

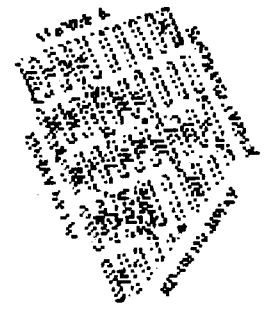


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## OUR PATROL STILL WORKS FOR YOU!

### Security & Patrol Report - October 2003

From July to September 2003 the Nottingham patrol car drove 3,957 miles in our neighborhood, clocking in a total of 593 hours of patrol service for the community. This was up slightly from the same quarter one year earlier (3,452 miles; 563 hours). We continue to use three paid drivers who take turns with the seven-hour daily shifts: Anthony Morales, George Chandler, and Traceyann Aarons.

One current concern of the Safety and Security Committee remains the need for a new patrol garage. Any day now we expect to lose access to the garage currently rented. If you know of an empty garage in the neighborhood that could be rented, please call Marsha Edell at 718-253-2592.

Nottingham Association appreciates any and all additional contributions toward the patrol's costs. Unfortunately the patrol costs never decrease; they only increase. In addition to the board-approved increase in patrol wages this year (25 cents more per hour), in July 2003 the annual **insurance** premium for the patrol car went up **significantly**, by \$1,339 or nearly **33 percent**. Every household supporting Nottingham through its dues and extra gifts helps pay for the patrol, whose **maintenance last year cost in excess of \$26,000**. **Dues alone from our more than 600 family members do not cover such a significant expense**, so any additional donations toward the patrol help.

So, if you have not fully paid your 2003 dues or made your extra contribution to this autumn's fund-raising effort on behalf of the patrol, please send your donation to Nottingham, using the form on page 4 in this issue. Nottingham and your neighbors thank you for helping us to keep this crime deterring patrol out 7-7!

Bruce MacIntyre and Connie Koenig,  
Patrol Co- Coordinators

## THE EAR OF CITY GOVERNMENT AT YOUR SERVICE

The new 311 number has proven to be of exceptional value to the citizens of New York. It takes the place of all the numbers that we once kept on long lists, and we never could find. It answers to quality-of-life issues, and non-emergency police questions. If your question cannot be answered immediately, you are sent to the correct city agency. You are given a case number, so your problem can be referred to quickly if you must make additional calls.

Operators are knowledgeable and courteous. Don't hesitate to call in blocked driveways, teenage gangs hanging out, illegal trash placement, unsanitary conditions, cats stuck in trees, overly noisy late-night parties.

We have heard of someone who reported a dead bird and received immediate responses, follow-up letters and telephone calls from the Department of Health. Questions have been answered about sanitation codes, and the new MuniMeters in Manhattan. Try it. You'll be surprised.

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



**311 - USE IT !!  
NOTTINGHAM - JOIN IT!**

One of the most useful NYC governmental services to happen in recent memory is the 311 non-emergency services hotline. Originally started as the "Quality-of-life" hot-line, this three-digit number can route you to almost every NYC situation not handled by 911. Nottingham members have already reported using 311 for tree removal, potholes, consumer complaints, and parked cars blocking driveways. Try it and let us know how responsive 311 is to your particular problems.

There are always community problems that need a collective voice in order to be heard. Speed bumps, speeding cars, tree plantings, neighborhood graffiti, traffic lights, garbage collection; as a group, sometimes we are more successful at being heard by the police precincts, Sanitation Dept., Dept. of Transportation, Community Board 14, local NYC City Council members, NY State Assembly members, etc. Of course, sometimes the response to our collective requests is still "No." But the more voices we represent, the more collective power we yield.

The old saying "If you're not part of the solution, you might be part of the problem" still holds true.

**Please join Nottingham. Give us your dues and  
lend us your voice.**

**Volunteers are as necessary as dues - help us  
out with your time as well.**

Yours truly,

Mark Lieb

# OUR LEGISLATORS WORKING FOR US

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING

**State Senator John Sampson** - He told us of his willingness to assist people in his district. He gave us his telephone number 718-649-7653 to be used if we need help. We asked him to help Assemblywoman Weinstein in her quest for a traffic light on Avenue M at E. 29th Street as that corner is in his district.

**Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein** - She is still trying to get a traffic light at the corner of Avenue M and East 29th Street. There is a school there, also traffic, trucks and double parkers. This poses a real danger to the small children who have to cross the street. She also has a bill prohibiting the placing of handbills, flyers, posters on windshields. They usually wind up on the street, causing environmental pollution. The owners of the property can be fined for litter, when they are not even responsible for it. See also her health testing schedule elsewhere in this bulletin.

