



Maspeth Town Hall

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Newsletter

February 2024

A Message from our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. Though we are already in February, I want to wish all of you the best for 2024!

We had a very festive holiday season here at Maspeth Town Hall. The Breakfast with Mrs. Claus event was filled with smiling faces, songs, and story-time. Our Tree Lighting ceremony saw the lights on our beautiful building turned on while we were serenaded with songs from carolers, and even had a visit from Santa! The Maspeth High School Choir performed at the Maspeth Kiwanis Club holiday luncheon.

We thank our members and our community for your generosity and support for 2 other activities in December. The Holiday Bulbs in remembrance of loved ones and holiday greetings adorned many trees in front of the building. The Holiday Raffle was a success, and we awarded 10 great prizes.

It's been a busy start to the year! Our after-school program is off to a great start with new and enhanced offerings. Please read the update on page 3. Classes at Maspeth Town Hall for toddlers, seniors, and adults are back in full swing. Please see the schedule on page 5 for more information. Last but not least, our Youth Ensemble Theater Company group is preparing for their performance of Godspell this spring.

There have been some changes to our Board of Directors. Robert Aiello has stepped down as President but will continue serving on the Board. We thank him for the 5 years of service and the tremendous support and guidance during his tenure as President. Madeline LaFauce is our new President, and Laura Zimmermann

has accepted the position of Vice President. We congratulate Madeline and Laura on their new positions and wish them every success!

The Community Tree in the lobby of our building offers an opportunity to commemorate loved ones or special milestones. There are many leaves with beautiful messages already on display. If you would like to purchase a leaf, please page 4 for more details.

We are so grateful for our members! Your financial support enables us to provide programming and to be a vibrant center in our community. A large membership roll also gives us a strong voice when requesting funding from our elected officials. To thank you, we have enclosed a reusable shopping bag which we hope will serve you well.

Please read our newsletter for more information on all our events and offerings. Best wishes for a wonderful few months ahead!

Eileen Reilly

Newsletter Highlights

- Holiday Festivities & Program Spotlight
- Summer Youth Employment Program
- After-School Program Update
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A Festive Holiday Season

Here are some of the highlights of the festivities in December here at Maspeth Town Hall!



Spotlight on Programs

We have something for everyone here at Maspeth Town Hall! See page 5 for the schedule of classes!



Is It Summer Yet?

Last year, we hosted 2 Summer Rising camps in partnership with the NYC Department of Youth & Community Development. These camps were staffed by counselors from Maspeth Town Hall and the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP).

Each year, the SYEP application process opens for a limited period of time. This year's deadline is March 1, 2024. If you are 16 – 24 years old and are interested in working with us this summer, please visit the Bulletin Board at maspethtownhall.org for more information.

NYC
Department of
Youth & Community
Development

Summer
Youth
Employment
Program

**SYEP applications
are now open!**

Apply now at <https://application.nycsyep.com>

After-School Program Update

We have had a terrific beginning to the new year in our after-school programs, which we host at 13 schools across Maspeth, Middle Village, Glendale, Ridgewood, Corona, Elmhurst, and Woodside. Our students have been enjoying enhanced offerings and new programs.

Along with homework help, we offer many academic enrichment programs during the school year including Chess, Book Club, Lego Education, Creative Writing, and OSMO (an educational and interactive learning tool that utilizes digital and physical tangible components focused on curriculum-based learning). Students can enjoy the new yoga, sign language, drama, and cooking options, as well as the popular dance, computer coding, photography, music, and fine art clubs. Our physical fitness activities include sports leagues (volleyball, soccer, basketball, flag football, and European handball) and recreational games. All of the programs we offer help enhance problem solving skills, improve social interactions, reduce stress, develop positive self-esteem, and give kids an opportunity to just have fun in a safe environment.

Last fall, we hosted 2 special events. The High School 101 Virtual Panel featured current high school students who shared advice and tips with our junior high students. This high school preparedness webinar focused on the application process and transitioning out of junior high, and the panelists shared some of their experiences in high school. Career Day, which was hosted for our elementary school students, showcased unique career paths including graphic design and cosmetology, presented by some of our staff members. We hope to continue to offer these sessions in the future.

