

# Next meeting: Dec. 11 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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### CONCERN OVER RISING GRAND LARCENIES

At a meeting of the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council, statistics given show an 18% rise in grand larcenies.

While overall crime is down 4% year to date, the increase in grand larceny numbers is unnerving.

There has been a rash of thefts from vehicles, including 10 grand larcenies and 20 petit larcenies. Most took place between 11 pm and 5:30 am. Most of the cars were parked on the street, but some were parked in driveways. 105 Precinct Commander Insp. Schiff said that many of the victims reported that their cars were unlocked. He said that if the vehicles had been locked and no valuables were left in sight, most of these incidents could have been avoided. One arrest has been made so far. Police officers and auxiliary police officers will take part in the "Spot It To Secure It" program. If they see vehicles that are parked and unlocked, they will run the license plates to locate the owner, whom they will try to contact. Letters may also go out, advising owners to secure their vehicles.

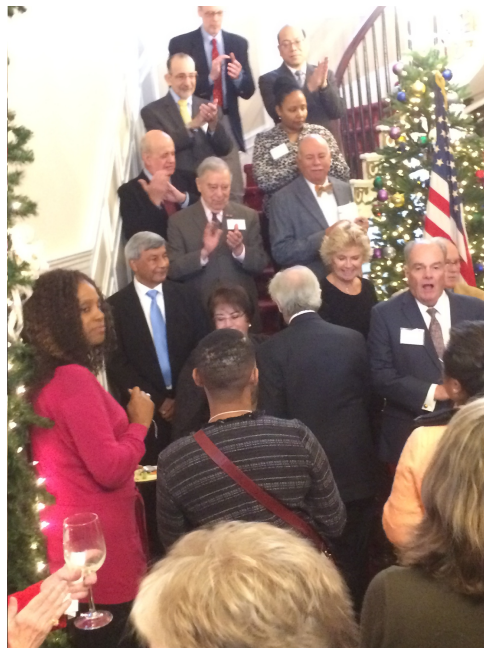
Five thefts of tires and wheels took place in the past month, four of

which involved 2016-17 Honda Accords. Insp. Schiff advised that owners of these vehicles have wheel locks installed, but should not keep the keys in the glove compartment.

Inspector Schiff that there has been a spike recently in burglaries in the northern part of the precinct, mostly in Bellerose. Because of this, he has deployed plainclothes officers to the northern part of the precinct.

A common thread throughout the meeting was that images from video surveillance systems were instrumental in arrests for several different types of crimes.

Felony assaults are down for the past month, but up 13% for the year. About 60% of these incidents are first time reports of domestic violence.



Queens Civic Congress installs officers at the Douglaston Club on December 2. Creedmoor Civic is represented on the board. 101 people were in attendance. QCC has almost 100 civic associations throughout Queens as members.

Special discussion at our December meeting: We are asking our members to share information about security systems, video cameras, and other security measures.



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## President's Message

As we have reported, there has been a spike in larcenies from autos in our neighborhood recently. This has happened throughout the 105th Pct and elsewhere. There has also been a recent uptick of burglaries in the northern part of the precinct, including Bellerose. Inspector Schiff frequently talks about how video camera footage, both from businesses and homeowners, has been instrumental in arrests. We know that burglar alarms and proper lighting are also important. We have been asking for suggestions from our members. Several have responded with actions they have taken. Please come to our December meeting to share this information with your neighbors.

Congratulations to the Rocky Hill Civic Association, which is celebrating its 90th Anniversary of service to the community.

If you are reading a paper copy of this newsletter, please thank the volunteer who delivered it to you.

Please mark your calendar and join us for our annual holiday/New Year's Party on Monday, January 8, 2018.

The officers and board members of the Creedmoor Civic Association extend wishes to all for a happy and safe holiday season.

Your neighbor,

Michael O'Keeffe

## WINTER NOTES

Although we have had a mild autumn, the winter is approaching. A few reminders:

■ Home maintenance: turn off outside faucets. Blow out sprinkler lines, etc.

■ Electric space heaters: Buy heaters listed by Underwriters Laboratory. Turn them off when you leave the room or go to sleep. Keep heaters three feet from combustible material. Do not use extension cords with space heaters (FDNY website).

■ Snow removal rules: Sidewalks must be cleared within four hours after snow has stopped falling, or by 11 am if snow stopped falling after 9 pm the previous evening.

■ Car: Make sure antifreeze and batteries are in good shape. Consider carrying a snow shovel, sand, blankets, hats, and snacks in case you get stuck.

JANUARY 8 PARTY INCLUDES LIVE MUSIC! BRING A DISH, BRING A NEIGHBOR!

## Around the Town

Get well wishes to Bill Lunney of 242<sup>nd</sup> Street who is recovering from recent surgery.

Get well wishes to Creedmoor Civic 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. Rosemary Parker of 238<sup>th</sup> Street, who is recovering from recent surgery.

## DUES PAYMENT ADDENDA

Thanks to the following members who have paid dues for 2017 (in addition to names listed last month.)

88<sup>th</sup> Ave.: Evangelista/Degroff\*

Gettysburg St.: Nunziata

237<sup>th</sup> St.: Mahoney

242<sup>nd</sup> St.: Rappold, McMenamin\*

\* Denotes additional donation.

## FOR DISCUSSION AND VOTE:

At our December meeting, we will discuss the pros and cons of closing Rikers Island and building and/or reopening prisons elsewhere around the boroughs (perhaps not including Staten Island.) A vote will be taken.

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