

All Aboard The Seven Line



BY GLORIA SANDERS

Our next stop on our journey on the No. 7 line is 46th Street/Bliss Street in a neighborhood called Sunnyside.

Located between Long Island City and Woodside and just a few minutes away from the Big Apple (Manhattan), Sunnyside is one of the busiest neighborhoods in Queens, and in fact sees more cars on its stretch of Queens Boulevard in a day than some other neighborhoods may see in a week.

No one is quite sure where the name "Sunnyside" originated but one school holds that the Sunnyside Roadhouse Hotel gave the neighborhood its name after a railroad was built in front of the establishment to take visitors to the Fashion Race Course in Corona during the mid 1800s. Many families chose to move to Sunnyside Gardens, one of the nation's first planned communities, in the 1940s. Some came from confined studios in Lower Manhattan to attached two- and three-story buildings, and soon the area earned a nickname, "the maternity ward of Greenwich Village".

The area originally attracted Eastern European, Dutch, Irish and South American immigrants, and now is home to predominantly Hispanics, Middle Easterners and Armenians, Romanians and other European immigrants. With its mix of cultures, Sunnyside offers a diverse



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sampling of ethnic foods in small restaurants along Queens Boulevard, fast food restaurants for those who prefer familiar restaurant menus, coffee and spice stores and varied shopping venues that offer everything necessary for daily needs. Parks, churches, libraries and active nightlife make Sunnyside a delightful cross between urban and suburban lifestyles.

Join me next week as we move a stop closer into Sunnyside and see all it has to offer.

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Open House
Saturday,
March 11
10am

Average class size:
13

Student-Teacher Ratio:
11:1

College Counseling Ratio:
15:1

Garden Summer Program
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ages 18 months-13 years
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Learn more at the Open House on March 11

Recent Garden graduates have attended Boston University, Cornell, CUNY, Dartmouth, Emory, Fordham, Ithaca, NYU, University of Pennsylvania, Skidmore, SUNY and Tufts.

Astoria Civic Association, Inc.

The next meeting of our Association will be held on Tuesday, March 7th, 2006, promptly at 8:00P.M. at Riccardo's located at 21-01 24th Avenue, Astoria with coffee and cake served no later than 9:00P.M.



James Tuller



Brian McCarthy

We are very pleased to have our own Councilmember and Chairman of Public Safety Committee Peter F. Vallone Jr. introduce to you **Queens Borough Commander Chief James Tuller, Chief of Detectives Louis Croce** and our new **114th Police Commander Deputy Inspector Brian McCarthy**. It is important for all of us to know and be aware of how to best protect our persons and our homes and work cooperatively with our local police. Please come and bring along your friends and neighbors for this important meeting.