

# Joint Civic Meeting Oct. 8 at 7:30 PM

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## CITY OF YES FOR HOUSING OPPORTUNITY GOES TO CITY COUNCIL FOR VOTE

On September 25, the City Planning Commission approved the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity (COYHO) with a 10-3 vote. It now goes to the City Council for a vote which is expected sometime this fall.

On September 16, local elected officials held an event in Bayside to oppose the plan. The following quotes were obtained from a press release from State Assembly Member Ed Braunstein:

Queens Civic Congress President Warren Schreiber said "By fast-tracking the zoning process and limiting community engagement, the City of Yes undermines democratic processes. Residents should have a meaningful say in the developments that affect their neighborhoods, and sidelining their voices erodes public trust in our government."

State Senator Toby Stavisky said "While well intended the 'City of Yes' proposal misses the mark. If enacted, this 'one size fits all' approach to housing will saturate neighborhoods like the one we are in today with high density housing. Our sewer system is already overburdened by ever-increasing torrential rain events. Accessory dwelling units, such as basement apartments, have proven to be unsafe living quarters. Parking, which is already a problem in most areas, will worsen exponentially with the elimination of parking mandates and the conversion of garages into living spaces. We simply do not have the infrastructure to support these proposals. We need a more creative plan that reflects the unique needs of specific communities."

City Council Member Linda Lee said "As the City of Yes is currently proposed, our communities are presented with a package of reforms that will significantly impact our neighborhoods. New York City is in the midst of a housing crisis with apartment vacancy rates at their lowest percentages in years. I commend the Administration and the Department of City Planning for making housing a priority and for reaching out for community feedback. However, it is clear that every neighborhood has unique challenges that

**Creedmoor Civic and Rocky Hill Civic Joint Meeting October 8 at 7:30 PM. This is a LIVE meeting**

**This is a Candidates Night. Roster of speakers still being confirmed. Free refreshments, Bring a neighbor.**

must be addressed. Any proposal that includes the implementation of accessory dwelling units and a drastic increase in density may not be conducive to communities in Eastern and Southeastern Queens."

As we have said previously, we encourage you to contact Mayor Adams by calling 311, sending a web message on the [nyc.gov](http://nyc.gov) website, or writing to him at City Hall, New York, NY 1007. Letter writing may seem old fashioned, but it can have an impact. Contact City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams at 718-206-2068, by mail at 165-38A Baisley Blvd, second floor, Jamaica, NY 11434, or by email from [council.nyc.gov](mailto:council.nyc.gov) Try to be specific about how the COYHO would impact you. If you have friends or relatives who live in other council districts, encourage them to contact their council members.

The Queens Civic Congress, of which Creedmoor Civic is an active member, has just issued a press release calling for the immediate halt of further activity on passing the City of Yes program. The recent indictment of the Mayor raises concerns about how this expedited process of approval came about. We all know that this plan does not build affordable housing, but instead builds market rate housing. The major beneficiary of this program are developers, not the residents of New York City.

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President’s Message

As usual, we will publish a roster of members who have paid this year’s dues in the November newsletter. Annual dues remain at \$10. We are seeing a gradual decline in the number of dues-paying members, while at the same time we continue to receive many generous donations. The printing of 10 newsletters a year is our biggest expense and is getting more expensive. Aside from financial considerations, we need as many dues-paying members as possible to show that we truly represent the community.

On October 8, we will hold a joint civic meeting with the Rocky Hill Civic Association at PS 18 at 7:30 pm. Candidates for State Senate and Congress have been invited to speak. We will return to the Living Hope Church, our usual meeting location, in November.

Please note that there are six proposals on the November election ballot, including one amendment to the NYS Constitution and four amendments to the City Charter. We recommend that you learn about them prior to going to the polls.

Your neighbor, Michael O’Keeffe

ELECTION DAY INFORMATION

Election Day is Tuesday, November 5. Our civic territory votes at P.S. 18 on Election Day, from 6 am to 9 pm. The deadline to register to vote is October 26. The deadline for the Board of Elections to receive an absentee ballot application for the general election is also October 26. For more information, visit https://vote.nyc/ or call 1-866-VOTE-NYC.

Early voting will take place from Saturday, October 26 through Sunday, November 3. 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 if you bring your voter card which has a barcode 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 26, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
Sunday October 27, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
Monday October 28, 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM.
Tuesday October 29, 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM.
Wednesday October 30, 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM.
Thursday October 31, 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM.
Friday November 1, 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM.
Saturday November 2, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
Sunday November 3, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

AROUND THE TOWN: Let us know if you are planning to hold a garage sale. We will include an announcement in our newsletter.

AND THE WINNER IS: The Nadasy family of Moline St has won a \$20 gift certificate to Jason’s Deli. The winner was chosen from the roster of members who paid their 2024 civic dues. Thanks to the anonymous donor who funds these monthly awards.

