



# THE FEDERATED BLOCKS OF LAURELTON



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## NEWSLETTER

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# Season's Greetings From The Federated Blocks of Laurelton



## GREETINGS LAURELTON COMMUNITY!!

On behalf of The Federated Blocks of Laurelton, we hope the citizens of Laurelton are all doing well during these trying times. The COVID-19 Pandemic has been very painful for our community but we shall prevail through prayer, hope and our community coming together as a family and continuing to help one another.

As always, the Federated Blocks of Laurelton are here, for all of you!



## **PRESIDENTS CORNER**

Hello Neighbors,

The summer has come and gone, the holidays are slowly easing onto us. Our malls in the community were just beautiful this summer. We, the Federated Blocks of Laurelton, would like to thank you. This has been some year, however, we are still trying to do the work for you, the resident. Covid 19 has played a big part in many of our lives, with each one trying to help one another and with God's help, we will make it!

We continue to have problems with stolen vehicles in the community. Please lock your vehicles when leaving. Double Check. Speeding is a problem citywide, and vehicles with loud noises. If you can get license plate numbers, call 311. Congratulations to Inspector Nestis Gilbert, who has been promoted to the NYPD Detective Bureau. We welcome Capt. Igor Pinkhsov as the new commander of the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct.

We didn't have our Annual Scholarship Awards Buffet Dinner this year however; we were able to give three \$1,000 Awards to Christopher Glover Jr., Jeremys Chavis and Mikayla Barnave. Congratulations to the recipients.

Special Project: After three years of writing letters – email to Long Island Railroad, they have found the funds to clean the tracks, weeds and brushes along 222<sup>nd</sup> Street to 225<sup>th</sup> Street on Prospect Ct. We continue to have the NYPD and Dept. of Sanitation remove the abandoned vehicles. Again, report all abandoned vehicles to 311.

We would like to congratulate Councilman Donovan Richards on being elected as our next Queens Borough President. Also, congratulations to Congressman Gregory Meeks, Senator Leroy Comrie and Assemblywoman Alicia Hyndman on their re-elections.

Remember, the Federated Blocks of Laurelton is here to advocate for the quality of life that we all deserve and entitled to. So, if you see something that needs addressing, do not hesitate to call us at (718) 525-1152 or email [fbol.laurelton@gmail.com](mailto:fbol.laurelton@gmail.com) to voice your concern and we will do our best to help resolve any issues that you may have.

Let's keep Laurelton clean, safe and beautiful.

**Together we can; "We can make a Difference"**

**Robert L. Glover  
President  
Federated Blocks of Laurelton**

## **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

105 <sup>th</sup> Pct. (Main Number)	718-776-9090
Community Affairs	718-776-9173/9176
Youth Officers	- 718-776-9163
Domestic Violence	718-776-9415
Crime Stoppers	800-577-8477
Drug Hotline	646-610-6610
Gun Stop	866-486-7867
Terrorism Hotline	888-692-7233
Emergency	911
Quality of Life	311
Graffiti/Vandalism	In progress – 911 Info - 311

## **Celebrate Safely this Season**

**Don't let electrical safety issues ruin your holidays.**

- 1) Use extension cord sparingly and only on a temporary basis. Overheated wires start 1 of every 6 house fires.
- 2) Don't mend fraying power cords. Replace them. Homemade repairs are a common source of house fires.
- 3) Avoid running extension cords under rugs or near walkways.
- 4) Never remove the third prong from a plug to make it fit two-prong outlet. You could get a shock.
- 5) Cover unused outlets so children can't play with them.

**Source – Con Edison**

## **COMMUNITY UPDATE**

### **FEDERATED BLOCKS OF LAURELTON**

**Currently ALL FBOL activities are  
suspended during the  
COVID-19 Pandemic**

**But they will soon return**

## MONTHLY MEETING DATES

# MEETINGS ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

## Federated Blocks of Laurelton Calendar for 2021

**TBD**

## COMMUNITY NEWS CORNER

### 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct Police Council Meeting

The 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct Police Department holds their monthly Council meeting on the last Wednesday of each month, unless there is a holiday on that day.

In case of inclement weather, please call **(718) 776-9173** or **(718) 978-5122**

### Youth Services

The 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct offers a Law Enforcement Explorers Program. We are looking for interested youth in the surrounding area. If anyone is interested, please contact Police Office Carlton Epps at **(718) 766-9164**.

