In Person Meeting May 11 at 7:30 PM

Living Hope Church, 240-20 Braddock Avenue

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LATEST NEWS FROM THE 105TH POLICE PRECINCT

Congratulations to 105 Pct Commander Douglas Moodie on his promotion to Deputy Inspector!

Crime has been trending lower recently. Response times to 911 and 311 calls are still among the lowest in the city. But there is an ongoing jewelry scam happening in the 105th Pct and other areas of Queens. Typically, a male and one or two females sit in a parked SUV. As someone approaches, the thieves either get out and approach the victim or encourage them to come close to the vehicle.

The thieves often ask for directions or otherwise start a conversation. At some point, one of the females says she wants to give the victim a neck chain. She reaches to put the worthless chain around the victim's neck while stealing the victim's more valuable chain. The vehicles are probably rentals, so they vary in appearance. Please be wary of encounters with strangers and call 911 if you encounter this situation.

CIVIC CLEANUP SUNDAY, JUNE 14

We will hold our annual community improvement event on Sunday, June 14 from 9 am to noon. We will meet at Breininger Park, at Braddock Ave and 239 St. All are welcome.

Feel free to come at any time and stay for as long as your schedule allows. This is a great opportunity for community service for young people. Letters will be provided for documentation. Participants can RSVP at creedmoorcivic@gmail.com and can request to work on their favorite block or to care for their favorite tree, but RSVP is not required.

Wear comfortable clothes. Tools and supplies will be provided.

EFFORTS TO SAVE KLEIN FARM

A 1.4 acre former farm in Fresh Meadows is being sought as an annex to the Queens County Farm Museum. It was the last commercial farm in Queens until about 2013. Back on the market, the Fresh Meadows civic leaders are working with the Queens Civic Congress to acquire it.

Creedmoor Civic May 11- Live meeting

GUEST SPEAKER: A faculty member and parents from the St Gregory the Great Catholic Academy will talk about the K-8 school and the pre-school program. The school welcomes students from all backgrounds, regardless of religion.

JUNE 1 DEADLINE FOR NYC TRASH BINS USE IS APPROACHING

NYC trash bins can be purchased at Home Depot stores in NYC. The Elmont store, located in Nassau County, does not stock or sell the NYC bins. The 35 Gallon trash bin, priced at $47.25, is recommended for small single-family homes. It holds up to three 13-gallon kitchen garbage bags. The 45-gallon NYC Bin, costing $54.50, holds four13-gallon garbage bags. Recycling bins are available for purchase but are not required.

From the Home Depot website, it seems that the Springfield Gardens store at 132-20 Merrick Blvd and the Flushing store at 131-25 Avery Ave. Home Depot have the most inventory. Home Depot will not deliver, but the bins are available for purchase through DoorDash, Instacart or Uber Eats.

Owners of one- and two-family homes who receive the STAR property tax benefit may be eligible for reimbursement from the NYC Department of Finance. If you purchase a bin from Home Depot or a delivery partner, you must apply for the reimbursement. Include your voucher number along with proof of the purchase, such as a receipt.

It is recommended to file for the reimbursement online at www.nyc.gov/freetrashbins. To file by mail, get the application from this website and mail it to the NYC Department of Finance, 66 John St –18th Floor, New York, NY 10038.

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MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

The John F. Prince VFW Post, located at 242-37 Braddock Avenue, will hold its annual Memorial Day Observance on Sunday, May 31st at 2 PM. Note this is the Sunday following Memorial Day. All are welcome. Please bring any American Flags that are due for proper disposal.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

The Department of Sanitation will hold hazardous waste disposal events in each borough in the fall. There are also Special Waste Drop-Off sites in all five boroughs. They are open every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM (closed legal holidays and during severe weather). They are open to NYC residents but not businesses. The Queens location is in College Point on 30th Avenue, between 120th and 122nd Streets, at the northwest corner of DSNY's Queens District 7 garage. Many items can be disposed of, but there are restrictions. Visit nyc.gov/dsny for details.

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President's Message

We extend our sincere gratitude to Board of Governors member Christine Larkins who is stepping down after many years of service to our civic. Thanks, Christine!

Since there were no nominations from the floor at our March meeting, the rest of the officers and board members listed in our masthead box continue to serve. Without them, the Creedmoor Civic Association could not operate.

Dues and donations are coming in. Thanks, and please send yours if you have not done so yet. There is a dues coupon in this newsletter.

As we celebrate Memorial Day this month, please remember those who have sacrificed so much for our nation.

Your neighbor,

Michael O'Keeffe

ROYAL RANCH POOL ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS

The Royal Ranch Pool Club is a privately owned facility located in Glen Oaks/Floral Park, Queens, open from Memorial Day through Labor Day. It has served the community for over 50 years. The club has an adult pool and a baby pool. It has separate changing rooms for men and women, a shaded deck area, basketball, and paddleball courts and a shaded, grassy, playground area with a swing set. Rates are:

Single (at least 18 years old) $625, Couple (2 adults or 1 adult and 1 child living at the same address) $1,025. Family (Family Membership includes up to 2 adults and up to 3 children under 18 years of age all living in the same house) $1,095. Each additional adult or child on a Family Membership will add $200 to the fee. Contact us at royalranchmembership@gmail.com or 516-282-6780. Visit http://www.royalranchpool.com for more information.

(Continued from Column 1) Some of the items that are accepted: Aerosols, batteries, electronics, fluorescent light bulbs and CFLs, motor oil and transmission fluid (up to 10 quarts per visit), paint (up to five gallons per visit), passenger car tires (up to four per visit) and mercury-containing devices (up to two per visit). Staples in Bellerose accepts alkaline batteries and ink cartridges for disposal. The Home Depot in Elmont accepts lithium-ion batteries. Community groups and elected officials often sponsor electronic waste recycling events.

Enclosed herewith are my dues for the year 2026 to the Creedmoor Civic Association, Inc. ($10 per household).

Name_____

Address_____

Enclosed is an additional donation of $_____Email address_____

Make check payable to Creedmoor Civic Association and mail to P. O. Box 260143, Bellerose, NY 11426-0143