



**Calling All Home Movie Collectors**

**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 2024 to screen your movie and get preservation advice from experts! 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.

**Saturday, October 19  
12:30pm**

RIDGEWOOD (Auditorium)  
20-12 Madison Street  
(718) 821-4770  
● to Forest Avenue  
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If you'd like to register for a one-on-one consultation with a preservation expert, please fill out [this form](#) and tell us about the home movies you'll be bringing in (for example: format, condition, age).

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Home Movie Day, 2022, photo by Leo Sano

**Climate Justice Series Continues in Cambria Heights**

**A CONVERSATION ON CLIMATE JUSTICE IN SOUTHEAST QUEENS**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10  
5:30 - 7:30PM EDT  
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Part of the Queens Memory Fall 2024 Climate Series

[Join us](#) at Cambria Heights Library for a conversation on climate justice, flooding, and housing in Southeast Queens. The event will include a topical panel discussion guided by climate researchers and local residents followed by a moderated Q&A.

Come ready to share stories about how flooding and the changing climate affect your life!

We are currently in production on the fourth season of the [Queens Memory Podcast](#), which will focus on our borough's changing climate and water issues. This event will be recorded and archived. Portions of the audio may be used for the podcast.

Food and beverages will be served at 5:30pm. Panel will start at 6pm. [Advance registration](#) is encouraged 🙌

**Q&A with Queens-Based Journalist, Roxanne Scott**



Roxanne Scott is an independent journalist in Southeast Queens. For nearly a decade she was a public radio reporter and producer. These days she covers health, climate and the environment and has been published in the [New York Amsterdam News](#), [City Limits](#) and [Scientific American](#).

We're delighted to work with Roxanne on the fourth season of the [Queens Memory Podcast](#), which will focus on climate justice issues in Queens.

**Tell us about the neighborhood you grew up in. What was it like?**

I spent my early years in South Jamaica and LeFrak City but by fourth grade onward I lived in Rosedale. My grandfather had moved there in the 1970s and by the time I came to live here in the '90s it was still a mix of different types of people. For a time being, my mom and I lived in the basement. My grandfather then converted the house to a two-family home and we lived on the second floor. In the public elementary and junior high school I attended, many of my friends and classmates were from the Caribbean: Jamaica, Trinidad, Haiti and Puerto Rico. I remember simple fun like riding my lime green BMX bike with the white tires in Brookville Park and playing kickball and baseball with friends around the corner. Also, a lot of hula hocking. I'm still frustrated that I never became great at double dutch. My grandfather was a dollar van driver along the Rosedale/Rochdale route, which was a lifesaver when I was older and forgot my keys. I knew I could just find him by waiting on the corner until I saw his van.

**What motivated you to dive into climate reporting? Specifically, which aspects of that reporting are you most intrigued by?**

I'm intrigued by the neighborhood effects of climate change and how residents have become experts when trying to unfortunately come up with solutions on their own. There are neighbors who have lived here for decades and anecdotally talk about the change in climate - and it's significant to capture those stories.

My goal was to originally be a reporter who covered immigrant communities. I got my first taste of that being a local public radio reporter in Louisville, Kentucky. I then moved to one of the public radio stations in Atlanta. By the time I moved back to New York for an audio production job, it was a month after Hurricane Ida hit the city. We all unfortunately know that more than a dozen people died because of the intense rain. Seeing who perished in the storm made me see there's also a climate story to tell in immigrant communities. My production job focused on mostly national stories, so on the side, I'd have background interviews with very smart people who helped me understand what was going on as far as environmental threats in Southeast Queens. I started doing freelance stories for the outlet City Limits about how residents were bearing the brunt of climate impacts.

**Can you tell us how flooding is uniquely impacting neighborhoods in Southeast Queens, and how are residents responding?**

Flooding is not specific to Southeast Queens but I'm curious about how it can become a public health hazard for neighbors. Southeast Queens is a bastion of Black homeownership. I don't think that means that homeowners should be highlighted more than renters. But I do think that many who live here have surpassed obstacles in order to own a home only to spend a disparate amount of money on fixes. And that connects to inequity. In general, Black and Brown people have less savings to pull from. A primary driver of wealth in this country is homeownership. For some, the home they're pouring money into can end up being a sinking asset.

It also doesn't mean, however, that residents are throwing in the towel. Some have active text threads to stay in contact with neighbors and pool money to make fixes. Others have organized fundraisers. And some just work a ton to be able to afford the repairs. There's also been advocacy on the legislative side to expand the types of grants to homeowners affected by flooding.

