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NYS RELEASES CREEDMOOR CAMPUS MASTER PLAN

On December 6, 2023, Empire State Development held a webinar to present the Creedmoor Community Master Plan. The plan calls for over 2,873 residential units on 58 acres of the Creedmoor campus. It is available for review at creedmoor.nyc.

Note that 1,633 of these units are designated for home ownership, while about 1,240 would be rental units. The rental units would be in buildings from 6 to 8 stories in height, and would include 377 units for senior citizens, 431 for supportive housing and 432 affordable units awarded by lottery. Veterans would get preference for 15% of the rental units. The 1,633 units proposed for homeownership would occupy a range of building types: 813 units in elevator co-ops six to eight stories; 536 units in walk-up co-ops three to four stories; 186 three-story triplexes and 98 semi-detached two-family homes. The rate of home ownership in the development is far less than the percentage of home ownership in Community Board 13. This begins to change the nature and character of our community.

A parcel of land would be made available to the Dept of Education for possible construction of a K-8 school. Plans also include inclusion of small to medium sized businesses and a senior center. The main concern expressed by members of local civic associations is that the density of the project as proposed would have an adverse impact on the community. Queens Community Board 13 Chair Bryan Block has established a sub-committee of the QCB 13 Land Use Committee to address the Creedmoor Community Master Plan. The 22-member subcommittee is comprised of local leaders and Community board 13 members from Bellerose, Queens Village, Floral Park, Glen Oaks, Cambria Heights, Laurelton, Rosedale, and Springfield Gardens. CCA President Mike O'Keeffe and Treasurer Jim Trent are on the sub-committee. At the subcommittee's first meeting on December 19, members from all over QCB 13's catchment area said they moved to their community for its suburban quality. The consensus was that the project needs to be scaled back.

We will be focusing on this issue for the foreseeable future.

Creedmoor Civic January 8 Meeting

Speaker to be announced via email.

Time: 07:30 PM Eastern Time

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105th PRECINCT NEWS

Farewell to Inspector Igor Pinkhasov, who served as 105th Pct Commander for over three years. Welcome to Captain Sony Beauvoir the new Commanding Officer of the 105th Pct. Captain Beauvoir has served as Executive Officer for several months and has a good understanding of the precinct.

There have been at least two car thefts in our area in the past month. If your vehicle has a key fob, keep the fob in a metal box or Faraday box or pouch so that thieves can't activate the fob remotely. The use of a steering wheel or brake pedal lock may deter conventional auto thefts. There was also at least one theft of a catalytic converter, taken overnight from a 2014 VW parked in the owner's driveway.

Sector David and Sector Eddie held quarterly Build the Block meetings in December. A few highlights:

- There was a "skimmer" found on an ATM machine in a 7/11 on Hillside Ave. Thieves attach skimmers to ATM's to obtain information from bank cards. Make sure a device is not attached to an ATM before using it.
- Burglars pushed in a window air conditioner to gain access to a house in Sector Eddie. Consider removing window air conditioners during the colder weather. They are easy for burglars to push in.
- Consider carrying your credit cards in a "Faraday sleeve." Thieves can obtain information from credit cards we carry around.
- Scams: The IRS will not call you. And, if you get a text message about a package, don't click on the link. It's probably a scam.

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President's Message

As we start 2024, we will continue to address the "City of Yes" initiative proposed by Mayor Adams and the Creedmoor campus redevelopment proposal. The officers and board members of the Creedmoor Civic Association believe we represent the majority of our members in expressing concerns that too much development would be detrimental to our community. Please attend our meetings to ask questions and voice your opinion. We will meet by Zoom this Monday, January 8, and again on February 12. In person meetings will resume on March 11.

Thanks to all who have paid 2023 civic dues and/or made generous donations. Additions to the roster are included in this newsletter.

I apologize that the civic phone has been disconnected for the past few weeks. The problem has since been rectified.

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 our listing in last month's newsletter. Asterisks denotes donation above the membership fee.

- 89/Lyman St- Singh*, Dolan*
- 88/237 St- Mateo*
- 88/238 St- Corcoran, Rizzuto, Reatiqui, Sethi
- 88/239 St- Martinez*
- 89/239 St- Moore
- 89/240 St- Becker*
- 89/241 St- Fernandez*
- 88/242 St- Rocco
- 89/242 St- Aide
- 88th Ave-Larkins*
- 89th Ave- Coscia*
- 90th Ave- Martori*, Yevoli*

Additional Donations

- 90th Ave- Sileo*
- Floral Park- Buccatello*

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

The St. Gregory the Great Holy Name Society is sponsoring a defensive driving course. Option 1 is a full day classroom course on Saturday, January 20 from 9am-3pm in the meeting room below the Rectory. Option 2 is a split Zoom course, held on Tuesday, January 16 and Wednesday, January 17 from 6pm-9pm. The cost is \$45 for either course. For more information, contact Bill Chuber at Bill@saiinsurance.com or 516-855-3019.

AND THE WINNER IS... The Fischbeck family of 240 St has won a \$20 gift certificate to City Care Pharmacy, located at 241-19 Braddock. The winner was chosen from the roster of members who paid 2023 dues. An anonymous donor funds these monthly awards.

AROUND THE TOWN Condolences to the Duskwicz family, formerly of Lyman St, on the recent passing of Sal Liotta. Sal was the brother of Ann Marie Duskwicz, former CCA Recording Secretary. Rick Duskwicz continues to serve the civic as President Emeritus.

SPECIAL ELECTION ON FOR FEB 13

There will be a special election on Tuesday, February 13 to fill the 3rd District Congressional seat that was made vacant when George Santos was expelled from Congress. The Republican candidate will be Mazi Melisa Pilip, who was recently reelected to Nassau County's 10th Legislative District. The Democratic Candidate will be Tom Suozzi, who held the CD-3 seat from 2017 through 2022. There will be early voting days: February 3 through the 11th. Hours vary. Early voting will be conducted at Creedmoor Hospital sports dome. Election Day voting is at P.S.18.

APEC REOPENS

The Alley Pond Environmental Center has moved into its new building at 229-10 Northern Blvd. It is a great place to take kids. Visit alleypond.org 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) _____