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Jackson Heights – “A Garden in the City”

Celebrating Historic Jackson Heights

Interview with Daniel Karatzas BY BARBARA MILLER

Q: What inspired the annual Historic Jackson Heights celebration?

A: The JHBG started the historic weekend in 1991, when the neighborhood had been calendared for landmarking. My book, *Jackson Heights: A Garden in the City*, came out in 1990, and the historic weekend was a way of involving and educating the community about what made Jackson Heights special.

Q: I learned from your book that my apartment sits on land that was a golf course a hundred years ago!

A: Our twelve-hole golf course was advertised as the “closest to Manhattan.” Owned by the Queensboro Corporation, when the land became more valuable “dead than alive” by the mid-late 1930s, the QC “called in its chips” and built on the golf course with the aptly named Fairway Hall and Dunolly Gardens.

Q: Do newcomers still benefit from the early planning of our community?

A: Unlike most neighborhoods in NYC, built in an unplanned, mish-mash way, Jackson Heights has a coherent commercial district and a residential district that still function well without the open spaces that were here through the early '50s, and buildings complement rather than compete with one another. Many new residents come to appreciate the subtle legacy of early decisions in laying out residential, commercial, and civic (schools, houses of worship) buildings. The overall planning concepts that the Queensboro Corporation laid out under Edward MacDougall's leadership have made the neighborhood a pleasant place to live for over one hundred years.

Q: How did a new transit system serving Queens encourage planned development here?

A: Once what we call the 7 train was on the

drawing boards, this land would be a twenty-minute train ride into midtown rather than a trolley and ferry taking over an hour. There was a huge opportunity: open land (truck farms supplying produce to Manhattan) would now be served by an elevated train. Queensboro assembled around 350 acres—the largest property under private ownership at the time—and built a complete community rather than putting in the infrastructure and simply selling off building lots to the highest bidder.

Q: Inspired by the Garden City movement, what made Edward MacDougall's vision unique at the time?

A: His focus was on apartment buildings rather than houses, which had been developed on Garden City principles in suburban settings. Garden apartments in Berlin that the Queensboro Corporation viewed in 1914 convinced

them that they could closely adhere to those principles in an urban setting. Our original “garden apartment” buildings were therefore built around the perimeter of the block, one apartment deep, surrounding private, internal gardens. No one had done this on such a large and comprehensive scale in Europe or the United States.

Q: How do you feel about the redesign of Travers Park?

A: The new park has the first public green space we've seen in sixty-five years. It may not be very large, but it is something. We're lucky that Council Member Dromm convinced the city to purchase



Daniel Karatzas,
realtor and author of
*Jackson Heights:
A Garden in the City.*



CELEBRATE HISTORIC JACKSON HEIGHTS

Sponsored by the Jackson Heights Beautification Group



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 8th

Community Church, 81-10 35th Avenue.

Free slide lecture, 10:45am & 12:15pm,
and photo exhibition 10am–2pm.

Self-guided tours* of private gardens, noon–4pm.

Sunday, June 9th

Escorted walking tours from Community Church begin at noon, rain or shine; buy tickets in advance.

Purchase tour tickets at Community Church on Saturday morning or in advance at Espresso 77 (35-57 77th St.) and Beaudoin Realty Group (78-27 37th Ave., Suite 5, 2nd Fl.)

For more information, call (347) 766-9129

*Ticket required. Rain date for self-guided tours: **June 15th**

the Garden School's yard, along with taking part of 78th Street, to create a larger park. With no real green space before, this is a huge improvement.

Q: Initial plans for stucco bungalows were scrapped when the QC chose a different path. What impact does that decision have today?

A: Jackson Heights was built more densely a hundred years ago, and most of its buildings were brick. Frame or stucco structures have been torn down all across the city since a 1961 zoning resolution made it economical to buy a detached frame house, tear it down, and build a three-to-six-family building. We have been spared this type of construction, since it's too complicated and expensive to tear down attached brick buildings. In my view our lack of new residential construction will serve us well over the long term. Spacious, well planned prewar apartments and houses will be more desirable as new construction fills Flushing and LIC.

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From the Editor

Happy summer to all Views readers! As this issue was coming together, the various contributed articles all seemed to touch on the idea of community, so that's the focus of this letter. The longer days of summer are a great time to gather together outdoors, and the beautifully redesigned Travers Park, very nearly complete, is a gift that provides the perfect setting. On a recent walk around the new lawn, I was thrilled to see that the chain fence was gone, and people of all ages were enjoying the lush, green grass under their feet. Thanks to JHBG volunteers, this issue includes news about plans for many exciting and innovative activities at the park, as well as the lineup for performances in the Summer Sundays series. On the weekend of June 8–9th the JHBG hosts its annual celebration of historic Jackson Heights, including tours of the historic district and the front and interior gardens that still bloom today. It's lovely to think that the legacy of planning that went into developing this community a century ago, mindful of the well-being and satisfaction of its early residents, can be enjoyed when walking through Jackson Heights in 2019. Meanwhile we can recommit to preserving a warm, connected, and thriving community. That can include supporting institutions that keep things interesting, such as our schools and the nearby libraries that serve us all. Keeping track of Jackson Heights as we head into the future will be the work of next year's census, another featured topic.

Best wishes for a fun and peaceful summer,
Barbara

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Great Grant News!

BY NUALA O'DOHERTY

The JHBG is proud to celebrate several applicants here in the neighborhood who won grants of up to \$3,000 to improve life in our community. The Citizens Committee for New York City is one of the nation's oldest microfunding organizations. They raise money from foundations, corporations, and individual donors and then award funds to small local projects around NYC. The Committee's Neighborhood Grant is for up to \$3,000 to work on a project that improves the neighborhood. They also issue a Love Your Block Grant of \$1,000.



Motivated gardeners at I.S. 145 (left), and P.S. 92 (above) make a big difference! (Photos by Martha Sánchez)



★ Deborah Wasserman, a local artist and teacher, received a Citizens Committee grant to help seventh graders who are interested in applying to specialized arts high schools. To apply, students must present a portfolio of previously created artwork. Deborah saw that some kids weren't able to afford private art classes or mentoring to help prepare the portfolio. The goal is to find talented seventh-grade students who have a love of art and help them to build artwork portfolios over the summer for their applications to the specialized schools. Deborah will also help mentor them through the highly

competitive entrance process for the specialized high schools.

