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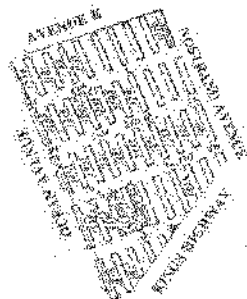
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GOOD NEWS

FROM ASSEMBLYWOMAN HELENE WEINSTEIN AND OUR STATE LEGISLATURE

Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein paid a welcome visit to the September meeting of our Board of Directors. She brought a long list of STATE tax relief items that affect us.

- * The state sales tax on clothing and shoes under \$110 has been eliminated.
- * There is a maximum \$330 per child tax credit in effect.
- * Elimination of the marriage penalty tax.
- * Capping of sales tax on gas and residential energy.
- * Homeowners will receive a property tax rebate this fall, and a larger STAR personal income tax credit. The STAR credit will become \$115 for single filers and \$230 for joint filers.
- * There will be an increase in the Senior Citizen Enhanced star COLA (Cost-of-Living-Adjustment) from \$340 to \$387 on average.
- * Star property tax rebates will be increased if you have enhanced STAR from an average of \$58 to an average of \$97.

Look for these benefits as you do your Income Taxes this spring.

Remember that the MetroCard bus will be at Ms Weinstein's office on November 16 between the hours of 10:30 and 12:00 noon. You can apply for Senior Half-Fare MetroCards. You must have photo identification and be 65 years old or older.

ALSO IN THIS ISSUE:

Thanks to our local legislators; Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein, City Councilman Michael Nelson and City Councilman Kendall Stewart for their generous grants. Thanks to Loews Corporation for a matching grant.

Announcing the names of local graduates who won Nottingham Awards this year.

How to brew green tea.

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Fall is upon us once more. We hope that the season finds you well. Although we haven't counted up the money that you so generously gave for the patrol, we believe that it is in excess of three thousand dollars. Thank you.

Meanwhile we are working on grants. With prices for everything going up, we need the extra money that several of our legislators have earmarked for us. When we visited Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein's office recently, someone there assumed that we were using the grant money to save for a new patrol car. I wish it were so. This grant money is supplementing the money that we get from members, just to keep the car on the road.

Our plans for a meeting at which the police would mark airbags, ipods and cars in an anti-theft drive had to be postponed. It gets dark early. The work on cars has to be done outdoors. Look for an announcement in the spring when the days are longer, and warmer.

Currently we hold our Board Meetings at Public School 193. The use of one part of the basement now costs us over \$90 per meeting, a raise of almost \$10 from last year. Over the summer, I tried to find space in one of the local religious institutions. They laughed at me. When I heard why, I sympathized with them. It would mean lights, and heat, and a maintenance person in an otherwise empty building. This means an expense for them and would cost us more than we are now spending. I appeal to you. Is there anyone in the community who knows of a place where we could meet for less than \$90? We don't require a huge space, a place where there are ongoing evening activities would be suitable.

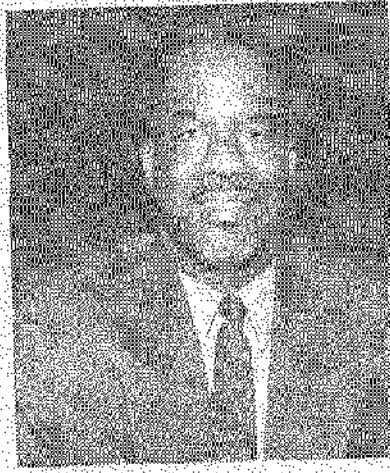
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NOTTINGHAM ASSOCIATION WISHES TO THANK YOUR LEGISLATORS, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE WHO SUPPORT THEM, FOR SECURING THE GRANTS THAT MAKE US POSSIBLE



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**COUNCILMAN
KENDALL STEWART**



**ASSEMBLYWOMAN
HELENE WEINSTEIN**



AND WHILE WE'RE AT IT

NOTTINGHAM AWARDS OUTSTANDING LOCAL STUDENTS

For many years we have given awards to students at our local schools. They are presented at graduation to outstanding students, who are top scholars, and have performed community service. The awards are \$50.00 Savings Bonds. We are happy to make public the awards that were given out this year. Our congratulations and best wishes go to each of these students.

- Public School 193; Kichelle Williamson
- Public School 197; Denys Ionkin
- I.S. 381; Elizabeth Yusupova
- Midwood Catholic Academy; Chester Baldonado
- I.S. 240 (Andries Hudde); Tyrell Blake
- The day school at East Midwood refused our offer.



THE ANNUAL MEETING, JUNE 2006

Although the turnout was small, everyone present enjoyed our annual meeting.

The main business was accomplished quickly. The latest amendment to the constitution was approved. This amendment gives the president and officers the ability to take important votes via E-mail or other electronic means when there is a time constraint on the proposed issue, and the Board of Directors cannot meet, usually due to weather. It makes us more efficient, but not less democratic.

We were fortunate to have two speakers who are very important for the community: Captain Riccardi of the 70th Precinct, and City Councilman Lewis Fidler. Both were informative, speaking within their own spheres.

