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## CELEBRATE HISTORIC JACKSON HEIGHTS



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Join the JHBG in celebrating Jackson Heights, the first planned garden and cooperative apartment community in America and a City, State, and Federal Historic District.

### Saturday, June 11th

*Raindate for Garden Tour: June 18th - all other events rain or shine*

#### **Slide Lecture on the History of Jackson Heights**

*At 10:45am and 12:15pm at the Community Church, 81-10 35th Avenue; FREE*

#### **Exhibition of Vintage Photos and Memorabilia**

*From 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Community Church, 81-10 35th Avenue; FREE*

*Leisurely view many original photographs, maps and brochures from Jackson Heights' early days.*

#### **A Self-Guided Tour of Private Interior Gardens**

*From 12 noon to 4:00pm. These park-like private gardens, surrounded by 1920s-era garden apartments, are only open to the public once a year. Visit up to fifteen gardens at your own pace, following a map included in your ticket; Tickets can be purchased in advance or in front of the Community Church, 81-10 35th Ave, on Saturday morning; \$10.*

### Sunday, June 12th

#### **Escorted Walking Tours of the Historic District (Rain or shine)**

*At 12 noon. Tickets must be purchased or reserved in advance. The tours will meet in front of the Community Church, the southwestern corner of 82nd Street and 35th Avenue; \$10.*

### **Special Pricing - Save Money by Attending Both Tours!**

*Tickets are \$10 for one tour, \$15 for both tours*

*Tickets may be purchased beginning May 30th at: Espresso 77, 35-57 77th Street  
Beaudoin Realty Group, 78-27 37th Ave., Suite 5, 2nd Floor – Weekdays 11am to 5pm*

*For ticket information and directions leave a message at (718) 565-5344*

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### Editor's Take

By Lila M. Stromer

Welcome to this issue of *Views from the Heights*.

It's nearly summertime, the trees are finally in full leaf and the flowering shrubs around the neighborhood are adding much color to the various streets. As Len Maniace notes in his President's Message (p. 3), JHBG is adding to the color by planting flowers in the tree pits up and down 37th Ave., and is breaking up the soil so the trees have a better chance of absorbing water. That helps the trees help Jackson Heights look prettier, but, more importantly, it keeps the trees fuller, which in turn keeps us cooler.

When my husband and I were deciding in which neighborhood to live—it's hard to believe that this August we've been in NYC for three years—it was the trees of Jackson Heights that caught our attention. That summer it was nearly triple digits, even in the evenings. For five days we walked throughout Queens and Brooklyn checking out neighborhoods, and we were exhausted. It seemed cooler here, and a cold club soda at the very friendly Ricky's Cafe put it over the top for us. Between how pretty Jackson Heights is, how friendly and how seemingly much cooler, we knew this was the neighborhood for us. Of course, we also appreciated seeing all the pretty flowers, also planted by JHBG, throughout Jackson Heights on medians, in school yards and at the post office. If you'd like to help care for the trees on 37th Ave. or plant flowers all over JH—and have fun in the sun and meet your neighbors at the same time—check out the Calendar on page 9.

Sadly, as Leslie Ellman points out in her article on the cleanup of Travers Park (p. 4), the event was just a few days after a teenager had been stabbed while playing basketball ... not to mention two other stabbings in the area. How JHBG responds to this influx of crime will be



reported in future issues. As she points out in her article, though, the community still came together to make Travers Park the best it can be. And the best thing we can do is to continually move forward in making Jackson Heights as good as it can be. Part of that could be in getting Roosevelt Ave. cleaned up too, given the potholes and rusted condition of the 7 Train trestle. Melissa Gordon and Rodrigo Salazar, in their article on page 4, suggest specifically how you can help make that area more attractive.

On a more upbeat note, as detailed by Patti Lowenhaupt in her article on the Young Filmmakers Program at PS 69 (p. 5), Don and Katha Cato, founders of the Queens World Film Festival, are helping fifth-graders find their voice as artists in film. They, and a band of like-minded people, lead students into making multiple films in only a few months' time. There is much good in our neighborhood, and the work done with PS 69 is high on that list.

