



Douglaston and Little Neck Historical Society
PO Box 630142, Little Neck, NY 11362

April 30, 2021

Dear Valued Member,

Despite the COVID crisis this past year, the Douglaston and Little Neck Historical Society has persevered with our mission of preservation, education and protection of our historically significant neighborhoods of Douglaston and Little Neck.

The DLNHS has been taking advantage of this unique moment in time to explore new arenas while continuing to offer our schedule of annual programs that you've come to know and enjoy. This spring and summer, with the support of a grant from Con Edison, we'll be offering both in-person and live programming that focusses on our natural environment and its history. For example:

- Our Annual Meeting Lecture on May 22 will feature Little Neck resident and conservation activist Walter Mugdan, who will speak on Environmental Sustainability in Douglaston and Little Neck. With climate change, our long history of preserving our local wetlands, and our increasingly fragile coastline, this is a relevant topic for anyone interested in environmental preservation.
- On April 9, we presented a program on indigenous plants to the students of PS98. In addition to the lecture, each student received a plant kit to grow their own Wild Bergamot.
- We will also be reviving the DLNHS Garden Tour, a popular event that we haven't done in nearly a decade. There will be five magnificent gardens to visit. The tours will be socially distanced, and we will follow CDC guidelines of course, to ensure everyone's safety. Look for an invitation soon!

Beyond programs, the DLNHS is also working to ensure that the documentation of our local history is preserved and is accessible to everyone. We have partnered with Urban Archive, an online archive and non-profit dedicated to "historic research and discovery." Visitors to the site will be able to access DLNHS archival materials and historical information about homes and buildings in the area. This is an ongoing project and DLNHS will continue to build our presence on the site contributing photos, maps and other historic materials (www.urbanarchive.org).

DLNHS is also making an important donation to the New York Historical Society. In the archive are architectural blueprints and plans of area houses that DLNHS has been collecting since the 1980s. Some of the drawings are more than 100 years old and are extremely fragile. Together, they are a unique resource – not only is it rare to find blueprints of residential houses, but to have an entire neighborhood documented is a gift for researchers. At NYHS these drawings will be properly preserved, digitized and accessible to the public for research.

Archival work is ongoing, and during the lockdown we have continued our effort to document local architecture. The Fall 2021 newsletter will include Part 2 of the series on Historic Little Neck architecture published last year.

All of this would not be possible without the support of our members, for which we are so grateful. Please renew your membership and continue to be a part of the Douglaston and Little Neck Historical Society family. With all that is planned for 2021—we wouldn't want you to miss any of it!

With Sincere Appreciation,
Pamela Broderick, President



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Become a Member today!

As a 501(c)(3) charitable organization chartered in 1989, the **Douglaston and Little Neck Historical Society, Inc.** relies heavily on the support of our communities, we can't do it alone. The on-going efforts of preservation, restoration and education are a neighborhood project and we welcome your generous, tax-deductible support to preserve and extend awareness of the rich historical legacy of Douglaston and Little Neck. Become a member today or donate to support us.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY: (Check one)

Student	Free	_____
Regular	\$40	_____
Contributing	\$100	_____
Business	\$150	_____
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Please send a check payable to DLNHS to the address above or join/donate on our website at www.dlnhs.org. Any questions? Email us at info@dlnhs.org

The DLNHS has five committees and we welcome your interest and participation. Please indicate below which committee you would like to serve on:

1. Research & Archive _____	4. Publications _____
2. Architecture _____	5. Community Relations _____
3. Events/Entertainment _____	

The Douglaston and Little Neck Historical Society
Annual Membership Meeting and Special Presentation

**Environmental Sustainability
in Douglaston and Little Neck**

Walter Mudgan

May 22nd at 2:00 pm via Zoom

The event is free, but registration is required at www.dlnhs.org

Zoom details will be emailed a few days before

Walter has served as President of the Udalls Cove Preservation Committee (UCPC) since 2002. UCPC was founded in 1969; its mission is the conservation, preservation and restoration of the remaining undeveloped wetlands and wooded uplands in the Udalls Cove watershed. Walter also serves as President of the Westmoreland Association, a homeowners group for the historic Westmoreland neighborhood.

He is an avid kayaker who paddles frequently in Udalls Cove and Little Neck Bay. In his professional life, Walter serves as Deputy Regional Administrator of the Region 2 office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He has worked for U.S. EPA since 1975, and during the current presidential transition period he is serving as Acting Regional Administrator. A lifelong Queens resident, he grew up in Douglaston and now lives in Little Neck with his wife Vivienne Lenk and their daughter Elana Mugdan (a prize-winning author in the young adult/fantasy genre).

