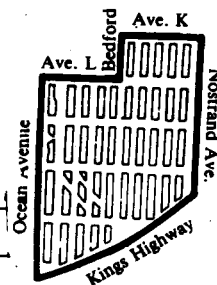


Nottingham Park News

Over 65 years of Dedicated Community Service

June 1987



NOTTINGHAM ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Our general membership meeting on Tuesday, May 19 at P.S. 193 was different from the usual. In it more than 60 Nottingham members and many visitors heard Steve Epstein relinquish his role of president of the Nottingham Association and hand the reins to George McMullen.

But I'm getting ahead of myself.

It was an evening for awards:

- The Citizens Committee for New York City to the Nottingham Association for its residential zoning conference and the stories on zoning written in the *Nottingham Park News*.

- Recognition for outstanding service to the community to Norman Davidoff for helping to stop a mugging on East 21 Street and Avenue O.

- Certificates and T-shirts to Nottingham members who participated in the civilian car patrol at least three times during 1986.

- Recognition to Steve Epstein, ranging from certificates to plaques — presented by Howard Schneider, representing Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein; Michael Nelson, representing Congressman Charles Schumer; and the Nottingham Association officers, on behalf of the Association.

Outgoing president, Steve Epstein, also received a magnificent proclamation from Borough President Howard Golden, a letter of commendation from Assemblyman Dan Feldman, and words of praise from 41st Assembly District Democratic Leaders Michael J. Garson and Renee Hauser, and Tri-Pact Executive Director Vincent Timpone.

It was at that point that Steve delivered his farewell address (see page five), after which he introduced the newly elected president George McMullen. It was a touching moment.

Fortunately, we didn't have to go overboard with nostalgia since Steve will continue working hard for Nottingham and the community and leadership passed into the capable hands of George.

We musn't overlook some interesting and important new developments mentioned at the meeting:

Assemblyman Dan Feldman instituted a program to monitor reckless tow truck operators.

A new law is in effect prohibiting the posting of signs on trees, lampposts, bus shelters, public utility poles, etc. Fines are per sign, and the person whose name, telephone number or address appears on the sign will be the one held liable. (See page six.)

After the business part of the meeting was concluded, the guest speakers were introduced. Marty Lanz of Marlarm Security Systems, Inc. and Leslie Altschuler of L.P.A. Security Systems spoke about and demonstrated home security systems. They discussed various types of alarm systems for both homeowners and tenants. Special attention was given to the proper way of alarming stain-glass windows, and how to maintain the burglar alarm system even when the telephone wires have been cut.

A short question and answer period followed their presentations.

This author now signs off with good wishes to all for a happy, healthy and safe summer.

by Helen Aronson

Patrol Hours through June 21:
2:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. — Daily Paid Patrol
8:00 P.M. - Midnight
Nightly Volunteer Patrol

Patrol Hours June 22 through September 13
11:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M. — Daily Paid Patrol
8:00 P.M. - Midnight
Nightly Volunteer Patrol

**IF YOU OWE DUES FOR THIS YEAR
OR IF YOU ARE NOT A NOTTINGHAM MEMBER
RENEW OR JOIN NOW!**

**YOUR \$\$ HELP FINANCE
CAR PATROL.**

President's Message

MUST SOLVE PROBLEMS AS ONE COMMUNITY

Over the past eleven years, under the leadership of Steve Epstein the Nottingham Association has become an active organization serving twelve hundred homeowners and tenants of the Nottingham Park community.

Our area of Midwood has maintained its quiet, clean, secure atmosphere because of the dedicated work of the residents of the community. They have cared enough to work **together** to insure that the neighborhood has maintained its warm residential flavor.

Keeping Nottingham Park the "Jewel of Midwood" has only been accomplished because the members of our community have been able to work with each other to solve problems that have confronted us. No person can stand alone to face a community problem. A cooperative community effort can attract the attention of the public officials who are responsible for the safety and beauty of our neighborhood.

During the tenure of our past president, our organization was able to meet the needs of community residents concerning such matters as the organization of block associations and tenant groups, the removal of abandoned cars, the planting and maintenance of street trees, the operation of civilian and paid patrols and the prevention of illegal activities that could drastically alter the character of the community.

