

Ask the Funeral Director...

This space is devoted to answering Frequently Asked Questions about Death & Funerals. Recently we were asked the following questions...

I am a Veteran, what Funeral or Death benefits am I entitled to? I can not find my Discharge Papers, will that prevent me from being buried in the National Cemetery.

First let me say **Thank You for the Service to our Country, it is most appreciated.**

All **Honorably Discharged** veterans are entitled to certain benefits. First, you are entitled to **burial in a National Cemetery**, at this time our area is served by Calverton National Cemetery, Calverton New York, about 65 miles from Astoria. This benefit would include The Grave, A Grave Liner, and a Headstone or Marker for you and your Spouse, this alone is an outstanding benefit and a significant savings to you foregoing the need to purchase a cemetery plot. You are also entitled to a **Burial Flag** which would drape your casket and then folded and presented to your survivors. You are also entitled to **Military Honors**, An Honor Guard Detail would come either to the Funeral Home, Church or Cemetery and play taps, fold the flag and make the Flag presentation. You are also entitled to a **Presidential Certificate**, signed by the sitting President acknowledging your service to America.

If a veteran passes away in a Veterans' Hospital there may be monetary benefits including transportation fees.

The Honorable Discharge Certificate and or the DD214 is needed to apply for these benefits, if these documents are lost, they can be obtained from the Veterans Administration or by visiting our website, www.tmquinn.com and clicking on the Veteran Burial Link. If you have questions or need help in completing any applications to secure any needed documents please call us. For more information about this topic or any other funeral question please email me at kevin.mack@sci-us.com or write me or visit me at your Local Dignity® Memorial Provider.

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Gazette Calendar Of Events

•**To May**, Queens College, Head Start children's fitness classes, 8-weeks \$99, College Fitness Center, program information, 718.997.2740.

Historical

May 17-Jul. 17, Bayside Historical Society, Tribute to War Dogs and award presentation, Vietnam Veterans of America Queens Chapter 32 Honor Guard, donation \$5; **May 22**, "Sacagawea: America's Most Honored Woman..."; reservations required; **to May 28**, 8th annual juried art show "A Celebration of the Arts 2008, Fort Totten; 718.352.1548 or www.baysidehistorical.org.

May 25, Queens Historical Society, *Shea Stadium: Then, Now & Forever*; **ongoing**, "Stitching Stories"; Queens As it Was: 1880-1920, Persistence: A Celebration of Landmarks in Queens; Kingsland: From Homestead to House Museum, \$3, Kingsland Homestead, 143-35 37th Ave., Flushing; 718.939.0647, ext. 17.

Items of Community Interest

May 17, Sunnyside Gardens Preservation Alliance spring walking tour, flagpole at 52nd Street/Roosevelt Avenue, reservations; 646.298.8669.

May 17, 24, Jun. 7, Teach Your Child to Ride a Bike, pre-register at www.BikeNewYork.org/education/classes/teach-hild.html.

May 19, Sunnyside & Queens Chambers of Commerce, business card exchange; Pure Spa, 40-15 Queens Blvd., Sunnyside; call Luke at 718.784.8437.

May 20, SBDC @ York College 2008 Entertainment Business Seminar, (\$10 cash at door); **May 22**, Small Business Workshop for Entrepreneurs, Faculty Dining Room #2D01, 94-20 Guy R. Brewer Blvd., Jamaica; 718.262.2880

May 21, Federation of Italian American Organizations of Queens, "MAMMA e IO", Italian language children 2 to 3 years-old playgroup, five weeks, 29-21 21st Ave., Astoria; 718.204.2444.

To May 26, Big Apple Circus; "Celebrate!" 30th Birthday Party; Cunningham Park, Union Turnpike, Fresh Meadows.

May 28, Queens Borough President Helen Marshall Capital Project Financing for Queens Not-for-Profits information session; event information 212.312.3598.

Jun. 1, Kew Gardens Improvement Association, 3rd Annual Spring Into Summer Community Day; event information 917-881-3358.

•**1st, 3rd, 5th Sat.**, Queens Best Toastmasters Club, public speaking/communication, free; Elmhurst Hospital Center, Conference Room A-1-15, 79-01 Broadway; 718.457.8390.

•**Summer/Fall**, Sunnyside Greenmarket, Skillman Avenue between 42nd/43rd Streets. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Saturday until late autumn..

•**Sundays**, Adopt a Homeless Dog, Cat or Kitten, Animal Center of Queens, a non-profit, no-kill organization, 89-10 Eliot Ave., Rego Park; 718.424-3340 or www.acq.petfinder.com.

Library Highlights

There are many free events available at the Queens libraries for adults, teens and kids. For program information go to www.queenslibrary.org or call 718.790.0770; **May 11**, Afro-Peruvian, Brazilian Jazz, History & Unique Customs of the Greek Jewish Community; **May 17, 31**, Carnegie Hall Neighborhood Concert Series, call for program information; **May 19**, Brooklyn-Queens Conservatory performance; street fairs promoting the library; **May 24**, Greenpoint Avenue Festival, Queens Boulevard to 44th Street, Sunnyside; **May 25**, Flushing Festival, Sanford Avenue from Main Street to Kissena Boulevard.

