# Next meeting: Oct. 9 at 8:00 PM

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



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# **CIVIC'S HALLOWEEN PARADE SET FOR OCT. 28**

Don't miss our annual, popular Creedmoor Civic Halloween Costume Parade. See back page for more details.

This free event is open to all residents of our civic association, and to the residents of the civic associations that abut our civic association: Rocky Hill, Queens Village, Queens Colony, Queens Braddock, Bellerose Commonwealth and Bellerose Hillside.

Hopefully, we'll be able to set up a haunted house inside the ambulance facility again this year. Our thanks to the folks at Bellerose Rescue for allowing us to use their headquarters as our base of operations for this parade.

#### SIKH PARADE TO BE HELD ON SAT. OCT. 21

The annual parade in honor of Sikh Founder Guru Nanek Dev Ji's birthday will be held on Saturday, October 21. The parade will start at noon at Braddock Ave and the Cross Island Parkway. It will proceed north on the Cross Island Pkwy service road, east on Hillside Ave, north on 263 St, east on 82 Ave, and south on the Cross Island Parkway service road. At about 3:45, it will conclude at the parking lot of St Gregory the Great Church, where vegetarian food will be served. Members of the community are welcome to participate

#### PROBLEMS WITH CREEDMOOR PATIENTS?

Let us know if you have observed anti-social behavior from persons believed to be from Creedmoor Hospital. There has been a spike in such reports.

#### 105 PRECINCT COLLECTING FOR PUERTO RICAN HURRICANE RELIEF

The following items are needed to relieve the suffering in Puerto Rico that was slammed by two recent hurricanes. Please provide rubber gloves, anti-bacterial wipes, battery-operated flashlights, filtered face masks, diapers, dry baby food, batteries, first aid supplies, and feminine hygiene products. Bring these items to the stationhouse at 92-08 222<sup>nd</sup> Street, Queens Village.

#### **MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS: NOVEMBER 7**

Elections for municipal offices of Mayor, Comptroller, Public Advocate, Borough President, City Council and some judgeships will be held from 6 AM to 9 PM on Tuesday, Nov. 7. Voting is at P.S. 18. There will also be a vote on whether to convene a state Constitutional Convention.

### FRANK D'ANGELO

IS OUR GUEST SPEAKER.

Mr. D'Angelo is an attorney specializing in wills and estate planning and elder law. Come, hear, ask questions! As always, our meetings end with free refreshments. Bring a neighbor!



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#### **NEW EATERY OPENS ON BRADDOCK**

There is a new restaurant at 239-17 Braddock Avenue, across from Breininger (Braddock) Park, that specializes in gyro sandwiches (closest correct pronunciation is "yeer-oh"). One of our board members recently tried it and thought the food was very good. Stop in and see for yourself.

#### **BOARD MEMBER SEAT ELECTION**

In response to a notice in our September newsletter, civic member Cathy Christy of 238 St has volunteered to fill the vacancy on the Creedmoor Civic Board of Governors. As per our constitution, there will be a special election for the position at our October 9 meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted. Nominees must be civic members in good standing.

#### **WORK BEGINS ON STREET UTILITIES**

Replacement of sewers and water mains has begun west of Moline St, on the blocks between 88 Ave and Braddock Ave. Workers have also erected protective barriers around trees on Braddock Ave between Winchester Blvd and Hillside Ave, in preparation for sewer and water main work. The DEP project must be completed before the long-awaited resurfacing of Braddock Ave can take place.

### President's Message

Saturday, September 23 was a busy day for the Creedmoor Civic Association. We held our first Bellerose Community Garage Sale, and participated in Healthy Community Day at the Queens Village Veterans Plaza. At both events, we tried to provide useful services and information, and sought to give neighbors an opportunity to get to know each other.

Congratulations to Police Officer Carleton Epps, the 105th Pct Youth Officer, for being recognized at the last 105th Pct Community Council Meeting for his work with the youth of our community. PO Epps runs a very active Police Explorer group, and works extensively with at risk youth and their families.

We are still collecting civic dues for 2017. Dues are \$10. See dues coupon in this newsletter. A roster of paid members will be published in our November newsletter

Remember to vote on Tuesday, November 7. This is an important election. The Mayor, Comptroller, Public Advocate and all City Council members are up for election. Another important issue, which is voted on every 20 years, concerns whether New York State should convene a convention to modify the NYS Constitution. Please take the time to learn about the candidates and issues.