Of course, there is also more upbeat news to look forward to. As you can see on the front page of this issue, the next Historic Weekend is just around the corner on June 11 and June 12. If you've never been to this event, go! You'll learn a lot about our unique neighborhood, and if you don't have a yard of your own, you can stop into multiple private gardens, where you might be enticed with lemonade or goodies while taking in so much beauty.

JHBG, of course, hopes that you'll also take part in the fun that goes on all summer long, too. The 12th annual *Summer Sundays in the Park* concert series starts on July 3, and runs every Sunday at 4 p.m. through August. It's a great way to get some sun, take in some music ... and stop for an ice from a cart or an ice cream treat from a truck. What's better than a cold dessert while listening to music? For the complete schedule, check out Edwin Westley's article on page 8.

And, finally, we're continuing our outreach to our Spanish-language neighbors. On page 7 is a wrap-up in Spanish of the major stories in this issue. If you have any ideas on how to expand on this goal of incorporating Spanish into what we do, please contact me. We realize that one page is only a start, which is why any ideas are welcome. You can write to me at [views@jhb.org](mailto:views@jhb.org).

In the interim, enjoy your summer! Until next time...

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### The Trees of Jackson Heights

By Len Maniace

There's no doubt that we are changing Jackson Heights and doing it for the better. JHBG—especially its friendly and hardworking volunteers—and others from around the neighborhood are preserving our historic architecture; addressing issues of graffiti and safety; expanding access to the arts locally; and, through a series of environmental programs, reducing the damage we do to our planet.

I like to think our environmental work could come under the slogan, *Inviting Mother Nature Back to the City*. We advocated for more green spaces in the form of an expanded Travers Park and pedestrian plazas. And we see success with the red-tailed hawks that are increasingly at home in Jackson Heights.



Our streets are another example. Working with the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, we've gotten many more street trees planted. The changes are most dramatic on 37th Ave. Not only are there more trees, but they also are growing in

environments where they are more likely to thrive. Trees were often planted in tiny tree pits that were frequently bricked over, preventing water from reaching the roots, but now the city plants new trees in much larger tree pits, allowing more water to nourish the trees. In Jackson Heights, these larger pits are increasingly surrounded by attractive iron fences filled with flowering perennials, both installed by JHBG. My colleague and former JHBG president Ed Westley says they should be called curbside gardens instead of tree pits. I agree.

Trees have many benefits in our city, most obvious are the beauty they bring and the habitat they provide to birds and beneficial insects. What's more, streets lined with big shady trees, combined with curbside gardens, can turn a barren street baking under the summer sun into a cooler, more livable place. Repeat this throughout Jackson Heights and the net effect is measurably lower temperatures. We can turn down our ACs, save money by using less electricity and do our part locally to fight global warming.

There are ways you can help. You can get a tree planted by NYC Parks in front of your house or another location. It's easy! NYC Parks recommends calling 311, or going to their website: <http://on.nyc.gov/1U6pd7i>. That is all you need to do to add another tree to our neighborhood.

There is a caveat: trees are only planted in the spring and fall, which means a tree that you request at this time of year may not be planted until later this year or next spring. Additionally, not all tree requests can be honored. NYC Parks cannot plant trees if gas, water or electric lines run through your selected spot. They also cannot plant trees along bus stops, near light posts or alongside hydrants.

After you get a tree, or if one was recently planted, the most important thing you can do is to keep it well watered. Trees need much more water than you think—about 18 gallons a week, preferably spread over two or three watering sessions. Also, it is vital that you make sure the soil is loosened so the water can reach down into roots. This is especially important for trees during the first two to three years after they are planted, when they are more in need of human help. Well-established trees have extensive root systems, which means they are not (usually) as dependent on people watering them.

If you'd like to do more, please volunteer with JHBG's "Tree LC" team. Along with help planting perennials in the tree pits and taking care of the street trees, we could use help watering them and the curbside gardens on 37th Ave. Please reach out to us at [volunteer@jhb.org](mailto:volunteer@jhb.org). We'll try to respond within one week.