EVENTS AT ST. GREGORY’S

St. Gregory’s Holy Name Society will hold its annual blood drive on Sunday, October 20 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm in the Oak Room below the Church. Registration online at https://www.nybc.org/ or after Masses on October 13. Walk-ins are also welcome. Casino Nights will take place Friday, October 18 and Saturday, October 19 from 7pm-11pm in Gregorian Hall on the east side of the Cross Island Pkwy. Admission is \$10, which includes \$5 in chips for games.

FREE COVID TESTS ARE BACK

Once again, the US government will send up to four free COVID tests to each household via US Postal delivery. Visit covidtests.gov or call 1-800-232-0233.

Enclosed herewith are my dues for the year 2024 to the Creedmoor Civic Association, Inc. (\$10 per household)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is an additional donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Email address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to Creedmoor Civic Association and mail to P. O Box 260143, Bellerose, NY 11426-0143

## NEW DSNY TRASH RULES

The NYC Dept of Sanitation is making changes in how it collects garbage. As of November 12, 2024, all properties with 1-9 residential units must use bins, 55 gallons or less, with secure lids for trash set out. This means your current trash can will be ok to use until June of 2026, as long as it is 55 gallons or less and has a lid that makes a tight seal. Starting this November 12, failure to comply may result in fines: \$50 for the first offense; \$100 for the second offense; \$200 for the third and subsequent offenses.

As of June 2026, all properties with 1-9 residential units will be required to use the official NYC Bin for trash. You can buy one now at [www.bins.nyc](http://www.bins.nyc) or by calling 1-855-NYC-BINS. They come in three sizes:

- 35-Gallon Bin, ideal for small, single-family homes. It can hold up to 3 kitchen trash bags (\$45.88 plus tax and fees).
- 45-Gallon Bin, recommended for properties with multiple residential units. It can hold up to 4 kitchen trash bags (\$53.01 plus tax and fees).
- 21-Gallon Bin for Compost: It can hold up to 7 three-gallon compost bags (\$43.47 plus taxes and fees).

Recycling bins are available in blue and green for the same price as trash bins. As of now, there is no requirement to replace recycling or compost bins. DSNY says that bins ordered by October 1 will be delivered by November 12.

Note: Trash in containers can be put out at 6 pm on the night before collection. Until November 12, trash in plastic bags can be put out at 8 pm. Bulk items should be put out for the collection that does not include recycling and composting. Visit [nyc.gov/dsny](http://nyc.gov/dsny) for more information.

## NEW RESTAURANT AT 236-05 BRADDOCK AVE

Rinconcito de los Sabores #4 (Little Corner of Flavors) opened on Braddock Ave in early September. This is the fourth location for the family owned-and-run business. The cuisine is Mexican with a wide selection. Customer favorites are tacos & soup for lunch and the combo meals for dinner. Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner; 7:00am to 10:pm Mon to Sat and 8:00am to 10:00pm on Sunday.

## QUEENS FARM MUSEUM EVENTS

The Amazing Maize Maze, New York City's only corn maze, is waiting for you, Friday-Sunday through October 26. Online tickets required. Tickets: \$14, \$10 (ages 4-11) Free for ages 3 & under.

Want even more of a challenge? Check out Maze by Moonlight — 2 nights only: Saturdays, October 19 and 26, from 6pm-9pm. Online tickets required.

## BOROUGH PRESIDENT HOLDS PRESS CONFERENCE AND GETS BRADDOCK MALLS CLEANED UP



Queens Borough President Donovan Richards received many complaints around the borough about tall weeds engulfing traffic medians. The Borough President held a press conference on Braddock Avenue at 221<sup>st</sup> Street on August 13. This exposure of this dreadful condition which can lead to unsafe conditions for both vehicles and pedestrians resulted in the mall being cleaned on September 5.

## SIKH PARADE SET FOR OCTOBER 26

The Gurdwara Sant Sagar (Sikh house of worship) will hold their annual parade on Saturday, October 26. Marchers will assemble at 11:45 am at the Temple at 242-25 Braddock Avenue. Sikh Parade route will require the closing of Hillside Avenue. Estimated arrival time will be 3:45 pm-4 pm. There will be a reception in the parking lot on 88<sup>th</sup> Road with free vegetarian food. All are welcome.

## MORE FARM MUSEUM EVENTS

Halloween on the Farm: Tickets include: The Amazing Maize Maze, DJ dance party, trick-or-treating at nine stations located throughout the farm's 47 acres, Spooky farmhouse experience, Halloween hayrides. Sunday, October 27, 11 am-4 pm. Tickets \$20 per person, free ages 3 and under. Online tickets required.

Hayrides: Saturday and Sunday 11-4 on the hour, Monday-Friday 1-4 on the hour. Tickets are \$6. Purchase at the Farm Store. You can buy a pumpkin in the Pumpkin Patch through Oct 31. Apple cider and donuts are available weekends through October.

Harvest Dance Celebration: Sunday, November 3. Celebrate American Indian Culture with the Thunderbird American Indian Dancers. See [queensfarm.org](http://queensfarm.org) for details.

18th Century Tavern Nights; Several nights throughout November. Check the website for details.