Your neighbor,

Michael O'Keeffe

#### **BELLEROSE RESTAURANT WEEK**

#### **COMING UP**

The Joint Bellerose Business District Development Corporation, of which Creedmoor Civic is an active member, hosted a Bellerose Restaurant Week last year for the first time. It will be repeated again this year from November 10 through the November 19. The names of the participating restaurants have not yet been announced. Stay tuned for next month's issue of the Greedmoor Gibir Arms for the names of the restaurants and the discounts that will be offered.

#### **CIVIC GARAGE SALE A SUCCESS!**

Our first Bellerose Community Garage Sale took place on Saturday, September 23. About 16 vendors sold their wares on a beautiful, warm, fall day. About \$250 was raised for the benefit of our host, Bellerose Rescue. We hope this will become a regular event.



#### REPORT ON POLICE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 9/27/17

Cop of the month awards were presented for the summer months. In two instances, officers were recognized for stopping vehicles for traffic infractions, and recovering handguns. Youth Officer Carleton Epps received a Cop-of-the-Month award. He co-chairs the Precinct Youth Council, oversees a very active Explorer Post, and counsels troubled youth and their families.

Crime is down 3% overall, year-to-year, but there some problems:

■ There were 6 shootings in August and September, in Rosedale, Laurelton and Queens Village. There were no fatalities. Investigations are ongoing.

■ Reports of domestic violence are increasing, and are having an impact on other crime statistics, like assaults and robberies. Insp. Schiff believes the increase may be because domestic violence is being reported more often. It may still be under reported. He said the crime is taken seriously and arrests are made.

■ Robberies are up. 20 robberies were reported in the precinct last month, vs 12 last year. Five of the 20 were related to domestic violence.

□ Grand larcenies are up, mostly for thefts from autos. Of the 32 grand larcenies, 7 occurred in Bellerose. In half of the thefts from vehicles, the cars were unlocked. Insp. Schiff also emphasized not to leave valuables visible in vehicles. While on patrol, officers who observe valuables in plain sight in vehicles sometimes run the plate number, and then contact the owner in person or by letter.

■ Thefts of tires and rims continues to be a problem. A college student who was arrested recently was in possession of rims from several of the thefts.

■ An attempted abduction of a 12 year old girl took place on 8/31 outside the Key Food on Jamaica Ave and 215 St. The child's mother was present and pulled the child away. The alleged perpetrator had several distinctive tattoos. He was arrested a few days later after police received several tips from the public.

The next council meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 25.

## HEALTHY COMMUNITY DAY

#### **HELD SEPTEMBER 23**

On September 23, the same day as our Community Garage Sale, Creedmoor Civic participated in Healthy Community Day, which was held at the Queens Village Veterans Plaza Park. The event was co-sponsored by Community Board 13 and most of the civic associations within the board. Over thirty tables were staffed by a mixture of agencies and groups. Information was made available to attendees on such diverse topics as Boy Scouting, Medicare, senior services, mental health and substance abuse treatment. Terrance Ludwig, of Top Class DJ Entertainment, provided great music at no cost.

#### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

# Halloween at the Queens Farm Museum (73-50 Little Neck Parkway):

◆The Pumpkin Patch and The Amazing Maize Maze. Sat & Sun, Sept 30–Oct 28, 2017 & Mon, Oct 9, 2017 11:00 am-4:30 pm.

✦ Haunted House. Sat, Oct 28, 2017, 1–7 pm, Sun, Oct 29, 2017, 4 pm−7 pm,

#### Events at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Commonwealth Blvd and 87 Ave:

◆Blessing of the Animals. Sun, October 8 at 10 am

♦Oktoberfest. Sat, Oct 14

◆Medicare Seminar. Sat, Oct 14 at noon. To reserve a seat, email holytrinitybellerose@yahoo.com, or call 718-347-0278.

#### Events at St Gregory the Great Church:

◆Blood Drive. Sunday, October 22, 8 am to 2 pm in the Oak Room (church basement).

◆Shoe and Clothing Drive, Saturday, October 28, 10 amnoon, in the parking lot on 88 Rd and the Cross Island Pkwy. Sponsored by the Renaissance Group.

✦Halloween Party. Saturday, Oct 28 at 6 pm. \$7. Tickets for sale at Parish office.



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