

# Next meeting: May 11 at 8:00 PM

**This Meeting only will be at Living Hope Christian Church on Braddock Avenue at 241<sup>st</sup> Street**



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### 105<sup>th</sup> PRECINCT POLICE OFFICER SHOT IN QUEENS VILLAGE

Police Officer Brian Moore, assigned to the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct, was shot in the head on Saturday, May 2 at 6:15 PM, at 104<sup>th</sup> Road and 212 St in Queens Village.

Officer Moore, 25, was working in plainclothes in an unmarked police car with his partner, Officer Erik Jansen, 30. According to a statement by Police Commissioner William Bratton, the officers saw a man "walking and adjusting an object in his waistband."

When the officers started to question the man, he "immediately removed a firearm from his waistband and turned in the direction of the officers and deliberately fired several times into the vehicle, striking Officer Moore in the head," Bratton said. After an intensive search, officers arrested Demetrius Blackwell, 35, identified as the suspected shooter. He is being held without bail. At the time this newsletter was published, Officer Moore was in critical condition. Note: at press time we learned that Officer Moore succumbed to his injuries. *R.I.P.*

#### HONOR YOUR POLICE

There will be a candlelight memorial service on Wednesday, May 13 at 8:30 PM at the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct, located at 92-08 222 St. The service will honor law enforcement officers who have died in the performance of duty during the past year. Similar services will be conducted at other locations throughout the city, state and country, in conjunction with the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. All are welcome.

#### D.E.P. REP TO SPEAK

Our guest speaker for the May 11 meeting will be Karen Ellis of the Dept of Environmental Protection. Karen will discuss water conservation, billing issues and other topics, and will answer questions.

We also have some important business. We will vote on a proposed dues increase to \$10 starting next year. We will also discuss traffic safety improvements, including the possibility of requesting speed bumps on 89<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

#### 105 PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

At the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council meeting held on April 29, Deputy Inspector Coyle reported that crime is starting to trend downward again after a couple of bad weeks. Some key arrests seem to have helped. Tire and rim thefts, especially targeting 2014 and 2015 Honda Accords, are still taking place. If you own one of these vehicles, try to park it in a driveway or well lit area. DI Coyle said the 105<sup>th</sup> will work with Dept of Transportation regarding the trucks that park on Hillside Ave and the Braddock Ave bridge over the Cross Island Parkway. He also reminded everyone to call 911 if you see a person acting suspiciously. Let the police officer determine what is going on.

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## President's Message

**Our thoughts and prayers go out to Police Officer Moore and all the brave members of the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct and the NYPD. We thank you for putting your lives on the line every day to protect us.**

**May is a busy time for many of us. But it is also the time that we remember our armed forces who have given so much to protect our freedom. Please observe Memorial Day.**

**We bid farewell to Janet and Brian Murphy, our outgoing Secretary and First VP, respectively, who will soon be moving out of our civic area. We thank them, not only for doing their jobs, but for helping out whenever and wherever anything was needed. They will be missed.**

**2015 dues of \$6 are now due. Please send dues with the coupon found in this newsletter. We need your support to serve our community effectively.**

**We will have some important business at our May 11 meeting. Come and express your opinion! And remember to support the Living Hope Christian Church Food Pantry.**

Your neighbor,

*Michael O'Keefe*

## Around the Town

❖ **New Business:** The Sahil Chinese restaurant, at 236-03 Braddock Ave Ave, is open for business. They serve Indian and Chinese food. Check it out some time.

### **PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING RESULTS**

After a year-long process of neighborhood assemblies, delegate meetings and project presentations, the following projects have been chosen by the 2,202 residents of Council District 23 who voted:

**Fitness Equipment at Alley Pond Park-** 1,065 votes.

Fitness stations with new exercise equipment at two locations: the section of Alley Pond Park located near Winchester Boulevard and Union Turnpike in Bellerose and the section near Springfield Boulevard and 73rd Avenue in Oakland Gardens. Cost: \$450,000.

**Gym Renovations at Two High Schools-** 973 votes.

Outfit Benjamin N. Cardozo High School with a new rubberized floor and equipment for the weight training room and Martin Van Buren High School with new bleachers and basketball hoops for the gym. Cost: \$300,000.

**Technology Upgrades at Nine School Sites-** 1,146 votes.

A combination of desktops, laptops and printers for 9 schools, including PS-18. Cost: \$455,000.

Thanks to all who voted or who worked on the PB process.