★ Claudia Corcino and Ciclistas Latinoamericanos de New York, a local group of bike activists, applied for and received a grant for a series of community bike rides to help families and individuals feel comfortable riding safely on our streets. She will host a series of bike rides including my favorite, the Santa Ride, held every December, in which Santa Claus and his elves ride through the streets of Jackson Heights and East Elmhurst with bells and lights, bringing joy to the whole community.

★ Ana María León is the PTA president of P.S. 148 and works with a large group of parent volunteers. Ana María was

awarded a Citizens Committee grant to start a series of workshops to help Spanish-speaking parents find ways to get more involved in their schools.

★ Martha Sánchez, the PTA president of I.S. 145, earned a grant to work on gardens around I.S. 145, P.S. 92, and P.S. 280 not only to help make our schools look better but also to get more parents and families involved in a local public school.

★ Andrew Sokolow and tenants in his building at 89th Street applied for and won a \$1,000 grant to work on green-and-white tree surrounds on their block.

The JHBG will work with all these groups to help them accomplish their goals.

President's Message

BY NUALA O'DOHERTY

Open green space in Jackson Heights is scarce. Those living in buildings with interior gardens might not realize that Jackson Heights, a planned garden community, ranks 50th in park space among the 51 council districts. This spring, hundreds of families protested giving up promised park space for a car dealership's driveway. Even with the Travers Park expansion, there is little space to be shared amongst dog owners, tennis players, volleyball players, skateboarders, and kids with bikes.

We need more open green space. For the last ten years, JHBG has worked to better utilize the spaces we have. We began under the BQE, opening the Dog Run (JHCREW) and the composting area at 69th Street and 35th Avenue. We cleaned and planted the Food Bazaar parking lot at 34th Avenue and Junction Boulevard.

JHBG regularly cleans and greens seven school gardens including P.S. 69, P.S. 149, P.S. 92, P.S. 280, P.S. 148, I.S. 145, and I.S. 230 with volunteers going out regularly to plant, trim, and maintain the gardens. Dedicated gardeners maintain the tree surrounds along 37th Avenue and last year renovated the post office garden. We work with the Parks Department to beautify the median along 34th Avenue.



65th Street homeless encampment before and after volunteer cleanup.



After a huge tree fell during Hurricane Sandy, JHBG began cleaning and transforming Leverich Cemetery—an abandoned family burial ground behind Leverich Street near 35th Avenue—into a garden where we will host our Volunteer Thank You Barbecue on Saturday, July 6th.

We're preparing more spaces around the BQE, including a showy flower garden across from PS 398 (34th Avenue and 69th Street) for the school's opening this September, and planted a sea of



Glorious, abundant spring tulips beautify 69th Street.

sunflowers at the BQE entrance on Northern Boulevard, which should be in bloom by late August.

For the past eighteen months, JHBG has worked with Breaking Ground, a homeless advocacy group, the NYPD 108th Precinct, NYC Department of Transportation, and Office of Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer to clear a homeless encampment at the corner of 35th Avenue and 65th Street. With the help of a mini-backhoe and a 30-yard dumpster, the area was cleared of debris and JHBG volunteers are continuing the cleanup. By next year we plan to have a garden there. We have a group of farmers on Northern Boulevard and 64th Street planting tomatoes, potatoes, beans, chilis, pumpkins, herbs, and flowers.

This is all done with the support of our members, so I ask you to join and show your support for a better Jackson Heights.

Summer Sundays in the Park!

BY RHODA DUNN

The Sixteenth Annual Summer Sundays music and theatrical series returns to our newly renovated Travers Park with a new start time of 6 p.m.

JHBG is very excited to present this year's performance lineup, as this will be the first season in the newly spruced Travers Park, and we have added a high-powered assortment of talent. In order to give our concertgoers a chance to beat the heat and enjoy a "cooler" start time, the music will now begin at 6 p.m. instead of 4 p.m.

"Live music in the neighborhood on a Sunday evening is always special, but this year we have some truly professional acts and a brand-new stage for them to perform on. Come and hang out with your neighbors and enjoy the show," says JHBG's president, Nuala O'Doherty.

We will again be one of the partnering venues for the Fifth Annual Jackson Heights Jazz Festival. We will stage two Jackson Heights Jazz Festival performances, including the innovative organist Brian Charette and his trio, as well as the beloved jazz vocalist Vanessa Rubin. Revered as both a torchbearer and a storyteller, Ms. Rubin possesses a voice hailed for crystalline clarity, hearth-like warmth, and playful-lioness sass.

This year's eclectic mix reflects the diverse populations that call Jackson Heights home.



Summer Sundays is funded by the Queens Council for the Arts, City Council Member Daniel Dromm, Borough President Melinda Katz, and our partners include the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, which will host the concert site. Graphic by Jonny Goldstein.

Summer Sundays' 2019 Lineup:

- 7/7 **BRIAN CHARETTE**
Innovative Jazz Organ Trio
- 7/14 **VANESSA RUBIN**
Jazz Vocalist
- 7/21 **VINNY AND THE PRESENTLY UNKNOWNNS & VINNY WITH FRIENDS**
- 7/28 **DJ REKHA**
- 8/4 **AFROSKULL** Funk Collective via New Orleans
- 8/11 **KEVIN & JONNY**
Jamaican Rhythm & Blues aka "Bluebeat"
- 8/18 **CUMBIA RIVER BAND**
Get out of your seat and dance to Colombian Cumbia and Riverside Music
- 8/25 **PUPPET MOBILE** 11 a.m.
THEATER FOR THE NEW CITY 2 p.m.

All Summer Sundays performances are free, open to the public, and take place every Sunday from 6–7 p.m., with the exception of Sunday, August 25th.

Landmarks Agency Recommends Limited JH Historic District Expansion

BY LEN MANIACE

Congratulations Jackson Heights! After JHBG last year asked local residents to join our campaign to expand the Jackson Heights Historic District, the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) took notice.

The city agency, which originally seemed less than enthusiastic about the extension, surveyed the blocks for which JHBG sought protection (see map) last summer and in late December recommended enlarging the district. Their recommendations, amounting to several blocks east and west of the existing district, fell short of what JHBG had hoped for.

