

# Next meeting: Dec. 8 at 8 PM

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



## Creedmoor Civic News

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### AVELLA TO SPEAK AT DEC. MEETING

State Senator Tony Avella will be the guest speaker at our December 10 meeting, unless he is called to Albany for a special session of the legislature.



State Senator Tony Avella

Among the topics that will be discussed: the status of the NYS Legislature after the recent election, the ICCC project at Creedmoor, and Sen Avella's proposed legislation to reinstate the non-solicitation law that allows people to opt out of receiving solicitations from real estate agents.

Senator Avella recently mailed a "Civic Action Checklist" to his constituents. It lists complaints such as missing signs, broken street lights, potholes, etc. Please bring these concerns to the meeting, along with any questions or comments that you might have.

#### ICCC UPDATE

On November 25<sup>th</sup>, leaders of local civic associations, joined by Senator Tony Avella and zoning attorney Mitchell Ross, testified before the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) in opposition to the Indian Community and Cultural Center's plan to build a 4-story residential building on the Creedmoor Hospital campus. At the end of the hearing, the BSA voted to close the public hearing, which means that there will be no verbal testimony allowed in the future. The board directed the ICCC's attorney to answer several questions in writing by 12/16.

The opposition will then have a chance to respond in writing by 12/30. The Board has scheduled a vote on the proposal for Jan 13, 2015.

We thank Senator Avella and Mr Ross for personally testifying at the hearing. We also thank Council Member Weprin for his written testimony to the BSA.

#### CONSTITUTION CHANGES TO BE VOTED ON

The minor changes to the Civic's constitution that were spelled out in last month's newsletter will be voted on at the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### LANDMARKS COMMISSION TO DUMP

#### SITES CALENDARED BUT NOT DECLARED

The New York City preservation community is up in arms over the proposal by the NYC Landmarks Commission to take scores of buildings that have had extensive research done, held public hearings on, but were never declared landmarks and without further public hearing, remove them permanently from the list of "calendared" items, thus almost certainly destroying any possibility of ever declaring these sites as official landmarks. This action by the LPC is slated to happen on December 9, 2014.

The leading preservation groups such as Landmark West! the Historic Districts Council, and the Four Borough Neighborhood Preservation Alliance Foundation headed by our Civic's own Jim Trent are filing protests.

## BRADDOCK PHARMACY

236-01 BRADDOCK AVE.  
347-1516



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SAT 10:00 - 5:00 PM  
SUN 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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## 105<sup>TH</sup> POLICE PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

At the Community Council meeting on Nov 20, Deputy Inspector Coyle reported that crime continues to trend downward, with 200 fewer crimes reported compared to the same time period last year. There were 10 shootings this year, which is the lowest number in 30 years.

DI Coyle then stated that fraud continues to be a big problem. One such scam he mentioned concerns elderly people who receive a phone call that is supposedly from a grandchild or other relative, stating that he is being held in jail, and that money must be wired to effect his release.

The Precinct is accepting donations of winter coats and non-perishable food for less fortunate residents within the Precinct's boundaries.

**Snow and Ice Removal:** Every owner, lessee, tenant, occupant, or other person having charge of any lot or building must clean snow and/or ice from the sidewalk within 4 hours after the snow has stopped falling, or by 11:00 AM if the snow has stopped falling after 9:00 PM the previous evening. If the snow or ice becomes frozen so hard that it cannot be removed, the sidewalk may be strewn with ashes, sand, sawdust, or similar suitable material, and cleaned as soon as the weather permits (Source: DSNY website).

**Upcoming Events at Farm Museum:** Located at: 73-50 Little Neck Parkway, Floral Park, N.Y. For more information, visit [queensfarm.org](http://queensfarm.org) or call 718-347-FARM (3276)

- 1) Christmas Tree and Poinsettia Sale: December 1-24.
- 2) Wreathmaking Workshops: Saturday and Sunday, Dec 6, 7 at noon and 2 PM.
- 3) Holiday Open House: December 26, 27, 28 from 2-4 PM

## President's Message

**Please mark your calendars: Our annual Holiday Party will take place after a very brief meeting on January 12, 2015. As usual, it will be a covered dish supper, with live entertainment by an excellent keyboardist and singer, Charles Henry.**

**Thank you to our block captains for what they do for our civic and for our neighborhood. They deliver newsletters in all kinds of weather, and take a special interest in what goes on on their blocks. We plan to honor our block captains at our Holiday Party in January.**

**While we are expressing gratitude, we sincerely thank the Pastor and the Board of the Living Hope Christian Church for their generosity in allowing us to meet at the Church.**

**As of now, we have 174 paid members. In January, we will publish a list of members who have paid dues or made donations since October, or who were omitted from the October list due to our error. Help us get to 200! If you have not paid your 2014 dues, send a check for \$6 to the Creedmoor Civic Assn, PO Box 260143, Bellerose, NY 11426. If you don't know whether you paid, call us at 718-464-3369, or email us at [creedmoorcivic@gmail.com](mailto:creedmoorcivic@gmail.com).**

Your neighbor, *Mike O'Keefe*

**Winter Tips:** Turn off and drain outside hose outlets. Check insulation and weatherstripping, especially in cellars and attics. Make sure your cars are ready for winter, with particular attention to tires, antifreeze and windshield wipers and washers. Consider carrying sand and a shovel, as well as blankets and snacks in case you get stranded.

**Winter Fire Safety:** Make sure Christmas trees are fresh and watered frequently. Decorative lights should be listed by Underwriters Laboratory or another accredited testing laboratory. Discard lights with frayed wires or loose connections. Space heaters can be very dangerous. If you feel you must use them, buy UL listed heaters with an automatic shut off feature. Keep space heaters at least 3 feet from combustible material such as bedding and furniture. Unplug the space heater when you leave the room or go to sleep. Do not plug space heaters into extension cords.

**Do Not Call Scam:** Scammers have been calling people, falsely claiming to represent the National Do Not Call Registry. Don't give them information. Instead, if you do not want to receive calls from telemarketers, call the National Do Not Call Registry yourself at 888-382-1222 or visit [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov)

**Participatory Budget:** It is now time for Budget Delegates to go through the suggestions that were made at Neighborhood Assemblies over the fall, in order to draft specific proposals to be voted on next spring. If you would like to become involved, contact Jaime Cho at [jcho@council.nyc.gov](mailto:jcho@council.nyc.gov), or call Council Member Mark Weprin's office at 718-468-0137.

## DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

We regret that last month we omitted the name of Maureen Morris as a volunteer helper at the Halloween Parade. Our apologies.