

Next meeting: Dec. 9 at 7:30 PM

Meetings at Living Hope Church basement - 240-20 Braddock Avenue



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CITY OF YES HOUSING VOTE DUE DECEMBER 5

The City Council is expected to vote on The City of Yes for Housing Opportunity (COYHO) on Thursday, December 5. On November 21, two City Council committees voted to approve the 1,400 -page bill after several changes were made.

This came after City Council President Adrienne Adams had advanced "The City for All," which required additional funding for affordable housing and infrastructure improvements.

The COYHO, as modified, included a promise by Mayor Adams to provide \$5 Billion over several years for a variety of programs. Some zoning proposals were also changed. For example, accessory dwelling units in garages and backyard buildings would not be allowed in flood zones and in specific one and two-family zones, including R1-2A, R2A and R3A (the Creedmoor Civic area is zoned R2A and R3A). It would also require that parking be provided for new units in many neighborhoods. But it still allows multi-family development in low-density neighborhoods on corner lots and wide streets. The revisions actually allow more density on some zoning lots.

Urban planner Graziano and Warren Schreiber, president of the Queens Civic Congress, said that if the plan passes on Dec. 5, they will pursue legal action. "We will be filing a lawsuit... it's happening," Graziano said. Schreiber expanded more, sharing that they would file the lawsuit under Article 78, which allows citizens to appeal decisions made by government agencies or officials to the New York State Supreme Court. "The first step would be an injunction until the Article 78, the lawsuit, could be heard," Schreiber said. Schreiber said that he wants to ask the court for an injunction as soon as possible. "We're still working on its logistics and how it's going to be funded," Schreiber said (Qns.com 11/27/24).



Our December meeting is a LIVE meeting



The December meeting is our annual Holiday party. It is a covered dish supper format. You are encouraged, but not required, to bring something. The event is free.

WINTER FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- ◆ Make sure you have a working smoke detector on every level of your home.
- ◆ Never leave open flame candles unattended. Keep lit candles away from decorations and all combustible objects.
- ◆ If you are getting a real tree, choose a freshly cut one. Check water and refill often. Keep your tree away from heat sources, sparks or flames.
- ◆ Do not use lights that have loose bulb connections. Use clips, not nails, to hang lights, so the wiring does not get damaged.
- ◆ Two-thirds of all electrical fires begin in plugs or cords on appliances such as refrigerators, air conditioners or lamps. Frayed cords expose the electrical wires that spark on contact with each other or anything that can ground the electrical current.
- ◆ To prevent overloading, never plug more than two appliances into an outlet at once or "piggyback" extra appliances on extension cords or wall outlets.
- ◆ Check outlets and switch plates to make sure they are not unusually hot to the touch. If they are, immediately unplug the cords from these outlets and do not use the switches. Have a qualified licensed electrician check the wiring as soon as possible.

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Civic member Jim Buccellato is a member of the American Legion Post 103 in Douglaston. The group was instrumental in reconstructing the Bellerose War Memorial on 239 St and Hillside Ave. They have submitted a posthumous recommendation through Congressman Suozzi and Senator Schumer to the Air Force for award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to the 11 deceased Airmen killed in Bellerose in 1940. It's currently under consideration. Senator Schumer offered to have the Post Office on Braddock Avenue officially named for the airmen. We should consider this, and perhaps also consider other people to honor. We will discuss this at upcoming meetings.

HOLIDAY MARKET DEC. 14 AT FARM MUSEUM

Join the Queens County Farm Museum for their first-ever holiday market. Various local craft and food vendors will be outdoors to find your perfect holiday gift. Admission is free + open to the public. Hours 10 am - 5 pm.

Our Holiday Farmstand + Farm Store will also be open all day. Sign-up to be a vendor. (\$100 fee applies) The 47 acre landmarked Farm is at 73-50 Little Neck Parkway.

President's Message

In case you didn't hear, last month we approved an amendment to the Creedmoor Civic Constitution to welcome as associate members people who live in nearby neighborhoods without an active civic association. Annual dues are currently \$10, the same amount paid by members within our boundaries.

We invite all to our Holiday Party, which will take place at our December 9th meeting. We have had many issues to deal with this year, but this meeting will be more social. Getting to know each other socially helps us work together more effectively. We will have music and our usual covered dish entrees and desserts, donated by our members, as well as heroes and salads.

As usual, we will hold Zoom meetings in January and February, in case there is severe weather.

Your neighbor,

Michael O'Keeffe

POLICE OFFICER ARTHUR LOPEZ BRIDGE - THE STORY BEHIND THIS MEMORIAL



If you have driven on Jamaica Ave over the Cross Island Parkway, you may have noticed the sign seen in this photo. On October 23, 2012, Nassau County Police Officer Arthur Lopez, then 29 years old, was shot and killed during a traffic stop at Jamaica Ave and 241 St. The Nassau County PD recently held a memorial observance on the anniversary, as it does every year. As you pass by, please remember Officer Lopez and the first responders who risk their lives to protect us.

Enclosed herewith are my dues for the year 2024 to the Creedmoor Civic Association, Inc. (\$10 per household)

Name _____

Address _____

Enclosed is an additional donation of \$ _____ Email address (optional): _____

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