

Next meeting: Oct. 14 at 8 PM

Meetings at the Living Hope Christian Church (basement), Braddock Avenue at 241st Street



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CIVIC'S HALLOWEEN PARADE SET FOR OCTOBER 26

CREEDMOOR CIVIC IS PLEASED TO PRESENT ITS EVER POPULAR HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARADE ONCE AGAIN. NO CHARGE FOR PARTICIPATING. THE EVENT IS RAIN OR SHINE. SEE DETAILS ON BACK PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

Creedmoor Civic invited the two City Council candidates for the 23rd C.D. to present their statements and photos for your information. Their statements are printed below. Creedmoor Civic, by the way, does not endorse candidates.



MARK WEPRIN

Four years ago, I ran for the City Council on a platform of fighting to keep Eastern Queens a great place to live, work, and raise a family. I am proud of the accomplishments of the last four years, and I want to continue serving and strengthening our community.

To combat over-development, I passed legislation to down zone over four hundred blocks in Bellerose, Floral Park, and Glen Oaks. The down zoning protects the low-density character of the neighborhoods, ensures that future development will be consistent with existing building patterns, and updates commercial overlay districts to prevent commercial encroachment into residential side streets.

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JOSEPH CONCANNON

City Council candidate Joe Concannon, running on the Reform party line, is an untiring advocate for the American citizen and a faithful believer in the power of the individual. The significance of this election is for the people to take control of their own destinies. Joe, an independent candidate who is not being funded by special interests and wealthy elitists, is a retired, decorated Police Captain, former Deputy Director of Public Safety to Mayor Giuliani, past president of the Creedmoor Civic Association, business owner, Integris Security LLC, as well as a Queens family man, shares the pain of the hard working people of New York City. Joe is uncompromising when it comes to your public safety.

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Around the Town: Get well wishes to former Creedmoor Civic vice president Larry Burke of 242nd Street who is recovering from recent surgery.

GUEST SPEAKERS

We are pleased to welcome Suzanne Windland, the Volunteer Coordinator for SNAP (Services Now for Adult Persons) as our guest speaker for October.

Also, Police Officer Carleton Epps of the 105th Precinct Community Affairs Unit will also try to attend.

BLOOD DRIVE OCT. 20

The St. Gregory The Great Holy Name Society will sponsor a blood drive on October 20, 2013 from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM in the Oak Room, below the church.



Old Jamaica High School designed by William Tubby in the Dutch Revival style located at Hillside Avenue at Parsons and built in 1896 was designated a landmark by the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission..

President's Message

Thanks!

You may have noticed that the Cross Island Parkway service road was overgrown and covered with litter for most of the summer. It was finally mowed and cleaned last month, due to the efforts of Donna Stack and Claudia Foerst, both from 89th Ave. They called 311, and followed up with more phone calls and emails. After they threatened to call a TV news reporter, the work was finally done. Thanks for your persistence!

311

The nyc.gov website has been updated recently. I think it is now easier to file 311 complaints online. You can elect to get a reply via email, which you can forward to us at creedmoorcivic@gmail.com. It can be frustrating to use 311 to obtain action, but we need that documentation to ask for help from our elected officials and community board.

Stray Cats

Over the past two years, civic members have complained about stray cats that roam the area. We have not been able to come up many solutions, but one possible approach is to work with a non-profit group that performs "trap, neuter and return." The NYC Feral Cat Initiative has a website, <http://www.nycferalcat.org/>, that explains the process and provides training to interested community groups. If feral cats are a problem on your block, take a look at the website, and talk to your neighbors.

We hope to see you at our October 14th meeting. Please bring non-perishable food to support the food pantry of the Living Hope Christian Church.

Your neighbor, *Mike O'Keeffe*

ICCC'S TWIN TOWERS UPDATE

On September 10, 2013, the Indian Cultural and Community Center (ICCC) appeared before the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) to request variances to build 2 nine story buildings on land it purchased on the Creedmoor campus. The next public hearing will take place in November. *Since this is an issue important to the civics in our immediate area and may impact us in the very near future, we are considering a donation towards legal services to represent the civics' position.* This issue will be discussed at the October 14 meeting.

LITTER LAWN SIGNS & FLAGS STILL AVAILABLE

Creedmoor Civic still has approximately a dozen lawn signs available that warn against leaving unsolicited advertising on your property. These will be at the October meeting, or one or two can be dropped off at your house if you contact the civic. We also still have some American flag kits for sale at \$15.00 each. You can pick these up at the October meeting as well or contact us for delivery to your home.