*Note: In my last column, I noted how a volunteer spirit and many volunteer organizations help make Jackson Heights different from many other neighborhoods. I wish I had included an additional organization. Though my list was not meant to be exhaustive, I should have included Queensboro Houses Association for its contributions over several decades.*

## Let's Take Roosevelt Avenue Back

By Melissa Gordon and Rodrigo Salazar

What a mess! With potholes littering the roadway, with flaking paint and rust coming down from the 7 Train trestle, falling pigeon poop from the same and the overflowing garbage from the trash cans, Roosevelt Ave. is an embarrassment for Jackson Heights. It is the entryway to our beautiful neighborhood, and it needs to receive some of the same attention and love given to the rest of our community.



Under the 7 Train at 74th St. and Roosevelt Ave.

Residents of Jackson Heights can make a difference. Here's how you can help.

1. File complaints for noise, garbage, peeling paint, potholes, etc. with 311. There is even a new (and free) app for your smartphone called *NYC 311*. You'll be given a case number. Keep it for filing purposes.
2. Call your City Council member (Daniel Dromm or Julissa Ferreras-Copeland) with the case number for their follow-up.
3. Don't give up.
4. Call 311 and complain again as often as necessary.

Together, residents of Jackson Heights can make our community better for all. It will take some perseverance, but it's possible to turn Roosevelt Ave. into a more welcoming street in our neighborhood.

*NB: Melissa Gordon and Rodrigo Salazar are long-time residents of Jackson Heights.*

## It's My Park Day at Travers Park

By Leslie Ellman

On Saturday, May 14, the Friends of Travers Park, in collaboration with Partnerships for Parks and the New York City Parks Department, hosted, "It's My Park Day." This annual event takes place citywide. Parks in neighborhoods all over the city are celebrated and beautified by the people who love them.

This year's event took on additional meaning because it occurred just days after a violent attack against a teenager playing basketball was reported to have taken place in Travers Park. As reported in the *New York Daily News* on May 13, this was one of three similar incidents that have taken place over the past two months.

So it was that the presence of 25 volunteers converging under bright blue skies, amidst a gaggle of children playing in the park, took on an evermore important meaning. At the park that day, everyone was a community of concerned and active participants valuing the shared spaces of Jackson Heights.

Communally painting and cleaning the playground reinforced the importance of Travers Park as a safe and vibrant gathering place for the community. While volunteers worked, conversations drifted to the subject of the attacks. Grappling with fears and possible solutions to preventing acts of violence such as this, this day showed in actions that we, as a community, are greater than our worst moments and fears.



Kids helping at "It's My Park Day"

## The Young Filmmakers Program at PS 69

By Patti Lowenhaupt

Many know that the Queens World Film Festival (QWFF) recently held its successful annual event. What many people don't know is that the organization also runs a Young Filmmakers Program at PS 69, and it's free of charge. Katha Cato, cofounder of the QWFF with her husband, Don, both long-time Jackson Heights residents, sat down to talk about the Young Filmmakers Program.

Don was happy to say of the QWFF, "We just finished year six and it was truly a wonderful year for the festival and the borough. Attendance was up, the films were quite strong and several local filmmakers had very successful screenings with us and are going on to great things. Now the rest of the year is dedicated to producing our other programs: Free Encore Screenings and the Young Filmmakers Program."

When asked about their other work, Katha explained, "Don and I started the Young Filmmakers Program nine years ago. We first worked with the OWN Charter School, where I had been on the board. We expanded into the Frank Sinatra High School and the Renaissance Charter School the next year, and then found a permanent home at PS 69."

Their love of film has been the guiding passion for their work. Don said, "Teaching film and video combines our passions and talents. I'm a filmmaker and have taught at the Digital Film Academy in Manhattan for 11 years, and the lead teacher on all of our education programs. Katha was the After-School and Camp Services Director for the Henry Street Settlement for 11 years, and has a great deal of experience with bringing young people together to develop their skills and broaden their horizons. What began in 2007 as our way of giving back to a few schools is now an annual program at PS 69 for their fifth-grade inclusion class. I don't know who looks forward to it more, the students or the mentors, who are incredible and wonderful with the young people."

Katha explained that all the mentors are Queens residents and have a background in teaching or film. They include Patti Lowenhaupt, a retired NYC Public School teacher who lives right here in Jackson Heights; Richard Calvache, multidiscipline teaching artist and filmmaker; Emilie McDonald, filmmaker; and Omchand Kevin Gee, young filmmaker.