The LPC's recommendation was presented at a December meeting attended by representatives of JHBG and our allies, the Historic District Council, City Council Member Daniel Dromm's office, and Queens Community Board 3. But JHBG's landmarks team believed LPC had missed some important sections and, together with its allies, set about to document those developments that had been omitted—significant buildings that were part of a plan envisioned by Jackson Heights's developer Edward A. MacDougall and his Queensboro Corporation. We recently submitted a revised



Jackson Heights Historic District with Proposed Extensions
 ■ Existing Historic District (Designated October 1993) ■ Proposed Historic District Extensions (East and West)

application for the historic district extension. Some background: In 1993, the LPC declared thirty-six blocks in Jackson Heights a historic district, a designation requiring that future development be in character with surrounding buildings. That area is irregularly shaped and runs from 76th to 88th Street between Northern Boulevard and Roosevelt Avenue.

Though disappointing, the latest LPC recommendation was the first sign of progress in JHBG's effort since eight years ago, when the group first applied for the extension. Four years ago, JHBG, Council Member Dromm, and the Historic District Council met with then-LPC chair Meenakshi Srinivasan, but nothing came of that session.

JHBG launched its public campaign last June after a series of development proposals for Jackson Heights and its periphery called for five- to fifteen-story buildings to replace one- and two-story structures. There are now as many as ten such proposals. As a result of the recent campaign, concerned individuals mailed more than eight hundred postcards to the LPC asking the agency to consider the extension.

For more information, please see our Facebook page devoted specifically to the expansion: www.facebook.com/JacksonHeightsHistoric

Why Are Libraries Left Begging for More Money Every Year? BY JOHN MCCAFFREY

Mayor DeBlasio and the NY City Council are currently engaged in finalizing the city's budget. Typical of that process, the Mayor's executive budget contained no new dollars for the city's operating funds. Usually the mayor and city council make a last-minute deal to increase library funding.

Why does the mayor undervalue our libraries?

A recent Change Research poll revealed that 95 percent of New Yorkers say a loss of library services would impact their communities, particularly children, seniors, immigrants, and low-income families. Our library branches don't only loan out books, e-books, and DVDs; they provide ESL classes, adult literacy programs, story time for children, and job-readiness pro-

grams. They are the most active IDNYC* sign-up centers, and will be key partners in obtaining a complete and accurate count for the 2020 Census.

If the Queens Public Library doesn't receive sufficient funding, it will have to reduce operating hours; institute a hiring freeze; purchase fewer new books, DVDs, e-books; offer fewer programs for children, seniors, immigrants, and low-income families; and defer critical maintenance, resulting in costly capital projects and delays in new projects. As subway riders know, deferred maintenance results in diminished service and, ultimately, huge capital expenses.

There is time to resolve this problem: last year, after budget talks and public outrage, the NYC



public library system received about \$60 million in capital funds and \$16.7 million in operating funds. Please contact your city council members by visiting www.investinlibraries.org, mailing a letter, or visiting your

local branch to sign a letter asking them to adequately fund our libraries.

Final note—over a decade ago, Queens library officials presented a plan to renovate the Jackson Heights branch that included an auditorium and expanded space. The plan was shelved when funds were secured to upgrade the lobby and implement self-service check-out. In the interim, other branches have been renovated or rebuilt. The JH branch has among the highest circulation rates in Queens. Let's restart that conversation.

Library Branches	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Corona	38-23 104th Street	noon-8 pm	1-6 pm	10 am-6 pm	noon-8 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-5 pm
East Elmhurst*	95-06 Astoria Boulevard	noon-8 pm	1-6 pm	10 am-6 pm	noon-8 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-5 pm
Elmhurst	86-07 Broadway	9 am-8 pm	1-6 pm	10 am-6 pm	noon-8 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-5 pm
Jackson Heights	35-51 81st Street	9 am-8 pm	1-6 pm	10 am-6 pm	noon-8 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-5 pm
Langston Hughes	100-01 Northern Boulevard	9 am-8 pm	1-6 pm	10 am-6 pm	noon-8 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-5 pm
Woodside	54-22 Skillman Avenue	noon-8 pm	1-6 pm	10 am-6 pm	noon-8 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-5 pm

* This branch was scheduled to re-open in May after renovation and expansion. Call ahead to confirm open: 718-424-2619.

Census 2020 is Coming

BY JOHN MCCAFFREY



Participating in the U.S. census is a critical civic duty. The first Federal Population Census was taken in 1790 and has been conducted every ten years since. Next year the federal government will launch the 2020 Census, already enmeshed in a controversy: a question about whether to ask respondents their citizenship status awaits a Supreme Court decision.

Why Is the Census Important and Why Does It Matter to You?

A reliable, accurate census is important for the federal government to adequately plan growth, deliver services, and address problems. Census data guide the distribution of economic assistance to local governments directing aid in regions with the highest poverty rates, for example, as well as to other federal programs.

Population determines the number of representatives each state can elect to the House of Representatives. The census therefore determines the allocation of \$7 billion of federal funding to people who need programs—in education, health care, transportation, as well as food stamps and Medicaid. For Jackson Heights to receive its fair share of your tax dollars, you must complete the census form.

New York City's population declined by about four-hundred thousand people last year, according to a recent annual census report; in fact, the Census Bureau's latest adjusted figures for NYC resulted in two consecutive years of declining population. NYC needs an accurate count to avoid dire consequences, but historically that has not been achieved.

Undercount in 2010 Census

In the 2010 Census, although NYC's responses were up from 2000, the city trailed the national average in collecting census information via return mail. Specifically, 63 percent of New Yorkers and just over 74 percent of respondents nationwide mailed in their census information, according to the *New York Times*. Some experts estimate the 2010 Census omitted fifty-thousand people in Brooklyn and Queens because the Census Bureau

incorrectly considered numerous homes vacant. The 2010 undercount resulted in the loss of two congressional seats.

2020 Census Challenges

The 2020 Census poses unique challenges and uncertainties that complicate accumulating data. Many people worry that anti-immigrant posturing and policies from Washington, DC, increasing privacy concerns, and distrust of government could throw a wrench in the census process. In her annual 2018 budget address, Queens Borough President Melinda Katz announced the creation of the Queens Complete Count Committee (QCCC). The QCCC will bring together community leaders and activists to learn about key 2020 Census issues, report to the diverse communities of Queens, and strategize to ensure everyone is accurately counted. In January, Katz announced the first seventy appointees to the QCCC—I'm proud to announce that JHBG President Nuala O'Doherty, new JHBG board member Tammy Rose, and Queens Civic Congress (QCC) President Kevin Forrestal were among those appointed.

