

QUEENS CIVIC CONGRESS, INC.

The Queens Civic Congressional  
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*The Next Queens Civic Congress Meeting:*

**Monday, February 2, 2009 at 8:00 p.m.**

**Mayoral Control of NYC Schools:  
Extend it? End it? Change it?  
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at Queens County Farm Museum  
72-50 Little Neck Pkwy  
[1/4 mile north of Union Tpke.]

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***Monday, February 2, 2009, 7:00 p.m.***  
***Queens Civic Congress Open Executive Committee meeting***  
***(followed by Forum on Education at 8:00 p.m.).***

*at Queens County Farm Museum,  
72-50 Little Neck Parkway,  
1/4 mile north of Union Turnpike.*

***NYS Insurance Department***  
***Deputy Superintendent Ivan Lafayette***  
***will report on Insurance Department Programs,***  
***including Consumer programs, at 7:30 p.m.***

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## Queens Civic Congress Calendar

All meetings, excluding Legislative Reception, unless otherwise noted take place at: Union Plaza Nursing Home, 33-23 Union Street [five blocks north of Northern Boulevard]

Meetings of the Executive Committee are open to all QCC members and take place at 8:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) If you wish to add an agenda item, please call Corey Bearak (343-6779) or email [Bearak@aol.com](mailto:Bearak@aol.com) at least 24 hours in advance.

### \*\*\*\*\*Updated 2009 Meeting Schedule\*\*\*\*\*

*Friday-Saturday-Sunday, March 6,7,8, 2009*

#### **Historic Districts Council 15th Annual Preservation Conference, *Communities and Cornices: Preservation in a Political World***

Conference Sponsors include: *Queens Civic Congress* . Friday: opening night reception. Saturday: Panels and other Education sessions; Neighborhood Partners may distribute materials on their neighborhood or preservation cause; Bring brochures, petitions, maps and other materials. Sunday: walking tours. For information, to reserve space to display information, contact HDC community coordinator Lauren Belfer @ (212) 614-9107 or [lbelfer@hdc.org](mailto:lbelfer@hdc.org)

*Monday, March 16, 2009, 7:30 p.m.*

#### **Queens Civic Congress Regular Meeting and Economic Development Forum**

*Sunday, March 18, 2009*

#### **Going Green in Queens 2009 – watch for more details sponsors include Queens Civic Congress and Queens Coalition for Park and Green Spaces**

*Monday, March 30, 2009, 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. (note date change)*

#### **Queens Civic Congress Regular Meeting and Zoning and Landmarking Forum**

at Kew Gardens Community Center, 80-02 Kew Gardens Road, Suite 202,

at Union Turnpike and Queens Boulevard, Kew Gardens, NY 11415

Off-street Parking available (fee) in Kew Gardens Road's Garage

*Monday, April 20, 2009, 7:30 p.m.*

#### **Queens Civic Congress Regular Meeting: Buildings Commissioner Robert LiMandri**

*Sunday, May 17, 2009, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m*

#### **Legislative Forum 2009: The Race for Mayor**

sponsored by Queens Civic Congress, Northeast Queens Jewish Community Council (in formation)

at the Samuel Field Y, 58-20 Little Neck Parkway, Little Neck, NY 11362

Includes Free *light* breakfast courtesy of Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care & Rehabilitation

RSVP to Gail at (718) 225-6750x247 or email [bearak@aol.com](mailto:bearak@aol.com)

*Tuesday, May 19, 2009, 8:30 p.m.*

#### **Queens Civic Congress Regular Meeting and Parks Forum**

co-sponsored by Queens Coalition for Parks and Green Spaces and the Belle Harbor Property Owners Association

at PS 114 – the Belle Harbor School, Cronston Avenue and Beach 134 Street in The Rockaways

NOTE: The Belle Harbor Property Owners Association meets at 7:15 p.m. and the QCC Parks Forum follows at 8:30 p.m.

*Monday, June 15, 2009, 7:30 p.m.*

#### **Queens Civic Congress Regular Meeting: City Transportation Commissioner Janette Sadik-Khan**



# *Queens Civic Congress*

*Invites you to*

## Mayoral Control of NYC Schools: Extend it? End it? Change it?

Monday, February 2, 2009 at 8:00 p.m.

at **Queens County Farm Museum,**  
**72-50 Little Neck Parkway**  
[ $\frac{1}{4}$  mile north of Union Tpke.]

A Panel featuring:

- ⇒ **Dina Paul Parks, Senior Policy Advisor to Deputy Mayor for Education and Community Development**
- ⇒ **Phyllis Bullion, Council of Supervisors & Administrators**
- ⇒ **Leonie Haimson, Executive Director, Class Size Matters**
- ⇒ **April Humphrey, Campaign for Better Schools**
- ⇒ **Rob Caloras, Pres., Dist. 26 Community Education Council**
- ⇒ **Moderated by Liz Green, Gotham Schools**

Please note that the doors to the public will open at 7:25 p.m.  
Program Chaired by QCC Vice President Edwin Westley

*\*Refreshments\**

*RSVP: (718) 343-6779 or email [Bearak@aol.com](mailto:Bearak@aol.com) (through February 1)*

