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# Newsletter

January 2025

## A Message from our Executive Director

Dear Member,

I want to wish you and your families a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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 of our fundraising events. The Lucky Leaves calendar in November was a success, and we congratulate all winners. The Holiday Bulbs in remembrance of loved ones and holiday greetings adorned many trees in front of the building.

We hosted a Build the Block event with the 104th Precinct on December 19, 2024. Attendees had an opportunity to meet the Neighborhood Coordination Officers for Sector C - PO Lipori and PO Pickett. We also collaborated with Council Member Holden's office for the Veterans Winter Drive to collect new coats, gloves, hats, and other winter essentials for the Borden Avenue Veterans Residence.

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 enclosed schedule for more information.

We are so grateful for your support as a member of Maspeth Town Hall. Your generosity enables us to provide high quality programming for our community, from toddlers to seniors, and everyone in between! A large membership roll also gives us a strong voice when requesting funding from our elected officials. To thank you, we have enclosed a magnetic chip clip 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!

Mary Contreras

### Newsletter Highlights

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## A Festive Holiday Season

Here are some of the highlights of the festivities in December here at Maspeth Town Hall including our Tree Lighting, Holiday Bulbs, Breakfast with Mrs. Claus, the Kiwanis Club of Maspeth holiday lunch (with a performance by the Maspeth High School choir) and other holiday fun in our programs and office!



## Maspeth Town Hall, in Gingerbread!

For the third year, the Gingerbread NYC: The Great Borough Bake-Off was held at The Museum of the City of New York. The 2024 theme was "Iconic New York", with twenty talented amateur and professional bakers from across the five boroughs showcasing their creativity by recreating the city's iconic landmarks in gingerbread. Filiz Cihan Cemberci won the Queens Borough award with a gingerbread model of Maspeth Town Hall! Congratulations Filiz and thank you for your beautiful handiwork! Instagram: @filizkitchen\_nyc



## Community Lending Library

Our new community lending library is in front of our building! The suggestion for the library came from one of our senior members, and we love the idea! It was beautifully painted by artist Dori Wolt from our Creative Classes with Dori Workshops.

We are happy to report lots of activity with books being shared and borrowed. Please stop by and share something you've finished reading and take a new book to enjoy!

We hope this will be a resource for our members and our community for many years to come.



## After School Program Report

December was a busy and festive month throughout our after school programs. In addition to pizza parties for the participants across the 12 sites, some schools had additional activities and events to celebrate the season:

- PS 28 – Winter Wonderland, Holiday Recital
- PS/IS 49 – PTA Holiday Family Event
- PS 58 – Christmas Arts and Crafts, Christmas Movie
- PS 229 – PTA Breakfast with Santa, Polar Express Holiday Event
- PS 290 – Ornament Activity, Blue Unicorn Dance Performance
- PS 330 – Snow Globe Activity
- St. Sebastian Catholic Academy – Christmas Show



At IS 73, SPEAKHIRE hosted a “Communications – Present Your Best Self” seminar the participants in our program. The presentation was designed to help the students improve their communication styles and to introduce them to helpful tools and resources.

SPEAKHIRE develops the social and cultural capital of individuals to become leaders in the workforce. Participants are exposed to career development and educational opportunities in a project-based learning environment.

## Program Spotlight



Our Senior Fine Art program has been a popular staple for many years. Artist Susan Hamburger joined us this past fall as the program instructor.

Susan Hamburger is a visual artist who lives and works in Brooklyn. Her current focus is primarily sculpture as well as work on paper and installations. She is currently included in the Brooklyn Artists Exhibition at the Brooklyn Museum, which features work from more than 200 artists, running through January 26, 2025. Susan will have an upcoming solo exhibition in October 2025 at the Asya Geisberg Gallery in Tribeca.

For more information visit Susan’s website [susanhamburger.net](http://susanhamburger.net) or Instagram @hamburgerama.

The Senior Fine Art class is on Monday mornings from 10am – 12pm. We have a few spots open if you would like to join us!

The Winter/Spring Programming Schedule is on the next page. If you are interested in any of the programs listed there, 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](mailto:programs@maspethtownhall.org) or call 718 335-6049, ext. 132.



# Programming Schedule Winter/Spring 2025

	SENIORS	TODDLERS	ADULTS
MONDAY	<b>Fine Art</b> 10:00 - 12:00	<b>Zumbini</b> 9:45 - 10:25	
TUESDAY	<b>Senior Strong</b> 10:00 - 10:45	<b>2 Year Old Playgroup</b> 9:30 - 11:15	<b>Special Workshops</b> (see below)
WEDNESDAY	<b>Instructional Mahjong</b> 10:00 - 12:00		<b>Sweat &amp; Swagger/Zumba</b> 6:30 - 7:30
THURSDAY	<b>Senior Stretch</b> 10:00 - 10:45	<b>Under 2 Year Old Playgroup</b> 9:30 - 11:00	<b>Big Joe Fitness</b> 6:30 - 7:15
FRIDAY	<b>Senior Strong</b> 10:00 - 10:45		

## SPECIAL TUESDAY WORKSHOPS (schedule as of January, 2025)

<p><b>January</b> Jan 14 - Arm Knitting (\$25) 6:30pm - 8:30pm Jan 28 - Line Dancing (\$10) 6:30pm - 7:30pm</p> <p><b>February</b> Feb 4 - Creative Classes with Dori (\$25) 6:30pm - 8:30pm Feb 25 - Line Dancing (\$10) 6:30pm - 7:30pm</p> <p><b>March</b> Mar 4 - Creative Classes with Dori (\$25) 6:30pm - 8:30pm Mar 11 - CPR/First Aid/AED (\$65) 6:30pm - 8:30pm Mar 25 - Line Dancing (\$10) 6:30pm - 7:30pm</p> <p><b>April</b> Apr 8 - Creative Classes with Dori (\$25) 6:30pm - 8:30pm Apr 29 - Line Dancing (\$10) 6:30pm - 7:30pm</p>	<p><b>May</b> May 6 - Creative Classes with Dori (\$25) 6:30pm - 8:30pm</p>
<b>SENIOR TRIP</b>	
<p><b>Billion Dollar Trio: Neil Diamond, Olivia Newton-John, and Patsy Cline Tribute</b></p> <p>Revel in the music and to the songs of America's most famous entertainers with the Reflections Show Band and an All Star Comedian!</p> <p>Tuesday May 13, 2025 9:30am sharp (bus leaves from Grand Avenue) LiGreci's Staaten</p> <p>\$55 - includes bus transportation and lunch</p>	

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