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Meeting  
**Tuesday, January 29, 2008 – 8 PM**  
*At Community Church of Douglaston, Fellowship Hall*  
*39-50 Douglaston Parkway*

**Topic**  
**Proposed Apartment Building**  
**Speaker: Marc Bresky, Esq.**

**FEATURED TOPIC**

For several years, DCA has had discussions with a developer who proposes to build an apartment building at the northwest corner of Northern Boulevard and Douglaston Parkway. This location is presently occupied by an auto repair shop and parking lot.

The proposal requires a variance since the location is zoned for R1-2, meaning one family houses.

The developer has made presentations to the membership at DCA board meetings and at a public meeting. At these presentations, the reaction of the membership has been overwhelming opposition.

At a BSA hearing in September 2007, BSA rebuffed the proposed design. Since then, the developer has redesigned the building by eliminating one floor of apartments and one floor of parking. The new design is a four-story building with 32 apartment units and one floor of parking with 34 spaces.

The Association continues to oppose the proposal on the grounds that the building is too large and the intersection is too congested. If this variance is granted, it would open the way for more property along Northern Boulevard to be redeveloped into apartment buildings.

**FEATURED SPEAKER**

Marc Bresky is an attorney who has been retained by DCA. He has represented the Association at BSA hearings to oppose construction of the proposed apartment building at Northern Boulevard and Douglaston Parkway.

Marc has handled many cases in the area of zoning and related matters. He is highly recommended by several sources.

At the DCA public meeting he will report on the present status of the case and coming events related to the case. He will also answer any and all questions related to the case.

**BSA HEARING**

We will need a strong show of opposition to the proposal at the BSA hearing. DCA is asking you to attend the hearing on Tuesday, February 5. To make it easier to attend, we will hire a bus to provide transportation to and from the hearing. The location of the hearing is 40 Rector Street in Manhattan on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor. The time of the hearing will be announced at the meeting.

The bus will leave the Zion Episcopal parking lot which is located at 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 234<sup>th</sup> Street and return to the same location.

## **LIBRARY DAY IN ALBANY**

On March 11, advocates for the Queens Public Library will travel to Albany to speak to local legislatures on behalf of the Library system.

Their purpose is to assure full New York State funding for Libraries. Legislators do listen and you can make a difference.

The trip consists of the following:

- Travel to Albany by chartered bus. The bus will leave from the Bay Terrace library on Bell Boulevard in Bayside at approximately 7 Am and return at approximately 7PM.
- Orientation and materials concerning the purpose of the trip will be provided.
- A light lunch will be provided. In addition, cafeteria services are available in the capital building.

This is an opportunity to see how our state legislature operates as well as an opportunity to influence funding for the Queens Library system.

For information and a reservation on the bus, contact the Community Library Manager at 718-990-0817. It will be an informative and rewarding day.

## **BAY CHEVROLET**

In early to mid 2007, Bay Chevrolet ceased operations in new car sales, auto parts sales and auto repair services. They continued used car sales but it appears that this part of the business is now dwindling.

DCA has informally learned that the dealership will switch ownership to another major auto manufacturer. The identity of the new dealership is not known at this time.

## **ASSAULT ON BATTERIES**

It is unlawful to dispose of used batteries in the trash. Bring used batteries (not automobile batteries) to the DCA pubic meeting. DCA will collect used batteries for proper disposal.

You may also bring used batteries directly to the Community Board 11 office located at 46-21 Little Neck Parkway.

Support the effort to keep used batteries with their toxic components out of the landfills.

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