

Next meeting: Apr. 8 at 8 PM

Meetings at the Living Hope Christian Church (basement), Braddock Avenue at 241st Street



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Help our Community: Support Participatory Voting April 1 to April 7

After months of work, its time to vote!

We have reported on the Participatory Budget process throughout the year. Council Member Mark Weprin, representing the 23rd Council District, is one of 8 Council Members who have each allocated about \$1 Million to fund capital projects chosen by the voters in their districts.

Over the summer, volunteers from throughout the 23rd CD started planning. In the fall, Neighborhood Assemblies were held to obtain ideas from community residents. This winter, volunteers working as Budget Delegates considered these ideas, and then met with city agencies to explore what could be done. The Budget Delegates then came up with 13 proposals which will be voted on from April 1 through April 7.

There are many worthwhile proposals, but two have a direct impact on the Creedmoor Civic area: The proposed purchase of 40 smart boards for P.S. 33, and 20 smart boards for Martin Van Buren High School.

The list of proposals and the information on where and when you can vote are listed elsewhere in this newsletter, and on a separate flyer that was delivered with the newsletter. Here are some important points to consider about voting:

1. Anyone 16 years of age and older who lives in the Twenty-Third Council District is eligible to vote.
2. Voters may vote for up to five projects.

3. The projects that get the most votes will be funded until their combined cost reaches \$1 Million.

4. The cost of each project will be listed on the ballot. This is important information to consider. For example, if two projects that cost \$300,000 each are approved, only \$400,000 would remain to fund other projects. The cost of a project must be balanced against its value.

There are many voting locations and times. See page 3 for a complete list. Whether you have school age children or not, it is critical that all eligible family members vote. Tell your friends as well.

ZONING PLAN MOVES FORWARD

On March 12, Community Board 13Q held a public hearing about the rezoning plan for Bellerose, Floral Park Glen Oaks, New Hyde Park and Royal Ranch. On March 18, the plan was approved by CB 13 by unanimous vote. The plan now moves to the Queens Borough President's office for review and a public hearing.

**STATE SENATOR TONY AVELLA
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President's Message

Please vote in the Participatory Budget process during the week of April 1.

Many thanks to the members who have already paid their 2013 dues or made generous donations. Business owners and tenants are welcome to join our civic association.

State Senator Tony Avella will speak at our April 8 meeting. He is a candidate for Queens Borough President. City Council Member Mark Weprin will swear in our officers and speak at our May meeting. Come down and meet your elected officials. Ask them questions. Let them know your concerns. We hope to have Assembly Member Barbara Clark speak at one of our meetings this fall.

Spring may finally be here. Let's take this opportunity to clean up our blocks a bit. Make it fun by teaming up with your neighbors.

Please continue to support the food pantry at the Living Hope Christian Church.

Your neighbor,

Mike O'Keeffe

Dues & Donations

We have a great response to our membership drive so far. Almost 100 members have paid for 2013! This is especially good considering that the winter months are usually pretty slow.

Last year, we had 243 paid members. Our goal is to have at least 300 paid members this year. Please help us by returning your dues with the coupon to our PO Box. We will publish a list of our paid members in the May and/or June newsletters. Below are the donations – Thank you!!

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Baumann 234 88 Ave
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Ballaby 237 88 Ave
Villanueva 237 88 Ave
Farooqui 238 88 Ave
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Around the Town

❁ Condolences to the family of Anna Daschner of 88th Avenue (mother of civic member Heide Wilkerson.)

❁ Thank you to Hugh Kelso of Gettysburg Street who is taking a well-deserved rest after delivering civic newsletters on Gettysburg Street for about 30 years.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETS

St. Gregory the Great Community Service Center will host a bereavement support group beginning Thursday April 11, 2013. Sessions will be held every two weeks from 6:30 – 8:00 PM at the Center, located at 88-19 Cross Island Parkway (Convent Basement). Call 718-343-5938 to register, or leave your name and phone number for contact by the facilitator.

Enrollment is limited and pre-registration is required. Registration fee is \$10.00. A licensed social worker from the Center will facilitate the group. A second bereavement group will be scheduled in September.

AUCTION TO BENEFIT S.G. SCHOOL

The 8th Annual Goods and Services Auction, for the benefit St Gregory's School, will be held on Saturday April 27 at 6PM in Gregorian Hall (East of the Cross Island Parkway). Admission is free. Offerings will include a live auction, a Chinese auction, a silent auction and raffles.

PARTICIPATORY VOTING - WHEN AND WHERE

Bellerose Library: 250-06 Hillside Ave.
Tuesday, 4/2- 2:30 PM to 6:30 PM;
Thursday, 4/4- 2:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Cross Island YMCA: 238-10 Hillside Ave.
Wednesday, 4/3- 3 PM to 9 PM,
Saturday, 4/6- 11 AM to 5 PM

SNAP Senior Center: 80-45 Winchester Blvd, Bldg. 4.
Wednesday, 4/3-11 AM to 3 PM.

