Next meeting: Apr. 10 at 8:00 PM

This Meeting is held at the Living Hope Christian Church on Braddock Avenue at 241st Street

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CREEDMOOR CIVIC GEARS UP FOR 90TH TO-DO

Seems like only yesterday. Ninety years ago, Creedmoor Civic was founded in 1927, and then incorporated in 1938.

Our little civic has never been dormant. "Little", in that we only cover 25 square blocks, but our impact has been all out of proportion to our size. Pushing for the building of Martin Van Buren High School, the building of P.S. 18, the deelectrification of the third rail of the Creedmoor freight spur between 87th and 88th Avenues, the repaving of Braddock Avenue in 1937, and again in 1975, advocated the selling of the Creedmoor Spur to adjacent homeowners and blocking the auction of that land to developers, fighting to stop the auction of the Creedmoor Hospital farm property which then became the Queens County Farm Museum, active member of the Eastern Queens Civic Council and charter member of its successor organization the Queens Civic Congress, a member since its inception of the Joint Bellerose Business District Development Corporation and instrumental in getting some 3/4 of a million dollars into the business district from State grants, supporting the revitalization of Martin Van Buren High School after years of decline, fighting the homeless shelter at Creedmoor Hospital, picketing the OTB office on Jericho Turnpike, packing supplies for the troops in World War II from our former Clubhouse on Braddock Avenue, fighting the sewer assessments for the 93rd Avenue Sewer (which went through the eastern boundary of Creedmoor Civic), fighting routing of buses from the Queens Village MTA garage through local streets (that's why they are on the C.I. Parkway)... we are out of breath listing all that we've done.

SPECIAL APRIL 10 PRESENTATION:

ENHANCED SERVICES PROPOSED FOR BELLEROSE RESCUE

But there's so much more.

That's why we hope you will join us for our 90th Birthday Party at the Queens County Farm Museum, an institution which exists because of this civic. The Farm Museum is now the busiest farm museum in the United States, if not the world. It goes back to 1697 and it is appropriate that our civic would use the Farm as its venue for the party. The party starts at 1 PM. There will be hot food and live music. For the first hour, you are encouraged to enjoy the events such as the sheep sheering event going on coincidentally on the same day. See description below:

Ever see a sheep get a haircut? Join us on the farm for this annual May event with sheep shearing and wool spinning demos throughout the afternoon. Celebrate spring's arrival and pick up flower and vegetable seedlings for your garden. Learn about our Community Compost Program, enjoy in-depth tours with our farmers, and find out how easy recycling can be at the Con Edison Ecology booth. There will be live music, kids' crafts, hayrides, and tasty local food on the farm all day.

There's a handy reservation coupon on page 3. Please join us. We only do these parties once every five years.

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Around the Town

Condolences to: the family of <u>Kathleen Hefferon</u>, long time resident of 90th Avenue, who passed away March 14. Funeral was at St. Gregory's, and burial at Mount St. Mary's in Flushing.

CON ED BILLS GOING UP

State Senator Tony Avella has railed against the permission that was given to Consolidated Edison of New York to raise electricity rates. In part the increase is to keep aging atomic energy plants in upstate New York operating. Avella has introduced legislation to put the increase on hold until there is further study as to whether there are other non-fossil fuel alternatives and allow the public to comment. He has urged electricity consumers to contact the Governor's office to protest the increase and ask that it be rolled back.

The rates will rise 12.8% over three years. The increase is also intended to cover Con Ed employee pensions, higher property taxes, and higher other taxes.

The increase goes into effect, Saturday, April 1.

President's Message

Thanks to over 70 members who have sent dues and donations in the past month. We are still going through the envelopes, so many checks have not been cashed yet.

We have two very important events next month. We will celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the Creedmoor Civic Association on Saturday, May 6, at the Queens County Farm Museum. Bring your children (or grandchildren) for face painting, balloon animals, and all that the Queens Farm Museum has to offer. There will be great food provided by Rollin Greens, and live music by Charles Henry.

Please spread the word about out joint civic meeting about addiction and mental health. It will be held on Tuesday, May 9 at 7:30 pm at PS 18. If we can save one life by working together, it be well worth the effort.

I am very excited about developments at Bellerose Rescue. VP Dan Malley will fill us in at our next meeting. I hope to see you there.

