



# The Douglaston and Little Neck Historical Society

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Dear Friends,

We know it's been a while since our last Newsletter, but that doesn't mean the Historical Society has been inactive. Indeed, during this "quiet" time, the DLNHS has been building its capacity to better serve our audience and ensure the long-term preservation of our communities' historic past. We are grateful for your patience, and your steadfast support. Here are a few things you've made possible:

- We've hired our Executive Director who has been re-organizing our infrastructure, developing new partnerships, and planning interesting programs.
- We started hosting programs at local schools. Last fall we led walking tours for all of the students at PS98. This pilot program was a great success and we hope to offer new tours and reach out to other schools in the future.
- We expanded our walking tours. In the last year we have participated in Open House New York and explored the hidden waterways of the area with Sergey Kadinsky. We will be participating in OHNY again this year on Sunday, October 15th, with our partners the Douglaston Local Development Corporation and the newly-founded Douglas House Trust.
- We've been addressing the weeping beech tree. Many of you donated so generously to replace the dying tree, only to watch as it came back to life! We have budgeted for its replacement should it be needed, and in the meantime are working with other area organizations to determine the best course of action for the future.
- We're making our archive more accessible because so many of you write to us with your questions. To that end, we are currently negotiating transferring our extensive archive to the Queens Public Library and we are seeking funds to digitize the collection to make it even more accessible.
- We've continued to highlight important places and residents with signage, the most recent being at Catharine Turner Richardson Park.
- We've organized several historic photo exhibitions at the Douglaston/Little Neck Library.
- We're working with several local partners, including the Douglaston Local Development Corporation, the Douglas Manor Association, and the Douglas Manor Environmental Association.
- We fought for the designation of the Douglaston Historic District Extension at the south end of Douglaston Parkway. While this time around we were not successful, our campaign to keep the Extension calendared gained the attention of local officials, who are helping us to try once more.
- We are trying to make navigating the landmarking process easier. If you live in a designated district, you may not realize that the DLNHS is an excellent source of help if you are trying to get Landmarks Commission approvals. We are here to answer questions and provide advice. All free of charge.

This flurry of activity does not come without cost. We will be hosting a Gala on February 10, 2018, and hope you will mark your calendars now. Please join us and continue your support of the DLNHS.

Sincerely,

*Doris Martin, President*

## DLNHS EVENTS, 2016-2017

Part of the reason you haven't received a Newsletter is we've been so busy hosting events that celebrate the history of our community! Here's just a sampling of what we've been up to:



We gave a walking tour for all of PS 98's students as part of their World Heritage Week. Students were introduced to the importance of preserving our history and learned a little bit about their town's history. The kids were great and asked loads of questions!



DLNHS partnered with the LDC and the Douglas House Trust to offer two walking tours as part of Open House New York. Participants got a great introduction to Douglaston's history and a tasty treat of cider and cookies at the Douglaston Club.

This year's OHNY tour will be on October 15th. Go to [OHNY.org](http://OHNY.org) in early October to register!

In July, we presented a tour of Douglaston and Little Neck's forgotten waterways with Sergey Kadinsky, author of *Hidden Waters of New York City: A History and Guide to 101 Forgotten Lakes, Ponds, Creeks, and Streams in the Five Boroughs*.



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

OCTOBER 15, 2017

Open House NY walking tours, at 2 and 4 pm. Go to [OHNY.org](http://OHNY.org) in early October to register!

JANUARY, 2018

Restoring Wood Windows, a lecture by Victor Dadras



**MYSTERY PHOTO:**

*Can you identify this shop, and the corner it's on? Contact us at [dlnhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:dlnhistoricalsociety@gmail.com) if you know the answer!*

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*The best way to receive the latest news and share your love of our community's history!*

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your  
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# Winter Party 2018

In support of the Douglaston  
and Little Neck Historical  
Society's programs

Saturday,  
February 10, 2018

More information to follow  
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