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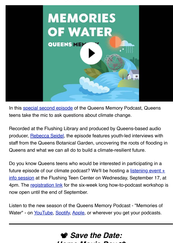
🎙 *Listen to "Live from Flushing: Teen Voices on Climate!"* 🎙



In this special second episode of the Queens Memory Podcast, Queens teens take the mic to ask questions about climate change.

Recorded at the Flushing Library and produced by Queens-based audio producer, Rebecca Seidel, the episode features youth-led interviews with staff from the Queens Botanical Garden, uncovering the roots of flooding in Queens and what we can all do to build a climate-resilient future.

Do you know Queens teens who would be interested in participating in a future episode of our climate podcast? We'll be hosting a listening event + info session at the Flushing Teen Center on Wednesday, September 17, at 4pm. The registration link for the six-week long how-to-podcast workshop is now open until the end of September.

Listen to the new season of the Queens Memory Podcast - "Memories of Water" - on YouTube, Spotify, Apple, or wherever you get your podcasts!

🎞 *Save the Date: Home Movie Day* 🎞

Home Movie Day 2024

Do you have a canister of 8mm film or a VHS tape in your closet that you've always wanted to watch, but don't have the equipment? Do you have family home movies you're trying to keep safe for future generations? Join us on Home Movie Day 2025 to screen your movie and get preservation advice from experts!

📅 Saturday, October 4
📍 Ridgewood Library
🕒 11 - 4pm

At 12pm, join us for "Organize It or Lose It: Tips on Saving the Memories You Make on Your Phone" with audio/visual archivist and preservation expert Marie Lasso. Marie will cover simple organizing and storage tips to help you keep your important digital files sorted, and easy to find, use, and ready to transfer over when it's time to get new hard drives or use new software.

Register here to receive an event reminder.

Home movies on film, CD, DVD, videotape, and mobile devices are all welcome. Home Movie Day is made possible by the expertise and equipment generously shared by our partners at NYU AMIA Student Chapter and XFR Collective.

🌟 *Join Us in Southeast Queens on Saturday, September 6* 🌟

Come to a Queens Memory Pop-Up at Addisleigh Park Day on Saturday, September 6, from 12 to 5pm at Live End Plaza (190th St. & Murdock Ave).

This annual celebration brings neighbors and families together for an afternoon featuring:

🚂 Kiddie Train Rides
🍔 Delicious Food & Local Vendors
💃 Line Dancing & Aerobics
🎨 Creative Painting & Fun Games
🚗 Classic Cars & Bouncy Houses
📸 Story sharing
... and so much more!

FREE entry – everyone is welcome! 🎉

📝 *Preserve Your Family Memories on Thursday, September 18* 📝

📣 *Volunteer with Queens Memory on Saturday, September 20* 📣

We're looking for volunteers to help us cover two public programs on Saturday, September 20, at the Hunters Point Library and Flushing Library.

At the 4th Annual Discovery Day, we'll be tabling outside the Hunters Point Library to showcase our climate podcast while running a story-share booth from 11am to 4pm. From 1 to 3:30pm at the Flushing Library, there will be a "Our Laundry, Our Town" Author Talk with Alvin Eng, featuring an intimate discussion followed by a book signing and scavenger hunt.

If you're available and interested in either program, please get in touch.

🎙 *August Oral History Highlights Memories of a Corona Resident* 🎙

Andrei Moody Lynch is the daughter of Mary Walter Moody. Patrick Young is Mary's adopted son. Andrei and Patrick share their memories of Mary, a Corona resident for over 70 years who passed away in June 2021. Andrei and Patrick detail Mary's entrepreneurial endeavors and her deep commitment to serving her community. For example, Mary owned the real estate company Big City Realty, which served low-income families in Corona, and she took in tenants free of rent during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mary also worked as an auxiliary teacher at schools in Queens, organized after school programs, provided daycare services, collected toys for children at Goldwater Hospital, and contributed money to the Flushing Meadow Soap Box Derby youth racing program.

In this interview conducted by Sonja Anderson, as part of Queens Street Name Stories, Andrei and Patrick describe Mary as a loving, caring, and giving person. They recall Mary hosting large parties at her home, organizing trips to Las Vegas, counseling people in need of help, and opening up her family to adopted son Patrick and adopted daughter Diane. Andrei and Patrick recall Mary's distinctive fashion tastes and her engaging personality.

They also discuss the health problems that Mary had late in her life along with the emotional and funny moments they shared together before she passed away. A transcription of Mary's life and contributions to Corona, she received a city proclamation declaring "Mrs. Mary Moody Day" at City Hall in October 2019 and was posthumously honored with the co-naming of 99th Street and 35th Avenue as Mary Moody Way.

Listen to the interview here.

📍 *Name Explorer Spotlights Ridgewood Street Names* 📍

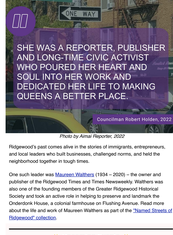


Photo by Aimar Reporter, 2022

Ridgewood's past comes alive in the stories of immigrants, entrepreneurs, and local leaders who built businesses, challenged norms, and held the neighborhood together in tough times.

One such leader was Maureen Walthers (1934 – 2020) – the owner and publisher of the Ridgewood Times and Times Newsweekly. Walthers was also one of the founding members of the Greater Ridgewood Historical Society and took an active role in helping to preserve and landmark the Onderdonk House, a colonial farmhouse on Flushing Avenue. Read more about the life and work of Maureen Walthers as part of the "Named Streets of Ridgewood" collection.

✨ Upcoming Events ✨

Sept 3 – Community Archiving Happy Hour in a social and resource sharing space organized by a few folx who work on inclusive archiving projects. This get-together is for people who work on behalf of their own communities, or in partnership as community allies. So, whether you're "community-based," "community-driven," or just "community-curious," we hope you'll show up to share who you are, what you're working on, and what you're trying to figure out right now. (4 - 5 pm EDT)

Sept 4 – Join us for a gallery talk highlighting stories and photographs from 25 years of The Hallen Times. The show will be on display at Central Library between September 4 and September 30. Speakers will include Garry Pierre-Pierre, founder of *The Hallen Times*, and Vania André, publisher and editor in chief. The exhibition marks the public launch of a collaboration between *The Hallen Times* and Queens Public Library's Digital Archives to digitize the publication's historic print editions from its 1999 founding through 2012, when it transitioned to digital-first publishing. (10am - 4pm EDT)

Sept 9 – Join us online for an Introduction to Oral History Interviewing workshop and learn how to record an interview. The Queens Memory team will share tips on getting started, including how to prepare for an interview, how to ask questions that encourage people to share, and how to record in person and remotely. Register here. We will follow up with a confirmation and event link. **This program is not recorded.** (12 - 1 pm EDT)

Sept 16 – Join us online for a Queens Memory Lunch and Learn: 25th Anniversary of *The Hallen Times*. Join our team for a quick lunchtime presentation. Hear about new projects and ongoing collaborations with our community partners. Learn how you can contribute to QPL's Archives and volunteer at upcoming programs. Each month we'll present new material and feature special guests. Register here. We will follow up with a confirmation and event link. **This program is not recorded.** (12 - 12:30 pm EDT)