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## JOIN NOTTINGHAM ASSOCIATION AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING ON JUNE 14. MEMBERS WILL BE VOTING FOR A SLATE THAT WAS MAILED TO THEM.

The highlight of the meeting will be a visit from the policemen of the 70<sup>th</sup> Precinct. They will be adding to your security. Some of the things that they will do include:

V.I.N. etching. Your car's V.I.N. number is etched on all the windows of your car. It is small and will not impede visibility. The car becomes unappealing to a thief. The same thing can be done to your airbags. Airbags are the most stolen part of a car. A fence will not accept an identifiable airbag; therefore, it will not be stolen.

Various decals will be available that will also prevent auto theft.

You will also be able to register bicycles. The police can etch a personal code number onto I-Pods, Cell phones, radios etc.

You can sign up for a security evaluation at your home. An application for all those services is on page 7 of this newsletter. It must be returned to the 70<sup>th</sup> Precinct before June 2nd.

The meeting will take place at Public School 197. All of the above activities will start at 7:00 in the schoolyard. Everything is free. Dealers usually charge well over \$100 just for V.I.N. etching.

We will be checking for members. You can join Nottingham as you arrive.

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### SAVE SUNDAY, JUNE 20 BETWEEN NOON AND 3:00 FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LENA CYMBROWITZ HEALTH FAIR

(in conjunction with Maimonides Hospital). It will take place on Emmons Avenue between Sheepshead Bay Road and Ocean Avenue. In case of rain, it will take place in The Bay Academy located at 1401 Emmons Avenue.

In addition to many different kinds of free health screenings, there will be lots of information. All of this will be accompanied by live music and family entertainment.

For more information call the office of Assemblyman Steven Cymbrowitz at 718-743-4078

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This is the answer. Find the question inside our bulletin.

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In my third year as president, I think that we accomplished much, but still have more to do.

As we look forward to next year, I would like to concentrate on the to-do list.

A) I would like to see more trees in Nottingham. Some of you do not want trees. They cast shade on lawns. The grass does not grow well, neither do shrubs. Leaves in the fall create a mess.

However, trees shade the sidewalks. They make walking a pleasure. They are beautiful. Most important, they clean the air of pollutants, mainly carbon dioxide. WE NEED TREES.

Some of you have told us how impatient you are with the Department of Parks. They plant the street trees. They are short handed and under funded. Apply to Community Board 14, be patient. It will happen.

B) We are having an equally hard time getting the Department of Transportation to change the traffic pattern on the corner of Kings Highway and Nostrand Avenue. Why they haven't made that corner safer is a mystery. There is a school nearby. Children cross the street.

There was a slight change for the better recently, but it is still not good enough. Three police precincts have jurisdiction at that corner. That is a problem. Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein has been very helpful in compiling accident statistics from all three for us. The D.O.T. does their surveys once every 18 months. We have a year to go before they look again.

C) Behind the scene, we have been working hard to clear a backlog of grants. At this point, Nottingham is solvent. However, that will not last for long. We will need a new patrol car within the next year or two. The grant money will disappear. When there is no car patrol, crime will go up. Most residents, neither pay dues, nor contribute to the patrol.

There are neighborhoods that have professional patrols. They pay hundreds of dollars to sustain them. You've seen those patrols, in those neighborhoods. Our neighborhood is not less wealthy than they are. We have important property. We should be protecting it better.

Your input on any of these matters would be appreciated. What should our priorities be? E-mail to Nottingham@Nottinhambklyn.org. Please include your name when you do.

Meanwhile have a very good summer.



**THANK YOU  
ASSEMBLYMAN CYMBROWITZ**

We want to acknowledge  
your past and present kindness  
to the Nottingham Community.  
Without your help and that of others,  
we would not be able to continue  
the Nottingham Patrol.

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**Congratulations  
to the Nottingham Association  
and all of its members  
on the 85th Anniversary of your Wonderful Civic Organization**

***Thank you to the Members of the Nottingham Association for your  
kindness following the passing of my beloved mother, Martha.***

***Miss you all --  
Kelly Ilene Steier***

*Kelly Ilene Steier*  
**(Honorary Member)**

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The Officers and Board of Directors of Nottingham Association  
are proud of the longevity of our civic group.

There have been people in this neighborhood  
who worked hard towards the betterment of our community  
for more than 85 years.

We hope there will be others who are willing carry on our work  
when we can no longer do it.

