

Next meeting: Jan. 14 at 8:00 PM

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



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STATE RELEASES BELMONT IMPACT STUDY

The long-awaited State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) for the Belmont Redevelopment project was released on December 6, 2018. \$1.18 billion plan includes a 19,000-seat hockey arena for the New York Islanders, a 250-room hotel and a 435,000 square foot retail complex at Belmont Park.

The study found that about 4,000 extra cars would frequent local roads and parkways during peak hours throughout the weekend and on weekday nights. It also stated that only two trains would run from the Jamaica station to the Belmont station for each event. The trains are expected to accommodate up to 2,280 arena patrons for weekday events and 1,330 for Saturday events.

On December 17, 2018, City Council Member Barry Grodenchik and NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer sent a letter to NYC Department of Transportation Commissioner Polly Trottenberg, asking for a comprehensive traffic study. "A project of this magnitude will have far ranging impacts on [Queens Village and Cambria Heights], with the potential to significantly increase congestion," Stringer and Grodenchik wrote. "As approvals for this project could be granted as soon as the second quarter of 2019, we urge the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) to undertake a proactive study of potential impacts and consider appropriate mitigation expeditiously."

"While New York State is controlling this process, it is incumbent as a city that we get prepared for the worst-case development scenario," they wrote. "As such, we ask that DOT review the DEIS's assumptions regarding peak trip times, modal share between mass transit and vehicular

usage, and analyzed intersections to provide an independent review of ESDC's methodologies."

According to an article in the Times Ledger on 12/30/18, DOT responded as follows: "DOT's review of the Nassau/Queens Interface Transportation Study includes Jamaica and Hempstead Avenues, the two corridors identified in the original Environmental Impact Assessment," a DOT spokesperson said. "While the original study did not specifically address the issues raised in the comptroller's letter, we are adjusting the scope to incorporate that feedback for review." Three public hearings are scheduled during the week of January 7, 2019 at the Elmont Public Library. Creedmoor Civic members were notified by email and Facebook. More information will be available at our Meeting/Holiday Party on Jan 14.

JANUARY MEETING: NEW YEAR'S PARTY!

Our January meeting will consist of a short business meeting then will be given over to a free pot-luck supper and live music.

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President's Message

Belmont

Not surprisingly, the environment impact study on the Belmont Redevelopment Plan determined that the project would have an adverse impact on traffic. So far, the Empire State Development Corporation has not provided adequate solutions. We will continue to pursue this with our elected officials and other community groups.

Winter Safety

So far, the winter has not been severe, but we have a long way to go. Home fires are more common during the winter months. With windows closed and streets deserted, discovery of fires is delayed. Make sure your smoke and CO detectors are working. Please make sure that hydrants are cleared of snow, and that streets and intersections are not blocked. Also, let's keep up our tradition of looking after our neighbors.

January 14 Meeting/Holiday Party

If you have been thinking about coming to a meeting, this would be a great one to attend. Better still, bring along a neighbor or two!

Your neighbor,

Michael O'Keeffe

SCOUTING FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Cub Scout Pack 216 has been re-established. It meets on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the Oak Room at St Gregory the Great Church, located at 242-20 88th Ave. For more information, contact Amelia Marpman at amelia.marpman@gmail.com

Interested in Girl Scouts? There are several troops in the Bellerose and Floral Park areas that serve girls in grades K through 12. For more information, contact Mary Ann Hellenbrecht at 917-865-9268, or girlscout9103@gmail.com

BUILD THE BLOCK MEETING: JAN. 23

The next "Build The Block" meeting with our Neighborhood Coordinating Officers will take place on Wednesday, January 23, at 6:30 pm. Location: PS 115 James J. Ambrose School, 80-51 251 Street, Glen Oaks, NY 11004. Come to get to know our NCO's and find out what's going on in Sector Eddie, which includes Bellerose, Floral Park and Glen Oaks. For more information, contact NCO Contessa at joseph.contessa@nypd.org or NCO Gallagher at shawn.gallagher@nypd.org.

Around the Town

SAL AND GINO'S DELI OPENS: Pickles' Deli has been sold, replaced by "Sal & Gino's Deli and Catering." Business hours will be from 7am to 10pm, Monday through Saturday, and 7am to 7pm on Sundays. We wish the new owners the best of luck. Stop in to say hello and check it out!

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