

In Person Meeting May 13 at 7:30 PM

Church of Living Hope, 240-20 Braddock Avenue



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OPPOSITION TO "CITY OF YES" IS GROWING

Word has reached us that the folks living in Cambria Heights are in an uproar over learning how City of Yes will impact their beautiful neighborhood of single-family detached houses. Hundreds of residents turned out to a meeting to discuss this. Most Queens community boards have rejected the plan as well.

Meantime, on April 29, the City Planning Commission began public review for the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity text amendment. This is the third City of Yes proposal. On March 6, the City Planning Commission voted to approve the City of Yes for Economic Opportunity zoning text amendment, which will soon be reviewed and voted on by the City Council. Last year, the City Council approved the first proposal, the City of Yes for Carbon Neutrality Amendment, which deals with environmental issues.

The City of Yes for Housing Opportunity is scheduled to undergo public review sometime this spring. This will start with a review by community boards. Next, the borough presidents will give their recommendations. Then it would go to the City Planning Commission, which will hold a public hearing. If it is approved by the Planning Commission, it would then go to the City Council for review and a vote, probably this fall.

We have been addressing The City of Yes throughout the year, both at meetings and in our newsletter. While many believe something needs to be done to address the cost and availability of housing in NYC, this is a broad-brush approach that does not consider the needs and wishes of residents of different neighborhoods. Some ideas, like repurposing underutilized commercial buildings for residential use, may have merit and broad-based support. Other elements, such as allowing dwelling units including backyard cottages, garage conversions or cellar level apartments, would have a very detrimental impact on our already too crowded community. The proposal would also lift parking mandates for new buildings.

Please come to our May 13 meeting to learn more and to find out what actions we can take. We hear that due to the low density of the Bellerose community, we are being especially targeted. *(Continued on Column 2)*

Creedmoor Civic May 13 Meeting



Flushing Planner Paul Graziano will be our May meeting guest speaker. Paul helped Creedmoor Civic rezone the eastern part of our territory to R2A some years ago. Hear Paul talk about how Bellerose will be impacted if City of Yes is not stopped.

Time: 07:30 PM Eastern Daylight Time

DON'T PARK BY FIRE HYDRANTS



We are still seeing vehicles illegally parked obstructing fire hydrants.

Under NYC

law, parking within 15 feet of a hydrant can result in a summons which carries a \$115 fine. For everyone's safety, we must be sure that the FDNY has unobstructed access to hydrants. Please notify 311, either by phone or with the 311 app, about cars parked at hydrants.

City of Yes *continued from Column 1*

But back to Cambria Heights. On Saturday, May 4, Paul Graziano was invited to keynote a grass roots meeting in Cambria Heights of 550 people pulled together by a resident. The people were shocked and angry at how bad COY will be on our residential communities.

Our area and adjacent community districts, which are among the least dense areas of the city, will be a target to demonstrate growth. We need to do all we can to make our constituents aware of the threat of COY to our quality of life.

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AND THE WINNER IS...We have two winners this month. The Geraghty family from 88 Avenue has won a free T-shirt from Overflow Vinyl, at 239-15 Braddock Avenue. The Munsch family, also from 88 Avenue, has won a \$20 gift certificate to Texstar Service Station at 240-06 Braddock Avenue. The winners were chosen from the roster of members who paid their 2023 civic dues. Thanks to the anonymous donor who funds these monthly awards.

CIVIC CLEANUP HELD APRIL 27

Volunteers pose after another successful Creedmoor Civic Clean up day on April 27th.



President's Message

Thanks to all who participated in our cleanup and tree pit mulching along Braddock Ave on April 27. Let's keep working on our own blocks.

We are grateful to those of you who have paid dues and/or made generous donations to the Creedmoor Civic Assn. If you have not yet paid 2024 dues, a coupon is included in this newsletter.

We have been addressing The City of Yes throughout the year, both at meetings and in our newsletter. While I believe something needs to be done to address the cost and scarcity of housing in NYC, this is a broad-brush approach. Some elements would have a very detrimental impact on our community. Please come to our May 13 meeting for an update and to learn what we can do.

Finally, please take time out of your busy Memorial Day weekend to remember the members of the US Armed Forces who have given so much to preserve our way of life.

Your neighbor, Michael O'Keeffe

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

The John F. Prince VFW Post will hold a Memorial Day service on Monday, May 27, time to be determined. All are welcome. Bring American Flags that are due to be retired.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Free Bike Helmet Giveaway. Saturday, May 18 from 10 am to 1:30 pm. Bellerose Playground, at 248-05 85 Ave. While supplies last. Parent or guardian must be present to sign a waiver for children under 18. Sponsored by CM Linda Lee.

Shredding Event. Friday, May 24th, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Alley Pond Park, Springfield Blvd parking lot at 76 Ave. Sponsored by DSNY and CM Linda Lee.

Alley Pond Park Trails Day. Saturday June 1 from 10 am-2 pm. Upper Alley Pond Park near the Adventure Course. Activities, nature walks, kids' activities. Rain date 6/8/24. Visit FriendsOfAlleyPondPark.org for more Information.

E-Waste Recycling Event. Saturday 6/8/24 10am to 2 pm rain or shine at Alley Athletic Playground, across from Creedmoor Hospital at 79-25 Winchester Blvd. Sponsored by CM Linda Lee and State Senator Toby Stavisky.

Enclosed herewith are my dues for the year 2024 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

