

# Next meeting: Jan. 12 at 8 PM

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



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### 100s TURN OUT FOR 105<sup>TH</sup> PRECINCT CANDLELIGHT POLICE VIGIL

New York residents were stunned and saddened by the assassinations of NYPD Officers Rafael Ramos and Weinjian Liu, which occurred on the afternoon of December 20, 2014, as the officers sat in a police car at Myrtle Ave and Tompkins Avenues in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn.

The city has been in mourning since that date. The site of the murders has become a memorial shrine, with an ever-increasing supply of candles and flowers left by countless visitors.

The funeral for Officer Ramos took place on Saturday December 27, 2014. That evening, a candlelight vigil was held in front of the 105<sup>th</sup> Pct. Over 200 members of the community attended (see photo). On December 30, a candlelight vigil was held at Patrol Borough Queens South (PBQS) at the 107<sup>th</sup> Pct in Fresh Meadows. PBQS is made up of 8 precincts: the 100, 101, 102, 103, 105, 106, 107 and 113. Police Officer Liu's funeral took place on Sunday, January 4.

There will be a "Support Your Local Police" rally on Tuesday, January 13 at noon at Queens Borough Hall, located at 120-55 Queens Boulevard. Various civic and community groups are participating in the rally and press conference. Creedmoor Civic is not directly involved in this event.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the officers of the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct on the loss of these exceptional officers and human beings. We also thank you all for your courage and dedication in protecting us every day.



Local residents turn out in front of the 105 Precinct to honor the fallen NYPD cops.

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## DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS HOMEOWNERS' NIGHTS OFFERED

The Buildings Department hosts Homeowners' Night every Tuesday night from 4:00pm to 5:30pm at each borough office. The Queens office is located at 120-55 Queens Blvd, in Borough Hall. No appointment is necessary. Just show up with questions and a plan examiner will explain what permits are required and what regulations pertain to your project. Do your home improvement project right the first time. Avoid unnecessary stress, costs and delays due to stop work orders.

## BP KATZ TO SPEAK AT MARCH JOINT CIVIC MEETING

Queens Borough President Melinda Katz is scheduled to speak to a joint meeting of the Creedmoor, Rocky Hill and Bellerose-Hillside Civic Associations. The meeting will be held on March 9 at 7:30 PM in the PS-18 auditorium.

## VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT TO SHOVEL SNOW FOR SENIORS

State Senator Tony Avella is seeking volunteers to shovel snow for nearby senior citizens. Students might do this for community service. If you wish to volunteer, or you are a senior citizen who could use help, call Senator Avella's office at 718-357-3094.

## President's Message

The next 105th Precinct Community Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 28 at 8 PM. The meetings are usually well attended, but it would be great if we could really pack the room to express our thanks and support for our police officers.

Please join us at our January meeting/holiday party. We plan to honor our Block Captains, who keep an eye on our blocks and deliver civic newsletters in all kinds of weather. Please bring non-perishable food or household paper goods for the Living Hope Church Food Pantry.

Congratulations to newly elected President Emeritus Rick Duskiwicz! Rick was elected unanimously at the December meeting, after civic members passed an amendment to our Constitution which allows the President Emeritus to reside outside of the civic boundaries.

During the winter months, bad weather may force us to cancel a meeting. In that case, we will send out an email, post a note on Facebook, and leave a message on our civic phone line at 718-464-3369.

Your neighbor, *Mike O'Keeffe*

## NEW RULES FOR ELECTRONIC WASTE DISPOSAL

As of January 1, it is illegal to dispose of electronic waste in the trash. This includes computers, fax machines, printer/scanners, DVD players, and video game consoles. There are several ways to dispose of e-waste: Drop items at any Goodwill, Salvation Army, Best Buy, or Staples (no TV's). Or, watch for disposal events. See [nyc.gov/electronics](http://nyc.gov/electronics) for more information.

There will be an e-cycle event on Sunday, January 11, from 10 AM-4 PM, at the Queens Botanical Gardens (enter parking lot from Crommelin St. Sponsored by Tekserve and the Lower East Side Ecology Center). See [lesecolgycenter.org](http://lesecolgycenter.org).

## DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE OFFERED

St Gregory's Holy Name Society will sponsor a defensive driving course. It may be taken as a split class on Tuesday, January 13 and Thursday, January 15 from 7 PM to 10 PM, or on one day on Saturday, January 17 from 9 AM to 3 PM. Cost is \$45 per person. Proceeds will help pay for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade baseball team's upcoming trip to Cooperstown. Contact Bill Chuber at 516-546-5500, ext 3019.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The travel Guide Book Lonely Planet has named Queens as the number one travel destination for 2015.

## QUEENS CIVIC CONGRESS HOLDS LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION AND INSTALLS NEW PRESIDENT



**Officers of the Queens Civic Congress line up the stairs at the Douglaston Club to take the oath of office.**

December 13 saw the annual Legislative Reception take place at the Douglaston Club, a private yacht club in the Douglaston Historic District. The Club is the old Van Zandt mansion built in 1819. The event has been sponsored by the Queens Civic Congress for over 15 years. Richard Hellenbrecht has stepped down as president citing the need to spend a lot of time out of town as a requirement of work, and so Harbachan Singh, the Executive Vice President has taken the helm. Mr. Singh hails from the Holliswood Civic Association.