Although the "Sheriff of Nottingham" has worked diligently on these matters, he could not have done these things without the aid and cooperation of community residents. The work was accomplished through the combined efforts of a dedicated group of officers and a hard working board of directors who relied upon their neighbors for support.

The new administration of the Nottingham Association intends to work closely with the past administration during the transition period to maintain established policies. We intend to continue to work with the board of directors in maintaining the spirit of our community. And we expect our neighbors to voice their concerns to us and to work with us in solving our community problems.

Last month, at the May meeting of the Presidents' Council of Midwood, each president noted that there were common concerns facing our communities. Presently, there are common concerns facing our Nottingham Park community residents. It is important that we, as neighbors, face these concerns as **one** community.

The Nottingham Association intends to continue to represent the needs of our community members by speaking loudly and speaking often to our public officials. But we must speak to these officials as a unified community. In this manner we will best be able to preserve and protect our community.

To assist the Nottingham Association in its work with our public officials, it is important that all residents of the Nottingham Park community be active members. Your financial support is vital to the delivery of these services as well as the maintenance of our Nottingham Patrol. We also need to know what is happening in the community so that we can act. If you see something -- an abandoned car, a pothole or a civil or criminal violation -- report it to us. If something bothers you, let us know. We must help each other if we expect to keep our community the most desirable in Brooklyn.

Since this is our last bulletin until the fall, I wish to extend to you best wishes for a healthy, safe and happy summer.

Cordially,
George E. McMullen
President

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AN ASSOCIATION OF THE RESIDENTS
OF NOTTINGHAM PARK, MIDWOOD
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ON JULY 4th

COMMUNITY BOARD APPROVES GROUP HOME

At its June 8 monthly meeting, Community Board 14 approved unanimously a request by Bais Ezra/Ohel Children's Home and Family Services to establish a community residence for 10 mentally retarded adults at 1416 East 27 Street.

The Community Board's approval followed an informational meeting and a public hearing conducted by the Board last month. Most of the local residents in attendance voiced their objections to the establishment of a group home at the site.

The two-story dwelling will be renovated to conform to the needs of the sponsoring organization, and to city and state regulations.

According to the April 28 formal notification that Bais Ezra submitted to Community Board 14 regarding its interest and intention to establish a group home at 1416 East 27 Street, the residence will house 10 mildly retarded adults.

All persons living in this residence will attend six hours of programs (sheltered workshops, special education classes, day treatment programs, etc.) each weekday. There also will be supervisory and home care staff on duty 24 hours a day at the residence, with recreational activities and programs planned for evening and weekends.

A neighborhood advisory committee will be established for this group home "so that there can be a meaningful liaison between the community and the sponsoring organization and so that integration of the home into community life can be facilitated."

According to the State Mental Hygiene Law, Community Board 14 was required to choose one of the following three options within 40 days of receipt of the April 28 formal notifications from Bais Ezra/Ohel:

- 1) Approve the site recommended.
- 2) Suggest one or more alternate sites.
- 3) Object to the establishment of a residence at the proposed site because it would result in such a concentration of residential facilities that the nature and character of the neighborhood would be substantially altered.

Over-saturation of residential facilities constitutes the only legitimate grounds upon which the community can object. If the Community Board did not forward a response within the 40-day period, the sponsoring agency could have proceeded with the development of the proposed facility.

The Bais Ezra/Ohel community residence will be the second facility for the mentally retarded in our neighborhood. There is a similar facility, sponsored by a different organization, at 1893 Ocean Avenue between Avenues N and O.

Sequence of Events Regarding Site

April 6 Community Board 14 announced at its monthly meeting that it received a proposal for the establishment of a group home for mentally retarded adults at 1416 East 27 Street. (Shortly after this announcement, the Nottingham president informed East 27 Street block leader Jeanette Israel.)

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April 28 Bais Ezra/Ohel sent Community Board 14 formal notification of its intent to establish a group home at the site.

(Nottingham received a copy of the three-page proposal the following week from Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein's office - not from Community Board 14.)

May 7 Bais Ezra/Ohel officials made presentation to Community Board's Human Services Committee.

