

Zoom meeting February 13, 7:30 PM



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CREEDMOOR SURPLUS ACRES COMMUNITY OUTREACH BEGINS

On Thursday, February 2, NYS Empire State Development (ESD) held a “visioning meeting” at PS 208 to start the conversation about the redevelopment of fifty-five acres of land on the Creedmoor Hospital campus.

ESD representatives provided an overview of the process and a brief history of Creedmoor Hospital. Then, attendees were encouraged to provide their ideas.

Another visioning meeting, this time by Zoom, is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb 7. Additional live meetings have been scheduled for Feb 16 and Feb 18 and a virtual meeting on Feb 23. We will provide times, locations and Zoom information when we receive it. ESD has established the website creedmoor.nyc to keep community members informed.

Queens Borough President Donovan Richards and ESD representatives have stated that they want community input on the campus redevelopment. It is important that as many people as possible participate.

On February 12, representatives from many local civic and community groups met to discuss the issue. CCA President Mike O’Keeffe and Treasurer Jim Trent represented Creedmoor Civic. The group compiled the following ideas:

Priorities:

1. To serve the needs of the community first.
2. Low to medium density scale of development



**FEBRUARY MEETING
GUEST SPEAKER:
Urban Planner Paul Graziano**

Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83449535713>

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3. Utilize wherever possible existing building exteriors and interiors
4. Adequate parking consistent with uses.
5. Environmental remediation of the entire south campus.

Community Needs:

1. Senior Housing
2. Veteran’s housing and services
3. Using housing forms compatible with community including co-ops, single family & two family.
4. Starter housing including studios for our young adults and families.
5. Recreation center serving intergenerational needs including a pool.

Objections:

1. No prisons.
2. No Juvenile Centers.
3. No homeless shelters.
4. No building above four (4) stories.
5. No big box retail store.

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President's Message

There is a lot going on that could have a lasting impact on our neighborhood. We discussed the Creedmoor campus redevelopment on page one. I encourage you to participate in this process.

In her budget message on April 1, Governor Hochul put forth her transit-oriented housing development proposal, which would greatly increase the allowed housing density within a half mile radius of every railroad station in New York State. She also plans to include legislation in her budget to allow NYC to legalize existing basement apartments. These two proposals have two things in common: they are intended to bypass local zoning regulations and they provide a "one size fits all" solution that does not consider how conditions vary from place to place.

Urban planner Paul Graziano will speak at our February 13 Zoom meeting. You may remember that Paul was instrumental in rezoning our civic area several years ago. Paul will explain the potential impact of these proposals and what may be done to oppose them.

We will resume in-person meetings starting on Monday, March 13 at the Living Hope Church, at 240-20 Braddock Ave. Your neighbor,

Michael O'Keeffe

TELL CON ED IF YOU RELY ON ELECTRIC MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Does someone in your household depend on medical equipment that requires electricity? It is important to notify Con Ed in advance in case there is a power outage. This includes people who do not receive a bill because electricity is included in their rent. Some examples of life-support equipment are respirators, apnea monitors (infant monitor), and hemodialysis equipment (kidney machine).

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POOL CLUB MEMBERSHIP

The Royal Ranch Pool Club in Glen Oaks is accepting new members for the 2023 summer season. For more information, visit royalranchpool.com or call 516-282-6780.



AND THE WINNER IS.....The winner of this month's remote raffle is the Martori family of 90th Ave. They won a \$20 gift certificate to the Flavor King Restaurant at 236-09 Braddock Ave. Thanks to the anonymous donor who funds this raffle!

BRADDOCK CLEANUP SET FOR APRIL 22

Creedmoor Civic will hold another cleanup event on Saturday, April 22, which also happens to be Earth Day. The focus will be Braddock Ave and Breininger Park. We will provide more details as they become available.

PRELLER FIELD REGISTRATION

The Hollis, Bellaire, Queens Village, Bellerose Athletic Association (HBQVBAA) is accepting registrations for the spring 2023 baseball and softball programs. Register on their website at hbqvbbaa.com or at the fieldhouse at Preller Field on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 10:00 pm. For more information, contact President Steve Adler at 516-322-1354.

GOV. WANTS MANDATORY UPZONING

New York Governor Hochul's budget message calls on localities to rezone a 1/2-mile radius around train stations to increase densities to at least 25 units per acre. If not done in three years, the State will override local zoning and impose the upzoning. Needless to say, neighborhoods with single-family zoning or low density zoning are up in arms over the threat of the loss of home rule. In our area where we have two LIRR stations, we will be affected. The Joint Bellerose Business District has authorized a statement in opposition to this threat to our suburban way of life. No doubt our February speaker will address this crisis too.