**Assemblywoman Rhoda Jacobs** - There will be free mammographies at her office on November 4th. Call for an appointment. Her office is at 2294 Flatbush Avenue. The telephone number is 718-434-0446.

**Congressman Edolphus Towns** will be opening an office in our neighborhood, adjacent to the office of Rhoda Jacobs on Flatbush Avenue, between Avenues I and J.

**City Councilman Michael Nelson** - Hopefully weekly recycling will return in April. Store owners are being fined for overflowing garbage cans. He is trying to make graffiti a felony.

**From the 70th Precinct** - Due to budget cuts, the Precinct is short handed, and it will get worse as officers retire.

## WHAT'S DOING AT THE OFFICE OF ASSEMBLYMAN STEVEN CYMBROWITZ

Assemblyman Steven Cymbrowitz's office is at 1800 Sheepshead Bay Road, just off Emmons Avenue. The telephone number is 718-743-4078.

Appointments are required for all the events below, so be sure to call ahead of time. All are FREE.

Flu shots : Tuesday, October 21st, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM, and Thursday November 6, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Hearing tested : October 16th.

Prostate Screening (PSA Blood test): November 20th.

Blood Pressure : December 10th.

The following are in the future. Call for dates.

Stroke Awareness (carotid artery), March; osteoporosis, April; vascular, May; Diabetes/ Glucose, June. We should know some of these dates by the next issue.

## FROM THE OFFICE OF ASSEMBLYWOMAN HELENE WEINSTEIN

There will be free bone density screening at Assemblywoman Weinstein's office on Tuesday, October 21st and Wednesday, November 12. On both days the screening will take place between 10:00 AM and 2:30 PM. Registered nurses from Beth Israel Hospital will do the screening.

Upcoming dates for the MetroCard bus are October 16th, November 20th and December 18th 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. With the proper photo identification you can get a senior half-fare Metro card, or add money to a current card.

The DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles) will be at the Assemblywoman's office on Wednesday, October 15th and Thursday, November 13th. You can apply for a Non-Driver's I.D. card, or renew your driver's license.

Appointments are required for everything except the MetroCard bus. Call the office at 718-648-4700. Assemblywoman Weinstein's office is located at 3520 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn 11229. Office hours are Monday - Thursday 9:30 AM. - 5:00 PM. and Friday 9:30 AM. - 5:30 PM.

**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SUPPORT OUR  
VERY IMORTANT WORK**

\$20 - \$49

- Mr. and Mrs. Louis Aiese
- The Aquilone family
- The Brick Family
- Dr Martin Bernstein
- Alice and Herb Brezak
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- 6 anonymous donors

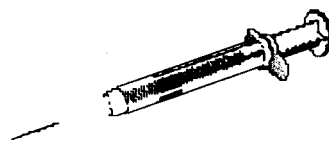
We would also like to thank all those whose donations were less than \$20, whom we had no space to list.

Our very special thanks to New York Community Hospital and Mr. Lin Mo, whose generous donation far exceeded \$100. They have demonstrated a real commitment to our community.

**REMINDER  
GET YOUR FLU SHOT**

Flu shots are now recommended for just about anyone (one exception, those allergic to eggs). It has been found that they lessen the effects of SARS as well.

By the way, have you had a pneumonia shot?



**RECYCLING HAS  
STARTED AGAIN**

Nottingham Association has just received a supply of labels for your trash containers. If you are a **MEMBER** and in need, please call Marsha Edell at 718-253-2592 or E-mail to [nottinghambklyn@aol.com](mailto:nottinghambklyn@aol.com). Be sure to give your name and address. **WE DELIVER!**

**FOR THE PATROL**

I have enclosed my contribution of \_\_\_\_\_ to maintain the high level of the patrol.

Check here if we may mention your name in the Nottingham Bulletin.

2003 Annual dues (\$40).

Make your check payable to "Nottingham Association, Inc."

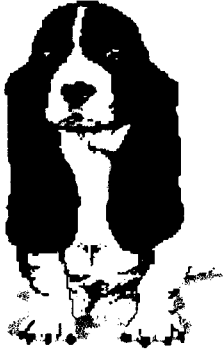
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All contributions are fully tax deductible.

# ITS THE LAW



Cute dog isn't he? Man's best friend; he comes when you call, jumps all over you and kisses you when you come home. He rests near your feet when you are sitting down. Do you know that he produces about 300 pounds of solid waste a year give or take depending upon size and the amount that he eats. You don't want it on your doorstep, your lawn or your sidewalk, do you? You don't want to slalom past it when you walk down the street. Neither does anyone else. Clean up from your pooch, and we will all be happier, and more friendly. Thanks.