Parks & Recreation

Alley Pond Environmental Center

APEC has many fun and interesting programs all year long for tots to pre-teens to adults, 228-06 Northern Blvd., Douglaston; program information 718.229.4000.

Queens Botanical Garden

May 10, Flowers for Mom; **May 15**, Composting in the City/Indoor Worm Composting; **May 17**, tour V&A Center, Storigami, 43-50 Main St., Flushing; 718.539.5296.

Queens County Farm Museum

May 18, Farm Fest sheep shearing, Dutch crafts, exhibits, plant sale, Country Western music and dancing, \$3 admission, 73-50 Little Neck Pkwy., Floral Park; 718.347-FARM or www.queensfarm.org.

Queens Zoo

Ongoing, Interactive Discovery Center, 53-51 111th St., Flushing Meadows-Corona Park; 718.271.1500 or go to www.queenszoo.com.

Others

May 25, "Wildman" Steve Brill, Hunt for Pokeweed Shoots; Kissena Park; event information 914.835.2153.

Jun 1, Friends of Travers Park, Summer Sundays: AudraRox & Astrograss; Jun. 8, country & raga/rock fusion music; Jun. 22, Swedish Cottage Marionettes; Jun. 29, Latin jazz; Aug. 24, Theatre for the New City "It's The Economy Stupid"; 35-41 80th St., Jackson Heights; 917.941.4209.

Reunions

May 16, Long Island City H.S. Class of 1988, 20th Year Reunion, cash bar; at Central, 20-30 Steinway St., Astoria; 718.726.1600.

School Events & News

May 16, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School 2008 Walkathon, 72-55 Austin St., Forest Hills; 718.263.2622.

May 17, The Renaissance Charter School, Flea market, vendors wanted, 35-59 81st St., Jackson Heights; 718.803.0060, x. 106.

May 28, Jun. 4, 6, Martin Luther H.S., Cougar indoor golf clinic, adults, \$35 p.p., per session; **May 28**, History 101; Jones Beach; **Jun. 4**, Fraud 101; **summer**, Cougar basketball camps, boys and girls grades 4 to 8, 60-02 Maspeth Ave., Maspeth; 718.894.4000.

May 31, St. Francis of Assisi School, Spring Flea Market, 31-18 46th St., Astoria.

Mon.-Fri., Samuel Field Y Beacon Program @ M.S. 216, homework helpers, after school club time; **Tues.**, adult computers beginner/advanced; **Wed.**, advanced ESL Level I/II; **Fri.**, hip-hop dance; **Sat.**, skills agility balance b-ball clinic & family shoot-around, math prep course for specialized H.S. exam, volunteers wanted, all programs free to NY residents, 64-20 175th St., Fresh Meadows, program information, 718.445.6983.

•**Briarwood Early Childhood Center**, free 2008-2009 Universal Pre-Kindergarten, children born in 2004, 139-76 85th Dr., 718.297.5288.

Seniors

Atria Kew Gardens & Lighthouse International, 117-01 84th Ave., Kew Gardens, pre-register 212.821.9241; 718.441.0300; **Tues.**, Vision Loss Support Group: Coping with Vision Changes.

Bayside Senior Center, 221-15 Horace Harding Expwy., Bayside, has programs for the community, for information call the center.

Flushing House, 38-20 Bowne St; 347-532-3025 or 718.762.3198; **May 31**, elder law, Medicare Part D;

Jun. 7, Medicaid and the 2005 Deficit reduction Act;

Jun. 14, Assemblymember Ann Margaret Carrozza, elder law and estate planning, RSVP Robert Salant.

Queens Community House:

•**QCH: Forest Hills Senior/Community Center**, 108-25 62nd Dr.; 718.699.1010; care giver support services as well as many other programs available, call for more information.

•**QCH: Kew Gardens Community Center**, 80-02 Kew Gardens Rd., Ste. 202; 718.268.5960; poets & writers group readings, creative writing group, exercise, cultural arts, English as a Second Language (ESL), French, Italian, Spanish classes, computer lessons, cards and games, choral group, actor's workshop, stress reduction, watercolor groups, caregiver support group counseling and referral services, "Over 60 and Fabulous"; **May 16**, Andean music; **May 21**, "A Brief History of Television and Film"; **Jun. 19**, Russian Folk, Light Classical & Jazz Music; **Tues./Thurs.**, movie matinees, \$1; **Thurs.**, walking club. Call for current films, times. Bring own lunch.

•**QCH: Pomonok Center**, 67-09 Kissena Blvd., Flushing; 718.591.6060 x. 223; **Fri.**, free housing assistance, 10 a.m.-noon, or by appointment, call for information.

Rego Park Senior Center, 93-29 Queens Blvd, 718.896.8511; **May 15**, senior dance.