

Zoom meeting October 11 (see details in box)



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HALLOWEEN PARADE BACK ON FOR 2021

Last year we skipped having our popular Halloween Children's Costume Parade because the City banned all street events during the COVID lockdown. But we secured a permit for this year!

See the flyer on page 4 of this newsletter for further details. Please also spread the word. This event is open to all Bellerose residents, not just members or residents of Creedmoor Civic Association.

The parade ends with candy and soda. We have also included a haunted house feature, but COVID considerations may preclude that this year. Still, the main event is the parade itself, so please take part. The children love it. Dress up your pets too! At the end, hang around for the group photo we take and which is published in the November newsletter.

BELLEROSE BUSINESS LUNCHEON

SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 6

The Joint Bellerose Business District Development Corporation (of which Creedmoor Civic is an active member of the board) will hold its annual luncheon at Nancy's Restaurant (255-41 Jericho Turnpike) at 1 PM on Saturday, November 6th.

The JBBDDC did not hold a luncheon last year due to the lockdown, so it is exciting that this pleasant and informative event is returning.



Hon. Barry
Grodenchik

The event has four principal speakers: NYC Council Member Barry Grodenchik, Receiver of Taxes (Hempstead Town) Jeanine Driscoll, Second District Council Member (Hempstead Town) Tom Muscarella, and Hector Garcia of External Affairs of the Long Island Rail Road. The LIRR will be explaining with illustrated

boards the opening of the new train station in Bellerose Terrace, the first new LIRR station in half a century. The station is now nearing completion. The station, called Elmont, is being built to serve the new arena at Belmont

LIVE CIVIC MEETINGS TEMPORARILY CANCELED JOIN US IN A ZOOM MEETING

These candidates for our City Council District 23 seat: Republican/ Conservative, James Reilly and Democrat Linda Lee, are confirmed to join us.

Join Zoom Meeting at 7:00 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84846964573>

Meeting ID: 848 4696 4573

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Park but will serve Bellerose residents as well. Tickets for the four-course lunch are \$40 each, tax and tip included. Menu includes eight entree choices. Some discounted tickets (subsidized by the Civic) may be available. Tune in to the Zoom meeting to order.

Barry Grodenchik, who is leaving office at the end of the year is an honoree at the luncheon.

DON'T PAVE FRONT YARDS

The NYC Zoning Resolution prohibits property owners from paving over their entire front yard. The percentage of the front yard that must be planted depends on the frontage. Properties with a street frontage of 20 to 34 feet, which is typical of our civic area, must maintain a minimum of 25% of the front yard planted with grass, bushes or some combination.

Another consideration is the recent heavy rains we have experienced. Paving over yards, front and rear, decreases the amount of natural drainage, making flooding more likely because the sewer systems were designed with the assumption that much of the rain water would be absorbed by lawns and other unpaved areas.

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President's Message

October is Fire Prevention Month. Please take some time to make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly. Plan escape routes and designate a meeting place outside your home in case of fire.

Our Halloween Parade will return this year on Saturday, October 30. See page 4 for details.

As you know, this is the year of the election cycle where citywide offices and City Council seats are on the ballot. You will find details on voting in the newsletter.

As usual, we will publish a roster of members who have paid their dues in the November newsletter.

Your neighbor,

Michael O'Keeffe

GIRL SCOUTS AND LEADERS WANTED

Girls from kindergarten through 12th grade are invited to join the Girl Scouts for fun, outdoor activities, and other new adventures. There are also openings for adult leaders. It is very rewarding to work with young ladies, helping them to develop courage, confidence, and character. Training and support are available for adult volunteers.

We will be conducting in person and/or virtual meetings, depending on the comfort levels of the girls and caregivers. Registration is only \$25 for girls and adults. For more information contact Mary Ann at girlscout9103@gmail.com

SAVING PARKING SPOTS IS ILLEGAL

It is illegal to reserve the parking spot in front of your house with cones, garbage pails, etc.

Section 4-08 (n)(7) of the Traffic Rules of the NYC Department of Transportation states: It shall be unlawful for any person to reserve or attempt to reserve a parking space, or prevent any vehicle from parking on a public street through his/her presence in the roadway, the use of hand-signals, or by placing any box, can, crate, hand-cart, dolly or any other device, including unauthorized pavement, curb or street markings or signs in the roadway.

SOUND THE ALARM

The Greater New York Red Cross has a program called "Sound the Alarm," which provides installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in homes, free of charge. To make an appointment, call 877-733-2767 and select option 5. Or, contact program coordinator Gary Chin at gary.chin2@redcross.org

AROUND THE TOWN

Congratulations to Florence Porto, longtime resident of 88th Avenue, on turning 100!

AND THE WINNER IS....This month's winner of our remote raffle is Don Sileo of 90th Avenue. He wins a \$20 gift certificate for Braddock Pharmacy on Braddock Ave. This raffle is funded by an anonymous donor. Thanks!

REGISTER FOR PRELLER SPRING 2022 SEASON

The Hollis, Bellaire, Queens Village, Bellerose Athletic Association (at Preller Field) is accepting registrations for the spring 2022 baseball and softball programs. They are also offering kickball for ages 3 and 4. The HBQVB website is being redesigned and will be available soon. In the meantime, contact President Steve Adler at Stevenadler4223@yahoo.com or 516-322-1354 for more information.



