

# Friends of Station Square



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## OUR SILVER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

On a gloomy Sunday afternoon in April, the mood was cheerful and celebratory at the West Side Tennis Club as we toasted the first 25 years of Friends of Station Square's existence. We were lucky enough to have local resident and Queens Borough President, Melinda Katz, join us and proclaim April 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 to be Friends of Station Square Day.

Melinda presented us with a framed proclamation which can be viewed at 14 Station Square. Luckily the moment was captured by photographer Steve Silberberg (see photo) and the event was reported in the Queens Gazette. After the speeches, and while drinks were served and canapes nibbled, our guests perused a selection of raffle prizes and watched a video of images from the past, compiled by Board member Susanna Hof. Our lucky winners went home with prizes donated by the Forest Hills Stadium concert promoters, local eateries Alberto Restaurant, Dee's, Dirty Pierre's Bistro and Forest Hills Station House, and the West Side Tennis Club.



FoSS President Wendy Bachman and Queens Borough President Melinda Katz

More recently, our corporate sponsors for our Silver Anniversary Benefit included Cord Meyer Development, Munetz Electrical Contracting Corp., Terrace Sotheby's International Realty, the Forest Hills Gardens Foundation, The Community House of the Church-in-the-Gardens, Fox Funeral Home and Ridgewood Savings Bank.

## Weather challenges

The challenge of every gardener is the weather! After a relatively cool summer, September turned out to be unseasonably hot and dry. You may have noticed some trees and lawns in the neighborhood looking rather the worse for wear as a result. Luckily the sprinkler system takes care of the trees and shrubs on the LIRR embankment but our beautiful display of annuals in the center island would be long dead if it were not for their regular watering by Kenrick and his men. This is an ongoing expense for us every year, in addition to repair costs to the sprinkler system that is now almost 20 years old.

## Membership for the next 25 years

To all of you who are receiving this newsletter, please renew your membership if you are already a member (thank you!) or consider joining us if you have not. All donations help us financially, of course, but even small donations demonstrate that you care about Station Square and the community of Forest Hills. Use the form provided on the back of this newsletter to let us know if you would be interested in helping out in different ways as well – all those annuals in the Square are planted by a small army of volunteers every Spring, for example, and we are open to new fundraising ideas and efforts.

## Thanks to all our loyal supporters and donors

One thing that does not change over the years is our gratitude to individuals and local businesses who support our fundraising efforts and enable us to keep Station Square a beautiful entranceway to Forest Hills Gardens. Many donors have supported us since our beginnings; you can find a plaque at the base of the embankment and Burns Street which lists those donors who gave \$1000 or more to the Millennium Landscape Appeal in 1999-2000.

VISIT US ONLINE AT: [www.friendsofstationssquare.org](http://www.friendsofstationssquare.org)

## Finances

A report on the finances of Friends of Station Square will be presented on Tuesday, November 28th at the Annual Meeting. It is also available on request. Please address your inquiry to Friends of Station Square, 14 Station Square, Forest Hills, NY 11375.

Friends of Station Square is a registered 501 (c)(3) not for profit organization dedicated to beautifying Station Square. As such, FOSS is not affiliated with the Forest Hills Gardens Corporation. The organization raises its entire operating budget through generous donations from residents of the Gardens and surrounding neighborhoods. Several local businesses consistently provide financial contributions as well. The bulk of the FOSS budget goes towards landscape maintenance and watering the plant materials. In an effort to make it easier for patrons to donate to FOSS, our website now includes a PayPal link. Please use this link to conveniently donate to FOSS.

## Friends of Station Square Annual Meeting

Tuesday, November 28th

7:30 p.m.

The Church-in-the-Gardens Lounge

50 Ascan Avenue

*Enter through center breezeway door and go through door on left. Ring doorbell if closed.*

All are welcome! Refreshments will be served.



Photos: Wendy Bachman

**Please help us to continue taking care of our Square. Your support is what makes it happen.**

I would like to join / renew my membership at the following level:

\$35 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$200 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if renewal

**WE'RE NOW ACCEPTING  
CONTRIBUTIONS VIA PAYPAL  
at [www.friendsofstationsquare.org](http://www.friendsofstationsquare.org)**

I would like to volunteer to help with:

Planting \_\_\_\_\_ Mailings \_\_\_\_\_ Future benefits/fundraising \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Clip and return this form with your check made out to Friends of Station Square to:*

**Friends of Station Square  
14 Station Square  
Forest Hills, NY 11375**

OR

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*And clicking on the "donate" button on the Contact page.*

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