

Next meeting: Jan. 9 at 8:00 PM

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

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SENATOR AVELLA ANNOUNCES RUN FOR NYC MAYOR

State Senator Tony Avella has announced his candidacy for the 2017 NYC Mayoral election. He made the announcement on Sunday, December 18, 2016, at a press conference at the Holiday Inn Express in Maspeth.



Protests have been held there for several months against the City's attempts to convert the hotel to a homeless shelter.

Avella has served as Senator in District 11 since he defeated incumbent Senator Frank Padavan in 2010. He is a member of the Independent Democratic Conference, a group of Democrats that has allied with NYS Senate Republicans since 2014. Previously, he served in the City Council from 2002-2009. Avella ran for mayor in 2009 against William Thompson. Thompson won the Democratic nomination, but was defeated by incumbent Mayor Michael Bloomberg in the general election. Besides de Blasio and Avella, Former Brooklyn Councilman Sal Albanese is the only other Democrat to enter the race. Paul Massey, a real estate executive, and Michael Faulkner, a former NY Jets football star, have announced their intentions to run on the Republican line. The NYC Primary election is scheduled for Sept. 12, 2017, followed by the general election on November 11.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY AT OUR JANUARY MEETING. FREE, OPEN TO ALL. COVERED DISH SUPPER FORMAT (BRING FOOD IF YOU LIKE). LIVE MUSIC.

IF YOU SMELL GAS, ACT FAST

Recently, there was a delay in reporting an odor of natural gas in our area. Please report odors of gas immediately by calling 911 or 1-800-75-CONED. Don't assume that someone else has already reported it. Also, be aware that the FDNY may need to enter homes in the vicinity of a gas leak to check for gas migration. If forcible entry is required, the FDNY will try to do as little damage as possible. Some people may decide to leave keys and/or contact information with trusted neighbors.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE

NYC Well is New York City's free service that provides confidential support, crisis intervention, and information and referral service for anyone seeking help for mental health and/or substance misuse concerns. Operates 24/7. Anyone who is in danger or needs immediate help should call 911. Otherwise, help can be obtained by calling 1-888-NYC-WELL.

BRADDOCK PHARMACY

236-01 BRADDOCK AVE.
347-1516



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SHORT STORIES

New Snow Plowing System

In the past, NYC prioritized street plowing by designating primary, secondary and tertiary streets. Based on critiques of recent snow events, a new system is now in place. From the PlowNYC website:

- **Critical Routes:** These routes are comprised of highways (main beds, entrances, exits, and interchanges), arterial roadways, main travel thoroughfares (single lane and multi-lane), bus routes that contain emergency services & first responder facilities (Hospitals, EMS, FDNY, NYPD) and schools.
- **Sector Routes:** Designed to encompass all streets that are not classified as Critical Streets and are wide enough to accommodate a full size DSNY collection truck with a plow attached.
- **Haulster Routes:** Designed to service dead ends and streets that cannot be serviced with a collection truck or salt spreader with a plow attached due to narrow street width or tight turning radius (either entering or exiting the street).

To view the entire snow removal plan for Queens, type “nyc snow plan queens 2016-2017” into an internet search engine. To track the progress of salting, sanding and plowing operations, visit nyc.gov/plownyc

- **Designated E-Waste Electronic Recycling Event:** Sunday, January 29 from 10 am- 4 pm. Location: Queens Botanical Garden parking lot (from Main St, proceed West on Dahlia Ave to Crommelin Ave). They will accept working and non-working: Computers, monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, mice, cables, TV's, VCR's, DVD players, phones, audio/visual equipment. Sponsored by the Lower East Side Ecology Center.

President's Message

Thanks to CCA members Margaret Christy and John Parisi for speaking at our December meeting on the topic of homelessness. Their interesting and informative presentations generated many questions and a thoughtful discussion.

Following several years of decline, Martin Van Buren High School has made much progress in the last few years under the leadership of Principal Sam Sochet. A press conference is scheduled at the school on January 3, which is after this newsletter goes to press. We will report on this subject in detail next month. School performance affects us all, regardless of whether we have school age children, as good schools are a key factor affecting the desirability of a neighborhood.

Please come to our annual Holiday/New Year's party on Monday, January 9.

Your neighbor,

Michael O'Keeffe

VEHICLE IDLING RESTRICTIONS

You can call 311 to report an idling vehicle, other than an authorized emergency vehicle, that is parked with its engine running for more than three minutes, or parked next to a school with its engine running more than one minute. The following is from the NYC.gov website:

"The New York City Administrative Code, Title 24, Section 24-163 establishes that no person should allow the engine of a motor vehicle to idle for longer than three minutes while parking, standing, or stopping. However, there are two exceptions to this rule. The exceptions apply to the following:

1. Legally authorized emergency motor vehicles, and
2. Vehicles whose engine is used to operate a loading, unloading or processing device.

In addition, the legal idling time is reduced from three minutes to one minute around public and private school facilities as set forth in the Local Law of the City of New York.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

If you haven't visited our website recently, take a look at <http://www.creedmoorcivic.org/>. President Emeritus/Webmaster Rick Duszkiewicz has recently added many old newsletters including many newsletters from the 1930s to the 70s. There are also links to neighboring civic associations and other organizations. Historical documents include: "A Synopsis of the Years 2000-2010," written by Rick; "Creedmoor Civic Association History" by Jim Trent, our Treasurer and Newsletter Editor; "Memories of A Small Town," written by civic member Walter Audubon, who grew up in our newly developed area during the Great Depression.