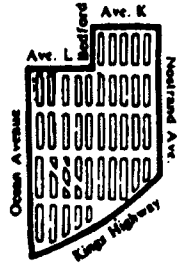




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NOTTINGHAM PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE War on Graffiti and Street Posters

Two major sources of eye pollution in our area are graffiti and street posters.

Try as you might, you can't ignore them. Street posters seem to be appearing in abundance stapled, taped or glued to street light poles. Graffiti is less selective. In the Nottingham area, spray-can graffiti "tags" have appeared on street signs, telephone poles, apartment buildings, traffic signs, mailboxes, sidewalks and even trees!!

Both graffiti and the hanging of street posters are illegal. Both are done by stealth at night or quickly before any resident or passerby is aware. Although a few individuals are caught in the act and arrested, the annoyance continues. However, those who are arrested are often the low-paid individuals who put them up, and not the organizations behind the posters.

It will take some time and the concerted effort of many individuals and organizations to

combat these dual criminal acts which are detrimental to the quality of life in our area. For example, posters have been torn down, only to reappear from other offending organizations or individuals.

Mailbox graffiti in our neighborhood was painted over this fall, through the joint efforts of Nottingham, Midwood Development Corporation, and City Councilman Mike Nelson. Unfortunately, there was new graffiti on some of these mailboxes within weeks.

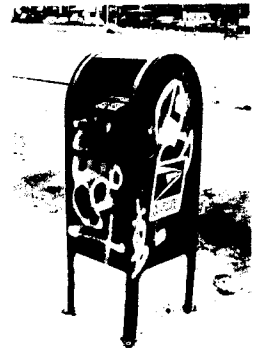
We continue to discuss and report

graffiti and street posters to MDC, the 70th Precinct, the Sanitation Department, Community Board 14, District Attorney Charles Hines' office, and Councilman Michael Nelson. It will be some time before a coordinated effort gives the neighborhood some lasting relief from these eyesores. Please be patient.

We also need to hear from you.

Email to nottinghambklyn@aol.com or correspond with us through our Financial Secretary, Marsha Edell at 2821 Kings Highway #1-O, Brooklyn 11229 (253-2592).

Sincerely,
Mark Lieb,
Nottingham President
nottinghambklyn@aol.com



**Reminder : Keep
May 17 open for the
Annual Meeting
and Elections of the
Nottingham Association
at Public School 193**

**YOUR DUES MUST BE
PAID BY APRIL 15 IN
ORDER TO VOTE**

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NOTTINGHAM WORKS FOR YOU WE GET RESULTS!

NOTTINGHAM MEETS WITH NY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

On Thurs., Jan 25, Nottingham President Mark Lieb met Mr. Lin Mo, CEO-President of N.Y. Community Hospital. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss ways to extend the hospital's "good neighbor" policy toward the Nottingham area.

NYPD ARRESTS CAR CELL PHONE THIEF IN OUR AREA THANK YOU OFFICERS OF THE 70TH PRECINCT

On Tues, Jan 23, an officer from the 70th Precinct called Nottingham President Mark Lieb to inform us that an undercover team in the south-end of the precinct (the Nottingham vicinity) had arrested a car cell-phone thief and recovered 10 stolen cell phones. According to our information, this arrest "closes" 13 pending cases. We thank the 70th Pct. for this timely update!

PLEASE VISIT OUR SICK AND ELDERLY

Nottingham President, Mark Lieb, and several members of our Board of Directors take the time to visit our homebound neighbors, patients at NY Community Hospital, and former residents now in nursing homes out of the area. We think this is the kind of quality-of-life service for our elderly and infirm neighbors that everyone in Nottingham can do. How about you?



CAMPAIGN AGAINST STREET POSTERS CONTINUES

In December 2000, Nottingham President, Mark Lieb, together with a concerned Nottingham Association member, toured the area for street posters, noting locations, organizations, and taking several photographs of the offending advertising displays. Although several posters were torn down and properly disposed of, others quickly replaced them within days. **We will keep you updated on the war.**

MAILBOX CLEANUP AND GRAFFITI

In November 2000, the blue (outgoing) and green (storage) U.S. Postal Service mailboxes on East 22nd Street and Avenue O were painted over to eliminate graffiti, which had defaced the surfaces. This is part of a program developed MDC (Midwood Development Corporation) in a joint effort with City Councilman Michael Nelson's office. Unfortunately, there was some new spray-painting noted in December, although it was less conspicuous.

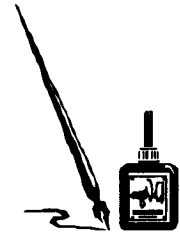
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nottinghambklyn@aol.com if
you wish to put a mailbox on
MDC's to-be-painted list.



THROUGH THE MAIL SLOT

Letters

Keep them coming. We will try to help.



