

Next meeting: June 8 at 8:00 PM

This Meeting will be at Living Hope Christian Church on Braddock Avenue at 241st Street



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TRIBUTES PAID TO OFFICER BRIAN MOORE

The local community has turned out in force to honor and commemorate the sacrifice of Police Officer Brian Moore of the 105th Precinct who was shot in the line of duty on May 2.

Several memorial services took place in the past few weeks to remember and honor Police Officer Brian Moore



Residents rally in front of the 105 Precinct to show support for the work of the police. This culminated a march through the streets of the neighborhood.

of the 105th Precinct, who was shot after stopping a suspicious person. He died later at Jamaica Hospital on May 4.

On the evening of May 13, a procession took place from Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Queens Village to the 105th Precinct. At sundown, a candle light memorial service was held at the precinct. Ironically, this service had
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CIVICS FIGHT JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY IN QUEENS VILLAGE

The NYC Administration for Children's Services (ACS) is planning to put a Limited-Secure Placement facility in a building on Jamaica Ave and 207th St. This is part of a program called "Close to Home," which seeks to house juvenile offenders in or near their communities, instead of in detention centers upstate.

According to the ACS, a Limited-Secure Placement Facility would house some youth who have committed violent offenses, such as robbery and assault. The most serious offenders would remain in state facilities.

Local civic leaders and residents have several objections. First, most believe that this type of facility does not belong in or near a residential area. Also, there has been limited outreach to the community. Finally, ACS has not explained how they will prevent escapes from the facility.

The Queens Village Civic Association has scheduled a protest to be held at the location on Saturday, June 6 at noon. They are seeking support from neighboring civics. Readers of the print newsletter will most likely not receive this in time to attend. More information will be provided at our June 8 meeting.

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President's Message

The Memorial Day service at the VFW was well attended. One of the VFW members present was Creedmoor Civic member Leo Guintini of 239 St. Leo served in Europe during World War II, including the D-Day Invasion. Many thanks to all who have served!

You should have received an envelope with the civic's address along with your newsletter. If you have not already done so, please send in your 2015 dues of \$6. Dues will be \$10, starting in 2016. We need your support to continue as a viable organization.

Thanks to Council Member Mark Weprin and his staff for their assistance during the time that Mark was in office. We wish Mark well in his new position in Governor Cuomo's administration. We will notify you of how the office will be filled as information becomes available.

As usual, there will be no newsletters or regular meetings during July and August. We will send e-mails and post on Facebook if we need to get important information out.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer. If you plan to entertain at your home, please be considerate of your neighbors, especially with regard to noise.

Your neighbor,
Michael O'Keeffe

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Council Member Weprin 718-468-0137 (see article on P. 4)
State Senator Tony Avella 718-357-3094
State Assembly Member Barbara Clark 718-479-2333
US Representative Steve Israel 631-777-7391
Community Board 13 718-464-9700
Services Now for Adult Persons (SNAP) 718-454-2100
Queens Boro Pres., Office for Constituent Services 718-286-2669
NYC Dept for the Aging 311
NYS Office for the Aging 800-342-9871
Social Security 800-772-1213
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SAFE Disposal Event

The Annual Dept of Sanitation SAFE Disposal event will take place on Saturday, June 20 from 10 AM- 4 PM at Cunningham Park. Enter from Francis Lewis Blvd between Union Turnpike and the Grand Central Pkwy. Accepted items include electronics, solvents, batteries, medications, paint and more. For more information, go to nyc.gov/safedisposal.

If you can't make this event, you may dispose of hazardous items as follows:

- Electronics: Drop off at Goodwill, Salvation Army, Best Buy or Staples (no TV's).
- Compact Fluorescent Bulbs: Home Depot, Lowes or Ikea.
- Latex paint, batteries, motor oil, fluorescent bulbs, mercury devices and tires: Drop off at the District 7 Sanitation Garage in College Point on 30 Ave between 120 and 122 streets. Hours: Every Saturday and last Friday of the month from 10 AM- 5 PM.
- Auto waste: Drop at service stations or auto parts stores.
- Rechargeable batteries: Drop at retailers that sell them.
- Syringes: Drop at hospitals in a tightly sealed and clearly labeled container.

Around the Town

❖ **Condolences** to Angela and Mike Castellano of the Lost Community Civic Association on the recent loss of Angela's mother, Bessie Losquadro.

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT FESTIVAL

This year's Gregorian Festival will run from Thursday, June 18 through Sunday, June 28, from 7 PM- 11 PM. As always, there will be music, rides, food and more. Bellerose Rescue will be on hand to provide emergency medical care. They will also have a few kiddie rides. Proceeds benefit St Gregory's School, which serves children from pre-school through 8th grade.

We ask that you be considerate of people who live near the festival grounds. Please don't litter, and take care not to park in front of someone's driveway.

OVC AND EMC CARNIVAL AND FIREWORKS

The carnival run by Our Valued Community and Ebenezer Mission Church will take place at Preller-Padavan Field from July 2 through July 6. Fireworks are scheduled for July 4 at 9 PM.

