



Mission Statement: "To maintain and promote the civic and social welfare and interests of all residents and property owners of that section of Jamaica, Queens, New York, known as Jamaica Estates."

MONTHLY BULLETIN

The Jamaica Estates Association

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY SUPPORTS JEA SECURITY PATROL

JEA President Dr. Ed Toriello's letter sent to SJU President Dr. Conrado Gempesaw:

Following the Community Dialogue meeting on March 27th, Joe Sciame presented the Jamaica Estates Association (JEA) with a check from St. John's University for our private security patrol. I am writing on behalf of the Jamaica Estates community to express our gratitude for your generous contribution.

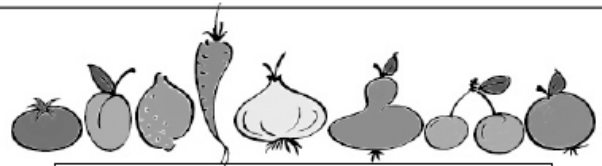
We appreciate your commitment to the strong partnership that has been forged between St. John's University and the Jamaica Estates Association.

One of the tangible products of this excellent working relationship is the presentation that Joe made at the JEA Leadership Town Hall a few weeks ago. Joe was able to report that as a result of the wide avenues of communication that now exist between the University and the JEA, community complaints about students living in off-campus housing has dropped substantially in recent years. Members of the audience expressed understanding that this is the result of much hard work on the part of all involved.

Once again, thank you for your generous contribution and your leadership in making St. John's a premier educational institution as well as an asset to our community.



(l-r) SJU Vice President of Public Safety Thomas Lawrence, JEA Treasurer Mark Lefkof, JEA President Dr. Ed Toriello, SJU Vice President of Community Relations Joe Sciame, SJU Campus Minister Reverend John Kettelberger, SJU Associate Director of Community Relations Paul Lazauskas



FARMERS MARKET at CUNNINGHAM PARK

The Jamaica Estates Association is pleased to announce the opening of a Farmers Market from Down to Earth Markets at Cunningham Park.

The market, located at the Northeast corner of Cunningham Park lot off Union Turnpike, will be held every Sunday from 9am to 2pm starting May 28th offering local selections of seasonal produce, meat, dairy, baked goods, specialty items, and more.

The JEA was instrumental in bringing this market to our area and looks forward to its success and contribution to the quality of life in our community.

There are part time job opportunities available.

Go to this site for all information:

http://downtoearthmarkets.com/company-job_opportunities

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, June 19th — 8PM

Join us for a presentation from Down to Earth, as well as from the NYFD Fire Safety Educational Unit, sharing tips on how to prevent a fire and how to be prepared for an emergency.

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ON PATROL A REPORT ON THE RECENT ACTIVITIES OF THE JEA SECURITY PATROL

Bay Ridge Security provides shift reports from the officers on patrol in Jamaica Estates. Here are some of the recent reports that the officers provided.

April 15th: At approximately 8:15pm while patrolling on Henley Road and Barrington Street, Officer Eon Washington observed two individuals being placed into a patrol car handcuffed. Officer Washington stopped to see what was going on and was informed by the plainclothes officer that they had everything under control. Officer Washington continued with his patrol.

April 23rd: At approximately 7:30pm on Dalny Road and Somerset Street, Officer Eon Washington was approached by an East Indian man in his car with his wife and kids stating he was lost and needed help. He said he was rich in his country so he offered his jewels for help. He was willing to take the officer to a place to get the money. Officer Washington gave him \$10 for gas as he stated he was from Florida and needed to get home. A resident saw when it happened and said it happened to her last week. She was approached by a Caucasian man with the same story. Officer Washington urges all residents to make note of this and be aware of their surroundings.

April 24th: Bay Ridge Security received a call at approximately 7:45pm about guys sitting in a car in front of a house on Avon Street smoking marijuana. Officer Melvin Anderson asked them to leave, and they did.

April 25th: Officer Melvin Anderson noticed a car window had been broken into across from a house on Somerset Street.

April 25th: Officer Melvin Anderson noticed three guys in a car on Kruger Road smoking marijuana. Officer Anderson asked them to leave, and they did.

May 9th: Bay Ridge Security received a call about a burglar alarm from a house on Midland Parkway. Officer Melvin Anderson went to the home and found all was fine. The homeowners were there.

