

LIVE meeting March 13, 7:30 PM

at Living Hope Christian Church, 240-20 Braddock Avenue, Bellerose, NY



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COMMUNITIES FIGHT GOV'S UPZONING PLAN

The "Housing Compact" and "Transit-Oriented Development" proposals contained in Governor Hochul's budget proposal continue to meet with strong opposition.

Governor Hochul has a goal to create 800,000 housing units statewide over the next ten years. The Governor proposes to significantly increase development within a half mile radius of every MTA station, including the Elmont and Bellerose LIRR stations. The plan would also allow New York City to legalize all existing basement and accessory apartments.

On February 24, Urban Planner Paul Graziano, founder of the organization "Save 1 Family New York," convened a press conference on the topic that was attended by more than 150 concerned citizens from all over Queens, Long Island and Westchester. Sixty other people showed up but couldn't get into the room due to overcrowding. Creedmoor Civic President Mike O'Keeffe, Treasurer Jim Trent and Board Member Ann Terry attended. Many speakers called this a "one-size fits all" approach that bypasses zoning regulations and does not allow for input from the local community. Our State Senator, Toby Stavisky, has made the following statement: "These are nuanced and complicated issues that have been and should continue to be handled at the local level, with community input. "These are not matters to be painted with a broad brush."

105th POLICE PRECINCT EVENTS

Sector Eddie Build the Block Meeting-Thursday, March 16 at 7 pm at Next City Church, 240-15 Hillside Ave (also known as Bellerose Assembly of God Church). Creedmoor Civic area including Gettysburg Street and east. **Sector David** Build the Block Meeting-Thursday, March 23 at 7 pm at Queens Village Public Library, 94-11 217 St. Creedmoor Civic area including Lyman and Moline Streets.

Blood Drive- Thursday, March 30 from noon to 6 pm at the 105th Precinct, 92-08 222 Street.

LIVE MARCH MEETING GUEST SPEAKER:

Jim Buccellato

Remembering Bellerose WW2 plane crash

On June 17, 1940, two Douglas B-10 Bombers on a training



mission crashed over Bellerose, killing eleven crew members and one civilian on the ground. You may have seen the memorial to this event on the island on 239 St, just south of Hillside Ave. A new monument is being constructed and will be dedicated on June 17, 2023. We welcome our guest speaker, Jim Buccellato,

Chairman, Memorial Committee, Little Neck-Douglaston American Legion Post 103. Jim will discuss the event history and provide details on the reconstruction of the memorial. This project was very important to the late Jerry Wind, longtime President of the Bellerose-Hillside Civic Association.

NEWS FROM DSNY

Effective April 1, The Department of Sanitation (DSNY) is changing the time for placing trash, recycling and compost out at the curb for collection. Place items out after 6 PM in a secure container (bundled cardboard can also be placed next to the container), or after 8 PM if putting bags directly on the curb. The Dept. of Sanitation will resume Curbside Composting pickups starting the week of March 27. Put your compost out at the curb on Thursday evening in your DSNY brown compost bin or a secure pail labelled as compost. Extra leaf and yard waste can be put in a bag separate from trash. Order a free composting bin decal at nyc.gov/CompostingBinDecal. DSNY will pick up leaves and yard waste, food scraps, and food-soiled paper. This includes meat, bones, dairy, prepared foods, and greasy uncoated paper plates and pizza boxes.

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AROUND THE TOWN

Thanks and best wishes to Casey Lajszky, who has left CM Linda Lee's staff to become an analyst for the City Council's Budget Division. We first met Casey when she was the VP of the Bellerose Hillside Civic Association. Since then, she has served us as a liaison to several elected officials.

AND THE WINNER IS.....Betty Baumann from 88 th Ave has won a \$20 gift certificate to the **Braddock Liquor** store at 236-01 Braddock Ave. The winner is selected from the 2022 roster of members who paid civic dues. It is funded by an anonymous donor.

APRIL 22 CLEANUP

We will hold our annual community improvement event on Braddock Ave. on Saturday, April 22 from 11 am to 2 pm. There will be activities and giveaways for kids. This is also a great opportunity for community service for young people. There will be a drawing for a \$25.00 gift card from Eagle Nursery. Residents can RSVP at creedmoorcivic@gmail.com to request working on their favorite block or caring for their favorite tree.



Enclosed herewith are my dues for the year 2023 to the Creedmoor Civic Association, Inc. (\$10 per household)

Name _____

Address _____

Enclosed is an additional donation of \$ _____ Email address (optional) _____

Make check payable to Creedmoor Civic Association and mail to P. O Box 260143, Bellerose, NY 11426-0143

President's Message

Please join us on Monday, March 13 at 7:30 pm for our in-person meeting at the Living Hope Church. Guest speaker **Jim Buccellato** will discuss plans for the memorial honoring those who lost their lives when two Air Force bombers collided over Bellerose on June 17, 1940.

We will also discuss the Creedmoor Campus redevelopment and Governor Hochul's controversial housing plan.

Dues envelopes are being delivered with the March newsletters. Contact us by phone or email if you are unsure if you have paid civic dues. Thanks for your generous support, and thanks to Financial Secretary Cathy Christy for keeping our records and making bank deposits.

Your neighbor,
Michael O'Keefe

CIVIC ELECTION SLATE

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'Keefe
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Board Member Class of 2026.....	Sabina Ackbarali

At the March 13 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 10 meeting. As per our constitution, nominees for President must have attended a majority of the civic meetings for the 12 months preceding the election.