

# Next meeting: June 11 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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### ***PUSH TO END TO UNWANTED FLYERS***

**Creedmoor Civic has joined the bandwagon to end the distribution of unwanted flyers and circulars dropped on our stoops and lawns.**

Are you tired of picking up circulars from in front of your house several times a week? Isn't it distressing to find a dozen packages of advertisements sitting on your front steps, on your front lawn and the sidewalk when you get back from a few days' vacation, knowing that it's a tip-off to even the most amateur burglar? Ask your neighbor, he or she is probably just as annoyed as you are about this form of legalized littering.

The tossing of unsolicited and unwanted advertisements onto our private properties has been a long-time complaint of many residents of NY City, especially Queens. Several legislators have attempted to pass laws prohibiting this, but these usually fail to pass First Amendment challenges.

One bill (#S.3420) recently passed in the NY State Senate addressing this problem. It would require the placing of a small sign on your property stating that you do not want these unsolicited circulars. State Senator Frank Padavan, who is a sponsor of this bill, says that this bill, as written, will not be in violation of the circular distributor companies' "First Amendment" rights, since this will not prevent the delivery to those who want them.

This piece of legislation, called the "Lawn Litter Bill," has passed the State Senate and has gone to the State Assembly (Bill #A.6247). Unfortunately, for the past three years, bills that were very similar to it failed to be passed in the Assembly.

You can change that. You can help by signing the two enclosed petitions and mailing them. They're already addressed for your convenience. Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver needs to know that YOU feel it's a big

problem and you want it solved once and for all. Assembly Member Mark Weprin needs to hear that you support the Assembly version of the bill. We've been told that Creedmoor Civic's Assembly Member, Barbara Clark, also supports this bill.

Let your neighbors know also. For the price of two stamps and a few minutes of your time, you can make a difference. Even if you're not a homeowner, do it for your neighbors. If you are in any way affected by these ads (they can be dangerously slippery in their plastic sleeves on rainy days), let these two politicians know now!

These need to be sent out very soon, before the Assembly closes its session in the next couple of weeks. Please don't forget. Do it now.

### **DAYLIGHT RESPONSE NEEDED**

A request for "daylighting," the removal of parking spaces near intersections to create a clear view for turning cars, has been requested for 238 St. & 88th Ave. by a resident.

A vote was taken at our April meeting to determine if Creedmoor Civic should follow up on this request and send out notification letters to the homeowners in the immediate area. This motion was approved, and those homeowners should be receiving letters soon. It is imperative that those homeowners respond either by phone, email, or in writing, if they have any opinions on that matter. They will be deciding if the request will then be sent to the Community Board. Creedmoor Civic strives to obtain the input of the affected neighbors before acting on requests for daylighting, since the loss of several parking spaces can be very important to them.

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## *Around the Town*

❁ **Condolences** to the family of Louise (Optilie) DeGeorge, who passed away last month after a long illness. Louise was the mother of Rocky Hill Civic board member Linda Gritsch.

❁ **Get Well** to Tony Cafaro, co-owner with his brother Joe, of Valley Printing, on a recovery from an operation.

❁ **Congratulations** to Sean & Yvette Larkins of 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue on their June 3<sup>rd</sup> wedding. (Sean is the son of Christine Larkins, a Creedmoor Civic board member.)

❁ **Welcome** to Haithan and Iman Dawod, who recently moved onto the 89 block of 239 St.

## **Illegal Apartment Owners Take Note**

A fire marshal has determined that a frayed extension cord sparked the blaze that took two lives in Sheepshead Bay in early May, and one elected official is demanding that the Kings County District Attorney's office probe further and possibly file charges against the landlord, who he believes created the hazardous situation that led to their deaths. Officials said that the two-alarm blaze erupted inside the illegal basement apartment of the home, located on E 15th Street, just before 7:30 a.m. on a Monday morning.

It was determined that the illegal basement apartment didn't have a smoke alarm, nor did it have a second exit

that the family could have used as an escape route. State Senator Carl Kruger feels that the owner of the house created this illegal dwelling and profited from it, and should be charged with manslaughter.

## **LOCAL BANK ROBBED**



Camera view of perp.

Officers of the 105th Precinct are looking for a suspect wanted in connection with a bank robbery that occurred on Friday, May 18.

According to police, the suspect entered the North Fork Bank located at 257-03 Hillside Avenue, passed the teller a note demanding money and fled on foot with an undetermined amount of cash.