But questions linger at the Census Bureau:

- ★ **The Supreme Court has yet to determine if the census will ask for citizenship status.**
- ★ **The funding allocated for community outreach is unknown: New York State has earmarked \$20 million; the Fiscal Policy Institute last year recommended \$40 million; California plans to spend as much as \$120 million.**
- ★ **The Census Bureau has yet to assign a Director, or a Deputy Director, to oversee the outreach effort. These vacancies don't bode well if the Bureau is serious about sufficiently resolving the 2010 undercount issues.**
- ★ **Additionally, in New York City hundreds of thousands of new homes and unconventional living arrangements complicate enumerating many residents. As Nuala O'Doherty explains, some living arrangements in rented rooms, basements, attics, and garages are less likely to be included on the city's address list. Only by counting people who live in unconventional or illegal dwellings can we ensure everyone is accounted for.**

Next Steps

Experts believe one key to the fullest count is an accurate address list, which Councilman Rafael L. Espinal Jr. identifies as the foundation of the census. That list, soon to be compiled, could have around 3.6 million addresses, according to the *Times*.

Next, City Planning will enlist community leaders to spread the word about the importance of submitting complete census data. After information is sent by mail, Census Bureau employees will go door to door to add those who have yet to send in their information.

To improve accuracy and responsiveness, Census 2020 will encourage response via the internet, track operations in real time, and use data like postal records to resolve whether units are vacant or inhabited. In addition, the census will allow people to write in their racial and ethnic background if they choose to do so, allowing people who don't fit neatly into the form's boxes to more accurately capture themselves.

According to a presentation to the QCCC by Dr. Joseph Salvo of the Department of City Planning's population division, not all low-income, majority-minority neighborhoods are uniform in their census responses. In 2010, several predominantly Hispanic neighborhoods had high response rates, while certain middle-class, largely black areas responded to the census at comparatively lower rates. Experts might not agree on a single explanation. I would venture that each of NYC's diverse communities faces different challenges, but community involvement is the key to supplementing the city's, as well as the Census Bureau's, efforts to increase participation.

We must convince our neighbors that not only is it safe to answer the census, it is in their interest to answer it. And if they don't, they're going to hurt the city and themselves. All of us must live with the results until 2030.

JHBG, QCC, Make the Road New York, New York Immigrant Coalition, NAACP, and QCCC will work hard to ensure everyone is counted. But we need all our elected leaders, associations, houses of worship, and you to join us.



Censo 2020

POR JOHN MCCAFFREY

Cada 10 años, en abril, el gobierno federal realiza un censo de población; es decir, cuenta el número de personas que hay en el país. Si bien el Censo se realizará oficialmente el 1 de abril de 2020, la planificación ya ha comenzado.

El gobierno usa el Censo para calcular cómo financiar muchos programas, como escuelas, hospitales, guarderías y otros servicios, por lo que si una persona no se cuenta, pero vive aquí en Queens, los programas no tendrán fondos suficientes.

El conteo se lleva a cabo en función de las direcciones de correo postal. Cada dirección recibirá una carta con información sobre

cómo conectarse en línea y completar el censo. Si la dirección de correo no responde, los trabajadores del Censo serán enviados a llamar a las puertas de los domicilios que no respondieron.

Este método no funcionará bien en Queens, ya que muchas personas provienen de países donde el uso del correo tradicional no es muy común, por lo que es posible que aquí no utilicen el servicio con regularidad. A veces, más de una familia vive en una sola dirección postal. Si se considera una casa de dos familias en Queens, hay dos direcciones de correo oficiales, apartamentos 1 y 2, de modo que el Censo enviará una carta e intentará contar a los que viven en esos apartamentos;

no considerará el apartamento del sótano ni el del ático si no tienen direcciones de correo oficiales. Además, si en el apartamento 2 una familia alquila el segundo dormitorio a otra pareja, es posible que no se sientan cómodos para responder a las preguntas sobre la pareja que alquila el segundo dormitorio.

Muchos no consideran esto al responder a la pregunta sobre quién vive en su hogar. La pareja forma parte del hogar, pero puede que no conozca los detalles para contestar las preguntas. Así que en una casa de dos familias en Queens, si una pareja con tres hijos vive en el sótano, en el primer piso vive el propietario y alquila dos habitaciones a dos parejas diferentes, en el

segundo piso vive una familia de cuatro, y tres chicos viven en el ático, el Censo contará al propietario del primer piso y a la familia de cuatro del segundo piso como un total de cinco personas cuando, de hecho, en la casa viven 17 personas. En este caso, hay 12 personas viviendo en Queens que no serán contadas, y, por lo tanto, los fondos para hospitales, escuelas u otros servicios no serán suficientes.

Por esta razón, Queens no sólo pierde financiamiento para programas gubernamentales sino que también pierde representación política. Se estima que debido al recuento insuficiente en el censo de 2010, el estado de Nueva York perdió dos escaños en el Congreso.

¡Grandes noticias de “Grants”!

POR NUALA O'DOHERTY

JHBG se enorgullece de celebrar a cuatro solicitantes de nuestro vecindario que ganaron subvenciones de hasta \$3.000 para mejorar la calidad de vida de nuestra comunidad. El Comité de Ciudadanos para la Ciudad de Nueva York es una de las organizaciones de microfinanciamiento más antiguas del país. Recauda fondos de fundaciones, corporaciones, y donantes individuales y luego otorga financiamientos a pequeños proyectos locales. La Subvención de Vecindario emitida por el Comité de Ciudadanos donó \$3.000 para trabajar en proyectos que mejoren el vecindario. También otorgó una subvención de “Love Your Block” de \$1.000.

Claudia Corcino y Ciclistas Latinoamericanos de Nueva York, un grupo local de ciclistas activistas, solicitaron y obtuvieron un apoyo para realizar una serie de paseos comunitarios en bicicleta con la finalidad de ayudar a las personas a sentirse seguras y cómodas al conducir en nuestras calles. Claudia ofrecerá varios paseos en bicicleta, incluido mi favorito, Santa Ride —celebrado cada mes de diciembre—, en el que Santa Claus y sus elfos recorren las calles de Jackson Heights y East Elmhurst con campanas y luces que brindan alegría a toda la comunidad.

Ana María León es la presidenta de PTA de PS 148 y trabaja con un gran grupo de padres voluntarios. El Comité de Ciudadanos otorgó

a Ana María una subvención para comenzar un proyecto de talleres para ayudar a los padres que hablan español a encontrar maneras de involucrarse más en las escuelas de sus hijos.

Martha Sánchez, presidenta de PTA de IS 145, obtuvo un financiamiento para trabajar en jardines alrededor de IS 145, PS 92, y PS 280, con el objetivo de que nuestras escuelas se vean mejor, pero también para que más padres y más familias participen en las actividades de una escuela pública local.

