



## October 2024 Newsletter



### Just in Time for Halloween... the 23rd Annual Totten Trot 5K Race

Since 2002, the Bayside Historical Society has organized a 5K race known as the Totten Trot. It was decidedly small that first year with only 12 runners. However, news spread about the stunning course and the fabulous post-race breakfast ceremony. Last year, we proudly welcomed 240 runners to the Totten Trot! Many participants decide to run in costume and BHS does award a prize for Best Costume. Of course there are also prizes for the top finishers.



On **October 27th**, BHS will hold it's **23rd Annual Totten Trot 5K Race and Kid's Fun Run**. The waterfront course in historic Fort Totten Park on Little Neck Bay in Bayside is a pristine stretch surrounding a preserved Civil War fortress. Runners will pass through the Historic District, which consists of buildings dating to the late 1800s. The Fort is situated where the Long Island Sound meets the East River at the Throgs Neck Bridge. The start and finish are located at the landmarked Officers' Club, home of Bayside Historical Society. The course includes a loop out onto Little Bay Path to the Throgs Neck Bridge and back to the Fort. Timing and scoring are provided by EliteFeats on a USATF Certified Course. **There is still time to register for the race at the early bird fee of \$30. After October 12th, the fee increases to \$35 and then \$40 on race day.**



After the race, the Kids' Fun Run at 10:00am is a short-distance sprint for tiny tots and kids up to 12, grouped by age category. Halloween costumes are



encouraged for adults and kids. Hope to see you there.

**Learn More and Register**

## Other Upcoming October 2024 Events



### Lawrence Cemetery Tour

**Sat, Oct 5 | 11AM – 1PM**  
215-15 42nd Ave, Bayside, NY

Bayside Historical Society is conducting a free guided tour of the historic Lawrence Cemetery and a dramatization of the lives of those buried there. The cemetery is the burial ground of one of Bayside's founding families. Notable individuals who are interred here include Cornelius Van Wyck Lawrence, New York City's first popularly elected mayor, and Colonel Frederick Newbold Lawrence, former president of the New York Stock Exchange.

This event is free.

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### BHS Vintage Car Show

**Sun, Oct 6 | 9AM-2PM**  
BHS Castle Grounds

Ride back in time with Bayside Historical Society's classic car show! A variety of vintage and antique automobiles will be showcased on the lawn of the Castle at Fort Totten.

The event is free for visitors to attend.

*The car show is presented by the Long Island Sound Region of the Classic Car Club of America, in conjunction with Bayside Historical Society.*

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### 19th Century Baseball Game

**Sat, Oct 12th | 11AM-2PM**



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Fort Totten Soccer Fields,  
Totten Ave. & 15th Rd, Fort Totten, NY

Watch the New York Mutuals vs. the Brooklyn Atlantics in a historical re-creation of a baseball game the way it was played back in the 1880s. The players will answer questions from the audience and invite children to field grounders.

This event is free.



## Fall Gardening at The Castle

**Sat, Oct 12 & Oct 26  
10AM-12PM**

Come join us for another session of autumn gardening at The Castle. We'll continue working on our pollinator garden as we mulch, rake leaves, divide and replant perennial plants, and prepare the gardens for the next growing season. All levels of gardening expertise are welcome! The cost is free; tools and supplies will be provided.

Don't forget to buy a jar of tasty local honey from our garden's beehives while you're visiting!

BHS expresses gratitude to Con Edison for their generous contribution towards our pollinator garden, which plays a vital role in sustaining our beehives.

RSVP below or call 718-352-1548

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## Open House NY at the BHS Castle

**Sun, Oct 20 | 12 PM - 4PM**

Bayside Historical Society is excited to be part of this year's **Open House New York Weekend**, a five-borough-wide event that celebrates architecture and design. BHS will offer free guided tours of The Castle in Fort Totten Park, which has been the home of the Bayside Historical Society since 1984. Built in 1887, the building was originally used by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as their Officers' Mess Hall and Club. The Castle is one of the finest surviving examples in New York City of Gothic Revival castellated architecture, and is a NYC designated landmark that is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Our staff and volunteers will be on hand to give tours and talk about our beautiful building and its history, along with the history of the land dating back to 1639. Light refreshments will be provided.

**RSVP**

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## Take a Look Back...

The very first runners and crew of the BHS Totten Trot in October 2002 with Race Director, Carol Marian, kneeling front and center. Then and now, Carol is the force behind the Totten Trot!



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