



## August 2024 Newsletter



### Expressing Our Gratitude

The **Lawrence Cemetery** in Bayside is the final resting place for members of the Lawrence family. The cemetery's first burial occurred in 1832, with the most recent in 1939. Notable individuals interred here include **Cornelius W. Lawrence**, NYC's first popularly elected mayor; **Frederick Newbold Lawrence**, former President of the New York Stock Exchange; **Mary Nicolls Lawrence**, wife of Mayor Andrew H. Mickle and **Lawrence Moccasin**, a servant to **Judge Effingham Lawrence** and a Native American. In 1967, the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission designated the Lawrence Cemetery as a landmark.



BHS has protected and restored the historic cemetery after storms and maintained it through time with much help from our many friends: staff and volunteers, who have pitched in tirelessly to help, aided by Eagle Scouts, Knights of Columbus, and landscapers with a heart - a big thank you to Tom Kalinkos.

Most recently, BHS's Facebook Fundraiser for the Lawrence Cemetery quickly raised \$1,000, and we are humbled and gratified by the generous outpouring from our wonderful Bayside community. As we put these funds to work, we are preparing to open up the Lawrence Cemetery to public tours this fall, and we hope that you will join us to learn about this historical treasure right in our own neighborhood. Once again, **thank you!**

If you would like to make a donation, please use this [link](#).

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# Upcoming August 2024 Events



## Gardening Day at The Castle

Sat, Aug 3 | 10 AM-12 PM

Come join BHS for another rewarding morning of gardening — all levels of expertise are welcome! This event is **free** to all — 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](#)



## Second Sunday Castle Tours

Sun, Aug 11th | 1 PM & 2PM

Come tour The Castle on the Second Sunday of each month. Tours are **free** and last 45 minutes. The landmarked BHS Castle in Fort Totten, which was completed in 1887, is one of the finest surviving examples in New York City of the Gothic Revival castellated style architecture. Come in and find out more about this architectural landmark in Bayside, Queens.

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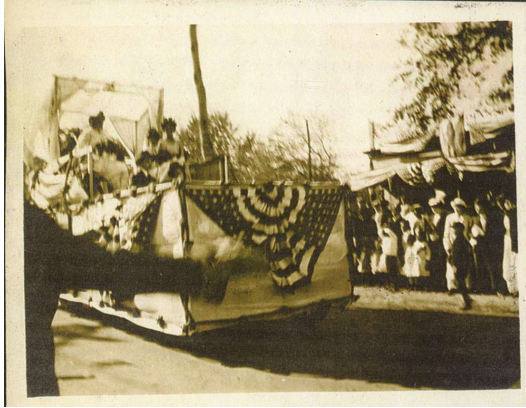
## Queensboro Dance Festival: Performances at Fort Totten Park

Sat, Aug 17th, 2024 | 5:00-6:00 PM

Celebrate 10 years of the Queensboro Dance Festival, as they dance across Queens every weekend presenting **free** and outdoor performances, classes, and parties featuring an incredibly diverse lineup of Queens-based dance companies. Join them on August 17th for performances at Fort Totten Park in Bayside!

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## Coming up in September...



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### The 110th Anniversary of Bayside Day

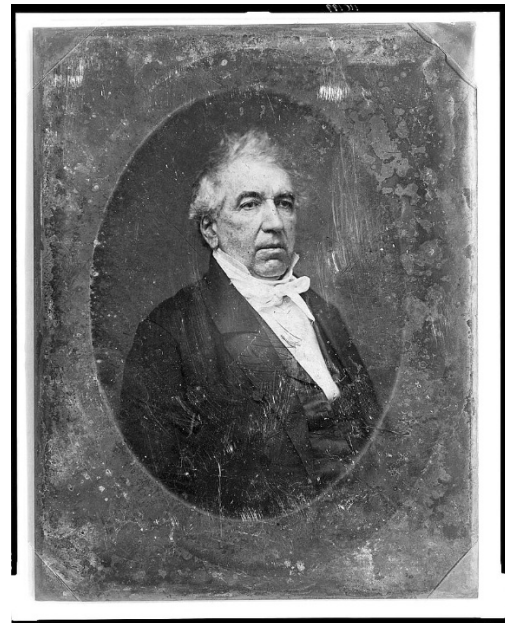
**Saturday, September 14th, 2024**

A grand celebration, simply called **Bayside Day**, took place September 26, 1914. Bayside Historical Society will be commemorating the 110th anniversary of this community festival (and our own 60th anniversary too) with music, fun, and a few surprises.

## Take a Look Back...

Cornelius Van Wyck Lawrence, the first popularly elected mayor of New York City, was born in Bayside in 1791. He served as mayor from 1834 to 1837, contending with calamitous issues during his term such as the Cholera Epidemic of 1832 and the Great Fire of 1835.

Cornelius retired back to his family home in Bayside after living in New York City and is buried at the Lawrence family burying ground at 216th Street and 42nd Avenue in Bayside, Queens.



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