

# BROAD CHANNEL CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

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

\*\*\*\*\*May 24, 2018\*\*\*\*\*

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Jim and Tracey Harper.

## President's Message

This month's Civic meeting will be held on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at the VFW Hall.

This Civic meeting will see a town vote on the current proposal to install a cell tower at the site of the new, soon to be constructed, volunteer firehouse (adjacent to the American Legion Hall). The newsletter has a special section that will detail the voting procedure for this vote. This has been an ongoing discussion at the Civic meetings for over a year with both positions, for and against, put forth and discussed in depth. This meeting will not see further debate rather just the vote to decide the town's position on this issue.

We will have representatives from the MTA present to address the concerns that the community has raised regarding the conditions that currently exist at the foot of the Veterans Memorial Bridge (on the Broad Channel side). This area has become a total eyesore with construction material strewn about and, at times access severely restricted. The area was previously an open parking lot with two small facility buildings. It has morphed into numerous structures that have expanded out into the area of the parking lot and this at a time when the toll takers who previously needed these facilities now gone from the site with the installation of cashless tolls.

The previous participatory budget process that Councilman Ulrich was taking part in will see a different variation this year. Broad Channel will submit our own ideas for projects that we would like the Councilman to fund this coming year. At the Civic meeting the councilman will be handing out information and soliciting concepts from anyone who would like to propose one. In the past we have funded a number of great projects for the town through this process and we hope to see that continue in this new process.

Build-It-Back reps will be on hand to discuss where they are at and field questions. In particular punch list items have become a hot topic and we will be asking them to address this issue for those waiting for the final items on homes to be addressed.

Street Raising restoration work has resumed on West 11<sup>th</sup> Road. The Civic has brought back to DDC and DOT the concern expressed at the last Civic meeting that the level of work has to increase, and they have indicated that the work force will be significantly increased and the road work on West 13<sup>th</sup> Road is scheduled to begin on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Regarding Phase 2, the final design meeting will be held in June. This is an opportunity for those who did not get to see the projected impacts, such as Build-It-Back homes that only showed the old home, to sit down and understand the implications from the construction. The Civic Association continues to feel that this is a unique opportunity in that it is a fully funded and designed project that if we were to start advocating for today would take us over a decade to procure if at all. It will see all new infrastructure including new water mains (replacing old lead ones), new fire hydrants, new street poles and off course an opportunity to eliminate the street flooding that has become so common. The Phase 2 project would proceed at one block at a time and not move to the next block until the original block was totally complete.

Quote of the Month -- *"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: ...it goes on."*

--Robert Frost

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan Mundy Jr.

The voting process for the cellphone tower will take place at the May's Civic meeting. Voting will take place from 6:15 PM to 8:00 PM. Voting will close at 8PM **SHARP!**  
**PLEASE NOTE:** Only one vote will be accepted per household or family. Please see reverse side for more information.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 6:15pm for the May meeting to handle any business and to assist with any concerns regarding the voting process. It is suggested that you arrive early if you wish to 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. **DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE BALLOT.**

**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.

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**

**I**  **BROAD CHANNEL**

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

**Name:**

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**Address:**

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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.

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



**The Flag is flying in June for Edward J. Villani, US Army, WWII**

**ST. VIRGIlius / ST. CAMILLUS CHURCH**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**REGISTRATION:** Children who attend Public Schools are urged to register for our Religious Education Program, beginning in the **FIRST GRADE.**

Returning students are asked to re-register each year so that we can update our files. Registration forms are available at the St. Camillus Rectory Office. You can also complete the registration form on the parish website ([www.stcstv.com](http://www.stcstv.com)). Classes will begin in September. There is **NO FEE** for our Religious Education Program (CCD). Classes are held on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in St. Camillus Catholic Academy. Please call 718-634-8229 and speak with Sister Maureen if you have any questions.

**A.O.H. DIVISION 21 ANNUAL IRISH FESTIVAL** will take place on Saturday, June 2 and Sunday, June 3 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. in **ST. CAMILLUS CHURCH PARKING LOT.** Irish Vendors - Food - Irish Dancing - Face Painting - Raffle - Music -- Saturday: Bangers & Mash, GIRSA, Shilelagh Law, U2 Unforgettable Fire -- Sunday: The Jeff Conlan Band, Hair of the Dog, The Gobshites, The Canny Brothers. Admission is \$10 per day for adults.

**ST. CAMILLUS CATHOLIC ACADEMY:** Registration for September, 2018 in all grades (Kindergarten to Grade 8) - please call 718-634-5260 to arrange a tour.

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**

**"HOLD THIS DATE"** - JUNE 9<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**BROAD CHANNEL FIRE DEPT. AND AMBULANCE CORP.**

Our annual Fund Drive has begun. Letters have been sent out. We are still asking for a donation of \$75 per family, per household. You can mail it, drop it off or call to have it picked up. We now accept VENMO and you can also go to our Facebook page and click the "donate" button.

We are also always looking for members, young and old. There's a task for everyone. All you have to do is have the desire to make a difference. There's nothing more rewarding than knowing you played a part in saving someone's life.

Also, Thurs, June 14th after Flag Day activities, we ask the entire neighborhood to join us at 7pm for the Street Renaming Ceremony that is 101 years in the making memorializing the Line of Duty Death of BCVFD Chief of Department Christian Hoobs.

Memorial Day also kicks off Mardi Gras. Those who are willing to help fundraise, please contact us.