Deborah Wasserman, artista y maestra del vecindario, recibió una beca del Comité de Ciudadanos para apoyar a los estudiantes de séptimo grado que estén interesados en ingresar a

escuelas especializadas en arte. Para solicitar admisión, los estudiantes deben presentar una colección de sus ilustraciones. Deborah se dio cuenta de que algunos niños no podían pagar clases privadas de arte o tutorías para preparar su colección. El objetivo es encontrar estudiantes talentosos de séptimo grado que aman el arte y ayudarlos durante el verano a crear carpetas con sus obras para incluirlas en sus solicitudes a estas escuelas. Deborah también colaborará en la orientación acerca del proceso de ingreso, que es altamente competitivo.

JHBG trabajará con los cuatro grupos para ayudarlos a lograr sus metas y hacer de Jackson Heights un mejor lugar para vivir.

Recorrido autoguiado por los jardines históricos, sábado 8 de junio

POR BARBARA MILLER

Por favor únete a JHBG en la celebración del Jackson Heights histórico, la primera comunidad de apartamentos con jardín planeado en Estados Unidos y en una ciudad, un estado y un Distrito Histórico Federal. Aprovecha esta oportunidad para visitar los jardines privados de estilo parque aquí en nuestro vecindario, abiertos al público sólo una vez al año! El sábado 8 de junio, de 12:00 a 4:00 p. m., puedes tomar un recorrido autoguiado y visitar a tu gusto los quince hermosos jardines, ayudado por un mapa incluido en tu boleto de \$10. Los boletos estarán disponibles el sábado 8 de junio por la mañana frente a la iglesia comunitaria, en el 81-10 de la Avenida 35, o puedes comprarlos antes en Espresso 77, en el 35-57 de la calle 77, o en Beaudoin Realty Group, en el 78-27 de la Avenida 37, suite 5 (segundo piso). ¡Esperamos verte ahí!

¿Por qué cada año las bibliotecas se quedan rogando por más dinero?

POR JOHN MCCAFFREY

El alcalde de la ciudad, DeBlasio, y el Concejo Municipal están terminando el presupuesto para la ciudad, pero el presupuesto ejecutivo del alcalde no incluye nuevos dólares para los fondos operativos de la ciudad. Una encuesta reciente reveló que el 95 % de los neoyorkinos dice que una pérdida de servicios bibliotecarios impactaría a sus comunidades, en particular a niños, adultos mayores, inmigrantes y familias de bajos ingresos.

Además de libros electrónicos y DVDs, las sucursales de la biblioteca ofrecen clases de inglés como

segunda lengua, programas de alfabetización para adultos, lecturas de cuentos para niños y programas de preparación laboral. Son los centros más activos de expedición de tarjetas de identificación de la Ciudad de Nueva York y serán pieza clave en el censo de 2020. Si la Biblioteca Pública de Queens no recibe suficiente financiamiento, sus servicios esenciales se reducirán. El año pasado, el tema del presupuesto desató indignación, y el sistema bibliotecario recibió, como resultado, un aumento significativo en su financiamiento. Por favor, póngase en contacto con los integrantes de su ayuntamiento visitando la página de internet www.investinlibraries.org; envíe una carta o vaya a la sucursal local y firme una carta de petición del financiamiento apropiado.

Domingos de Verano

POR RHODA DUNN

La sexta serie anual de los Domingos de Verano regresa a Travers Park. Para dar a nuestros seguidores de conciertos la oportunidad de batear el calor con un comienzo “más fresco”, la música comenzará a las 6:00 p. m. JHBG está encantado de presentar un reparto de talento de alto impacto. “Este año tenemos algunos actos verdaderamente profesionales y un escenario nuevo para sus presentaciones. Ven a pasar tiempo con tus vecinos y disfruta del espectáculo”, dice la presidenta de JHBG, Nuala O’Doherty. Para la presentación de dos espectáculos haremos equipo con el Quinto Festival Anual de Jazz de Jackson Heights: el organista Brian Charette y su trio, y la vocalista de jazz Vanessa Rubin. Los eventos de los Domingos

de Verano son gratis, están abiertos a todo el público y tienen lugar cada domingo de 6:00 a 7:00 p.m. (excepto el domingo 25 de agosto).

Programa de los Domingos de Verano para el 2019:

7/7 BRIAN CHARETTE

Innovative Jazz Organ Trio

7/14 VANESSA RUBIN Vocalista de jazz

7/21 VINNY AND THE PRESENTLY UNKNOWNNS & VINNY WITH FRIENDS

7/28 DJ REKHA

8/4 AFROSKULL Funk Collective via New Orleans

8/11 KEVIN & JONNY Jamaican Rhythm & Blues aka “Bluebeat”

8/18 CUMBIA RIVER BAND Dance to Colombian Cumbia and Riverside Music

8/25 ESPECTÁCULO DE TÍTERES (Puppet Mobile, 11:00 a.m.) y Theater for the New City (2:00 p.m.)

Mensaje de la presidenta

POR NUALA O'DOHERTY

Las áreas verdes abiertas son escasas en Jackson Heights. Incluso con la ampliación de Travers Park, el espacio compartido por los muchos residentes que lo visitan es muy reducido. JHBG ha trabajado para utilizar mejor nuestros espacios mediante la creación del parque para perros, el área de compost, y el embellecimiento del sitio del Bazar de Comida. Damos mantenimiento a los jardines de siete escuelas y a los cajetes de los árboles de la Avenida 37. JHBG transformó el cementerio Leverich en un jardín donde tendremos una parrillada de agradecimiento a los voluntarios el sábado 6 de julio. Estamos preparando un jardín de flores frente a la PS 398 para su apertura en este septiembre, y plantamos girasoles en la entrada de la BQE en Northern Boulevard. En colaboración con socios locales limpiamos

un campamento de indigentes en la Avenida 35 y planeamos poner un jardín ahí el próximo año. Un grupo está sembrando tomates, papas, frijoles, chiles, calabazas, hierbas y flores en Northern Boulevard.

Hemos hecho esto con la ayuda de nuestros integrantes, así que por favor únete a nosotros y muestra tu apoyo por un Jackson Heights mejor.

