



Mission Statement: "To maintain and promote the civic and social welfare and interest of all residents and property owners of the section of Jamaica, Queens, New York known as Jamaica Estates."

MONTHLY BULLETIN

The Jamaica Estates Association

QUEENS LIBRARY'S MAIL-A-BOOK SERVICE

The Queens Library offers a free program to bring reading and other materials to those who might not otherwise be able to access them. The Mail-a-Book service offers homebound individuals of all ages free delivery of library materials right to their door. Materials include books in large and regular print, audiobooks, e-books, e-readers, movies on DVDs, music on CDs, and games. Mail-a-Book also has many books available for children and young adults. Last year over 50,000 items were circulated this way. Though Mail-a-Book serves all ages, its primary customer base consists of older adults. For customers in nursing homes, the library loans rotating collections to local facilities.

The program is simple. You can request specific titles or authors, a certain genre (biography or mystery, for example), or just let the library surprise you. Materials are then sent to you through the U.S. Postal Service in zippered canvas bags. Return postage is included. Books circulate for 45 days. After you return your materials to the library, new materials will be sent out in just a few days. If the library chooses the materials, a librarian will pick a mix of titles and send them out to you. Mail-a-Book is available in languages other than English.

The Queens Library is also offering innovative interactive programs such as lectures, classes, book discussions, music and theater, debates, and chats by teleconference, video, and live stream. These programs allow people to socialize with each other as well as remotely participate in discussions led by professionals in various fields. Educational and cultural webcasts are now accessible on a PC or smartphone through video stream. Teleconferences or Skype video programs are available to all older adults by calling a toll-free number, by connecting with Skype, or by clicking on a link provided by the library at registration. Programs offered include book discussions and general chats, as well as lectures and discussions about health, history, music, art, and literature. You can even play bingo over the phone!

The Older Adult Services and Mail-a-Book Coordinator is Madlyn Schneider. For more information, call 718-464-0084, email mailabook@queenslibrary.org, or visit their website at queenslibrary.org/books/mail-a-book.

SENATOR LEROY COMRIE ADDRESSES JEA



JEA President Martha Taylor with State Senator Leroy Comrie, State Senate District 14, which includes approximately half of Jamaica Estates south of the Grand Central Parkway. Check to see if you reside in Senator Comrie's district: <http://www.nysenate.gov/district/14>.

REDUCE UNWANTED MAIL

The Department of Sanitation and GreeNYC have partnered to bring you a free and easy way to opt out of unwanted catalogs, coupons, and other mail. Stop Junk Mail is a free service offered by the NYC Department of Sanitation and the Mayor's Office of Sustainability.

To learn more, visit nyc.gov/greenyc or follow GreeNYC's mascot, Birdie, on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

Monday, February 16, 7:00 PM

Albanian Orthodox Church-Midland Pkwy. & GCP Service Rd.

Please join us for an evening of entertainment and food (Glatt Kosher included) provided by our local merchants and friends from our international community. Our committee is always looking for additional entertainers.

If you have any suggestions, please contact Ed Chung at 718-658-6009.

E-ZPASS PHISHING SCAM

FROM THE NYPD COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BUREAU

The New York State Thruway Authority is warning E-ZPass customers about a phishing scam. People have received bogus emails made to appear official stating that they have unpaid tolls. "Please be advised this is not an authorized communication from E-ZPass, the New York State Thruway Authority, or any other toll agency associated with E-ZPass," the Thruway Authority said in a statement. "We advise you not to open or respond to such a message should you receive one." The bogus email includes a clickable link to download a supposed invoice. DO NOT click the link or respond to the email.

Anyone having questions about any correspondence can call the E-ZPass customer service center at 800-333-8655

ONE-RING PHONE SCAM

FROM THE NYPD COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BUREAU

Police are warning residents about the "one-ring phone scam," which uses auto-dialers to target cell phone numbers across the country.

Scammers let the phone ring once and then hang up, prompting a missed call notification on phones. When an intended victim returns the call, police say they hear a message like, "You've reached the operator, please hold," while being slammed by a hefty per-minute charge on top of an international rate. Police say the calls come from phone numbers with three-digit area codes that look like they are from within the U.S. but are actually associated with international phone numbers.

