OF THE PAST**

The following article from the Long Island Press in 1967 describes a clean-up campaign in Broad Channel during the struggle to buy our land.

**Thousands Clean Up Br. Channel**

More than 1,000 Broad Channel residents took part yesterday in the last phase of a clean-up campaign to show the city they are willing to do everything possible to retain their homes.

Broad Channel was threatened in May when Deputy Mayor Timothy Costello said the city did not plan to renew leases on the city-owned island because of health hazards.

The hazards could be eliminated by constructing a sewer system. The project is being studied now by the city.

Yesterday, residents took rakes, shovels and pitch forks to rid the beaches of debris brought in by tides. The work went on from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On the scene was Terrance Flynn of Rockaway Beach, assistant attorney general, who said he was "amazed" at the spirit of cooperation among Broad Channel residents.

**Material to be printed in the next Newsletter is due by February 10<sup>th</sup>.**

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