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JUDGE BLASTS LIRR, RULES IN OUR FAVOR!

Homeowners abutting the Creedmoor Spur of the L.I.R.R. were the unexpected victors in a court battle last July 28th when a show cause order secured by Assemblyman John Esposito on behalf of plaintiffs Mr. & Mrs. Schmidt of 87th Avenue was aired before Judge Giaccio. The L.I.R.R. was represented by its attorneys.

Judge Giaccio scolded the L.I.R.R. for its sloppy management when it pleaded that the offers mailed to the homeowners was a mistake, that the prices offered were too low. Judge Giaccio told the railroad that they had caused the hopes of the homeowners to be raised to such a point over the prospect of acquiring this additional backyard territory, that he felt it was too bad for the railroad, but that he wasn't about to let them renege on the deal. The railroad's attorneys were so furious, they threatened to take the matter to the Appellate Division in Brooklyn that very day. At this point Judge Giaccio ruled that an adjournment was in order until late January. By that time it is expected that we in civics will have a petition to show the judge proving that our homeowners do indeed wish to purchase the adjoining properties.

About thirty of our residents showed up at the court in Jamaica. A large attendance from our area was hoped for to help impress the judge with the seriousness and earnestness of the problem. Unfortunately notice was very short about the calling of the hearing. We hope that in January, we can muster an even greater turnout.

It is important to note that the railroad claimed that its plans to auction the land were due to pressure from State Controller Arthur Levitt. Creedmoor Civic Ass'n. advises

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The month of September is the month of renewed activities: school, housecleaning, returning to the City from the country, and, naturally, reactivating the Civic Association.

Of course, for the officers and members of the Board, the Association never ceased functioning during the summer. We continued to receive phone calls for assistance on almost every conceivable matter, many items not strictly of a civic nature, but if we can help, we do. Our Board has met during the summer to discuss the operations and finances of the organization.

We might point out, too, that not every project undertaken by the C.C.A. is reported in the Civic News. Some serious matters that crop up from time to time are so delicate in nature, that diplomacy dictates quiet behind the scenes negotiations. One such matter took place this summer, but we think it has been resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned.

With the start of the new year, we are also pleased to bring you an expanded Civic News. More is mentioned about this elsewhere in this issue.

We have a number of important projects to work on this year. We hope for full co-operation from all our residents. Many of these projects are described in this issue and will be discussed fully at our meetings. We urge you to attend our meetings regularly. We endeavor to have interesting and worthwhile programs prepared and stimulating speakers. Why not come out and break the TV routine? See you Sept. 11th at the V.F.W.

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Our volunteer Ambulance Service has begun operations on week-ends from 6 pm Friday to 6 am Monday. This arrangement is until a full staff can be secured and scheduled for regular 24-hour, daily service. Already, on the first weekend of service the Corps handled nine emergencies.

At this writing, formal dedication ceremonies are being planned for Sunday afternoon, Sept. 24th, in Veterans Plaza, Springfield Blvd. at Jamaica Ave. An invitation has been extended to Elliott L. Richardson, Secretary of Health, Education & Welfare, Washington, D.C., to be the keynote speaker. Arthur Cooperman and Thomas J. Vallyely are handling arrangements.

The Corps stills needs help. Call 464-2424 to volunteer, or write or send contributions to Box 1, Queens Village, N.Y., 11429.

The residents of our community should feel proud of the magnificent efforts of the Corps and its leader, president Peter Paul Garbacki. With sufficient contributions, the Corps hopes to order a second ambulance. There are few volunteer corps which can boast having gotten off the ground as fast as ours.

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all our residents to write to Gov. Rockefeller, and Arthur Levitt, asking that the railroad not be held to this auction. While the judge's ruling was for us a first step victory, it by no means is the end of the battle. An appeal to a higher court could probably reverse this decision. We must send these letters to Albany. Write to Hon. Arthur Levitt, Controller, The Governor Alfred E. Smith Office Building, Albany, N.Y. 12225; and to Hon. Nelson A. Rockefeller, Governor, The Executive Chamber, The Capitol, Albany, N.Y. 12224

NEXT CAMPAIGN: PETITION FOR ZONE CHANGE

The Board of Governors has consented to the circulation of a petition to change the zone in our area from the current R4 to a R3-1. In January, the City Planning Commission accepts so-called January Petitions from groups wanting their zones changed. We have discussed this at our meetings, and all are in favor. The current R4 zone, which no one at the Planning Commission seems to know how it came about, provides for apartment houses in our area. The change to R3-1 will still allow homeowners to convert to 2-family, but the kind of development we have been seeing lately in our area, namely, attached 3-family houses, would be illegal. We must garner 50% of the property owners names on this petition, so we expect the fullest cooperation from our residents. This is a very vital and crucial problem that must be rectified. Our area of private homes should not be zoned for apartments.