Community Board 13Q : 219-41 Jamaica Ave (small white building).
Monday, 4/1- 3 PM to 9PM
Wednesday, 4/3- 3PM to 9PM

Council Member Weprin's Office: 73-03 Bell Blvd. Monday 4/1 through Friday 4/5, 9 AM to 6 PM

Samuel Field Y: 58-20 Little Neck Pkwy,
Thursday 4/4- 1 PM to 9PM,
Sunday 4/7-11 AM to 5 PM

Bayside Senior Center: 221-15 Horace Harding Expy. Friday 4/5- 11 AM to 3 PM
Saturday 4/6- 11 AM- 3 PM

Fresh Meadows Library: 193-20 Horace Harding Expressway.
Monday 4/1- 3:30 PM to 7:30 PM
Wednesday 4/3- 2:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Community Board 8Q: 197-15 Hillside Ave.
Tuesday 4/2- 3 PM to 9 PM,
Thursday 4/4- 3PM to 9PM

BEWARE

We received an e-mail from a member whose side and rear yards are adjacent to a street. While cleaning their back yard so their kids could play there, her husband found a hypodermic needle. It may have been tossed from a parked car. Those of us whose yards abut a street may need to examine their property carefully. Also, wear work gloves to protect yourself. Thanks for the warning.

Enclosed herewith are my 2013 dues to the Creedmoor Civic Association. (Dues are \$6.00 per year). Make checks payable to the Creedmoor Civic Ass'n. Membership is open to all residents of the Association's territory, whether a homeowner or renter. Businesses located within our territory are eligible also.

[Civic boundaries: North: both sides of 88th Avenue; East: Cross Island Parkway; South: Braddock Avenue; West: both sides of Moline St.]

Name: _____

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If you want periodic updates on news issues, include your e-mail (optional) _____

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Participatory Budget Project List

Schools and Libraries

1. Hollis Library, 202-05 Hillside Ave. Upgrade of the customer service technology to include automated self check out equipment.
2. Queens High School of Teaching, 74-20 Commonwealth Blvd. 175 desktop computers for classrooms and for school library.
3. PS/IS 266Q, 74-10 Commonwealth Blvd. 65 laptop computers with carts, 16 desktop computers and 20 classroom printers.
4. PS 135Q, 207-11 89 Ave. 33 laptop computers with carts for school computer lab.
5. PS 33Q, 91-37 222 St. 40 smart boards for kindergarten through fifth grade.
6. MS 74Q, 61-15 Oceania St. Upgrade of the visual, sound and lighting systems; replacing stage curtains and repairing stage rigging.
7. Martin Van Buren HS, 230-17 Hillside Ave. 20 smart boards for classrooms.

Transportation and Public Safety

1. Union Turnpike traffic median curb reconstruction, Hollis Hills Terrace to Springfield Blvd.
2. Portable Security Cameras, three sets for use within District 23.

Parks

1. Cunningham Park, reconstruction of picnic area to prevent erosion.
2. Cunningham Park, elevated concrete platform with lighting to serve as a musical stage.

Community Facilities

1. Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps, 257-02 Union Turnpike. Emergency equipment to sustain operations during power and regional infrastructure failures.
2. Queens County Farm Museum, 73-50 Little Neck Parkway. New roof, several exterior wall shingles and five windows for historic farmhouse.



Spotlight On.....

Rose Daddario

Rose Daddario, former Creedmoor Civic President and longtime community activist, will be 97 years young on April 28, 2013. Rose was born on a farm in Stonington, CT in 1916. When Rose was 10, her family moved to Manhattan, and then to the Bronx. Rose married Frank Daddario, and they started to raise their family in the Parkchester section of the Bronx.



Rose receives award from Creedmoor Civic's president Mike O'Keefe during the Association's 85th Anniversary party last summer at the Farm Museum.

In 1954, the Daddarios brought their house on 240 St. They didn't move in right away, because the house needed a lot of repairs, which Frank did after work and on weekends. In 1956, they moved in with their young

children Louis, Robert and Theresa.

Soon after moving in, Rose was encouraged to attend civic meetings by her neighbor, Chester Maag. Rose served as Secretary for many years under long-time President Jack Breininger. Rose talked about how, in those years, she would often put the kids to bed and then head off to a civic meeting.

Over the years, Rose fought many battles on behalf of the community. She fought for sewers, zoning changes and police protection. Rose fought against property tax increases, and was active in the formation of the Queens Farm Museum. Rose recently retired from Community Board 13 after 15 years of service. Rose served as President of the Creedmoor Civic Association from 1989 to 1991 and from 1995 to 1999. Since then, she has remained active as President Emeritus.

One thing has remained true over the years: Rose always fought for what she thought was right. Happy Birthday, Rose!

CITY COUNCIL

DISTRICT LINES SET

According to a story in the Queens Courier on March 7, the City Council district lines have been finalized. The NYC Districting Commission revised its initial proposal two times, based on objections from several communities that the lines were not drawn properly.

The Commission filed its final plan with the City Clerk on February 8. The City Council had three weeks to vote on the proposal, or it would be adopted automatically. The Council did not vote, so the final map was filed with the City Clerk on March 4.

Our district, the 23rd remains basically the same, except for a slight expansion in Bayside, north of the LIE. As we had hoped, we have remained in the same district as the civic associations with which we work so closely.

Library Services and Events

The Bellerose Library will host the following events in April:

English Conversation for Non English Speakers. Mondays in April, 12:20 PM-2:20 PM. Call to register: (718) 831-8644.

Learn Basic Computer Skills. Tuesday, April 2 at 11:15 AM, 12:30 PM. Call to register:(718) 831-8644

Origami Instruction. Wednesday, April 3 at 4PM. Pre-registration not required.

Meditation Club. Thursday, April 11 at 5:30 PM. Pre-registration not required.

AARP Defensive Driver's Course. Friday, April 12 at 11 AM. Open to all ages. Nominal fee. Call Elaine at 718-641-3911.

The Queens Village Library will show the film "Argo" on April 9 at 4:30. No pre-registration required.

The Queens Village Library offers many services for homebound seniors, including books by mail, teleconference discussion groups and group crossword puzzle solving via Skype. Call (718) 464-0084.

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