

# Next meeting: May 9 at 8:00 PM

**This Meeting is held at the Living Hope Christian Church on Braddock Avenue at 241<sup>st</sup> Street**

## Creedmoor Civic News

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### CO-LOCATED H.S. PROPOSED FOR I.S. 109

The Department of Education is proposing to co-locate a New Visions Charter High School in IS 109, located at 213-10 92nd Ave in Queens Village. The new school, if approved, would occupy the top floor.

A public hearing was held at the school on April 14. Although the hearing was reported to be poorly attended, IS 109 PTA President Janice Berry has stated that she has over 800 signatures on a petition opposing the co-location.

Opponents have stated concerns about middle school students as young as 11 or 12 attending school in the same building as 18 and 19 year old high school students. Another issue is that middle school students would not have full use of the school cafeteria, gym or library.

City Councilman Barry Grodenchik, along with State Senator Leroy Comrie, have opposed the co-location. Grodenchik challenged the DOE premise that IS 109 is under-utilized.

The Panel for Educational Policy originally planned to vote on the proposal on April 20. That vote has been delayed until May 18, and will be held at Long Island City High School. Comments from the public are still being accepted. Written comments can be sent to [D29Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D29Proposals@schools.nyc.gov). Oral comments can be left at 212-374-7621. (Queens Chronicle 4/14/19, 4/19/19)

#### WHY PAY DUES TO CREEDMOOR CIVC?

As we do every spring, we are conducting our annual membership drive. Thanks to the 123 members who have already paid dues so far this year. Several have also made very generous donations. *(Continued on next Col.)*

**COUNCIL MEMBER BARRY GRODENCHIK TO  
SWEAR IN OFFICERS AT MAY MEETING.**

**BE SURE TO ATTEND.**

For people new to the area, you might wonder why it's important to have an active civic association.

The Creedmoor Civic Association is in its 90<sup>th</sup> year of service to our community. Civic associations have a strong tradition in Queens. If you look at our website, you will find newsletters dating back as far as the 1930's. In the early days, traffic lights, sewers, and the expansion of public schools were some of the issues tackled by the Creedmoor Civic Association.

Today, we are still working on public safety and education, which are key to quality of life and protection of property values. In recent years, we have also worked on issues such as zoning and the proper use of surplus land on the Creedmoor campus.

We strive to keep you informed of important information  
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## President's Message

**Thanks to Comptroller Scott Stringer for speaking at our Joint Civic meeting on April 12. Thanks, also, to all who attended.**

**Please continue to be alert about suspicious persons, and call 911 if you think someone is up to no good. Please look after your neighbors, especially the elderly and those caring for young children.**

**We are not planning any organized cleanups, but maybe you and your neighbors can do something to spruce up your block.**

**Please remember deceased and injured members of the armed forces this Memorial Day.**

*Michael O'Keefe*

### **WHY PAY DUES?** *(Continued from Page 1, Col. 2)*

and events. We act as a liaison to government agencies, and elected officials. We collaborate with other civic associations on issues of importance to the greater community.

We invite you to take a look at our website: Creedmoorcivic.org. Check out our Facebook page. Sign up for our email list to get late breaking information. All emails are sent blind carbon copy, so no one gets your email address. At this time, over 240 people receive our emails.

Not only is your financial support needed: we also need a significant percentage of residents to join to give us credibility when we speak on behalf of the community.

### **Donations Received - Thank You**

The following donations have been received since January, 2016:

- Moline St.:** Nadasy                      **Lyman St.:** Mooney, Murphy
- Gettysburg St.: Kelso, Holt    **237 St.:** Mahabir, Mateo
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- 88 Ave.:** Rivera, Cashin, Mirbach
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- 90 Ave.:** Sileo

## Around the Town

❖ **Condolences to:** the family of Helen Mancuso on her recent passing. Helen had lived on the 88 block of 240 Street for many years.

### **NO BELLIES ALLOWED**

A Bellerose resident recently used her American Water Resources sewer insurance due to a clog in the sewer line. After the contractor cleared the clog, he informed the homeowner that there was a "belly" or low spot in the sewer line between the house and the street sewer connection. He further stated that the visit was covered, but the AWR insurance policy would be invalidated if the homeowner did not take steps to correct the condition. The homeowner received a similar answer from an AWR representative over the phone. Bellies, caused by inadequate preparation when the sewer was installed, are considered a "pre-existing condition" and are not covered by insurance.

Many of our residents have been very happy with AWR insurance, but a few have been disappointed.



Enclosed is my/our check for \$10 to join or renew our membership in the Creedmoor Civic Association, serving the Bellerose community since 1927.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to be kept informed of late-breaking news, please include your e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is an additional donation to advance Creedmoor Civic's work: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Mail this coupon to: PO Box 260143, Bellerose Manor, NY 11426

## SHORT BUT IMPORTANT NOTES

### PO Brian Moore Anniversary

May 4, 2016 marks the first anniversary of the death of Police Officer Brian Moore, 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct, who was shot in the line of duty on May 2, 2015, while on patrol in Queens Village. Demetrius Blackwell was arrested for Officer Moore's murder, and is being held without bail while awaiting trial. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Officer Moore's family, and to the members of the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct.