### **LOCAL MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS PLANNED**

Memorial Day is Monday, May 25. The holiday is traced back to 1866, when several towns in both the North and South celebrated "Decoration Day", a day when the graves of soldiers who fought in the Civil War were decorated with flowers. In 1966, Congress and President Lyndon Johnson declared that Waterloo, NY was the first town to hold a large scale event, in 1866, that involved closing businesses and flying flags at half staff. After World War I, it was decided that Memorial Day would honor US service members who died in all wars.

**Memorial Day Service.** The John F. Prince VFW Post will hold a Memorial Day service on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM, in the upstairs hall of the Post, which is located on Braddock Ave at the Cross Island Parkway service road. Members of the community are welcome. Refreshments will be served after the service.

**Little Neck-Douglaston Memorial Day Parade.** Monday, May 25 from 2 PM- 4 PM. Parade proceeds west on Northern Blvd from Jayson Ave in Great Neck to 245<sup>th</sup> St. Closing ceremony to follow in the Divine Wisdom/St. Anastasia school yard. For more information, call 718-279-3200, or see <http://www.lndmemorialday.org/>

### **Flags Available**

Creedmoor Civic has two American Flag sets available, at a cost of \$15.00 each. Pole and mounting bracket are included. They will be at our meeting on May 11. Or, call us at 718-464-3369, or email at [creedmoorcivic@gmail.com](mailto:creedmoorcivic@gmail.com)

# 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD WAR II FATAL PLANE CRASH IN BELLEROSE MANOR

Next month will mark the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of a mid-air plane crash over Bellerose. On June 17, 1940, two Douglas B-18 bombers took off from Mitchel Field in Nassau County for a training exercise. As one plane tried to go under the other at an altitude of 2,500 feet, the planes crashed. All eleven crew members aboard both planes were killed. One civilian on the ground, Emily Craft, 35, was killed when spilled fuel from the aircraft ignited her house on 239 St just south of Hillside Ave.

In an article which appeared in Christianity Today online magazine in June 2009, author and minister Gordon MacDonald described how he was a 14 month old baby playing in his playpen in the back yard of his nearby home when the planes crashed. Miraculously, he was not injured.

Source: Ron Marzlock in the Queens Chronicle, March 19, 2015



Johns Mansville shamelessly took advantage of this tragedy to tout the fireproof safety of their shingles made of asbestos in ads they placed in magazines. See ad reproduced on Page 4, and an additional photo of the crash site.



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## May Gardening Tips by Larry Burke

May is a great month for working in the garden. Things are popping up all around you and it's not too hot. One common gardening question is about the different categories of flowers which you can grow. A perennial is a plant that will survive for longer than two years. A biennial will last for only two years. An annual will last for only one growing season. Annuals generally give you the most color, grow the quickest and last the longest. Many annuals will remain in bloom from May through the first frost.

### Chores and Maintenance

Dig and divide early-blooming perennials after flowering. Set supports for floppy plants, vines, and vegetables. Complete re-seeding bare lawn areas. Mow lawns regularly to keep grass at 2 1/2" height. Begin watering as necessary. Mulch planting beds. Deadhead bulbs but allow foliage to remain until yellow to nourish bulbs for next year's display. As night temperatures moderate into the 60's, move houseplants outdoors (avoid full sun and windy locations). Look for pests and other problems.

### Planting

Move self-sown annuals and perennials to desired locations. These are flowers that have started from seeds which plants dropped last year. Harden off tomato, eggplant, and pepper transplants before planting out at end of month. Do this by putting them out during the day and bringing them back inside at night when the temperature can be too cool for them. It is best not to plant them into the garden until the very end of May. Continue to plant and transplant perennials. Plant summer annuals after last frost date. Plant summer-flowering bulbs such as gladiolas and dahlias after last frost date.

### Pruning/Fertilizing

Continue to prune all plant material to remove any diseased, dead, weak, or crossing branches. Wait to prune evergreens, hedges and other shrubs until late spring into early summer. Deadhead roses as the flowers fade. Fertilize roses, annuals and container plants. Fertilize bulbs as they finish blooming.

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Scams: People are still falling victim to scams. People have reported getting calls from someone claiming to be from the IRS, saying that back taxes and penalties were owed. Other scammers call and say they are from Microsoft and that your computer is in danger of crashing. They then ask to gain access to your computer. In another scam, the caller says a relative has been arrested in a foreign country and will not be released until you send money, either by wire or through other means. Be skeptical about any kind of solicitation.



Photo by Ron Marzlock

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