

# In Person Meeting March 11 at 7:30 PM

Church of Living Hope, 240-20 Braddock Avenue



## Creedmoor Civic News

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### POLS AND CIVICS PROTEST CREEDMOOR TENT EXPANSION

On Monday, February 26, several local elected officials and civic leaders attended a press conference at the SNAP Senior Center to protest NYC's plan to add an additional 170 beds to the Creedmoor Humanitarian Emergency Response and Relief Center (HERRC) on the Creedmoor Hospital campus.

State Assembly Member Ed Braunstein, whose district includes the Creedmoor campus, said that the HERRC is the only tent shelter in a residential neighborhood. He noted that the facility is near a school, the SNAP Senior Center, the Cross Island Y, and the Preller athletic complex.

State Senator Toby Stavisky said that the city has recently had a 5% decrease in the number of migrants being sheltered, so it is "incomprehensible" that the city proposes to increase the population at Creedmoor by 17%.

Council Member Linda Lee said, "I urge the administration to reevaluate its options and come back to the table with a solution that addresses the challenges voiced by the affected community." CM Lee also said she is working to have a curfew at the Creedmoor HERRC. Migrant shelters run by the Department of Homeless Services have curfews. You may express your opinion to Mayor Adams by calling 311 or by visiting [nyc.gov](http://nyc.gov) and typing "contact the mayor" in the search box. (*Quotes from the Queens Chronicle 2/29/24*)

#### NEWS FROM THE 105TH PCT

Auto theft continues to be a big problem throughout the precinct, as is theft of valuables left in vehicles. Consider using a steering wheel or brake lock. Don't leave wallets, credit cards, cash, or handbags in vehicles. If you must leave valuable items in a vehicle, keep them out of sight.

Build the Block Meetings: Sector David (Lyman and Moline Streets): Thursday, March 14 at 7 pm at the Queens Village Library, located at 94-11 217 St.

Sector Eddie (Gettysburg St. to the Cross Island Parkway): Thursday, March 21 at 7 pm. As of now, this is planned as a Zoom meeting. Details to follow.

Easter Egg Hunt: Friday, March 29 at Breininger Park. Time to be announced.

#### Creedmoor Civic March 11 Meeting

We will have speakers about several aspects of pet ownership.  
We are also looking forward to hearing from our members.  
Ongoing civic issues will also be discussed.

Time: 07:30 PM Eastern Time

#### ANNUAL CLEANUP SET FOR APRIL 27

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 27, when we will hold our annual community beautification event. More details will be provided by email and in the April newsletter.

#### GARDEN TOURS OF OUR CIVIC?

A new project for our civic is being discussed. We'd love to have your further input at the March meeting. The proposal is a tour of front and/or backyard gardens. Other communities do this. We'd like to hear from our neighbors who'd like to have their property on the tour map. The project hopes to inspire more plantings (and less pavings) to keep Bellerose green and beautiful. We need to pick a date as well. Please come out and be part of this new initiative.

#### NEWS FROM ASSEMBLY MEMBER CLYDE VANEL

Clyde has sponsored a bill, A1186, which would increase fines for trucks parked overnight in residential areas. The bill is in committee. On March 24 from noon to 2 pm, there will be a free ice-skating event at the new Winter Wonderland at the UBS Arena. Free notary service is available at Clyde's office, located at 97-01 Springfield Blvd. To make an appointment, contact Legislative Director Tyler Fritzhand at [District33@NYAssembly.gov](mailto:District33@NYAssembly.gov) or at 718-479-2333.

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AND THE WINNER IS... The Cashin family of 88 Ave has won a \$20 gift certificate to La Aurora Restaurant, at 239-17 Braddock Ave. The winner was chosen from the roster of members who paid 2023 dues. Thanks to the anonymous donor who funds these monthly awards.

KNOW THE DSNY RULES

- Property owners must clean sidewalks (including areas like tree pits, grass strips, etc.) and gutter areas (18 inches from the curb into the street) along the building perimeter (RCNY 16-118).
Setting out trash: Place your items curbside after 6 PM (if in a bin with a secured lid) or after 8 PM (if in bags) and before midnight the evening before your scheduled pickup (DSNY Website).

CONSTRUCTION SITE AT 238-17 BRADDOCK

As you are probably aware, there has been no activity at the construction site at 239 St and Braddock Ave for a long time. Information on the NYC Building Information System states that a stop work order was issued in May of 2023, citing several violations. A partial stop work order is still in effect. Recently, an alert civic member observed several bags of construction debris dumped on the sidewalk, outside of the site. After we notified 311, The Dept of Sanitation quickly removed the trash.

President's Message

We are looking forward to our conversation about pets as we resume our in-person meetings this Monday evening at 7:30 pm. We will also provide updates on current issues. Please stop by. Refreshments will be served.

We have included dues envelopes with our hard copy newsletters. Please disregard or save for later if you have paid 2024 dues recently. Contact us at creedmoorcivic@gmail.com or 718-464-3369 to check if you owe for 2024. Thanks again for your generous support!

We are still noticing cars blocking fire hydrants. There was a serious fire a few weeks ago on 237 St. Blocked hydrants jeopardize us all. Please report blocked hydrants to 311. The 311 app is great for this.

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.

242 St: Ragusa / 88 Ave: Casado\* Guzman\*

CIVIC ELECTION SLATE

As per our constitution, we hold elections every year for officer positions and for two board member positions (board terms are for three years and are staggered). The slate of candidates is as follows:
President.....Michael O'Keeffe
President Emeritus.....Rick Duszkiewicz
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At the March 11 meeting, the floor will be open to nominations of civic members in good standing who wish to run for these positions. If there are any contested positions, an election will be held at our April 8 meeting. As per our constitution, nominees for President must have attended a majority of the civic meetings for the 12 months immediately preceding the election

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): \_\_\_\_\_