Hellenbrecht received a plaque as gratitude for the three years of his presidency. Kevin Forrestal, the president of the Hillcrest Estates Civic Association, assumes the role of Executive Vice President. James Trent, of Creedmoor Civic Association, continues as Treasurer. Congress Member Grace Meng served as installing officer.

Over 100 civic leaders and elected officials from as far away as Belle Harbor filled the historic rooms of the Douglaston Club. The event serves a unique purpose of allowing civic leaders to meet with their electeds on a one-on-one basis. Creedmoor Civic was represented by President Michael O'Keeffe and Treasurer James Trent.

### BELLEROSE LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Free homework Help for kids in K-6th Grade. Mon. And Thurs. 4 PM-6PM. Tues. And Wed.: 4 PM - 5:30 PM. No reservation needed

Lego Building club, January 7, 21; February 11, 25.

## "IF IT LOOKS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY IS"

*Thanks to the New York Community Bank for these tips on bank fraud and con artists.*

1. You receive a letter informing you that you have won a lottery. The letter states that you must wire this amount to a third party to claim your winnings. This check is found to be counterfeit after you wire out the funds.

2. You receive a letter with a cashier's check enclosed. The letter indicates that you have been chosen to be a secret shopper for a few companies, including a money transfer office. You must use the cashier's check enclosed to pay for items and services and fill out a survey. After you've spend the proceeds and wired money against the cashier's check deposit, the check is found to be counterfeit.

3. An email states that a person in a foreign country has inherited a large some of money but can't claim it. They offer to give you as percentage of the inheritance to receive it unto your account and then wire them their share. The check sent to you is found to be counterfeit after you wire out the funds.

4. You sell an item online and the buyer sends you a bank check or money order that is greater than the purchase price, and asks you to wire the balance back to them. The cbcheck is then found to be counterfeit after you wire out the funds.

5. A person presents you with a lottery ticket that is a supposed winner and states that they can't claim it because they are in the country illegally. They ask you to put up some of your money as a sign of good faith. They will take your money and leave you with a worthless counterfeit lottery ticket.

6. You answer an ad online for a job advertised as "Payroll Processor": receiving checks from a company to deposit into your personal account, and then wiring funds to "employees" for a fee. The check is found to be counterfeit after you wire out the funds.

7. You receive an email from a government agency with an attachment to open to hlep release funds. This may be a phishing virus that will record your passwords as you enter them and transfer them to fraudsters.

8. Letters with US Government Agency letterheads claim that the agency is holding payments from foreign companies owed to you, but to release the payments, you need to pay a large fee. The letterheads are forged and no payments exist.

9. You are contacted via email/telephone in response to a resume that you have posted online. The person solicits you for a job as an international money transfer agent. They send you official bank checks and you will then be required to immediately wire the proceeds out to a variety of locations, keeping an agreed-upon amount for your services. The checks will be found to be counterfeit after you wire out the funds.



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## DUES AND DONATIONS ADDENDA FOR 2014

We published lists of members who paid dues for 2014 in the October and November 2014 *Creedmoor Civic News* editions. The following members have either paid since then, or were omitted from previous lists due to our error. Many thanks for your continued support, and for the generous donations made by many members!

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### TIPS FROM DEP

At the North Bellerose Civic Association meeting on December 3, Department of Environmental Protection Customer Service Representative Karen Ellis provided some very useful information. You can:

- Ask a question or discuss a problem about a water bill.
- File a "Customer Dispute: about a bill; the form can be obtained on the DEP website:
- Sign up for the "Early Leak Notification Program" to be notified if your water usage spikes 5% above average (You must have an automated Meter reading Device for this)
- Request a refund for water lost through a hidden leak with the "Leak Forgiveness Program" (a member of Creedmoor Civic has done this successfully. As per the DEP website, the leak must be 200% of normal water usage for the month.

For any of the above, call DEP at 718-595-7000, visit the DEP website at [nyc.gov/DEP](http://nyc.gov/DEP), or email DEP at [customerservice@dep.nyc.gov](mailto:customerservice@dep.nyc.gov).

Happy New Year from all of us at Creedmoor  
Civic Association

See you at our January 12 party!


### TRY THIS EXERCISE

Looking for some brisk outdoor exercise this winter? Consider visiting Jamaica bay, weather permitting. "There are about five miles of trails you can take through the refuge," said Don Reipe, President of the Northeast Chapter of the American Littoral Society. "It's good in all seasons, it's just different."

There will be talks given on Sundays throughout the winter as part of the "Perspectives" series, and other events as well. Call the National Parks Service at 718-318-4340, or visit [nps.gov/gate/planyourvisit](http://nps.gov/gate/planyourvisit). (Queens Tribune, January 1-7, 2015).

### BELLEROSE HISTORY BOOK IN THE WORKS

While history books have been published for Floral Park and Queens Village, there has not been any comprehensive history published for Bellerose. A group of local Queens and Nassau historians have begun preliminary work on a single volume that will cover the three Belleroses: the Terrace, the Village, and the Manor. Each has its own history and each will have its own author or authors. It will NOT be an Arcadia publication, but will be in a larger, more beautiful format and privately published. Some incredible photographs of pre-suburban Bellerose have been uncovered and have never been published before. There is current thought that the book should be cut off at 1950 or so, since most of the interesting images and history pre-date 1950. No publication date has as of yet been announced, but they are shooting for a 2015 release. Creedmoor Civic's Jim Trent is leading the effort.

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