

Spring Returns to Woodhaven

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The Woodhaven Residents' Block Association

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From the Desk of
The President



Here Comes The Noise!

Is it me, or is time flying by faster than ever? The season speed past at an alarming rate – why, it seems only yesterday we were worried over which streets weren't plowed in a timely manner – and now we're gearing up for the inevitable noise complaints that accompany warmer weather. So this is a good time for a refresher course on what you should do when a house on your block is keeping you awake at 3 am with a wild, noisy party.

Step 1.

Call 311. While 311 may not always resolve your issue, it's important to get your issue logged and into the system. Make sure you ask for, and receive, a **Service Request Number**. This number will have the format:

C1-1-XXXXXXXX

Step 2.

Give 311 a chance to work. Hopefully, this will take care of the issue. However, after an hour, if they have not responded to your complaint – and the noise issue persists – then you should call the 102nd Precinct directly at:

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Step 3.

Take down as much information as you can when calling the precinct. Write down what time you called and who you spoke with. Hopefully, the 102nd Precinct will dispatch a unit and your problem will be taken care of.

Step 4.

If your problem does **not** get resolved, then you need to report this issue to the Block Association. You can call us directly, or via E-mail. We will need all of the information you collected above – the 311 Service Request Number, details of your call to the 102nd Precinct, the location and exact address of the offender, etc..

Many thanks to the 102 for doing their best to keep the noise levels down – and if we work together, hopefully we can all enjoy a peaceful, quiet summer.

Edward K. Wendell – President, WRBA

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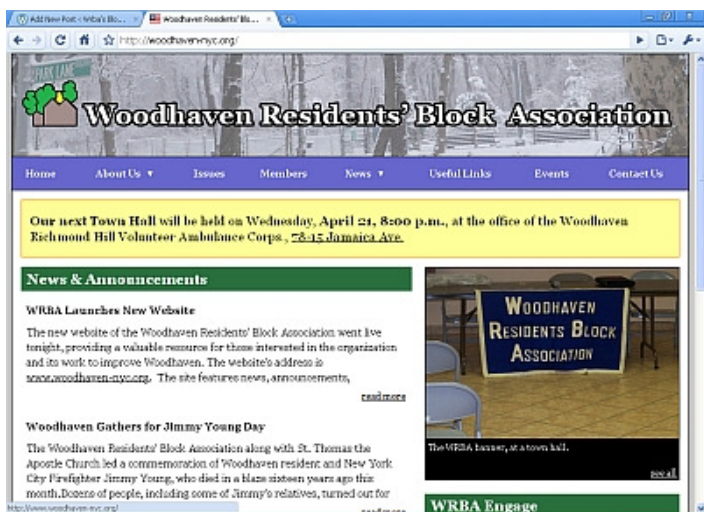
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The WRBA Is Online Again!

The new website of the Woodhaven Residents' Block Association went live on Thursday, April 7th, providing a valuable resource for those interested in the organization and its work to improve Woodhaven.

The website's address is www.woodhaven-nyc.org. The site features news, announcements, information on Woodhaven, background on the WRBA, photos, guides on issues important to the community, and an array of other information. It will be updated very frequently.



WRBA's New Homepage

"It's crucial for the Block Association to have a real online presence. Now, we have not just any online presence, but an exceptionally well-designed and user-friendly one," said **Alexander J. Blenkinsopp**, WRBA Director of Communications. "We will work hard to keep this site current and to maintain it as a helpful tool for the people of Woodhaven."

Advance reviews of the website by Woodhaven residents were very positive.

"There is lots of information on what the WRBA does for the community," Woodhaven resident **Stacey Kerr** said. "The site is easy to navigate, doesn't overwhelm with information, and is easy on the eyes."

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WORKS Little League kicked off their season with a parade down Jamaica Avenue and a gathering at Victory Field. Above, League President Terry Flanagan addresses the parents & players.

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The GWDC's 2010 Spring Dance

By Maria Thomson

The weather of Friday evening, the night of our "Hello Spring" 31st Anniversary Dinner Dance was warm and clear (with none of the predicted rain) and our guests came early to Party! to the new luxuriously renovated Cordon Bleu (this is their new name) Caters the atmosphere was warm with happy guests. All of our Honorees and Guests were warmly greeted by me and my hardworking Staff Members at the door Office Manager Maureen Bermingham (our 2009 Honoree) and Office Secretary Lisa Komninos. Then they entered the beautiful newly decorated "Blue Room" of the Cordon Bleu Caterers. Many pictures were taken of our Honorees, their families and guests. The elaborately decorated beautiful room was filled with the Patriotic colors of red white and blue, with a touch of pastels and our American Flags at every table set the tone for the evening.

This "the Social Event of the Year" was sold out again this year! Our Honorees for 2010 this evening at our "Hello Spring" Dinner Dance were Elizabeth S. Crowley, Eric A. Ulrich, and Mike Miller – and as "Business Owner of the Year 2010" were the "LaBella Family" owners of Walsh Labella and Son Funeral Home and as "Businessman of the Year 2010" was Mark Klimm of Allstate Insurance located on Woodhaven's Jamaica Avenue. Mark has been Vice President of the GWDC and the WBID and has dedicated much of his time to our Community.

