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MTA RELEASES PLANS FOR REVISED Q1 BUS ROUTE

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority has issued another revision to the redesign of the Queens bus map. While the first edition eliminated the Q1 route entirely, the bus line is back but with changes.

Bus lines are now categorized as local, limited or rush, SBS/Crosstown, and express. The revised Q1 is categorized as limited and a major corridor route for Hillside Avenue. Its terminus is no longer the bus terminal on 165th Street but the Sutphin Boulevard station of the Long Island Rail Road. As a limited bus route, bus stops are no longer two blocks apart, but rather six blocks apart. This may work on Hillside Avenue where there are other routes, but the Q1 remains the only route on Braddock Avenue so there will be a much longer walk to reach a bus stop for many of our riders. Buses in New York City have some of the slowest movements of any bus systems in the United States. The new spacing is designed to speed travel but most off-peak riders are seniors with mobility issues. Some may find they cannot use buses anymore because a walk to a bus stop or to their final destination is too long a walk. Frequency during all times will be improved. The route will operate 24 hours a day. Westbound, these are the only stops remaining on the Q1 along Braddock: Cross Island Parkway, 238th Street, Lyman Street, Winchester Boulevard, and 221st Place. It might be helpful if Braddock was local, and Hillside Avenue was limited.

The Q36 will continue to operate along Little Neck Parkway and Jericho Turnpike but will not cross through the center of Queens Village to reach Hillside Avenue via 212 Street and 212 Place, but will use Springfield Boulevard instead. A new route of Q110 will run along Jamaica Avenue/Jericho Turnpike and terminate at the Floral Park station of the Long Island Rail Road except that the MTA admitted they have not spoken to the village officials about this. Floral Park has always been adamant that buses cannot cut through their Village. Service won't be on weekends, take the Q110.

The MTA is open to comments, but probably only to some tweaking. This is already the third map since this process started. It was stated that the final design won't be implemented until 2025.

Creedmoor Civic February 12 Meeting

Speakers from Naturally Occurring Retirement Community

With Out Walls: Ebony Johnson and Amanda Valente

(Other speakers may be announced via email)

Time: 07:30 PM Eastern Time

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QCB 13 VOTES DOWN CREEDMOOR CAMPUS PLAN AND CITY OF YES

At its January 22 General meeting, Queens Community Board 13 voted against the proposed Creedmoor Master Plan. Empire State Development had proposed 2,873 units of new housing on 58 acres. This would include 813 units in elevator co-ops (six to eight stories), 536 units in walk-up co-ops (three to four stories), 186 triplexes (three stories) and 98 semidetached two-family homes (two-stories). The Community Board 13 resolution stated that the project should provide 1,000 residential units.

QCB 13 board members also voted to oppose the City of Yes for Economic Opportunity proposal, following the recommendation from the Land Use Committee, which studied the proposal extensively.



Happy Valentine's Day



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President's Message

As we reported in this newsletter, Queens Community Board 13 has voted against the proposed Creedmoor Campus Redevelopment Plan and the "City of Yes for Economic Opportunity" (COYEO). As a member of the Community Board, I voted against both proposals. I believe that the Creedmoor plan needs to be scaled back. The COYEO is actually 18 proposals, some of which may have merit, but others would be detrimental to our quality of life.

Thanks to Assembly Member Clyde Vanel for speaking at our January Zoom meeting. State Senator Toby Stavisky also joined in briefly. We thank both state legislators for their support that the redevelopment of the Creedmoor campus must include significant community input.

Your neighbor,
Michael O'Keeffe

2023 PAID DUES ADDENDUM

The following individuals or families have joined or renewed their membership in the Creedmoor Civic Association since the listing in last month's newsletter. Asterisks denote donations above the membership fee.

- 88/237: DeLeo, Abedoza*
- 88/239: Paz, Remache*, Norton*
- 88/240: Bermudez*
- 89/Lyman: Kukreja*
- 89/240: Castellanos, Butcher*
- 88 Ave: DeGula*, Taveras*

FREE COVID TESTS

The US Postal Service will send four COVID test kits to each household, free of charge. Search "usps free covid tests" to learn more.

CAR THEFTS ARE STILL A PROBLEM

NCO Officer Juan Villanueva (Sector Eddie) reports that a 2001 Chevy Cavalier was stolen from Fairbury Avenue near Breininger Park recently. So even old cars are not safe. Officers Villanueva and Pesce remind us to lock our cars, don't leave valuables in vehicles, safeguard key fobs in metal containers, and consider using a steering wheel or brake lock.

CREEDMOOR CIVIC IS GOING TO THE DOGS

We will host our next in-person meeting on Monday, March 11 at the Living Hope Christian Church. We plan to have various speakers on different aspects of pet ownership. We will have more information in our March newsletter. Please plan to join us. Sorry, but pets are not invited to the meeting.

AROUND THE TOWN: Condolences to the family of Thomas Burke, formerly of 239 St, on his recent passing. Condolences to the family of Carol Blake, a longtime resident of 240 St, on her recent passing.

AND THE WINNER IS... The Farooqui family of 88 Ave has won a \$20 gift certificate to Shahi Catering Indian and Punjabi Food, at 236-03 Braddock Ave. The winner was chosen from the roster of members who paid 2023 dues. Thanks to the anonymous donor funds these monthly awards.

DON'T BLOCK FIRE HYDRANTS

We have noticed that more parked cars are blocking fire hydrants. This endangers us all by delaying FDNY operations. Please report blocked hydrants to 311. You will need the nearest address. On 88 Avenue, this would be the address opposite the hydrant. On 89 Avenue west of 242 Street, this would be the address of the adjacent property. Several members report that the 311 App is easy to use, and you can include a photo.

PRE-K APPLICATION PERIOD OPEN

All NYC children born in 2020 can apply for pre-K for the 2024-2025 school year, including children currently attending 3-K or other preschool programs. Applications will be accepted until March 1. Visit schools.nyc.gov for more information.

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

Name _____

Address _____

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