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Living Hope Christian Church, 240-08 Braddock Avenue



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CIVICS SUCCEED IN DOWNSIZING CREEDMOOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN

In early August, NYS Senator Toby Ann Stavisky, Assemblyman Edward Braunstein and Council Member Linda Lee announced an agreement reached with Empire State Development (ESD) that will reduce the density of the Creedmoor Mixed-Use Redevelopment Project by about 27%.

The revised plan lowers the percentage of housing units for persons with mental illness from 35% to 20%, taking into consideration that there is already significant supportive housing on the Creedmoor campus. The timeline for construction of units reserved for seniors will be accelerated. Housing reserved for veterans remains unchanged from the initial proposal.

Five of the 8-story buildings originally proposed have been removed from the plan, and the remaining eight 8-story buildings will be set at the center of the campus. The footprint of the proposed school was also reduced, freeing up space for a playground, faculty parking, and bus loading zones that will help ensure a safe flow of traffic. According to ESD, the mix of total units would be approximately 52% homeownership and 48% rental, and all rental units would be affordable while homeownership would be a mix of affordable and market-rate units.

In addition to elected officials and civic groups, Queens Community Board 13 also played an active role in modifying the original plan. The following is an excerpt from a statement released by Queens Community Board 13's Corey Bearak, Chair, Land Use Subcommittee on Creedmoor; Bryan Block, QCB13 Chair; and Mark McMillan, District Manager:

"Queens Community Board 13 (QCB13) thanks our state and city legislators – State Assembly Member Ed Braunstein, State Senator Toby Stavisky and City Council Member Linda Lee -- for standing with our community to secure a new plan for Creedmoor that provides a scale of housing density consistent in scale with eastern Queens and no longer exacerbates existing over saturation of supportive housing in Queens Community Board 13.

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Speaker to be announced via email

Queens Community Board 13 also appreciates the commitment of Governor Kathy Hochul and Empire State Development and its chair, Hope Knight, to realize a vision at Creedmoor that best serves the needs of eastern Queens as well as the State and City. We also note the support of Congressman Tom Suozzi."

NYPD Q-TEAMS EXPAND TO QUEENS

The NYPD is modifying the Neighborhood Coordinating Officer program to make it more of a team approach. New Q-Teams are now in place throughout the city. "Q" stands for quality of life.

Every precinct will have two teams, each consisting of neighborhood coordinating officers (NCO's), youth coordinating officers (YCO's), officers specializing in traffic issues, and a supervisor. Shifts are scheduled to be 10am-6pm and 6pm to 2 am, seven days a week. Officers have received training in dealing with noise complaints and with persons with mental illness.

There are over 1.5 million 311 calls a year, many of which are about quality-of-life issues. The goal is to use a team approach to solve problems, including increased cooperation with other city agencies. The NYPD holds monthly Q-Stat meetings — modeled after the NYPD's main crime data tracker, "CompStat" — to analyze precinct and public service data related to 311 calls and requests.

We look forward to learning more and meeting team members over the next few months.

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COMMUNITY YARD SALE

The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, located on Commonwealth Blvd. and 87 Avenue, will host a community yard sale on Saturday, September 27th from 10 am to 2 pm. Space at the sale is open to the community for \$25 for the space and \$5 for a table, if needed. Call 718-347-0278 for more information.

DSNY SAFE EVENTS

The Department of Sanitation will hold several SAFE disposal events this fall. The Queens event will take place on Saturday, October 18 at the Resorts World Casino. See nyc.gov/SafeEvents for more information. Also, there is a Special Waste Site in College Point at 30th Avenue between 120 and 122 Streets. It is open on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9 am-5 pm. They accept electronics, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, paint, tires and motor oil.

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Enclosed herewith are my dues for the year 2025 to the Creedmoor Civic Association, Inc. (\$10 per household).

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President's Message

Thanks to State Senator Toby Stavisky, Assembly Member Ed Braunstein and City Council Member Linda Lee for their efforts to achieve a compromise for the Creedmoor campus redevelopment plan.

We look forward to learning more about the NYPD Q-Teams and meeting team members over the next few months. For years, people have been frustrated that calls to 311 often didn't resolve quality-of-life issues. This program is promising as it provides a multi-disciplinary team approach.

We will publish the roster of members who have paid their 2025 dues in the October newsletter. Our dues have remained at \$10 for many years but our expenses have increased, especially for printing our newsletter. Thanks to the many members who have made generous donations in addition to paying their dues.

Your neighbor,

Michael O'Keeffe

SIDEWALK INFORMATION

A few months ago, several civic members received sidewalk violations. If you have any questions about a violation, call the Queens Borough office at 212-839-2510. If you believe your sidewalk has been damaged or pushed up by the roots of a city-owned tree, you can call 311 to ask for an evaluation under the Trees and Sidewalks program. A Parks Department inspector will assign a rating on a scale of 0 to 100, based on sidewalk lift and other factors. Higher scores receive priority. Funding is limited, so it may take a long time to get a repair, especially with a lower rating. But several sidewalks in our area have been replaced recently under the program.

QUEENS FARM MUSEUM

The Amazing Maize Maze will be open on Saturdays and Sundays through October 26. The 42nd Annual Queens Agricultural Fair will take place on September 27th and 28th. Visit queensfarm.org for information on these and other events. The museum was awarded \$28 million in capital appropriations for a new visitor center/education building for Fiscal Year 2026. Museum founder/president James Trent will be honored for 50 years as president at the Agricultural Fair.