

# THE QUEENS VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

# NEWSLETTER

**Serving Our Community Since 1957**

**April 2025**

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

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Neighbors,

Let me begin with some Good News; The 1,000 plus men's migrant shelter at Creedmoor campus is now closed. The existing tents / structure will be completely dismantled by the end of April. This closure hopefully will give us a sense of normalcy in our daily lives.

Our state officials have approved several locations within our village as legal locations to dispense Cannabis and Marijuana related products. **One such location is at Springfield Blvd and Hillside Avenue (right next to the Dunkin' Donuts).** Already at this location, teenagers congregate/hangout in large numbers before and after attending classes at Martin Van Buren. **I'm asking our elected to revoke this site as approved.**

A word of advice; Real ID is here to stay, so please get it. We don't know the full extent where Real ID will be required for identification other than flying within the United States.

Scams are everywhere. Please do your due diligence and checkout everything before conducting any transactions or business with anyone. Scammers are smooth and slick. Don't get scammed.

More beautiful weather is coming and will give us a sense comfort and complacency. Most common theft and burglary can be avoided by being a little proactive. Secure all your belongings properly.

Council Member Hon. Linda Lee has scheduled a meeting on Wednesday April 30 at 6:30pm at the YMCA (RSVP required). This meeting is a City of Yes community engagement town hall. The Queens Civic Council has filed a lawsuit challenging City Council authority in approving the City of Yes. This Fight is Not Over!

**Finally: Curbside Composting is now mandatory. Avoid fines by separating your waste properly.**

Be safe and be well!

Respectively yours,

*Ram*

Ram Ramgarib



**APRIL**



**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 16<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 Street behind Parking Lot on  
Springfield Blvd.

text / call (646) 875-4499

**FROM**

**QUEENS VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

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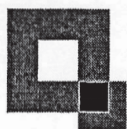
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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### 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, James Samuel from Springfield Blvd. 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.

## COMPOSTING IS NOW THE LAW

NYC residents are currently required to separate yard waste, food scraps, and food-soiled paper from trash and recycling. **As of April 1, 2025**, property owners are subject to fines of \$25 the first time and up to \$100 for violators. Curbside Composting service is collected weekly in every borough on the same day as recycling.

### What to Compost

ALL leaf and yard waste, food scraps, and food-soiled paper. This includes:

- All leaf and yard waste, including flowers and Christmas trees
- ALL food scraps, including meat, bones, shells, and dairy
- Prepared and cooked foods
- Greasy uncoated paper plates and pizza boxes
- Products certified or labeled compostable

**DO NOT** compost trash such as diapers, personal hygiene products, animal waste, wrappers, non-paper packaging, and foam products. **DO NOT** compost recyclable materials.

### How to Compost

Set out your yard waste, food scraps, and food-soiled paper in a labeled bin with a secure lid or in your DSNY brown bin.

- Bins must be 55 gallons or less with a secure lid. Line with a clear plastic, paper, or compostable bag to help keep it clean.
- Extra leaf and yard waste can be put in a paper lawn and leaf bag or clear plastic bag and placed out next to the bin. Do not put any food waste or food-soiled paper into bags of yard waste. No black trash bags.
- Twigs and branches can be bundled with twine and placed next to bins and bags.

You can purchase a DSNY brown bin at [bins.nyc.gov](https://bins.nyc.gov). If you use your own bin, [order a free composting bin decal](#).

### Get Free Compost

Residents give us their yard waste, food scraps, and food-soiled paper, and the Sanitation Department turn it into compost— then give it back!

All NYC residents, nonprofit organizations, and agencies can get compost for free. Find a location to pick up compost near you at [nyc.gov/getcompost](https://nyc.gov/getcompost).

## THE CREEDMOOR HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RELIEF CENTER

It is confirmed that the Creedmoor Humanitarian Emergency Response and Relief Center (HERRC) was closed at the end of March. A tent-based shelter for asylum seekers, opened in Queens, NY, in August 2023, and housed over 1,000 single adult males.

### 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](https://dmv.ny.gov) to learn more.

## 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.

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 senior 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.

## 105 PRECINCT NEWS

Get to know our Precinct: (718) 776-9090

Commanding Officer: Captain Douglas Moodie

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Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCO) Sector D:

Det. Vicente Vivar: [vicente.vivar@nypd.org](mailto:vicente.vivar@nypd.org) (917) 864-0725

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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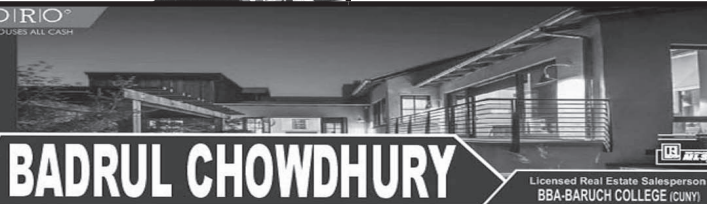
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