Ages 10-13: Junior Investigators

Ages 14-20: Explorers

### DEFENSIVE DRIVING AARP CLASSES IN YOUR AREA

Laurelton Library  
134-26 225<sup>th</sup> Street  
Laurelton, NY, 11413  
718-528-2822

Rosedale Library  
144-20 243<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Rosedale, NY, 11422  
718-528-8494

**To register, please contact**  
**D. Downing -- (718) 479-8914**

**CLASSES WILL RETURN ONCE THE**

**COVID-19 Pandemic ENDS**

### NUMBERS YOU SHOULD HAVE POSTED IN YOUR HOME

Children's Services (emergency)	212-966-8000
Child Abuse Hotline	800-342-3720
Con-Edison (Emergency)	800-752-6633
National Grid (Con-Edison)	718-643-4050 – 800-752-6633
Legal Aid	718-286-2450
MTA Bus and Train Schedules	212-878-7000
Pest Control	718-956-7103
Queens Public Library (Main)	718-990-0700
Queens Public Library (Laurelton Branch 134-26 225 <sup>th</sup> Street)	718-528-2822
Social Security	800-772-1213
Street Lights	212-460-4600
Veteran's Information	212-442-4171
United States Post Office Springfield Gardens 218-10 Merrick Blvd	718-528-9406
Fire Department Laurelton Engine 314/Battalion 54 142-04 Brookville Blvd.	911

### FBOL MERCHANDISE

The Federated Blocks of Laurelton now has FBOL Polo shirts on sale for \$15.00 each. Call 917-642-7785 or 718-525-1152 to place your order today!

**As Always**  
**Thank you for your support**

**Yellow FBOL T-Shirts**  
**\$10.00 each**  
**Yellow FBOL Long Sleeve**  
**\$20.00 each**

### Our Membership

Welcome aboard. You can join the Federated Blocks of Laurelton at our monthly meeting or by using the membership application form in this newsletter. Dues are \$20.00 a year, per member. As a member, our newsletter will be delivered to your home by mail or e-mail and you will have our support in helping to resolve problems in the community that diminish your peace and comfort. We need you to increase our strength. We will fight for city services that will help maintain and improve our quality of life.

**We are currently collecting dues for September 2020 to August 2021.**

#### DO YOU HAVE AN ARTICLE OR STORY FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS?

Articles can be submitted to: ATTN: R. L. Glover  
Email- info@federatedblocksofLaurelton.org  
Mail – Federated Blocks of Laurelton  
P.O. Box 130161, Laurelton, NY 11413

### NOTICE

If you do not have a Block Association and wish to obtain a copy of the Federated Blocks of Laurelton Newsletter, for you and your neighbors, please call 718-525-1152 or 917-642-7785.

## **COMMUNITY UPDATE**

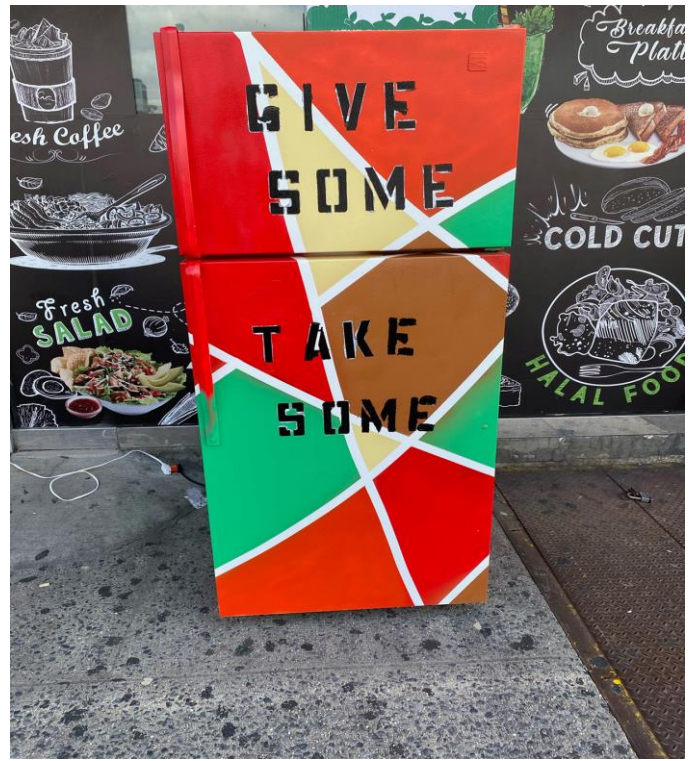
On Monday, September 14, 2020, District 29 Assembly Member Alicia Hyndman presented the citizens of Laurelton with the Laurelton Community Fridge.