Construir comunidad como Amigos de Travers Park

POR NUALA O'DOHERTY

Aquí, en Jackson Heights, tenemos una diversidad tal que un sentido de comunidad compartido no siempre se da de manera natural. Pero con la esperada reapertura de Travers Park tenemos una oportunidad para reforzar nuestra comunidad con la construcción de un nuevo comienzo. Nuestros diversos vecinos —niños y niñas, jugadores de tenis y de vóley, sus espectadores, aquellos a quienes les gusta sentarse, los perros y sus dueños que disfrutan caminar— se reúnen en un espacio donde todos interactuamos. Si te interesa vigilar el estado del parque —que el césped esté verde y el parque limpio— por favor da un paso adelante. JHBG está recomenzando los Amigos de Travers Park enfocado en construir comunidad. Trabajaremos en la programación para que el parque sea un espacio abierto que todos puedan disfrutar. Necesitamos que te nos unas con tu asistencia a nuestra primera reunión el 3 de junio a las 7:00 p. m. en Travers Park. Si no puedes asistir, simplemente envía un email con tu nombre, dirección y número de teléfono a info@JHBG.org y nos pondremos en contacto contigo.

Jackson Heights SCHOOLS SPECIAL

BY TAMMY ROSE AND NUALA O'DOHERTY • PHOTOS BY JENNIFER BERNAL PERALTA

In Jackson Heights we have excellent but crowded local public elementary and middle schools as part of Community Education Council District 30. With the opening of our newest elementary school, P.S. 398, in September of 2019, the new wing added to P.S. 92, the annex to I.S. 230, and the opening of P.S. 280 in the old Blessed Sacrament School, the chronic overcrowding that has plagued Jackson Heights for decades is coming to an end. The nine local elementary schools feed into two local zoned middle schools. Jackson Heights does not have a local high school and most students travel across the city to attend high school, but there are plans to build a new high school on Northern Boulevard near Broadway.



P.S. 398 will open this September with four pre-kindergarten (pre-K) and three kindergarten classes. In the 2019–20 school year this addition will reduce one kindergarten class each from P.S. 212, P.S. 280, and P.S. 228, but over the next six years it will reduce each school by approximately 150 students, which should end overcrowding at our local public schools. This new space will allow the previously overcrowded schools to reopen dedicated art, music, and science classrooms. Additional school space is still needed since there isn't room to bring into our schools our pre-K and future 3-K classes. While many schools have one or a few pre-K classes, most local children attend pre-K in community-based programs or Department of Education pre-K centers like the one near LaGuardia Airport. Ideally, if more public school space becomes available, these pre-kindergarten classes could be moved into our local public schools, and in the future if 3-K is funded for the district, we could have 3-K classes available in Jackson Heights in our local public schools. Each of our local public schools would have a community room for local groups to meet so that schools would be truly integrated into our community. Currently, many have evening programs where classes are held to teach English, computer skills, or assist with citizenship

applications. School space can also be rented at a reasonable price to the public through the school custodian for classes, performances, or meetings.

Given that all our schools are at or near capacity, most kids in Jackson Heights attend their local zoned school. Note that the zones are changing for kids entering the system this September, so you should call 311 and provide your address if you have a question. Children with older siblings can often follow their siblings. Children with physical disabilities are often enrolled in one of the newer school buildings that are designed to be barrier free.

All our local schools have programs to help children who are learning English as their second language (English Language Learners or ELL). There are a variety of different programs in which children receive extra instruction in acquiring English, or students learn in both English and Spanish simultaneously. Six of our schools have current dual language programs (English/Spanish) and three schools are looking to start the program. All of our local public schools have special programs to help children who have individualized education plans (IEP) to meet specific academic or physical learning requirements, such as speech classes, occupational therapy, or reading assistance. Most of our local public schools have special programs for music, art, or afterschool classes. Each school is unique. If you have questions about your local public school, the easiest way to receive answers is to contact the parent coordinator at the school or e-mail the Community Education Council at CEC30@schools.nyc.gov.

Elementary Schools

P.S. 152



Serves pre-K to 5th grade with 1,012 students. While the school is on the other side of the BQE in Woodside, many students living north of Northern Boulevard in Jackson Heights attend the school.

P.S. 152—Gwendoline N. Alleyne School
33-52 62nd St., Woodside, NY 11377
Vincent Vitolo, Principal;
Wand Alameda, Parent Coordinator,
WAlameda2@schools.nyc.gov
Student-teacher ratio 16:1
Asian: 54%, Hispanic: 40%,
White: 4%, Black: 0%
ELL: 33%, IEP: 12%

P.S. 212



Serves pre-K through 5th grade. The school currently has 810 students enrolled and offers a Spanish-English dual language program, as well as a roof garden and mediation program.

P.S. 212—School of Cyber Science and Literacy
34-25 82nd St., Jackson Heights, NY 11372
www.ps212q.com
Carin Ellis, Principal; Olga Flores, Parent Coordinator,
oflores3@schools.nyc.gov
Asian: 61%, Hispanic: 26%, White: 10%
ELL: 16%, IEP: 17%

P.S. 222



Pre-K through 2nd grade school with 272 students. Co-zoned with P.S. 69, most students continue to P.S. 69 in 3rd grade unless they are in the dual language program, and they can attend P.S. 212, P.S. 149, or P.S. 280 to continue the dual language program.

P.S. 222—Fire Fighter Christopher A. Santora School
86-15 37th Ave., Jackson Heights, NY 11372
youngexplorers222.org
Yvonne Marrero, Principal;
Walesca Brown, Parent Coordinator,
WBrown25@schools.nyc.gov
Hispanic: 70%, Asian: 14%,
White: 11%, Black: 1%
ELL: 29%, IEP: 15%

P.S. 69



In the heart of JH and serves over 1,079 students in pre-K through 5th grade; it is co-zoned with P.S. 222. The pre-K has its own little building.

P.S. 69—School of Cultural and Performing Arts
77-02 37th Ave., Jackson Heights, NY 11372
www.ps69q.com
Martha Vazquez, Principal;
Marina Mrazovic, Parent Coordinator,
mmrazovic@schools.nyc.gov
Asian: 49%, Hispanic: 41%,
White: 7%, Black: 1%
ELL: 23%, IEP: 11%

P.S. 228



Currently serves 331 children in pre-Kindergarten to 2nd grade. In 3rd grade, most continue to the co-zoned school, P.S. 149. The school offers a Spanish-English dual language program.