May 14th: Officer Eon Washington reported that at approximately 4:30pm, a person was arrested on Union turnpike and 186th Street. The reasons are unknown. There were ten cars on the scene from the 107th Precinct.

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BIOSWALES COMING TO JAMAICA ESTATES?

Recently questions have been raised by JEA membership about the issue of bioswales, or rain gardens, in our neighborhood. The following information appeared in a recent Community Board 8 newsletter.

According to acting commissioner Vincent Sapienza, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has installed over 2,000 curbside rain gardens. Rain gardens are designed to absorb rain water within 48 hours. This does not allow mosquitoes to breed since it takes 72 hours for them to develop.

The DEP has been working with their engineers and developed alternatives to the traditional rain gardens that would provide the same green infrastructure benefits:

- Green strips will function like a rain garden underground; however, it will look like the existing green planted strips that are currently on the sidewalks. There will be no guard-rails. If a homeowner has already installed a sprinkler system in those areas, that location will not be considered for a green strip.
- Porous sidewalks will function like a rain garden underground; however, they will look like the existing concrete sidewalks. There will be no tree guards at these locations.

Are you a disabled property owner with a disabled license plate or parking placard? If so, DEP will allow you to opt out of any Green Infrastructure in front of your home.

Articles have appeared in the New York Times and other publications discussing the pros and cons of these bioswales. In an effort to get more specific information about how this will affect Jamaica Estates, the JEA reached out to Community Board 8 with some specific questions. Below are the responses.

Does the DEP have any plans to install in Jamaica Estates? At this time, the DEP says they do not have any locations in Jamaica Estates. There will be a map of all locations for Community Board 8 in the near future.

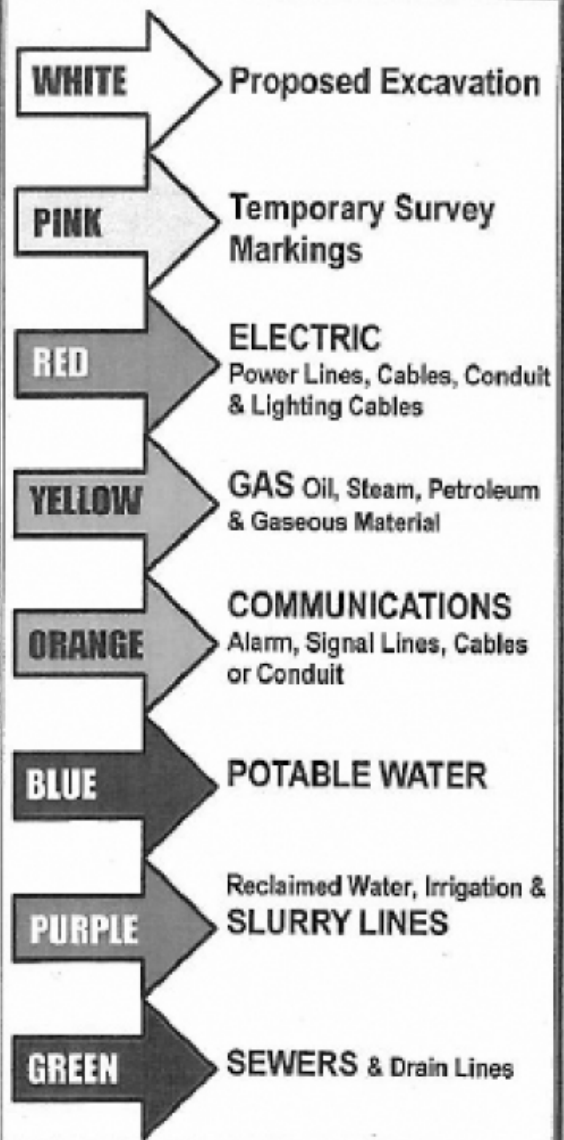
- How are potential sites marked? Red markings indicate where power lines are. When an area is being considered for rain gardens, it is marked with neon green. DEP should have an online map of locations that will have green gardens in the near future. See the chart to the right for the different color codes used for street and sidewalk marking. Before certain public work takes place, utility companies are usually asked to mark their underground lines. This would prevent any entity from breaking the lines during excavation.

Please visit this link to a fuller explanation of what bioswales are, complete with graphics:

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/stormwater/bioswales.shtml>

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Event organizers Tricia Santos and Marciel Braganza



Reading a folk story



One of several food tables from local merchants

Photos by Ed Morrill, Joyce Morrill, and Ely Wong



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