Community members are urged to stop by take something or to give something!! This is a great way for the citizens of Laurelton to help each other out during these trying times.

“We’re so excited for this community space as we continue to battle a food shortage. Let’s show the world how we show up for each other in [District 29](#)” –

District 29 Assembly Member Alicia Hyndman

Fridge Artist: Cassie Aguilera



## **ADVERTISE WITH THE FEDERATED BLOCKS OF LAURELTON**

The Federated Blocks of Laurelton are soliciting ads from neighborhood businesses to help fund its monthly newsletter.

We are asking that you please place an ad in our newsletter. It will help bring exposure to your business and help us keep the community abreast of events in the area.

Ad space pricing is as follows:

Business Card - \$35.00 quarterly or \$130.00 annually  
Quarter Page - \$40.00 quarterly or \$145.00 annually  
Half Page - \$60.00 quarterly or \$220.00 annually  
Full Page - \$75.00 quarterly or \$275.00 annually

Please attach a copy of your business card and select the size of ad space or an outline of the ad that you would like to purchase. For additional information, contact Robert L. Glover at (917)642-7785.



# CONNECTION IN A TIME OF SOCIAL DISTANCING

By: MENTOR

*Uncategorized*

As a movement committed to relationships and proximity, we are thinking deeply about what the COVID-19 pandemic means for youth mentoring relationships and ensuring they are sustained in ways that are intentional and safe. While we continue to monitor information from health experts, we also want to use our platform to be responsive and to share tips from a relationship lens that you as programs, mentors, and caring adults can bear in mind as you show up – however that looks – for the young people in your lives and the wide range of program models and considerations that exist in this diverse and dynamic field. We know there is an abundance of information out there so below we have provided a few resources that we hope are helpful.

As our physical routines are broken and movements are restricted, it can lead to us becoming trapped in an information overload and disconnected from relationships that provide so much we need in times like these. It is important to balance being informed with recognizing and acting on our need to reach outward to the people in our communities so we are there for each other.

In confusing times, when we are enduring something for the first time, being there for each other (even if not in physical proximity), listening to individual and unique concerns, owning what we do and don't know, and showing up in whatever way makes sense is as powerful as ever. You know that and make that a reality every day a million times over in America.

The relationships you have created especially pay dividends in times like these when we need folks to lean on. We just want to make sure we're here for you and that we are elevating concerns and solutions, advocating, and doing all we can to serve those who strengthen our fabric every day.

**Most of all, we want to hear from you about the real challenges you and your program are facing in addressing COVID-19.** Are there best practices you have adopted that we can share? Is there information you need help finding on any issues emerging as a result of this global health crisis? You can reach us [via email](#) and on social media. We're here for you.

Sincerely,

David Shapiro

*President & CEO*  
*MENTOR*

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## **COMMUNITY UPDATES**

### **PASSING THE TORCH IN THE 105<sup>th</sup>**

NYPD Inspector Neteis Gilbert, left, passes the commander's pin for the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct to Capt. Igor Pinkhasov during ceremony on Sept. 30, 2020.

Gilbert, who was appointed commanding officer in June 2018, has been transferred to the department's Detective Bureau.

Pinkhasov comes to the 105<sup>th</sup> following a stint as commanding officer of Transit District 11 in the Bronx, which has its headquarters at the 161<sup>st</sup> Street/Yankee Stadium subway complex.

The pin ceremony is a tradition following a change of command in the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct, which has its headquarters in Queens Village

## HISTORY OF THE FEDERATED BLOCKS OF LAURELTON

The Federated Blocks of Laurelton Association Inc. was founded in 1972. The founders were: Laura Godler, Charlotte Jefferson, Jay Steingold, Nancy Bailey, Allie Stokes, David Fleming, Theresa Miller and Tom Oliver.

### PURPOSE

To coordinate the efforts of the Individual Block Association and to have a more effective strength; Through the Federation, the blocks could help sponsor and participate in an open multi-issue association of residents who would deal with serious and sophisticated urban issues through the force of collective action.

