

# Next meeting: Apr. 9 at 8:00 PM

**This Meeting is held at Living Hope Christian Church, Braddock Avenue at 241<sup>st</sup> Street**



## Creedmoor Civic News

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### BELMONT HEARING DRAWS HUGE CROWD

On March 22, The Empire State Development Corporation held two public hearings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the planned Belmont Redevelopment Project.

The document can be viewed on the Village of Floral Park website at <https://fpvillage.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Draft-Scope-for-Preparation-of-a-Draft-Environmental-Impact-Statement.pdf>

Those who were unable to attend the meetings may submit comments in writing to Michael Avolio, Empire State Development, 633 Third Ave, New York, NY 10017, or by email to [belmontoutreach@esd.ny.gov](mailto:belmontoutreach@esd.ny.gov). The deadline is April 12, 2018 at 5 pm. CCA President Mike O'Keeffe, who attended one of the meetings, prepared the following report:

A few speakers were in favor of the project, but many were totally opposed. Some had specific objections to parts of the project, while others felt the environmental review was inadequate in scope, in that it only covered the area within a half mile radius of the project.

The arena, which is planned to be the new home of the NY Islanders, would have a capacity of 18,000 occupants, but only 3,700 parking spots are proposed. Some speakers voiced concerns about patrons parking on residential streets. Traffic was one of the concerns spoken about most frequently. As it is, traffic on the Cross Island Parkway and local streets, in Queens and Nassau, is very heavy from 4:30 pm to 7 pm on weekdays.

One of the biggest concerns was the proposed 250 room hotel. At a height of 25 stories, it would be tallest building in Nassau County. *(Continued on Page 3, Col. 2)*

### APRIL MEETING

**We will have two guest speakers: Ms. Kim Ben-Atar, NYS Office of Mental Health, Community Services; Ms. Tammie Williams, from the Belmont Park Coalition.**

### QCC LUNCHEON PLANNED

#### FOR APRIL 22 AT ANTUN'S

Creedmoor Civic has authorized up to 10 subsidized tickets to the Queens Civic Congress Biennial Luncheon. We have identified seven who want to attend. Cost to you will be \$27.50. (The luncheon is \$60 for non-QCC members and at the door; it is \$55 for QCC members in advance.) Event is at Antun's at 1 PM on Sunday, April 22. If interested, attend our April meeting to sign up for the three remaining openings.

Event includes three course lunch. Speakers include Borough President Melinda Katz, City Comptroller Scott Stringer, and an audio-visual presentation about the preservation of Jamaica Bay. There are also several awards being given out to outstanding Queens civic leaders.

This event is only undertaken once every other year, so don't miss out. Everyone always has a good time.

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## President's Message

The 105th Precinct will hold a very important meeting on April 30, at the Queens High School of Teaching, to launch the Neighborhood Policing program. We need as big a turnout as possible. I believe this program will help address some long-standing quality-of-life issues.

Bellerose Restaurant Week is coming up. It's a great time to save some money, while you are supporting our local merchants. Details on the back page of this newsletter.

We had one nomination from the floor at our March meeting, the proposed slate of officers was elected. I would like to thank all who generously volunteer to serve our civic. We welcome to our newest Board member, Devika Singh of Lyman St! We bid a sad farewell to 2nd VP Tom Holt, who is stepping down from his position. Tom also served as Advertising Manager, and as liaison to the businesses in our civic area. Many thanks to Board member Amanda Mulcahy, who is taking over as Advertising Manager! Amanda also supplies delicious home-baked treats for refreshments at our meetings.

We need to pay attention to the proposed development at Belmont Park, as it will have an impact on our community.

Please remember Firefighter Michael Davidson, of Floral Park, who died in the line of duty on March 22. Also, please remember FDNY members Lt Christopher Raguso and Lt Christopher "Tripp" Zanetis, and the other members of the Air Force National Guard, based on Long Island, who were killed in a helicopter crash in Iraq in March.

We are kicking off our annual dues drive. See the coupon in this newsletter. If you did not receive a self-addressed envelope, mail your dues to the address in the box on page 2. Dues are \$10 a year.

Your neighbor,

*Michael O'Keeffe*

### NEIGHBORHOOD POLICING EVENT SCHEDULED

The 105th Precinct will kick off its Neighborhood Based Policing Program on April 30, at the Queens High School of Teaching, at 74-20 Commonwealth Blvd, on the Padavan School Campus. Please come to meet the two NCO's (neighborhood coordinating officers) assigned to our sector. Doors will open with refreshments served at 6:30 pm. The meeting will begin at 7 pm.

We need a big turnout, so that these NCO's get to know us and learn about the issues in our community. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Detective Jovoda Cooper at 718-776-9176, or JOVODA.COOPER@NYPD.ORG, or to Officer Andrew Fitzgerald at ANDREW.FITZGERALD@NYPD.ORG.

## Around the Town

**Get well update:** Our Financial Secretary, Maureen Morris, of 242nd Street, thanks all for their prayers and good wishes during her recent illness. Please also remember her son, Bill Lunney, who is recovering from surgery.

## CONGRESSMAN SUOZZI

### EXPANDS QUEENS HOURS

Our US Congressman, Tom Suozzi, has a district that spans Suffolk, Nassau and Eastern Queens. He has recently expanded hours at his Queens office, located at 250-02 Northern Blvd, Little Neck NY 11362. Phone number: 718-631-0400. Office hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 am-5:30 pm. His staff can help with federal matters such as immigration, visas, Social Security, veterans' issues, Medicare and Medicaid.