**TOMAT**

**WISHES TO CELEBRATE  
WITH NOTTINGHAM ASSOCIATION  
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**For your dedication and commitment to our  
community**

**RHODA S. JACOBS  
ASSISTANT SPEAKER  
MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY  
42<sup>nd</sup> A.D.**

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## HELLO'S AND GOODBYE'S

This winter we said goodbye to board members Mindy Bockstein and Sophie Silverstein. Dr. Silverstein has important family members who live in the Washington D.C. area, and she has moved there. Mindy, as we hope everyone knows, is now serving as the Chair and Executive Director of the Consumer Protection Board. Governor Spitzer appointed her. Continuing on the Nottingham Board of Directors would have been a conflict of interest. We congratulate her, and wish her well. Both were long-time board members.

We have two new board members. Howard and Carol Feldsher have joined us much to our benefit. They have contributed to our meetings, and volunteered to work for Nottingham. Welcome aboard.

On the other hand, our condolences go to board member Edith Lindbergh who lost her son this winter. Frank Fills, a neighbor and board member, who moved to Staten Island, lost his wife Eileen. Our sympathies go out to them.

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## JUST A FEW ADMONITIONS, SORRY

### TIPS ON CRIME PREVENTION FROM ASSEMBLYMAN STEVEN CYMBROWITZ

When you are away:

Notify neighbors when you are going to be on vacation or if you expect to be away from home for any length of time. Ask them to watch for strangers who might be near your home while you are away. Ask them to remove fliers that are placed near your home. Cancel newspapers and other deliveries. Accumulated newspapers tell a burglar you are not home.

Ask a neighbor to pick up your mail and packages, while you are away, or ask the Postal Service to hold them for you at the Post Office until you return. You can do this on line at [usps.com/athome](http://usps.com/athome), or call 1-800-ASK-USPS.

Arrange to have your lawn mowed while you're away.

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### RASH DRIVING KILLS

We have seen too many vehicles going the wrong way down one-way streets, including Avenues N and O. The people who are doing this also often use excessive speed as they either back up on or head down these one-way streets. The drivers doing this are not strangers. They are our neighbors trying to save a few minutes by not going around the block to their homes. People on foot, children playing, are not prepared to look for them, and are placed in unacceptable danger.

### MORE ABOUT WHEN YOU ARE AWAY

When you leave your house for that well deserved summer vacation will you think about protecting your mail?

If you don't remember consider the consequences. You get bills and other important mail. You may get packages. Bulky mail and packages are left in front of your door. They are an invitation to burglars. They are also an invitation to identity thieves. You can go to the postal service website, [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com), and click on "Hold Mail" in the "Receiving Your Mail" column and fill out the information. Be sure you indicate the time period when you want your mail held, from a minimum of three days to a maximum of 30 days. Your local post office is notified electronically to hold your mail safely until you return. You can also sign up for Premium Forwarding Service if you are going to be away for more than 2 weeks. That costs a \$10.00 fee plus \$10.40 a week.

Source: Kings Courier.

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MAKE SURE YOU ASK A RELIABLE NEIGHBOR TO CHECK ON JUNK MAIL AND REMOVE IT. ALSO, STOP ALL DELIVERIES.



**RECYCLE? YES!**

Return to  
P.O. Claire Murphy, 70<sup>th</sup> Precinct  
154 Lawrence Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11230

BEFORE June 2, 2007

This is done so that a stencil of the V.I.N. number can be made for etching.

70<sup>TH</sup> PRECINCT  
VEHICLE REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

VEHICLE I.D. NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

# OF WINDOWS (INCLUDE ALL GLASS) \_\_\_\_\_

INITIAL THOSE PROGRAMS THAT YOU WISH TO JOIN

\_\_\_\_\_ C.A.T. (COMBAT AUTO THEFT) I understand that the presence of this decal, affixed to the windows of my vehicle, indicates to the police that this vehicle is not operated between the hours of 1:00 A.M. and 5:00 A.M., permitting the police to make an investigative stop of the vehicle during those hours.

\_\_\_\_\_ H.E.A.T. (HELP ELIMINATE AUTO THEFT) I understand that the presence of this decal affixed to the windows of my vehicle indicates to the police that my vehicle will not be operated by anyone under 25 years of age. I am certifying that that I am at least 40 years of age.

\_\_\_\_\_ COMMUTER C.A.T. I acknowledge that the presence of this decal affixed to the windows of my vehicle, indicates to the police that my vehicle is not operated during the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., permitting the police to conduct an investigative stop of the vehicle during those hours. This program is in effect Monday through Friday.

