

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 and Neighbors,

I hope you had a great holiday and welcome to 2024. Together we're hoping for a very productive year.

I begin with some very sad news. Our QVCA Newsletter editor and long serving member Joseph Nickischer and his wife, Mirla Nickischer, both passed away on November 13, 2023. Our deepest condolences to the Nickischer family.

A little about Joseph Nickischer:

Joe was Mr. Queens Village Civic and served as our editor for over 40 years. He ensured that each President he served with never missed a deadline and we always made it to publication on time for distribution. With care, he crafted messaging that aligned with relevant topics that were key to what was happening in Queens Village at the time. His energy and passion for his community will be greatly missed.

We have several pressing issues that requires all our attention that will affect the quality of life in Queens Village:

- The 1,000 Male Migrant Tent City at Creedmoor campus that was placed in our community by the Mayor
- The licensing application of several cannabis storefronts in Queens Village (each day additional smoke shops that are not regulated are opening)
- The State proposal to build over 3,000 housing units, a substantial as low-income housing on the Creedmoor campus (amongst many concerns this could affect the value of your homes and increase the density of the population in this community - your voices matter)

We look forward to working with and representing all of you as we focus on these key priorities.

Your neighbor and friend.

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Naaassar (Ram) Ramaarib



JANUARY



Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 17
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.

text / call (917) 751-5327

FROM

QUEENS VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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AUTO THEFT PREVENTION TIPS FROM THE NYPD

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Vehicles left unattended with keys in the ignition are easily targeted by car thieves. This dangerous practice allows for an easy theft or a joy ride by an inexperienced driver.

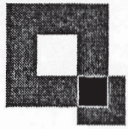
This commonly occurs around the neighborhood store, deli, coffee shop, or newspaper stand. Remain alert. Do not create an opportunity. Do not become a victim! When leaving your vehicle always:

- Close Your Windows
- Turn off the Ignition and REMOVE THE KEYS
- Lock Your Doors!

You might only be a "minute" – but a minute is all a thief needs. Lock up your car and take your keys with you!

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- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.
- Test smoke alarms every month. If they are not working, change the batteries.
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OUR MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our newest member Richard Barnes from Vanderveer Street. 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 peace and comfort.

CHANGES AT THE 105th PRECINCT

The 105 Precinct has announced that Captain Sony Beauvoir, who is currently the Executive Officer at the Precinct, as its new Commanding Officer. We wish Captain Beauvoir success and look forward to working with him.

We again thank Inspector Igor Pinkhasov for his outstanding service and leadership during his tenure of over three years.

NEW YORK'S 3rd CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION ON FEBRUARY 13, 2024

With the December 1, 2023 expulsion of Republican George Santos from the U.S House or Representative, Governor Hochul issued a proclamation declaring a special election on Tuesday February 13 to fill the vacancy in the 3rd Congressional District .

As you recalled in the 2020 redistricting, the eastern part of our civic area was split away from US congressional District 5 (Meeks) to District 3. The third congressional district consists mostly of Northwest Long Island, and a small part of Northeastern Queens, including part of Queens Village.

The candidates are:

Democratic Party - Tom Suozzi, he had previously represented this district in the House from 2017 to 2023.

Republican Party - Mazi Melesa Pilip, she represented the 10th legislative district in the Nassau County Legislature since 2022.

Early Voting for the Special Election will be February 3, 2024 - February 11, 2024, voting at:

Creedmoor Hospital 79-25 Winchester Boulevard, Queens Village, NY 11427.

Election Day is February 13, 2024, voting site is based on your address:

- (1) JHS 109-Jean Nuzzi Intermediate School
213-10 92 Avenue, Queens Village, NY 11428.
- (2) PS 33-Edward M. Funk
91-37 222 Street, Queens Village, NY 11428

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, Inspector Igor Pinkhasov, updated the attendees at their monthly 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 has two officers 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.

CREEDMOOR DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Members of Community Board 13's Land Use Subcommittee on Creedmoor released a position letter after a meeting opposing the density proposed by the state for housing at the redevelopment site in Queens Village.

In early December Empire State Development (ESD) released its proposed Master Plan for developing the Creedmoor Campus. Highlights of the plan are:

- 2,873 residential units, 1,633 units will be for ownership and 1,240 for rental.
- The buildings will be 3, 6 and 8 stories.
- 377 units will be reserved for seniors, 431 units for supportive housing and 432 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 subcommittee group would prefer 1,000 units, which it believes would mesh better with the community infrastructure and transportation network, according to the letter.

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 is out of character with the neighborhood.

An ESD official said on Dec. 6 that development would not start until the second quarter of 2027 and that an environmental review process is expected in the coming year.

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