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TRIVIA QUESTION

Can you name 4 out of the 8 most notable institutions in the Hollis Hills Community?
Dear Residents,

First of all, I would like to thank all of those who have sent their annual dues for 2019. I appreciate your involvement and support of HHCA.

The HHCA is in the process of planning many community events for this year. As you know every year we celebrate Lag Baomer a Jewish holiday that we organize along with the Chabad House of Eastern Queens. The children enjoy many inflatable activities, food and games all free of charge. It will be a great day for the children in the community where they will indulge in kosher foods such as hot dogs, hamburgers and more wonderful treats.

Toward the fall we hold our Annual Wine Social which gets bigger and bigger every year. The residents are serenaded with Live music and socialize over a variety of wines and delicious kosher hors d’oeuvres served in the Greek Family Kitchen on Union Turnpike and 212th street. Each year we get more and more amazing reviews from residents who had the best time at the Wine Social, it has been one of the favorites.

The holiday season would not be complete without the Annual Tree Lighting and Menorah Lighting. Every year the HHCA provides hot chocolate and candies and the community comes out to sing and observe the lightings as well as hear from our hardworking elected officials who come to join in on these special holidays.

We are also working to organize a Community Dinner Dance which will be sponsored by the Hollis Hills Civic Association for all our paid members. As you can see every dollar collected from members we put right back into the community, therefore I appreciate all of you who have mailed in your member dues for 2019.

In order to make it easier for our members to pay their dues, you also have the option to pay through Pay Pal. Simply go to the Pay Pal website, www.PayPal.com, and enter our account, www.hollishillscivic.org to make your payment. Please remember that all of our board members are volunteers who give of their time because of their love for this community. They do this without pay out of the kindness of their hearts and for the betterment of the community. So, when they are informed that members are paying their dues they know that their work has not been in vain and they are willing to work harder for the community. Its so much more than the $25 being mailed in, this is a gesture of thanks and a morale builder. I am sure that this will not break anyone’s bank, if you have not paid your dues as of yet please be sure to do so using the self-addressed envelope found in this newsletter.

This is the first issue of our Newsletter for 2019 and as you will see, it is in full color. This is our way of saying thank you to all of our advertisers who have supported and continue to support the Civic Association. We hope that you will support their businesses as they support the community.

I would like to update all of you on the speed bump requests that we have received from many of you specifically regarding the south side of Hollis Hills Terrace. Recently there was an on site meeting with myself, Councilman Grodenchik, David from the Councilman’s Office, Officer Steffhanie Collado of the 111th Precinct, Deputy Commissioner of Queens DOT Al Silvestri and his Assistant along with 4 local residents who are concerned mothers. The meetings resolution was that DOT is in the design process in order to determine where the speed bumps should be placed and how many are necessary. There will be another meeting to finalize this issue and to confirm the installation is set to take place sometime in 2020. We are hopeful that this will lower the # of speeding cars on this street which has been an issue in this area. If you have any concerns pertaining to this issue please be sure to let us know and we will be happy to work to take care of it.

I must also emphasize as always that I am sure you are aware that new, young families are moving into our community and therefore the neighborhood is slowly changing due to new and modern housing being constructed. I want to remind all of the new residents to please cease on any construction or landscaping during the weekends and holidays. The temperature is increasing and the seasons are changing which we will start to take advantage of our yards. I know that everyone will start wanting to have gatherings and grills and just enjoy the weather in your space. So, I hope that our neighbors will be mindful of the rest of the community and everyone will be able to enjoy the weekends and holidays in peace and tranquility without loud machines and workers disturbing and/or interrupting.

Lately, there are many scams going on which we are being informed of by our local police precinct. One of the scams is that every year at tax time you receive a call from strangers claiming to be the IRS and threatening to sue you if you will not pay money for your taxes and other similar calls. Please do not respond to any of these calls as the IRS will never call you but rather will send a letter. Do not give your information to anyone over the phone.

