

Next meeting: Sept. 12 at 8:00 PM

This Meeting is held at the Living Hope Christian Church on Braddock Avenue at 241st Street

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PLAN FOR CO-LOCATION AT I.S. 109 IS WITHDRAWN

On June 20, the NYC Dept of Education (DOE) withdrew a proposal to co-locate the New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities into IS 109, also known as the Jean Nuzzi Intermediate School, in Queens Village.

The proposal had been opposed by the school's PTA, elected officials, civic associations, and members of the community. Several demonstrations had taken place at the school over the preceding few months.

According to an account on the Times Ledger on June 27, Borough President Melinda Katz, City Council Member Barry Grodenchik and State Senator Leroy Comrie had sent a letter opposing the plan to the DOE and the mayor's office on June 17.

BRADDOCK AVE. REPAVING DELAYED

Over the past few years, civic groups, elected officials and private citizens have been complaining about the condition of Braddock Ave. Last year, the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) informed us that Braddock Avenue would be resurfaced during the current fiscal year, which started this past July 1.

Late last spring, when a representative from City Council Member Barry Grodenchik's office requested an update from DOT, he was informed that the reconstruction or

Braddock Ave will be delayed. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is planning a major capital project for Braddock Ave, involving sewers and water mains. DOT will not do a major repaving, only to have it dug up by DEP. This is a major disappointment, to say the least, and it raises questions about communication and coordination between the two city agencies.

In July, Council Member Grodenchik convened an on-site meeting, attended by representatives from DOT, DEP, Community Board 13, and the presidents of the Creedmoor and Rocky Hill Civic Associations. The immediate goal now is to have DOT make repairs to the worst areas of Braddock Ave.

SEPTEMBER MEETING SPEAKER

Guest Speaker: Council Member Grodenchik's office will conduct a Neighborhood Assembly, seeking ideas for the 2017 Participatory Budget vote.

GET READY! Our annual Halloween parade will be Saturday, October 29. Details next month.

BRADDOCK PHARMACY

236-01 BRADDOCK AVE.
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President's Message

As we get back into our regular routines after the summer, a number of things come to mind. The election season is in full swing. Two local elections, for Congress and for State Assembly, do not have an incumbent in the race.

The Participatory Budget process is beginning again. Representatives from Council Member Grodenchik's office will be at our September 12 meeting to conduct a Neighborhood Assembly, where members of the community can give their ideas on projects to be voted on and funded.

Many people have commented that the mosquitoes were bad this summer, and have wondered why they have not seen spray trucks. The Dept of Health and Mental Hygiene uses larvicide to treat standing water in catch basins. Pesticides are sprayed by truck in areas where mosquito trapping provides evidence of West Nile virus, or where mosquitoes are found that are related to the type that spread the Zika virus. No Zika virus has been discovered in mosquitoes in NYC. DOHMH does not spray areas without one of these findings.

Thanks for the many members who have paid their 2016 dues, and to those who have made generous donations. To date, we have 173 paid members for 2016. If you have not done so, please send your dues \$10 to Creedmoor Civic Association, PO Box 260143, Bellerose, NY 11426.

Your neighbor,

Michael O'Keefe

BUSY ELECTION SEASON AHEAD

In addition to the Presidential election, there are several local races of interest this year.

The seat for District 33 of the NYS Assembly was occupied by Barbara Clark for almost three decades prior to her death last February. Five candidates are running for the Democratic Party nomination for the post in the primary on Tuesday September 13, 2016. Those candidates are Bryan Block, Sabine French, Roy Paul, Clyde Vanel, Natasha Williams. The Republican-Conservative candidate is Goldy-Francois Wellington.

Our US Congressman, Steve Israel, is retiring this year. The Democratic candidate for the 3rd Congressional District seat is Tom Suozzi, who beat 4 opponents in a primary election held last June. The candidates for the Republican nomination, Jack Martins and Philip Pidot face each other in a special primary election to be held on Thursday, October 6. State Senator Tony Avella (Democrat) is running for re-election in the 11th NYS Senatorial District. His opponent will be Mark Cipolla, on the Republican, Conservative and Reform lines. General Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8.

On September 8, Bellerose Commonwealth and Queens Colony Civic Associations hosted a candidates' night for the candidates seeking the democratic nomination for the District 33 Assembly seat. We notified our members by email and Facebook. We will inform you of any additional candidates' nights as details become available.

PAVING OVER OF LAWNS IS ILLEGAL

New York City Zoning Regulation 23-451 requires that a certain percentage of the front yard of a residential building zoned R1 through R5 be planted with grass, shrubs, ground cover, or other living thing. A property with a frontage of 20 to 34 feet (most typical of Creedmoor Civic homes) is required to have 25% of the front yard planted. This rule applies to buildings built after April 30, 2008. It also applies to modifications made to the front yards of existing buildings after that date. Most homes in our civic are zoned R2A (one family) or R3A (two family). The west side of the 88 block of Moline St is zoned R-4.

UPCOMING EVENT AT FARM MUSEUM

34th Annual QUEENS COUNTY FAIR
Saturday & Sunday, September 24 & 25, 2016
11 am – 6 pm

One of our most popular events of the year! Don't miss this traditional county fair with blue ribbon competitions in livestock, produce, home crafts, arts & crafts, and more. The fair features pie eating and corn husking contests, pig races, hayrides, carnival rides, midway games, and top-notch children's entertainment. Dance the day away at the Bavarian Garden with live music and traditional dancers. Kids will love the ConEdison Ecology booth where they can adopt a worm for home composting, get gardening and recycling tips, and enjoy free crafts. The Amazing Maize Maze opens this weekend, and there will be local food and craft vendors on the farm all weekend.

QUEENS CIVIC CONGRESS OPPOSES TOLLS

The nuisance that won't go away: tolls on the East River Bridges. The QCC still opposes, and the plan is still active. Creedmoor Civic is a founding member of the 100-civic member Queens Civic Congress founded in 1997.