



Bayside Historical Society

April 2024 Newsletter



**Enjoy Spring at Fort Totten
Park**
Join us for BHS Gardening Days

Saturdays | 10 AM – 12 PM
April 13th & 20th, May 4th & 25th
Bayside Historical Society
208 Totten Ave, Bayside



Spring is here at last, and we can't wait to roll up our sleeves and start working on The Castle's gardens! Come join us for a rewarding morning of gardening — all levels of expertise are welcome! Tools and supplies will be provided. In addition to garden maintenance, we'll be working on several exciting enhancements to The Castle grounds, including a pollinator garden and a pumpkin patch. RSVP below or call 718-352-1548.



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Upcoming April 2024 Events



March with Us! Bayside St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sat, Apr 6th from 1-3pm
Bell Blvd and 36th Ave

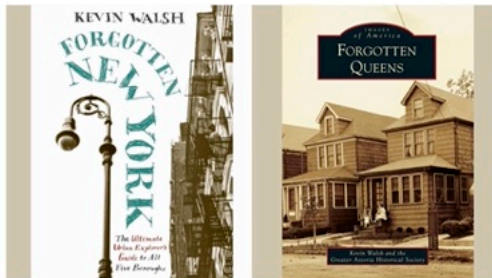
Calling All BHS Members! Join us in representing Bayside Historical Society in the **Bayside Saint Patrick's Day Parade** on Saturday, April 6, 2024. The parade begins at 1:00 PM at 35th Avenue and Bell Boulevard and terminates at Bell Boulevard and 43rd Avenue. Please respond to info@baysidehistorical.org if you are interested in parading and state the number of persons in your group. As soon as we are informed, we will contact you with the specific time and location that the Bayside Historical Society is assigned to meet on the parade date.

Second Sunday Tours at The Castle

Sun, Apr 14th | Tours at 1 & 2pm
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Come tour The Castle on the Second Sunday of each month. Tours are **free** and last 45 minutes. The Castle at Fort Totten is one of the finest surviving examples in New York City of the Gothic Revival castellated style architecture. Completed in 1887, the building served as the base Officers' Club and Library for the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers School of Application. Come in and find out more about this architectural treasure in Bayside.

**RSVP for April
14th**



Author Talk with Kevin Walsh Forgotten New York Forgotten Queens

Thurs, April 18, 2024 | 7 - 9 PM
Bayside Historical Society
208 Totten Ave, Bayside

Bayside Historical Society is excited to welcome a special guest whose work has long been a favorite of many of our members: Kevin Walsh, author of the acclaimed *Forgotten New York: Views of a Lost Metropolis*, *Forgotten Queens*, and creator of the renowned website, forgotten-ny.com. Kevin will commemorate the 25th Anniversary of forgotten-ny.com with a fascinating presentation on the history of Bayside, Queens, and beyond. Afterwards, Kevin will conduct an audience Q&A and will be signing



BHS 60th Anniversary Swing Dance Party

Fri, April 26th | 7 – 10 PM
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Come celebrate our 60th year as we dance the night away on the newly renovated floors of The Castle's beautiful ballroom. MC Paul Capo (of the NY Vintage Dance Society) will get the party started with a Swing Dance Lesson by dance instructors Kathleen Crayne and TJ Savino, to be followed by dancing the night away to live music from the Steven Paul Band. We encourage everyone to get into the "swing" of it and wear your favorite dance outfit!

copies of his books.

Cost: \$10.00 for BHS members; \$15.00 for non-members

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Cost: \$30 for BHS members; \$35 for non-members. **Advance ticket purchase required. Tickets will not be sold at the door.**

[Get Tickets](#)

Coming up in May 2024



Wei Sun: Traditional Chinese Music with Guzheng

Sun, May 19th | 3 - 4:30PM
Bayside Historical Society
208 Totten Ave, Bayside

Bayside Historical Society welcomes guzheng artist Wei Sun to The Castle ballroom for a serenely beautiful performance of the guzheng, a traditional Chinese multi-stringed instrument with 2500 years of history.

Cost: \$10.00 for BHS members; \$15.00 for non-members

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Take a Look Back...

Fred Snell's Broadway Hotel, located on the northeast corner of Bell Boulevard (then known as Bell Avenue) and Northern Boulevard (then known as Broadway) — circa 1880-1932.



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