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Next Meetings:

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 7:00 p.m. sharp

No Guest Speaker this month, because:

Annual Holiday Meeting & Collation

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The NBCA meets at Irwin Altman MS172 Beacon School, 81-14 257th St.
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Notes from our First Vice President

First off, on behalf of all of our officers, we wish our members a happy holiday season and all the best for the new year. Congratulation to our first couple, Bruno and Lucy who received the Emerald Award from the Queens Coalition for Parks and Green Spaces last month. Could not think of a more deserving duo. Thank you to our November speaker Ignazio Terranova from the Sanitation Department.

Bruno wants all to know The Parks Department is planting a large number of trees in our area. And expect a beautiful spring flowering after NBCA members planted Daffodil Bulbs in our three Green Streets. The Department of Sanitation reminds us to set out our leaves after 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 1 (Leaf pickup may take place early the next morning, or later in the week.).

As many know I took office in mid-October as President of our borough-wide coalition, the Queens Civic Congress. I hope – with everyone's help – to maintain Queens Civic (QCC)

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Meetings. The NBCA meets at 7:00 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Irwin Altman Beacon School, M.S. 172, 81-14 257th Street (except Holidays, July, August and, if determined by the members at the June meeting, January and February meetings can be deferred.). The NBCA strongly urges members and residents to attend our meetings. If you have a problem, present it in person at one of our meetings. Come down and join your neighbors for a civic and social get-together. Next meetings: 2008: Skip Jan. & Feb., Mar. 5, Apr. 2, May 7, June 5.

NBCA publishes NEWSBITS at least five times a year (every other month) generally excluding July and August. Items our members wish to include in NEWSBITS should be sent to the Editor at P.O. Box 135 Glen Oaks, NY 11004. Email: Bearak@aol.com.

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**A message from CAGE (Citizens against Graffiti everywhere):
Graffiti is a sign of lawlessness. If you observe this Crime in progress, call 911. To provide information call 311.**



Marc Haken (Friends of Cunningham Park), Senator Queens District Attorney Judge Richard Brown, Frank Padavan, and Lucy DiFranceschi at the Northeast Queens Jewish Community Council reception. Photo by Bruno DeFranceschi.



Corey Bearak, honoree Susan Friedman from UJA-Federation, Steve Goodman from the Samuel Field Y, Councilman David Weprin, NEQJCC Executive Director Gail Eisenberg and President Jeff Gurdus at the Northeast Queens Jewish Community Council reception. Photo by Bruno DeFranceschi.

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First Vice President's Message (continued from Page 1)

Congress' reputation as a dynamic and pro-active voice and influence in the life of our borough, its neighborhoods and our city. Our communities face many challenges; through our coalition, partnerships and advocacy efforts, Queens Civic Congress stands to make a difference. I testified against City Hall's plans to hike our water tax bill 18.5% mid-year before the Council's Finance and Environmental Protection Committees. The Water Board now proposes 11% hikes and reading between the lines, an effort to squash that enormous tax raise seems possible. We also testified against the MTA's proposed fare hike. Current efforts focus on the new Yards Text Zoning which should address residential development that paves over lawns and threatens trees. It merits everyone's support. I certainly appreciate the support of NBCA's officers and members, especially Bruno and Lucy as I serve in my QCC role.

See you all at the NBCA December 5 holiday collation.

- Corey



DOS-guest speaker Ignazio Terranova
Photo by Bruno DeFranceschi

*Season's Greetings
and
Happy New Year*

Dates to Remember

*Sun., Dec. 2, 11:30 a.m. NEQJCC Harmony initiative Coat Drive Kickoff followed by 1:00 p.m. Chanukah Party @ The Samuel Field Y, 58-20 Little Neck Parkway, Little Neck, NY 11362

*Sun., Dec. 9, 2:30 p.m. NEQJCC Chabad of Little Neck Chanukah event @ the Y and 5:00 p.m. NEQJCC Chabad of Eastern Queens Chanukah Lighting, 211-05 Union Tpke.

*Mon, Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m.: Community Board 13, Bellerose Assembly of God

*Thurs, Dec. 20, 8:00 p.m.: Queens County-Line Democratic Assoc., Temple Sholom, 263-10 Union Turnpike. Holiday Party.

*Tues., Feb. 26, 2008, 7:00 p.m. Queens Civic Congress Historic Preservation and Landmarks Workshop at Atlas Park Community Room, 71-19 80th Street, Suite 8-312, Glendale

The Member's Corner

This is from the Sanitation Dept. for keeping our neighborhood clean. (1-5)

- 1- Don't be a "Pooper-trator" Pick up after your dog (IT'S THE LAW)
- 2- Remove illegally posted fliers, handbills, etc. They create an unsightly mess.
- 3- Don't toss cigarette butts on sidewalks or streets.
- 4- Remove graffiti-It's an eyesore that ruins the look of any community.
- 5- Keep tree pits free from trash.. (Better yet plant flowers in them)
- 6- NBCA would like to thank National Hardware store or donating some small gifts for door-prizes. - L.D.

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