

Bayside Biz is A buzz

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5th Annual Golf Classic

The Bayside Business Association held its 5th annual golf classic on October 7th 2002. Compared to years prior, this classic was the most successful. The event was held at The Glen Head Country Club in Glen Head, Long Island. A great time was had by all who attended. There were raffle prizes valued at over \$5000. Every year the BBA works hard at getting businesses from the neighborhood to participate in this event. Thanks to generous donations made by local merchants the expenses to organize the fundraiser were kept at a minimum. The money raised from this endeavor is used for the beautification project that the association has been involved in for the past five years. More and more the organization is finding ways to help the community and keep it beautiful. Look for our next golf classic in the fall of 2003.

The B.I.D. Formation

The Bayside Business Association is hard at work forming the Business Improvement District for the Bayside Commercial strip. There are many ideas on the table. Once the BID is formed, that unified body will be able to take on some of the projects the BBA is now responsible for, such as holiday

lights, street cleaning, marketing, security, and any other amenities they may budget for.

Taste of Bayside an even BIGGER success

Local restaurants participated in the 3rd annual Taste of Bayside held at Sacred Heart Church. This year's event raised money for the ongoing project of the beautification of Bayside. Over the past three years, the Bayside Business Association has provided the community with the opportunity to sample some of the foods from various restaurants in Bayside. If you ever had doubts about whether a restaurant was what you might like, the Taste of Bayside would put all those worries to rest. Everyone walked away with full stomachs and a better idea of what wonderful, fine cuisine we have at the tip of our fingers. Keep an eye and ear open to find out about our 4th annual Taste of Bayside in November 2003.

Street Cleaning Project is Well Under Way

The Bell Blvd cleanup efforts are well under way. Everyone can't help but notice how much cleaner our streets are. Elijah Fall, the gentleman hired to keep Bell Blvd beautiful, is doing an absolutely wonderful job. Elijah went above and beyond his job to help some merchants shovel snow during the recent storms. This project has prevented area merchants from receiving fines for littered store fronts. Thanks in part to fundraisers and local donations, we are able to keep this project going. It is with the support of our community and local merchants that we are able to keep our dreams of a better, more beautiful Bayside within our grasp.

Holiday Festivities

The holiday lights were displayed again this year on Bell Blvd between Northern Blvd and 35th Ave. We even had a visitor from the North Pole to entertain the children. Thanks to the help of association members and local merchants we were able to make this holiday a special one. With everyone's help, we can make this tradition more enjoyable every year. Next year look for us to display a menorah and Christmas tree at the LIRR freight building located at Bayside Station.

32nd Avenue Graffiti Removal

The Business Association recently took on yet another community project. Graffiti was removed on 32nd Avenue. In an effort to keep the community clean and enticing to all, the Business Association funded this project. The organization wants to show the person responsible for destroying our neighborhood that we won't sit back and let it happen. It takes a continued effort by all to keep our neighborhood in tip-top shape.

Bayside Station LIRR Freight Building New Headquarters for BBA

The Bayside Business Association has obtained a 20 year lease on the freight building at the Bayside Station of the LIRR. This building will eventually become the new "home" of the organization. Having the building will allow the association to better serve the community and businesses for which it was formed. The Bayside Business Association has many bright and innovative ideas in store for the building that will benefit everyone.

Notes of Interest:

-Congratulations to NYS Senator Frank Padavan on his appointment to vice president pro tempore of the NYS Senate.

-Our contributions to local organizations have totaled over \$54,000. An approximate breakdown

for these donations is as follows:
Alley Pond Environmental Center (\$600),
Area schools (\$4,860),
Bayside Ambulance Corp (\$100),
Bayside Historical Society (\$2,145),
Cub scouts (\$50),
FDNY (\$1,915),
Flags for Bell Blvd (\$5,600),
Graffiti removal (\$1,800),
Holiday lights (\$3,650),
Holiday festivities (\$1,535),
NYPD (\$2,125),
9/11 funds (\$200),
Memorial sign (\$100),
Queens Farm Museum (\$500),
QCC (\$2,000),
Sacred Heart Church (\$1,500),
St. Mary's Hosp. (\$200),
Street maintenance (\$25,000),
Toys for Tots (\$100).

-Meetings for the BBA are held the third Thursday of every month at 9AM at North Fork Bank located at 214-01 Northern Blvd. Meetings will have a "Featured Business of the Month". This will allow current members the opportunity to describe their business to other members of the organization. Please come and join us. We look forward to seeing you.

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