### PASS PRESIDENTS

- |                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Jay Steingold    | 1972 to 1979    |
| 2. Egerton Weay     | 1980 to 1981    |
| 3. David Fleming    | 1981 to 1982    |
| 4. Egerton Weay     | 1982 to 1984    |
| 5. Ramon Barrett    | 1985 to 1987    |
| 6. Michael Carter   | 1988 to 1990    |
| 7. Davis Jeffrey    | 1991 to 1992    |
| 8. Astley Campbell  | 1993 to 1998    |
| 9. Leo Byam         | 1999 to 2003    |
| 10. Donald Boncoeur | 2004 to 2010    |
| 11. Dwight Johnson  | 2010 to 2017    |
| 12. Robert Glover   | 2017 to Present |

Submitted by **Robert L. Glover**

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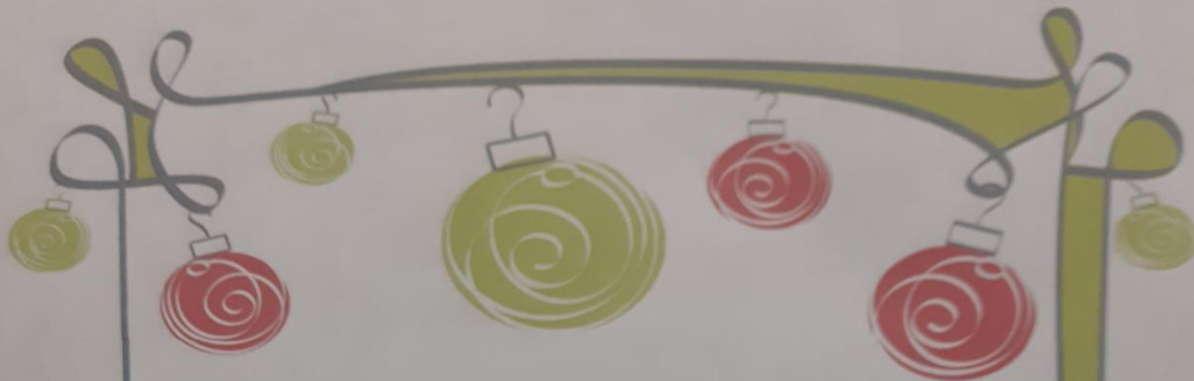
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Sun 8am to 9pm**





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## 2020 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12  
4:00 PM

LAURELTON COMMUNITY MALL  
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# COVID-19: WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW!



## THE FACTS!

There is a lot of fear right now because of coronavirus.

**It is important to remember:**

- A lot of the fear is about trying to keep the virus from spreading too fast. The US needs to make sure our healthcare system can manage the virus in hospitals and health centers. This means spreading out new cases over time.

## WHAT COUNTS AS BEING "EXPOSED" TO CORONAVIRUS?



Being in the same neighborhood as someone with a confirmed case does not necessarily mean that you were exposed.

**Exposure is likely to happen if:**

- You or your child have been close (closer than 6 feet) to another person who tested positive for coronavirus.
- You or your child traveled to an area that is where many people have cases of coronavirus.



## WHAT DOES SOCIAL DISTANCING & QUARANTINE MEAN?

**Quarantine:** When a person might have been exposed to the virus but does not feel (or look) sick yet, they are kept away from other people. This helps make sure that they do not spread the virus to others. It also makes it easier for a doctor to check on the person's symptoms.

**Social distancing:** Keeping a safe distance from other people in public places to lower the risk that the virus can spread from person-to-person.

**This means:** Avoid places that have a lot of people (transit, concerts, small rooms with a lot of people). Stay at least **6 feet away** from another person.

Both can help slow down the spread of the virus. Slowing down the spread of the virus will help keep our healthcare system from being overwhelmed, and to help to treat those who need it most (like people with weak immune systems and the elderly).

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## SHOULD I TALK TO MY CHILD ABOUT CORONAVIRUS?



**Yes! It is really important to talk to your child about it.** Children can usually sense when something is going on. They may start to feel anxious, especially if their routine changes. You can make sure they know that a lot of people are working to keep your family and friends safe.

