

Live Joint meeting Oct. 10 7:30 PM

Note changed date and location: Public School 18 - 86-35 235th Court



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CREEDMOOR TENT CITY UPDATES

The Creedmoor tent city has been open since August 16. We have received updates during the past month:

Det. William Gunn Park:

Elected officials have been working to improve conditions in the park. The Parks Dept has provided trash receptacles. CM Linda Lee reported that the Dept of Transportation (DOT) has dropped off bike racks to be assembled inside the Creedmoor grounds. DOT representatives said they plan to remove the bike racks from Gunn Park soon. Elected officials and community members have requested that benches and tables be set up on the Creedmoor grounds to diminish the number of migrants congregating in the park. Although Gunn Park closes at 9 pm, we were advised by the NYPD that it is legal to sit in the area closer to Hillside Ave at all hours.

PS 18:

So far, the school is operating well. Security cameras that can be monitored at the 105th Precinct have been installed at the school. Inspector Igor Pinkhasov and City Council Member Linda Lee are in regular contact with the principal and the PTA president. The gates of the playground adjacent to the school are locked during school hours. Arrangements have been made to clear Gunn Park of occupants when the school has a fire drill.

NYPD

Inspector Pinkhasov stated he is not aware of any serious incidents related to the migrant population. He has met with school personnel and local residents. Officers have issued summonses for minor offenses and have confiscated illegal e-bikes. A police car remains on the scene 24/7 but is now outside the Creedmoor grounds so the officers are more visible and available. Insp. Pinkhasov advised that anyone in the area that has a concern should speak to the officers directly.

Our NCO Officers have been working to educate tent occu-

OCTOBER MEETING WILL BE LIVE

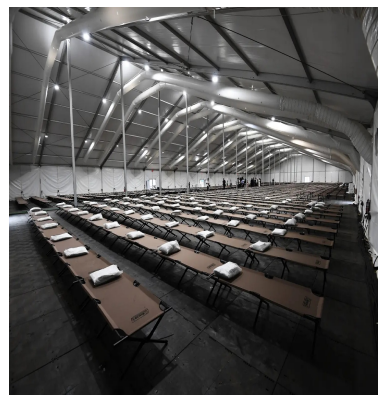
Joint meeting- with Rocky Hill Civic Assn- Tuesday, October 10 at 7:30 pm at PS 18, at 86-35 235 Ct. Candidates for the Queens District Attorney and the District 23 City Council seat have been invited.

pants on laws related to the use of e-bikes, drinking alcohol in public, etc.

Detective Ramos (not from 105 Pct) works with immigrant populations. He has visited and plans to instruct tent occupants on how to comply with laws while in the community. Information packet about e-bikes. Six Youth Coordination officers and their supervisor are giving PS 18 special attention.

Miscellaneous

DSNY is aware of the increased trash and litter in the park and on Hillside Ave and Winchester Blvd. They request that anyone report litter locations to 311. The tents remain occupied to full capacity of approximately 1,000 men. The US Government has extended Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to migrants from



1,000 man tent at Creedmoor

Venezuela. Once people apply, work permission will be available in 30 days, instead of the current 180 day wait. A Health and Hospitals representative stated that the air conditioning equipment will be able to provide heat as the cold weather approaches.

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President's Message

We continue to monitor and report on the Creedmoor HERRC migrant tent facility. See details in this newsletter.

Our annual Halloween Parade will take place on Sat Oct 28. See page 4 for details. Thanks to Bellerose Rescue for hosting our candy distribution and fun house afterwards.

October is Fire Safety Month. Take a few minutes to make sure your smoke and CO detectors are in good working order. The Red Cross "Sound the Alarm" program will install detectors free of charge.

We will publish the 2023 civic dues roster in our November newsletter.

Your neighbor,
Michael O'Keefe

NY FOUNDATION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS HOME REPAIR

The NY Foundation for Senior Citizens has a Home Repair and Safety Audit Program. Senior homeowners with limited financial means may be entitled to minor plumbing, gutter-cleaning, masonry, electrical, carpentry, caulking, weather-stripping, home readiness for winter and summer, and installing smoke detectors, air conditioners, crime prevention devices, grab bars, as well as some emergency services. The program also offers free home safety audits to identify and correct safety hazards. For more information, visit www.nyfsc.org or call (212) 962-7655.

SIKH PARADE SET FOR NOV 4

The Gurdwara Sant Sagar (Sikh house of worship) will celebrate the 554th birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the First Master and Founder of Sikhism, with their annual parade on Saturday, November 4, 2023. Marchers will assemble at 11:45 am at the Temple at 242-25 Braddock Avenue.

Sikh Parade route: Cross the Braddock Avenue Bridge to the northbound Cross Island Service Road; north to Hillside Avenue; east to 263rd Street; north to 82nd Avenue; west to Commonwealth Boulevard; south to Hillside Avenue; west to the southbound Cross Island Service Road; south to 88 Road (parking lot of St. Gregory's Church). Estimated arrival time will be 3:45pm-4 pm. There will be a reception in the parking lot with free vegetarian food. All are welcome.

AND THE WINNER IS... The Schwizer family from 242 Street has won a \$20 gift certificate to Jason's Deli at 241-17 Braddock Ave. The winner is selected from the 2022 roster of members who paid civic dues. It is funded by an anonymous donor.

