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# HOME OWNERS/TENANTS NEWSLETTER

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January, 2014

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**We wish you a Happy and a Healthy 2014!**

As we look back on 2013, we experienced a number of interesting events including a government shutdown, election of a new Mayor and a new Pope. We also want to say thank you and farewell to **Mayor Michael Bloomberg** who served our city so well for 12 years and to New York Yankee **Mariano Rivera** for his great pitching talent and his outstanding character. We had a number of interesting Association meetings featuring but not limited to the following speakers – **Joseph Sanchez** from The Bronx River Alliance, **Christina Taylor** from the Friends of Van Cortlandt Park, **Richard Celiberti** from Montefiore Medical Center Wakefield Campus, **Linda Black** from NYC Department of Homeless Services, **John McDonald** from The DOE Fund, NYPD 47<sup>th</sup> Precinct Deputy Inspector **Brian Mullen**, then Candidate and now our NYC Councilman **Andy Cohen**, NYS Assemblyman **Jeff Dinowitz**, educators from our local schools: St Barnabas High School – **Sister Joan Faraone**; St Barnabas Elementary School – **Greg Viceroy**; St Mark's Elementary School – **Debra Masiello** and PS 19 Elementary School – **Tim Sullivan** and retiring NYC Councilman **G. Oliver Koppell**. We held our well attended **Annual Memorial Day Ceremony**, sparsely attended **June Walk/Fun Fair** and very well attended Woodlawn **Christmas Tree Lighting** and hosted the **47<sup>th</sup> Precinct Council**. We also enjoyed the talented singing of the **St Barnabas Adult and Children's Choirs** and **St Mark's Children's Choir**.

**Our next Association meeting will be held on Monday, January 13, 2014 at 7:30 PM** in the St. Barnabas High School Cafeteria. Our featured speaker has not yet confirmed but we will meet and bring you up to date on neighborhood events and discuss your concerns.

At our **December meeting and holiday gathering**, we enjoyed some light refreshments and we thank **Joe Carty from the Rambling**

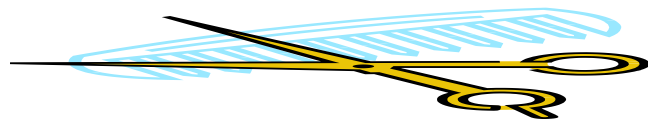
**House** for generously providing the wine we enjoyed and **Kathleen Corrigan** for the wonderful Christmas tree decorations she provided to all. We presented **Councilman G. Oliver Koppell** and his **Woodlawn Community Liaison Annie O'Connor** with commemorative plaques to thank them for their years of service to **Woodlawn**. **Oliver Koppell** had served as our City Councilman for 12 years and prior to that had been our NYS Assemblyman and had served as NYS Attorney General. **United States Marine Staff Sergeant Fajada** was on hand to collect the toys generously donated to "Toys for Tots" from our Association members and from the **Woodlawn Chapter of AARP**.

**Thanks to Shawn Nealis from the Emerald Pharmacy and Tara Carty Panzarino from the Rambling House Restaurant** for a great job organizing the holiday lights along on Katonah Avenue with the **Katonah Avenue Merchants**. Your Association also contributed a string of lights across Katonah Avenue.

### Updates

Construction is still continuing on the **C-Town** market and we're now wondering perhaps an opening by the Super Bowl???

Best Wishes for success to **Peter Corcoran** who has opened **Pete's Irish Barber Shop** at 4300 Katonah



Avenue next to the Rambling House.

### News to Know

#### **Kindergarten for school year 2014-2105**

Kindergarten registration for our local public school PS 19 is earlier than usual this year. **If your child was born in 2009**, you can apply to kindergarten from **January 13 to February 14, 2014**. Call **Kindergarten Connect** at (718) 935-2400 or (718) 935-2009 for more information.