***I don't want my children or students to feel anxious, what should I do?***

- Check your own level of stress before talking to them. If you are calm, they will feel more safe.
- Talk to them about what's going on, and look up the answers to their questions together if you don't already know the answers. Talk about:
  - What do we know about this?
  - What would we like to know about this?
  - What can we do to help us feel safer?
  - Ask them what their fears are and then talk about each one. More details on how to spot signs of stress, talking about it, and ways to cope can be found here: [https://hrl.nyc/library/Talk\\_About\\_Stress.pdf](https://hrl.nyc/library/Talk_About_Stress.pdf)

***If you are feeling really overwhelmed by all of this, you can:***

- Take deep breaths.
- Avoid listening to or reading the news constantly. Maybe limit checking the news to 2 times a day.
- Find ways to cope with your stress in healthy ways. It is important to protect our immune systems and our minds. Healthy mind AND healthy body!
  - Practice mindfulness when:
    - Washing your hands. You should do this regularly and for at least 20 seconds!
    - Wiping down surfaces that are touched a lot (like phones, door knobs, and handles).
    - Think of these as moments to practice mindfulness. Don't be afraid to express your feelings -- call a friend and check-in with loved ones.





## NEIGHBORHOOD POLICING PROTECTING AND CONNECTING



### Neighborhood Policing and its Goals

Neighborhood Policing is the cornerstone of today's New York City Police Department (NYPD). It's a comprehensive crime-fighting strategy, built on improved communication and collaboration between police officers and community residents. Neighborhood Policing works to accomplish three core goals: to continue reducing crime; to promote trust and respect; and to solve problems collaboratively, both within the department and with neighborhood residents. It is also a way of improving police morale as officers engage with the more challenging and satisfying task of solving problems and fighting crime at the sector level.

The 105th Precinct serves the easternmost portion of Queens. Queens Village, Cambria Heights, Laurelton, **Rosedale**, Springfield Gardens, Bellerose, Glen Oaks, New Hyde Park, and Floral Park comprise the area covered by the precinct.

The NYPD is online and on social media as stated below.

Twitter: @NYPD105Pct

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/NYPD105pct](http://www.facebook.com/NYPD105pct)

Website:

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/nypd/bureaus/patrol/precincts/105th-precinct.page>

Thank you for your time and attention.

### **Community Council**

**President:** Rose Funderburk

**Meetings:** Community Council meetings typically take place on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the precinct.

### **You are encouraged to contact your NCO's directly:**

Neighborhood Coordination Officers, or NCOs, are your local problem solvers. They spend all their working hours within the confines of their assigned sectors, actively engaging with local community members and residents. They get to know the neighborhood, its people, and its problems extremely well.

#### **NCO Adam**

**Officer Luis Benzant**

Cell: (917) 603-0881

Email: [Luis.Benzant@NYPD.org](mailto:Luis.Benzant@NYPD.org)

#### **Officer Kurt Benjamin**

Cell: (929) 256-0694

Email: [Kurt.Benjamin@NYPD.org](mailto:Kurt.Benjamin@NYPD.org)

#### **NCO Boy**

**Officer Christopher Kissane**

Cell: (917) 742-4918

Email: [Christopher.Kissane@NYPD.org](mailto:Christopher.Kissane@NYPD.org)

#### **Officer Lonell Patrick**

Cell: (917) 854-5287

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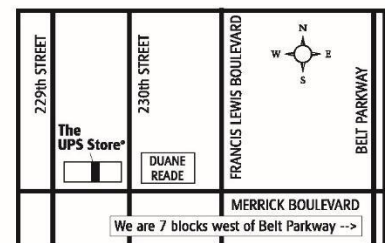
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**THE FEDERATED BLOCKS OF LAURELTON MEMBERSHIP- ONLY \$20.00 PER MEMBER PER YEAR**

**September 2020 THRU August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

Join now and let's work together to maintain the high standards of our community and increase our property value.

Yes, I want to be a member of the Federated Blocks of Laurelton. \_\_\_ Join or \_\_\_ Renew

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE JOIN ONE OF OUR COMMITTEES!!**

**THE FEDERATED BLOCKS OF LAURELTON COMMITTEES**

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> CRIME COMMITTEE            | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION COMMITTEE                     | <input type="checkbox"/> BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SAFETY COMMITTEE           | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLICITY & PUBLICATION COMMITTEE       | <input type="checkbox"/> FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE     |
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Mail To: The Federated Blocks of Laurelton P.O. Box 130161, Laurelton NY, 11413

Or you can bring this application to the next meeting.