



*Your Bridge  
to the Past*



**PHOTO OF THE MONTH**

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## Elmhurst Community Center

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Taken on January 31, 1941, our photo of the month shows a long line of people heading into [93-29 Queens Blvd](#) in Rego Park – which was then the Elmhurst Community Center. While the queue of men and women waiting may remind some of Covid-19 testing centers today, the sign out front reads “Automobile License Plates Issued Here.” This image is drawn from our Borough President Queens (BPQ) collection, which includes 15,000 photographs. The Office of the Borough President was created in 1898 to compensate the formerly independent communities in the four counties of New York, Kings, Queens and Richmond for the loss of governmental power to the consolidated Greater City of New York (The Bronx did not become a county until 1914). The Queens series includes photographs of Rockaway and other beaches as well as an unusual collection of lantern slides depicting a Civil War Veterans' reunion, parades, Spanish-American War troops, and sample markings to identify World War II-era aircraft. Check out almost 2 million more photos, maps and documents by visiting our [Online Gallery](#).

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## UPCOMING EVENT

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## Person Place Thing with Randy Cohen and Dr. Dave A. Chokshi

February 15, 2022; 6:30-8:00PM

Join the city's current and perhaps most visible Health Commissioner, Dr. Dave A. Chokshi, for a live recording of Person Place Thing with Emmy Award winner Randy Cohen. Dr Chokshi, a leader in the fight against Covid-19 has been reassuring presence on television over the past 18 months as he advised and cajoled New Yorkers to comply with COVID health protocols. Fiddler Stephanie Colman will provide a musical introduction.

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