

QUEENS CIVIC CONGRESS, INC.

The Queens Civic Congressional
PO. Box 238, Flushing, NY 11363

Corey Bearak, President

www.queensciviccongress.org

JUNE 2009



VOLUME 12, ISSUE 5

The next Queens Civic Congress Meeting:

Monday, June 15 at 7:00 p.m.

[Note Special Early Start]

***A Conversation with
City Transportation Commissioner
Janette Sadik-Khan**

***Discussion of 2009-2010 Program**

***Appointment of Nominating Committee**

Union Plaza Care Center, 33-23 Union Street

[five blocks north of Northern Boulevard]

Please note Commissioner Sadik-Khan will address the Queens Civic Congress and take our questions from 7:15 to 8:00 p.m. Please arrive early.

Also Inside This Congressional

Page 2: President's Message; Officers

Page 3: 2009-2010 Meetings Schedule

President's Message

Dear Members,

A June 8 email from City Hall promoted a “pilot” *Development Coordinator Initiative* program launched June 1 in Brooklyn “to resolve specific interagency conflicts that may be slowing down development.” The City bills it as a “new resource for developers, contractors, and licensed professionals. I certainly found it “interesting” to receive such an email on the eve of a June 9 City Hall rally to press the Mayor to restore cuts to community boards which the City Charter empowers to weigh in on service delivery and land use. My open question to City Hall and those running for City office: [Why not a Preservation Coordinator](#) to address zoning, building and landmarking issues. See some comments on this at http://queensciviccongress.org/Media/files/2009/2009-06-08_Develop-aid.pdf. Note to candidates: You need only go to our website to view or platforms, our meetings and our media posts which include statements, testimonies and comments. Any failure to do raises questions if a candidate seriously maintains an interest in civic and community issues. Anyone who neglects thus far to do their homework, take note, start studying and avoid the "F" grade *earned* by overlooking this material.

Sincerely,

Corey

Corey B. Bearak (718-343-6779; Bearak@aol.com)

Nominating Committee

The QCC Officer Nominating Committee will be elected in June. According to our bylaws, The officers are: President, Executive Vice President, Vice Presidents (no less than one and no more than eleven, as determined by the Congress), a Treasurer, a Secretary, and the three Founders, including the President-Emeritus. All officers sit and vote as members of the Executive Committee. Save for the Founders, all officers shall serve one-year terms. QCC’s Nominating Committee consists of five persons, of which three shall be elected by the Executive Committee (including its Chair) and two by the Regular Members.

The Committee shall prepare a list of nominees for the election of officers and send by regular mail its report on or before July 1 to the Executive Committee and Regular Membership. Nominating Petitions for the candidacies of persons not nominated by the Nominating Committee may be submitted to the Chair of the Nominating Committee with the signatures of 15% of the Regular Members no earlier than July 15 and no later than August 15. Anyone nominated must be a delegate representing a Regular Member to the Congress. Candidates for President must have served on the Executive Committee in the year prior to their nomination. The election is planned for next fall.

Queens Civic Congress Officers

President: Corey Bearak **Executive Vice President:** Patricia Dolan **Secretary:** Seymour Schwartz **Treasurer:** James Trent
Vice Presidents: Tyler Cassell, Richard Hellenbrecht, Paul Kerzner, David Kulick, Barbara Larkin, Audrey Lucas, Kathy Masi, Nagassar Ramgarib, Harbachan Singh, Edwin Westley, & Dorothy Woo
Founders: *President Emeritus* Sean Walsh, Albert Greenblatt, Robert Harris

Queens Civic Congress Calendar

All meetings, excluding Legislative Reception and Biennial Civic Convention, unless otherwise noted take place at: Union Plaza Care Center, 33-23 Union Street [five blocks north of Northern Blvd.]

Meetings of the Executive Committee are open to all QCC members and take place at 7:30 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) If you wish to add an agenda item, please call Corey Bearak (343-6779) or email Bearak@aol.com at least 24 hours in advance.

