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BUSES - A PLAGUE ON ALL OUR HOUSES AND NOW ON THE PKWY

The scene of bus trouble has moved again, as it has been moving since the opening of the new Queens Village Bus Depot last September 7th. Now the Creedmoor Civic Association has been thrust into the heart of the controversy as pressure from other communities has forced the Transit Authority into speeding up its experimental runs on the Cross Island Parkway.

Presently all bus runs which were eventually to become part of the experiment are already on the Parkway. The breakdown runs as follows:

Q-43....31 buses
Q-44A...23 buses
Q-17A...30 buses
Q-18X... 7 buses

91 total buses

The buses use the northbound lanes of the parkway, entering from southern Queens Village. Buses leave the parkway at the Hillside and Union Turnpike exits. In returning to the garage, they enter at the Union Turnpike and Hillside Avenue entrances. However, they cannot exit the parkway in Queens Village, all buses must exit at 89th Avenue in the Creedmoor Civic area. Multiplying 91 buses by the number of trips they make back to the garage, and you have about 200 buses a day crossing through our area. Complaints have already been received about the noise and vibration from homes along the service road.

If the use of the parkway proves feasible, however, the use of the 89th Ave. exit is not considered the final means of egress. The original parkway plan as proposed by Assemblyman Esposito called for constructing a ramp from the parkway from one of the Belmont Race Track entrances over the Belmont Spur of the Long Island Rail Road and right into the back of the garage complex. This will prevent the need to use our service road for any buses at all(except near Hillside Ave. to gain entry to the parkway.)

Both the Community Planning Board, and the Eastern Queens Civic Council have agreed that the buses for the Q-17A, Q-31, and Q-75 routes must be removed from the Queens Village Garage and re-housed in other garages, namely Jamaica, and Flushing. The Q-31 and Q-75 are presently deadheading on Springfield Boulevard. Removal of the Q-17A from the Cross Island Parkway, would mean an immediate reduction of about 60 buses a day from the 89th Avenue exit. While Creedmoor Civic is the only civic association that was opposed to the use of the Cross Island for buses, the other civic groups have agreed to support the removal of the Q-17A and the cessation of using the service road for buses. We must all work quickly to have that ramp by the garage put into operation. We also have been told that we will be supported in getting a heavy buffer planted along the parkway to blot out the noise and fumes.

Although the T.A. claims that they have lived up to all the commitments they made to the community when the garage was first planned, that have in fact violated their promise as to the number of buses that they would park in the garage. The figure has grown from about 180 initially to later 205-210. There are presently housed in the garage 257. That is why we feel justified in demanding the removal of the above mentioned three routes.

REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 6 (WEDNESDAY) 8:00 P.M.
 AT ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH, 242ND ST. & 88TH ROAD

This month's meeting is slightly off our regular schedule due to Election Day falling on our regular meeting night. This should give those of you who cannot make meetings on Tuesday nights a chance a least once a year to come to a meeting on a Wednesday. Next month we will back on our regular first Tuesday of the month schedule.

At the November meeting we expect to wrap up discussion on the idea of turning Moline and Lyman Streets into one way streets. A vote will be taken and if passed, the Police Department will be asked for their recommendation to be sent to the Traffic Department.

At our September meeting we had voted to ask the Grand Jury of Queens County to investigate whether problems at Creedmoor State Hospital(now Creedmoor Psychiatric Center) were the result of criminal negligence. However, District Attorney Ferraro has recently announced that the result of his own investigation was negative and that the Grand Jury will not be asked to pursue the matter.

Photos for the civilian patrol will be taken at our November meeting and also at the patrol's own meeting which will be held the following day, November 7th at the stationhouse. See the last page of this issue for the full story. Although it is not mentioned on the back page, we do plan to take some pictures at the end of the patrol meeting as well.

We hope to have a report on the latest crisis dealing with the possibility of abolishing District 26 and what it will mean to us in District 29. If the District 26 area is not done away with, it will almost surely have its lines changed and that most likely will involve our area.

Contrary to reports in the *Glen Oaks News*, we do not as yet have our zone change. It was supposed to have been when the paper mentioned, but now the latest projection is for November 12.

A meeting was held on the Creedmoor Rail Spur at St. Gregory the Great School recently. It was very well attended. Papers are being distributed to affected property owners and the ball is now rolling. Anyone needing information on this matter should contact Gary Brough, Creedmoor Civic Vice President at 465-3884.

Our second attempt at having our party at Braddock Park was aborted by another rainy Saturday. In any case, the behavior of the local youth is such that we may not have another one of these parties. It was expected, perhaps foolishly, that parents would accompany their children. But that was not the case, and the manners of these kids leaves a little too much to be desired. On the first day, the people from the Dept. of Recreation who came with the skates requested 4 times that those on bicycles remain outside the area designated for skating. That rule was blissfully ignored. Although Park employees spent several days cleaning the park for the first Saturday, they had to come back and do it all over again for the following Saturday. The place just cannot stay clean that long. The wading pool was filled with beer cans. One Park Department employee characterized this neighborhood as a "white ghetto". They're your kids people, do something about it. Discipline in this town seems none-existent. Just look at the damage done to the new sidewalk by these clowns.

