

The Hollis Preservation Association Community Newsletter

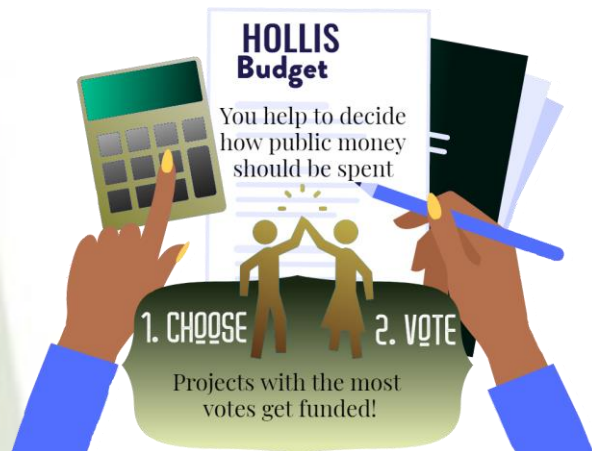
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Neighbors, You Get to Choose!

It's Participatory Budgeting (PB) season (September – October) and that means *we residents have a grand opportunity to have our voice be heard!*

WHAT IS Participatory Budgeting? WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH ME? In short, PB is a democratic process that allows the general public to come together at in-person or online events to vote on how local funds should be spent. According to the authors at The Participatory Budget Project (<https://www.participatorybudgeting.org/what-is-pb/>)

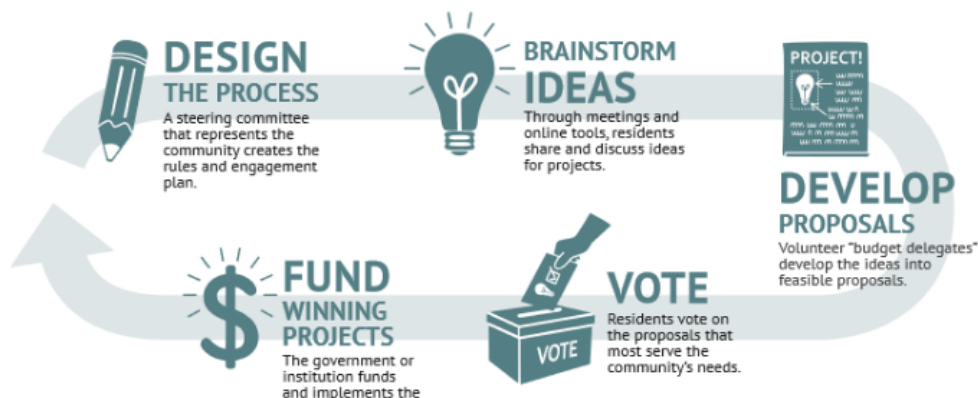
Participatory budgeting (PB) is a democratic process in which community members decide how to spend part of a public budget. It gives people real power over real money.

PB started in Porto Alegre, Brazil, in 1989, as an anti-poverty measure that helped **reduce child mortality by nearly 20%**. Since then PB has spread to over 7,000 cities around the world, and has been used to decide budgets from states, counties, cities, housing authorities, schools, and other institutions.

The New York Times calls PB “revolutionary civics in action”— it deepens democracy, builds stronger communities, and creates a more equitable distribution of public resources.

And this is their rendering of how the process works...

PB is an annual cycle of engagement that is integrated into a regular budgeting process. A typical PB process follows these steps, usually over the course of a year:



How would you spend millions in your neighborhood?

Adrienne E. Adams, Speaker of the New York City Council, and our Councilwoman Natansha Williams ...



INVITE YOU to help decide how to spend public funds on improvements to schools, parks, libraries, public housing, and other public spaces by participating in the community meetings that have been scheduled for residents to brainstorm ideas and recruit Budget Delegates.

5 SCHEDULED MEETINGS

26 SEPTEMBER 2022 05:30 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING

MEETING ID: 878 2851 7943

PASSCODE: 114256

28 SEPTEMBER 2022 05:30 PM

UNITED APOSTOLIC CHURCH, ST. ALBANS

04 OCTOBER 2022 05:30 PM

GREATER NEXUS CO-WORKING SPACE, JAMAICA, NY

14 OCTOBER 2022 05:30 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING

MEETING ID: 859 6067 1685

PASSCODE: 305441

19 OCTOBER 2022 05:30 PM

SOUTHERN QUEENS PARK ASSOCIATION, ST. ALBANS,

For More Info: www.pbnyc.org
<https://tinyurl.com/hollis-pba>



Community WATCH

In the last edition of the HPA newsletter, we asked residents to complete an online "Community Health Survey" and the results are in. The following are the items that top the list of concerns of residents of Hollis.

- Overdevelopment by developers with unwanted change in the character of Hollis, overcrowding and burdensome parking issues.
- Illegal dumping that seems to plague our community.
- Traffic issues including dangerous speeding, double-parking (particularly at intersection of Hollis and 99th Ave. and illegal parking.
- Feeling out of touch with neighbors and the goings on in the neighborhood.

Do you have similar concerns, or...? Speak out. Comment and share your concerns and help us to advocate for you.

❖ <https://tinyurl.com/HPAcommunitysurvey>

NEWS FROM QUEENS COMMUNITY BOARD #12

After a brief summer hiatus, Queens Community Board #12 (QCB#12) chaired by the Rev. Carlene O. Thorbs and under the keen management of District Manager Yvonne Reddick is back in full swing. QCB #12 is the board responsible for addressing the needs of Hollis and other local communities and plays a key role in city budgeting, land use, placement of municipality facilities and other issues that affect the community as a whole. The General Board Meeting held on 21st Sept. was well attended by residents, representatives of various agencies and elected officials and even by NYS Senator Leroy Comrie himself. Of major concern is the disproportionate influx of asylum seekers who are being placed in homeless shelters in Southeast Queens and the sad report of the suicide of a Colombian mother in a shelter in Hollis located at 202nd Street and Jamaica Avenue; there is an ongoing investigation. The various representatives outlined activities developed for Senior Appreciation month and other programs of interest to residents. Of note were several scheduled job fairs, information on Pres. Biden's student loan forgiveness program, online processing of passports (starting 2023), new composting, the first Annual Southeast Queens College Fair (Oct. 29th), updates from the 103rd Precinct and other key agencies.

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Did you Know?

HOLLIS HISTORY SPOT



THERESA MERRITT HINES (of "That's My Mama" fame) an outstanding singer, actress and television personality and her prolific showbiz Hines family have been longtime residents of Hollis.

Lynette S-Barfield from the office of Speaker Adrienne E. Adams CD 28 reminded everyone of the importance of filling out the online DYCD Community Needs Assessment Survey (and encouraged all to be active in the Participatory Budgeting process).

For QCB#12 Sept. General Board Meeting Details & Downloads visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/CB12-Sept2022>

Community Meet AND Greet Eat and have fun!

SUNDAY
2PM
OCTOBER 16
2022

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SHARE YOUR
CULTURE &
TALENTS!

TOURNAMENTS!

Grab Bags
& Prizes

RSVP, Sign-up for Tournaments and Talent Contest & Contribute at...

theKetchamhouse.org/meetandgreet

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