

# Next meeting: Jan. 9 at 8 PM

Meetings at the Bellerose Baptist Church (basement), Braddock Avenue at 241<sup>st</sup> Street



## Creedmoor Civic News

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### LOCAL CIVICS FIGHT FOR FAIR REDISTRICTING; PLEASE ATTEND JAN.12 MEETING AT PADAVAN CAMPUS

Every 10 years, the Census is conducted throughout the USA. Following the tabulation of the Census results, state and federal legislative districts are redrawn throughout the nation, to make adjustments for changes in population.

The changes have not always been made in the best interests of the citizenry. The term "gerrymandering" as defined in Wikipedia, "is a practice that attempts to establish a political advantage for a particular party or group by manipulating geographic boundaries to create partisan, incumbent-protected districts." Again, according to Wikipedia, this practice dates back to 1788, when Patrick Henry and his Anti-Federalist allies drew the boundaries of Virginia's 5th congressional district in an unsuccessful attempt to keep James Madison out of the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Creedmoor Civic Association has joined a new coalition called Eastern Queens United (EQU). EQU was recently formed to ensure legislative districts are formed in a common sense manner that benefits the citizenry. Specifically, EQU wants to ensure the communities of Queens Village, Bellerose, Floral Park, Glen Oaks and New Hyde Park will be grouped together when the lines are redrawn. Currently, the EQU area is represented by 3 NYS Assembly Districts (Districts 24, 26 and 33), and the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> US Congressional Districts.

Under the present system in New York State, district lines are redrawn under LATFOR (The New York State

Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment). The Task Force consists of six members, including four legislators and two non-legislators. The Temporary President of the Senate appoints one legislator, Michael F. Nozzolio (Co-Chair), and one non-legislator, Welquis R. Lopez. The Speaker of the Assembly also appoints one legislator, Assemblyman John J. McEneny (Co-Chair), and one non-legislator, Roman Hedges. The Minority Leaders of the Assembly and the Senate each appoint one legislator: Assemblyman Robert Oaks and Senator Martin Malavé Dilan.

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#### JOIN US FOR A PARTY!!

We will have our New Year's Party after a very brief meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Elected officials and civic leaders are always invited and often attend. We are returning to our covered dish format: there will be food and desserts donated by civic members. Please plan on attending, especially if you are new to the neighborhood. We would welcome food that represents the many nationalities that make up the Creedmoor Civic neighborhood.

### ROCKY HILL PHARMACY

236-01 BRADDOCK AVE.

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## Around the Town

☛ **Condolences to:** the family of Frank Chironno of the 89 Block of 239 Street. Also condolences to the family of Ida Mari of the 89 Block of Moline Street.

☛ **Get well to:** Linda Dixon who is improving. Please keep her in your prayers while she recovers.

We received the following letter about the late Mabel Koch of Moline St (her death had previously been noted in this newsletter last October):

Ms. Mabel Koch, born 7/30/20 and a long time resident of Moline St, passed away at her home on September 27, 2011. She was 91.

Originally from Pennsylvania, she served her country as a WAC (Women's Army Corps) during WW II. General Douglas MacArthur called Mabel one of his best soldiers, adding that she worked harder, complained less and was better disciplined than some of his "men."

Ms. Koch retired from the Dime Savings Bank and could be seen smiling and bringing her good cheer throughout the neighborhood....."visiting her clients" as she called them, who left plastic bottles for her.

Thanks for Serving our Country and For Being Our Friend! We'll Miss You.

Submitted by Billy Meyer, tenant and friend

### 2011 DUES & DONATION ADDENDA

88 Moline: Harding. 88 238: Parker. 88 239: Conry. 88 240: Lackner. 88 239: Burke ( 88-07 & 88-13). 89 242: Caressimo. 90 242: Felipe. Donation: Glen Oaks Village Owners Assn. Thank You!!!

## President's Message

### December 2011 Meeting

Thanks again to Marco Conelli for a fascinating presentation on the 1927 Ruth Snyder Murder Case, and the changes in society that followed in its wake. We had over 50 attendees, including guests from outside of our civic area.

### January 9, 2011 Meeting/Holiday Party

Please try to attend. There will be a VERY short meeting before the party. Elected officials and other community leaders are always invited and often attend. Even if you are not able to attend meetings regularly, it's good to come down and meet our officers and board members. Then, if you have a question or a problem in the future, you should feel more comfortable contacting us. Bring some items for the Bellerose Baptist Church Food Pantry, such as: Peanut butter & jelly, tuna, cereal, soup, pasta&sauce, tea bags, apple sauce.

