

Next meeting: June 9 at 8 PM

Meetings at the Living Hope Christian Church (basement), Braddock Avenue at 241st Street



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VAN BUREN HS WILL CO-LOCATE

A B-TECH (Business Technology Early College) High School will be co-located at Martin Van Buren High School, starting this September.

At that time, 108 students will begin 9th grade in the program, with an additional grade added each year. Students in this 6-year program, which is sponsored by computer company SAP North America, will receive an associate's degree from Queensborough Community College (QCC) at no cost.

Martin Van Buren High School will continue to offer specialized programs in the areas of Pre-Med, Pre-Engineering/Robotics, Pre-Law/Forensics, and Computer Technology. Van Buren students will continue to take college courses through QCC and Syracuse University.

The issue of co-location has divided the civic community in eastern Queens, with some in favor and others against. MVB HS has been on the ropes for years, but with a new principal has been seeing a dramatic turnaround. Some feel the co-location could jeopardize that. The officials who appeared at a hearing on this topic at Van Buren recently assured everyone that Van Buren will not be starved of resources as the B-Tech program moves forward. We know what happened at Jamaica HS when three academies were co-located there. We don't want to see the efforts of MVB Principal Sam Sochet undone by the B-Tech program, about which no one otherwise has any objection. But Van Buren's student population will be reduced, possibly causing the elimination of some elective classes that can't be filled with a smaller population to

draw from.

Some people may believe that it will take too long to turn Van Buren HS around to prevent some families from moving from the area. Also, the B-Tech program would not appeal to those students who do not want a two year degree from Queensborough Community College, but would rather obtain an academic diploma from Van Buren and then go on to a four-year school of their choosing.

Creedmoor Civic will closely monitor the situation at Van Buren and will continue to attend meetings with school administrators and other civic groups, to ensure that both schools prosper.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER MARK WEPRIN TO SPEAK AND INSTALL OFFICERS AT JUNE MEETING. BE SURE TO ATTEND! REFRESHMENTS SERVED.

ICCC UPDATE

The Indian Cultural and Community Center (ICCC) is scheduled to submit amended plans for their proposed project on the Creedmoor Hospital Campus by June 24, 2014.

A public hearing at the Board of Standards and Appeals is scheduled for July 22, 2014.

BRADDOCK PHARMACY

236-01 BRADDOCK AVE.
347-1516



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President's Message

Our City Council Member, Mark Weprin, has taken time out of his busy schedule to swear in our Officers and Board Members at our June 9 meeting. Come to the meeting, ask a question, and bring household paper goods or non-perishable food to support the food pantry of the Living Hope Christian Church.

Thanks to Post Commander Jay Dolan and the members of the John F. Prince VFW Post for a very meaningful Memorial Day service.

If you have not paid your 2014 dues, please send \$6 to PO Box 260143, Bellerose, NY 11426. If you are unsure whether you have paid, contact us by phone at 718-464-3369, or at creedmoorcivic@gmail.com. Thanks to all who have paid dues or made donations.

Have a safe and fun-filled summer.

Your neighbor, *Mike O'Keefe*

NEWS FROM THE 105TH POLICE PRECINCT

Here are some highlights from the 105th Precinct Community Council Meeting held on May 28, 2014:

◆ "National Night Out" is scheduled for August 5, 2014, from 5 PM to 9 PM. It will take place at Cabbell Park/Cambria Heights Park, located at 121st Avenue and Francis Lewis Blvd. There will be free food, entertainment and more. Come out to meet neighbors and members of the NYPD.

◆ People going on vacation should take precautions not to make their residences appear empty. Make arrangements to have mail picked up or diverted. Non-solicitation signs are available forbidding solicitation.

◆ A presentation of the "Cop of the Month" award was made to Sgt. Collins and P.O. Bartolis of the Precinct Anti-Crime Unit. While staking out a location, they became involved in a high speed chase. They apprehended three subjects and a Walter PPK Pistol equipped with a silencer.

◆ The Noise Abatement Unit has been averaging 65 responses a week regarding noise conditions. They are issuing summons and advised that we report any violations to them through 311.

◆ The 105th Pct. has dropped to second place citywide in crime reduction, which is still impressive. DI Coyle cited a slight increase in violent assaults from 8 to 11, compared with the same time period last year. He advised that most involved domestic violence as opposed to street crimes. He mentioned a double shooting incident on the evening of Memorial Day at 218th Street and 137th Avenue resulting in one death and one serious injury. He advised that the shooter has been identified and an arrest is imminent.

Around the Town

♣ **St. Gregory the Great Festival:** It's that time of year again. The Gregorian Festival will run from Thursday, June 19 through Sunday, June 29. Hours of operation will be 7 PM- 11 PM each night. As always, there will be music, rides, food and more. Proceeds will benefit St Gregory's School, which serves children from pre-school through 8th grade. The Bellerose Rescue will be on scene each night. They will have kiddie rides and gifts for little kids. Stop by their tent and see them.

BE AWARE OF PARKING REGULATIONS

In recent years, parking has become increasingly difficult with the civic area. We can make the best of the situation by obeying the law and showing consideration to our neighbors. The following regulations are found in the NYC Traffic Rules, Chapter 4, Section 4-08:

· **Hydrants.** No parking within fifteen feet of a fire hydrant.
· **Sidewalks.** No parking in such a way that obstructs a sidewalk.

· **Street storage of vehicles prohibited.** When parking is not otherwise restricted, no person shall park any vehicle in any area, including a residential area, in excess of seven consecutive days.

· **Unofficial reserving of parking space.** It shall be unlawful for any person to reserve or attempt to reserve a parking space, or prevent any vehicle from parking on a public street through his/her presence in the roadway, the use of hand-signals, or by placing any box, can, crate, handcart, dolly or any other device, including unauthorized pavement, curb or street markings or signs in the roadway.

For more information, see: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot>