

In Person Meeting March 10 at 7:30 PM

Church of Living Hope, 240-20 Braddock Avenue



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CREEDMOOR MIGRANT SHELTER TO CLOSE

On February 13, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards received a call from Empire State Development, alerting him that the Creedmoor migrant shelter will begin the process of closing in mid-March.

Specific details are not yet available. Council Member Linda Lee (D-Oakland Gardens), Assemblyman Ed Braunstein (D-Bayside) and State Sen. Toby Ann Stavisky (D-College Point) issued this statement on the closure: "Our offices have received confirmation from the Governor's administration that the Creedmoor HERRC will be closing — a long-awaited and welcome decision for our community. For the past year and a half, residents have shown great patience while enduring the placement of a humanitarian shelter housing over 1,000 single adult males."

PUBLIC HEARING ON CREEDMOOR DEVELOPMENT MARCH 19

On March 19 from 6 to 8 pm, there will be a continuation of the Public Hearing for the Creedmoor Mixed-Use Project via Zoom. The public comment period will close on April 18, 2025, at 5:00 PM. Until then, comments can be sent in writing to ESD, 655 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017 (Attention: Vanessa Calizaire), or by email to CreedmoorEIS@esd.ny.gov.

Detailed instructions for participation in the virtual hearing can be viewed on ESD's Public Notices webpage. We will send this information by email prior to the meeting. The draft environmental impact study (DEIS) is available on the Empire State Development website at esd.ny.gov/creedmoor

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION HELP

NYC Department of Finance representatives will be at the office of NYS Assembly Member Clyde Vanel on Monday, March 10 from 10am-1pm. Learn about your Notice of Property Value and about various real estate tax exemptions to which you may be entitled.

The deadline to file for exemptions this year is March 15. Call 718-479-2333 for more information. The office is located at 97-01 Springfield Blvd.

Creedmoor Civic March 10 Meeting Held Live

GUEST SPEAKER: Robert Hines, Manager of Community Affairs for the New York Racing Association, will speak about the renovation of Belmont Racetrack and Park.

A representative from IS 109 in Queens Village will discuss the Beacon 109Q program, which includes programs and activities for children and adults.

OATH REPRESENTATIVES AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATION

Staff members of the NYC Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings will be available at the office of City Council Member Linda Lee on Wednesday, March 12 from 11am to 3pm. Get help regarding city summonses and administrative hearings. Call 718-468-0137 for an appointment. The office is located at 73-03 Bell Blvd.

REAL ID NEEDED FOR FLIGHTS

Starting on May 7th, Americans must have a REAL ID or a current passport to board a domestic flight. If your New York State driver's license or ID does not have a star or a flag on it, then you do not have a REAL ID-compliant document. Another option is to obtain an enhanced driver's license or ID, which would also allow entry to Canada, Mexico, and some Caribbean countries. Visit dmv.ny.gov to learn more.



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President's Message

At civic meetings and in our newsletters, we often talk about issues like the City of Yes and the Creedmoor redevelopment. It's also important to do something on a local level to improve our quality of life. As spring approaches, please try to clean up a bit around your home and block. Also, join us for our annual Braddock Avenue beautification project on Saturday, April 26 from 10 am to 1 pm.

There have been at least two fatal fires in NYC recently where blocked fire hydrants were a factor. Please continue to call 311 to report parked vehicles that are obstructing fire hydrants. The 311 App works great for this.

Thanks to our Creedmoor Civic officers and board members who give unselfishly of their time and energy to make our neighborhood a better place to live!

Michael O'Keeffe

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'Keeffe
President Emeritus.....	Rick Duskiwicz
First Vice President.....	Rosemary Parker
Second Vice President.....	Katherine Fariad
Treasurer.....	James A. Trent
Recording Secretary.....	open
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Sergeant-at-Arms.....	John Christy
Board Member Class of 2028.....	Betty Baumann
Board Member Class of 2028.....	Christine Larkins
Vacant Board Position.....	open

At the March 10 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 14 meeting. As per our constitution, nominees for President must have attended a majority of the civic meetings for the 12 months immediately preceding the election.

AROUND THE TOWN

Congratulations to civic member Eileen Schropfer, who recently celebrated her 101st birthday!

FREE NYC TRASH BINS?

Council Member Linda Lee has co-sponsored Intro Bill 1126A which would require the New York City Department of Sanitation to distribute official New York City waste bins at no cost to one and two-family building owners enrolled in STAR and Enhanced STAR property tax exemption programs. Homeowners who purchased bins before August 1st, 2026, would be eligible for reimbursement. The City Council passed the bill in late February. As of now, the bill has not been signed into law by Mayor Adams.

NEWS FROM THE 105 PCT

Crime in the 105th Pct is trending lower, but there are ongoing concerns. There have been no burglaries in the latest 28-day period in Sector Charlie, which includes most of the Creedmoor Civic area. Once again, recommendations include using cameras and alarm systems and securing ladders which could be used by burglars. Tire and rim thefts remain a problem. Use of wheel locks may serve as a deterrent. Car thieves are using technology to steal late model vehicles. Use a steering wheel lock, and store key fobs in a metal container as far as possible from the front of the house, to prevent thieves from activating the fobs remotely.

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Enclosed herewith are my dues for the year 2025 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