P.S. 228—The Ivan Lafayette Early Childhood School of the Arts
32-63 93rd St., East Elmhurst, NY 11369
<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/schools/Q228>
Olga Guzman, Principal;
Reina Verduga, Parent Coordinator,
RVerduga@schools.nyc.gov
Hispanic: 89%, Asian: 5%,
White: 3%, Black: 1%
ELL: 56%, IEP: 24%

P.S. 149



Co-zoned with P.S. 228 and serves 1,056 students in grades K through 5. P.S. 149 has one of the largest and oldest dual language programs in the district.

P.S. 149—Christa McAuliffe School
93-11 34th Ave., Jackson Heights, NY 11372
ps149q.org
Onalis Hernandez, Principal;
Adriana Gil, Parent Coordinator,
Agil@schools.nyc.gov
Hispanic: 86%, Asian: 9%,
White: 3%, Black: 1%
ELL: 37%, IEP: 17%

P.S. 148

Has a large school building but only 805 students in pre-K through 5th grade. It has a very active PTA



and an elementary debate team. It will be starting a dual language program in kindergarten in the next school year.

P.S. 148—Ruby G. Allen
89-02 32nd Ave., East Elmhurst, NY 11369
Yolanda Harvey, Principal;
Lysette Ramos, Parent Coordinator,
LRamos28@schools.nyc.gov
Hispanic: 82%, Asian: 15%,
White: 3%, Black: 0%
ELL: 35%, IEP: 17%

P.S. 280



In the old Blessed Sacrament School and has 619 students in grades K through 5. Although new, it is currently overcrowded; the school is expected to lose 150 students because of re-zoning over the next five years. It has a dual language program and lots of outdoor play space.

P.S. 280 34-20 94th St., Jackson Heights, NY 11372
Lisa Hidalgo, Principal;
Yaniri Peralta, Parent Coordinator,
YPeralta10@schools.nyc.gov
Hispanic: 90%, Asian: 7%,
White: 1%, Black: 1%
ELL: 36%, IEP: 13%

P.S. 92



Recently opened a new wing and now has 914 students in pre-K through 5th grade with a new magnet school for engineering, architecture and the arts. They will also be starting a dual language program in the fall.

P.S. 92—Harry T. Stewart, Sr.
99-02 34th Ave., Corona, NY 11368
Pasquel Baratta, Principal;

Ana Melendez, Parent Coordinator,
AMelendez2@schools.nyc.gov
Hispanic: 97%, Asian: 1%,
Black: 1%, White: 0%
ELL: 30%, IEP: 22%

Middle Schools

I.S. 230



Has 1,272 students in two buildings. The 6th graders are in an annex across the street. Every student is required to complete community service and take a civics class for all three years. Most students come from P.S. 152, P.S. 212, P.S. 69, P.S. 89, and P.S. 149.

I.S. 230—Magnet School for Civics
73-10 34th Ave., Jackson Heights, NY 11372
is230.org
Ronald Zirin, Principal;
Enrique Salazar, Parent Coordinator,
esalazar2@schools.nyc.gov
Hispanic: 60%, Asian: 34%, White: 5%
ELL: 15%, IEP: 13%

I.S. 145

Serves 1,648 students in grades 6 through 8. The school

is divided into four academies: Enterprise, Discovery, Explorer and Global. The Global academy offers a dual language program for continuing students from feeder schools up to 8th grade.

I.S. 145—Joseph Pulitzer Magnet School of Innovation and Applied Learning
33-34 80th St., Jackson Heights, NY 11372
www.145innovators.com
Ivan Rodriguez, Principal;
Geraldine Fils Aime, Parent Coordinator,
GfilsAime@schools.nyc.gov
Hispanic: 88%, Asian: 8%,
Black: 3%, White: 1%
ELL: 22% IEP: 15%

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Building Community as Friends of Travers Park

BY NUALA O'DOHERTY

What is a community? A community is a group of people who have something in common. Here in Jackson Heights, we have such great diversity that community doesn't always come naturally, but with the reopening of Travers Park we have a chance to strengthen ours. How can some grass, benches, and lighting create community? The physical park cannot, but we can use the fact that there's change and excitement to bring all of our diverse neighbors together.

The park brings everyone closer—the children and their caregivers, the tennis players, the volleyball players and their spectators, those who like to sit in the park, as well as a dog and its owners who like to walk in the park—in one space where we all interact together. JHBG would like to use this reopening of the park as a way to build a stronger community here in Jackson Heights.

If you are interested in seeing the park thrive—seeing that the grass stays green and the park stays clean—it's time to step up. The Jackson Heights Beautification Group is restarting the Friends of Travers Park. The focus of the group will be on building community around the park so that the dog owners, the children, and those who love the green lawn all get along together. We will be working with the parks administration to make sure that appropriate signs are installed, with the park manager to make sure the park stays clean, but most of all we'll be working on programming the



A beautiful day in the park, and a great place to relax.

park so that it is an open space for all to enjoy.

For years the Jackson Heights Beautification Group has sponsored Summer Sundays, a group of performances over eight weeks on Sundays in the park. This year we're expanding programming to include mornings for kids and evenings for adults in the park: For eight weeks in July and August, there will be an activity every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon for kids and every Thursday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for adults.

To make all this happen we need support from the community—we need you to join the Friends of Travers Park group. You can join by coming to our first meeting on June 3 at 7 p.m. in Travers Park. If you can't make that meeting just email your name, address, and phone number to info@JHBG.org and we will reach out to you. If you don't have free time you can support us by joining the Jackson Heights Beautification Group and making a donation to the Friends of Travers Park.

Responsible Dog Owners Are Cleaning Up!

BY DAWN FALCONE



A newly formed community group, Jackson Heights Responsible Dog Owners, is on a mission to eradicate pet waste from our sidewalks and tree gardens. Members began hosting monthly cleanups in March (Scoop-the-Poop). The group plans on having other pet-friendly events within our neighborhood, in hopes of educating dog owners about the importance of picking up after their fur babies. (Photo by Fan Chen)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: SUMMER 2019

For up-to-date information on JHBG events, visit our website at www.jhbg.org.

JHBG ONGOING EVENTS

Saturdays 11am-1 pm

JH-SCRAPS (composting)

69th St. & 35th Ave.

For info on what is compostable, contact

info@JHBG.org

Most Saturdays 10 am

Tree LC

Meets at the NE corner of 80th St. & 37th Ave.

Schedule may vary and include some Sundays.

Check the [JHBG Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/jhbg) for complete information.

Saturdays 10 am Clean and Green

(April-Thanksgiving)

See next page for dates and locations.