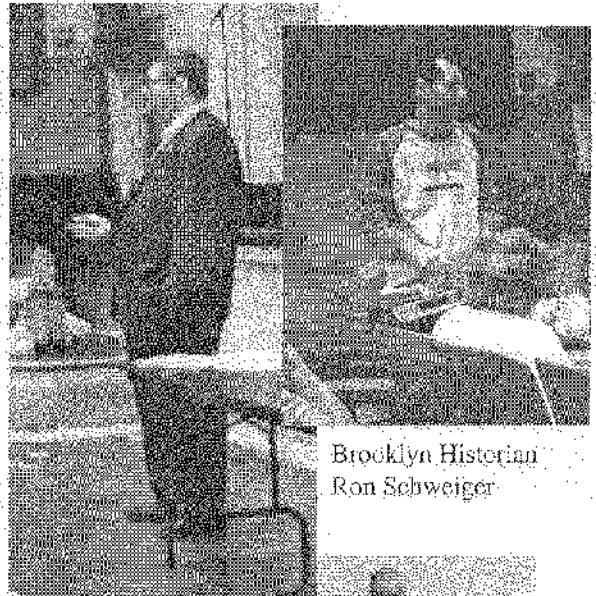
Our guest speaker was Ron Schweiger, the official historian of Brooklyn. He brought a slide show, concentrating on parts of the borough that are close to us. There were pictures of Sheephead Bay, with its racetrack and grand hotel. Brighton Beach and Coney Island were there too, along with the building of the Brighton Line subway. That led many more people to

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those areas. The highlight was his pictures of Ebbets Field. His narrative kept our interest high.

Later, refreshments were served. We were able to speak to Mr. Schweiger, and ask him questions. We missed you.

Councilman Lewis Fidler



Brooklyn Historian
Ron Schweiger



Captain Riccardi, 70th Precinct

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During the quarter that just ended (July, August, September) the Nottingham Patrol was driven for 558 hours, and covered 3633 miles.

**THAT'S A LOT OF PATROLLING.
HELP KEEP THE PATROL MOVING BY MAKING A DONATION NOW.**

- I have enclosed a contribution of \$_____ for the patrol.
- I am not a member, and would like to become a Nottingham member. Here is my \$45.00.
- I am interested in joining the Nottingham Board of Directors.
- I would like a receipt for my donation.

Make checks payable to Nottingham Association, Inc. Fill out this form. Send this form and the check to Nottingham Association, Inc. c/o Marsha Fdell, 2821 Kings Highway, Apt #1-O, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11229.

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YOUR HEALTH AND SAFETY

KNOW THE SIGNS OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a silent killer. It's an odorless, colorless, tasteless, toxic substance that is produced when fuels such as gasoline, oil, propane, kerosene, coal, wood, and natural gas do not burn completely. When CO is breathed into the body, it is absorbed by blood cells, replacing oxygen. This can cause serious illness, brain damage, or in some cases, death.

Common causes of CO exposure include:

- Malfunctioning heating equipment.
- Inadequate venting of appliances, especially if you had major renovations done or have enclosed your heating system.
- Using cooking appliances for heating purposes.
- Running vehicles, or gasoline-powered lawn mowers or snow blowers in an attached garage.

Warning signs of CO:

- Stuffy, stale or smelly air.
- Very high humidity.
- Soot buildup on a range top or heating system.

Common symptoms of CO poisoning:

Dizziness, shortness of breath, headaches, confusion, nausea, fainting, sleepiness.

CO symptoms are similar to those of the flu, with no fever, and they may clear up when you go outside and breathe fresh air. (Pets can also be affected.)

● Install one or more "UL" approved carbon monoxide detector(s) in your home—one on each floor, including near bedrooms. CO claims the most lives while people sleep. CO detectors are required by law in New York City residential buildings.

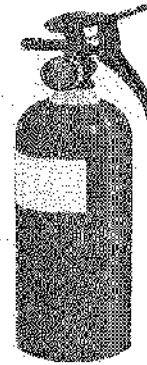
- Have your heating, hot water and venting systems inspected by a licensed heating contractor annually. Chimneys and vents for gas appliances can become clogged from a bird's or squirrel's nest, soot buildup, or other debris. Use a professional chimney sweep.
- Don't use a range, oven or clothes dryer for heating.
- Use a broom to keep gas equipment clear during the winter. Chimneys and vents for gas appliances must be cleared following a major

snow or ice storm to enable proper venting and prevent CO accumulation.

- Never start your car, lawn mower, snow blower or other combustion engine in your garage with the door closed. Car exhaust is the most common source of CO.

What to do if you suspect CO poisoning:

If you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning – get fresh air immediately and call 911. Call a qualified technician to check your fuel-burning appliances.



FOR YOUR GOOD HEALTH

We have found two websites that you may want to check out

A. www.myhealthfinder.com

Hospitals in New York State are rated on how they perform in various categories. Look for "infections due to medical care," "Post op sepsis," "Post op embolisms." Our two local hospitals are rated, as well as the major hospitals in Manhattan. We were steered to this site by a Channel 1 report that several of our best-known hospitals were rated below state standards for infections; Long Island Jewish, Bellevue, Mt. Sinai, NY Presbyterian (Columbia) and NY Presbyterian Weill were so rated. Beth Israel Kings Highway Division was top rated in that category.

Go to myhealthfinder.com then New York State Hospital Report Card. Then look at the list of procedures and choose one. Find Brooklyn (or New York City on the list of hospitals) and you will get the information you want. At the bottom of this list are infections, etc.

B. www.hospitalinfection.org a non-profit organization is a provider of resources to hospitals that want to reduce rates of infection. If you click on "15 STEPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF" you will find tips on how you can monitor the way a hospital maintains sanitary conditions. This gives you some important questions to ask of hospital personnel.

