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2024 MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all residents, property owners and business owners in Whitestone.

Join the Whitestone Civic Association and help us make our community stronger and better. We can't wait to welcome you as a member!

<https://www.welovewhitestone.com/2024-membership.html>



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Social media has taken over our world and has to some extent dominated socialization. We rely on Facebook and other websites for immediate gratification of information. Listening and reading soundbites, we make determinations of what is or is not true, leaving little room for proper research and discussion. We've become a society that has stripped the meaning of truth and substituted it with different versions of reality rather than seeking the objective truth.

Despite our reliance on social media, we are fortunate to reside in the Whitestone Queens' community, which maintains a strong sense of connection by reaching out to our neighbors, acknowledging one another for good, bad, or indifferent.

We are a dynamic community of proud and passionate individuals who connect through various means despite relying on social media for updates and information.

Our community is not flawless, but we work efficiently to tackle our issues. As a small town community, we belong to the largest borough in NYC. We experience the noise onslaught of helicopters and small crafts, but our civic has fought hard and achieved substantial curtailments. Similarly, our civic has fought for anti-overdevelopment at several locations and has had its fair share of successes. We've also actively opposed the loud bass that assaults many residents overnight, causing health issues and affecting our overall quality of life. Although we're still working on the latter, we can guarantee that with the NYPD, together with elected representatives is working on it.

Finally, we're lucky to have amazing events throughout the year in our community that bring us together, ranging from toy drives, coat drives, food drives, park clean-ups, graffiti cleanups, concerts in the park, family fun day, self-defense, first aid, CPR training, block watch, and more. Most of our business members are residents who generously give back and sponsor our events. The success of these events and projects is due to the involvement of our residents and volunteers who tirelessly give their time, energy, and dedication to the community. In conclusion, though we are not perfect, we are fortunate to have a dynamic community, and everyone is welcome to **GET UP, GET OUT, AND GET INVOLVED.**

Remember, every little bit of participation counts.

REGARDING DEAD MAN'S CURVE

Regarding Dead Man's curve,

WHILE WE KNOW SPEEDING WAS A FACTOR AND USUALLY IS A FACTOR. IF CHANGES CAN SAVE JUST ONE LIFE. ITS A GOOD THING.

Following Email was sent out today to DOT, NYPD, Councilwoman Paladino's office as well as several others.

Attaching a video leading up to and on Dead Man's curve.

If you notice on the video, it is not well lit. At night the approach and curve are extremely dark under ideal weather conditions let alone inclement weather.

The extremely poor, actually non existent signage before the curve other than a height limitation sign. The first "arrow" sign is at the very beginning (already too late point) of the turn.

Also note on the right lane, right before exit 36 N, there is water and ice that builds up and creates a dangerous ice condition (this is a seriously dangerous condition at several spots on the CIP)

Dorian Colucci Mecir made a suggestion of adding spaced out rumble strips before the curve along with actual signage. I think this is an excellent start. She also suggested an on site meeting (in a safe location of course) to get a better understanding and work on making this location as safe as possible.

VETERAN OF THE MONTH



David Bayer's Vietnam Service:

A native of Whitestone, David Bayer enlisted into the United States Air Force in 1966 at the young age of eighteen. He served his country with honor during the Vietnam War as a Crew Chief on a KC-135 Stratotanker, in which he engaged in dangerous, and selfless in-flight refueling missions over the Mekong Delta and the Gulf of Tonkin, risking his life to ensure that other Americans were able to return to their bases safely. David served overseas in Vietnam during the peak of the war (1968-69), wherein he earned numerous medals including the Vietnam Service Medal, the National Defense Medal, and more. David was honorably discharged from the United States Air Force in 1970. He is now a proud member of Whitestone's Edward McKee American Legion Post 131; Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 32.



DAVID BAYER

When approached and thanked for his service, David often times humbly responds, "Don't thank me, I made it home." Although he is proud of his service, what he is most proud of is knowing his friends who served beside him. Some he is still blessed with, and some he feels honored to have known.

Whitestone thanks you, Sgt. David Bayer.
Zacary Bayer

COMMUNITY SUBMISSIONS

We asked you to contribute a poem, photo, recipe, etc. to be featured in our 1st Quarter issue. Thank you to all who submitted!

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Photos submitted by Donna Caruso

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The Value of a Smile...

It costs nothing, but creates much.
It enriches those who receive, without
impoverishing those who give.
It happens in a flash and the memory
of it some times last forever.
None are so rich they can get along
without it, and none so poor but are
richer for its benefits.
It creates happiness in the home,
fosters good will in a business, and is
the countersign of friends.
It is rest to the weary, daylight to the
discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and
Nature's best antidote for trouble.
Yet it cannot be bought, begged,
borrowed or stolen, for it is something
that is no earthly good to anybody till
it is given away!

Poem Written by Bill Johnson
Submitted by Regina Broad

UPCOMING EVENTS

**SAVE THE DATE (TENTATIVE DATES): UPCOMING EVENTS:
FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION**

- JAN: WLW Town Hall Meeting - January 17 2024
- FEB: Block Watcher Training Class - February 3 2024
- FEB: WLW Town Hall Meeting - February 21 2024
- MAR: WLW Town Hall Meeting - March 20 2024
- MAR: WLW Membership Social Event (invitation only)
- MAR: Easter Egg Hunt



UPCOMING EVENTS



Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

7:30pm

Grace Church

14-15 Clintonville Street, Whitestone

Entrance is left of the main entrance on Clintonville Street. Not the main church entrance.

Guest Speakers:

**Assemblyman Sam Berger &
109th Precinct Update**

Meet the Candidates

for Special Election Congress 3rd District

All Candidates were invited ~ Thomas Suozzi confirmed as of this date



Also... at this Meeting...

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UPCOMING EVENTS



NYPD



Things get solved if you get involved.

NYPD BLOCK WATCHER TRAINING CLASS

Date: Saturday, February 3rd 2024

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Whitestone Library

151-10 14th Rd, Whitestone NY 11357

Register: <http://welovewhitestone/upcoming-events>

The **Block Watcher Program** enlists individuals who watch their blocks for unlawful activities and other incidents that erode quality of life, and then notify the NYPD. The program formally organizes civic-minded volunteers by providing specialized training that equips them with the skills to provide police with complete and useful information. Each block watcher is issued a unique identification number to reference when calling 911 or 311, alerting operators that the callers have a training in recognizing criminal activity and quality of life issues. Participants in this program remain anonymous.

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MARCH 23RD. 7:30 PM



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2024 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR & CLOSURES

Date	Holiday
Monday, January 15	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, January 29	Professional Development Day for high schools and 6 -12 schools; students in these schools do not attend. All other public schools are open.
Monday, February 19 through Friday, February 23	Midwinter Recess
Friday, March 29 through Monday, April 1	Easter Weekend
Wednesday, April 10	Eid al-Fitr
Monday, April 22 through Tuesday, April 30	Spring Recess



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NYC DATES & INFORMATION

SANITATION TRASH, RECYCLING, AND COMPOST COLLECTION SCHEDULE

2024 Sanitation Holidays

Date	Holiday
January 1 (Monday)	New Year's Day
January 15 (Monday)	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 12 (Monday)	Lincoln's Birthday
February 19 (Monday)	Washington's Birthday (Presidents' Day)



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