

Next meeting: Sept. 9 at 8 PM

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



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NYS I.G. REPORT BLASTS ICCC; RALLY vs THE TOWERS SET FOR SEPT. 7 AT 1PM

The long awaited report from the NYS Inspector General regarding the purchase of Creedmoor Hospital property by the Indian Cultural and Community Center (ICCC) has been released. Among of the report's main findings are as follows:

- ❖ Starting in 1999, prior to the incorporation of the ICCC, members of the American Diocese of the Indian Orthodox Church have attempted to secure land on the Creedmoor Campus to build a community center. The land sale was passed and signed into law on July 9, 2006.
- ❖ At an on-site meeting on January 17, 2007, ICCC officials told NYC Dormitory officials that the intended use of the land was for a community center. No mention was made of a "residential component." (p. 6)
- ❖ In August 2007, the ICCC requested a modification of the deed that would allow the construction of housing. The ICCC convinced NYS Dormitory Authority representatives that the NYS Legislature did not intend to restrict the use of the property. In fact, the legislation itself makes no mention of limitations, but the language accompanying the law states that the land was to be used for a community center.
- ❖ The ICCC began to solicit funds for the project prior to receiving permission from the NYS Attorney General's office on June 12, 2008. Some people who gave money at that time were told that they would be entitled to a unit in senior housing (p.14).
- ❖ May 27, 2011, The ICCC applied for a variance with the NYC Board of Standards and Appeals to build two nine-story residence towers. At about that time, the community was notified of this intent for the first time.

To see the IG's report, visit <http://ig.ny.gov/pdfs/ICCCPublicReport.pdf>. It is not clear what action will be taken by the NYS Attorney General's Office.

On Saturday, September 7, 2013 at 1PM, a rally and press conference in opposition to this project will be held on the dead end of 82nd Ave, just west of 242 St. We urge as many people as

possible to attend (we realize that this newsletter may not be received prior in time, so we will notify people by email and other available means).

On September 10, 2013 at 10:30 AM, the NYC Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) is holding a hearing on the requested variances at Spector Hall, located at 22 Reade Street in Manhattan. Anyone who is available should attend and testify. If you do testify, please bring a typed copy of your testimony. If you cannot attend, you may send a notarized letter to the Board of Standards and Appeals, 40 Rector St, 9th Floor, NY, NY 10006.

The neighboring civic associations, including the Creedmoor Civic Association, have opposed this project because its scale is out of character with the community and it would negatively affect the quality of life of the nearby residents. In October of 2011, Community Board disapproved the requested variances by a vote of 22 to 1, with one abstention.

Queens Borough President Helen Marshall has also disapproved the variance request. These actions are advisory, however; the BSA has the power to rule however it chooses.

FORMER CIVIC PREZ RUNS FOR COUNCIL

Bellerose resident and former president of Creedmoor Civic Association Joseph Concannon has been certified as a candidate for City Council for the 23rd C.D. Joe decided to run on the Reform Party line after current City Council Member Mark Weprin voted for Intros 1079 and 1080 widely seen as handcuffing the police in an attempt to curtail the NYPD practice of Stop, Question, and Frisk. One of the bills creates an Inspector General to review the actions of police. The Reform Party is a new independent line that several other Queens candidates are running on. Joe, a former NYPD police captain, opposes these laws which he believes will cause crime to start spiraling back up after years of decline.

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311: Some people have experienced frustration reporting problems to 311, but it's the first step in solving most issues involving NYC government. Our elected officials, community board, etc need that information when we ask for their help. You can call 311, or contact them via www.nyc.gov/311.

You can then forward the information, including the 311 reference number, to us by phone or e-mail.

Food Pantry: Please continue to support the food pantry at the Living Hope Christian Church. Non-perishable items are requested, including rice, cereal, canned tuna, peanut butter, jelly, toothpaste and paper goods.

We hope to see you at the September 9th meeting.

Your neighbor,

Mike O'Keefe

Changes Coming to Braddock Ave?

We have learned that a drug store will open soon in the store currently occupied by the Dollar Store. Also, there is a notice posted on window of the Bali Wireless store of intent to open a liquor store at that location. An application was filed with the State Liquor Authority this past July. We will keep you informed of any new developments.

Halloween Parade: Save the Date

Our annual Halloween Parade will take place on Saturday, October 26 at 2PM. We will meet in Jack Breininger Park (Braddock Ave and 239th St) at 1:45 PM. Further details will be announced shortly.

Fire Alarm Boxes Out of Service

The fire alarm pull boxes in the Creedmoor Civic area and surrounding neighborhoods are currently out of service. Until repairs are made, signs have been posted on the boxes instructing people to report fires and emergencies by telephone, either by dialing 911, or by calling the FDNY at 718-999-5555.

A NEW YORK CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE WILL SPEAK AT OUR SEPTEMBER 9 MEETING.

Around the Town: Our condolences to the families of Jerry Keating and Eleanor Ross, both of 242nd Street.

American Flags

As a convenience for our members, we have purchased several American flag kits, which include the flag pole and mounting bracket. Because of a discount that we received from Five Boro Flag, Banner and Sign Co. in Queens Village, the price is \$15. The flags will be available at our meetings, or we will deliver within the civic area. Call us at 718-464-3369 or e-mail us at creedmoorcivic@gmail.com.

Zoning Plan Approved

On June 19, 2013, The City Council approved the re-zoning of Bellerose, Floral Park and Glen Oaks, the final step in long process. The main change affecting our civic is that the area between 239 St and the Cross Island Parkway is now zoned R2A, making it a one-family house zone. All existing legal two-family houses remain legal. Most of the area from 238 St to Moline St remains R3A, which allows one and two-family homes.



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