

THE QUEENS VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

NEWSLETTER

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We Don't Complain About Problems - We Work On Solutions

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members & Friends,

As the colder days of winter march on, we in Queens Village have several important issues that need constant monitoring and follow ups. We can't lose sight of these Quality-of-Life issues; they are impacting our daily lives.

1. Top on the list is the 1000/1200 plus Migrants Tent city at the Creedmoor campus. I just received an email yesterday that our Mayor wants to add another 200 Beds at this site. This addition is on HOLD as I write this message. That action is the result of our collective push back.
2. The Proliferation of Smoke Shops along with the Licensing of Legal Cannabis shops in our city, in our village, and neighboring communities.
3. ESD proposal for Creedmoor Redevelopment. They wish to address our membership at our February meeting. Let's give them the opportunity for us to listen to them directly at our meeting.
4. New MTA New Bus Routes proposal and implementation.
5. The Dollars Cabs (many with Out of State Plates) plying their trade on Jamaica Avenue. Enforcement by TLC is non-existent or absent. (I was almost run over twice within the last 2 weeks by an arrogant and angry Dollar Cab Driver.)
6. We need Sanitation Participation and Enforcement regarding trash build-up on private and commercial property in our village. Businesses and each of one of us need to step up to maintain a good quality of life environment in our village.

Please every effort to attend our meetings.

Your friend and neighbor,

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Ram Ramgarib



Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 21st
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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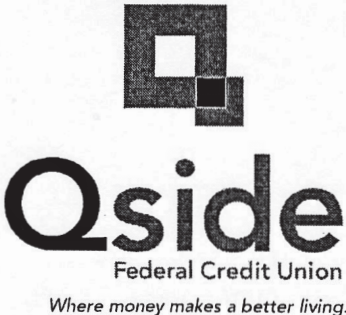
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ALERTS TO PROTECT HOMEOWNERS

Attorney General James recommends the following tips to help homeowners avoid mortgage rescue and Homeowners Assistance Fund (HAF)-related scams:

- Be cautious of any online ads, telephone solicitations, or people coming to your door that promise you HAF funds or a mortgage modification, especially if they are not from a trusted government agency: Only HCR can approve you for HAF and only your bank or mortgage servicer can approve a loan modification.
- Be careful of solicitations from people or companies with out-of-state phone numbers or addresses, especially for attorneys: Only lawyers admitted to practice in New York can represent you in court.
- Do not give your personal financial information to an unrecognized caller, someone knocking on your door, or in response to an unexpected piece of mail: This includes your bank account number, Social Security number, or the name of your loan servicer. Your bank already has all of this information and will not ask you for it.
- Never pay an upfront fee for mortgage-related services: It is a violation of New York law to charge upfront fees for such services and violations should be reported to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG).

Any New Yorker who is aware of or believes that they have been a victim of a scam are encouraged to file a complaint with the OAG online at <https://homeownerhelpny.org> or call 1-800-771-7755.




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We need not only your financial support, but your contribution of ideas, expertise, and time to make our community a better place. Dues are \$10.00 a year per person. Please mail this form to P.O. Box 0766, Queens Village, NY 11428-0766 or enroll at our meetings. Make your check payable to the Queens Village Civic Association.

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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.

THE CREEDMOOR HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RELIEF CENTER

The Humanitarian Emergency Response and Relief Center (HERRC) at Creedmoor Psychiatric Center is operating with minimal negative impact on the community. The Commanding Officer at the 105 precinct, Captain Sony Beauvoir, updated the attendees at the January 31 Community Council meeting of their activities at the Center. He reported that apart from a few reports of residents from the Center entering private yards to retrieve refundable bottles and cans, there were no serious incidents from the migrants.

The 105th Pct continue to station an officer 24/7 at the entrance and NCOs are giving the site special attention. The children's playground near PS 18 is being monitored by the 105th and adults without a kid are not allowed in the park.

APEC REOPENS

The Alley Pond Environmental Center has moved into its new building at 229-10 Northern Blvd. It is a wonderful place to take kids. Visit alleypond.org for more information.

FREE NOTARY SERVICE

The office of Assembly Member Clyde Vanel is now offering free Notary Services. Please reach out to the Assembly Member's office should you need this service and speak to Legislative Director, Tyler Fritzhand at (718)-479-2333.

FOOD ASSISTANCE

If you need emergency food assistance, call the Emergency Food Hotline at 866-888-8777 or 311 to find a local pantry.

QUEENS BUS NETWORK REDESIGN – FINAL PLAN

The Queens Bus Network Redesign is an innovative and comprehensive initiative aimed at enhancing the bus commuting experience for Queens residents. This plan signifies the Mass Transit Authority (MTA) commitment to making bus travel more efficient, accessible, and responsive to our riders' needs.

In December 2019, the MTA published the Original Queens Draft Plan. The MTA then hosted public engagements sessions throughout the borough of Queens in order to get the commuters and other stakeholder feedback.

In December 2023, a Proposed Final Plan was released. The MTA will continue with stakeholders outreach through the Spring 2024.

For detail on the Bus Redesign and to provide your feedback please go to: <https://new.mta.info/project/queens-bus-network-redesign>.

Note the following proposed changes:

1. Q1 will no longer go south on Springfield Blvd, It will end on the East on Braddock Avenue.
2. Q36 - this route would be realigned to serve Springfield Blvd instead of 212 St/212 Pl It will cross over between Hillside Ave and 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 between Hillside Ave and Jamaica Ave on 212 St/212 replacing segments of the existing Q36 and will connect to UBS via the 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).

Please go to the MTA site above and review the bus route you normally use to see any proposed changes and provide your feedback if necessary.

105th PRECINCT

At the last Community Council meeting the Queens South Traffic Command appealed to drivers to contact them directly instead of calling 311 or 911 on traffic accidents that do not involve any injuries. Their contact information is as follow:

Traffic Manager email: MOHAMMAD.RAHMAN@NYPD.ORG

Front Desk Phone number: (718) 523-0295

TAX HELP AND E-FILING AT QUEENS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Filing taxes can be an overwhelming, complicated process. But it does not have to be. Queens Public Library is partnering with a number of organizations to offer FREE tax counseling to New Yorkers.

Free tax preparation is available at the following Queens Library branches:

Bellerose 250-06 Hillside Avenue (718) 831-8644.

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