The QWFF's Young Filmmakers Program gives students and their teachers the experience of creating a video from concept to movie screening. The program involves the

teachers and students in the writing/scripting process; the filmmaking process (involving the use of technology) simultaneous with the acting process; the screening process; and the ending process, which is remembering to thank all involved. It takes five months, which starts in September and runs through December. Katha said it is rewarding for everyone, including the parents of the students.



Students with their badges

The fifth graders at PS 69 begin the year learning how to write personal essays. The teachers ask their students to write on "character." This involves the students writing about a moment when they learned something about their own character, an *aha* moment. The students then share their essays with the class, who select eight to 10 of their favorites, which are forwarded to Don and Katha. Along with the other mentors, they read the essays; discuss them; and often combine several essays or characters until there is enough material for, on average, five separate production groups, comprised of the students from the class. Each production group is then paired with a mentor. Don explained, "We meet with the production groups to turn the essays into screenplays, and then production begins as all production teams swarm the school."

The theme of character lends itself to this particular community, because, as Katha noted, "so many of us are transplants from other regions of the United States or have immigrated here from all over the world. Coming to a new place and making your way, making friends, making a home can be very challenging, and it certainly can test one's character. Most of the films are about being new to a community, being the outsider, facing challenges, learning how to deal with life's bad news, helping someone out who is less fortunate, etc. The films are documents that testify to the resiliency of our young people and their families."

(cont. on p. 6)

## The Young Filmmakers Program at PS 69

(cont. from p. 5)

The films are of all different genres, from horror to melodrama, and all have tremendous heart. The young filmmakers are supported throughout the program, and each mentor trains them on all the equipment, conducts brain-storming sessions and helps them create the actual screenplay. Once shooting begins, all crew positions, such as actor, camera, slate, boom and lights, are filled by the students. They rotate through the positions, and often the groups are combined to make sure that there are enough extras in the background.



The Mauve Carpet!

At the premier of their films, which usually occurs on the Thursday of the QWFF, at 8:45 in the morning, the children walk in on a mauve carpet made of construction paper, waving to the entire student body, parents and community members. Katha said, "We screen the films, we have speakers, give out certificates, copies of the films, festival bags and each young filmmaker receives the coveted and official QWFF Filmmaker Badge. This event is free and open to the public. I always cry. I usually sit next to Ms. Vasquez, the principal, who is crying as well."

This program has brought the passion for film to so many. Don said, "We've worked with about 300 young people through this particular program. However, we run versions of this program with the Central Queens YMCA and the Henry Street Settlement, so at this point it must be thousands. We have been lucky to work with so many great partners, classroom teachers, mentors, paraprofessionals and, of course, great students."

The program is now under the umbrella of the QWFF, but until three years ago, the program was completely self-sponsored by Don and Katha. "At that time we launched a crowdfunding program and raised about \$3,000 to keep it going. Last year, we received a small grant from Investors Foundation that allowed us to expand our equipment in-

ventory and to pay the mentors. We are currently looking for sponsors for the entire festival, and the Young Filmmakers Program is certainly at the top of that list. At this time, we're not funded for 2017 and we're very much in need of support," said Katha.

Katha says that she and Don are proud that this program puts cameras into the hands of children with interesting stories to tell and can offer the technology to put the stories on film. "We know the power of the moving image and we fully realize that film and filmmaking is a large part of Queens history and should be a giant part of our future," Katha added.

There are plans to hopefully expand the program. Don said, "We would love to grow the program into IS 145, where our daughter attended middle school, and IS 230, both middle schools that our students from PS 69 attend. It would be great to develop a program that grows as the students grow, fully preparing them for specialized high schools like Frank Sinatra, Careers for Film and TV and, more importantly, preparing them for careers in one of the fastest-growing industries in our borough."

Katha and Don hope that all Queens residents will keep an eye on this program. And they invite you to get involved, donate equipment or just come out to see these wonderful films by these first-time filmmakers. You might just be able to say, "I saw her FIRST film!"