Your neighbor, Michael O'Keeffe

SHOULD DOG PARK BE BUILT AT 243 ST.?

There has been some interest expressed about creating some type of dog-friendly park space in our area. A member of the community approached CB 13 with the idea of using the triangle on the south side of Braddock Ave between the Cross Island Parkway and 243 St. Others have suggested that something be created in Jack Breininger Park (a.k.a Braddock Playground) or in William Gunn Playground on Hillside Avenue and 235 Court. Please come and join in a discussion on this topic at our meeting on April 10.

CIVICS TO HOST JOINT MEETING ON ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH

Addiction to opiates and other substances is a huge problem in our society. Mental health is a closely related issue, since many people who become addicted to drugs or alcohol have underlying mental health issues.

Creedmoor Civic is joining several other civic associations to sponsor a joint meeting on these issues. There will be several brief presentations by experts from city and state agencies, and from local health care providers, followed by a panel discussion and question and answer period. Information will be provided about treatment, education and family support. Please join us on Tuesday, May 9 at 7 pm in the auditorium of PS 18, located at 86-35 235 Court. This will be our May meeting. We will return to the Living Hope Christian Church for our June 12 meeting.

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BELLEROSE RESCUE TO ENHANCE SERVICES

Bellerose Rescue VP Dan Malley will speak at our April meeting about several exciting new developments at Bellerose Rescue (also known as Queens Village-Hollis-Bellerose Ambulance Corps).

Bellerose Rescue now has a professional answering service 24/7. The emergency number is 718-464-2424. When an emergency medical call is received, a Bellerose Rescue ambulance will be dispatched if a crew is available. If not, the call will be routed to 911. In all cases where the call warrants the response of a paramedic unit, the Bellerose Rescue dispatcher will notify 911. NYC EMS ambulances are required to transport patients to nearby hospitals, but Bellerose Rescue can transport to a hospital chosen by the patient, as long as the patient is medically stable. This could include Winthrop and St. Francis hospitals. They may also be able to provide a scheduled transportation to or from a rehab facility or a nursing home.

Bellerose Rescue has been working with mental health providers on the Creedmoor Campus to treat and transport their clients. This relieves some of the burden on the local 911 system ambulances.

Bellerose Rescue has been increasing the number of hours they are available. They are looking for volunteers for a variety of duties. Besides EMT's, they are also looking for dispatchers and ambulance drivers. Recently retired individuals may find this to be an interesting and rewarding experience. People with experience as first responders are especially needed. New members may be trained as EMT's, or may get certified to the Certified First Responder-Defibrillation (CFR-D) level, which is less time consuming.

For more information, come to our meeting on April 10, or contact Dan Malley at 631-316-5193 or by email at BelleroseRescue@aol.com.

DOWN MEMORY LANE



Real estate broker marketing Queens Village homes. Here's how such homes were decorated in the 1920s. Most homes in our area were Colonial Revival, and furnishings were consistent with that look. Prices of homes offered by Willey Brothers were \$5,975 to \$16,500.

COLLEGE POINT GROUP OFFERING BUS TOURS

Poppenhusen Institute of College Point from time to time offers great bus tours at very reasonable (subsidized) prices. Check out their website Poppenhuseninstitute.org for details, but to whet your appetite: (buses leave from the Institute at 114-04 14th Road except for Flushing Cemetery tour.)

Flushing Cemetery tour via a vintage trolley. May 13. 10 AM. \$20. This one starts at the cemetery. Emphasis on early settlers of College Point.

Merchants House in Manhattan. Perfectly restored 19th century mansion. May 23. \$70 includes lunch at B Pub, admissions and tips.

Abigail Adams Smith House in Manhattan. Built 1799. June 10. Includes garden tea at Bohemian Hall in Astoria. \$35. Lunch at guests' expense.

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Don't delay. These trips sell out. 718-358-0067 or email at poppenhusen@juno.com

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THE CREEDMOOR CIVIC ASSOCIATION'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY MAY 6TH 1PM-5PM

Come join us for an afternoon of fun for all ages!

Food catered by our co-sponsor Rollin Greens, our neighborhood Irish pub and grille of Bellerose.

We will be serving wine and soft drinks.

There will be live music provided by Charles Henry Entertainment, keyboardist and singer. There will be kid-friendly activities and amenities including farm animals, hayrides and face-painting, just to name a few. We will also have raffles available.



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