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Thursday, May 3, 2012, 8:00 pm

Lori Somekh

The Law Offices of Somekh & Associates

Elder Law, Medicaid Planning, Asset Protection, Estate Planning, Etc.

Refreshments will be served

Holy Trinity Church Basement, Corner 87th Avenue and Commonwealth Blvd.

Next Meeting June 7, 2012 at 8:00pm

The Gavel

Dear Members

I hope you are all enjoying this wonderful spring weather. We will have our meeting this month at our regular day and time, May 3rd at 8 p.m.. This month in the newsletter I have included several school notices I have received because I found them interesting or useful. I hope you will too.

This month's meeting will feature a local attorney specializing in elder law, Medicare planning, estate planning, probate, real estate law, litigation, trusts and estates. This is very important information for you to have and you are strongly encouraged to come down and make sure you understand how these important issues may affect you, your family or your assets. We deeply appreciate Lori Somekh taking time to come and share her knowledge on these subjects. Lori has an office at 240-19 Jamaica Avenue, the Law Offices of Somekh & Associates.

Last month's meeting was held jointly with Queens Colony Civic Association and was a packed house. Our presenter was from the New York City Fire De-

partment about fire safety. A new ten-year smoke detector was give to everyone in attendance. With this device you will no longer need to change batteries twice a year. The firefighter had great advice on fire extinguishers, how to douse grease fires in the kitchen, making plans to meet family members if evacuation is necessary, proper use of extension cords, and much more. He emphasized t that we must look for the Underwriter's Laboratories (UL) tag on any electrical devices and also not to buy cheap extension cords.

Lourdes Villanueva Hartrick, President

COMMUNITY DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL

26 Meeting

DATE: May 2, 2012

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Nathaniel Hawthorne Middle School (MS 74)

61-15 Oceania Street – Auditorium

Bayside, NY 11364

Please join us in honoring our District's newly Appointed Principals, Assistant Principals,

Interim Acting Assistant Principals and bidding farewell/good luck to our Retirees.

**Plus a special performance by the Ballroom Dancers from:
PS 41 – PS 162 & PS 178**

See additional info on page 3 regarding Summer Youth Employment opportunities and Adolescent Education Program.

Holy Trinity News

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

Regular Sunday services at 9:00 and 10:30 am

Children are dismissed from the early service for Sunday School classes. Join us!

Pastor Schulz is back and again leading worship services - come on by.

Confirmation Sunday is May 20 at 10:30 service

Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, April 25 at 10 am and 7:30 - Join us!

Young at Heart continues to meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 12:30 pm. Enjoy lunch and some social time.

Youth Club for Middle and High Schoolers meet the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 7-9:30pm No charge - attendees decide on activities which include games, movies, talent events - chaperoned by Diane Gilroy. Questions? call the church or send an e-mail holytrinitybellerose@yahoo.com

Events:

Mark your calendars:

Maifest - Saturday, May 5th at 6:30pm. \$15 per person (\$37 per family) - enjoy a traditional German meal. German Beer, Wine and soda for purchase.

For any questions about anything contact Carol Robinson at holytrinitybellerose@yahoo.com or at 718-470-1756

An Important Message from Comptroller Liu—Tax Liens

New York City Comptroller John Liu addressed Community Board 13Q at its meeting of April 23, 2012 to discuss the critical issue of tax liens. Across the city there are 17,000 properties that will soon be published as having a public lien for delinquencies of such issues as water fees and fines, tax delinquencies and other public debts.

According to New York's Department of Finance website (http://www.nyc.gov/html/dof/html/property/property_bill_taxlien.shtml), a lien is a legal claim against real property for unpaid property taxes, water, sewer or other property charges, as well as the interest due on these taxes and charges. If you have received a lien sale notice, or if the property was on a published lien sale list, City records showed that you have this kind of debt.

