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Keep It In Queens



From The QCC President
Albert F. Pennisi

This month's Queensborough is all about keeping it in Queens. The details of this program can be found throughout this issue, but I wanted to focus more on why this initiative is so important, especially in today's troubled economy. The good news is that Queens is not suffering to the same degree as many other communities throughout the nation. The bad news is that if we are not proactive, we can easily fall into the same economic environment that is crushing other local economies. The Keep it in Queens program is exactly the type of idea needed at this time. It is all about supporting the local market and businesses already invested in our Queens economy.

The elements of our program were not chosen randomly. While taking an oath to Keep it in Queens might seem silly to some, the importance of the concept cannot be overstated. Besides, many prestigious people from our Borough President Helen Marshall to our Deputy Mayor for Economic Development Robert Lieber have proudly taken the pledge.

All of us should be looking now, more than ever, to our fellow members when making decisions to buy a service or product. Our members, like you, have already made a financial investment in our local economy and should be encouraged and rewarded for doing so. You will find that the Chamber membership list contains businesses and organizations across almost every industry sector. Many offer special considerations or discounts to fellow members and welcome any referrals you can throw their way.

Keep it in Queens also offers a chance to make some money or win some great prizes. By referring new members to the Chamber, we are offering Chamber Cash rewards good for everything from sponsorships to event tickets. By getting others on board to support the Queens Chamber, it not only helps strengthen your Chamber, but allows you to be more active, attend more events or promote your business — on us! By simply registering online at KeepItInQueens.com, you are entered in a drawing that includes many prizes including a Grand Prize of a trip to England to visit the Queen. Think about it. It's a win-win situation; our membership grows, our offerings and discounts increase and you put some extra cash in your pockets.

Finally, our new Keep it in Queens database is a proactive move to secure our economic strength. Working directly with the Office of the Mayor and Borough President, businesses can now register and be included in projects across our borough. With more than a dozen projects scheduled and potentially many more, this is a great opportunity to be considered as a provider of services or products. Additionally, the Mayor's Office will insist that developers use this database and Keep it in Queens when they make their purchasing decisions.

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