Katha and Don said that they are already planning for this coming September, and they will be ready to go when the students return in the fall.

To find out more, to volunteer as a mentor or support the program in any way, go to [queensworldfilmfestival.com](http://queensworldfilmfestival.com), or write out to Katha at [kathacato@gmail.com](mailto:kathacato@gmail.com).



Young Filmmaker and Don Cato

## EN ESPAÑOL

**Nota de la editora.** JHBG quiere expandir su alcance a los vecinos de habla hispana. Esta página es un resumen en español de las historias principales de este número y nuestro primer paso en esta nueva dirección. Estamos en búsqueda de otras ideas que nos ayuden a llegar a la comunidad hispanohablante, no dudes en hacémoslas llegar a [views@jhb.org](mailto:views@jhb.org). ¡Gracias!

### Recuperemos Roosevelt Avenue

Por Melissa Gordon

Con baches en la calle, pintura desgajada, óxido y excremento de palomas cayendo de la estructura del tren número 7 y basura derramándose de los contenedores, Roosevelt Avenue es una vergüenza para Jackson Heights. Porque es la entrada a un bello vecindario, necesita recibir la misma atención y cuidado que se le da al resto de nuestra comunidad. Los residentes de Jackson Heights pueden hacer la diferencia presentando quejas por ruido, basura, baches, pintura desgajada, etc., al 311, donde se les dará un número de queja que deben conservar. Pueden también llamar a algún integrante del consejo municipal (Daniel Dromm o Julissa Ferreras-Copeland) con el número de caso para darle seguimiento. No desistas, llama al 311 y quejate cuantas veces sea necesario.

### “It’s My Park Day” en Travers Park

Por Leslie Ellman

El sábado 14 de mayo los Amigos de Travers Park, en colaboración con Partnerships for Parks y el Departamento de Parques de la Ciudad de Nueva York, acogieron “It’s My Park Day”, evento anual a nivel nacional en el que se celebra y embellece los parques de toda la ciudad. El evento de este año convocó una reunión adicional motivada por el ataque ocurrido días antes a un adolescente mientras jugaba basquetbol en Travers Park. La participación de 25 voluntarios tuvo un significado importante: pintar y limpiar, en comunidad, el área de juegos reforzó la importancia de Travers Park como un lugar de reunión seguro y lleno de vida. Este día mostró, con acciones, que, como comunidad, somos más grandes que nuestros peores momentos y miedos.

### Programa Jóvenes Cineastas en PS 69

Por Patti Lowenhaupt

En fechas recientes el Festival de Cine Mundial de Queens (QWFF) tuvo una exitosa edición anual. Esta organización dirige también el Programa Jóvenes Cineastas en PS 69. Katha Cato y su esposo, Don, cofundadores de QWFF y residentes de Jackson Heights por muchos años, hablaron acerca de este programa que integra a estudiantes

y maestros en los procesos de escritura de guion, filmación, actuación y proyección. Katha asegura que este proceso, de cinco meses de duración (septiembre a diciembre), es gratificante para todos, incluso para los padres de familia. Para obtener más información, participar como cineasta mentor voluntario o apoyar al programa, revisa la página web [queensworldfilmfestival.com](http://queensworldfilmfestival.com) o ponte en contacto con Kata en [kathacato@gmail.com](mailto:kathacato@gmail.com).

### JHBG presenta la 12ª serie anual de conciertos

#### *Domingos de Verano en el Parque*

Por Edwin O’Keefe Westley

La serie de conciertos tendrá lugar en la calle 78, entre la avenida 34 y Northern Blvd., a un costado de Travers Park. Todos los conciertos se realizarán los domingos, del 3 de julio al 28 de agosto, a las 4:00 p. m. Véase la página 8 para una lista detallada de los conciertos.

### Calendario de eventos: verano de 2016

El programa Tree LC de JHBG, preocupado por nuestras calles, ha convertido los cajetes sin árboles en jardines de banqueta que necesitarán agua y mantenimiento este verano. ¿Te interesa ayudar? Inscríbete en nuestra lista de contactos escribiendo a [volunteer@jhb.org](mailto:volunteer@jhb.org) para recibir nuestros avisos.