(Nottingham president Stephen Epstein and Joel Rosen, an East 27 Street resident, attended this meeting. At the meeting, Nottingham was asked to distribute the Community Board's notice of the public meetings regarding the Bais Ezra/Ohel proposal.)

May 11 Community Board 14 announced at its monthly meeting the dates for the informational meeting and public hearing concerning 1416 East 27 Street.

(After receiving from the Community Board its official notice of the meetings, Nottingham had copies printed and distributed to the homes on the adjacent blocks.)

May 19 At Nottingham's membership meeting, the outgoing Nottingham president discussed this subject and announced the dates for the informational meeting and public hearing.

May 21 Informational meeting conducted by Community Board 14.

May 26 Public hearing conducted by C.B. 14.

June 8 At its monthly meeting, Community Board 14 voted to approve the establishment of a group home at the East 27 Street site.

(Editor's Note: Zoning regulations do not apply to community residence homes for developmentally disabled persons.)



NOTTINGHAM BULLETIN WINS ANOTHER AWARD

For the third consecutive year, the Citizens' Committee of New York City, Inc. selected the *Nottingham Park News* as one of its newsletter award winners for "outstanding communications on the part of a block or neighborhood association."

Our Association was one of seven Brooklyn community organizations to be recognized for a specific communications project, which was the basis for the award. Nottingham's bulletin was cited for the extensive stories we have written on residential zoning. Our publication was one of six bulletins on display at the May 30 annual New York City Block & Neighborhood Conference held in Manhattan.

Bulletin editor Stephen Epstein received a certificate and a \$100 cash award on behalf of Nottingham.

Set Policy of Group Home Disputes

As soon as the Nottingham Association hears from a reliable source about a proposed group home or shelter being established in the Nottingham Park community, our Association will undertake the following steps:

- 1) Alert the block leader(s).
- 2) Alert the Nottingham board of directors.
- 3) Attend the Community Board meeting where the sponsoring organization will be making its initial proposal.
- 4) Obtain a copy of the formal proposal submitted by the sponsoring organization to Community Board 14 and provide a copy to the block leader of the affected block.
- 5) Notify block leader(s) as soon as informational and public hearing meeting dates are arranged.
- 6) Distribute to local area residents the official notice of meetings arranged by Community Board 14.
- 7) Our Association's board of directors will not take a position on any proposed group home or shelter for our community until after the informational meeting, and only if the affected neighbors have reached a consensus and are willing to take a public position.

Be Suspicious Of....

- Vehicles with license plate(s) fully or partially covered.
- Moving or double-parked vehicles without plates.
- Slow-moving vehicles in which the occupants seem to be looking at houses or driveways.
- Unfamiliar individuals "hanging around" a spot.
- One person riding a bicycle while the companion is walking along.
- Unfamiliar individuals remaining in a vehicle for an unusual period of time.
- Individuals walking along your block who seem to be intoxicated or drugged.
- In an emergency, call 911. For non-emergencies, call the 70th Precinct at 851-5511. You also may want to call Nottingham's patrol coordinator John Oricchio (338-6207) so that our patrol car can be dispatched to the scene.

Next Board Meeting Set For June 25

The next meeting of the Nottingham Association's board of directors is set for 8:00 P.M. at Edward R. Morrow High School, Avenue L and East 17 Street.

**SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION
WHICH ACTIVELY WORKS TO PRESERVE AND BETTER OUR COMMUNITY
JOIN NOTTINGHAM NOW!**

Mail your check to:
Association Secretary Marsha Edell, 2821 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11229

I wish to join and have enclosed a \$10.00 check.
 I wish to renew my membership and have enclosed \$10.00.
 I wish to contribute \$15.00 for the Nottingham car patrol.
 I wish to volunteer for the Nottingham civilian car patrol.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

