

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC NEW UTRECHT

Presents

Abraham Lincoln Visits Bensonhurst

At

The New Utrecht Reformed Church

Editors: We invite your coverage Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House at the New Utrecht Reformed Church, 18th Ave. and 84th St. in Bensonhurst. Contacts: mail@historicnewutrecht.org and 718-256-7173.

PHOTO ATTACHED: Abraham Lincoln portrayed by Robert Costello

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BROOKLYN: Abraham Lincoln will visit Bensonhurst on February 14. Lincoln will be portrayed by Mr. Robert Costello in a performance Thursday evening, February 14, 2019, at 7:30 pm before an audience in the Parish House of the New Utrecht Reformed Church, 18th Avenue and 84th Street. The event, sponsored by the Friends of Historic New Utrecht, is free to the public.

Robert Costello has appeared as Lincoln for a number of years before adult and student audiences. He is a student of Lincoln and Civil War history and served on the New Jersey 150th Civil War Anniversary Committee. He is a member of the New Jersey Civil War Heritage Association and a number of other historical organizations. Mr. Costello is the “resident Lincoln” at the Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum in Allentown, Pa. and has also appeared as Lincoln at several historical events in Gettysburg Pa.

Earlier on February 14, Mr. Lincoln is scheduled to meet an audience of local elementary school students in a morning program at New Utrecht High School also sponsored by the Friends organization.

The 1892 Parish House is part of the landmarked campus of the New Utrecht Reformed Church, home to a congregation organized by the Dutch settlers in 1677, which also includes the 1827 Church, and the 1783 New Utrecht Liberty Pole. The Parish House is at 18th Avenue and 84th Street in Bensonhurst, with bus and subway lines nearby. The B8 stops in front of the church; the B1 two blocks away on 86th Street. The church is one block away from the 18th Ave. station on the subway’s D line.

The Lincoln presentation is one in a series of free history-related events and concerts offered each year by the Friends of Historic New Utrecht. Persons interested in learning more about the February 14 Lincoln event, New Utrecht’s landmarks and its history are invited to contact 718-256-7173 or mail@historicnewutrecht.org, visit www.historicnewutrecht.org or on Facebook: www.facebook.com/FriendsofHistoricNewUtrecht.

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