### Participatory Budget Results Are In

The following projects will be funded by Council Member Barry Grodenchik, because they received the most votes during the recent Participatory Budget voting:

Smart boards and laptops for PS 33, 178, 205, 224, PS/IS 266, IS 109, The Queens High School of Teaching, and the Business Technology Early College High School. Total cost: \$548,000.

AV equipment and auxiliary items for PS 18, 26, 33, 186 and IS 109. Total cost: \$375,000.

Facility upgrades, new technology and new materials for the Hollis and Queens Village Libraries. Total cost: \$550,000.

### Memorial Day Observance At VFW

As always, all are invited to the John F. Prince VFW Post for a Memorial Day Ceremony, on Monday, May 30 at 11 AM. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony. Please take a little time to honor our service members.

### Mayor Allocates Funds for New Precinct

Mayor de Blasio has allocated \$70 million in capital funding to build a new 116<sup>th</sup> Precinct, which would cover the southern portion of the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct. No location for the precinct has been chosen yet. Community Board 13 has been requesting a new precinct for many decades, as have many citizens and elected officials. It seems likely that this will be included in the final budget that is yet to be passed by the City Council. This is great news, although it will take some time to be completed.

## QUEENS CIVIC CONGRESS LUNCHEON A HUGE SUCCESS

Creedmoor Civic was in full turnout at the April 17 Biennial Queens Civic Congress Luncheon held at Antun's in Queens Village. This event's attendance exceeded the 2014 edition. There was some 220 people in attendance, totally selling out the Venetian Room in Antun's where the event was staged. Creedmoor Civic had a full table and Creedmoor's Jim Trent chaired the luncheon and was the presenter of one of the three awards. Preet Bharara, the United States Attorney for the Southern District, was the keynote speaker. The event was well covered by local newspapers.



From left to right: QCC First Vice President Kevin Forrestal (Hillscrest Estates Civic); Christina Wilkinson, President of Newtown Historical Society and recipient of a Community Service Award; James Trent, QCC Treasurer (Creedmoor Civic) and Luncheon Chair; Harbachan Singh, President of the QCC (Holliswood Civic)

### LOST WEDDING RING RECOVERED

When a Staten Island mother was making a meatloaf recently, she removed her wedding ring and placed it in a paper towel on the counter. The next morning, she discovered that the ring had been thrown out in the garbage, which had just been collected. She then made a series of frantic phone calls, including calls to Sanitation and to 311. Sanitation located the truck, and brought it to the Staten Island Transfer Station. Family members and D of S workers (off duty) went through the garbage until the woman recognized her garbage bag. The ring was found inside.

Sanitation officials said this happens fairly often. Their advice: Call 311 as soon as such a loss is discovered (Newsradio 880, 4/28/16).



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## CROSS ISLAND PEDESTRIAN TUNNEL SPORTS MURALS IN LIEU OF GRAFFITI

The New York City Department of Transportation's (DOT) Art Program together with State Senator Tony Avella, artist Joel Bergner and the St. Gregory the Great School on April 29 unveiled a unique mural within a 100-foot pedestrian tunnel at 88th Road and the Cross Island Parkway in Bellerose Manor, Queens. Over the course of a two week period, the artist with the assistance of 30 Eighth Grade students from St. Gregory the Great School transformed the tunnel with a dynamic and colorful mural.

"Joel Bergner's mural represents the culmination of a great partnership among him, the agency and local partners, especially the students," said **Nicole Garcia, NYC DOT Queens Borough Commissioner**. "From priming and prepping the walls to repairing lights and painting the temporary mural, this tunnel has been transformed into an attractive, inviting passageway for pedestrians of all ages."

"When I first became involved two years ago, this was a dilapidated tunnel in need of repairs. When some saw just a tunnel, Joel Bergner and the talented students of St. Gregory the Great School saw a canvas ripe for inspiration. This beautiful mural is a reminder that infrastructure doesn't need to simply satisfy a purpose, but can be made to reflect the community it services. 'Our Treasures are Within' has transformed a tunnel into an experience for students to enjoy," said State Senator Tony Avella.

"I had an amazing experience working with the students of St Gregory School in Queens over these last two weeks. Together, we came up with the themes and design of the artwork in workshops, and then painted a giant mural that explored the struggle between negative and positive influences in their community, as well as celebrating the importance of education and creativity. Thanks to everyone involved for making this an unforgettable project!" said Joel Bergner.

Joel has facilitated community mural projects in Syrian refugee camps in the Middle East, juvenile detention centers in the US, and the shantytowns of Kenya, India and Brazil. He has worked with street children, people with mental and physical disabilities, and with refugees fleeing from conflict. See his website, [www.joelartista.com](http://www.joelartista.com) for more information.

[DOT Press Release 4/29/16.]

### TUNNEL VISION: SOME VIEWS OF THE UNVEILING:



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