### Eastern Queens United

As you can see, we have devoted much of this issue to the work of Eastern Queens United. This initiative includes not only the local civic associations, but many other groups as well. I believe that we will be rewarded for a long time for doing a small amount of work now. So, please sign and mail the attached letter. And join us at the meeting/rally on Thursday, January 12, 2012 at the Queens HS for Teaching, on the Padavan School Campus. Bring a sign!

### Creedmoor Property

We joined the neighboring civic associations in publishing a detailed response to a letter from the Indian Cultural and Community Center that appeared in the December 2, 2011 issue of the Times Ledger. Our response, titled "An Open Letter from Local Community Leaders." appeared as a full page ad in the Times -Ledger. It will be posted on the CCA website. Copies will be also be available at our meetings.

### Braddock Ave Median Repairs.

Council Member Mark Weprin has been following up on our request for the DOT to repair broken concrete slabs on the Braddock Ave median. Thanks!

### Foreclosure Seminar Follow Up

Senator Avella wrote to us to follow up on the Anti-Foreclosure Seminar that took place on December 10, 2011. Bottom line: Be wary of foreclosure rescue scams, and notify your lender as soon as you know that you will not be able to make your mortgage payments. Keep detailed records of all phone calls and correspondence. Senator Avella also lists 4 non-profit legal agencies to contact for assistance. Find them on our web site, or call Senator Avella's office at (718)357-3094.

Your neighbor, *Mike O'Keeffe*

### REDISTRICTING (continued from Page 1)

Following the release of the official draft maps, LATFOR will conduct another round of hearings. However, as of mid-December, 2011 the timing and location of those hearings has not been announced.

We need help in 2 ways: Sign and mail letter. Attend the meeting.

**Help ensure that the election districts are re-drawn fairly. Please sign this letter, detach and mail to our PO Box (address on next page). Either insert in an envelope, or fold over in thirds and tape.**

# EASTERN QUEENS UNITED

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January 9, 2012

Sen. Michael Nozzolio, Co-Chair

Assemblyman John J. McEneny, Co-Chair

Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research  
and Reapportionment

250 Broadway, Suite 2100

New York, New York 10007

Dear Senator Nozzolio and Assemblyman John J.  
McEneny:

Eastern Queens United is a broad based coalition of more than a dozen civic associations and community organizations from the neighborhoods of Glen Oaks, New Hyde Park, Floral Park, Bellerose, and Queens Village. This is a diverse community of people that have long worked together on many issues. We are a community of interest that has strong roots in the civic world. We have organized into a coalition that represents 75,000 people according to the 2010 census. We urge you NOT to divide our community in the upcoming reapportionment process, and keep us UNITED in Congressional and State legislative districts.

The current legislative district lines, which we strongly oppose, have our community divided into three Assembly districts (24th, 26th, and 33rd) and two Congressional districts (5th and 6th). We share a common police precinct, community board, residential density and quality of life. As a true

community of interest, we deserve and expect better. All of our communities lie in the periphery of each Assembly District, making it difficult to effectively advocate for our community. As a result, our collective voices are being diluted.

We strongly urge you to incorporate the EASTERN QUEENS UNITED communities of Bellerose, Floral Park, Glen Oaks, New Hyde Park and Queens Village, as identified in the schedule of 2010 Census Tracts, into a single legislative district. Slicing and dicing our communities as it has been done in the past is not acceptable. There is only one solution: UNITE OUR COMMUNITY NOW.

Sincerely,

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Cc: Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver

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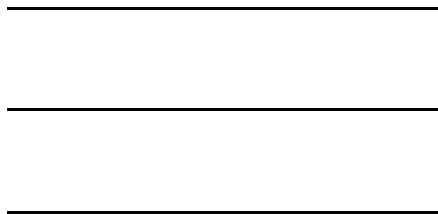
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**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO EXPRESS  
YOUR SUPPORT, ATTEND THE RALLY ON  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12 AT 7 PM AT THE  
QUEENS HIGH SCHOOL FOR TEACHING AT  
74-20 COMMONWEALTH BOULEVARD  
(PADAVAN SCHOOL CAMPUS)**

**Please fold along dotted lines, tape together, attach 1<sup>st</sup> class stamp, and mail to our PO Box. We will forward letters as a package**

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