



BELLCOURT CIVIC ASSOCIATION

BELLCOURT.ORG

Welcome to the New Year!

As we leap into 2024, your Bellcourt Civic Association would like to thank you for your support over the past year. This is also a good time to review what we achieved in 2023 and to get ready for the year ahead.

2023 Highlights

This year, Bellcourt Civic Association ...

- Filed objections and complaints on multiple instances of zoning violations that helped prevent overbuilding and overpaving.
- Participated in the effort that defeated Gov Hochul's plan to remove local zoning control from our city.
- Grew our mailing list to nearly 200 recipients, expanding our reach when we need to activate the community.
- Signed up our first paid members (thank you!) to help us advocate for our community.
- Followed up our successful 2022 "Homes of Bellcourt" walking tour with an informative walk-and-talk event, "Bellcourt Divided: How the Clearview Expressway Changed Our Community Forever."
- Welcomed Sam Bishop of Trees NY, who conducted an entertaining and interesting walking tour of the trees of Bellcourt.
- Held our first-ever in-person meeting in June, at the Bayside United Methodist Church.
- Held our first elections in October and an in-person annual meeting in November.
- Made a contribution of \$700 to Queens Civic Congress to aid in the fight against the City of Yes for Housing proposals. Thank you for your generosity.



Trees of Bellcourt Walking Tour

January 2024 Newsletter From the Bellcourt Civic Association

Membership Renewals

In 2023 we welcomed our first paying members, and in 2024 we'll have our first wave of renewals. Memberships will renew on a quarterly basis, so if you joined us early last year, keep your eyes out for a renewal email from BCA. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Queens Civic Congress

Bellcourt Civic Association is a member of the Queens Civic Congress, a nonprofit body established in 1997 that serves as an umbrella group for more than 100 civic and other community organizations throughout the

borough of Queens. QCC provides a forum where these organizations can learn about and address issues, developments, and conditions that may affect the quality of life of our neighborhoods. QCC produces newsletters that cover events in the borough as well as issues of concern to Queens residents. Please read the current issue, which has important updates on the fight against the City of Yes for Housing.

2024 BCA Calendar

BCA maintains a Google calendar that lists local events, such as Community Board meetings, that may be of interest to our members. If you're involved with a local organization and would like us to add any of its upcoming events to our calendar, email info@bellcourt.org.

We'd Love Your Suggestions (and Your Help!)

While Bellcourt Civic Association was founded primarily to protect and encourage enforcement of existing zoning regulations in Bellcourt, we are also trying to foster a sense of community and strengthen appreciation for our unique neighborhood. If you have suggestions for community-building events or, even better, would like to take on a role in BCA, please email us at info@bellcourt.org.

visit us at bellcourt.org / follow us on Facebook

In 2023 we welcomed our first business sponsors! See page 2 for our supporters, and please patronize their businesses!

Please Be Sure to Support Our Business Sponsors!



Apollo Comfort Shoes and Shoe Repair

A family-owned and -operated shoe shop that has been in business for nearly 40 years. Top choice for quality footwear in the area.
42-34 Bell Blvd, Bayside



Bell Family Jewelers

Family owned and operated on Bell Blvd. since 1987, this full-service store provides sales, cleaning, appraisals, restoration, and design.
40-21 Bell Blvd, Bayside



Butch's Boxing & MMA Gym

Bringing the best boxing mixed martial arts classes to Bayside, Queens. Family owned and operated
203-18 35th Ave, Bayside



New Golden Wine and Liquor

A spacious and friendly store, offering thousands of wines plus a selection of liquors, since 1979. In-store shopping, delivery, tastings.
41-08 Bell Blvd, Bayside



Mango Mango Dessert

From blended drinks to fruit teas to handmade desserts, Mango Mango offers a refreshing healthier alternative to fruit tea favorites.
38-17 Bell Blvd., Bayside



Pardon My Sub

A 2022 addition, this American-Korean eatery offers a wide variety of sandwiches with top-shelf deli meats and cheeses. It provides a new twist to sandwiches by adding ingredients commonly found in Korean BBQ. Catering available.
39-33 Bell Blvd., Bayside



Robert's Butcher Shop

Friendly, service-oriented shop with great selection of meats, sandwiches, and artisanal take-out items.
205-09 35th Ave., Bayside

Email us at info@bellcourt.org for information about becoming a business sponsor