

Next meeting: Mar. 12 at 8:00 PM

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



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BAIT & SWITCH? BELMONT DEVELOPMENT PLANS DIFFER FROM WHAT WAS PROMISED

The Mayor of Floral Park has sounded the alarm over the State changing the proposed hotel and sports complex planned to be added to the Belmont Race Track property.

In a letter written on February 28, Floral Park Mayor Dominick Longobardi stated that the Empire State Development Corp (ESD) just released a draft proposal that calls for much more extensive development of the Belmont racetrack property than was proposed previously. Originally, development was to include an arena for the Islanders, a hotel and stores, all on land north of Hempstead Turnpike. Now, development is proposed for both sides of Hempstead Turnpike. The revised plans would use the parking lot adjacent to the Bellerose-Floral Park School for a large electric substation. In addition, the height of the new hotel would be increased to 265 feet.

One of the main concerns of Queens civic leaders is increased traffic, both on the Cross Island Parkway and on local streets. There are two public hearings scheduled on Mar 22 at Elmont Public Library, from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm, and from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

RESTAURANT WEEK COMING UP!

The Joint Bellerose Business District Development Corporation has designated April 13 to April 22 as Bellerose Restaurant Week. Stay tuned for more details (which restaurants are participating, and what the discounts will be) in April's Creedmoor Civic News.

POST OFFICE PLEDGES IMPROVEMENTS

Newly-appointed Jamaica Postmaster Paul Stremel spoke at the Community Board 13 on February 26. He acknowledged that there have been serious problems with post office service, and pledged to work hard to bring about improvements.

Mr. Stremel said he recently attended a breakfast meeting with several members of the Queens Congressional delegation about complaints, including mail not being delivered, mail delivered late, and packages being lost. He explained that mail is now sorted in Brooklyn, and that there was a turnover in leadership there in the past few months. There has been a staffing shortage in the Jamaica Post Office. He said he is working with union and management to solve the problems, and report back to Community Board 13 in the near future.

QCC LUNCHEON PLANNED FOR 4/22

Creedmoor Civic has authorized up to 10 subsidized tickets to the Queens Civic Congress Biennial Luncheon. We have identified seven who want to attend. Cost to you will be \$27.50. Event is at Antun's at 1 PM on Sunday, April 22. If interested, attend our March meeting to sign up for the three openings.

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President’s Message

We are planning to have a discussion at our next meeting about New York State’s policies regarding the residential placement of individuals with mental disabilities. We hope to have a speaker from the NYS Office of Mental Health at our April meeting.

As the weather gets warmer, let’s clean up in front of our homes and on our blocks. Garbage has built up over the winter. Thanks to Council Member Barry Grodenchik for engaging Wildcat Service Corporation to clean up the garbage on the Cross Island Parkway Service Road.

Your neighbor,

Michael O’Keeffe

DON’T FORGET BLOCK PARTY PERMITS

Just a reminder: It’s time to get your permit applications in for summer block parties. Applications must be submitted online, 90 days in advance. If you would like a rain date, a second application, with a separate fee, is required. Signatures are required from half of the homes plus one. Sound permits permit music until 8 pm. The block must be opened to vehicular traffic by 9 pm.

CIVIC READIES NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

As per our constitution, we hold elections every year for officer positions and for two board member positions (board terms are for three years and are staggered). The slate of candidates is as follows:

President.....	Michael O’Keeffe
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At the March 12 meeting, the floor will be opened to nomination of members in good standing who wish to run for these positions. As per our constitution, nominees for President must also have attended a majority of the civic meetings for the 12 months preceding the election.

Guest Speaker: Asher Kaplan, Paralegal Casehandler, Foreclosure Prevention Unit, Legal Aid Society.

Around the Town

Condolences to: the family of Patricia Hagemann a resident of 241st Street for 42 years who passed away unexpectedly in late December.

ORGANIC WASTE COLLECTION

The Department of Sanitation will begin separate collection of food scraps and yard waste in Community Board 13, starting in May. In April, each 1 family house will receive a special 13 gallon bin (21 gallon bins for two family houses). A smaller receptacle will be delivered for inside storage of food scraps and food-soaked paper. Organic waste will be collected weekly on the recycling day. As of now, the program is voluntary. More details to follow.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL TO CLOSE

The administration of the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Academy in Queens Village has announced that the school will close in June of 2018 to a letter sent to parents, school enrollment is down 75 per cent from 5 years ago. The school is running a deficit, and the building needs substantial repairs. There is no word yet about possible alternate uses for the school building.

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