DONATIONS RECEIVED

Special thanks to our residents who have donated cash to Creedmoor Civic:

Moline St.: Ismail	237 th St.: Fajardo
238 th St.: Block/Daly	239 th St.: Guintini
241 st St.: Fernandez, Cvitkovich	242 nd St.: Okello
88 th Ave.: Fajardo, Larkins	89 th Ave.: Coscia
90 th Ave.: Sileo	

HELPFUL HINTS FROM THE NYC DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Thanks to DEP representative Karen Ellis for speaking at our May meeting. Here are some highlights of her presentation:

- Toilet leaks are the main cause of increased water bills.
- You can get a free Home Water Conservation Kit, which includes a low flow shower head, faucet aerators and dye tablets to test for toilet leaks. You need to mail or fax a form which is available on the DEP website at nyc.gov/dep. We will have the form at our June meeting.
- Grease is the most common cause of drain blockages. Do not pour cooking grease down the drain. Don't pour grease in the drain while running hot water. The grease will cool as it travels through your pipes, causing a blockage.
- Open a "My DEP Account," either on line or by calling 718-595-7000. DEP will monitor your water consumption, and notify you by phone, text or e-mail if your water consumption spikes by more than 5 %.
- Houses constructed before 1960 (our homes) may have water pipes made of lead, or copper pipes joined with lead solder. Call 311 to obtain a do-it-yourself lead test kit, or call DEP to be put on a list to have your plumbing tested for lead.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS FROM OUR APRIL MEETING

Thanks to FDNY Lt. Velez for a great presentation on fire safety. Here are a few tips:

- Cigarettes are the #1 cause of fatal fires, mostly because people fall asleep while smoking. Alcohol and medication use are often associated with fatal smoking fires. Use an ashtray and make sure cigarettes and matches are extinguished.

- Most fires are caused by cooking. When we multitask, it is easy to forget about a pot on the stove. "Stand By Your Pan." Use a timer as a reminder. Your cell phone has one. Do not use water on a grease fire. Use baking soda for grease fires (S for safety), or a fire extinguisher rated for grease fires. Keep these away the stove, near an exit. Cover the pan, turn off the stove, and call 911.
- Don't wear loose fitting clothing when cooking. If your clothes catch fire, Stop, Drop and Roll.
- Don't overload electric circuits. Don't use 2 appliances in one duplex outlet (a heater and a hair drier, for example).
- Extension cords are for temporary use. If you must use one, use the right cord for the right job. Don't use one from the dollar store. Appliance cords are 14 gauge and designed for appliances. Don't run an extension cord under a rug. Don't let a cord get pinched in any way.
- If you smell gas, go outside and then call 911.
- Candles are dangerous. Consider using a battery powered LED candle. Have flashlights on hand in case of a power failure.
- Make sure you have smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, and that the batteries are fresh. Smoke detectors last 7-9 years. CO detectors last 5-7 years. If unsure, replace them. Some detectors now come with batteries that last up to 10 years.
- Practice your family fire escape plan at night, with the lights off. You should have 2 ways out. Plan an outside meeting place off of your property.
- Sleep with bedroom doors closed.

FARM MUSEUM TO CELEBRATE 40 YEARS
July 4 will be the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Colonial Farmhouse Restoration Society of Bellerose, Inc., doing business as the Queens County Farm Museum. The 47-acre museum at 73-50 Little Neck Parkway, is the busiest farm museum in the United States, if not the world. A modest event is planned for July 26.



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been planned prior to Officer Moore's death as part National Police Week, held throughout the country to honor fallen law enforcement officers. Creedmoor Civic member Joe Concannon organized this event.

On Saturday May 16, a ceremony was held at Triangle Tribute Park, located on Little Neck Parkway, adjacent to the Glen Oaks complex. It was organized by Bob Friedrich, President of the Glen Oaks Cooperative, and Mike Castellano, President of the Lost Community Civic Association in Floral Park. Other civic associations assisted and took part. At the May 18 Community Board 13 meeting, CB 13 Chairman Bryan Block present a memorial plaque to Deputy Inspector Michael Coyle, Commanding Officer of the 105th Precinct. Assistant Chief David Barrere, commanding officer of Patrol Borough Queens South, was also in attendance.

On May 27, members of Officer Moore's family attended the 105th Precinct Community Council meeting. Officer Moore was remembered by the community members in attendance, and was honored by the organization "Blue Lives Matter." Deputy Inspector Coyle thanked the community for its strong support in the aftermath of Officer Moore's death.

St Gregory the Great School is creating a tribute garden in Officer Moore's memory. Several other schools have held fund raisers to contribute to the garden. A dedication ceremony is being planned to take place during the St. Gregory the Great Festival.

Over one hundred blue ribbons were hung on Jericho Turnpike, Braddock Ave and 222 St between Braddock Ave and the precinct. The ribbons were donated by Patty

and George Frank, proprietors of Heart of the Party, located on Jericho Turnpike. Patty and George have been in business at that location since the 1980's. Their former business was Mr. Ribbon, a craft store. Patty personally made all of the bows. Members of the Queens Colony Civic Association hung the ribbons on Jericho Turnpike. The ribbons on Braddock Ave and 222 St were hung by Creedmoor Civic members Janet and Brian Murphy.

Thanks to all involved in all of these efforts!

COUNCILMAN WEPRIN TO RESIGN SEAT TO TAKE STATE JOB

City Council Member Mark Weprin has announced that he plans to resign from his 23rd Councilmanic seat to take a position in the administration of Governor Andrew Cuomo as Deputy Secretary for Legislative Affairs at \$150,000 a year salary. Details about the selection of his successor will be announced as they become available. Mark will not need to move to Albany. He will be able to work from Manhattan.

If he resigns before June 12, there will be a non-partisan special election. A resignation after June 12, by law, requires that the election fall on the regular dates for partisan primaries and general election.

There are many people planning to run for this open seat. Mark's brother, Assemblyman David Weprin, announced he will not seek to run for City Council, a seat he once held.

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