*****2009-2010 Meeting Schedule *****

- Monday, September 21, 2009, 7:30 p.m. – Executive Committee*
- Monday, October 19, 2009, 7:30 p.m. – Election of Officers
at Queens County Farm Museum, 72-50 Little Neck Parkway*
- Monday, November 16, 2009, 7:30 p.m. – Installation of Officers*
- Sunday, December 6, 2009, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Legislative Reception
at Douglaston Club, 600 West Drive, Douglaston*
- Monday, February 1, 2010, 7:30 p.m. – Executive Committee*
- Monday, March 15, 2010, 7:30 p.m. – Regular Meeting*
- Sunday, April 18, 2010, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Biennial Luncheon
at Antun's, 96-43 Springfield Boulevard*
- Sunday, May 16, 2010, 9:30 a.m. – Statewide Races Forum
at Samuel Field Y, 58-20 Little Neck Parkway*
- Monday, May 17, 2010, 7:30 p.m. – Regular Meeting*
- Monday, June 21, 2010, 7:30 p.m. – Executive Committee*

*****Special Events of Interest*****

Thursday, June 11, 7:00 p.m., 26th Council District Candidates Forum hosted by Dutch Kills Civic Association, St. Patrick's School 39-35 28th Street, Long Island City.

Tuesday, June 23, 7:30 p.m., 19th Council District Candidates Forum hosted by Bay Terrace Community Alliance @ Bay Terrace Y, 212-00 23rd Avenue, Bayside, NY 11360

Wednesday, June 24, 7:00 p.m., 20th Council District Candidates Forum hosted by QCC Parks Committee @ Al Oerter Recreation Center, 131-40 Fowler Avenue, Flushing NY 11355 (right off College Point Blvd.)

Thursday, June 25, 7:30 p.m., 25th Council District Candidates Forum hosted by Jackson Heights Beautification Group @ Community Church located @ 81-10 35th Ave.

Thursday, October 1, 2009, 7:30 p.m., 30th Council District Candidates Forum hosted by Ridgewood Property Owners and Civic Association, IS 93 Auditorium, 66-56 Forest Avenue, at Madison Street, Ridgewood.

Tuesday, October 20, 7:30 p.m., 32nd Council District Candidates Forum hosted by Belle Harbor Property Owners Association at PS 114, 134-01 Cronston Ave. bet. Beach 134th & Beach 135th Streets, The Rockaways

2009 Committee Chairs

Audit / Phil Ragusa, CPA
By Laws / Albert Greenblatt
Aviation & Noise / Richard Hellenbrecht
City Infrastructure & Capital Program / Dorothy Woo
Community & Civic Outreach / Robert Harris & Audrey Lucas
Community Facilities / Tyler Cassell
Congress Platform / Seymour Schwartz
Co-ops & Condos / Marc Haken
Creedmoor Task Force / Bernard Aquilino
Economic Development / Chris Collett
Education / Edwin Westley
Health & Human Services / Kevin Forrestal
Historical Preservation & Landmarking / Paul Graziano
Legislation / Paul Kerzner
Newsletter / David Kulick
Nominations/ Helene Zaro
Parks & Cultural Affairs / Barbara Larkin & Kim Ohanian
Planning & Land Use / Patricia Dolan
Public Safety / Nagassar Ramgarib
Tenants & Affordable Housing / Florence Fisher
Transportation / Jim Trent & Kathy Masi
Zoning & Code Enforcement / Joseph Amoroso & Harbachan Singh

Queens Civic Congress Membership

Association of Old Forest Hills ♦ Auburndale Improvement Association ♦ Bayside Civic Database ♦ Bayside Clear-Spring Council ♦ Bayside Hills Civic Association ♦ Bayswater Civic Association ♦ Bay Terrace Community Alliance, Inc. ♦ Bay Terrace Cooperative Section 1 ♦ Bellaire-BellVill Civic Association ♦ Belle Harbor Property Owners Association ♦ Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association ♦ Bellerose Hillside Civic Association ♦ Bell Park Manor Terrace Community Council ♦ Bowne Park Civic Association ♦ Briarwood Community Association ♦ Broadway-Flushing Homowners Association ♦ Cambria Heights Civic Association ♦ Civic Association of Utopia Estates ♦ C.O.M.E.T. (Communities of Maspeth-Elmhurst Together) ♦ Concerned Citizens of Laurelton ♦ Cornucopia Society ♦ Creedmoor Civic Association ♦ Deerfield Area Association ♦ Doug-Bay Manor Civic Association ♦ Douglas Manor Association ♦ Douglaston Civic Association ♦ Dutch Kills Civic Association of Long Island City ♦ East Elmhurst Corona Civic Association ♦ East Flushing Civic Association ♦ Federated Block Associations of Laurelton ♦ Federation of Civic Associations of Southeast Queens ♦ Floral Park Community Council ♦ Flushing Heights Civic Association ♦ Flushing on the Hill Taxpayers Association ♦ Forest Hills Chamber of Commerce ♦ Forest Hills Crescents Association ♦ Forest Hills-Van Court Association ♦ Fresh Meadows Homeowners Association ♦ Georgetown Mews ♦ Glendale Civic Association of Queens ♦ Glen Oaks Village Owners, Inc. ♦ Greater Astoria Historical Society ♦ Greater Whitestone Taxpayers Civic Association ♦ Harding Heights Civic Association ♦ Hillcrest Estates Civic Association ♦ Hilltop Village Co-Op #1 ♦ Hilltop Village Co-Op #2 ♦ Hilltop Village Co-Op #3 ♦ Hilltop Village Co-Op #4 ♦ Hollis 11423 Block Association ♦ Hollis Hills Civic Association ♦ Holliswood Civic Association ♦ Hollis Park Gardens Association ♦ Holly Civic Association ♦ Hyde Park Gardens Cooperative ♦ Jackson Heights Beautification Group ♦ Jamaica Estates Association ♦ Jamaica Hill Community Association ♦ Juniper Park Civic Association ♦ Kew Gardens Civic Association ♦ Kew Gardens Hills Homeowners Association ♦ Kew Gardens Improvement Association ♦ Kissena Park Civic Association ♦ Little Neck Bay Civic Association ♦ Little Neck Pines ♦ Long Island City Alliance ♦ Malba Civic Association ♦ Meadowlark Gardens Owners ♦ Middle Village Property Owners Association ♦ Mitchell Linden Civic Association ♦ Neponsit Property Owners Association ♦ Newtown Civic Association ♦ Newtown Historical Society ♦ North Bellerose Civic Association ♦ North Flushing Civic Association ♦ North Hills Estates Civic Association ♦ Northwest Clearview Homeowners Association ♦ Norwood Neighborhood Association ♦ Oakland Terrace/ Gardens Community Council ♦ Off Broadway Homeowners Association ♦ Our Neighborhood Improvement Association ♦ Our Neighbors Civic Association of Ozone Park, Inc. ♦ Parkway Village Historical Society ♦ Queensboro Hill Neighborhood Association ♦ Queens Colony Civic Association ♦ Queens Community Civic Corp. ♦ Queens Village Civic Association ♦ Ramblersville-Hawtree Civic Association ♦ Richmond Hill Historical Society ♦ Ridgewood Property Owners and Civic Association ♦ Rockaway Park Homeowners/Residents ♦ Rocky Hill Civic Association ♦ Rosedale Civic Association ♦ Royal Ranch Association ♦ Southeast Queens Concerned Neighbors ♦ South Ozone Park West Association Civic ♦ Springfield/Rosedale Community Action Association ♦ Station Road Civic Assoc. of Auburndale ♦ Sunnyside Gardens/Harrison Place Homeowners ♦ Surrey Estates Civic Association ♦ Union Turnpike Merchants Association ♦ United Forties Civic Association ♦ United Mutual Veterans Housing, Inc. ♦ Waldheim Neighborhood Association ♦ Wayanda Civic Association ♦ West Cunningham Park Civic Association ♦ Westmoreland Association ♦ Woodside Community Council