

No meeting in May due to Coronavirus



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COVID-19 IMPACTS ELECTION

The State Board of Elections has issued a new scenario for the primary elections that were supposed to happen in March, April and June.


March 26 was supposed to see a special election for the open seat for Queens Borough President. April was supposed to see a presidential primary, and June 23 was set aside for State and Federal primary races.

Several changes have been made to the election calendar as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic. There will still be an election on Tuesday, June 23, with a few changes. The NYS Board of Elections (BoE) had canceled its Democrat presidential primary but at press time, a judge reinstated it. We don't know if the BoE will appeal. Also, Governor Cuomo has canceled the special election for Queens Borough President. The BP election will take place on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. The winner will serve a 12-month term in 2021. Acting Queens Borough President Sharon Lee who was Deputy Borough President, an appointive position, will hold the position for the remainder of 2020. In November, 2021 will be the election for a full 4-year term for Queens Borough President.

On June 23, 2020, there will be primaries for federal and state offices, and for Queens Borough President. Every eligible voter shall be sent an absentee ballot application form with a postage paid return option for such application. Voters can request an absentee ballot via phone or internet or electronically. Early voting will also be available.

105 PCT MARKS PO BRIAN MOORE'S 5TH ANNIVERSARY

May 4th was the 5th anniversary of the death of Police Officer Brian Moore, who was gunned down on May 2, 2015 while on patrol in Queens Village. In December of 2017, Demetrius Blackwell was convicted of Officer Moore's murder and sentenced to life in prison.



**CIVIC MEETINGS
CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE.**

We are unable to hold public meetings until the government gives clearance that the COVID-19 pandemic is over and social gatherings can resume.

COVID-19 RESOURCES

Food: The Department of Education's Meal Hubs are providing meals to all children and adults. No registration or identification required. Meal hubs will operate from 7:30am-11:30am for children and families and 11:30 am- 1:30pm for adults. All adults and children can pick up three meals at one time. The locations nearest our area are Martin Van Buren HS, at 230-17 Hillside Ave, and Middle School 172, at 81-14 257 St.

Mental Health: NYC: 1-800-621-HOPE (4673) or www.nyc.gov/NYCHOPE

National Suicide Prevention Hotline 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Domestic Violence: Safe Horizons Hotline: 1-800-621-4673

Queens Family Justice Center: 1-718-575-4545

Queens District Attorney Domestic Violence Helpline: 1-718-286

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NEIGHBORHOOD HYGIENE

It should not be necessary to say this, but please do not leave masks, gloves or dog poop on our streets and sidewalks. This is not only common courtesy but is about our health and safety.

FREE CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES

The NY Legal Assistance Group will provide free civil (non-criminal) legal services to those who cannot afford an attorney. The confidential phone intakes will take place on May 22, 2020 from 10 am to 3 pm. To make an appointment, contact Council Member Grodenchik's office at 718-468-0137.

ARMSTRONG HOUSE VIRTUAL TOUR

Tour an historic Queens site without leaving home. Take a virtual tour of the Louis Armstrong House, the Corona home that Louis and his wife, Lucille, lived in for over 40 years. The tour takes 52 minutes. Go to louisarmstronghouse.org On the website, click on "Museum Collection" and then "Virtual Exhibits." This is one of the many great small museums in Queens.



I (we) wish to join (renew) membership in the Creedmoor Civic Association, Inc. Enclosed herewith is a check for \$10.00 for one-year's dues (a dues year is the calendar year).

Name:

Address:

E-mail: (optional for late breaking news):

Additional donation?

Make check payable to Creedmoor Civic Association and mail to PO Box 260143, Bellerose, NY 11426. Thank you!

President's Message

Everyone's experience of the COVID-19 pandemic is unique, ranging from inconvenience to extreme financial hardship to serious illness and death of friends and loved ones. Unfortunately, the impact will be long lasting. As a civic, we will continue to seek out useful information and make it available to our members. Please continue to help people who are isolated or in great need. Please let us know if we can be of assistance.

Your neighbor,

Michael O'Keeffe

MEMORIAL DAY

The John F Prince VFW Post has made plans to hold its annual Memorial Day service. The Memorial Day ceremony will be Monday, May 25 at 11 am outside in the parking lot. People can bring chairs. There will be no refreshments because people can't congregate inside.

CIVIC DUES

Dues envelopes will be delivered with the paper newsletters. Dues are \$10/year. Many members have already paid their 2020 dues. A list of paid members is listed on our website, www.creedmoorcivic.org Or call 718-464-3369, or email creedmoorcivic@gmail.com

GET OUR EMAIL UPDATES

Over 200 of our members are on our email list. Between newsletters, we send out information as it becomes available. This is more important than ever during the current crisis. Emails are sent blind cc, so no one sees your email address. If interested, email us at creedmoorcivic@gmail.com

CITY CUTS ORGANIC & E-WASTE PICKUPS

Citing budget cuts, the Department of Sanitation has temporarily stopped picking up electronic recycling and food and yard waste. The DSNY advises us to clean and store our organic waste receptacles for when the program resumes, tentatively June 30, 2021. The city advises us to check nyc.gov/electronics for further information on electronic recycling. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, there are no options listed there. Once electronics stores reopen, they may resume accepting some items.

QUEENS COUNTY SAVINGS NEW RULE

The QCSB (NYCB) bank interior (for both branches) is closed. Use the drive-in window. Pedestrians are not allowed to stand on the line with cars. Call for an appointment and someone will meet you at the front door.