

DEPUTY GRAND MARSHAL NOREEN ELLIS

Noreen Ellis' Irish roots come by way of her mother, Margaret, who was the only one of her 13 siblings who ventured to America. Many individuals from Limerick City are well familiar with Noreen's family having owned and operated Maher's Butchers on Parnell Street where Noreen spent much time during her childhood with her Grandmother Nonie Maher. Nonie's contributions are revered in Limerick history, known to have kept the poor of Limerick fed during the War years and afterwards during the hungry 1950s. Noreen's mother taking a page from her mother, Nonie, spent over 25 years of service volunteering to various organizations in their neighborhood of sunset Park, Brooklyn.

Noreen grew up with her 6 siblings learning from her parents an appreciation for her Irish heritage and strong values regarding family & community conscientiousness. Her own involvement in community organizations & activism is a testament to that upbringing. Noreen is a member of Queens Community Board 14, President of Rockaway Civic Association and Board Member of the Queens County St. Patrick's Day Parade & Cultural Committee. In addition to those organizations she is always lending her efforts to the Rockaway community.

On the Homefront, Noreen lives in Rockaway with her husband Stephen who retired from FDNY in 2012 after 33 years of service. Steve & Noreen are blessed with two children, Marlana now residing in Nashville, TN and Sterling a multi-disciplined artist residing in Rockaway. Noreen counts her blessings when reflecting on her family who are her ever present support system.

Professionally, Noreen is an Administrative Officer in a Real Estate Mezzanine Fund. Her corporate career began over 20 years ago in the Corporate Finance field.

When not balancing home life, career and community efforts Noreen enjoys a variety of artistic outlets... sewing, painting and baking to name a few, as well as the simple yet extremely rewarding pleasures Rockaway offers such as walking or riding a bike on the boardwalk.