**JH-SCRAPS está abierto todo el año.** Trae tus desechos todos los domingos a JH-SCRAPS, sitio de compostaje de JHBG, ubicado en la intersección de la calle 69 y la avenida 35, de 11:00 a. m. a 1:00 p. m. Para más información sobre lo que puede servir de compost escribe a [jhscrap@jhb.org](mailto:jhscrap@jhb.org).

### Junio

**Sábado 11 y domingo 12:** fin de semana histórico. Véase anuncio en la portada de este número.

### Junio y julio

Sábados, 10:00 a. m.-12:00 p. m.: Proyecto de jardinería en Jackson Heights. Revisa la página de Facebook de JHBG para actualizaciones y ubicaciones o escribe a [FODoherty@aol.com](mailto:FODoherty@aol.com).

### Junio, julio y agosto

Sábados, 10:00 a. m. Tree LC y trabajo en las jardineras de los árboles. Revisa los horarios, ubicaciones y actualizaciones en la página de Facebook de JHBG ([www.facebook.com/JHBGNY](http://www.facebook.com/JHBGNY)) o escribe a [volunteer@jhb.org](mailto:volunteer@jhb.org) para integrarte en nuestra lista.

### Julio y agosto

**Domingos:** conciertos de *Domingos de verano en el parque*. Véase página 8.

## **JHBG Hosts 12th Annual *Summer Sundays in the Park* Concert Series**

By Edwin O'Keefe Westley

The *Summer Sundays in the Park* concert series celebrates 12 years of free outdoor music in Jackson Heights. JHBG has been bringing emerging and established artists to Travers Park every summer Sunday afternoon for the neighborhood to enjoy.

"These concerts are a great opportunity to bring the people of Jackson Heights together, no matter their age, income or where they come from, to enjoy a wide range of performances—jazz, rock, Latin, dance and theater," said Len Maniace, JHBG's president and founder of *Summer Sundays in the Park*. The concert series continues to be run by JHBG, and is organized by Edwin O'Keefe Westley, Nuala O'Doherty, Rodrigo Salazar and Joe Knipes. The sound engineer, Vinny Mongeluzo, has been with the series since it began.

**The concerts will take place on 78th St. between 34th Ave. and Northern Blvd., alongside Travers Park. All concerts will begin at 4 p.m., and take place every Sunday, from July 3 to August 28.**

"The summer concert series offers a platform for artists to showcase their musical roots in a very unique space. We have hosted local artists who bring sounds from all over the world," said Westley. Previous artists include Grammy-nominated artist Red Baraat; a Bhangra party band; and Locos Por Juana, a bilingual Latin fusion band.

There are also performances by Theater for a New City, which has been providing free operettas to communities throughout New York City since the early 1970s. These street performances aim to raise social awareness in local communities to create a civic dialogue.

This year's schedule is as follows:

- 1. July 3: Jackson Heights Orchestra (Goes Pop)**
- 2. July 10: Piedmont Bluz (Preserving the Piedmont Sound)**
- 3. July 17: The Issa Cabrea Quartet (Sounds of Columbia)**
- 4. July 24: Capulli Dance Company (Mexican Folk Dances)**
- 5. July 31: Thana Alexa Project (Jazz)**
- 6. August 7: Kim Clark Trio with Anastasia Rane (Jazz/R&B)**
- 7. August 14: Wishing On Stars (Contemporary) and Bethany Wild (American Songbook)**
- 8. August 21: The Beats (Rock from the 1950s to Present)**
- 9. August 28: 2:00 p.m. Mobile Puppet Show (*Puss and Boots*), and 4:00 p.m. Theatre for a New City**

This event is made possible in part by the Queens Council on the Arts with public funds from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the City Council.

**Feel free to rip out this page and leave it on your refrigerator for the summer!**



Two volunteers planting in a tree bed on 37th Ave.



Gardening at PS 280, 35th Ave. and 94th St.

JHBG's Tree LC program cares for our street trees and turns barren tree pits into curbside gardens. These will need periodic watering and maintenance work this summer. Interested in helping? We send out notices by e-mail, so please get on our e-mail list by writing to [volunteer@jhb.org](mailto:volunteer@jhb.org).

