



Maspeth Town Hall

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Maspeth, NY 11378

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maspethtownhall.org

Newsletter

November 2024

A Message from our Executive Director

Dear Member,

I hope you are enjoying this Fall season and weather! We have been busy at Maspeth Town Hall, and I am excited to share some updates with you.

Our After School programs at 12 locations throughout Queens began on September 16, 2024. It's been a great and busy start with our participants enjoying various academic and special interest activities in addition to homework help.

Our Fall Toddler, Adult & Senior programming began the week of September 30, 2024. We are excited to expand last year's classes and add new workshops! We have upcoming line dancing and craft night workshops in November and December.

I would like to thank you for your support of our Lucky Leaves fundraiser in November. Your donations to our fundraising efforts are tax-deductible contributions that help us keep our programming at a low cost to our participants. Thank you for your generosity and we wish you good luck!

We are holding our annual meeting and Board of Directors election on November 19, 2024, at 5:00 pm at Maspeth Town Hall. All members are welcome to attend. I will be making a presentation and would love to meet as many of you who are able to join us that evening.

We have a new sign in front of our building that will have information about upcoming events. Additionally, we

will be adding a Community Lending Library in front of the building. Stay tuned for the unveiling!

We have some exciting and festive events planned for December, including our annual Tree Lighting and Breakfast with Mrs. Claus events. We are continuing with our tradition of Holiday Bulbs which will be displayed in front of our building during the holiday season.

Please visit our website for more information and follow us on social media to see all the happenings here at Maspeth Town Hall.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope to see you in our building this November and December! I wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving and a joyous holiday season.

Mary Contreras

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After School Program Report

We have had a very successful start to the school year! We are operating in 12 locations this year, serving over 1,700 youth: PS 58 and IS 73 in Maspeth; PS 12, PS 229, and St. Sebastian's in Woodside; PS/IS 49 in Middle Village; PS/IS 119 in Glendale; PS 290 in Ridgewood; PS 7 in Elmhurst; PS 28, PS 110, and PS 330 in Corona.

Along with homework help, we offer enrichment programs including OSMO, Mango Math, Recreation, Arts & Crafts, STEM Enrichment, Career Readiness, Gardening, Guitar Club, Cosmetology, Sports Leagues, Drama Club, Ready/Rising Readers, and Photography. All 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. More information about the offerings at each school can be found on our website maspethtownhall.org/afterschoolprogram.

Our staff of over 300 are eager to make a difference in the lives of our participants. We are always looking for talented individuals to join our team. If you are interested in applying, additional information can be found on our website maspethtownhall.org/employment.

Lucky Leaves Fundraiser

Our Lucky Leaves Fall fundraiser kicks off on Friday, November 1st! We will award prizes each day throughout the month. We also have 3 Grand Prizes of \$1,000, \$750, and \$500 which we will award on Monday, December 2nd. Check our website to see the daily and Grand Prize winners.

There's still time to enter! Each calendar is a \$20 donation. You may stop by Maspeth Town Hall to pick up your calendars or you can order them on our website maspethtownhall.org and donate online via credit card.

We appreciate your tax-deductible donation and your support. Good luck!

Program Spotlight

We have 2 Senior programs starting on Wednesday, November 6th:

- Instructional Mahjong from 10am – 12pm is taught by Mahjong expert Linda Fisher
- Senior Line Dancing workshops from 1pm – 2pm will be led by Michelle Cook-Lopez. This is a 5 week program which run from November 6th – December 11th (excluding Thanksgiving week).

We also have a Craft Night with Dori on November 19th at 6:30pm. We will be painting a family snowman sign.

We have available spots in our Senior Strong and Senior Stretch classes, as well as our Adult Sweat & Swagger/Zumba and Big Joe Fitness classes. It's not too late to join us!

If you are interested in any of the 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.

Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Election

As a member of Maspeth Town Hall, you are eligible to vote for our Board of Directors.

The election for the Maspeth Town Hall Board of Directors will take place on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 5:00pm at Maspeth Town Hall, 53-37 72nd Street, Maspeth, NY 11378. There will be one vote per membership.

Light refreshments will be served. If you will be joining us, please contact us at 718 335-6049 ext. 132 or email programs@maspethtownhall.org so that we may plan accordingly.

December Events

Here are some of the exciting events happening here at Maspeth Town Hall in December!

For more information, please email programs@maspethtownhall.org or call 718 335-6049, ext. 132

Holiday Bulbs

You may remember loved ones or share a holiday greeting for family and friends with our holiday bulbs which will be displayed in front of our building during this holiday season. The cost is \$5 per bulb.

We have enclosed an order form and an envelope for your convenience.

Senior Trip to LiGreci Staaten – Monday, December 2nd

Please join us as we attend the Christmas Cheer and Sing Along show!

The cost is \$55 per person which includes bus transportation, lunch, and a 1-hour open bar.

Payment must be made by Wednesday, November 20, 2024.

The bus leaves from Grand Avenue at 9:30am sharp!

If you have any questions or to sign up for the trip, please email programs@maspethtownhall.org or call 718-335-6049 Ext. 132.

Tree Lighting – Wednesday, December 4th at 6:00pm

Please join us for our annual Tree Lighting ceremony on Wednesday, December 4th at 6:00pm.

Come celebrate with our community as we enjoy a holiday sing-along.

Cookies and hot chocolate will be served.

Breakfast with Mrs. Claus – Saturday, December 7th at 9:00am

Come meet Mrs. Claus on Saturday, December 7th at 9:00am! She will read us a story and tell us all about Santa and the North Pole. Continental breakfast will be served.

Tickets are \$10 per adult (2 per family please!) and \$5 for children. Please check our website maspethtownhall.org for registration and ticket information.

The deadline for payment is Wednesday, November 27th.

Craft Night with Dori – Monday, December 9th at 6:00pm

Join us for an evening of creativity and fun! We will be painting a set of 4 ornaments for your tree or to give as gifts!

The cost is \$25. Please visit our website maspethtownhall.org for registration and payment information.

Line Dancing Workshop – Tuesday, December 10th at 6:30pm

Kick up your heels and join us for an hour of fun, music, and dance! The cost is \$10, payable at the door.

If you are interested, please visit maspethtownhall.org/adult-programs to register.

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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.