The suspect is described as a male in his 20s or 30s, 5'8," 150 pounds. Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 800-577-TIPS.

## **Graffiti Bust**

The 105th Precinct made another arrest for graffiti in May. The kid attends MS172 and his tag was seen on many light poles along Hillside Ave. One more arrest of another graffiti vandal who attends MS172 is imminent.

## **Bump Key Info**

You may have heard about "bump keys" in the news or on the Internet. TV news stations all over the country have run segments showing how the typical door lock can be opened in seconds by this method. Are you at risk? Are these keys real, or just a hoax? Come to Monday's meeting to find out.

## **SAFETY BOLLARDS TO BE INSTALLED AT C.I.P.**

Creedmoor Civic received word from Community Board chairman Rich Hellenbrecht that our request for a safety zone on the southbound Cross Island Parkway service road has been approved, and will be constructed sometime this summer. This safety zone will start at 88th Road and extend to the exit for

Braddock Avenue.

This request was made because of the conflicts between cars exiting the parkway and the vehicles on the service road. In some cases, the cars exiting the parkway attempted to make a quick right turn onto 90th Ave and caused accidents. One such accident involved the destruction of a private garage.

This safety zone will be similar to the one currently in use on the northbound service road.

## Belated Thanks - Civic Party

In giving thanks last month, we failed to thank Ken Hanson for his donation of a case of wine that we all enjoyed at our 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration on May 5<sup>th</sup>. We also omitted Bali Wireless from our list of merchants who provided a door prize, and we forget to mention the considerable efforts Ann Marie Duskiwicz.



Decorated Birthday cake as prepared by EOK Bakery, featuring the Association's logo of a stylized version of a typical home in our area.

## ALZHEIMER'S SERVICES OFFERED, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A group called Builders For Family and Youth (BFFY) of the (Catholic) Diocese of Brooklyn, an affiliate of Catholic Charities under contract with the New York City Department for the Aging wants our readers to know about the following program:

Alzheimer's Adult Day Care Program - BFFY offers a 5-day per week day program for individuals with dementia-specific illness. The program involves social and therapeutic recreation activities, art, dancing, music therapy, hot lunch, and snacks.

Their dedicated team, a registered nurse, social worker,

skilled personnel, and volunteers are well trained for the job. A Support group is available on Tuesdays (10:15 AM-11:45 AM) to the family of those afflicted, offering support, relief, and encouragement.

If you know someone who seems confused, has memory loss, shows changes in behavior or personality, Alzheimer's disease, or many related disorders maybe the cause. There is a suggested donation.

They are also looking for volunteers to help with the program. For further information, contact Fran Staples, Program Director at 718-358-3541. They are located at 157-16 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Flushing, NY 11367.

## COMMUNITY BOARD HELPS

### RID TREE LIMBS

Thank you to community board 13 for their help in getting the mess of tree limbs removed from the triangle at Moline St and 88th Ave.

Speaking of this triangle, we could use a volunteer or two to help with its cleanup sometime this month. If you could spare a few hours on a weekend, please call Rick at 718 464-3369. We'll supply all of the necessary tools and garbage bags.

## NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR CIVIC LEADERSHIP

Nominations for all officer positions will be opened at this Monday's meeting. While most current officers have indicated that they are willing to remain, all CCA members are eligible to be nominated if they desire. Elections will be held after the summer break

## CIVIC SUPPORTS MEMORIAL DAY



Three members of Creedmoor Civic joined in the observance of Memorial Day by boarding the float of the Queens County Farm Museum on Northern Boulevard in Little Neck-Douglaston.



(Reprinted from the Broadside, newsletter of the Queens County Farm Museum)

## THEY'RE GONE AND ITS PAR FOR THE COURSE

Queens is known for many things, but few realize that Queens was once an important venue for world-class golf courses. All the private courses are now gone except for a remnant of the Glen Oaks course that now surrounds the North Shore Towers. To maximize the limited space here, we are giving only brief descriptions with some courses illustrated with images from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. These courses were extant in 1937. Boundaries are approximate as many courses had irregular boundaries. They are listed as N for north, E for east, W for west, and S for south. (Some that were gone before 1937: Laurelton GC built in 1925 and designed by Devereaux Emmet and which straddled Merrick Blvd. Old CC located where Flushing Airport was located. It was designed by Emmet in 1923, and Belleclair G & CC located just west of the Oakland GC designed in 1919 by Tom Wells.)