As promised in past years, it was a great evening of Good Company, Good Food, Good Surroundings at our beautiful new Woodhaven Catering Hall, Cordon Bleu and Good Music with Karaoke! And those that attended all had a good time! It was a wonderful evening with many wonderful memories for those in attendance and for the Honorees and their proud families. Many Congratulations to them!



Memories

They don't make business cards like they used to!
Below is Mme. Weiss, Hair Stylist, circa 1975.



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Local Officials Team Up to Match Senior Center with WRHVAC

The Woodhaven Adult Senior Center was housed at St. Thomas the Apostle for 35 years. That relationship ended last year and the senior center found themselves looking for a new home. Unfortunately, the necessary space was hard to come by in Woodhaven and, in the interim, the seniors had to shuttle back and forth to a center in Richmond Hill. The week of April 20th, a call went out to the seniors of Woodhaven to gather at the Ambulance Corps for a press conference, and they hoped they would hear some good news.

We were all hoping for a good turnout -- and good news. And early on in the afternoon, we knew the turnout would be good. We ended up with around 75 seniors and healthy representation from the local media -- NY1 was even there. And they were excited because they had heard rumors of good news -- but you never know how these things turn out! Not for nothing, though, how could you disappoint these folks?



This effort was led by Assemblyman Mike Miller, who couldn't be there in person, but was thanked by the other elected officials present. Along with Miller, Queens Borough President Helen Marshall, State Sen. Joe Addabbo, Councilwoman Elizabeth Crowley, and Councilman Eric Ulrich combined to present the Ambulance Corps with a check for \$25,000. The money will be used for renovations, such as making the building handicap-accessible.

But there is still a long way to go, and to that end, the WRHVAC held a nice pasta dinner fundraiser on May 1st. Close to 100 residents turned out to contribute \$20 each to the good cause. And that's what good neighbors do -- they lend each other a hand.

The Woodhaven Senior Center will be open by the end of the summer. It has been reported they will be open Monday through Friday, all day long.



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What's Happening Around Woodhaven?

There's always something going on around Woodhaven – here we show you a little bit of what's been happening, and a little bit of what's on tap.

Writer's & Pints at Neir's Tavern



On April 29th, the WRBA hosted a celebration of the written word at historic Neir's Tavern. We had nearly a half dozen writers read from their work to a small, but appreciative crowd. Keep your eye on the WRBA Calendar for the next entry of Writer's & Pints. Also, the 2nd Tuesday of every month the WRBA will host a movie night at Neir's.

Woodhaven Historical Society Meets Monthly



The Woodhaven Cultural & Historical Society meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 1 PM in Emmanuel United Church of Christ Meeting Room at 91st Avenue and Woodhaven Blvd. The next meeting is on **May 26th**, and the speaker is Ed Wendell of the WRBA and Project Woodhaven. The Historical Society plans many wonderful road trips – think of becoming a member!

102nd Pct. Community Council



Capt. DeLeon awards PO Townsend Cop of the Month for foiling a burglary at April's 102nd Precinct Community Council meeting, which meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. The next 2 meetings will be on **May 18th** and **June 15th** at 8:00 PM at the Moose Hall 87-34 118th Street

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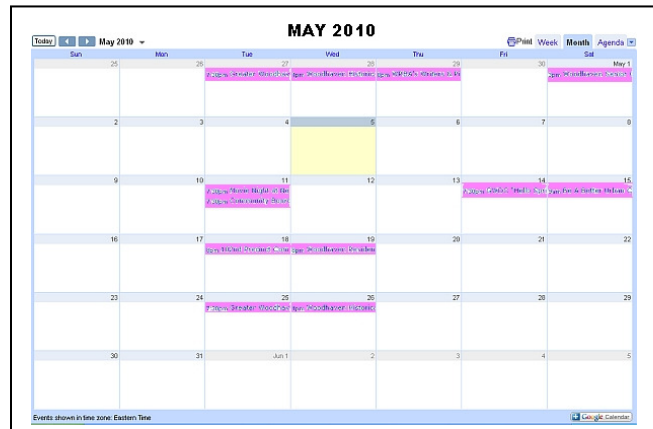
DA Richard Brown addresses the attendees of the GWDC meeting, held on the 4th Tuesday of every month at St. Thomas the Apostle School. The next meeting of the GWDC will be held **June 22nd** at 7:30.

Note – the GWDC had their annual Spring Dance May 14th at the Cordon Bleu – see the story on Page 3 for details.

WRBA Online (from page 2)

Woodhaven resident Grace Cangialosi Rotondo said, "Very nice. It is chock full of information," noting that she particularly liked the documentation of Woodhaven's history and the photo slide show. "I will definitely bookmark the site," she added.

The WRBA encourages readers to share the new website's address with others, and to provide feedback. The organization's contact information is available on the website.



The WRBA website also comes equipped with a community calendar – check it out to see what events are happening in our neighborhood. Contact us at info@woodhaven-nyc.org and let us know when your next event is happening – we'll add it to our calendar!

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Photo taken by Joe Virgona in Woodhaven



Memories

Postcard of Forest Parkway, 1918




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