

# Next meeting: Oct 13 at 8 PM

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



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### ICCC TRIES AGAIN AT BSA

On September 23, 2014, the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) held a public hearing regarding the revised proposal by the Indian Community and Cultural Center (ICCC).

The latest plan calls for a four story building, including a community center and 57 apartments, to be built on land that the ICCC acquired on the Creedmoor campus. State Senator Tony Avella, and leaders of several local civic associations (including the Creedmoor Civic Association) attended the hearing and made statements in opposition to the plan.

While acknowledging that the size and scale of this proposal has decreased, many opposition speakers stated that the building would still tower over and have a negative impact on nearby private residences. Concerns were also raised about the financial viability of the project, and the precedent it might set for future development of the Creedmoor Psychiatric Center campus. Another issue pertains to access and egress to and from the site by emergency vehicles and regular traffic.

BSA Chairperson Margery Perlmutter directed the ICCC to submit more information by October 28. Another public hearing is scheduled for November 25, 2014.

#### PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING TO BE DISCUSSED

At our October meeting, a representative from Council Member Mark Weprin's office will collect ideas about how to spend \$1 Million through the Participatory Budget process. We will also present proposals to revise our Constitution and By-Laws. The proposed amendments will be voted on at our November meeting. A dues increase is being considered. Come down to give your opinions! Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

#### CITY INSTALLS MORE TRAFFIC CAMERAS

As you may be aware, New York City now has the authority to deploy up to 140 speed cameras near schools throughout the city. We have received reports of motorists receiving \$50 tickets on Union Turnpike near the Padavan School campus, and on Hillside Avenue in the vicinity of Martin Van Buren High School. According to a NY Times article from September 2, the law provides for violations to be issued for speeds of more than 10 mph above the speed limit, at times when children can be expected to be present in school buildings. This would include summer school, and after-school activities.

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## **CRIME DROPS IN THE 105 POLICE PCT.**

The monthly 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council Meetings have resumed after a summer break. Deputy Inspector Coyle reported that crime is at historically low levels. Two hundred fewer crimes have been reported in the precinct year to date, as compared with the same period last year. This includes 100 fewer burglaries.

As of now, the 105<sup>th</sup> is the 3<sup>rd</sup> best precinct in the city in crime reduction year over year. Crime has diminished in and around Martin Van Buren HS, including a reduction in youth-on-youth robberies. Thefts of tires and wheels are way down, due in part to several arrests in the 105<sup>th</sup> and neighboring precincts.

Captain Gilbert, the 105<sup>th</sup> Pct. Executive Officer, discussed Vision Zero, a program to reduce traffic deaths and injuries, which is based on 3 E's: Education, Engineering and Enforcement. Current initiatives include enforcing laws requiring motorists to yield to pedestrians, and to stop in both directions for a school bus with flashing red lights.

Information was provided on various scams, including the following:

• **One-Ring Phone Scam.** Scammers ring a cell phone once, then hang up. When someone calls the number back, they are put on hold and charged per minute for an international call.

• **Hotel Check-In Credit Card Scam.** You give your credit card information to the desk clerk when you check in. Later that night, a scammer randomly calls your room. He says he is at the front desk, that there is a problem with your credit card, and would you mind reading your card number over the phone to confirm it. Don't do it!

• **E-Z Pass Phishing Scam.** You get an email that looks like it came from the E-Z Pass Service Center, asking you to download a list of unpaid tolls. Don't do it!

• **Halloween Party.** The annual Halloween Party for kids will take place on October 31, from 5PM to 8 PM at the precinct,

located at 92-08 222 St. The next meeting will take place on October 29 at 8 PM at St Clare's Church, located at 137-35 Brookville Blvd.

## President's Message

### President Emeritus

At a recent Board of Governors meeting, our Board voted that the title of President Emeritus be given to former President Rick Duskiwicz. The office is vacant due to the recent passing of former President Rose Daddario. The title was established to recognize a former president based on "outstanding service" to the civic association. Rick provided outstanding service before and during his twelve year tenure as President, and continues to help us in a variety of ways. This motion will be brought to the general membership at the October meeting.

### Membership and Dues

As reported elsewhere in this newsletter, we are looking at a few changes to the Civic's Constitution and By-Laws. Two proposed changes are procedural. A third proposal would change our annual dues from \$6 to \$10, starting January 1, 2015. Our dues have been \$6 for many years. We have done our best to control costs, but there has been a decline in paid members over the last several years. This will be discussed at our October meeting. Our civic needs to be financially sound, but it must also have as many paid members as possible to show that we truly represent the community.

### New Restaurant on Braddock Ave

As you can see from the ad on page 1, a new restaurant, Bar-B-Q Tonight, has opened in the shopping area on Braddock Ave. Next time you are on the block, stop in, say hello, and pick up a menu. We need to patronize our local businesses if we want to have local businesses.

Your neighbor, *Mike O'Keeffe*

### TIPS FROM THE DEPT. OF SANITATION

- ▶ All rigid plastics are now recyclable. Don't worry about the numbers on the item. Please rinse containers before recycling.
- ▶ If you can tear paper, it is recyclable.
- ▶ New stickers for your recycling pails are available at civic meetings.
- ▶ There is no longer a specific "bulk pickup day." However, it is better for the DSNY if larger items are put out for the second collection of the week.
- ▶ You may receive a summons for putting garbage out before 4 PM from Oct.1 through April 1, From April 1 through Oct. 1, garbage may not be put out before 5 PM.
- ▶ A composting pilot program is underway, involving all NYC public schools and selected neighborhoods. Organic waste is collected separately in a specially designed receptacle.

# ROSTER OF PAID UP MEMBERS FOR 2014

Thank you to the following members who have paid dues for 2014. Thanks, also, for the generous donations! Listed below are donations we have received since our April 2014 newsletter. We now have only 124 paid members. We need you to join, not only for your financial support, but also to show that the civic is speaking and acting on behalf of the community. If you have not paid your 2014 dues, please send \$6.00 with the dues coupon printed below, to Creedmoor Civic Association, PO Box 260143, Bellerose, NY 11426. If you are not sure whether you have paid for 2014, or if you think our records are incorrect, contact us at (718) 464-3369 or creedmoorcivic@gmail.com.

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