APT. NO. _____ TELEPHONE _____



Clip and Save

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Police Emergencies	911
70th Precinct	851-5511
Fire	911
Ambulance	911
East Midwood Vol. Ambulance	434-5477
Shorefront Community Vol. Ambulance	627-9013
Tri-Pact Crime Victims Assistance Program	851-0638
ASPCA	257-6000
Buildings Dept. - Complaints	643-7816
Community Board 14	859-6357
Councilman Noach Dear	338-1110
Assemblyman Daniel Feldman	375-0770
Assemblywoman Rhoda Jacobs	434-0446
Assemblyman Mel Miller	252-2126
Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein	648-4700
State Senator Donald Halperin	646-6620
Congressman Charles Schumer	965-5400
Nottingham Association Patrol	338-6207
Nottingham Association Secretary	253-2592
Homecrest Post Office (11229)	743-9208
Midwood Post Office (11230)	377-2155
Vanderveer Post Office (11210)	377-4470
Defective Street Lights	1-212-566-5855
Sanitation Department	1-212-334-8590

Honor 40 Car Patrol Volunteers

Forty members of the Nottingham volunteer civilian car patrol were honored at the Association's May 19 membership meeting for serving in the patrol at least three times last year.

Each person received a Nottingham T-shirt along with certificates from our Association, State Senator Donald Halperin, and Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein.

These Nottingham patrol volunteers were honored:

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| Elsie Applewhite | Sidney Kleiner |
| George Baskin | Sandy Kreitner |
| Shelly Bienenstock | Eileen Luhrs |
| Howard Bloom* | Jacob Moskowitz |
| Allan Chernikoff | Elaine Moss |
| Peggy Chernikoff | John Oricchio |
| Julius Derdik | Grace Pellicano |
| Kevin Dresch | Roy Pellicano |
| Marsha Edell | Andrew Rosenblatt |
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| Eugene Frenkel | Barry Schwartz |
| Alfred Friedland* | William Sepowitz |
| Robert Friedland* | Sophie Silverstein* |
| David Goldberg | Charles Sippel |
| Dorothy Goldberg | Steve Sunshine |
| Eli Goldschmidt | Ed Weiss |
| David Goldstein | Martin Weiss |
| Martin Gordon | Alice Wright |
| Kevin Holmes | Elwood Wright |

*Patrolled at least four times during 1986.

Nottingham Thanks Its Public Officials

Part of the success of the Nottingham Association is due to the close cooperation our organization receives from area public officials and community agencies.

At this time, we want to extend our thanks to these elected officials for their assistance during the past organizational year:

- Brooklyn Borough President Howard Golden**
- Congressman Charles Schumer**
- Senator Donald Halperin**
- Assemblyman Dan Feldman**
- Assemblywoman Rhoda Jacobs**
- Assemblyman Mel Miller**
- Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein**
- City Councilman Noach Dear**
- District Leader Michael Garson**
- District Leader Renee Hauser**

The following city, state and community agencies also deserve recognition for providing invaluable assistance to Nottingham:

- Brooklyn Civic Council**
- Community Board 14**
- Kings Highway Board of Trade**
- Midwood Development Corp.**
- New York City Department of Parks & Recreation**
- Tri-Pact Corp.**
- 70th Precinct**

President Epstein's Farewell Comments

(Editor's Note: At the Nottingham Association's May 19 membership meeting, outgoing president Stephen Epstein made the following remarks:)

Civic leaders have the choice of closing their eyes to community problems and complaints by their members or they can actively attempt to try to resolve or mitigate the problems. You know which path I chose as your president during the past nine years.

If you want to keep a community flourishing and want to obtain all the municipal services that a neighborhood like ours is entitled to, you must have a strong and vocal community organization. And the leadership cannot be afraid of stepping on the toes of some government and political officials. Nobody can ever say that yours truly was a timid person.

To all my friends and neighbors gathered here tonight, I must warn you of two major citywide problems that have the potential of destroying both the beauty and harmony of our community: zoning controversies and group homes.

Middle class neighborhoods like Nottingham Park must continue to find ways to handle these twin problems in a sensitive and reasonable manner but within the framework of the appropriate city and state laws.

I thank my family, Nottingham officers and directors, and you, our members, for having faith in my leadership and for the recognition that you have given me here tonight.

My very best to the new leadership of the Nottingham Association. I will be working very closely with president George McMullen and his team to keep Nottingham Park the "Jewel of Midwood."

MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES -- JOIN THE NOTTINGHAM ASSOCIATION

COMPASSION VS. SELF-INTEREST

The controversy surrounding the establishment of a group home for mentally retarded adults at 1416 East 27 Street -- in the heart of a middle-class, one family residential community -- highlights two forces at work: the need to house the physically and mentally disabled in a community setting vs. the fears that local residents may have once the location for the proposed community residence becomes public.

While people do have compassion for the handicapped, they also have legitimate self-interests revolving around safety for their families and concern about their property values.

This writer recently attended a citywide workshop which dealt with zoning matter. Most of the session was consumed discussing the imposition of shelters and group homes in residential neighborhoods.

At its June meeting, the Brooklyn Civic Council, whose delegates represent various Brooklyn community, cultural and business organizations, discussed group facilities for another special group -- the homeless. The delegates voiced their opinions about whether facilities for the homeless were destroying stable communities.

The point that this writer is making is that the location of group homes in residential settings is a major citywide dilemma. For Midwood residents, as with residents in other parts of our city, the acceptance of a group home, halfway house, or shelter in one's neighborhood is not a popular issue. And the options that Community Boards have once a city or private agency submits a proposal for a community residence are limited.

Community Board 14, which represents the Flatbush and Midwood communities, probably will be asked to consider additional requests for group homes or shelters in the Midwood area since the northern section of the district may be "over-saturated" with these facilities.

(The word "over-saturated" is nebulous when referring to group homes. While similar types of community residences cannot be established within a certain radius of others, different kinds of facilities can be approved.)

Consequently, Midwood residents will have to decide when the time comes which of these three options they are going to select: 1) Consistently accept all community residences; 2) consistently oppose the establishment of group homes; or 3) be selective.

One matter which needs correction is the absence of a law mandating that residents within a specific radius of where a group facility is proposed be notified of the public meetings and hearings conducted by community boards or other city agencies. This formal notification process is mandated in requests for zoning variances.

Presently, the burden of informing local residents of group facility proposals rests with individuals and community organizations such as the Nottingham Association. Our Association spent its own funds for the printing and distribution of the Community Board 14 meeting notices regarding the informational meeting and public hearing for 1416 East 27 Street. This notification process should be the responsibility of the sponsoring agencies.

At the May 28 board of directors meeting, the board approved a resolution asking that city and state public officials enact appropriate legislation which would mandate that neighborhood residents receive official notification of public meetings and hearings from sponsoring agencies seeking to establish community residences.

In the meantime, the Nottingham Association will continue to alert its members of requests for group facilities in our area.

Furthermore, we will not hesitate to work with members who are experiencing problems with any Nottingham Park institution -- whether it be a hospital or a community residence.

Finally, I want to commend my neighbors for acting in a very responsible manner on an emotional issue. Even compassionate people have self-interests.

by Stephen Epstein

Students Receive Nottingham Award

Four students in the graduating classes of local public and parochial elementary and junior high schools received \$50.00 United States savings bonds from the Nottingham Association.

These students were recipients of the 10th annual "Nottingham Association Civic Award." The awards were presented by Association officials at each school's graduation ceremony this month.

The award recipients were: Christine Frisari, Our Lady Help of Christians School; Frank Collins, Andries Hudde Junior High School 240; Marla Rubin, P.S. 193; and Jennifer Bencivenga, P.S. 197.

Winners were chosen by their schools in recognition of the students' leadership, concern for others in school and in the community and for civic awareness.

New Posting Law In Effect

A newly amended city law makes it "unlawful for any person to paste, post, paint, print or nail any handbill, poster, notice, sign or advertisement" upon any curb, gutter, tree, lamppost, public utility pole, bus shelter, barrel, public garbage bin, or hydrant on any street.

Violators of this law can be fined between \$50.00 to \$100.00 for the first offense. For the second and each subsequent offense, the fine is between \$100.00 to \$250.00, plus the cost of removal of the unauthorized signs, imprisonment for not more than 10 days, or both.

This newly amended law makes liable the individual, organization or business whose name appears on the handbill, poster notice, sign or advertisement.

Residents wishing to report illegally posted signs or handbills can call the Sanitation Department's Complaint Unit at 1-212-334-8590.

REPORT ALL LOCAL CRIME TO POLICE AND TO NOTTINGHAM'S PATROL COORDINATOR