\_\_\_\_\_ V.I.N. ETCHING (A MILD ACID IS USED TO ETCH THE VEHICLE'S V.I.N. NUMBER ONTO ALL WINDOWS OF AUTO) I acknowledge that The N.Y.C.P.D. is not responsible in the remote possibility that my auto is damaged by the acid.

I CERTIFY THAT I AM THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED VEHICLE.  
AND I WANT TO JOIN THE ABOVE INITIALED PROGRAM.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

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THE INFORMATION PAGE

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Many of our local street trees need pruning. We have asked that you call 311 because Community Board 14 no longer takes care of the problem. If you do not get results from speaking to 311, you can also telephone Elizabeth Ernish at 718-802-3893. She is the parks and open spaces specialist for the Office of the Borough President.

Although you can send applications for new street tree plantings to the Community Board, you can also call 311 and ask for a new tree. Be sure to give them the location where you want the tree planted. You can find an application for tree planting in the Spring 2006 Nottingham Bulletin or contact Nottingham Association for one.



Pruning, planting, or the removal of trees on your property are your responsibility, and must be done by you.

The Asian Longhorn Beetle is particularly active in the spring. Currently the only way to stop an infestation, and spread is to cut down the tree and destroy it, either by using a wood chipper or burning it. Be vigilant. If you see holes that have been bored into your trees call 311 or the U.S. Plant Health Inspection Program Hotline at 877-STOP-ALB (877-786-7252) toll free.

Source of information: Kings Courier, May 15, 2006, Page 13.

IF YOU HAVE GRAFFITI

You can do something about it, and we can help.

The office of Borough President Markowitz has a form on which you can request a free service. We have that form. **Members**, we can give you a copy of the form if you will call Marsha Edell at 718-253-2592 or E-mail us at [Nottingham@nottinghambklyn.org](mailto:Nottingham@nottinghambklyn.org). Please give us your name and address.

IT'S SPRING

And it is time to perk up our garbage pails! Once more we are giving out free labels to our **members**. If you need labels, please call Marsha Edell at 718-253-2592 or E-mail us at [Nottingham@nottinghambklyn.org](mailto:Nottingham@nottinghambklyn.org). Remember to give us your name and address, and tell us how many you need.

PERSPIRATION STAINS

Saturate fresh stains with shampoo, then launder as usual. For old stains, treat with an enzyme paste. Buy digestive-enzyme tablets at a natural-foods store; grind four tablets and add equal parts water to make a damp paste. Gently rub onto the stain. Let sit for one hour. Launder as usual. Whites can be soaked overnight in hot water and oxygen bleach (follow label directions). Launder as usual. Source: Martha Stewart's Homekeeping Handbook, Page 377.

What happened on January 1, 1898, and is sometimes called the mistake of '98?

Answer on page 1.

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SUSPENSION CALENDAR 2007**

Source: <http://home.nyc.gov/html/dot/motorist/scriintro.html#calendar2007>

**MEMORIAL DAY\*** . . . . . May 28, Mon.  
**INDEPENDENCE DAY\*** . . . . . July 4, Wed.  
 Feast of Assumption . . . . . August 15, Wed.  
**LABOR DAY\*** . . . . . Sept. 3, Mon.  
 Rosh Hashanah. . . . . Sept. 13-14, Thurs.-Fri.  
 Yom Kippur. . . . . Sept. 22, Sat.  
 Succoth: 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Day. . . . . Sept. 27-28, Thurs. – Fri.  
 Shemini Atzereth. . . . . Oct. 4, Thurs.  
 Simchas Torah. . . . . Oct. 5, Fri.  
 Columbus Day . . . . . Oct 8, Mon.  
 Idul-Fitr. . . . . Oct. 12-14, Fri-Sat.-Sun.  
 All Saints Day. . . . . Nov. 1, Thurs.  
 Election Day. . . . . Nov. 6, Tues.  
 Diwali. . . . . Nov. 9, Fri.  
 Veterans Day . . . . . Nov. 11, Sun.  
 Veterans Day (Observed). . . . . Nov. 12, Mon.  
**THANKSGIVING DAY\*** . . . . . Nov. 22, Thurs.  
 Immaculate Conception. . . . . Dec. 8, Sat.  
 Idul-Adha. . . . . Dec. 19-21, Wed.-Thurs.-Fri.  
**CHRISTMAS DAY\*** . . . . . Dec. 25, Tues.

\* indicates major holidays

Just want you to know . . . . .

. . . . . During the first quarter of 2007, the Nottingham Patrol Car was on the street for 561.5 hours and was driven for a total of 3,542 miles. We took only 1 or two days off during snowstorms. We were there for you.



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