

In Person Meeting March 9 at 7:30 PM

Living Hope Church, 240-20 Braddock Avenue



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QUEENS CIVICS CONVENTION SET FOR APRIL 19

The Queens Civic Congress, an umbrella of civic associations throughout Queens, will hold its biennial convention on April 19 at 1 pm at Antun's in Queens Village.

Creedmoor Civic is a prominent participant in the QCC affairs. These conventions have been held regularly since around 1965. In recent years, they have been drawing 200 persons including civic associations members, political club members, elected officials, and candidates for elective office. Tickets for the three course lunch are \$80. per person. The lineup of speakers has not yet been confirmed. Anyone interested can contact James Trent, QCC Events Chairman, at jtrent8830@aol.com or 718-343-8830.

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES FROM THE FEB 9TH CCA MEETING

On February 9th Creedmoor Civic held a Zoom meeting about mental health resources.

We have sent out a link to the 37-minute meeting video. The link and password can also be found on our website, creedmoorcivic.org. (A QR Code for the website is in the box on page 2 of this newsletter.)

Yunis Esa, Community Coordinator for the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, provided a brief overview of mental health awareness and resources. He emphasized that anyone can call or text 988 for information about mental health and substance use support. 988 can also be used by people experiencing a mental health crisis, or by anyone who just wants to talk to someone.

Larry Grubler, the CEO of Transitional Services for NY (TSINY), spoke next. For the last 50 years, the mission of TSINY has been to provide housing and many other services to help people experiencing mental illness become as independent as possible. For more information, visit www.tsiny.org or call 718-536-8400.

Sara Bonne, the Director of Social Work at Zucker-Hillside Hospital, discussed outpatient and inpatient services offered there. For more information,

Creedmoor Civic March 9 - Live meeting



A representative from the FDNY Fire Safety Education Program will speak at our March 9th in-person meeting. Fire safety is particularly important for our members because many of our homes are of wood frame construction and are only separated by a 10-foot-wide driveway. For more information about fire safety, visit fdnysmart.org.

call 718-470-8100.

Maryanne Greene and Gail and David Sills spoke about the Queens/Nassau Chapter of The National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMIQN). The organization is run mostly by people suffering from mental illness and their families. It provides education, support, and socialization through a variety of programs and activities. Visit namiqn.org for more information.

NYS OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES

A civic member whose steering wheel air bag was stolen has applied for and received the cost of her insurance deductible from the NYS Office of Victim Services. More information can be found at ovs.ny.gov/victim-compensation, or by calling 800-247-8035.

CIVICS STILL FIGHTING CITY OF YES IN COURTS

The Queens Civic Congress is still pursuing overturning the court decision that upheld the City of Yes City Council legislation as legal. The complaint was that the environmental impact study was deficient. The QCC has filed an intent to appeal with the court and will soon be filing the actual legal documents that hopefully will prove that the court decision was erroneous. City of Yes essentially repeals zoning in NYC.

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PRELLER FIELD SPRING PROGRAM SIGN UP

Preller Field is accepting registrations for spring baseball and softball for ages 3 through 14. Contact Kristine at Kuzemchak225@aim.com or Steve at 516-322-1354.

TAX PREP HELP

NYC is offering free in person or online income tax preparation help for individuals or couples with a combined income of \$68K with no dependents or \$97K with dependents. For more information, visit nyc.gov/taxprep or call 311.

TSINY FOOD PANTRY

There is a food pantry on the second Tuesday of each month from 10am-11am at Transitional Services Inc. of NY (TSINY), located at 242-01 Braddock Ave. The food pantry is run by New Beginnings Outreach for the clients of TSINY. Members of the community have been invited to participate. For more information, contact Reverend Bernadette Everett at 347-306-9440.

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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

President’s Message

Our area is always a bit messy as we emerge from winter, but this year is off the charts. Let’s do whatever we can to clean up our blocks. We will hold our annual cleanup event later in the spring, details to follow.

Some February newsletters were delivered late or not at all because of the extreme weather. We send our newsletters and other announcements out by email each month. If you would like to be added to the list, email us at creedmoorcivic@gmail.com.

Thanks to all who shoveled out fire hydrants or helped their neighbors during this difficult winter. Finally, thanks again to our civic officers and board members, and to your neighbors who deliver our newsletters. These volunteers make our neighborhood a better place to live.

Your neighbor,

Michael O’Keeffe

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 Duskiwicz
First Vice President.....Rosemary Parker
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Treasurer.....James A. Trent
Recording Secretary.....open
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Board Member Class of 2029.....Brendan Barrett
Board Member Class of 2029.....Sabina Ackbarali

There are vacancies for Recording Secretary and for one member of the Board of Governors. Please let us know if you are interested.

At the March 9 meeting, the floor will be open for 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 13 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.