### Arrow Brook Golf Club

N: South of Cedar Grove Cemetery, W: Main Street

E: Flushing Meadows Corona Park. This course was gone by 1949. Jewel Avenue now runs through the center of it. It was replaced by apartments.

### Bayside Golf Links

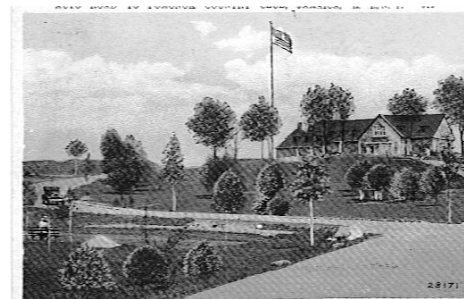
Opened in 1932. Designed by Alister MacKenzie. N: 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue., E: 210<sup>th</sup> Street. W: 203<sup>rd</sup> Street, S: 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Gone by 1949. Replaced by homes.



**Old Country Golf Club, Flushing**

Trent Archives

This property was once a Vanderbilt estate. In 1971 the property was developed to the North Shore Towers, and the clubhouse and much of the golf course now surround the three towers for use by residents only.



**Pomonok Country Club, Flushing**

Trent Archives

N: 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, E: 144<sup>th</sup> St., W: 141<sup>st</sup> St., S: 12 Ave. Gone by 1949. A nine-holer replaced by housing.

### Glen Oaks Golf and Country Club

Opened in 1925 and designed by Pipe Follett. N: Grand Central Parkway, E: east of the City Line, W: 264<sup>th</sup> St., S: Underhill Ave.

The original golf club, however, did not go out of business. They are now located in Nassau County.

### Malba Field Club



**Oakland Golf Course, Bayside**

Trent Archives

Emmet in 1923. N: Union Tpke., E: 171<sup>st</sup> St., W: 82<sup>nd</sup> Av., S: Utopia Parkway. Gone by 1949. Became the site of St. John's University.

### Pomonok Country Club



**St. Albans Golf Course and lake**

Trent Archives

N: Empire Ave., E: City Line, W: Annapolis St., S: Lanett Ave, Far Rockaway. Gone by around 1950.

### Queens Valley Golf Club



**Bayside Links Golf Club**

Trent Archives

Built 1915, remodeled in 1923. By A. W. Tillinghast. N: Linden Blvd., E: LIRR & Baisley Blvd., W: 175<sup>th</sup> St., S: Merrick Blvd. Gone by 1949. Redeveloped as a Veterans Administration Hospital.

### Fresh Meadow Country Club

Opened in 1922, designed by A. W. Tillinghast. N: 67 Av., E: 198<sup>th</sup> St., W: 186<sup>th</sup> St., S: 73<sup>rd</sup> Av. Sold in 1946, replaced by the Fresh Meadows planned community. The Club, however, relocated to Nassau and is still in business. This was a nationally-prominent course.

### Oakland Golf Club

Opened in 1915. Designer: Seth Raynor. N: Kenilworth Dr. & Enfield Pl., E: Cloverdale Bl., W: Springfield Blvd., S: Horace Harding Expy. Gone by 1958. Homes built to the south, Queensborough Community College to the north.

### Idlewild Beach Golf Club

N: 147<sup>th</sup> Av., E: 159<sup>th</sup> St., W: 156<sup>th</sup> St., S: 152<sup>nd</sup> St. Gone by 1949. Absorbed into Idlewild (JFK) Airport.

### Hillcrest Golf Club

Designed by Devereux

Emmet in 1923. N: Union Tpke., E: 171<sup>st</sup> St., W: 82<sup>nd</sup> Av., S: Utopia Parkway. Gone by 1949. Became the site of St. John's University.

Opened 1921, designed by Emmet. N: 65 Av., E: 164<sup>th</sup> St., W: Kissena Blvd., S: 71<sup>st</sup> Ave., Flushing. Sold to developers in 1949. Became the Pomonok housing project.

### Ocean Golf Club

N: Empire Ave., E: City Line, W: Annapolis St., S: Lanett Ave, Far Rockaway.

Design: Emmet, 1923. N: 72 Rd., E: 141<sup>st</sup> St., W: Flushing Meadows Corona Park, S: 76<sup>th</sup> Rd. Gone by 1949. Developed to housing. This was a highly rated course.

### St. Albans Country Club