



New Dorp Central Civic Association

Keeping you informed about your community

Greetings neighbors. We welcome the new year and the new decade and the opportunity to gather together and advocate on behalf of those things which we think will be beneficial for our community. That is part of our charter of working on behalf of our community.

Our guest speaker this month will be the **Borough President James Oddo**. We have had members of his administration visit with us in the past – Ed Burke in March of 18 and Jennifer Sammartino in April of 18. Now it is time for us to meet with the BP himself. Mark your calendars. Bring your comments, questions, complaints and thank yous. And bring a neighbor.

The Boulevard Project did not open in the Fall of 2019. Nor was it open for the recent holiday season. Nor will it be open this Winter. And according to Kimco Realty it will be late Spring before we start seeing the major stores opening. The New Dorp and New Dorp Beach communities need additional shopping options and it is important that this large project open and begin providing new options for us.

Medical marijuana is coming to New Dorp Lane. The former home of In Phase Fashions will house this facility along the Lane. One wonders how the challenge of finding parking along the Lane will be exacerbated by people who are hurting and trying to find that place to park. We see the need. We question the location. But what really worries us is what will happen if our state follows the direction of so many other states and approves recreational marijuana in the future. The location on the Lane is in the middle of our five schools. It is in the direct path of students traveling back and forth to New Dorp High School. It is a location passed by many students from S.I. Tech and Msgr. Farrell High School. It worries us. Medical at that location? OK. Recreational there? No. We are reaching out to our electeds and other stakeholders to ensure the right thing is done.

And even more troubling was the fact that the community received no notice that this was happening. We found out about it by reading it in the Advance. The Advance! The fact that we did not get a “heads-up” from anyone in elected office is very disappointing. Very.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 19, 2020. We hope to have representatives from Citiva. They will be operating the medical marijuana facility on New Dorp Lane. In April we will be looking to meet with representatives for **Sunrise Senior Housing** as they build their facility in the space across from **New Dorp High School**. We will be working to bring some new aspects of New Dorp history to everyone’s awareness at one of our meetings and we will once again be working with our neighborhood schools on essay projects for the Spring.

Lastly, to our members we extend a thank you. Your concern is important and treasured. It costs just 5 cents a day to support our efforts on your behalf. Thank you in advance for your consideration ... and hopefully your support. Hope to see you February 20, 2020.

Remember: We are always reachable through email at newdorpcentralcivic@yahoo.com, our Facebook page at Newdorpcentralcivic, our Post Office address P.O.Box 060245, and via phone at 718-979-6011.

And soon we will be unveiling our new website at **ndcca.com**! Not today ... but very soon!

Sincerely,

Joe Markowski, President

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