

# In Person Meeting: December 8 at 7:30 PM

Meetings held at Church of Living Hope, 240-08 Braddock Avenue



# Creedmoor Civic News

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## CREEDMOOR CAMPUS REDEVELOPMENT APPROVED BY GOVERNOR

On November 20, Governor Kathy Hochul approved the revised Creedmoor Redevelopment Plan.

The plan calls for 2,022 dwelling units, including 950 units that will be affordable for veterans, seniors and those in need of supportive housing. The remaining 1,000-plus units will be a combination of affordable and market-rate homeownership dwellings. Ten acres are planned for green areas, retail stores and community facilities, including a school.

The original plan proposed by Empire State Development called for about 2800 units. Local elected officials, members of Queens Community Board 13 and civic associations, including Creedmoor Civic, argued that the density was too much for the site and for the surrounding community.

Empire State Development will soon issue a request for proposals for a developer for the first phase of the project, which will be built along Hillside Avenue. Phase 1 is scheduled to be completed in 2027 or 2028. The whole project is expected to take ten years to finish.

### CHECK FRAUD UPDATE

At our October 14 meeting, Mr. Kenneth Duggins from Flagstar Bank spoke about checking account fraud. Thieves continue to steal money despite actions taken by banks. He said it is very important to monitor your checking account and notify your bank if there is any suspicious activity.

One of the ways scammers operate it to "wash" checks. They steal checks from the mail and change the payee and the amount, sometimes for thousands of dollars. We have been recommending the use of gel pens, which are supposed to be harder to "wash." Another recommendation has been to mail envelopes containing checks inside the Post Office. These steps are probably helpful but have not always prevented fraud.

Consider the following measures: Keep contact information up to date; consider making digital payments

### Creedmoor Civic Dec. 8 Meeting Held Live



After a short business meeting, the remainder of the evening will be given over to a covered dish supper in celebration of the Holiday Season.

Everyone is encouraged to bring something, but it is not required. This event is free.

instead of writing checks when possible; don't keep more money than necessary in your checking account; avoid leaving large blank spaces on the amount payable lines.

Speak to your bank representatives about steps you can take to minimize fraud. The bank may have a mobile app that can send you notifications. Maybe you can set limits on checking amounts in advance. We can sign up for the "Notice of Recorded Document"

### INFO FROM ASSEMBLY MEMBER CLYDE VANEL

Thanks to NYS Assembly Member Clyde Vanel for speaking at our November 10 meeting. He discussed a new website his office has developed, [mySEQ.nyc](http://mySEQ.nyc). The website is powered by artificial intelligence (AI) and contains information about jobs, civic organizations and many other resources.

Clyde also reminded us that the New York State Comptroller's office holds funds belonging to individuals for reasons such as dormant bank accounts, old insurance policies and account credits that have not been claimed. To see if NYS is holding your money, visit [osc.ny.gov](http://osc.ny.gov) and click on "Unclaimed Funds." You may also call 800-221-9311 or 518-270-2200.

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## Around the Town

Condolences to the family of Bridie Geraghty, a longtime resident of 88th Avenue, on her recent passing.

### COMPOST COLLECTION SETS RECORD

The Department of Sanitation has collected about 6 million pounds of composting material in each week from November 2 through Nov 22, according to nyc.gov. This includes food waste, leaves and other yard debris. The week ending November 22 set a record at 6.06 million pounds.

### FARM MUSEUM TREE LIGHTING

There is an 80-foot Norway Spruce at the Queens County Farm Museum that will be lit for the first time at 5 PM on Saturday, December 6. The Oratorio Society of Queens will participate singing Christmas songs. James Trent, the museum president/founder, planted the tree when it was 8-10 feet tall. He has been asked to flip the switch. All are invited to this outdoor event, 73-50 Little Neck Pkwy.

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Enclosed herewith are my dues for the year 2026 to the Creedmoor Civic Association, Inc. (\$10 per household).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is an additional donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to Creedmoor Civic Association and mail to P. O. Box 260143, Bellerose, NY 11426-0143

## President's Message

We will hold our annual Holiday party on Monday, December 8 at 7:30 after a brief meeting. As usual, there will be music and entrees made by members, along with sandwiches and desserts. If you haven't attended a meeting in a long time (or ever), please stop by. We expect members of the NYPD and elected officials or their representatives. It's not only a social event, but it is also an opportunity to develop relationships with people with whom we work to make our community a pleasant and safe place to live.

Your neighbor,

*Michael O'Keeffe*

### CROSS ISLAND Y OFFERS FREE PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Leaders Club: Fridays from 5-7 pm. Ages 12-18. Develop interpersonal skills, take part in service projects and leadership opportunities.

Teens Night Out: Saturdays starting at 5 pm. Program includes instructional swimming, weight training, game club, volleyball and cooking.

For information about both programs, contact Malcolm Brye at Mbrye-bey@ymca.nyc.org or 718-751-9337.

### ALL THREE NYC CASINO PROPOSALS ARE APPROVED

There were three remaining casino proposals still viable when the New York Gaming Facility Location Board met on December 1. All three are approved. They are the one in The Bronx at the golf course (Bally's Bronx), Resorts World at Aqueduct Raceway, and Citi Field in Flushing (Hard Rock Metropolitan Park). Of the three, the Flushing site was the most controversial as there was strong opposition from the local Chinese community. The Queens Civic Congress also opposed it because it is turning parkland into a commercial venture. Resorts World will be the City's first casino with live-dealer table games.

