

# Rocky Hill Civic Association Bulletin

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**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS**  
**Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M.**

**Location: P.S. 18 on 235<sup>th</sup> Court**

(Between Hillside Ave. and 87<sup>th</sup> Ave)

**REMINDER: No meeting in February**

**Mark your calendar for our Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. In conjunction with other surrounding Civic Organizations we are hosting a meeting with our Borough President Melinda Katz. We are looking forward to a big turnout. You will have a chance to voice your concerns so come prepared with your questions. Also, please note—this will be a Monday Meeting.**

## **Four Story Building on Creedmoor Grounds:**

The latest news on our continuing dispute with the erection of out of context buildings on the Creedmoor grounds is that a decision may be made by the Board of Standards and Appeals this month. We say "maybe" since we are continuing our opposition focusing on the issue that the correct environmental reviews have not been performed. This has entailed spending an additional \$1,000 out of our treasury for legal assistance. In questioning the validity of the environmental review we may prevent the building of this project or delay it until all the proper reviews have taken place. There is no certainty of the outcome but all indications from our community have been that this project is not appropriate for our community and we have tried to carry out your wishes. Remember, this started out as 2 nine story buildings and is now being proposed as one four story building which is still out of character with a community of one and two family homes.

## **Important Community Meetings open to the Public**

✓ **105<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council**

At the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct located at 92-08 222<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Wednesday Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> from 8 PM to 9 PM

✓ **Community Board 13Q**

At Bellerose Assembly of God, located at 240-15 Hillside Ave.  
Monday Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Community time begins at 7:15 PM.

### **President's Message:**

As I sit at home writing this bulletin on this snowy day (they haven't been hard to find this year) I am reviewing some of the issues that will affect our beautiful community and it looks like it will be an eventful year. We, of course, expect a decision on the project proposed by the ICCC on Creedmoor grounds sooner or later. We have also been informed that land on the Creedmoor grounds will be sold off in the near future and I will be doing my best to represent the community (see article below). We will have a huge meeting in March, along with other local civic organizations, with Queens Borough President Melinda Katz. There is a local group that is interested in expanding the Vanderbilt Motor Parkway (this will take a while). That could add an interesting addition to our community. Again, see the article below. Finally we will be working to improve the Winchester Blvd. mall area between Hillside Ave, and Seward Ave.

Of course we will be doing all our usual things, including sponsoring a team at HBQVB as we have for longer than I can remember. I think it is a great use of your dues money. We will send out bulletins, host meetings with informative speakers and handle routine complaints as well as we can.

Speaking of complaints—we have some members who take the time to complain about the **illegal parking of trucks and commercial vehicles on our streets**. It would help if more people chimed in. You just need to **call 311** and give the details about the vehicle—what and where. No need for you name, address etc. if you don't want to give that information.

### **Creedmoor Safety and Security:**

I and other Civic Leaders wrote a letter to the Commissioner of Mental Health in November. In follow-up meetings we learned the occupants of Creedmoor grounds have established a community watch to better monitor happenings on the Creedmoor grounds. If anyone wants to be involved in monitoring the Creedmoor grounds please contact me for more information on how you can help.

### **Creedmoor Development:**

On January 15<sup>th</sup> the Borough President's office hosted a meeting with the Empire State Development Agency, Community Board 13 members, local elected officials, City Planning and other agencies. The discussion involved the potential disposition of plots of land on the Creedmoor grounds. Apparently this has been in the planning stages for a while. Part of the discussion involved who else might be included in meetings to discuss possibilities. I have submitted my name. One way or the other, I will do my best to keep you informed of what may happen in our community.

### **Vanderbilt Motor Parkway Expansion:**

There is a group of local people who are working on a plan to expand the Vanderbilt Motor Parkway. This bicycle path currently runs through Cunningham Park and Alley Pond Park, ending at Winchester Blvd. The plan is to extend it to the Queens Farm Museum and Glen Oaks Village. The path would go through Creedmoor, the Padavan Campus at Glen Oaks and through the Queens Children's Psychiatric Hospital. It is envisioned that this would make it safer for persons in Glen Oaks and easier for persons in Hollis Hills and Oakland Gardens (and our community) to get to the Queens Farm. It would also beautify the area further and help increase fitness for our residents and give our residents a better awareness and appreciation for the history of our area.

Lastly, Nassau County is working to re-activate the Parkway in their area, so this plan could potentially make it possible to walk/run/ride from Flushing Meadows to Bethpage State Park.

To learn more about this proposed expansion you can go to <http://www.motorparkwayeast.com/>.

Once on the site you will be given the ability to sign a petition (top right) if you want to show your support for this project.

**FEMA volunteer opportunity:**

**Below is information on youth volunteer opportunities.**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) today announced it is seeking applicants for its Youth Preparedness Council. The FEMA Congressional Advisory Council supports FEMA’s commitment to involving youth in preparedness-related activities and provides an opportunity for young people to offer their perspectives, feedback and insights on how to make America more resilient.

“Young people play a key role in advancing emergency preparedness and informing our efforts,” said FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate. “The Youth Preparedness Council offers FEMA the unique opportunity to benefit from the perspectives of young people, while also empowering them to engage with their communities to increase readiness.”

FEMA’s Youth Preparedness Council was formed in 2012 to bring together youth leaders from across the country who are interested and engaged in advocating youth preparedness. Council members are selected based on their dedication to public service, their efforts in making a difference in their communities, and their potential to expand their impact as national advocates for youth preparedness.

As advocates for preparedness, Council members will complete a self-selected youth preparedness project and have the opportunity to share their opinions, ideas, solutions and questions about youth disaster preparedness with FEMA leadership and national organizations working on preparedness initiatives. Members also have the opportunity to brief FEMA officials on strategies, initiatives and projects throughout their one-year term.

To apply, Youth Preparedness Council applicants must be 13 to 17 years old. They must also be engaged in individual and community preparedness or have experienced a disaster that motivated them to make a positive difference in their community. Individuals who applied for 2014 are encouraged to apply again. Current Council members have an option to extend for an additional year, upon FEMA request. Adults working with youth or on community preparedness are encouraged to share the application with young people who might be interested in applying for the Youth Preparedness Council.

To be eligible for consideration, applicants must submit a [completed application form](#) and two letters of recommendation. Completed applications and all supporting materials must be received **no later than March 2, 2015, 11:59 p.m. EST**. New Youth Preparedness Council members will be announced in May 2015. For more information about completing and submitting the application, please visit: [www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness-council](http://www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness-council).

**If interested in volunteering, please check “Yes” at the bottom of the dues receipt.**

**Rocky Hill Civic Association, Inc. – Annual \$10.00 Dues Drive Receipt for 2015**

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I am interested in becoming a RHCA Board or Committee Member or would like to volunteer for a special project. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_. We will contact you to discuss volunteer opportunities.