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## 2009 Committee Chairs

Audit / Phil Ragusa, CPA  
By Laws / Albert Greenblatt  
Aviation & Noise / Richard Hellenbrecht  
City Infrastructure & Capital Program / Dorothy Woo  
Community & Civic Outreach / Robert Harris & Audrey Lucas  
Community Facilities / Tyler Cassell  
Congress Platform / Seymour Schwartz  
Co-ops & Condos / Marc Haken  
Creedmoor Task Force / Bernard Aquilino  
Economic Development / Chris Collett  
Education / Edwin Westley  
Health & Human Services / Kevin Forrestal  
Historical Preservation & Landmarking / Paul Graziano  
Legislation / Paul Kerzner  
Newsletter / David Kulick  
Nominations/ Helene Zaro  
Parks & Cultural Affairs / Barbara Larkin & Kim Ohanian  
Planning & Land Use / Patricia Dolan  
Public Safety / Nagassar Ramgarib  
Tenants & Affordable Housing / Florence Fisher  
Transportation / Jim Trent & Kathy Masi  
Zoning & Code Enforcement / Joseph Amoroso & Harbachan Singh

## Queens Civic Congress Membership

Association of Old Forest Hills ♦ Auburndale Improvement Association ♦ Bayside Civic Database ♦ Bayside Clear-Spring Council ♦ Bayside Hills Civic Association ♦ Bayswater Civic Association ♦ Bay Terrace Community Alliance, Inc. ♦ Bellaire-BellVill Civic Association ♦ Belle Harbor Property Owners Association ♦ Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association ♦ Bellerose Hillside Civic Association ♦ Bell Park Manor Terrace Community Council ♦ Bowne Park Civic Association ♦ Briarwood Community Association ♦ Cambria Heights Civic Association ♦ Civic Association of Utopia Estates ♦ C.O.M.E.T. (Communities of Maspeth-Elmhurst Together) ♦ Concerned Citizens of Laurelton ♦ Cornucopia Society ♦ Creedmoor Civic Association ♦ Deerfield Area Association ♦ Doug-Bay Manor Civic Association ♦ Douglas Manor Association ♦ Douglaston Civic Association ♦ Dutch Kills Civic Association of Long Island City ♦ East Elmhurst Corona Civic Association ♦ East Flushing Civic Association ♦ Federated Block Associations of Laurelton ♦ Federation of Civic Associations of Southeast Queens ♦ Floral Park Community Council ♦ Flushing Heights Civic Association ♦ Flushing on the Hill Taxpayers Association ♦ Forest Hills Chamber of Commerce ♦ Forest Hills Crescents Association ♦ Forest Hills-Van Court Association ♦ Fresh Meadows Homeowners Association ♦ Georgetown Mews ♦ Glendale Civic Association of Queens ♦ Glen Oaks Village Owners, Inc. ♦ Greater Astoria Historical Society ♦ Greater Whitestone Taxpayers Civic Association ♦ Harding Heights Civic Association ♦ Hillcrest Estates Civic Association ♦ Hilltop Village Co-Op #1 ♦ Hilltop Village Co-Op #2 ♦ Hilltop Village Co-Op #3 ♦ Hilltop Village Co-Op #4 ♦ Hollis 11423 Block Association ♦ Hollis Hills Civic Association ♦ Holliswood Civic Association ♦ Hollis Park Gardens Association ♦ Holly Civic Association ♦ Hyde Park Gardens Cooperative ♦ Jackson Heights Beautification Group ♦ Jamaica Estates Association ♦ Jamaica Hill Community Association ♦ Juniper Park Civic Association ♦ Kew Gardens Civic Association ♦ Kew Gardens Hills Homeowners Association ♦ Kew Gardens Improvement Association ♦ Kissena Park Civic Association ♦ Little Neck Bay Civic Association ♦ Little Neck Pines ♦ Long Island City Alliance ♦ Malba Civic Association ♦ Meadowlark Gardens Owners ♦ Middle Village Property Owners Association ♦ Mitchell Linden Civic Association ♦ Neponsit Property Owners Association ♦ Newtown Civic Association ♦ North Bellerose Civic Association ♦ North Flushing Civic Association ♦ North Hills Estates Civic Association ♦ Northwest Clearview Homeowners Association ♦ Norwood Neighborhood Association ♦ Oakland Terrace/ Gardens Community Council ♦ Off Broadway Homeowners Association ♦ Our Neighborhood Improvement Association ♦ Our Neighbors Civic Association of Ozone Park, Inc. ♦ Parkway Village Historical Society ♦ Queensboro Hill Neighborhood Association ♦ Queens Colony Civic Association ♦ Queens Community Civic Corp. ♦ Queens Village Civic Association ♦ Ramblersville-Hawtree Civic Association ♦ Richmond Hill Historical Society ♦ Ridgewood Property Owners and Civic Association ♦ Rockaway Park Homeowners/Residents ♦ Rocky Hill Civic Association ♦ Rosedale Civic Association ♦ Royal Ranch Association ♦ Southeast Queens Concerned Neighbors ♦ South Ozone Park West Association Civic ♦ Springfield/Rosedale Community Action Association ♦ Station Road Civic Assoc. of Auburndale ♦ Sunnyside Gardens/Harrison Place Homeowners ♦ Surrey Estates Civic Association ♦ Union Turnpike Merchants Association ♦ United Forties Civic Association ♦ United Mutual Veterans Housing, Inc. ♦ Waldheim Neighborhood Association ♦ Wayanda Civic Association ♦ West Cunningham Park Civic Association ♦ Westmoreland Association ♦ Woodside Community Council