

Zoom Meeting: January 12 at 7:30 PM



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SERIOUS FIRE ON 241 STREET

On a Saturday evening several weeks ago, there was a serious fire on 241 Street, sparked by an explosion involving a defective propane grill.

Fortunately, there were no injuries, but there was extensive damage to two homes and minor damage to another house.

Firefighters were unable to operate the nearest hydrant, possibly because it was frozen. The next hydrant down the block proved to be serviceable. We express our deepest sympathies to our neighbors who sustained these losses, which were even more difficult as they occurred during the Holiday season.

Fire safety is important in every community but is a particular concern in the Creedmoor Civic area because most of our houses are separated only by 10-foot-wide driveways. Also, many of our houses are of balloon frame construction. The wood studs used to construct the sidewalls extend from the basement to the attic, providing voids which allow fire to travel easily.

All homeowners should check their home insurance policies. Coverage should be of sufficient value to completely rebuild a house. Ideally, the contents of a home should be insured at full replacement value. It would also be beneficial for your policy to pay for a place for the occupants to live while repairs are made.

Homeowners need to weigh insurance cost vs. coverage.

We must be vigilant and call 311 or use the 311 app to report any cars that are parked at hydrants. In addition to the vehicle's location, the make, color, and plate number will be requested. People who are physically able should clear snow from hydrants near their homes.

We will discuss various aspects of fire safety in our newsletter and at meetings for the next several months.

Creedmoor Civic News Anniversary!

Founded in 1931, the *Creedmoor Civic News* has been continuously published for 95 years. This issue is Volume 95, No. 1. There have been only two editors. Jack Breininger, after which the Breininger Playground

Creedmoor Civic Jan.12 Remotely Held

Newlin Peng, Managing Director, Paul Davis Restoration. Our topic will be how to prepare for and recover after sustaining major property damage from a fire or water leak.

Time: Jan 12, 2026 07:30 PM Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87336198217>

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on Braddock Avenue is named, was the first editor. Jack's stewardship continued until the 1960s when James Trent took over and has been editor for the last 60+ years.

EXCELSIOR SCHOLARSHIP FOR SUNY, CUNY

The Excelsior Scholarship is open to students whose families have an adjusted combined federal household income not exceeding \$125,000. Students must be attending college full time and complete thirty credits per year in an approved program. They must complete the FAFSA and TAP applications and qualify for federal aid. The Excelsior Scholarship pays the remaining tuition balance not covered by other grants. To apply, visit the NYS Higher Education Services Corporation website (hesc.ny.gov). Applications will be accepted through February 3rd for the spring 2026 semester. (Newsday 12/31/25)



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CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Christmas trees and wreaths should be put out on Thursday evening with compostable materials for the Friday pickup. Please remove tinsel, decorations, etc.

**INFORMATION FROM
COUNCIL MEMBER LINDA LEE**

-Notary service is available on Fridays, by appointment only, at the District 23 office, located at 73-03 Bell Blvd. To make an appointment, email District23@council.nyc.gov or call 718-468-0137.

-A CUNY law attorney will be available to provide legal advice on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Call the office to make an appointment.

-Veteran Service Officers (VSO) will be available on the 4th Monday of every month from 10 am to 4 pm at the John F. Prince VFW Post 6478, located at 242-37 Braddock Ave. Call or email the council office for an appointment. Services include health, dependent and education benefits, home loans and State and Local benefits.

President’s Message

We will meet by Zoom on Monday, January 12 at 7:30 pm. Our topic will be how to prepare for and recover after sustaining major property damage from a fire or water leak.

The easiest way to join the meeting is if we send you the Zoom link by email. Please consider signing up for our emails if you haven’t done so already. We send emails “bcc” so no one sees your email address. Over 300 people receive our monthly newsletters and announcements by email. If you wish to be added, send your email address to creedmoorcivic@gmail.com.

Your neighbor,

Michael O’Keeffe

DSNY LOOKING FOR SNOW SHOVELERS

The Department of Sanitation is once again hiring temporary workers as emergency snow shovelers. Hourly pay is \$19.14. For more information, visit nyc.gov and type “emergency snow shovelers” in the search box.

K of C BLOOD DRIVE

The St Anne’s Council Knights of Columbus, located at 263-15 Union Turnpike, will host a blood drive on Wednesday, January 28th from 1:45 pm to 7:45 pm. To schedule an appointment, visit nybc.org or call 800-933-BLOOD.

**CITY OF YES LAWSUITS
BY CIVICS CONTINUES**

The lawsuit against the City of Yes destruction of our NYC zoning resolution, and a lawsuit against the wording of various City Charter amendments in last November’s election both lost in the courts, but the civic associations that have brought the suits (and Creedmoor Civic is a participant) have decided to appeal. Never has the integrity of our neighborhoods been more threatened. The City of Yes is essentially a repeal of commonsense zoning to keep new neighborhood development contextual to what is already existing. The new zoning text would allow out of scale development.

The charter amendment challenge was based on our complaint that the language favored a yes vote. Language is supposed to be neutral in describing a change.

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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