OKTOBERFEST UPCOMING

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, at Commonwealth Blvd and 87 Ave, will hold an Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 28 from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm. It will include German food, soda, beer, raffles and more! For more information call 718-347-0278.

NOTIFY NYC

Notify NYC gives you up-to-the-minute information about emergency situations and/or planned events in New York City. You can receive information by text message or through the Notify NYC app. Visit NYC.gov/notifynyc for more information.

ST. GREGORY'S BLOOD DRIVE

St. Gregory's Holy Name Society will hold its annual blood drive on Sunday, October 22 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm in the Oak Room below the Church. Registration online at <https://www.nybc.org/> or after Masses on October 15. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Enclosed herewith are my dues for the year 2023 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

ELECTION DAY INFORMATION

Election Day is Tuesday, November 7. The entire City Council and the Queens District Attorney are on the ballot. Our civic territory votes at P.S. 18 on Election Day, from 6 am to 9 pm. The deadline for the Board of Elections to receive an absentee ballot application for the General election via the online portal, mail, email, or fax is October 18, 2021. For more information, visit <https://vote.nyc/>

Early voting will take place from Saturday, October 28 through Sunday, November 5. The early voting location for our civic area is the sports bubble at Creedmoor Hospital, 79-25 Winchester Boulevard. It is helpful to the poll workers if you bring your voter card which has a bar code on it. They scan the card, and your voter page comes up quicker. Here is the schedule. The hours for early voting vary day to day:

Saturday October 28, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
Sunday October 29, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
Monday October 30, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
Tuesday October 31, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
Wednesday November 1, 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM.
Thursday November 2, 10 AM to 8:00 PM.
Friday November 3, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
Saturday November 4, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
Sunday November 5, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

QUEENS FARM OCTOBER EVENTS

Autumn is a great time to visit the Queens Farm Museum. Visit queensfarm.org for details. Here are a few highlights:

The Amazing Maize Maze, New York City's only corn maze, is waiting for you, Friday-Sunday through October 28. Online tickets required. Tickets: \$16, \$12 (ages 4-11) Free for ages three and under. Online tickets required. Want even more of a challenge? Check out Maze by Moonlight — 4 nights only: Saturday, October 7, 14 and 21, and Friday, October 27, from 6-8 pm and 8-10 pm. Online tickets required.

Halloween on the Farm: Tickets include: The Amazing Maize Maze, DJ dance party, Trick-or-treating with the farm animals! Find nine stations located throughout the farm's 47 acres, Spooky farmhouse experience, Halloween hayrides. Sunday, October 29, 11 am-4 pm. Tickets \$20 per person, free ages 3 and under. Online tickets required.



Farm Museum Pumpkin Patch

Hayrides: Saturday and Sunday 11-4 on the hour, Monday-Friday 1-4 on the hour. Tickets are \$6. Purchase at the Farm Store. You can buy a pumpkin in the Pumpkin Patch through Oct 31. Apple cider and donuts are available weekends through October.

105th PCT NEWS

The precinct will hold its Halloween Party 10/31 after school. All kids are welcome. They have hosted over 500 kids at past Halloween parties.

Inspector Igor Pinkhasov said the 105th Precinct experienced one of the safest summers in memory.

There was only one shooting incident, which may have been self-inflicted. There were six shots fired incidents, three of which occurred on the July 4 weekend. Grand larcenies continue to be a problem, including credit card scams and thefts from cars. Our NCO's informed us that two commercial vans were broken into in our area, resulting in losses worth \$3,000 each.

Auto theft continues to be a big problem, partially due to Tik Tok challenges to steal Hyundai, Kia, and Infiniti vehicles.

Insp Pinkhasov said there are over 1500 illegal smoke shops citywide. Under current laws, enforcement is difficult and involves joint operations between the NYPD and the Sheriff's office. A proposed City Council bill would fine landlords who knowingly rent to illegal smoke shops.

NEW BUSINESSES ON BRADDOCK AVE.

Shahi Catering is a family-owned business that began three years ago to provide catering services for weddings, business events and parties in private settings, such as backyard gatherings, in the New Hyde Park, Floral Park and Bellerose area. The demand for their services encouraged them to open a business at 236-03 Braddock Avenue for catered events and buffet style offerings for takeout and dine-in. The menu features Punjabi style dishes. Their most popular specialties are Butter Chicken and Shahi Pasta, which is pasta with their Butter Chicken sauce.

Overflow Vinyl started as an at-home business during the Covid lockdown. They are now located at 239-15 Braddock Avenue. This family-owned business fulfills custom apparel orders for individuals, often vinyl heat transfer, and bulk orders of embroidered designs. Customers have included Leroy Comrie's State Senate Office, The MTA, and local businesses. On their website they also sell apparel decoration supplies for individuals and designers. Their YouTube channel provides instructions for completing designs.

Citi Care Pharmacy, 241-19 Braddock Avenue, is an independent retail pharmacy that fills and dispenses prescriptions. A selection of health and beauty supplies is available. Blood pressure and blood sugar check-ups are offered; flu and COVID vaccinations will be offered at a future date. Customers can arrange to take Department of Motor Vehicle vision tests at this location for driving license issuance or renewal.