The area codes used by scammers include 268, 284, 473, 664, 649, 767, 809, 829, 849, and 876.

To protect themselves, police advise cell phone owners to ignore a call like this should they receive one. If you're tempted to call back for whatever reason, check the number on online directories or search engines first so you can confirm where the phone is registered or see if it's listed as a scam phone number.

If you have been the victim of the scam, police say to try to resolve the charges with your cell phone carrier. If that doesn't work, file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission and the Federal Communications Commission.

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JEA SECURITY PATROL SERVICE – NOT JUST A SENSE OF SECURITY

Since the selection of Bay Ridge Security (BRS), there have been positive changes in the security of our neighborhood. Members have spoken of Security Patrol drivers assisting them with a crisis, waiting for the NYPD to arrive, or the comfort of seeing the bright revolving amber lights winding down their streets in the daytime and evenings. Overall, the Patrol service goes beyond providing a sense of security, but a commitment through action to ensure the quality of life for our community. With your support, in 2015 we can add more hours of patrol and strengthen these core services we demand from our community-centric patrol service:

- Respond to calls from homes and central alarm companies of patrol members seeking assistance.
- Monitor suspicious individuals and vehicles.
- Conduct daily inspections of homes of members reporting they are on vacation, removing newspapers and flyers.
- Report suspicious activity to the NYPD.
- Patrol the homes of members during each tour of duty to identify suspicious conditions.
- Conduct perimeter inspections of homes of patrol members and provide an inspection report.
- Provide video capture enabling us to look back at images the Patrol records.
- State-of-the-art on-vehicle cameras allowing real-time capture of community activity.
- Escort members from the subway or darkened areas.

We provide our community with a patrol at less than 55 cents a day. We let potential intruders know that our houses are protected and the patrol cars with the revolving light boldly announce to potential criminals that we are here protecting our neighborhood. Look at the homes in our neighborhood displaying the reflective Security Patrol shield. These are your neighbors who have joined and are helping to protect Jamaica Estates.

Fill out the application below and mail it with your Patrol membership check. Be responsible. Don't wait for the other members of our community to undertake the responsibility of ensuring our safety.

CLIP & MAIL

JAMAICA ESTATES ASSOCIATION

2015 Security Patrol Dues\$200.00

Make Your Check Out to : The Jamaica Estates Association
Mail to : P.O. Box 660086, Flushing, NY 11366-0086

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____
(If different than home address)

PHONE 1 _____ PHONE 2 _____
(Home) (Alternate)

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Please PRINT all information Please Disregard if You Have Already Paid Your 2015 Patrol Dues

E-WASTE DISPOSAL BAN

Starting in January 2015, per NY State law, it will be illegal for New Yorkers to discard electronics in the trash. The Bureau of Recycling and Sustainability has updated the nyc.gov/electronics page to include additional recommendations and recycling options for working and non-working electronics.

- **DSNY's e-cycleNYC program.** Apartment buildings with more than 10 units can enroll for this free and convenient pickup service. For more information about this program, visit nyc.gov and search for "e-cycleNYC."
- **Retail drop-off programs.** For example, drop off electronics (no purchase required) at any Goodwill, Salvation Army, Best Buy, Staples (no TVs), or the Gowanus E-Waste Warehouse (which is located at the Lower East Side Ecology Center's permanent e-waste collection center).
- **Mail-back and pickup options.** For residents who live in smaller buildings and are not able to bring their electronics to a drop-off location or event, the following options are available:
 - Best Buy will remove an appliance or TV free of charge from a customer's home when a new product is purchased and delivered by Best Buy.
 - Staples offers free shipping through their technology trade-in program.
 - Dell will pick up any Dell product for free through their FedEx Package Return Program.
 - If none of these options work for you, please contact the manufacturer of your item. The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation maintains a list of electronic equipment manufacturers registered in NYS. You can find this list at www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/82084.html.
- **Electronics recycling events.** Bring to events run by organizations such as Lower East Side Ecology Center or DSNY's SAFE Disposal Events.
- **Donate or sell working electronics.** Visit the NYC Stuff Exchange to find a place to buy, sell, or donate electronics. For more information, visit nyc.gov and search for "NYC Stuff Exchange."