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.

NEWS FROM ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH

St. Gregory's Holy Name Society will hold its annual blood drive on Sunday, October 17 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. Sign up will take place on Sunday, October 10 after Masses in the gathering space of the Church, located at 242-20 88 Ave. Walk-ins are also welcome.

St Gregory's will hold a monthly Mass for people with special needs on the first Sunday of each month at the 12:30 pm Mass. A sign language interpreter will be present on November 7 and December 5.

SIKH PARADE SET FOR NOV 6

The Gurdwara Sant Sagar (Sikh house of worship) will celebrate the 552nd birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, The First Master and Founder of Sikhism, with their annual parade on Saturday, November 6, 2021. Marchers will assemble at 11:30 am at the Temple at 242-25 Braddock Avenue.

Parade route: Cross the Braddock Avenue Bridge to the northbound Cross Island Service Road; north to Hillside Avenue; east to 263rd Street; north to 82nd Avenue; west to Commonwealth Boulevard; south to Hillside Avenue; west to the southbound Cross Island Service Road; south to 88 Road (parking lot of St. Gregory's Church). Estimated arrival time will be 3:45pm-4 pm. There will be a reception in the parking lot with free vegetarian food. All are welcome.

ELECTION INFORMATION

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3. Major citywide offices are on the ballot, as well as all City Council seats. Our civic territory votes at P.S. 18 on Election Day from 6 am to 9 pm. The deadline for the Board of Elections to receive an absentee ballot application for the General election via the online portal, mail, email, or fax is October 18, 2021. For more information, visit <https://vote.nyc/>

Early voting will take place from October 23 through October 31. The early voting location for our civic area is the sports bubble at Creedmoor Hospital, 79-25 Winchester Boulevard. It is helpful to the poll workers to bring your voter card which has a bar code on it. They scan the card, and your voter page comes up quicker. Here is the schedule. The hours for early voting vary day to day:

Saturday	October 23, 2021	8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Sunday	October 24, 2021	8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Monday	October 25, 2021	7:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Tuesday	October 26, 2021	10:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Wednesday	October 27, 2021	10:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Thursday	October 28, 2021	10:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Friday	October 29, 2021	7:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Saturday	October 30, 2021	8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Sunday	October 31, 2021	8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

QUEENS FARM MUSEUM EVENTS

The Amazing Maize Maze - Open Friday – Sunday. Sept 17th – Oct 30th and Monday, Oct 11th. Online Tickets Only: \$12; \$8 child. Hours: Fridays, 12pm – 4:30pm; Saturdays, 11am – 4:30pm; Sundays, 11am – 4:30pm; Mon, October 11, 11am – 4:30pm.

Maze By Moonlight - October 23rd & 28th. Online Tickets Only \$15; \$10 child. Hours: 5:30pm – 7:30pm; 7:30pm – 9:30pm. Bring a flashlight!



NY Apples, Cider, Donuts & Pie - Saturday and Sunday Only, Sep 17th – Oct 30th. Prices vary; available until sold out. Note: No apple picking available.

Halloween on the Farm - Sunday October 31st, 11:00AM – 5:00PM. General Admission: \$20/person, free for ages 3 & under. Tickets includes: The Amazing Maize Maze; spooky hayrides; trick-or-treating with the farm animals; haunted farmhouse; Adopt-a-Worm composting program, ghastly crafts and recycling tips at the Con Edison Ecology Booth; DJ dance party.

Visit <https://www.queensfarm.org/halloween-on-the-farm/> for more information and tickets.

NYS INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION INFORMATION

The NYS Independent Redistricting Commission (NYSIRC) is a bipartisan group that is responsible for drawing new congressional and state legislative boundaries based on the results of the 2020 Census.

The NYSIRC came about after NYS voters approved Proposition 1 in the 2014 election. Proposition 1 was an amendment to the NYS Constitution. It created a 10 member commission. Two members are selected by the senate majority leader, two are selected by the senate minority leader, two by the assembly speaker and two by the assembly minority leader. The last two members are jointly selected by the above mentioned eight members.

The commission's website, nyirc.gov, contains more information, including drafts of redistricting maps. The commission is seeking input from citizens, which can be presented online or at a public meeting. The NYSIRC has a Queens meeting scheduled at York College on November 17 at 3 pm.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

SPONSORED BY
CREEDMOOR CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021
(Rain or Shine)

Creedmoor Civic will host another free costume parade in observance of Halloween. Line up is at Breninger Park (Braddock Avenue at 239 Street) at 1:45 PM. Parade kicks off at 2:00 PM and concludes at the headquarters of the Bellerose Rescue 235-01 Braddock Avenue. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the parade. The event is for local children up to 12 years old and must have adult guardians.

Route: marching counterclockwise:
Braddock Avenue on the South,
242nd Street on the East, 88th Avenue
on the North, Gettysburg Street on the
west. We walk west on Braddock
Avenue from Gettysburg Street to the
side of the Bellerose Rescue where
refreshments are distributed

Information: 718-464-3369

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