#### Calendar of Events: Summer 2016

JHBG invites your participation in the following events. Stay the entire time, part of the time, offer your expertise or learn something new! JHBG provides the tools, and volunteers of all ages are welcome. Watch our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/JHBGNY](http://www.facebook.com/JHBGNY)) or website ([www.JHBG.org](http://www.JHBG.org)) for times, locations and any changes to the following. We hope to see you out there! To volunteer, contact us at [volunteer@jhb.org](mailto:volunteer@jhb.org).

#### JH-SCRAPS is open year-round

Every Saturday bring your scraps to JH-SCRAPS, 69th St. and 35th Ave. between 11 a.m.–1 p.m. JH-SCRAPS is JHBG's composting location. For info on what is compostable, write to [jhscraps@jhb.org](mailto:jhscraps@jhb.org).

#### June

- **Sat., June 11, and Sun., June 12:** Historic Weekend. See the poster on the front page of this issue.
- **Saturdays, from 10 a.m.-noon:** Gardening projects around Jackson Heights. Check out JHBG's Facebook page for updates and locations, or e-mail [FODoherty@aol.com](mailto:FODoherty@aol.com).
- **Saturdays, from 10 a.m.:** Tree LC and tree pit gardening. For schedules, check out JHBG's Facebook page for updates and locations. Write to [volunteer@jhb.org](mailto:volunteer@jhb.org) to get on our e-mail list.

#### July

- **Sundays, 4 p.m.:** *Summer Sundays in the Park* concerts. See the opposite page for a schedule.
- **Saturdays, from 10 a.m.-noon:** Gardening projects around Jackson Heights. Check out JHBG's Facebook page for updates and locations, or e-mail [FODoherty@aol.com](mailto:FODoherty@aol.com).
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# JHBG Gets It Done!

- Greenmarket
- Halloween Parade
- JH SCRAPS Compost Center
- Landmark Advocacy
- Tree LC
- Holiday Lighting Ceremony
- Historic Weekend Tours
- Summer Sundays in the Park Concerts
- Green Agenda for Jackson Heights
- JH CREW dog park
- Friends of Travers Park
- 78th Street Plaza & Garden
- Garden School Athletic Field Purchase
- 69th Street Green Zone
- Candidate & Issue Town Hall Meetings
- Landing Lights Ball Field Restoration
- Make Music New York
- Jackson Heights Orchestra
- Graffiti Removal
- Garden Club
- Community Awards
- Views from the Heights newsletter
- Jackson Heights Art Contest
- Local history books -  
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A Garden in the City,  
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From Ice Age to Space Age

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**Membership Form for Jackson Heights Beautification Group**

Your annual donation/membership in JHBG helps us fund neighborhood activities, demonstrates your commitment to a better community and permits us to be your voice in the revitalization of Jackson Heights. Your support is important to the future of our neighborhood. JHBG is 100 percent volunteer—there is no paid staff. JHBG is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, and your contribution is tax deductible.

**Please make checks payable to: Jackson Heights Beautification Group.**

You will be mailed a receipt for tax purposes.

**Please fill out this page and return it with your payment to:**

JHBG — Membership  
Box 720253  
Jackson Heights, NY 11372

1. Please circle membership level

Individual—\$25

Business—\$50

Sustaining—\$100

Patron—\$250

Benefactor—\$500

Sponsor—\$1,000

Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Please print the following:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Are you interested in being contacted about any of the following JHBG activities? If so, please circle the appropriate one(s).

Friends of Travers Park

Garden Club (including flower planting)

Tree LC

JH-SCRAPS

Jackson Heights Orchestra

Graffiti Busters

Newsletter

Website

Town Halls

Membership Building

Historic Weekend

Halloween Parade

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Suggestions or Comments:

THANK YOU! If you have any questions or concerns, contact JHBG at 718-565-5344 or at [info@jhb.org](mailto:info@jhb.org).



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### **JHBG's HISTORIC WEEKEND**

June 11 and 12, 2016

See the poster on the cover of this issue,  
and check the JHBG website for more details

### **Tree LC Care and Gardening Opportunities every Saturday!**

Help beautify our neighborhood!  
Check out the Calendar on page 9