It turns out that many of these debtors are not aware that they owe these taxes or fines. The lien could stem from an unpaid or partially paid water bill from years ago, or a sidewalk repair that the homeowner may have forgotten or not aware of. These liens could be sold to a third party who will have first right to that money and interest before you can sell your house. While there is a significant concentration of liens in Queens, and particularly in our community district (CB13Q), there are only a few liens in our area. Please be sure to go to www.nyc.gov/liensale and make sure your address is not listed.

The very good news is that you can be removed from the list of liens available for sale. Homeowners that are seniors (over 65), veterans, disabled, and some other qualifications may be removed from the list, but you must do this before May 17. Please see detailed information on www.nyc.gov/liensale for additional information and a form to apply. Make sure you follow all directions. Of course, the better way to eliminate any problems when you go to sell your house or apply for an equity loan or remortgage—is to pay the amount owed.

If you need more information on the lien sale or on settling your debt, Comptroller Liu said that his staff is available to help. Please call April Tyler or Barbara Baruch at the Comptroller's office at 212-669-3916. You may also call 311 and ask for New York City's Department of Finance regarding liens.

Assemblyman David Weprin also came to the community board meeting to offer his greetings.

Councilman Weprin Sponsors No-Cost Digital Mammograms.

The office of Councilman Mark Weprin is sponsoring a No Cost Digital Mammograms And Clinical Breast Exam mobile van on May 25, 2012 from 10am to 4pm. The event will be coordinated by the American Italian Cancer Foundation. Appointment is necessary, so please call by May 1. Gary Yeung of the Councilman's staff can be reached at 718-468-0137 for an appointment or additional information. The van will be located at 73-03 Bell Boulevard in Oakland Gardens. Please ask Gary for a fact sheet since there are several detailed instructions for the day of your visit and for people with health insurance.

Eligibility criteria include women 40 years of age or older, with a New York City mailing address who have not had a mammogram in the past 12 months.

Opportunities

The Adolescent Education Program/Teens Helping Each Other (THEO)

in Partnership with the BATES Network Presents...

"Watch The Throne: Teens Take Their Power Back"

21st Annual Youth Conference & Theatre Festival

WHEN: Saturday, May 12th, 2012 from 11am-5pm

WHERE: SUNY Downstate Medical Center, The Health Science Education Building.

395 Lenox Road, Brooklyn, NY 11203

Between New York Avenue and E, 34th Street

HOW: Free Registration, PLEASE CALL (718) 270- 3992 or (718) 270-3898 or online at

<http://batesconference.eventbrite.com/>

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM 2012 NOW AVAILABLE

The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) offers work experience, teaches valuable employment skills, and provides you with a summer income. SYEP educational activities will enhance your summer experience, allowing you to develop career awareness, understanding of personal money management, and work-related social skills.

SYEP is open to all New York City residents between ages 14 through 24, as of July 5th, 2012.

Each applicant may submit only one application.

To apply for SYEP: Visit www.nyc.gov/dycd and complete the application online.

Bellerose Zoning Update

We are pleased to report at this time that after many years of study and delay the Bellerose rezoning plan by the City Planning Department is finally taking shape. You may recall that Bellerose has joined with all of our local civics to request a more protective zoning to preserve the style and size of our housing and businesses forever. A final steering committee meeting was held in April and required environmental data is being collected by City Planning. We now expect that the formal study will be brought to the community in the fall with passage expected early in 2013. As mentioned last month, all of BCCA will be zoned to R2A, which provides for single family detached residences as most of us currently have. There will be some new height restrictions and several loopholes will be eliminated that have allowed excessive lot coverage and oversized houses. Of course, the few legal two family houses will continue to be grandfathered. For commercial properties, the only change will be reducing the depth of commercial property from 150 feet to 100 feet, although in the BCCA area there is no current commercial use in the rear fifty feet. This change will prevent businesses from buying an adjacent home and expanding there.

Happy Mothers' Day

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