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NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Please accept our sincerest apologies to everyone who was inconvenienced by us changing our general meeting date from January 15th to 22nd, last month.

Sadly, we have experienced multiple tragedies across the U.S. I ask that we pray for all those who lost their lives and please assist in whatever way you can to those in need. Be cautious and use legitimate charities, like the Red Cross, to avoid being scammed.

In early January multiple reports by our community members were filed with 311 regarding a leak at the intersection of 212th Street and 94th Avenue. With assistance from the City Council Representative, Community Board 13, and other elected officials, the leak on a major thoroughfare from Jamaica Ave to Hillside Avenue was finally addressed by the DEP. Thanks to all those who helped to resolve this issue.

Many thanks to the New Commander of the 105th Precinct, Captain Moodie, who addressed our members at the last general meeting. He took questions and addressed complaints from the membership about abandoned cars, commercial traffic, speeding and noise complaints.

The MTA worked with the stakeholders for several months on new bus routes for NYC. Shortly, these new routes will go into effect. It's my hope that we will all benefit from these changes see page 3 for more details.

Our new website (www.qvca.org) is up and running. Your feedback and suggestions to improve it will be appreciated. Please make every effort to attend our next meeting and bring a friend.

Your friend and neighbor,

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Ram Ramgarib



Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 19th
7:30 P.M.

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

Entrance on 220th Street, behind Parking Lot on
Springfield Blvd.

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FROM
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NOTICE FROM THE OFFICE OF ASSEMBLEMEMBER CLYDE VANEL

PRESENTS UTILITY WEEK

February 18 - 20 2025 in his District Office

Con Edison - February 18, 10AM to 2PM

Department of Environmental Protection - February 19, 12 to 3PM

National Grid - February 20, 10AM to 2PM.

For more information or to receive a copy of the office newsletter contact the District Office

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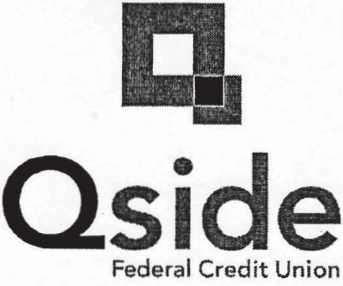
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OUR MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our newest members, Azad Sadick, Nandeo (Max) Samaroo and Loshanie Persaud. You can join our civic association by using the membership application form on page 2 of this newsletter or on our website. 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

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.

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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.

State Senator Toby Ann Stavisky, State Assembly Ed Braunstein, City Councilmember Linda Lee and Queens Community Board 13 all strongly came out in opposition to this project.

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 and an alliance of the neighboring civics is in support of a 1,000 residential units development, which would mesh better with the current community infrastructure and transportation network.

QUEENS BUS NETWORK REDESIGN

On January 29, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Board approved the Queens Bus Network Redesign revised plan that was released in December 2024. The bus service improvement plan to transform the nearly 70-year-old bus system with updates to both express and local bus service to better match the growth and travel patterns the borough has seen over the years.

Please note the following proposed changes that will impact on our civic residents:

1. 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.
3. 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 Pl 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 Final Plan is available in its entirety at www.mta.info/project/queens-bus-network-redesign .

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Food Pantry - Our lady of Lourdes Pantry is appealing for help as everyday living becomes more challenging. The pantry provides food products for many families in the community each week and the numbers are increasing. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the pantry. The entrance is on 220 street behind the church, Monday through Thursday from 10 AM to 4 PM. For further information please contact the pantry director Sister Mary Vianney Nwakaozor, SJS at (718) 479-0924.

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