Dear Ms Edell:

I have been a long-time resident of this community and a member of the Nottingham Association. I am writing because of a problem that has irked me for quite some time.

I know that over the years the Nottingham Association has done many things to keep the area beautiful, and the efforts have produced excellent results. However, I become irritated when I drive around the neighborhood and see the advertisements that are posted on the street light poles, electric poles and sometimes the trees. They have become quite numerous over the last few years, and I feel they create an eyesore. In addition, the flyers that are delivered almost daily now are another problem. These flyers for the most part are taken in by homeowners or off their parked cars; however, many of them find their way into the street.

I was wondering if this problem could be addressed in some manner. I also wonder if it irritates other people as it does me. I would appreciate any help you could give me.

J.C. East 28th Street

there be a "no parking" zone on the southeast corner of Avenue L and East 22nd Street.

M.B. E. 21st Street

Dear Mr. B.

What you are asking for is called "daylighting." Our Transportation Committee, headed by Elaine Moss, has been compiling a list of such dangerous intersections. We thank you for your input. That crossing will be added to our list and forwarded to Community Board 14.

Editor

Dear Mr. Lieb:

Congratulations on your recent election to the office of Nottingham President.

After reading your column in the latest issue of the Nottingham Park News, I thought you might be interested in one of my observations.

Whenever I walk along Kings Highway or Avenue M, I am inevitably confronted by some adult riding a bicycle on the sidewalk. I have heard many Midwood residents complain about this awful experience

and it does happen quite often. There is no consideration for the safety of the elderly, people with baby carriages or those walking with canes. This shows a lack of respect and concern for the welfare of local residents.

Thank you for your time, and good luck in your new position.

Sincerely,

I.K. East 23rd Street

Dear Mr. K.

This is a problem which we have taken up with the police many times. These bicycle riders on the sidewalks are indeed a hazard, and are also illegal. We will speak to the police again. We are also addressing the issue of cars driving the wrong way down one-way streets. Our neighborhood is filled with children, and these drivers are oblivious to the danger that they present. We have also received your second letter, in which you voiced additional concerns (motorists who double park, go through intersections on amber lights, dog owners who do not clean up after their animals, and garbage cans thrown around the streets) Editor

.WE HOPE THAT ALL OUR CORRESPONDENTS HAVE PAID THEIR DUES!

NOTTINGHAM BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNOUNCES ITS MEETING DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR PLEASE JOIN US

AT 8:00PM EACH TIME

- Thursday, February 15; In the Teachers Cafeteria at Edward R. Murrow H.S.
- Thursday, March 22; In the Teachers Cafeteria at Edward R. Murrow H.S.
- Thursday, April 26; In the Teachers Cafeteria at Edward R. Murrow H.S.
- Thursday, May 17; Annual meeting in the Auditorium of Public School 193.
- Thursday, June 2; In the Teachers Cafeteria at Edward R. Murrow H.S.

BE SURE TO KEEP MAY 17 OPEN TO CELEBRATE NOTTINGHAM'S 80TH BIRTHDAY!

Dear Sir:

I'd like to call your attention to a situation in our neighborhood that is potentially hazardous.

I recently had an accident as I drove north on East 22nd Street. As I turned left into Avenue L, a van parked on the southeast corner blocked my vision. I could not see a car approaching from the east on Avenue L. The result was an accident in which both cars sustained some damage.

I recommend strongly that

**CAR PATROL EXPENSES 1/1/2000 THROUGH 12/31/2000
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Drivers	\$15,000.00
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Car Insurance	3,087.00
Garage Rent	1,200.00
Workmans' Compensation	957.00
Maintenance/Misc.	605.00
Total	\$23,181.00

(as reported by Estelle Schaffer, Treasurer.)

During the six months between July and December 2000, the new Nottingham Patrol car was driven 1232 miles for 1231.5 hours (Connie Koenig, Safety and Security Committee, patrol car monitor)

The car patrol serves an important function in the Nottingham neighborhood. If you want it to continue, become a Nottingham member, and, if you can, also give an additional donation.



In the last newsletter you met George. Now meet Tony. He drives the Nottingham Patrol car, too.

**CLEAR ICE AND SNOW FROM
SIDEWALKS**

Each of us must make sure that sidewalks are cleared of snow and ice during the winter. We do not want our neighbors to fall and hurt themselves. If the law is not followed, it leaves the homeowner open to fines and lawsuits. If you are unable to shovel yourself, make sure that you make prior arrangements for someone else to do it. Call the Midwood Development Corporation at 376-0999

IT IS THE LAW!