The HHCA meets once a month for one hour and I want to offer the opportunity for anyone who would like to get involved to come join us. If you would like to be a part of the decision making in your community this is your chance to participate and give of yourself. If you are interested and have some great ideas for the growth of the community feel free to reach out to me via email. During our last meeting we were surprised by our new Senator John lui who stopped by to introduce himself and we enjoyed a great discussion with him and are looking forward to working with him and his team. We were informed that his team is working diligently on a number of complaints from our residents regarding the high real estate taxes in our community. We plan to keep in touch with his office to be able to inform you of the resolution.

I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

Zion Halili

April 2019
DEAR RESIDENTS

PLEASE RESPECT YOUR NEIGHBORS AND YOUR COMMUNITY AND STOP CONSTRUCTION / LANDSCAPING ON WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS.

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TRIVIA ANSWER:
Notable institutions in Hollis Hills are The Chapel of the Redeemer Lutheran, Hollis Hills Jewish Center (founded in 1948), American Martyrs Catholic Church, the Windsor Park Branch of the Queens Borough Public Library, the John Hamburg Community Center, Kingsbury Elementary School (P.S. 188),[22] Hollis Hills Civic Association, and Surrey Estates Homeowners Association.
Common Scams  By Michelle Schaefer

Deception Burglaries- Impersonate roofers, plumbers, electrical contractors. Often claim they need to check something in your home due to an incident at a neighbor’s home. Once inside, one distracts you while the other steals your valuables.
- Request I.D. from utility workers needing access to read your meter. Contact the utility to verify the employee. Keep a list of utility phone numbers in a convenient location.
  - Con Ed - 800-752-6633  National Grid (Keystan) – 800-930-5003
  - PSE&G – 800-490-0025  DEP/Water – 311
- If you are not expecting any workers to your home, do not let them in. Tell them you have company. Tell them to leave their business card. Call 911 if you feel uncertain.

Mail Theft- If you use a mailbox to mail bills, checks, etc. try to deposit in box as close to pick-up time as possible. Do not put in box on weekends or holidays.
- If possible give mail directly to your mail carrier or bring into the post office.
- Use a pen with pigmented (permanent) ink to write checks. This ink prevents altering of your checks.
- Frequently check your account balance to ensure your checks were cleared by the establishment that you wrote them out to.

Bank Scams- This scam targets you when you go to the bank. An individual or a group approaches you informing you they just found a bag or money or hit the lotto and they want to share it with you. The scammers ask you to go withdraw a large sum of money to give them as collateral for the found money. Once they have your money, they flee leaving you with a bag of counterfeit money or a counterfeit check.
- Inform the teller, security guard or bank manager that you are being scammed and to call 911.
- If you believe you are being followed to or from the bank proceed to a safe location and call 911.

ID Theft- If you are not applying for a mortgage, credit card, or loan in the near future, you can put a temporary freeze in your credit. Do this by notifying the 3 credit bureaus by phone, mail, or online. This prevents theft and can be lifted at anytime. This is a free service. Do not pay anyone to do this for you.
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Phone Scams- There are numerous telephone scams out there trying to get your money. The IRS calls for back taxes threatening arrest or property seizure (they will never call you). Family Emergency call telling you a relative is being held hostage for ransom, was arrested and needs bail or was in an accident and needs money for medical care. They may even have a familiar name or pry you to give up the name. Hang up and call relatives to verify. Immigration calls telling you your status was revoked and you will be jailed or deported unless you pay. Calls or emails saying you won a lottery or prize. You have to pay to claim prize. In all of these situations you should HANG UP! DO NOT GO OUT AND PURCHASE A GIFT CARD OR GREEN DOT MONEY CARD TO PAY OVER THE PHONE! DO NOT GIVE THEM YOUR CREDIT CARD OR BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION! If you think it may be legitimate, call back from a number on your bill, etc. to verify.
Vehicle Theft.

Safeguard your vehicle.

Vehicles are stolen for a variety of reasons, including theft for parts, insurance fraud, retagging, exporting, and joy riding. Help prevent theft and damage to your vehicle.

What Can I Do?