7 of our after-school programs are generously funded through grants from the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD). We also receive grants from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, ExpandedEd, and Maspeth Federal Savings Bank. Throughout the year, we receive regular visits from these entities, and all the sites are inspected by the New York City Department of Health. We are pleased to report that we are in complete compliance and have received high marks from all these assessments.

A lot of hard work goes into running these after-school programs. We are fortunate to have an amazing group of site directors, counselors, team leaders, and various educational and recreational specialists who are dedicated to providing the most enriching setting for our students.

If you are interested in becoming part of our wonderful team, please check our website www.maspethtownhall.org/employment for more information.



Maspeth Town Hall Community Tree



The bronze tree in the lobby of our building was established to recognize the deep roots in the community put down by Maspeth Town Hall. Its leaves represent the permanent recognition of the support of our members and neighbors.

You may purchase a leaf on the Community Tree to honor the memory of a loved one, celebrate and memorialize a milestone, or simply to show your support for our center. Your message will be read and enjoyed by those who enter our building for years to come.

Each leaf costs \$250, which is a tax-deductible donation, payable by a check made out to Maspeth Town Hall. Please complete the form below for each leaf. We thank you in advance for your support!

Name of Donor: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

25 letters to each line (3 to 4 lines per leaf). Please fill in a letter in each space, and leave a blank space between each word. Examples below:

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY ___
DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS ___
GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN ___
WITH LOVE FROM MY FAMILY ___

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY ___
JOE & MARIA MAY YOUR LOVE
CONTINUE TO GROW WE LOVE ___
YOU YOUR KIDS & GRANDKIDS

CONGRATULATIONS SAMANTHA ___
ON YOUR GRADUATION FROM ___
LAW SCHOOL WE ARE SO VERY
PROUD OF YOU MOM & DAD ___

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Line 4

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Winter Programs at Maspeth Town Hall

The Winter program schedule is below. Please note the new times for our Tai Chi and Senior Strong fitness classes on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

If you are interested in these or any other programs, please visit our website and click on the 'Other Programs' menu option for more information, pricing, and registration forms. You can also email us at programs@maspethtownhall.org or call 718 335-6049, ext. 132.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
8:00 AM								
8:30 AM								
9:00 AM		Tai Chi			Tai Chi			
9:30 AM		9:00 - 10:00			9:00 - 10:00			
10:00 AM	Art 10:00 - 12:00		Mahjong -	Chair Yoga &			Big Joe Fitness 9:30 - 10:15	
10:30 AM			Instructional &	Creative Core				
11:00 AM			Free Play	9:30 - 11:00		Senior Strong		
11:30 AM			10:30 - 11:15	10:00 - 12:00	Drop In Tech Talk 11:00 - 12:00	10:30 - 11:15		
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6:30 PM	Sweat and Swagger		Zumba with	Big Joe Fitness				
7:00 PM	with Melodie		Melodie	6:30 - 7:15				
7:30 PM	6:30 - 7:30		6:30 - 7:30		Youth Ensemble Theatre Company			
8:00 PM					7:00 - 9:00			
8:30 PM								
9:00 PM								

Toddlers		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 AM						
9:30 AM		Zumbini 9:45 - 10:25	Playgroup 2 year olds 9:30 - 11:15	Playgroup 2 year olds 9:30 - 11:15	Playgroup Under 2 year olds 10:00 - 11:30	
10:00 AM						
10:30 AM						
11:00 AM						
11:30 AM						
12:00 PM						

Do you have suggestions for other programming? We want to hear from you! You can visit our website maspethtownhall.org and click on the 'Other Programs' menu option to access our survey, use this QR code, or stop by and tell us. Thank you for your time!



Technology Help

Do you have questions about how to work your cell phone, computer, iPad, or tablet? Stop in at Maspeth Town Hall on Thursdays from 11:00am-12:00pm and we will help you. If this time isn't convenient, please call us at (718) 335-6049, ext. 132, to schedule an appointment.

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NY City & State Agency Grants

NYC Department for the Aging
NYC Department of Youth & Community Development
NYS Office of Children & Family Services

Annual Membership Levels

Benefactor	\$500
Program Sponsor	\$250
Corporate/Business	\$100
Patron	\$50
Family	\$25
Individual	\$15
Senior Citizen	\$10

You may now renew your membership online! Please visit our website and click on the 'Membership' menu option.