

No meeting in April due to Coronavirus



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BELLEROSE BUSINESSES HURTING

Bellerose businesses were never doing well, by and large, even before the virus pandemic. We urge our Creedmoor Civic residents to try to patronize those businesses still open or who are trading on-line.

Here is some information for a few of our businesses. Please contact us for updates or omissions. We can send out updates via email.

Braddock Pharmacy is open but will not let patrons enter. Use the pass-through window next to the front door to tell them what you want. Someone inside will get it for you. Call them at 718-347-1516.

Several local businesses are still providing take-out food and delivery (Kam's Garden is closed):

Supreme Pizza: 236-09 Braddock Ave, 718-343-7100.

La Aurora Dominican Restaurant: 239-17 Braddock Ave, 718-347-1749.

Sal & Gino's Deli and Catering: 236-05 Braddock Ave, 718-506-3992.

Jason's Deli and Catering: 241-17 Braddock Ave, 718-343-6161.

Rollin Greens: 247-77 Jericho Turnpike, 718-343-3313.

Friend's Deli: 245-05 Jericho Turnpike, 718-347-8585

Queens County Savings Bank hours changes:

The branch at 244-19 Braddock Ave is open M-F 9 am to 3 pm. The Branch at 247-53 Jericho Turnpike (next to the old Trattoria Lucia) is closed until further notice.

FARM MUSEUM CLOSED - SORT OF



Animal lovers, rest easy. The 47-acre Queens County Farm Museum at 73-50 Little Neck Parkway is closed to the public, but the care of the farm animals is proceeding with employees still on staff to make sure the livestock is happy and healthy.



CIVIC MEETINGS CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

We are unable to hold public meetings until the government gives clearance that the COVID-19 pandemic is over and social gatherings can resume.

GRAB AND GO MEALS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN AND ADULTS

Three meals a day, including breakfast, are available to all NYC children and adults. The nearest locations for Creedmoor Civic members are Martin Van Buren HS, at 230-17 Hillside Ave, and MS 172, at 81-14 257 St, Floral Park. Monday through Friday 7:30 am to 11:30 am for families, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm for adults. No registration, ID, or documentation required. All three meals a day may be picked up at the same time. No dining space is available, so meals must be eaten off premises. Parents and guardians may pick up meals for their children. <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/freemeals>

BELMONT STADIUM GOING UP FAST



The new soccer stadium at Belmont Park is going up fast. It should be completed by the fall of 2021. Although fought bitterly by local village governments and civic associations, the fix was in once the lawsuit was lost.

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President's Message

We hope that you and your family have remained healthy during this pandemic.

We have been sending out COVID-19 information by email and Facebook. As you know, this information changes daily. Over 200 of our members currently receive emails from us. If you wish to be added to the list, send us an email to creedmoorcivic@gmail.com.

We will publish a list of members who have already paid their 2020 civic dues in the May newsletter. Dues are \$10/year, payable to the Creedmoor Civic Association, PO Box 260143, Bellerose, NY 11426.

Your neighbor,

Michael O'Keeffe

ELECTIONS UPDATE

The special non-partisan election for Queens Borough President was temporarily aborted. Two early-voting days had gone by before the virus lock-down shut the polling places. No new date has been set by the Mayor. There has been a recommendation by the Campaign Finance Board to merge all primary elections into the one remaining date: June 23. Mayor De Blasio has not responded to this suggestion. Besides the special Beep election, there is the presidential primary (originally scheduled for April 26) and the congressional and New York State primary still scheduled (so far) for June 23.

BLOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

Blood Donations are way down. If you wish to donate, visit <https://www.nybloodcenter.org/donate-blood/>

SPECIAL NYS HEALTH PLAN ENROLLMENT PERIOD

If you lost your health coverage due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, New York State of Health has a special enrollment period through May 15. Call 855-355-5777, or visit <https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov/>

CON ED UPDATE

Consolidated Edison Company of New York has suspended meter readings for indoor meters for April. Outdoor meters will still be read. There will also be no service turn-offs for non-payment at least through April.

CIVIC BUSINESS ON HOLD

We were planning to distribute dues envelopes this month, but are holding off. We also have to postpone the association's annual elections since there is no meeting in April. We do not know how long the virus lockdown will last, but we will try to work around it if possible so that our operations are not hampered. In the meantime, you can send your \$10 2020 dues to Post Office Box 260123, Bellerose NY 11426. Make checks out to Creedmoor Civic Association. Thanks for your support.

NYC PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT HELP

The NYC Department of Finance has two programs to aid homeowners who are experiencing hardship paying their property taxes. The Property Tax and Interest Deferral (PT AID) program helps homeowners who are experiencing hardship defer payments for past and future property taxes and avoid the tax lien sale. Or, homeowners experiencing extenuating circumstances may be eligible for the Extenuating Circumstances Income-Based (ECI) plan. Extenuating circumstances involve the loss of income due to death, serious illness, or unemployment of owner or immediate family member, or enrollment in DEP's Water Debt Assistance Program. You must submit documentation to prove your extenuating circumstance, such as a death certificate, income tax return, or medical document. For more information, call 311 or search the internet for "property tax payment deferral nyc."

BOARDING OF MTA BUSES

Customers board and exit all local and Select Bus Service (SBS) buses using the rear doors. Express bus customers will board as normal but will not be permitted to sit in the first three rows of the bus to ensure customers are a safe social distance from bus operators. ADA customers will still be permitted to board at the front of all local and SBS buses, and board as usual on express buses. Since you cannot access the fare box on local buses, riding those buses is free.

BRADDOCK CLEANUP UPDATE

We've had to postpone the Braddock Cleanup in May.