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Our next Association meeting and annual holiday get-together will be held on Monday, December 9th at 7:30 PM in the St. Barnabas High School Cafeteria. Our featured speaker will be our **NYC Councilmember G. Oliver Koppell**. After many years of public service, Mr Koppell is retiring at the end of 2013. He has served and represented Woodlawn as our NYS Assemblyman, NYS Attorney General and for the last 10 years, as our NYC Councilman. We hope you will come by and wish him well.

The USMC will present and collecting “Toys for Tots”, if you wish to bring an unwrapped toy for a needy youngster. **Boy Scout Troop 102** will also be selling Christmas wreaths.

We will be having light refreshments, music and a special guest from the North Pole for all members to help celebrate the holidays.

At our **November meeting**, we welcomed the principals from our local schools –

St Mark's Elementary School – Mrs Debra Masiello, PS 19 Elementary School – Mr Tim Sullivan, St Barnabas High School – Sister Joan Faraone; St Barnabas Elementary School – Mr Greg Viceroy. We are very fortunate to have 4 excellent schools within our neighborhood. Each school offers a safe, caring educational environment and the principals are very involved and approachable. If you have questions or are interested in enrolling your child, please reach out to them directly and arrange to visit their schools.

Woodlawn's **Boy Scout Troop 102** will once again be holding their **Annual Christmas Wreath Sale**. Scouts from the Troop will be selling wreaths at the Woodlawn Tree Lighting on Dec 7th, outside of St Barnabas Church during the weekends of Nov. 30, Dec. 7, & Dec.14, and at our December meeting. The decorated wreaths are available for \$15 and are sold to help support the scouts with their activities and community service. If you would like more information about purchasing a wreath, or other ways to support the scouts, please call [718-994-8336](tel:718-994-8336).

SAVE THE DATE



December 7th

Woodlawn's Own Christmas Tree Lighting. We cordially invite all to the **Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Saturday Dec 7th at 4:00PM.** Join us in singing carols with the **St Barnabas Youth Choir**, sipping hot chocolate and receiving a special guest from the North Pole. If you are interested in dropping off a toy for a needy youngster, the **US Marine Corps** will also be present and collecting “Toys for Tots.”
Hope to see you there!

Updates

Behan's Pub & Sports Bar has been rebuilt and has reopened. It adds a very stylish new look to Katonah Avenue ...

Emerald Pharmacy is open and operating on 238th & Katonah and Sean Nealis plans to be back in his original location ASAP ...

Construction is still continuing on the **C-Town** market with an expected opening – maybe? possibly? Could it be by Christmas ??? ...

There were two **bank robberies** within Woodlawn in the last two weeks – **Bank of America** on Katonah Ave and **Chase Manhattan** on McLean Avenue. No one was injured and the NYPD, Yonkers PD and the FBI are investigating

At the recent **47th Precinct Council** meeting on Nov 13th held in the St Barnabas elementary school, we learned more about the 911 and 311

systems. **Deputy Inspector Brian Mullen** listened to our concerns for a more visible police presence along Katonah Avenue. The 47th Precinct received 17 new officers and we hope to see some around Woodlawn.

The Deputy Inspector mentioned that there is a new rash of thefts occurring in the city where thieves are stealing the catalytic converter from underneath cars - late model Toyotas are popular targets.



The **Woodlawn Merchants Association** will be putting **holiday lights along Katonah Avenue** this Christmas season. This effort is being led by **Sean Nealis from Emerald Pharmacy, Tara Carty from Rambling House Restaurant and Peter Corcoran from Gavin's Barber Shop.** Your Association will also contribute for a string of lights across Katonah Avenue. We hope that the lights will add to the spirit of the holidays and bring a smile to the neighborhood.

Upcoming Events

In addition to lending books for all ages, here are some **Woodlawn Heights Library Events for December 2013**

Crochet Tues. Dec. 3rd 5pm-7pm
Computer Basic Class Wed. Dec 4th 3:30pm
Holiday Celebration Sat. Dec 7th 1pm-3pm
Book Discussion Tues. Dec. 10 6pm-7pm
Computer Class Wed. Dec. 18th 3:30pm
Children Craft Wed. Dec. 18th 4pm (ages 5-12)
Children Story Time every Thursday at 11am
Stop by and support our library.

NYC Park's Dept. will present their **Master Plan for Van Cortlandt Park** at our **February 10, 2014** meeting. If you have an interest in our park, please save the date and attend our meeting.

If you call 311 to register a quality of life complaint, please be sure to get a complaint number and then let **Carl Lanzano** know. Carl will help follow-up with you at our meetings.

Beginning in 2014, **annual dues will be \$15.00.** Dues are payable on an annual basis for the period January thru December. We would appreciate that the dues for 2014 be paid at our December 2013 meeting or by mail by year end. If you are past due on your dues, we will no longer be able to send you our monthly newsletter. We hope that you continue to think this Association is a worthwhile endeavour and we thank you for your support.



Last Chance --

All homeowners receiving a Basic STAR exemption are required to register with the New York State Tax Department **before December 31, 2013** in order **to receive STAR exemptions in 2014** and in following years. Register for the STAR exemption for 2014 online at www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star13 **OR by calling (518) 457-2036** Mon. – Fri., 8:30 am - 8:00 pm and on Saturday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Registration will continue until **Dec. 31, 2013.**

Being Helpful Neighbors

Tragedy struck a Woodlawn family this past October. A 15 year old St Barnabas High School student, Kalie Gill passed away as a result of a car accident and her 12 year old sister, Lindsey was also seriously injured in the same accident. Lindsey is recovering from extensive injuries. To express Woodlawn's support and to assist the Gill family, there will be a fund raising weekend on **Friday Dec. 13th and Sunday Dec 15th** A **Benefit Concert will be held on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13th at 7:00 pm in the St. Barnabas High School auditorium** and a **FUNDRAISER** (live entertainment, raffles and auctions) will held **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15th from 2:00 - 10:00 pm at Rory Dolan's Bar & Restaurant** located at 890 McLean Avenue, Yonkers, NY. \$20 and \$100 Raffle tickets are available. For information and raffle tickets please call: **Brendan Charles (914) 319-6028.**

Christmas is about sharing and giving.

Woodlawn's annual Christmas tree lighting event represents the true Christmas spirit within the Woodlawn community. It is brought together thru the efforts of many, many people – **Samuel Cockburn & Sons** generously donates and helps sets up the beautiful tree, **Woodlawn Cemetery** supplies gifts & platforms, **St Barnabas and St Mark's Choirs** provide song, **NYPD 47th Pct., Officer Bell, FDNY Ladder 39, USMC, Karl Stricker, Anita Ventrano Country Bank, Linda O'Brien, Rambling House, Mike and Mary Lavin, Jimmy Neilis, Christine Sheridan, St Barnabas Girl Scouts, Monsignor Barry, Pastor Boehler, Barbara Selesky, Pat Mahoney**, your Association's officers and directors and all the volunteers help make it possible – most especially **Pat Reilly** who chaired this year's event and helped cheerfully coordinate everyone's involvement. **THANK YOU ALL!** At our Monday, **Dec. 9th** meeting, meet your neighbors and make some new friends.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year!

Sincerely,

Jim Reilly