

Zoom meeting March 14 (see details in box)



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CIVIC ELECTION SLATE ANNOUNCED

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:

SLATE OF OFFICERS

- President.....Michael O’Keeffe
- President Emeritus.....Rick Duskiwicz
- First Vice President.....Rosemary Parker
- Second Vice President.....Katherine Fariad
- Treasurer.....James A. Trent
- Recording Secretary.....open
- Financial Secretary.....Cathy Christy
- Sergeant-at-Arms.....John Christy
- Board Member Class of 2025..... Betty Baumann
- Board Member Class of 2025.....Christine Larkins
- Board Member-unexpired term..... open

At the March 14 Zoom meeting, the floor will be open to nominations of civic members in good standing who wish to run for these positions. If there are any contested positions, an election will be held at our April 11 meeting. As per our constitution, nominees for President must have attended a majority of the civic meetings for the 12 months preceding the election. Devika Singh and Ed Gorman will be stepping down from our board. We thank them for their service to our community.

ADU UPDATE

As we reported last month, there is a bill under consideration in the NYS Legislature (S8006/A9006) that would allow Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU’s) throughout New York State, regardless of zoning ordinances or local conditions. Issues such lack of parking, inadequacy of infrastructure and overcrowding of schools would not be considered. The ADU’s could be basement apartments, additions to existing buildings, garages, or free-standing buildings.

LIVE CIVIC MEETINGS TEMPORARILY CANCELED
JOIN US IN A ZOOM MEETING

Guest Speaker: Daren Wilkes, Paralegal with the Queens District Attorney's Elder Fraud Unit

Topic: Creedmoor Civic March 14 Meeting

Time: Mar 14, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81015869873>

Meeting ID: 810 1586 9873

One tap mobile

+1-646-876-9923 (New York)

Governor Hochul had included language legalizing Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU’s) in her NYS Budget. These provisions have since been removed. However, there are still problematic provisions in the budget. According to a recent newsletter from State Senator Leroy Comrie, “The amended proposal allows New York City to establish a new program to address and legalize ADUs that already exist. This program may include providing amnesty from zoning violations, but will not require additional zoning actions, land use review, or environmental review.”

The ADU bill before the NYS legislature would cancel out home rule, as it would override New York City zoning and other regulations. Our local elected officials, State Senator John Liu, State Assembly Member Clyde Vanel and City Council Member Linda Lee are on record opposing the legislation.

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President's Message

As we celebrate our 95th Anniversary throughout this year, we continue to look for ways to show that civic associations are still necessary and relevant. Our next event will be the Braddock Ave/Breiner Park cleanup on April 23. We will advise you of other events as details are finalized.

Dues Envelopes are included with this month's newsletters. Thank you for your support.

We all know that parking is becoming increasingly difficult in our area. This is not just a matter of convenience. On at least two recent occasions, a Fire Department ladder truck was unable to make a turn due to a car parked too close to the corner. Please realize that obstructing intersections and fire hydrants puts us all in jeopardy.

PRELLER SIGN UP

Registration for the Hollis Bellaire Queens Village Bellerose Athletic Association (HBQVBAA) is underway for the spring season. In addition to baseball and softball for kids up to 16, there is also T-ball for ages 4-5. Register online at <http://hbqvbaa.com/> or call 718-374-1438. Opening Day is April 23.

CLEANUP SET FOR APRIL 23

Our second annual cleanup of Breiner Park and Braddock Ave will take place on Saturday, April 23 from 10 am to noon (rain date April 30). Equipment and supplies will be provided. We will have more details in the April newsletter.

LIRR FARE CHANGES

Effective March 1, The Long Island Railroad restored peak fares for morning and evening rush hours. Monthly tickets, which are currently discounted between 48% and 61% of the price of a comparable number of one-way peak tickets, will be discounted by an additional 10%. The LIRR is offering several discount fares as alternatives to a monthly ticket. For example, a new 20-trip ticket will offer 20% off 20 peak one-way fares. These tickets are valid for 60 days. The CityTicket, which currently offers a reduced, flat fare for rail travel within New York City on weekends, will be extended to all weekday off-peak trains at a fare of \$5. This would include off-peak trips from the Queens Village station to Penn Station or Atlantic Terminal in Brooklyn. Visit mta.info/lirr for more information.

Around the Town

Condolences to the family of Mary Guintini of 239 St on her recent passing. Mary and her late husband, Leo, moved to 239 St in 1955. Mary attended our in-person meetings regularly. Her son, Gary, and his wife, Sue, deliver our newsletters on 240 St.

Condolences to the family of Kathleen Barrett of 89th Ave on her recent passing. Kathleen moved to Bellerose in 1971 and was a longtime CCA member. She owned Arrow Driving School.

AND THE WINNER IS.. This month's winner of our remote raffle is the Poncel family of 238 St. They win a \$20 gift certificate for Braddock Super Bazar. This raffle is funded by an anonymous donor. Thanks!

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