

# THE QUEENS VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

# NEWSLETTER

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March 2025

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

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

I know you, like myself are looking forward to warmer weather and for shedding our winter garments!

Thanks to the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct and other city agencies for the efforts in closing smoke shops that were illegally selling marijuana in our community. A big concern for us now is the businesses that were granted licenses to open stores to sell/dispense marijuana and related products. Since Nassau County opted out of this program, it has been observed that these new stores are concentrated in and around Queens Village. We are asking that our elected officials review these locations and ensure that they don't compromise our Quality of Life.

The 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct is also working with us to stop the escalation of illegal Dollar Cabs on Jamaica Ave.

I'm asking everyone to follow the new laws for proper garbage disposal and the maintenance of their properties. Please help and remind your neighbors.

The migrant shelter at Creedmoor is scheduled to be closed by March 31, 2025. We look forward to returning our community back to a sense of normalcy.

We have heard from several of our community members about the Con Edison rebate program for converting gas boiler heating systems to HVAC electric systems. Many have seen their electric bills increase by hundreds of dollars. Should you consider the conversion from gas to electric for your heating and cooling needs under the Con Edison program, I strongly recommend you do your research to ensure you have a complete understanding of the program and its financial implications.

I hope to see you at our next meeting!

Your neighbor and friend,

*Ram*

Ram Ramgarib



**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 P.M.

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

Entrance on 220<sup>th</sup> Street, behind Parking Lot on  
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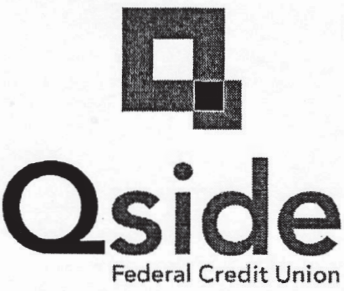
## HOW TO GET YOUR HOME READY FOR SPRING

Whether you can't wait for warmer weather and spring cleaning, or you love the snow and dread tidying up—spring will be here before you know it. So, you might as well plan ahead! Here is a list of tips on how to get your home ready for spring:

1. Check the smoke alarms
2. Clean out your dryer vent
3. Replace filters
4. Check pipes for leaks
5. Wash interior and exterior windows
6. Clean faucets and showerheads
7. Declutter
8. Make a plan for spring cleaning

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### AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE QUEENS VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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

Welcome our newest member, Soleil Griffin. 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.

## THE CREEDMOOR HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RELIEF CENTER

Gov. Hochul announced on February 13 the closing, beginning in mid-March, of the controversial Humanitarian Emergency Response and Relief Center situated on the grounds of the Creedmoor Psychiatric Center in Queens Village. The Governor's Office said it will support the Eastern Queens' community when it comes to public safety, affordability and quality of life issues in a statement. Queens Village Civic thank, our neighboring Civics, our local politicians, especially, City Council Member Linda Lee and State Senator Toby Stavisky, and Queens Community Board 13 for their vocal advocacy against this migrant shelter.

## 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 several organizations to offer FREE tax counseling, preparation and E-filing to New Yorkers whose income is \$84, 000 or less.

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

1. Queens Village: 94-11 217 Street (718) 776-6800).

Currently through April 15, from 1pm - 5pm

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

Currently through April 14, from 10:15am - 2pm

You must preregister and schedule an appointment.

## REAL ID NEEDED FOR FLIGHTS

Starting on May 7th, Americans must have a REAL ID or a current passport to board a domestic flight. If your New York State driver's license or ID does not have a **star** or a **flag** on it, then you do not have a REAL ID-compliant document. You can obtain an enhanced driver's license or ID, which would also allow entry to Canada, Mexico, and some Caribbean countries, at a Department of Motor Vehicle Office or visit [dmv.ny.gov](http://dmv.ny.gov) to learn more.

## CREEDMOOR DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

On March 19 from 6 to 8 pm, there will be another Public Hearing for the Creedmoor Mixed-Use Project via Zoom. The public comment period will close on April 18, 2025, at 5:00 PM. Until then, comments can be sent in writing to ESD,

655 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017 (Attention: Vanessa Calizaire), or by email to [CreedmoorEIS@esd.ny.gov](mailto:CreedmoorEIS@esd.ny.gov).

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

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## 105 PRECINCT NEWS

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P.O. Ethan Dillabough: [ethan.dillabough@nypd.org](mailto:ethan.dillabough@nypd.org) (917) 224-4542.

Meetings: Community Council meetings typically take place on the last Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the precinct.

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