

Next meeting: Feb. 10 at 7:30 PM

Meeting via Zoom. See details below.



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EFFECTS OF NEW 116TH PRECINCT OPENING BEING REALIZED IN THE 105TH.

Since the 116 Precinct opened on December 18, response times in the 105th Precinct have improved tremendously.

311 calls now have an average response time of 51 minutes, compared to over four hours previously. The response time to 911 calls has dropped from about 13 minutes to just over 4 minutes.

There have been some burglaries in the sector recently, mostly during evening and overnight hours when no one is home. In one case, a woman was home and heard an intruder but called a family member before calling 911. The perpetrator fled. It is possible that police could have made an arrest if they had been called earlier, especially with the reduced response times. Recommendations: Consider installing a safe, bolted to the floor, to protect cash and jewelry; secure ladders that are accessible; utilize lighting, cameras, and an alarm system.

Recently, tires and rims were stolen overnight from a 2021 Toyota Highlander near 89 Ave and 242 St. Also, a catalytic converter was stolen from a 2014 Hyundai parked in front of St Gregory's Church on a Tuesday around 9 am. No arrests were made in either case. Members may want to check with their auto insurance agents to see if they have coverage for catalytic converter thefts. To combat auto thefts, use a steering wheel lock and keep key fobs in metal boxes, away from the front of the house. Thieves can access key fobs remotely.

The next 105th Precinct Community Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 26 at 7 pm at the precinct, located at 92-08 222 St. Come to find out what's going on and to express your concerns.

ST GREG'S SCHOOL ENROLLMENT OPEN

St Gregory the Great Catholic Academy is accepting students from K-8 and also has a program for three and four-year olds. Although St Gregory's is a Catholic school, many of the students who are currently enrolled are not Catholic. Early drop off and after-school programs are available. For more information, visit sgtga.org or call 718-343 5053.

FEBRUARY CIVIC MEETING IS REMOTE ONLY

GUEST SPEAKER: Robert Hines, Manager of Community Affairs for the New York Racing Association, will speak about the renovation of Belmont Racetrack.

Our members are invited to join via Zoom. Time: February 10, 2025, 07:30 PM Eastern Time
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8024827183?omn=89459092243> Meeting ID: 802 482 7183

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INFO FROM HON. CLYDE VANEL

The following events will take place at Assembly Member Vanel's office at 97-01 Springfield Blvd. Call 718-479-2333 for more information.

A Con Ed representative will be in the office on Tuesday, February 18 from 10 am-2 pm. A DEP rep will be there on Wednesday, February 19 from noon- 3 pm. Dept of Finance Information Session: Monday, March 10 from 10 am- 1 pm. Learn about your Notice of Property Value and about programs that might reduce your property taxes.

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The NYPD Spring session for the Citizens' Police Academy will begin on March 2nd and the 105th precinct is looking for three people who are curious about the law enforcement profession (as young as 18-years old). They will be transported weekly for 6 weeks from the precinct to the Queens Police Academy in the evening. This in-person training incorporates force option practice, scenarios, and simulators. Please contact PO Farrell 917-507-4317 for further information or questions.

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President's Message

On Thursday, January 30, Empire State Development (ESD) held a public hearing on the Creedmoor Mixed Use Project. About one hundred people attended by Zoom, including several of our members. Speaking as President of the Creedmoor Civic Association, I reiterated that we believe the plan to build over 2,700 units would be too much for our community, and that we support the QCB 13 resolution on the Creedmoor property.

We say thanks and farewell to Detective Carlton Epps, who has transferred to the 116 Pct. Detective Epps served us for many years as a Community Affairs officer. We welcome Police Officer Anna Loboda, who will work in Community Affairs with PO Jazzlyn Farrell, whom many of our members have met at our meetings.

I look forward to learning about the ongoing renovations at Belmont Racetrack at our Zoom meeting on Monday, February 10. We will resume in-person meetings at the Living Hope Church on March 10.

Michael O'Keeffe

INFO FROM COUNCIL MEMBER LINDA LEE

Dept of Finance Information Session: Monday, February 10, from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm, at the Hillcrest Jewish Center, at 183-02 Union Turnpike, Fresh Meadows. Learn about your Notice of Property Value and about programs that might reduce your property taxes.

CUNY School of Law's City Counseling Program: The CUNY attorney will be available at the district office, 73-03 Bell Blvd, every first and third Wednesday of the month unless otherwise specified. If you need non-criminal legal advice or assistance, call the office at 718-468-0137 to schedule an appointment.

Notary Service: Notary service is available on Fridays at the council office, located at 73-03 Bell Blvd. Call or email the office to schedule an appointment.

ANOTHER SCAM

One of our members recently received a call from someone claiming to be from Medicare. The caller stated that Medicare would be mailing her a new plastic Medicare card, and he asked for her Medicare number. She wisely refused and hung up. This is a scam. Medicare is not replacing paper cards with plastic cards, and they would notify you by mail if necessary.



Enclosed herewith are my dues for the year 2025 to the Creedmoor Civic Association, Inc. (\$10 per household).

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Address _____

Enclosed is an additional donation of \$ _____ Email address (optional): _____

Make check payable to Creedmoor Civic Association and mail to P. O Box 260143, Bellerose, NY 11426-0143

MTA APPROVES QUEENS BUS REDESIGN

On January 29, the MTA Board approved the Queens Bus Redesign. The MTA will invest \$30 million and increase the number of bus routes from 113 to 124. This was a five-year process, with over 250 events and more than 18,000 comments received.

The changes will take place in two phases, at the end of June and the end of August. NYC Transit has pledged to conduct public education over the next few months, and to solicit feedback and refine the plan as needed. One complaint that has been frequently voiced is that the elimination of many bus stops in the interest of speed will result in longer walks for many riders, including those who are elderly or disabled. For detailed information, search "Queens Bus Redesign" and add the line you are interested in.

SAVE THE DATE - BRADDOCK CLEAN-UP

The Cleanup of Braddock Avenue will take place on Saturday, April 6 from 10 am to 1 pm. We will provide more information as the date gets closer.