For complete details, go to www.jhbg.org

Daily

JH-CREW dog run

69th St. between 34th & 35th Aves. To join,

go to www.jhbg.org for application.

"And 'tis my faith, that every flower enjoys the air it breathes."
 —William Wordsworth



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JHBG is working on actively programming activities in Travers Park in July and August. The 8-Week Park Programming includes:						
★ Summer Sundays in Travers Park starting July 7 at 6 p.m.						
★ Kids in the Park, 11 a.m.–noon, in table area by Garden School (Wednesdays starting July 10)						
★ Summer evenings dance/music in the park (adults), 7 p.m.–9 p.m. at the Rory Staunton Field section (Thursdays starting July 11)						
2	3 Friends of Travers Park planning meeting 7 p.m. in Travers Park at tables by Garden School	4	5 Air Train Meeting 6:30 p.m. Marriott Hotel at 102-05 Ditmars Blvd.	6 Air Train Meeting 6:30 p.m. Marriott Hotel at 102-05 Ditmars Blvd.	7	8 JHBG Garden Tours Community Church on 82nd St. & 35th Ave. See pg. 1 for details. Volunteer fence painting at P.S. 148 at 32nd Ave. & 89th St. 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Movies Under the Stars Lego Movie 2 at Travers Park at 8:20 p.m.
9 JHBG Garden Tour at noon at 82nd St. & 35th Ave. (Tickets required) Women's Ride on Queens Boulevard 10 a.m. Meet at Queensbridge Park	10	11	12	13	14 Movies Under the Stars: How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World at Playground Ninety at 8:20 p.m.	15 Gardening at P.S. 69 at 37th Ave. & 77th St. 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
16	17 Community Education Council at 6:30 p.m. at I.S. 227 32-02 Junction Blvd.	18	19	20 Community Board 3 Outdoor meeting 7 p.m. at Northern Blvd. & 93rd St.	21	22 Gardening at Elmhurst Memorial Hall 88-04 43rd Ave. 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
23 Flushing Meadow Corona Park Sunday Clean up 10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Meadow Lake Bird Blind	24	25 Democratic Primary - VOTE	26 Last day of school	27	28	29 Gardening & clean up at 31st Ave. & 68th St. 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Movies Under the Stars: Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse at Travers Park at 8:30 p.m.
30	JULY 1	2	3	4	5	6 Gardening and Bar-b-que at Leverich Cemetery enter at 71-02 35th Ave. 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
7 Summer Sundays Brian Charette Trio at 6 p.m. at Travers Park	8	9	10 Kids at Travers Program from 11 a.m.–noon	11 Adults at Travers Program from 7 p.m.–9 p.m.	12	13 Gardening at I.S. 145 34th Ave. & 79th St. 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Scavenger Hunt at Diversity Plaza at 2 p.m.
14 Summer Sundays Vanessa Rubin at 6 p.m. in Travers Park	15	16	17 Kids at Travers Program from 11 a.m.–noon	18 Adults at Travers Program from 7 p.m.–9 p.m.	19	20 Gardening at I.S. 145 34th Ave. & 79th St. 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
21 Summer Sundays Vinny and the Presently Unknowns and Vinny with Friends at 6 p.m. at Travers Park	22	23	24 Kids at Travers Program from 11 a.m.–noon	25 Adults at Travers Program from 7 p.m.–9 p.m.	26	27 Gardening at P.S. 149/Food Bazaar 34th Ave. & 94th St. 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
28 Summer Sundays DJ Rekha at 6 p.m. at Travers Park	29	30	31 Kids at Travers Program from 11 a.m.–noon	AUGUST 1 Adults at Travers Program from 7 p.m.–9 p.m.	2	3 Gardening at 90th St. & Roosevelt Ave. 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
4 Summer Sundays Afroskull at 6 p.m. at Travers Park	5	6	7 Kids at Travers Program from 11 a.m.–noon	8 Adults at Travers Program from 7 p.m.–9 p.m.	9	10 Gardening at JHBG Farm 64th St. & Northern Blvd. 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
11 Summer Sundays Kevin & Jonny at 6 p.m. at Travers Park	12	13	14 Kids at Travers Program from 11 a.m.–noon	15 Adults at Travers Program from 7 p.m.–9 p.m.	16	17 Gardening at P.S. 280 94th St. & 35th Ave. 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
18 Summer Sundays Cumbia River Band at 6 p.m. at Travers Park	19	20	21 Kids at Travers Program from 11 a.m.–noon	22 Adults at Travers Program from 7 p.m.–9 p.m.	23	24 Gardening at P.S. 148 32nd Ave. & 89th St.
25 Summer Sundays 11 a.m. Puppet Mobile 2 p.m. Theater for the New City	26	27	28 Kids at Travers Program from 11 a.m.–noon	29 Adults at Travers Program from 7 p.m.–9 p.m.	30	31 Gardening at I.S. 145 34th Ave. & 79th St. 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Tree LC Update

Tree by tree, block by block, JHBG's Tree LC team is raising an impressive urban forest. Along with caring for trees, we are planting large curbside gardens with tough but beautiful perennials—native species when possible—which attract butterflies and bees. We've expanded our all-volunteer project to include sixty curbside tree gardens along 37th Avenue from 74th to 88th Streets and also along 75th Street, plus our recently renovated, spectacular Post Office garden. (Photo by Sharon Collins)



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JHBG 2019 Summer Schedule • Saturdays at 10 a.m.

<p>6/1 P.S. 280 94th St. & 35th Ave.</p> <p>6/8 JHBG Garden Tours & Fence Painting at P.S. 148 (see p. 1)</p> <p>6/15 P.S. 69 at 37th Ave. & 77th St.</p> <p>6/22 Elmhurst Memorial Hall 88-04 43rd Ave.</p> <p>6/29 31st Ave. & 68th St.</p> <p>7/6 Leverich Cemetery (enter at 71-02 35th Ave.)</p> <p>7/13 I.S. 145 at 34th Ave. & 79th St.</p>	<p>7/20 I.S. 145 at 34th Ave. & 79th St.</p> <p>7/27 P.S. 149/Food Bazaar 34th Ave. & 94th St.</p> <p>8/3 90th St. & Roosevelt Ave.</p> <p>8/10 JHBG Farm 64th St. & Northern Blvd.</p> <p>8/17 P.S. 280 at 94th St. & 35th Ave.</p> <p>8/24 P.S. 148 at 32nd Ave. & 89th St.</p> <p>8/31 I.S. 145 at 34th Ave. & 79th St.</p>
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