## **Failure to Remove Canine Wastes.**

Each person who owns, possesses, has custody of, or controls a dog must remove any feces left by that dog on any sidewalk, gutter, street, or other public area. The person may remove the feces and carry it away with him/her for disposal in a toilet. The feces may also be placed in a non-leaking container and deposited in a Department of Sanitation litter basket. The container may be, but is not limited to, either a paper or plastic bag. The provisions of this law do not apply too a guide dog accompanying blind persons. (State Public Health Law 1310.) Fine \$50 - \$100. Source : New York City Department of Sanitation Digest of Codes (5/ 2002).

## **I DO NOT WANT YOUR GARBAGE ON MY LAWN. OBEY THE LAW.**

### **COVERED RECEPTACLES**

"Garbage receptacles (including dumpsters) must be covered at all times with securely fitting covers/lids" (NYC Administrative Code 16-120a). Fine \$50 - \$100.

### **LOOSE RUBBISH**

"Light refuse or rubbish which is likely to be blown or scattered about the street shall be securely bundled, tied or packed before being placed for collection" (NYC Administrative Code 16-120d.) Fine \$50 - 100 per offense.

### **PROPER RECEPTACLES**

"Refuse must be put into leak-proof receptacles with tightly fitting lids or in securely tied heavy duty opaque (e.g., black/brown bag, etc.) plastic bags. . . Merchants and residential units must have enough receptacles to contain the waste generated in a 72-hour period. In addition, residential units must put recyclable materials (e.g., metal, plastic, paper and beverage cartons) into clearly marked recycling containers" (NYC Administrative Code 16-1 20a) . Fine \$50 - \$100.

**FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES, PLASTIC BAGS CAN BE GNAWED THROUGH BY OUR NEIGHBORHOOD RODENTS - AND WE DO HAVE THEM. THEN THE RUBBISH IS LOOSE AND SCATTERS.**

**HAVE A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF GARBAGE CANS. KEEP THEM COVERED AT ALL TIMES.**

# THE POLICE; HOW THEY HELP YOU

Every so often we like to publicize the crime-prevention programs that the police have for us. The are all FREE. In typing this article we realize that none of us can use each of the programs, but all of us can use some of them. Bicycle and auto theft/vandalism are neighborhood problems. It is to our advantage to avail ourselves of those services that apply to us.

## NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS

### C.A.T. (Combat Auto Theft)

Owners of vehicles state that the auto is not normally operated between the hours of 1:00 AM and 5:00 AM. If the police observe the vehicle between these hours, they will reasonably suspect that such person is in possession of said vehicle without proper authorization. If proper identification is produced by the operator, the police will end the stop.

### H.E.A.T. (Help End Auto Theft)

If you are a New York City resident and over the age of forty and no one under the age of 25 operates the vehicle, you are eligible for this program. You authorize the police to stop the vehicle if they reasonably believe that the driver is under twenty five. Heat is in effect 24 hours a day.

### V.I.N. Etching.

A chemical process that permanently etches the vehicle identification number on the glass of the vehicle to help deter thefts.

### T.R.I.P. (Taxi Robbery Identification Program)

Decals are issued to taxi and liveries who agree to be stopped by the police at any time. Police action will include a brief inquiry of the driver, and visual inspection of the vehicle.

### Commuter CAT

Decals are issued that you do not normally operate your vehicle between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM. This program is in effect Monday through Friday. If the police observe the vehicle being operated during those hours, permission is given for the police to stop and question the driver.

### Air Bag V.I.N.

The vehicle identification number is inscribed onto the air bag with an invisible ink that can be seen only by utilizing a special light.

### Bicycle Registration

A precinct serial number is engraved on your bicycle, and a record is kept at the precinct.

### Security Surveys

A confidential survey can be requested by property owners. They receive information on how to enhance their present security.

### Operation Identification

TVs, VCRs, radios, computers, etc. are engraved with the owner's Social Security number by using an etching tool.

Contact the crime prevention officer for an appointment or further information on the above programs.

The crime prevention officers at the 70th Precinct are P.O. MaryAnn Tighe or P.O. Kathleen Marino at 718-851- 5504.



## FOR OUR NEXT BLACKOUT OR OTHER EMERGENCY

**Remember that winter is coming and snow storms and ice can cause a food emergency too!**

Below we list supplies that you should have in your home. If can think of any additional things, please let us know so that we can print a more comprehensive checklist in our next newsletter.