Mark Weprin's Statement (continued from page 1)

When the MTA cut bus service on Little Neck Parkway, I worked with community and civic leaders to come up with a plan to restore the service. Our efforts paid off when the MTA extended the Q36 bus route, which now runs along Little Neck Parkway.

I have successfully fought to expand local senior center hours, save after-school programs that were scheduled to be cut, allow community groups to continue to meet in public schools, and increase bus service for Martin Van Buren High School students who were facing delays. I directed funding to community facilities, including the new state-of-the-art Glen Oaks Library and the Bellerose Library, which is about to undergo a major renovation.

I brought Participatory Budgeting (PB), a pilot program that allows local residents to decide how their tax dollars get spent, to District 23. Now in its second year in our district, PB puts spending decisions about one million dollars in capital discretionary funding in the hands of the community. Over 1,200 people participated in the first year, and the second year promises to see even more community engagement and empowerment.

It has been my honor to represent the Bellerose community and the entire 23rd City Council District for the past four years, and I look forward to your continued support.

VAN BUREN HS PUBLIC HEARING

On Wednesday, October 23 at 6 PM, there will be an important public hearing about the future of Martin Van Buren (MVB) High School. The meeting will take place at MVB, located at 230-17 Hillside Ave.

The Department of Education will present a proposal to co-locate an additional high school within the MVB building. The new program, a Career and Technical Education (CTE) school, would be sponsored by the computer software company SAP. The new school would eventually expand to include over 600 students, and would offer a six year program, including an associate's degree at Queensborough Community College, at no cost to students. Martin Van Buren High School would stand to lose over 400 students. Although this program seems to be a positive offering, there are questions about whether the proposed organizational structure is the best way to ensure that Martin Van Buren High School continues to improve. Therefore, it is very important for parents and all community members to attend this meeting, both to learn about the program, and to show the Department of Education that the community is

interested in the future of MVB.

Joe Concannon's Statement (cont'd from page 1)

He understands a safe and secure environment is necessary for our city's economy to flourish. Joe is an advocate of outstanding education for our children, low taxes and removing some of the burdensome oversight on business so that we can enjoy job growth.

The reason Joe is running is to reverse the damage the City Council has done to the city by passing the Community Safety Act, better known as the "Criminal Protection Act" which blindfolds the police and protects the criminals. All the state police unions endorsed Joe Concannon to bring his extensive law enforcement and security background to the City Council where lawyers and career politicians with no law enforcement background whatsoever think they know more about policing than the NYPD.


New Yorkers need to be concerned about the consequences of the Community Safety Act. This legislation triggered a fundamental change in the way New York City conducts its policing which will undermine everything we've gained in public safety for the last 20 years. Instead of trusting the voices of the people with a public referendum on the police practice of stop, question and frisk, the elected officials cut a backroom deal, playing politics with public safety, putting the citizens of New York in harm's way. Joe Concannon on the Reform line will give the people back their voice in their city government.

BELLEROSE LIBRARY RENOVATIONS TO START

The Bellerose Branch of the Queens Borough Public Library will close for renovations on or about October 28. The work, which will include structural repairs and modernization, is expected to take six months or more and will cost more than \$1 million. Funding will be by the Queens Library System, Senator Avella, Council Member Weprin, and Assembly Member Clark. (Thanks to Bellerose Commonwealth Civic for this information.)

STRANGE NOISES ANNOY RESIDENTS

A few civic members have reported hearing an annoying, low pitched noise at various times over the past few months. The sound, has been described as similar to a bass guitar or to electrical machinery and been reported to occur late at night and persist for several hours. Please contact the Civic by phone or email if you have information about the source or location of this noise.

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HALLOWEEN PARADE

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Creedmoor Civic Association, Inc.

Saturday, October 26, 2013

(Rain or Shine)

Creedmoor Civic will host another free costume parade in observance of Halloween. Line up is at Breninger Park (Braddock Avenue at 239th Street) at 1:45 PM. Parade kicks off at 2:00 PM and concludes at Fuzzy's Wolfrose Bar (billiard room) at 239-21 Braddock Avenue. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the parade. This event is for children up to 12 years old and must have adult guardians who are welcome to march along. Parade route will be beginning at Breninger Park, cross Braddock Avenue and walk west to Lyman Street., north on Lyman Street to 88th Avenue, east on 88th Avenue to 238th Street, south on 238th Street to Braddock Avenue, thence east on Braddock Avenue sidewalk to Fuzzy's Wolfrose Bar.

Information: 718-464-3369
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