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OUR CANDIDATES NIGHT was a huge success. Held jointly with the Queens Braddock Civic Association, we had about 85-100 people. Most of the candidates were with us, although two, Matt Troy and his opponent, Ed Wagner, were both in the hospital at the time. Don't forget to vote election day, November 5th. This year's election for many offices is expected to be very close. Every vote counts. May we suggest that voters be informed voters? Do not vote on the basis of good looks, personality, and other trifles. Examine the record of the candidates. If the incumbent has done the job, return him or her to office. If not, consider the alternative insurgents. Rather than eliminate literacy tests, we should rather give strict tests to determine whether a person understands what its all about in running the government. Too many just go to the polls and pull a bunch of levers at random, thinking their civic duty as having thus been discharged.

BRADDOCK 2 Contract is turning out to be a surprise in that apparently there will be trees planted in the mall. However, as you all must have noticed there will be no trees in the mall in the first section. As reported last month, the City has constructed a special access through the mall for the benefit of the Volunteer ambulance corps so that they will not have to go out of their way in order to come south on Braddock Avenue.

BRADDOCK 3 Contract seems to have run into a budgetary snag. Braddock 3 is for the regrading and repaving of Moline and Pontiac Streets between Braddock Avenue and 235 Court. However, Creedmoor Civic will stay on top of the issue to see if we can't insure its inclusion in the 1974-75 capital budget year. Some of you may know that much of the capital construction money is being used for expense budget purposes-- namely to pay salaries. Because of this the capital construction program for the coming year will be very small.

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for many years of wedded bliss. Likewise to Flor-
ence Fishbeck of 240th Street who is reported now
married.A darling baby girl was born to the Smiths of 240
St. Our congratulations to the lucky parents.We are saddened to have to report the following
deaths among the ranks of our members:

James O'Neill of 240th St.

Jack Cerney, son of the Cerneys of 90th Ave.

Mrs. Grauer, mother of Joe Grauer of 90th Ave.

Mrs. Aumuller of 89th Ave.

To the bereaved families we offer our heartfelt
condolences.Bring a little love into your home. One of our
friends has several dogs up for adoption. These
are mature dogs of various kinds. These poor
creatures were taken in when cruelly abandoned by
their owners. However, the present owner can no
longer cope with so many. Please give a hand
by taking one in. They are clean and healthy.
Call HQ 8-0147. Ask for Peggy or John.We're delighted to hear that the Wickmans are back
in town safe and sound. They had spent about six
months in upstate New York but are back now to the
old routine.The QV-Hollis-Bellerose Vol. Ambulance Corps is
sponsoring a 2-day art auction benefit to be held
at Stewart Hall (Our Lady of Lourdes Church) 93rd
Ave. and Springfield Blvd. on Sat., Nov. 9 from
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NEWSDAY ARTICLE INCURS WRATH OF Q.V.

An article appeared in a recent Sunday edition of the Newsday newspaper which has outraged the Queens Village community. Entitled, "Resigned to Disaster, Queens Village Awaits Doomsday," and written by Kenneth Gross, some strong words have been written back to the editors and publishers of that Long Island daily.

The article spoke of problems bothering residents such as inflation, persistent fear of crime and violence, and the general political move to socialism, and racial change. In reading the article one can easily grasp that these were problems afflicting the region and even the country as a whole and had little to do with Queens Village alone. The Queens Village Chamber of Commerce is preparing a multi-million dollar lawsuit against the paper, and Antun's has cancelled an advertising contract with the paper, reportedly in the sum of \$50,000. All civic and other community groups have been asked to write letters condemning the tone and content of the article, and asking for another article pointing to the positive aspects of Queens Village. Matt Troy led off with a letter to the publisher calling the article grossly unfair.



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MATT TROY SLAMS POOL TAX

Councilman Matthew J. Troy, Jr., an owner of a swimming pool himself has written to Mayor Beame to complain about the unfair tax which has been levied on owners of swimming pools in addition to their charges for regular water usage. It seems helicopters and spies from Con Ed and Brooklyn Union Gas were used to tell the City just who had swimming pools in their back yards.

In an another matter, Troy wrote to Transportation Administrator Mike Lazar of Holliswood to complain about a plan which was being worked between the City and Nassau County to use Belmont Race Track's parking lots (hold 5000 cars) as a park and ride system. Commuters would then board trains buses and limousines to continue their trips to the City and airport. And where will those buses go? Nary a hint was revealed. Troy indicated that there are enough buses now in Queens Village.

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