MAYOR LINDSAY ANSWERS OUR PLEA FOR POLICE

On page 7 of this issue, you will read of our letter to Lindsay asking that the freeze on police hiring be lifted. We have received a letter which will be discussed fully at our next meeting. Basically, the letter asks our support for a federal bill which will help finance the hiring of additional police. Lindsay, in his letter to the C.C.A. cites F.B.I. figures showing major crimes on the decrease in New York City. However, a careful check of these figures shows that the decrease is in crimes against property. However, crimes against the person, the ones people fear the most, such as rape, and murder, are still on the increase. City Council President, Sanford Garelik, also hotly contests Mayor Lindsay's interpretation of the federal statistics.

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THIS MONTH we bring you a greatly enlarged newsletter. This newsletter, now in its forty-second year of publication, was increased in size in order to better cover the news and events that are of interest to our members and residents. Since the revenue generated by the selling of ad space makes it possible for us to publish a newsletter, we ask our residents to mention the Civic News when doing business with the advertisers. Several new features will be incorporated in this new format. Social news, given sparse coverage in the past, will be more comprehensive. Items of interest should be phoned in to 343-8830. Lost and found items will gladly be carried free of charge. We are instituting for the first time, a classified column. See page 6 for rates. Letters to the editor will also be accepted, provided they are signed, and are brief. The Editor reserves the right to edit letters to insure brevity, propriety, and relevance to a civic newsletter. Names will be withheld upon request. Only paid-up members will have the right to submit letters. These letters will not be considered a substitute for properly bringing up matters before the general membership at our meetings.



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Around Town

It is our sad duty to report the fol-
lowing deaths in our community:

Mrs. Rosalie Hall, of 242nd St.

Mrs. Nelson, of 242nd St.

Mrs. Lucille Steininger, of 89th Ave.

Mr. Frank Sorensen, of Lyman St.

Mrs. Kiernan, formerly of 240th St.

Mrs. Kiernan was the wife of the late
Capt. Thomas Kiernan who was a Board
member of our Association. To the mem-
bers of the bereaved families, we offer
our heartfelt condolences.

Congratulations to the Ardinis of 91st
Ave. on the birth of a darling baby
girl.

Mr. & Mrs. Daddario, of 240th St. have
become grandparents to a baby girl via
their son Louis. We share in their
happiness.

After about four months in a little
trailer, the Wickmans of 239th St. have
finally returned home. Their trip took
them over much of the United States. The
fun's over, Josephine, back to keeping
the minutes of our Association.

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The following letter was received by Assemblyman Esposito after his complaint to Dr. Ronan of the M.T.A. about the beating of several passengers on the Q43 several months ago.

"This is in reply to your letter of Oct. 4 referring to incidents on Sept. 11 on Route Q43.

"Investigation reveals that a female passenger approached bus operator at last stop when she reported that she had been assaulted by students as they alighted from bus. She also stated that operator could not have been aware of incidents due to crowded condition of bus and that she did not report to him sooner because she was afraid.

"The radio of the bus was working and the operator called for assistance when he was notified of the incident.

"Mr. Bleifeld of Martin Van Buren High School was notified of the incident and informed that any student apprehended while committing such acts would be prosecuted according to the law.

"Your concern in this matter is appreciated."

DON'T TIE UP EMERGENCY NUMBER

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CREEDMOOR CONDEMNS CLEARVIEW EXPWY EXPANSION AT STATE HEARING IN N.Y.

The Creedmoor Civic Ass'n. filed a brief with the State Department of Transportation at its August 7th Hearing at Central Commercial H.S. on 42nd St. over the proposed 20-year guide lines for transportation priorities. Among the priorities is the extension of the Clearview through the south Queens communities. Creedmoor's brief blasted the State for resurrecting the dead plan which would mean the demolition of thousands of stores and homes.

Also at the daytime meeting was Brendan McElroy, president of the Queens Village Civic Association, Arthur Cooperman, president of the Eastern Queens Civic Council, and Susan Noreika, Chair-lady of Community Board #13. Articles on Creedmoor's stand appeared in the New York Daily News and Queens Illustrated News, and Glen Oaks News. Copies of the brief, and the news clippings will be available to our members to view at the next general meeting, September 11th at the V.F.W. Hall.

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