

Zoom meeting May 10 (see details in box)



Creedmoor Civic News

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE CREEDMOOR CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Founded 1927, Incorporated 1938

MAY, 2021

★ "UNITED EFFORT REAPS UNITED GAIN" ★

Website: www.creedmoorcivic.org

★ VOL. 90, NO. 5

BRADDOCK CLEANUP A GREAT SUCCESS

Over 50 people turned out for our Earth Day Scavenger Hunt Cleanup on Saturday, April 24.

Our event committee, including Ann Terry, Katherine Fariad, Rosemary Parker, and Betty Baumann, did a great job planning the event. Besides Creedmoor Civic members, the local Cub Scout Pack, the NYPD Explorers and Sikh Temple's members participated. We got a lot of help from our elected officials and their staffs, and great cooperation from the Parks Dept, the Dept of



Sanitation and the NYPD. If you missed the event, spend a little time sprucing up your property or your block.

We are looking into holding a family event in June. We will provide details as they become available.

ANOTHER CO-LOCATION PROPOSED AT VAN BUREN HS

The Dept of Education is considering a proposal to co-locate another school at Martin Van Buren HS. This would establish a new District 75 school in the building that already houses more than 1,100 MVB students and nearly 550 from the Business Technology Early College High School, or BTECH for short.

The DOE estimates that between 48 and 68 District 75 students would attend the school beginning in September if the plan is approved. District 75 students typically require very specialized support, as they could have autism spectrum disorders, cognitive difficulties, emotional issues, or multiple disabilities. MVB faculty, students and parents voiced concerns about the proposal.

LIVE CIVIC MEETINGS TEMPORARILY CANCELED JOIN US IN A ZOOM MEETING



The guest speaker will be State Senator John Liu who will update us on the latest events. Time: 7:00 P.M.

We have also three candidates for the Democratic nomination for our City Council District 23: Steve Behar, Harpreet Singh Toor, and Koshy Thomas.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87095397322?pwd=ZzRoZEcxZGNpcWMxZDVnWU9PelVQdz09>

Meeting ID: 870 9539 7322 Passcode: 507279

One tap mobile +16468769923,,87095397322#,,,,*507279#
US (New York)

Dial by your location: 1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

Under co-location, all schools involved must work out schedules to share common areas such as the school's gym, library, cafeteria, and auditorium. Senior Emily Diana, president of the MVB student government, said that has been an issue with BTECH since she enrolled. "We feel like second-class citizens in our own school," she said. She worries that having to cede space to yet another school would jeopardize things like their student courtroom and a new DNA laboratory.

The DOE in an email said there is ample space and that no MVB programs will be impacted. "There is an urgent and critical need for more District 75 seats to ensure our most vulnerable students have a high-quality school close to home and there is more than enough space in this building to accommodate the 40-60 students included in this proposal," the DOE said in an email to the Queens Chronicle.

Creedmoor Civic News

Published Since 1931

Published 10 times per year by the Creedmoor Civic Assn., Inc.
PO Box 260143, Bellerose Manor, NY 11426
Tel. 718- 464-3369

Member: Queens Civic Congress, Inc.
Website: www.creedmoorcivic.org
E-mail: creedmoorcivic@gmail.com

Creedmoor Civic is on Facebook! Check it out at
<http://www.facebook.com/creedmoor.civic>

-OFFICERS-

President.....Michael O’Keeffe
1st Vice President/Chairman of the Board.....Rosemary Parker
2nd Vice President.....Katherine Fariad
Treasurer.....James A. Trent
Recording Secretary..... (Vacant)
Financial Secretary.....Cathy Christy
Sergeant-at-Arms.....John Christy
President Emeritus.....Richard Duszkiewicz

- BOARD OF GOVERNORS -

Brendan Barrett, Elizabeth Baumann, Paul Bellisario,
Christine Larkins, Devika Singh, Ann Terry

- NEWSLETTER -

Editor.....James A. Trent
Newsletter Distribution.....Block Captains

- WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA -

Webmaster.....Richard Duszkiewicz
Instagram.....Katherine Fariad

President’s Message

It’s not even summer yet, but we have already received a few noise complaints. Please be considerate of your neighbors. Keep the music low and end it at a reasonable hour.

So far, over 70 members have paid their dues and/or made generous donations. Thank you for your support. There is a dues coupon in this newsletter.

As Memorial Day approaches, we remember the members of our armed services who have given their lives for our nation. We also remember NYPD Officer Anastasios Tsakos, who died in the line-of-duty last week, and Detective Brian Moore, who died on May 4, 2015 after being shot while on patrol in Queens Village.

Your neighbor,
Michael O’Keeffe

UPDATE FROM THE 105TH PCT

At the 105th Pct Council meeting on April 28, Capt. Igor Pinkhasov stated that overall crime continues to decline, but there were six house burglaries in Bellerose, Glen Oaks, and Floral Park from March 2 through April 4. Most seem to have occurred when residents were away. Most entries have been through rear windows or doors. In at least one instance, thieves entered through a rear second floor window. Many of us have burglar alarms that cover the first floor only. If you will be away, consider leaving lights on timers and stopping mail and papers. Maybe have a neighbor park in your driveway. Call 911 if you see anything suspicious, including the rear of the house behind your back yard. Capt. Igor noted that many people buy and sell various items through eBay and other websites. If you plan to meet a stranger to transact a sale, he suggested you meet at a safe location, such as the front of the 105th Precinct, at 92-08 222 St.

In related news, Mayor DeBlasio recently announced that funding for the 116 Pct has been restored to the NYC Capital Budget. The new precinct, which will be in Rosedale, will cut the 105th Precinct to a more manageable size.

AND THE WINNER IS.... This month’s winner of our remote raffle is the Lopez Family on Lyman Street. They win a \$20 gift certificate to Braddock Pharmacy. Manny Lopez has delivered our newsletter on his block for over 30 years. Funding for this raffle is an anonymous donor. Thanks!

E-CYCLE EVENT

The Lower East Side Ecology Center will hold an electronic waste recycling event on Saturday, May 22 from 10 am to 4 pm at St Anastasia Church, at Northern Blvd and 244 St in Douglaston. Enter from Alameda Ave. They accept computers, monitors and accessories, TVs, VCRs, DVD players, phones and audio/visual equipment.

QUEENS FARM EVENTS

Seasonal Farmstand: Wednesday through Sunday 11:00AM – 3:00PM through November 7. American Indian Food & Craft Market: Saturday & Sunday, May 15-16, from 11 am – 5 pm. The Thunderbird American Indian Dancers sponsor this special outdoor market featuring authentic Native American art, jewelry, ceramics, textiles, and food, available for purchase on the farm.

VFW MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

The John F. Prince VFW Post will hold its annual Memorial Day observance on Monday, May 31 starting with an American flag retirement ceremony at 11:30 AM. Memorial Day service will follow. All are welcome. The ceremony will be held outdoors and refreshments will be provided at the conclusion of the event.

Enclosed herein are my dues for membership in the Creedmoor Civic Association for the calendar year 2021.
Name _____ Address _____

Donations welcome. Dues are \$10.00 per household per year.
Provide email address (optional) for occasional late-breaking news _____
Make checks payable to Creedmoor Civic Assn. Mail to P. O. Box 260143, Bellerose, NY 11426.