## CIVIC GARAGE SALE MAY 20 -

### SAVE THE DATE!

We are planning to hold a community garage sale on Sunday, May 20, at Vic's Auto Repair, located on Braddock Ave at Gettysburg St. Details will be provided in the May newsletter.

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## RAIN BARREL GIVEAWAY ON MAY 12

City Council Member Barry Grodenchik and NYS Assembly Member Clyde Vanel are sponsoring a rain barrel giveaway on Saturday, May 12, from 8:30 am- 10 am. Location: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Academy, in the parking lot on Springfield Blvd at 93 Ave. To reserve a barrel, call CM Grodenchik’s office at 718-479-0137, or Assembly Member Vanel’s office at 718-479-2333. One barrel per household. Photo ID will be requested. Reserved barrels can be picked up from 8:30 am -9 am ONLY. After 9 am, first come, first served.

## ALLEY POND STRIDERS TO STAGE RUN

The Alley Pond Striders will hold their annual 5 mile run on Sunday, April 30 at 9 am. Meet at the Park House on Winchester Blvd opposite Creedmoor Hospital. Proceeds will go to Basketball Buddies at the Samuel Field Y, a program that helps kids with Autism learn the fundamentals of basketball. Also, new this year, the race is a two-mile walk on the historic Vanderbilt Motor Parkway, beginning at 9:30 am. To register, visit [www.alleypondstriders.com](http://www.alleypondstriders.com)

## CITY DOT PATCHES BRADDOCK AVENUE BRIDGE

As the result of a request lodged by Creedmoor Civic, repairs have been almost completed on the Braddock Avenue Bridge which has seen little maintenance during the last 79 years. Perhaps as a result of overzealous salting in the winter, the sidewalks have disintegrated. The curbs likewise disintegrated, the coping stones needed pointing, the sewer grate on the north side was clogged, and the railing posts were rusted out.

The resetting of some shifted coping stones of the bridge parapet have not been realigned, nor have the stone blocks been repointed, but all other work was done. It appears the City approached this as a repair project rather than a capital one. That allowed for a quicker response to our complaint, although the work looks like a patch-up, not a more lasting reconstruction. But for now, it is a major improvement. We have posted a picture of the work in the next column.



## BELMONT HEARING

*(Continued from Page 1, Col. 1)*

Several speakers demanded a full time LIRR station at Belmont. The LIRR line to Belmont is a spur off the main branch. Substantial improvements to LIRR service would be very expensive, making some skeptical about whether this would be done.

Several environmental concerns were expressed. An electrical substation is proposed for a lot adjacent to the Bellerose-Floral Park School. Light pollution was feared from all the extra lighting, including addition of lights at the racetrack. In the context of rumors of the closure of racing at Aqueduct, fears were expressed about possible year-round and night- time horse racing at Belmont in the future. One speaker mentioned the possibility of excessive water runoff due to large paved-over area. Others feared noise and unruly behavior from Islander fans tailgating in parking lots adjacent to a residential area.

Another big concern was the impact on local police, volunteer fire and EMS services if 150 events are held per year.

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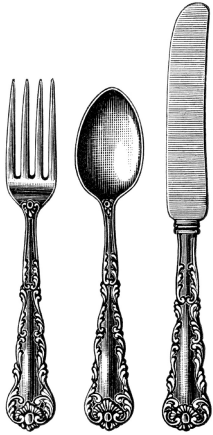
I wish to renew my membership in (or joint for the first time) The Creedmoor Civic Association. Dues are \$10 per year per household.

Name\_\_\_\_\_Address\_\_\_\_\_email(for announcements)\_\_\_\_\_

Please remit to Creedmoor Civic Association, Inc. at P.O. Box 260143, Bellerose, NY 11426.



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# *Bellerose Restaurant Week*

**April 13<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

*Discounts do not apply to Beverages. Participating Restaurants Include:*

*Trattoria Lucia*    **247-63 Jericho Tpke. Bellerose** (718) 343-2185

**20% off regular menu items, paid in cash (extra specials and price fixe not included)**

*Nancy's Restaurant*    **255-41 Jericho Tpke. Floral Park** (718) 343-4616

**\$27.95 Nancy's Sunset Dinner, Tuesday thru Friday and Sunday (not offered Saturday)**

**Ask server for Sunset Menu**

*Fat Ernie's Cheese Steaks*    **249-24 Jericho Tpke. Bellerose** (516) 216-5223

**10% off Lunch only, 11-4pm**

*Samrat Palace*    **246-04 Jericho Tpke. Bellerose** (516) 673-4422

**Lunch Buffet \$8.99 everyday, 10% off Dinner Menu, and 12-6pm All Drinks-buy 1 get 1 Free**

*Subway*    **251-05 Jericho Tpke. Bellerose** (917) 387-9795

**Buy 1 six inch sub--get another of equal or lesser price Free with Purchase of a 21oz. Fountain Drink, after 4pm  
\*must mention this ad**

*Triple Crown Diner*    **248-27 Jericho Tpke. Bellerose** (718) 347-4600

**Price Fixe Menu @ 19.95 per person, 3-9pm, excludes Saturday - \*No sharing, substitutions or takeout**

*Hi Class Pizza*    **246-11 Jericho Tpke. Bellerose** (718) 347-1696

**15% off Entrees and Pizza by the Pie (Not lunch Specials) Cash Only - Excludes Friday, \*must mention ad**

*Tres Chiles Mexican Grill*    **250-36 Jericho Tpke. Bellerose** (516) 502-9530

**15% off Lunch, Monday – Friday 12-5 pm, \*must mention this ad**

*Supreme Pizza*    **236-09 Braddock Ave. Bellerose** (718) 343-7101

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