Roxanne will be speaking on the [Cambria Heights Climate Justice Panel](#) on Thursday, October 10. [Join us](#) for this topical discussion. Food and beverages will be served. 🍷

**Queens Memory in the Field**

On **Tuesday, October 1**, at 4pm EDT, our **Interim Director, Meral Agish**, will be the guest speaker of Community Archiving Happy Hour, where she will provide an overview of the Queens Memory Project. And then at 5:45pm, she will do a virtual presentation about Queens Memory for the [Andrew Heiskell Braille and Talking Book Library](#) at New York Public Library (NYPL), where she will play highlights from interviews and programs, and cover the many ways you can get involved and [contribute your story](#). [Register here](#) for the virtual Happy Hour and [here](#) for the NYPL presentation.

The annual [Archivists Round Table Symposium and Awards Ceremony](#) will take place in-person at the Gotham Center for New York City History on **Thursday, October 17th**, from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Our very own **Aimai Reporter** (Metadata Librarian, Queens Public Library), **Lori Wallach** (Outreach Coordinator, Queens College), and **Ben Smyth** (Co-Founder, Urban Archive) will be presenting the Queens Name Explorer project on a panel, titled "Access: The Importance of Always Keeping Our Communities in Mind." Registrations are full, but the waitlist is open [here](#).

**Upcoming Events**

**September 27** – Since 2021, Queens World Film Festival has been videotaping community members, as they answer four questions about hope and resilience. Over 60 segments have been archived with the Queens Memory Project. This past summer, their Festival Associates produced 15 new segments. [Join us](#) for this free screening of selected works from the Queens World Listening Tour collection at [the Local in Long Island City](#), (7:30pm - 9:30pm EDT)

**October 6** – Have you ever wondered who Horace Harding was? Why Shea Stadium bore that name? About the origins of Murray Hill? The streets, neighborhoods, and landmarks of Queens are not just locations — they're a tour of the Borough's rich history and diverse heritage. Join CUNY Law Professor Rebecca Bratspies [at the Voelker Orth Museum](#) to explore the fascinating history behind Queens' place names. Drawing from her recent book [Naming Gotham: The Villains, Rogues, and Heroes Behind New York Place Names](#), Professor Bratspies will share stories of Revolutionary War figures, civil rights pioneers, robber barons, and Tammany Hall politicians who have left their mark on our infrastructure. (1:30 - 2:30pm EDT)

**October 17** – Join us online for [Learn More About the Queens Memory Project](#), an opportunity to hear about the work we do with volunteers and community partners across the borough. And the Queens Memory team will provide an overview of our programs and cover the many ways you can help as a volunteer and contribute to the Queens Public Library's archival collections. Hear about opportunities to record interviews with Queens residents, contribute photos and other materials, assist with transcription and audio editing, and help with our outreach and programming. Register [here](#). We will follow up with a confirmation and event link. **This program is not recorded.** (12 - 1 pm EDT)

**October 20** – Ever wonder who the people behind the named streets in your neighborhood were? What were their stories? What did those local heroes mean for their communities? What can we learn from their legacies? Join us for this [Open House New York Weekend event](#) on 34th Avenue Open Street for a listening party featuring [Queens Street Name Stories](#), an interactive audio map created by students from the Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism at CUNY in collaboration with the Queens Memory Project at Queens Public Library. Listen to the stories behind local honorary place names, told through in-depth audio interviews with the friends, family, and colleagues of local residents who had a street or other public space named after them posthumously. Queens Street Name Stories is part of the [Queens Name Explorer](#), which seeks to highlight the individuals whose names grace public spaces across the borough. (12 - 4pm EDT)

**October 24** – At our [oral history interviewing workshop](#), you will learn how you can contribute to Queens Memory and help us record interviews with fellow Queens residents. Together we will review tips for oral history interviews, from initial outreach to recording to transcription. Register [here](#). We will follow up with a confirmation and event link. **This program is not recorded.** (12 - 1 pm EDT)

QUEENS WORLD FILM FESTIVAL PRESENTS

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NYC Queens Memory

**September Oral History Spotlights 9/11 Firefighter**

**FEATURED ORAL HISTORY**

**QUEENS MEMORY**

Gina Pinos was the fiancée of James Nicholas Pappageorge (also known as Jimmy Pappageorge), an FDNY firefighter who perished at the World Trade Center responding to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

[In this interview](#), Gina recalls how she and James met at a gym in Queens where James worked as a personal trainer, explaining that James admired her from afar for approximately one year before speaking with her. Gina recalls their first date and their growing love for each other, then James' sudden absence for several months to become an emergency medical technician (EMT), during which Gina began dating another man and became pregnant. Gina explains that when James reconnected with her and learned of her pregnancy, he promised "to love you and your baby forever and we're going to be one family."

Gina Pinos' son, Justin Benitez, also recorded an oral history about James Nicholas Pappageorge [here](#).

This interview was conducted by Aine Pennello. It was collected as part of [Queens Street Name Stories](#), a collaboration between the Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism at CUNY's NYCity News Service, and the [Queens Name Explorer](#).

