

Next meeting: Apr. 12 at 7:30 PM

This is a Joint Meeting on a TUESDAY. It is at P.S. 18, 235th Court, south of Hillside Avenue.

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BELMONT CASINO'S LUCK RUNS OUT

Floral Park and surrounding communities are celebrating the decision not to place video terminals at Belmont racetrack.

The opposition has prevailed. There will be no casino at Belmont Racetrack.

Under terms included in the recently enacted New York State budget, Nassau County will transfer the rights to install 1,000 video lottery terminals to the Resorts World Casino on the Aqueduct Raceway property in Ozone Park. In return, Nassau County is scheduled to receive \$43 million over the first three years.

Opponents of the Belmont casino mounted a vigorous campaign to defeat it. Community Board 13 passed a resolution against the casino. Matt Sexton from the South Side Civic Association in Floral Park spoke against the casino at our March meeting.

Questions remain about how the Belmont property will be developed. One proposal calls for a stadium to be build for the Cosmos soccer team. Another question is whether the increased gambling at Aqueduct will have a negative impact on Ozone Park and other nearby neighborhoods.

MOSQUITO SEASON UPON US

With the arrival of spring, mosquito season is not far behind. Although it is not clear that mosquitos infected by the Zika virus will reach New York, West Nile virus is always a threat, and mosquitos are a real nuisance in our community. Do your part by eliminating any standing water where mosquito larvae can breed. This includes pool covers, upturned garbage can lids, flower pots, and clogged gutters.

NYC COMPTROLLER SCOTT STRINGER
SPECIAL SPEAKER AT APRIL MEETING.

NEW STREET LIGHTS RAISE CONCERNS

As mentioned in our March newsletter, the street lamps with new light-emitting diode (LED) bulbs make the street brighter, but cast very little light on the fronts of our homes. This might be a good time to consider upgrading your outdoor lighting. A few suggestions from your neighbors:

Lights with LED bulbs are brighter and use less electricity. One possible problem is that the light might be too bright for some people. Discuss the type of light and its location with your next door neighbor.

A light on the garage could light up your back yard and driveway at the same time.

Timers and motion detectors are possible ways to control lights. Some people believe that motion detectors can perform erratically.

Let us know what you think. We can follow up in a future newsletter.

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April Hospitality.....Not Applicable to the Joint Meeting

President's Message

We are starting our annual membership drive. You should receive an envelope with the Creedmoor Civic address with your newsletter. If you are unsure whether you paid your dues, call us at 718-464-3369, or email us at creedmoorcivic@gmail.com. Please support us so we can work to improve our community. Thanks to those who have already paid their dues!

Please attend our joint civic meeting at PS 18 (86-35 235th Court) on Tuesday, April 12 at 7:30 pm. NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer is scheduled to speak. It is very important that borough wide and citywide officials realize that we are a force to be reckoned with.

Best wishes for healthy and happy future to Tony and Joe Cafaro, proprietors of Valley Printing on Braddock Ave. They merged with Minute Man Press of Valley Stream. They have done a great job printing our newsletter for many years, at a very reasonable price and will close the Braddock Avenue store. They will be missed. Thanks!

Thanks to those anonymous persons who go above and beyond, cleaning up all around the neighborhood. With warmer weather approaching, let's all do what we can to spruce up our yards and blocks.

Michael O'Keeffe

VEE BEES RULE!

At a recent meeting, Martin Van Buren High School Principal Sam Sochet reported that the MVB Robotics Team finished 12th out of 66 teams in a competition at the Javits Convention Center, beating Bronx Science and Thomas Edison HS.

NOTES FROM THE 105 PRECINCT

Deputy Inspector Jeffrey Schiff, the new Commanding Officer of the 105th Precinct, conducted his first community council meeting on Wednesday, March 30. He is a 20 year veteran who grew up in Bellerose and Glen Oaks.

DI Schiff said that police officers and community members are partners. He reminded us to call 911 if we observe suspicious activity. There will be a new email address to report information to the police: 105precinct@nypd.org. DI Schiff reported that there were 32 burglaries in the precinct in the past month, up from 25 during the same period last year. Ten burglaries took place in the satellite area in the southern part of the precinct, while 22 occurred in Bellerose, Floral Park, Glen Oaks and Queens Village. Several of these were burglaries of garages, for which several juveniles were arrested.

DI Schiff stated that most burglaries of private homes take place through the side and rear doors. NYPD officers don't patrol on private property, so they rely on information from the public. Exterior lighting may be a deterrent. Assaults also increased. Many assaults were domestic violence incidents, 70 percent of which were for first time offenders. DI Schiff hopes to address this issue through community education. Twenty-one robberies took place throughout the precinct, resulting in 8 arrests.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

QCC Biennial Luncheon. Sunday, April 17. The Luncheon will take place at 1 pm at Antun's in Queens Village. US Attorney Preet Bharara will be the guest speaker. Cost: \$50 per person. Our members voted to subsidize half the cost of a ticket for up to 10 members to encourage proper representation for our civic. A few spots are still available at the reduced rate of \$25. Contact Jim Trent at jtrent8830@aol.com or 718-343-8830.

Presidential Primary. Tuesday, April 19. Voters of both major parties have a chance to make an impact this year. *You must be enrolled in a party to vote. New York does not have open primaries.* Polls open 6 AM to 9 PM.

Transitional Services, Inc of NY (TSINY) Open House. Thursday, April 21 from 2-4 pm at 242-01 Braddock Ave. Free parking in VFW lot. Learn about the residential and outpatient mental health services provided by TSINY.

SAFE Event. April 30 from 10 AM to 4 PM. Disposal of auto fluids, batteries, electronics, solvents, paint, etc. Location: Cunningham Park, ballfield parking lot. Enter on Francis Lewis Blvd between Union Turnpike and the Grand Central Parkway. Other dates available in other boroughs. See nyc.gov/sanitation for more information.



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