

Live meeting September 12, 7:30 PM

Living Hope Church, 240-20 Braddock Ave. Enter basement from door at left side



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CREEDMOOR CIVIC RESUMES IN-PERSON MEETINGS!

For the first time since March 2020, the Creedmoor Civic Association will meet in person on September 12 at 7:30.

We thank the Living Hope Church for allowing us to resume live meetings in their gathering space on the lower level. We have been able to meet through the pandemic by Zoom, and we will continue to hold Zoom meetings on occasion, including some winter months. We will try to incorporate Zoom into our live meetings and ask any members with expertise in this area to help us set this up.

CONGESTION PRICING ANGERS THE OUTER BOROUGHS AND TAXI OWNERS

The Queens Civic Congress (of which Creedmoor Civic is an important member) is mobilizing to fight the congestion pricing which is already law but hasn't been implemented as of yet. It involves charging a fee for cars entering Manhattan below 60th Street. What fee? A fee as high as \$23 is being discussed.

This is designed to reduce traffic in midtown and downtown and improve air quality but all it will do is move the problem somewhere else. The worse traffic jams are not in Manhattan but in downtown Flushing. This will get worse as cars drive toward the subway terminals (179th Street, Jamaica; Main Street, Flushing, for example) and try to park in those neighborhoods to board the subway in order to avoid the congestion fee. It is also designed to provide more revenue to the transit system. The fee may not raise as much money as thought as office workers are only 60% back at work. Many are still working from home.

Taxi owners see this as a death threat to their industry as potentially fewer people come into the city and thus have been protesting loudly. The QCC wants assurance that revenue raised from the fee will go to improving transit in the outer boroughs as recompense for the increase in traffic

and the drop in air quality.

105 POLICE PRECINCT NEWS

Thanks, and farewell to Sector Eddie Neighborhood Coordinating Officer Chris Spotts, who has been transferred to the office of the NYPD Chief of Patrol. Police Officer Jonathan Pesce will replace him, working with NCO Juan Villanueva. Officer Pesce can be reached at JONATHAN.PESCE@nypd.org. Officer Villanueva's email is juan.villanueva@nypd.org

There will be a Zoom Build the Block meeting for Sector David (Lyman and Moline Streets) on September 21. The Zoom for Sector Eddie (Gettysburg St and east) will be on September 29. We will send the Zoom links by email.

HURRICANE PREPARATION

The most active part of hurricane season is from mid-August through mid-October. Ten years have passed since Superstorm Sandy struck on October 29, 2012. Hurricane Ida wreaked havoc on several Queens neighborhoods last year, causing severe flooding and several fatalities. Ready NYC is a free phone app which can assist you in making an emergency plan. It covers how to make a "go bag," what home supplies are needed, and much more. Or search online for Ready NYC.

Save the Date

**Joint Bellerose Business District Luncheon:
Saturday, November 12 at Nancy's (1 PM.)**

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President’s Message

We are excited to be able to meet in person on Monday, September 12. Note the new meeting time is 7:30 pm. Please join us.

Our October meeting will be a joint meeting with the Rocky Hill Civic Association, tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 11 at PS 18, located at 86-35 235 Court. We will invite candidates running for office in November. More details to follow.

Our Halloween Parade and Fun House will take place on Saturday, October 29.

Due to the many twists and turns of the pandemic, we have decided to postpone the celebration of our CCA’s 95th anniversary. We will let you know of any future plans. In the meantime, we will commemorate the milestone by working, as always, to make our neighborhood a safe and pleasant place to live.

Your neighbor, Michael O’Keeffe

DON’T PAVE FRONT YARDS

The NYC Zoning Resolution Section 23-451 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. 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 rainwater would be absorbed by lawns and other unpaved areas. It also makes our neighborhood less attractive.

BELLEROSE FAMILY SUFFERS TRAGEDY

A family that lives in our civic area suffered a terrible tragedy on Sunday, August 28, while on vacation at White Lake in the Catskills. Eighteen-year-old Basir Amin, a recent graduate of Martin Van Buren HS, drowned while swimming in the lake. Another relative, Afrid Haider, 34, died while trying to rescue Basir. Basir’s sister, Nasrin Amin, 21, is in critical condition as this is being written after also attempting the rescue. All three were removed from the water by divers from the Bethel Fire Department. Members of the CCA extend their condolences to the Amin family. A GoFundMe page has been established.

Around the Town

Condolences to the family of Tom O’Keeffe, a longtime resident of 240 Street, on his recent passing.

Condolences to the family of Pat Vaccaro, a longtime resident of 89 Avenue, on her recent passing.

Belated condolences to the Loftus family of Lyman St on the loss of Cathy’s brother Jerry Hamill, who passed away on January 6.

QCC LUNCHEON OCTOBER 2

Due to COVID issues, the Queens Civic Congress hasn’t held a luncheon in four years. However, it is finally going to happen on Sunday, October 2, at 1 PM at Antun’s in Queens Village. Three course lunch is \$50 in advance. The Police Commissioner has been invited. Generally, many electeds attend. A number of civic leaders are being honored, the most important to us is Paul Graziano, a Flushing planner, who helped our civic get downzoned in part to R2. For ticket information, contact Jim Trent at jtrent8830@aol.com or 718-343-8830.

Enclosed herewith are my dues for the year 2022 to the Creedmoor Civic Association, Inc. (\$10 per household)

Name _____

Address _____

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

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