

# 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 Neighbors,

I hope you were not affected by the record-breaking rainfall a few weeks ago. Please note that Daylight Saving Time is scheduled to end on Sunday, November 5.

The Humanitarian Emergency Response and Relief Center (HERRC) at Creedmoor Psychiatric Center is operating with minimal negative impact on the community. The Commanding Officer of the 105 precinct, Inspector Igor Pinkhasov, reports that the immigrants at Creedmoor, apart from a few reports of them entering private yards to retrieve refundable bottles, have caused no serious incidents. (See page 3 in this newsletter for more details.)

Mayor Adams has recently announced his own housing proposal named "City of Yes for Housing Opportunity". The Mayor's proposal, which calls for 100,000 new housing units over 15 years, includes many of the proposals from Governor Hochul plan from last year that includes accessory dwelling units (ADU), calls for mandates for new housing developments, creating a Universal Affordability Preference program, legalizing "main street apartment builds", and modest shared living spaces in new complexes. The Mayor's plan, addressing the continued shortage of affordable housing and the existence of many illegal dwellings in New York City, will propose changing zoning laws to achieve his housing initiatives.

Our civic will conduct its annual election for new officers to serve in 2024 at this month's meeting. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there on Wednesday, October 18, at 7:30 PM, in Our Lady of Lourdes School Building Bethsaida Spirituality Center at 92-70 220 Street.

Your friend and neighbor,

*Mo Ishmael*

Mohamood Ishmael



Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 18  
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

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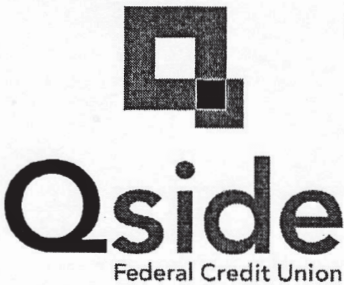
## 105th PRECINCT NEIGHBORHOOD POLICING

The NYPD 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct Neighborhood Policing Program places Neighborhood Coordinating Officers (NCO's ) in our communities. The precinct is divided into 5 sectors. Queens Village is in Sector D. Our NCO Officers are PO Richard Tarver (917-242-8732, [email RichardTarver@nypd.org](mailto:RichardTarver@nypd.org)) and PO Vicente Vivar (917-864-0725, [email VicenteVivar@nypd.org](mailto:VicenteVivar@nypd.org).) They are assigned to improve relationships between police and the community and to make cops more accessible to residents when there is no emergency. These officers will hold Build-the-Block community meetings to give them and community residents a chance to get to know each other and exchange information. Please call or text them if you have a non-emergency issue you want to discuss. If you have an emergency, continue to call 911.

### HALLOWEEN WISDOM

The following information from the New York City Police Department should be shared by all:

- . Go trick or treating with your family and friends.
- . Stay out of strangers' homes or cars.
- . If you go out at night, wear bright-colored clothing or carry a flashlight.
- . Go trick or treating in your neighborhood.
- . Walk on the sidewalk and stay off the street.
- . Respect the property of the people you visit.
- . Let your parents inspect suspicious- looking candy or treats.




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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 to the following new members: Soleil Griffin, Cameron Wilson, Anthony Gagliard, Wayne Singh, and Denise Bampoe. You can join our civic association by using the membership application form on page 2 of this newsletter. Dues are \$10.00 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.

## THE CREEDMOOR HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RELIEF CENTER

The federal government announced in September that it would redesignate Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Venezuelan asylum seekers who arrived in the United States on and before July 31 or have resided here since. With that status, the migrants will be eligible to apply to work immediately. Under TPS, asylum seekers can apply to be authorized to work after 30 days as opposed to 180 days in the United States. The Department of Homeland Security extended that status for 18 months.

About 40 percent of migrants who have come to New York City are from Venezuela; more than 116,000 migrants have arrived in the city since spring 2022.

Recently, Mayor Eric Adams cut the time that adult migrants can stay at city-run shelters in half on Friday – decreasing the maximum stay from 60 days to 30 days to get a handle on the constant influx of asylum seekers into the City.

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.

## 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 entrance on 220 street behind the church, Monday through Thursday, from 10 AM to 4 PM. For more information, please contact the pantry director Sister Mary Vianney Nwakaozor, SJS, at (718) 479-0924.

## NOVEMBER 7 ELECTION

Offices on the ballot November 7

- City Council
- Queens District Attorney
- Civil Court

District Attorney - Queens,

Democratic: Melinda Katz

Republican & Conservative: Michael Mossa

Public Safety: George A. Grasso

Member of the City Council - 23rd Council District,

Democratic Linda Lee

Republican / Conservative: Bernard K. Chow

Member of the City Council - 27th Council District

Democratic: Nantasha M. Williams

Republican: Marilyn M. Miller

Early Voting: October 28, 2023 - November 5, 2023

Early Voting Poll Site: Antun's

96-43 Springfield Boulevard, Queens Village, NY 11429

Election Day Poll Site will be one of the sites listed below:

91) 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

## PRINCIPAL KARLEEN COMRIE RETIRES

Principal Dr. Karleen Adam-Comrie of JHS 109-Jean Nuzzi Intermediate School has retired. Dr Comrie should be credited with improving the academic standards at JHS109. Our Civic presented her with the Queens Village Civic Association Community Service Award at a farewell party held in her honor on September 26 to show our appreciation for her outstanding expertise and dedication during her tenure at the school.

## FREE SENIOR CITIZENS HOME REPAIRS

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## HALLOWEEN PARTY

The 105<sup>th</sup> precinct will hold its Halloween Party on October 31 at the precinct after school. All kids are welcome. The precinct is located at 92-08 222nd Street in Queens Village.



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