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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Happy New Year! 2025 will be a busy year for all of us; one that we will all remember.

Just to mention a few things happening this year:

- 1. Starting with the implementation of the New Sanitation Rules for Garbage collection. Please get your NYC code compliant Garbage cans asap to avoid fines.
- 2. Community Board 13Q is divided into 2 Police Precincts (105 Pct. and 116 Pct). Hopefully this will improve response time for us reporting crimes in our neighborhood.
- 3. Monitoring the Belmont Racetrack Redevelopment that is in progress.
- 4. The passage of the City of Yes by our City Council, these new Buildings as of right Codes might dramatically change our neighborhoods and our quality-of-life.
- 5. Congestion Pricing: if we choose to drive our vehicles into Lower Manhattan, it will be an added expense to our pocketbooks.
- 6. The Creedmoor Migrant Center must be monitored constantly by every Queens Villager for compliance to laws related to our quality-of-life issues.
- 7. NYS ESD plans for additional housing at Creedmoor (vacant property).
- 8. The New Bus Routes for Queens.
- 9. And most importantly, getting our website operational for our members and the public, along with updating our membership emails and relevant contact information, and help address all our civic community problems.

Just a reminder, your membership and donations make it possible in assisting the 105 Pct, the local schools, and other organizations we assist financially. Help us to help you in maintaining the quality-of-life in Queens Village.

Your neighbor and friend, Ram
Ram Ramgarib



<u>JANUARY</u>

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 22 7:30 P.M.

Place: Bethsaida Spirituality Center at Our Lady of Lourdes School Building 92-70 220 Street

Entrance on 220 Street behind Parking Lot on Springfield Blvd.

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FROM

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OUR MEMBERSHIP

You can join our civic association by using the membership application form on page 2 of this newsletter. Dues are \$10 a year per person. As a member you will receive our newsletter and have our support to help resolve problems in the community that diminish your quality of life.

NYC SANITATION GARBAGE

The Warning Period for the new bin requirements that began November 12, 2024, has ended on January 2.

Penalties for Non-Compliance - Failure to use a bin that is 55 gallons or less with a secure lid for trash will result in the following fines: \$50 for the first offense, \$100 for the second offense, \$200 for the third and subsequent offenses

Please note that these bin requirements only apply to regular garbage and not to recyclables.

You can use a compliant bin, fifty-five gallons or less with a secure lid, that you already have. However, starting in June 2026, you MUST use an Official NYC Bin.

Official NYC Bins are available for purchase online at: www.bins.nyc . Multiple sizes are available and different colors for your recyclables, the price is about \$50.

105 AND 116 PRECINCT NEWS

The 116 Precinct (Pct.) in Rosedale was officially open on December 18, with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in the new building. Attending the ceremony was Mayor Adams, NYPD Commissioner Tisch, other City and NYPD officials, Queens Community Board 13 executives and local Civic and community leaders. Captain Beauvoir, the former commanding officer of the 105 Pct. will head the 116 Pct. and Sergeant Carleton Epps was also transferred to the new precinct.

The 105 Pct. southern boundary is at 121st Avenue in Cambria Heights.

THE CREEDMOOR HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RELIEF CENTER

In December, Mayor Eric Adams announced the plan of closing 15 shelters citywide, including the Floyd Bennett Field shelter in Marine Park. However, according to the Mayor, the similarly controversial Humanitarian Emergency Response and Relief Center at Creedmoor in Eastern Queens will remain open for the time being. These closures, according to the Mayor, are possible as the flow of migrants into New York City has slowed recently. Our local civics and lawmakers continue to call on the mayor to also close the shelter at the sprawling Creedmoor campus.

CREEDMOOR DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

In late 2024, the Empire State Development (ESD) released its latest proposed Plan, titled Creedmoor Mixed-Use

Project, for developing the Creedmoor Campus. Highlights of the latest plan, which is similar to its original plan, are:

- 2,775 residential units, 1,526 units will be for ownership and 1,249 for rental.
- The buildings will be 3, 6 and 8 stories.
- The rental units will consist of 393 units reserved for seniors, 428 units for supportive housing and 428 units for affordable housing. Veterans will get preference to 15% of the rental units.
- Land will be reserved for the Dept. of Education for future construction of a K - 8 school.
- Space will be available for small to medium commercial retail businesses. There are also plans for a recreational and a seniors center.

The CB 13 Land Use Subcommittee on Creedmoor is in support of a 1,000 residential units development, which would mesh better with the current community infrastructure and transportation network.

An alliance of the neighboring civics, including Queens Village Civic, has also expressed their serious concerns about the density and the height of the buildings, which are out of character with the neighborhood.

Empire State Development is holding a public hearing by Zoom on the Creedmoor Mixed Use Project on Thursday, January 30 from 6 pm-8 pm. We urge everyone to attend and can testify. Meeting Information Registration Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/cunKd99PRP-kxGwWcA2iFQ Dial-in Information: 1 929 205 6099, Meeting ID: 874 2628 6133, Passcode: 11427.

QUEENS BUS NETWORK REDESIGN

On December 17, 2024, the MTA released a new report, titled Proposed Final Plan Addendum, outlining revisions to the Queens Bus Network Redesign as was initially published in December 2023. Please note the following proposed changes that will impact on our civic residents:

- Q1 will discontinue the route from Hillside Ave to Springfield Blvd, however the route from Hillside Ave to Braddock Ave will continue.
- 2. Q36 this bus would be rerouted to cross over from Hillside Ave to Jamaica Ave on Springfield Blvd instead of 212 St/212 Pl.
- Q82 the proposed Q82 would be a new route connecting 169 Street and Hillside Ave to the UBS Arena. It will cross over from Hillside Ave to Jamaica Ave on 212 St/212 PI replacing segments of the existing Q36 and will connect to UBS via Hempstead Av.
- 4. Q110 -the Q110 would be extended further east along Jamaica Av to the Floral Park LIRR station, providing continuous service along Jamaica Ave to Jamaica Center (Parson and Jamaica Ave).

The Addendum is available in its entirety at new.mta.info/document/160201.

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