



Queens Civic Congress

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QUEENS CIVICS CONGRESS FOCUSES ON SAFETY & GREEN ISSUES; June 16 Public Meeting features Council Public Safety Chair Vallone, report by QCC Tree Protection Subcommittee; DOB Update

City Council Public Safety Committee Chair Peter F. Vallone Jr. speaks at the next meeting, June 16, 2008 of the Queens Civic Congress, the borough-wide coalition of civic and condo, cooperative, tenant and other community organizations announced President Corey Bearak. The 8:00 meeting, following a Queens Civic Congress Foundation meeting at 7:00 p.m., takes place at the Union Plaza Nursing Home, 33-23 Union Street, five blocks north of Northern Boulevard, in Flushing, and will include reports on how development has threatened healthy trees and the Building Department.

Council Member Vallone will discuss, "The lack of Police Officers in our Precincts and its affect on Queens" and "An Update on the Graffiti Wars," advised Queens Civic Congress Vice President and Public Safety Chair, Nagassar Ramgarib (Queens Village Civic Association) who noted that many Queens Civic Congress member organizations also participate in CAGE (Citizens Against Graffiti Everywhere).

"Queens Civic Congress Tree Protection subcommittee chair Carsten Glaeser, PH.D., ASCA a professional arborist, will also report on the unabated destruction of public and private trees, including by contractors paid with our public dollars," said Mr. Bearak. "Queens Civic Congress and our Parks partner, Queens Coalition for Parks and Green Spaces, remain concerned that government appears to look with blinders when it comes to protecting our healthy and mature trees, particularly those on public spaces. Queens Community Board 7 advocates protection for private trees as well and legislation that could protect such trees was shared with the administration following our September 2007 which features Parks Commissioner Adrian Benepe." QCC Vice President and Zoning and Code Enforcement Committee co-chair Harbachan Singh stated, "Queens Civic Congress has sought to work with the administration and its Building Department to improve enforcement and safety and current events make clear the need for reforms including those advocated in CIVIC 2030."

"Participants are urged to review the Queens Civic Congress CIVIC 2030 platform for our recommendations on public safety, pages 14 through 15, and on Buildings, pages 5 through 8," stated Mr. Bearak. (See <http://queensciviccongress.org/platform/CIVIC2030.pdf>).

To RSVP and for info call (718) 343-6779 or e-mail bearak@aol.com.

WHO: Queens Civic Congress, City Council Public Safety Committee Chair Peter F. Vallone Jr.; Queens Civic Congress Tree Protection subcommittee chair Carsten Glaeser, PH.D., ASCA.

WHAT: Public Meeting: The lack of Police Officers in our Precincts & its affect on Queens" & "An Update on the Graffiti Wars; report on the unabated destruction of public & private trees; Building Dept. update

WHEN: Monday, June 16, 2008, 8:00 p.m.*

WHERE: Union Plaza Nursing Home, 33-23 Union Street, five blocks north of Northern Boulevard, in Flushing

(Queens Civic Congress [Membership](#) follows below)

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Queens Civic Congress Members

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