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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.



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2024 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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TO OUR COMMUNITY

Join us and be part of a strong and vibrant community. Your membership helps to fund essential community programs, beautification, public safety, and the advocacy for quality of life issues.

Starting in November 2023, We Love Whitestone Civic Association will be launching its Annual Membership Drive for 2024. By becoming a member, you will receive timely notifications of Town Hall Meetings, special community announcements, notices and receive a copy of our quarterly Newsletter. You will also have the opportunity to participate in community events and projects, and make a positive impact on our neighborhood.

Membership is open to all residents, property owners and business owners in Whitestone. To become a member, address and full contact information is required. Membership is renewable on an annual basis beginning on January 1st.

As a member, you can choose between different membership options:

- Household membership (2 adults and any children in the household) is \$20
- Senior membership (65 years old or older) is \$10
- Business membership is \$30

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

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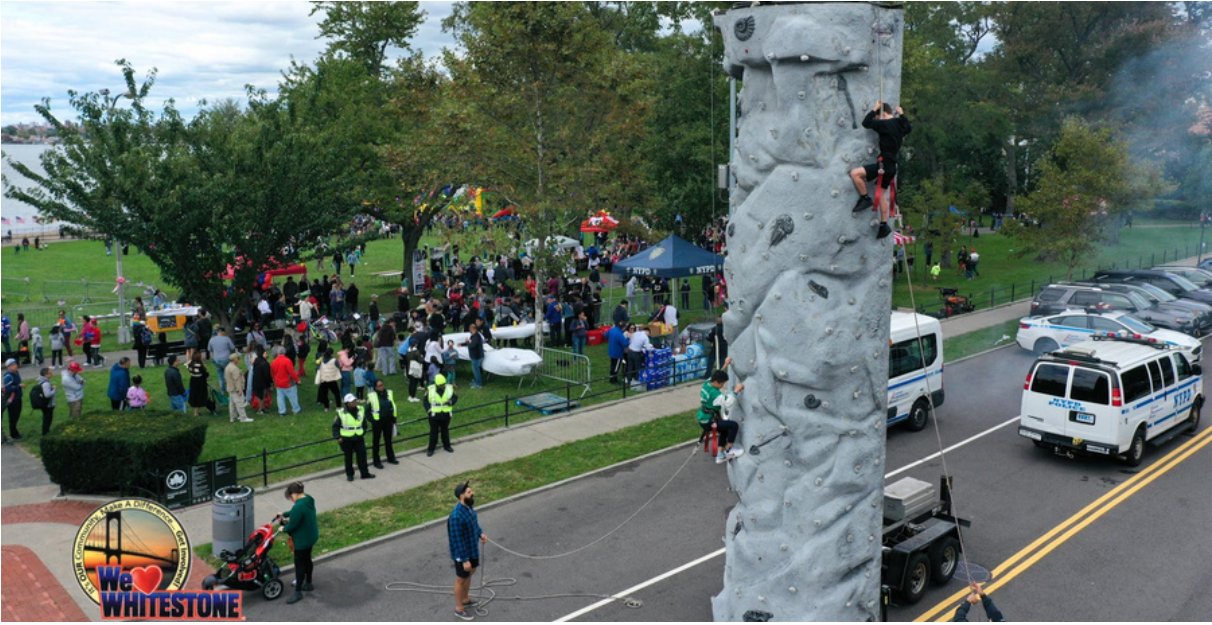
Family
Fun Day

Oct 8th 2023



Family Fun Day

Oct 8th 2023



9/11
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Another Year Passes by Marilena Korahais

Another year passes
White sand hourglasses
The memories it catches
Are all shades of gray

A tower collapses
A snow globe of ashes
The cries of the masses
Are felt here today

Eight thousand thirty five days
Our skyline forever has changed
Destroyed by the blasts and the blaze
And the loss that will stay and remain

Yes, the lives of the brave will remain
In the city, their breath leaves a stain
Our tears flood the streets with our pain
Our pain pounds the soil like the rain

Another year passes, together
The sand flows through chambers of ember
America- let's stand and defend her
And vow to forever remember

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

JOE MARRACCINO



Here is a link to the book, available in paperback and Kindle on Amazon

[Brownsville to Beechhurst: An Italian American Adventure: Marraccino, Joseph Carl: 9798691829093: Amazon.com: Books](#)

Joe was born in Brownsville, Brooklyn to Italian immigrants in March 1941. He migrated to East New York, Canarsie and finally, in 1973, to Beechhurst. Married to Nicoletta since January 1965, they have four boys, born between December 1965 and February 1971, and nine grandchildren from toddlers to young adults.

Joe has always been an entrepreneur, owning various small businesses in New York since the early 1970s, including hair salons, supermarkets and Italian restaurants. His Manhattan hair salon was well known among celebrities and Joe was the personal stylist for Elizabeth Taylor in the mid-1970s. In the early 1990s Joe wanted to stay closer to home and opened Marraccino Hair Salon in the North Shore Farms (formerly Waldbaum's) shopping center.

Joe and his wife, Nickie, have been residents of Beechhurst for over 50 years. His memoirs include lively stories of family time at Beechhurst Beach and his years as a hair salon owner in the North Shore Farms (formerly Waldbaum's) shopping center.

Joe did his basic army training in Knoxville, Tennessee in 1963 and completed his service Colorado Springs, Colorado through to 1965.

Joe's family is so proud that he put pen to paper so others can read these surprising anecdotes. Written during the 2020 lockdown, Joe describes how always putting family first helped shape his journey from a Brooklyn trouble-maker to personal hairdresser for a classic cinema star (Elizabeth Taylor), from running a supermarket in Flushing, learning to make pizza in Rego Park and owning Marraccino Hair Salon in Whitestone.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- OCT 18: Meet the Candidates Night and Good Neighbor Award Presentation at We Love Whitestone Town Hall Meeting
- OCT 22: Trunk-or-Treat - FREE
- OCT 29: Trunk-or-Treat (Rain Date) - FREE
- DEC 1: Tree Lighting - FREE
- MAR: WLW Membership Social Event (invitation only)



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TRUNK-OR-TREAT

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(Rain Date October 29, 2023)

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www.WeLoveWhitestone.com/trunk-or-treat
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**RAIN DATE
SUNDAY OCTOBER 29TH 2 – 6**

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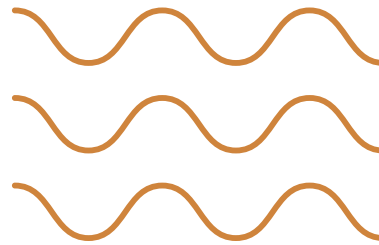
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