Source : Sanitation Code 16-123 (a and b). Booklet, *New York City Department of Sanitation Digest of Codes. Rev. 4/97.*

“Every owner, lessee, tenant, occupant, or other person having charge of any lot or building must clean snow and/or ice from the sidewalk within 4 hours after snow has stopped falling, or by 11:00 AM if snow has stopped falling after 9:00 pm the previous evening. If the snow or ice becomes frozen so hard that it cannot be

removed, the sidewalk may be strewn with ashes, cat litter, sawdust, or similar suitable material within the same time limits. The same previously mentioned four hour limit applies here. The sidewalk must be thoroughly cleaned as soon thereafter as the weather permits. Failure to clear a sidewalk within four hours after the snow stops falling can result in fines between \$50 and \$100”.

Homeowners who will be away for the winter (or part of the winter) should make arrangements to have their sidewalks and steps cleared. Hydrants should be cleared quickly, in case there is an emergency.

Complaints related to icy sidewalks can be telephoned to Community Board 14 at 859-6357.

**MAKE NOTE !!!
NYC GOVERNMENT WEB SITE:
WWW.NYC.GOV**

The NYC Government's official web site is an excellent source of information and links to various governmental agencies and programs. If you are Internet connected, it is well worth the visit and some exploration time. Highly recommended. M. Lieb

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NEW POSTAL RATES IN EFFECT

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Receipt Requested after Mailing \$3.50

Delivery Confirmation

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2001 New York City Parking Calendar
Nottingham wishes to thank the office of
Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein for this
information.

Alternate side parking suspended

Monday, February 12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
 Mon., February 19 George Washington's Birthday (Observed)
 Mon. - Wed. March 5 - 7 Idul-Adha — Days 1, 2 and 3
 Sun.-Mon. April 8 - 9 Passover — Days 1 and 2
 Thurs., Apr.12 Holy Thursday (and Holy Thursday Orthodox)
 Friday, April 13 . . . Good Friday (and Good Friday Orthodox)
 Sat. - Sun. April 14 - 15 Passover — Days 7 and 8
 Thursday, May 24 Solemnity of Ascension
 Monday, May 28 Memorial Day *
 Mon. - Tues. May 28 - 29 Shavuot — Days 1 and 2
 Wednesday, July 4 Independence Day
 Wednesday, August 15 Feast of the Assumption
 Monday, September 3 Labor Day *
 Tues. - Wed. Sept. 18 - 19 . . . Rosh Hashanah - Days 1 and 2
 Thursday, September 27 Yom Kippur
 Tues. - Wed. October 2 - 3 Succoth — Days 1 and 2
 Monday, October 8 Columbus Day (Observed)
 Tuesday, October 9 Shemini Atzereth
 Wednesday, October 10 Simchas Torah
 Thursday, November 1 All Saints' Day
 Tuesday, November 6 Election Day
 Sunday, November 11 Veterans' Day
 Monday, November 12 Veterans' Day (Observed)
 Thursday, November 22 Thanksgiving Day *
 Saturday, December 8 Immaculate Conception
 Sun. - Tues. December 16 - 18 Idul-Fitr Days 1, 2 and 3
 Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day *

* Major Legal Holiday Rules in Effect — On major legal holidays, stopping, standing and parking are permitted except in areas where stopping, standing and parking rules are in effect seven days a week (for example, "No Standing Anytime").

CORRECTION

The telephone number of Community Board 14 is 859-6357. We made an error in our last issue. We apologize.

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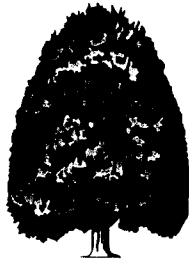
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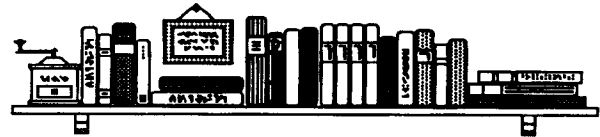
Blossom Klass, Nottingham Board member, supported and participated in, the Health Fair of New York Community Hospital on September 24, 2000. The residents of our neighborhood benefited greatly from the health and educational services offered that day.

**The Nottingham Association
would like to thank the following
people who generously provided
grants for the Nottingham Patrol:**

**Assemblyman Steven Cymbrowitz
City Councilman Michael Nelson
Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein**



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KINGS HIGHWAY LIBRARY HOURS NOTE : THE LIBRARY HOURS HAVE BEEN CHANGED

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Tuesday 1-6
Wednesday 10 - 6
Thursday 1 - 8
Friday 10 - 6
Saturday 10 - 5
Sunday 12 - 4

NOTTINGHAM LIGHTS UP A SCHOOLYARD

The schoolyard at Public School 197, is a well-established "hangout" for teenagers in the neighborhood. Dark corners provide privacy. Homeowners who live nearby are afraid of what may be happening in those dark corners, and complained to the Board of Directors.

Non-working lights were discovered, and additional lights will be put in. Once again, we are grateful to the office of Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein, who saw the problem and acted swiftly.

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