Lock
Always lock and secure your vehicle. Always activate your alarm every time you leave your vehicle. Consider locking lug nuts to deter rim theft.

Keys
Never leave the keys in the ignition when you exit the vehicle -- even for a minute!

Property
Never leave property in your vehicle. Items such as loose change, shopping bags, GPS, cell phones, laptops, tablets and the charging chords are targeted by thieves.

Parking
Park in high traffic or well lit areas, when possible.

Enroll
Enroll in NYPD anti-theft programs such as VIN Etching, Operation ID and Combat Auto Theft.

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How to Minimize Your Risks to Tick-Borne Diseases from Davey Tree

Did you know tick-borne diseases have more than tripled in the last 12 years? Because of that, we need to be more careful than ever.

**WHEN:**
Ticks are most active in Spring and early Fall. Immature ticks emerge in late spring and early summer. At this stage, they’re only the size of a poppy seed, which makes them easy to miss. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say, most humans are infected through bites at this stage. (https://www.cdc.gov/)

**WHERE:**
They love hanging on high grass and shrubs more than anything! In our lawns and gardens, they gravitate towards the edges of stone walls or shady, moist spots on the ground, like shrubs or bushes. They usually don’t live in trees. Though, it is possible that they could hitch a ride up a tall tree on a bird. Mostly though, they lay low and will almost never be higher than chest level.

**PREVENTION:**
Take away the places they love. They prefer damp, humid areas and are extremely susceptible to dehydration. So, have an ISA certified arborist® prune your trees and shrubs, not a grass cutting landscaper. When done correctly, this reduces your property’s humidity by improving light and air circulation.

Add a border. Ticks do not like to cross barren, sunny areas. So, place a mulch border that’s four to six feet wide around your property’s perimeter.

Clean it up! Get rid of brush piles or areas with lots of green debris. If you see any other overgrown areas of your garden, cut those back as well. Also, keep firewood stacks at perimeter locations.

Keep birds far away. Birds, too, can carry ticks. It’s smart to move bird feeders and bird baths away from areas where you and your family congregate in the yard.

Treat your yard. Just like you spray yourself, you can do the same to your yard. Have a registered pesticide applicator apply an EPA-registered treatment to the ground level of your yard, which covers all the spots ticks or hosts would gravitate.

**HIKING:**
Use repellent spray or repellent-treated clothing when in the woods.
Basic Safety Tips
by Michelle Schaefer

Go out in groups. Stay in well lit areas. Stay on main streets. Always know your location.

Be seen. Affix reflective tape to outer garments, walkers, motorized scooter, bicycles, pet leashes, stay off your phone and pay attention when crossing intersections.

If someone attempts to take your pocketbook, or other property, let it go. It is replaceable.

Be aware of others bumping you in crowds- they may be a pickpocket.

Always carry identification, list of your medications, list of allergies, and doctor’s contact info.

When driven home, ask driver to wait until you are safely inside.

Have your keys out and ready when approaching your home.

Immediately report a theft or suspicious activity to NYPD by calling 911. (911 will direct you to call 311 if it is not an emergency and 311 will direct you to 911 if they deem it urgent). Be sure to give the best description you can (car color, make, model, license plate, clothing, height, weight, hair color, any outstanding features such as tattoos, scars, etc.), what direction the thief fled, any other pertinent information to help the police.

Hollis Hills NEW Free Library
by Arne Abromowitz

My daughters often complain that Hollis Hills is not a cool place to live. Our hipness quotient raised considerably as the filming location for NBC’s television show, Manifest.

Now our neighborhood hosts a phenomenon that is prevalent in Cambridge, MA, New Haven CT, and Berkeley, CA. - bastions of intellectual curiosity.

One of our neighbors on 214th Street off of Union Turnpike has kindly constructed his own little library on his front lawn. You can peruse the books, take one, two or three. The books that you take are for you to keep. Don’t worry if you don’t find something to your liking on your first visit - the library will be continually replenished to maintain your intellectual curiosity in Hollis Hills.
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