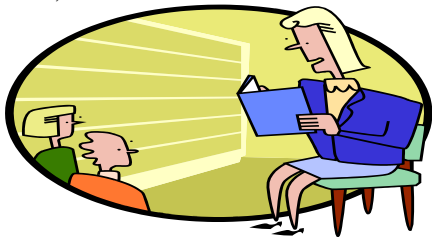
You can also apply Online at <http://www.nyc.gov/schools/kindergarten>

You can also register in-person at the enrolment office located at **1230 Zerega Ave. Bronx, NY 10462**. Their hours are 8:00AM to 3:00PM. Their number is **(718) 935-2278**.

All families, including those of students with disabilities, should submit an application in order to receive a kindergarten placement. *Admission is not 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> serve*, All applications received by the deadline are treated the same, according to the schools admission priorities. For more information re: PS 19, please go to their web site: <http://www.ps19.us/>



**Woodlawn Heights Library Events for January For Adults:**  
Crochet Tues, Jan. 7 @ 5PM  
Book Discussion Tues. Jan. 14 @ 6PM  
- (*Have a little faith* by Mitch Albom)  
Scrapbooking Tues, Jan. 28 @ 5PM



**For Children:**  
Get Crafty Wed, Jan 22 @ 4PM (Ages 5-12)  
Baby/Toddler Story Time Thurs, Jan 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 @ 11AM (Ages Birth - 3). **Stop by and support our library.**

At our **February 10, 2014** meeting, NYC Park’s Department will present their **Master Plan for Van Cortlandt Park**. **Margot Perron, Van Cortlandt Park Administrator** will be on hand to answer questions and concerns you may have for Indian and Healy Fields and the playground. If you have an interest in our park, please save the date and attend our meeting.

If you notice dirt bikes or small motorcycles in Van Cortlandt Park or on the ball fields, please alert the police. The bikes do damage to the park and the fields.

Remember that you can **call 311** for information on city services or to raise a complaint or go online at: <http://www1.nyc.gov/311/index.page>  
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 are \$15.00**. Dues are payable on an annual basis for the period January thru December. 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.

**Recycling your Christmas Tree:** NYC Parks Dept. has a program where you can bring your tree to a **drop-off site** from **Saturday, January 4 through Sunday, January 12**. Leave your tree with Parks Dept. and they will recycle it for you. There is a drop-off site at Indian Field and 233<sup>rd</sup> Street and VCPE.

The NYC Department of Sanitation will also be conducting **special curb side collections** for mulching and recycling of Christmas trees from **Monday, December 30, 2013 through Wednesday, January 15, 2014**.

NYC Department of Sanitation provides regularly scheduled curbside **refuse collection** services for Woodlawn **on Monday and Thursday** and **recycling collection on Thursday**.

There are **NO** garbage or recycling collections on the following Department holidays:

Wednesday	Jan. 1, 2014	New Year's Day
Monday	Jan. 20, 2014	Martin L. King Day
Wednesday	Feb. 12, 2014	Lincoln's Birthday
Monday	Feb. 17, 2014	President's Day
Monday	May 26, 2014	Memorial Day
Friday	July 4, 2014	Independence Day
Monday	Sept. 1, 2014	Labor Day
Monday	Oct. 13, 2014	Columbus Day
Tuesday	Nov. 4, 2014	Election Day
Tuesday	Nov. 11, 2014	Veteran's Day
Thursday	Nov. 27, 2014	Thanksgiving Day
Thursday	Dec. 25, 2014	Christmas Day

Please remember to set out garbage after 5pm (4pm from October 1 to March 31) on the holiday for collection beginning the next day, which may occur earlier or later than normal. Recyclables should not be put out until the next week, when there are back to back holidays (e.g. two Monday holidays in a row). Recyclables will typically be collected the day after the 2<sup>nd</sup> holiday.

*Snow removal will sometimes change these schedules.*  
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As we enter our 119<sup>th</sup> year as a civic association and a neighborhood institution, we continue to welcome and encourage home owners, renters, merchants, co-op and condo owners to become members. **Together**, we can continue to keep our community a viable and vibrant place to live, to raise a family and to retire.  
Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join, meet more of your neighbors, get involved and make new friends. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,  
  
Jim Reilly