

BROAD CHANNEL CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

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

***** January 24, 2019 *****

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President's Message

The January Civic **meeting will be held on Thursday, January 24th at 7 PM** at the VFW Hall.

This Civic meeting will cover basic Civic business, report from elected officials, Committee reports and then will move to a presentation from the New York Legal Assistance Group, Center for NYC Neighborhoods, and the Mayor's office of Resiliency regarding **Flood Insurance Counseling**. There will be a 20 minute general presentation and then a period for questions and then an opportunity to sit one-on-one to speak with counselors about homeowners' properties and their flood insurance. **Homeowners can schedule to have free elevation surveys done.** At time the Elevation certificates can be useful to lower flood insurance premiums. This is critical as Flood Insurance Premiums have been going higher and higher.

Natalie Grant, **Civic Newsletter Editor** will be resigning in June. Natalie has been doing an unbelievable job as our editor for years and continued her role even after she moved out of Broad Channel. We are extremely grateful for all of her years of hard work that has allowed us to inform all of you on a monthly basis of the significant events that the Civic Association is working on and those that affect all those who live in Broad Channel. We are one of the few neighborhoods that have a monthly newsletter that gets hand delivered to every home in town. We are looking for someone to take over this critical responsibility. If you think you may be interested, please reach out and contact the Civic at mundyfive32@msn.com.

Sunset Cove - Heavy construction is underway at this future ecological park and we are closely monitoring time frames to ensure that the work is completed by June 30th. Assemblywoman Amato, Senator Addabbo and Dan Brown were critical to overcoming a number of bureaucratic hurdles that threatened to derail the time lines and the project. We look forward to completing Phase 1 so that the Phase 2 project can begin. Phase 2 will see the old Rockaway Boardwalk lumber milled down and reused to create a stunning walkway out over the wetlands with a covered viewing area adjacent to the shoreline.

Street Raising Phase 1 - Work has finally resumed on West 13th Road and a big thank you to Assemblywoman Amato, Senator Joe Addabbo and Dan Brown (Borough President Melinda Katz office) for pushing DDC and DOT to get the contractor back on site and working. The restoration work has halted since before the Christmas break. The Civic Association was originally told that this work would be resumed January 2nd and that did not happen. We have reached out through our elected officials to find out why this work has not resumed and have a meeting scheduled at the Borough Presidents office with all parties. An update will be given at the Civic meeting as to the results of that meeting.

Street Raising Phase 2 - The consent forms have been collected and reviewed by DOT and we will be getting an official tally count prior to the Civic meeting and will present those results as to which blocks (West 14th through West 19th Roads) will be going forward with the plan to elevate those blocks in similar fashion to Phase 1. We hope to have an update from DOT on those results as well as time frames for the Phase 2 blocks.

The Civic Association would like to thank the **Anonymous donor** who made a \$500 donation to the Civic Association.

Damage was sustained at the **17th Road Park** during one of the past weekends (tennis net destroyed) and parents are reminded that any children hanging out in the park after dark (particularly on the weekends) are subject to summons by the NYPD who have been monitoring this situation.

There was a **rash of car break-ins** on East 6th Road recently and the NYPD has been investigating the crimes. We will get an update from them at the Civic meeting.

Build-It-Back - There will be no formal presentation by BIB staff but, Rudy Giuliani will be on hand to speak to residents who have questions or outstanding issues. It is **critical** that if you have a **punch list or warranty item** that you speak directly to the program, the folks in Howard Beach, and NOT count on the contractor to make necessary repairs. In some cases the Contractors have fulfilled their obligations and responded back to make necessary repairs but in many cases they have not come back or have incorrectly noted that the issue is not covered. There is a form that a resident must fill out to ensure that it is correctly logged in and that the issue will be addressed.

Quote of the Month -- *"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."* – Francis of Assisi

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Mundy Jr.



**The Flag flies in February for
Thomas J. Coyle,
U.S. Army, WWII.**

Puttin On The Hits Returns!

Children's Puttin On the Hits - Sunday, February 10, 2019. American Legion at 1:00 PM.
All Acts Welcome - Lip Sync to your favorite singer with DJ Willy Gill. \$10.00 per person. Refreshments will be available to purchase. To sign up an act please contact Margaret Wagner @ margaretwagner.re@gmail.com, Facebook or call (347) 236-2018 or Drusilla Young on Facebook or (718) 288-3781. All proceeds are going to the Christ Presbyterian Church.

St. Virgilius / St. Camillus Church

St. Camillus "By the Sea" Card Party: Friday, February 1, 2019 - Springman Hall, 180 Beach 100th Street. Doors open at 6:30 PM. \$10 per person / \$100 for table of ten. BYOB. Please contact SCCA Office @ 718-634-5260 or Email: SCCACardParty@gmail.com.
PARISH St. Patrick's Dance: Sunday, March 3, 2019 - Springman Hall, 180 Beach 100 Street. 3 PM to 7 PM. Music Provided by THE CUNNINGHAM BROTHERS. Sit Down Corned Beef Dinner by Ludwig's Catering. Beer, Soda, Set-ups. Adults: \$45.00. Children (6-12 yrs. old): \$20.00. Infants (5 & Under) FREE! Please call 718-634-8229 for tickets.

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

ST. VIRGILIUS CHOIR practices on Tuesday evenings at 7 PM in St. Virgilius Church. New members are welcome.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 5 PM in St. Camillus Church.

ST. VIRGILIUS PARISH CENTER UPDATE:
1) Tobin-Parnes has completed the plans and will submit them to the NYC Department of Buildings for approval and permits.
2) Plans are being made for a presentation of the building to the parish / community.
3) Bids for the demolition and construction will be accepted in February / March.
4) Depending on how long the NYC Department of Building requires, work should begin in the summer/fall of 2019.

St. Camillus Academy

** Sunday, January 27, 2019 - St. Camillus Catholic Academy Open House 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
** January 27, 2019 to February 1, 2019 Catholic Schools Week Celebration - Academy Tours can be scheduled throughout the week.
** February 1, 2019 St. Camillus Catholic Academy Card Party 7:00 PM.
Please contact the academy office for more information at 718- 634-5260.

BROAD CHANNEL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AMBULANCE CORP.

As almost everyone knows we have started undertaking repair work in the Firehouse on Noel and as expected the many years of service and many storms endured have not been kind.

We have replaced many damaged structural elements and relocated our utilities to the second floor to avoid flooding.

Remaining operational during this has been difficult and after a phone company issue our emergency line call system is now active. We should have our relocated apparatus back in quarters before months end.

We can't thank our friends enough who volunteered countless hours helping us and we will list each and every one of them as we near completion.

We are still striving to overcome the exceptionally high bidding we encountered this summer and fall during the new project bid letting. Eric, Stacy, and Joe have been looking into solutions but pricing should start dropping back to reasonable levels as Build-It-Back phases out.

Still looking for volunteers.

Thank you!
Chief McIntyre

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.

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Material for the next newsletter is due by Feb. 10th.