

Dear Friends,

From all of us at the Bayside Historical Society, our most sincere hopes that you and your family are safe and healthy during this difficult time and our best wishes for your continued well-being.

I'm happy to report to that, despite many challenges, the Annual BHS Totten Trot 5K Foot Race is still happening this year! It's hard to believe, but this October marks the 19th year of this fun and exciting event. While we certainly could have cancelled the run this Fall, we instead worked closely with our partners at Elite Feats and devised a Virtual Run that will surely satisfy your need to run, walk or skip your Totten Trot 5K, but in a safe and hassle-free way that fits into your pace and your needs, while still joining in with the rest of the runners and entrants.

As many of you already know, Bayside Historical Society is a nonprofit that has served the Northeast Queens community and beyond since 1964. Our elementary education programs, archives, historical programs, events, etc. are all funded by good folks like yourselves who believe in the good works that we do. Like most organizations, 2020 has been a very hard year for us, with major losses of income due to the pandemic. The Totten Trot is a major fundraiser for us, so please be sure to register early and bring as many of your friends and family along with. We cannot survive without the kind and generous support of people like YOU.

Visit [EliteFeats.com](https://events.elitefeats.com/tottentrot20) and search for the Totten Trot to catch all the unique, family-friendly details of the Virtual Race format and how we have done our best to keep the fun, excitement and professionalism intact, no matter the distance between us.

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Have a great race and be sure to share your photos and stories with the community on the Elite Feats Totten Trot page. I look forward to seeing your posts.

Have a great run!

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