

Next meeting: Feb. 8 at 8:00 PM

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



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Don't gamble with our future...

BELMONT CASINO PROTESTS CONTINUE

Protests continue against the plan by the Nassau Regional Off Track Betting Corp to build a casino on the grounds of Belmont Park.

According to an article in Newsday on Jan 31, hundreds of people took part in a protest march and rally on Saturday, January 30, marching 1½ miles from Floral Park Memorial High School to Gate 5 at Belmont Park on Hempstead Turnpike. Newsday also reported that approximately 50 people rallied in favor of the proposal.

On Tuesday, January 12, about 2,000 people crowded into a protest meeting at Floral Park Memorial High School. Several civic associations in Floral Park have announced opposition to the plan. Thomas Tweedy, the Mayor of Floral Park Village, has said that the town is drafting a lawsuit against the OTB if the Belmont Plan is approved by New York State.

Nassau County Executive Edward Mangano is on record as being in favor of the plan, as is newly-elected Hempstead Town Supervisor Anthony Santino. The casino is also supported by Pat Nicolosi, President of the Elmont East End Civic Association. Other Elmont civic associations, including the Parkhurst, Tudor and Locustwood-Gotham Civic Associations are against the casino, according to their websites.

The guest speaker at our February meeting will be Matthew Sexton, who is a leader in the protests against the casino. Mr. Sexton is an officer in the South Side Civic Association of Floral Park.

Creedmoor Civic, thus far, has not taken a position in regard to the desirability of a casino at Belmont, but may depending on the wishes of our members.

ISRAEL WON'T SEEK ANOTHER TERM

Our Congressman, Steve Israel, (NY 3) has announced that he will not seek reelection to the US House of Representatives this November. Israel, a Democrat who has served eight terms, represents a district that is mostly in Suffolk County, but also includes narrow sections of Nassau County and Queens. Candidates from both the Democrat and Republican Parties were quick to announce their intentions to run to fill this vacancy.

CITY PLANNING VOTES ON ZONE CHANGES

By the time you read this, the NY City Planning Commission will have voted on February 3 on whether to approve the proposals for Zoning for Quality and Affordability, and Mandatory Inclusive Housing. These are euphemisms for sellouts to the developers. It will overturn years of tweaking our zoning to better match the context of existing development and will fail to provide more affordable housing. The proposals have been almost universally condemned by civic and private planning groups. Expect the changes to be approved: the City Planning Commissioner members are appointed by the Mayor. The next step is to try to kill the changes at the City Council. We will report on this at our February meeting.

BRADDOCK PHARMACY

236-01 BRADDOCK AVE.
347-1516



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President's Message

Thanks to all who made our annual Holiday/New Year's party a success.

Thanks, also, to all who cleared snow from fire hydrants and helped their neighbors during the blizzard on Jan 23. While snow plows were seen early and often on 88th Ave and on 242 St, many side streets did not get cleared until early Monday morning. Civic members reported at least two plows that got stuck on side streets. It seems that smaller plow trucks are needed to make turns between 88th Ave and the side streets.

We are glad to welcome Mr. Matt Sexton as the guest speaker for our February 8th meeting. Matt is a leader in the opposition to the proposed casino for Belmont Park and an officer of the South Side Civic Association in Floral Park. Please try to attend.

Michael O'Keeffe

CCA OFFICER ELECTIONS

As directed by our constitution, the Creedmoor Civic Association will present a proposed slate of officers at our March meeting. At that time, the name of any civic member in good standing may be placed in nomination. Elections, if necessary, will take place in April. We currently have a vacancy in the position of Recording Secretary, and we anticipate an additional vacancy. Please consider joining our Board. We need people of different ages and backgrounds to truly represent our community. Recently retired individuals and new homeowners are especially invited. For more information, call us at 718-464-3369, or email us at creedmoorcivic@gmail.com

105th PRECINCT STATIONHOUSE NEWS

- Thanks to Community Affairs and Crime Prevention officers who helped dig out several senior citizens during the blizzard. If you need help, call Crime Prevention Officer John McCoy at 776-9207, or call Community Affairs Detective Jovoda Cooper at 776-9176, or Officer Andy Fitzgerald at 776-9173.
- The 105th Precinct is recruiting youths ages 14-20 for the NYPD Explorer Program. The program includes recreational opportunities and community service projects. For more information, contact Police Officer Carleton Epps at 776-9164.
- The next Community Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, Feb 24 at 8 pm, at the 105th Pct, located at 92-08 222 St, Queens Village.

PRE KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION OPENS

Pre-Kindergarten registration for children who will turn 4 during 2016 is now open. The deadline to sign up is March 4. Call 718-935-2009 or visit: <http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/PreK/default.htm>

Around the Town:

Welcome to: Our new neighbors, the Fraser Family who just moved onto 88th Avenue.

HOSPITAL WAS SICK OF ITS OLD NAME

If you see the term, Northwell Health, it's just the old North Shore-LIJ Health System with a new name. The medical conglomerate owns 21 hospitals and 450 facilities (with 61,000 employees) and is planning on gobbling up more in New England, thus they wanted to shed the Long Island moniker. They already own hospitals in Staten Island and Manhattan. The individual hospitals, however, retain their old names: for example, it's still Long Island Jewish Medical Center, and North Shore University Hospital. Their new slogan: Look North.

CURB AND LEASH YOUR DOGS

We have received a few complaints about dogs being walked unleashed in our civic area. This is illegal, and it causes concern for the safety of people and other pets. Also, please remember to clean up after your dogs and keep them off of your neighbors' lawns.

FREE TAX HELP AT GLEN OAKS LIBRARY

IRS-trained counselors will be at the Glen Oaks Library on Thursdays from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm through April 14. Bring a copy of your 2014 tax return and all documents for 2015. Also bring a photo ID for each person listed on the return, as well as Social Security cards or other official documentation for all persons listed as dependents.