

# Next meeting: Mar. 9 at 7:30 PM

**This Meeting only will be at P.S. 18, 86-35 235<sup>th</sup> Court, just south of Hillside Avenue**



## Creedmoor Civic News

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### BEEP KATZ TO SPEAK AT JOINT CIVIC MEETING AT P.S.18

As we've been reporting, several Bellerose civic associations, including Creedmoor Civic, will hold a joint meeting on Monday, March 9 at 7:30 PM.



**Queens Borough  
President Melinda Katz**

The meeting will be held in the auditorium of P.S. 18, located at 86-35 235<sup>th</sup> Court. This will constitute our regular March meeting.

Borough President Melinda Katz, the 19<sup>th</sup> Queens Borough President, has graciously accepted our invitation to speak. Katz grew up in Forest Hills where she still lives with her two children. Her father, the late David Katz, was maestro of

the Queens Symphony Orchestra. Melinda also in the past served in the City Council and the NYS Assembly.

Please come to the meeting to find out what's going on, ask questions, and express your opinions. Refreshments will be served.

#### **PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING UPDATE**

On Tuesday, March 10, there will be a presentation of the 2015 Participatory Budget projects to be voted on in April. The event will take place at 7 PM at the Bayside Senior Center, located at 221-15 Horace Harding Expressway in Bayside. We will list specific information about the proposals and voting locations in our April newsletter.

#### **NEWS FROM THE 105<sup>TH</sup> PRECINCT STATIONHOUSE**

The 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council meeting was held on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Because of the Holiday break in December and bad weather in January, this was the first meeting since November. Members of the community expressed condolences for the assassinations of Police Officers Ramos and Liu in December. The NYPD is recruiting for positions of Police Officer, School Safety Agent and Traffic Enforcement Agent. There will be a career day some time in May. For more information, visit [nyc.gov/nypd](http://nyc.gov/nypd), and select "Careers." Deputy Inspector Michael Coyle commented on several topics:

- If you see any posts on social media that are threatening in nature, contact the NYPD immediately. Call the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct at 776-9090, or call the NYC terrorism hotline at 1-888-NYC-SAFE.
- 2014 was a great year, with steep crime declines compared to 2013. In comparison to the low numbers in 2014, crime in early 2015 has increased in categories such as robberies, burglaries, and auto thefts.
- Part of the crime increase was attributed to six armed robberies of cab drivers in the southern part of the

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### **BRADDOCK PHARMACY**

**236-01 BRADDOCK AVE.  
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## President's Message

**Civic associations from Queens Village to Floral Park will be meeting together on March 9 to host Borough President Katz. The long range weather forecast looks good.**

**Civic Board member Larry Burke has been working hard on updating our website. It will provide a good interface with Facebook, which we already use, and other social media for possible future use. We are still working on the transition. Check it out at <http://creedmoorcivicassn.weebly.com/>. Thanks to Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association President Juan Zubizarreta for his help.**

**Thanks to Jeannie Martori who has volunteered to deliver civic newsletters on 90<sup>th</sup> Ave. We would like to get someone who lives on the 89 block of 241 St to deliver for their block. Thanks to Board member Marion Zimmer for delivering on several blocks for many years!**

**We had to cancel our February meeting due to the weather. We will invite the Fire Department to a future meeting. In April, we will resume meeting at our regular location, the Living Hope Christian Church.**

*Michael O'Keeffe*

**NOMINATION SLATE FOR CREEDMOOR CIVIC OFFICERS**  
As per our constitution, we hold elections every year for officer positions and two board member positions. The slate of candidates is as follows:

President.....Michael O'Keeffe  
President Emeritus.....Richard Duskiwicz  
First Vice President.....Larry Burke  
Second Vice President.....Thomas Holt  
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Recording Secretary.....**open**  
Financial Secretary.....Maureen Morris  
Sergeant-at-Arms.....Paul Bellisario  
Board Member Class of 2018.....Rosemarie Russo  
Board Member Class of 2018.....Marion Zimmer

At this time, there is no candidate for Recording Secretary. An additional Board Member slot will be open if Larry Burke becomes Vice President. At the March meeting, the floor will be opened to nominations for any member in good standing who would like to be considered for any of the above positions. Nominations will be closed at the March meeting and elections will be held at the April meeting.

### ICCC UPDATE

The Board of Standards and Appeals has postponed a decision on the variance requested by the Indian Community and Cultural Center to build a four story residential building and community center on the Creedmoor campus. The question under consideration is whether the proper environmental review was conducted for this project. This will be discussed at the joint civic meeting on March 9.

## Around the Town

❖ Get well to: Joan Murphy of 242<sup>nd</sup> Street.

❖ Good Luck to Police Officer Andy Fitzgerald who is now working with Detective Cooper in the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Affairs Unit. Officer Fitzgerald has worked in the 105<sup>th</sup> for several years and has a good understanding of the issues in our community. Thanks to PO Carleton Epps, who is now the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct Youth Officer.

### **105<sup>th</sup> Precinct News** *(continued from Page 1, Col. 2)*

precinct. One arrest has been made.

• Tire and rim thefts have increased after several months of decline. Most have involved late- model Hondas with gray custom rims, and have occurred late at night or before dawn. Try to park in driveways or other secure locations. Don't leave keys for wheel locks in visible locations in your car. Call 911 if thefts or suspicious activities are observed.

• Thefts of catalytic converters are down, but still occur. Vehicles like trucks and suburbans are vulnerable, because thieves can work under them without jacking up a vehicle. Consider having converters welded or covered with a cage. Try to park in a safe area.

• Six new rookie police officers have been assigned to the 105<sup>th</sup>.

### **Donations Received (Thank you!)**

Abedoza (237<sup>th</sup> St.), Sito (238<sup>th</sup> St.), Spina, Mancuso (240<sup>th</sup> St.), Karoly (241<sup>st</sup> St.), Morris (242<sup>nd</sup> St.), Covatti (88<sup>th</sup> Ave.), Sileo (90<sup>th</sup> Ave.)