



# CATHEDRAL GARDENS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

## *The 2022 Campaign for Cathedral Gardens*

January 2022

Dear Neighbor,

Welcome to another year in Nassau County's *best-kept secret* – Cathedral Gardens!

This year, we're excited to make **CIVILITY** a core value for our neighborhood. We hope you will join us in supporting this mission by volunteering in one of our nine Association committees: Beautification, Block Captain, Dinner Dance, Dues, Good Neighbor, Planning & Development, Social Media, Website, or the Welcome Wagon. Our work is made possible through dedicated neighborhood partners like you!

Last year was a prime example of **how much we can accomplish when we work together**. In 2021, Outgoing Chair Thomas Hauck helped us raise a record \$7,500 in Membership Dues. In turn, we were able to beautify, strengthen, and protect our proud enclave in several exciting ways.

More specifically, *your* Cathedral Gardens Civic Association gratefully applied last year's dues towards (1) adorning major thoroughfares and intersections with flags, flowers, and seasonal decorations; (2) welcoming 19 new families among our ranks; and (3) preserving the future enjoyment of our shared home through two **\*new\*** initiatives, including:

- **Establishing Bedell Avenue Circle as Our Central Community Hub.** Over the course of 2021, we installed a park bench and “tiny library” (in partnership with the West Hempstead Lions Club); added electricity and landscaping (thank you, Beautification Committee); and hosted several successful social events for residents of all ages, including a July Kids Playdate, October Scavenger Hunt, and December Holiday Tree Lighting (thank you, Katie Rooney and Regina Todd). We loved seeing you all enjoy some much-deserved, safe outdoor recreation time!

**and**

- **Taking Major Leaps Forward in Critical Infrastructure & Development Projects.** Last year, we installed stately neighborhood identification signs in Hempstead, matching those previously existing in West Hempstead; worked with Verizon to replace dangerously outdated power poles along major thoroughfares; advocated to save our beloved trees with LIPA during their annual wire inspections; and partnered *extensively* with the Town of Hempstead and Heatherwood Luxury Apartments to ensure that the blighted, former home of National Wholesale Liquidators becomes a beautiful residential option that enlivens our community by safeguarding the nearby LIRR train station and small business corridor on Hempstead Turnpike.

*Special thanks* go to Regina Todd for spearheading this work, and to everyone who participated in the related letter-writing campaign. You ensured our voices were heard when it mattered most!

Although no one can predict what 2022 will bring, let's keep this wonderful progress going. **With your support, we look forward to another banner year of neighborly growth.** To that effect, the Cathedral Gardens Civic Association *hopes* to undertake the following projects in 2022, *pending* dues campaign and Town of Hempstead stakeholder reception:

- Erecting a stately **\*new\*** flagpole at the Bedell Circle, further enlivening our community hub.
- Hosting additional outdoor social events, including a **\*new\*** Community Movie Night under the stars, also at Bedell Circle.
- Continuing our partnership with the Town of Hempstead to improve the area immediately surrounding our neighborhood. Our first preference is to improve the parking lot between Stratford and Marlborough Roads, hopefully including new trees and landscaping.
- Additional projects and events as budget permits – watch for exciting invitations to come!

As we welcome this promising year together, **we ask that you consider joining the 2022 community dues campaign with a gift of \$30** (or choose another amount you feel called to contribute). No gift is too small – or too large. Information about how to join us can be found below. Meanwhile, we're so glad to share this wonderful place we call home with you.

**Here's to another excellent Cathedral Gardens year!**

*Ryan Vale McGonigle & Patrick Curry*

Chair, 2022 Dues Committee & President, Cathedral Gardens Civic Association

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## **2022 Dues Campaign Avenues & Recommendations**

While a gift of any size will play a meaningful role in our campaign and our community, **this year the suggested dues amount is \$30** – which equates to \$2.50 per month.

And, as always, you are more than welcome to make *recurring* gifts, or to make *specific additional* gifts when a project or email update inspires you! We love to know that our work has real impact.

Ready to make this year another banner year for Cathedral Gardens?

***Dues may be shared with the Cathedral Gardens Civic Association in the following ways:***

- Venmo @CathedralGardens-CivicAssociation.
- PayPal (located at cathedralgardenscivicassociation.com, click on Membership).
- Mail check payable to Cathedral Gardens Civic Association and mail to P.O. Box 267 West Hempstead, NY 11552. If exercising this option, please include your name, address, and telephone number somewhere on the document.

**We also welcome donations of *time* and *talent* through service on one of our committees!  
Interested? Please write to us at email@cathedralgardenscivicassociation.com!**