- I. For illumination
  - A. Flashlights with working batteries. Check frequently.
  - B. Candles; for safety in glass containers, or those that float in water. If there are young children, stick to the flashlights only.
- II. For information
  - A. A radio that works on batteries. There are also some that can be manually wound up for power. Again make certain that the batteries are fresh.
  - B. A television set that runs on batteries.
- III. BATTERIES. Do not keep them in the refrigerator because you don't want to open it for as long as the lights are out!
- IV. Food and drinks
  - A. Bottled water, canned juices. Look for expiration dates, and replace when necessary.
  - B. Canned or powdered milk, particularly if there are children in the house.
  - C. Canned food; fish, peanut butter, soups, jams, pasta sauce, beans, fruit, vegetables.
  - D. Pasta, rice.
  - E. Dried fruit.

If the temperature is below 40° consider using closed containers out of doors to store food that was in the refrigerator.

E-mail us at [Nottinghambklyn@aol.com](mailto:Nottinghambklyn@aol.com), with additional ideas, or call Marsha Edell at 718-253-2592.

## RECYCLING DATES THROUGH JANUARY 2004

**We hope this helps, but please note instructions below.**

**When there is a snow emergency, this schedule may be interrupted. When there is a holiday on your recycling day, place recyclables curbside that (holiday) evening. They will be collected the following day.**

**Thursday :** If you live in the area within Nottingham that normally recycles on Thursdays, note the following dates:  
October 24.  
November 7, 21.  
December 5, 19.  
January 15, 29 (Thursday, January 1 is a holiday.  
Collection will be January 2)

**Tuesday :** If you live in the area within Nottingham that normally recycles on Tuesdays, note the following dates:  
October 21  
November 18 (Tuesday, November 4 is a holiday.  
Collection will be November 5)  
December 2, 16, 30  
January 13, 27

**Monday :** If you live in the area within Nottingham that normally recycles on Monday, note the following dates:  
October 27  
November 10, 24  
December 8, 22  
January 5, 19

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## WHEN YOU CAN PARK ANYWHERE (ALMOST)

### 2003 ALTERNATE SIDE PARKING RULES SUSPENSION CALENDAR

Shemini Atzereth	Oct 18, Sat
Simchas Torah	Oct 19, Sun
All Saints Day	Nov 1, Sat
Election Day	Nov 4, Tues
Veterans Day	Nov 11, Tues
Idul-Fitr (3 Days)	Nov 26-28, Wed/Thurs/Fri
THANKSGIVING DAY*	NOV 27
Immaculate Conception	Dec 8, Mon
CHRISTMAS DAY*	DEC 25, THU

\*Major legal holidays

**Meeting Dates 2003-2004  
NOTTINGHAM ASSOCIATION**

**PLEASE COME  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

The following are the dates when the Nottingham Board of Directors will meet this year. The dates are tentative, although they will probably not change. All meetings will start at 8:00 PM.

Thursday, October 23 at Public School 193  
Thursday, November 20 at Murrow High School  
Thursday, December 18 at Murrow High School  
Thursday, January 22 at Murrow High School  
Thursday, February 26 at Murrow High School  
Thursday, March 25 at Murrow High School  
Thursday, April 22 at Murrow High School  
Thursday, May 20 at Murrow High School  
Thursday, June 17 probably at Public School 197

Meetings at Edward R. Murrow High School are held in the teachers' cafeteria. The school is located on Avenue L between East 18th and East 17th Streets. There is usually plenty of parking.

For further information please contact  
Marsha Edell at 718-253-2592.

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**RID YOURSELF OF GRAFFITI**

Don't let graffiti spoil the way our neighborhood looks. Borough President Marty Markowitz has promised that if he is called, he will send people to clean it up within one month. His graffiti hot line is 718-802-3777. The property owner's permission is required to do the removal, so only you can ask for it. We wish we could help you, but we can't. Midwood Development Corporation at 718-376-0999 also has graffiti clean up services. You can call them too. If the work is not done after a month, call the hot line again, or call Community Board 14, for quick results. CB 14, 718-859-6357.

**KINGS HIGHWAY BRANCH LIBRARY**

As of 10/03 the schedule is:

Sunday 1-5  
Monday closed  
Tuesday 12-6  
Wednesday 1-8  
Thursday 12-6  
Friday 12-6  
Saturday 10-5

Telephone number 718-375-3037.

The nearest branches open on Mondays are Midwood at E. 16th between I and J or Homecrest on Coney Island Avenue near Avenue V.

We have just learned that our Kings highway branch will soon be renovated. Stay tuned for details.

Enjoy your time at the library.

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