

Rocky Hill Civic Association Bulletin

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NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS

Tuesday June 9TH at 7:30 P.M.

Location: P.S. 18 on 235th Court

(Between Hillside Ave. and 87th Ave)

SPEAKER:

Deputy Inspector Michael Coyle
Commander of the 105th Precinct

Topic:

Crime Prevention and Safety

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- **Raffles 50-50**
 - **Light refreshments.**
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3rd Annual Day at the Races—a Community Event Belmont Park Saturday June 13th 12pm to 6pm

Everyone in our community is invited to this fun event. We have reserved an area at the top of the stretch with our own barbeque pit, tables with umbrellas and a great view of the horses coming around the stretch. Lunch will be served all afternoon with hero's, hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks (if you want anything else bring your cooler—no glass allowed). We will also have some raffles to add to the enjoyment. \$25 covers the cost of admission, program, and food and drink.

For Tickets contact:

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Important Community Meetings open to the Public

✓ **105th Precinct Community Council**

At the 105th Precinct located at 92-08 222nd St.
Wednesday June 24th from 8 PM to 9 PM

✓ **Community Board 13Q**

At Bellerose Assembly of God, located at 240-15 Hillside Ave.
Monday June 22nd . Community time begins at 7:15 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Early in May I received a letter that was forwarded to me from Senator Avella's office. It was from the New York State Department of Health. In the letter it detailed all the measures that they will take to prevent escapees in the future. The letter was sent in response to the uproar of the Local Civics and the Senator over two escapes from the Creedmoor lock down facility. Would these reforms have taken place without our strongly voiced concerns? We don't know but speaking up certainly doesn't hurt.

Everyone who has read this newsletter knows that we have also battled against overdevelopment in our community. Two proposed nine story towers on Creedmoor grounds are now approved for only one four story building. At this time we are currently in meetings with the State over what development will be allowed on the Creedmoor grounds. We will not be able to nullify it but hope to reach an agreement on development that is fitting for our community.

This week a new issue came up. New York City has plans to place a facility at 207-91 Jamaica Ave. that will house youthful offenders, some who have been convicted of crimes as serious as muggings and robberies. This is part of a program to bring youthful offenders who are imprisoned in upstate prisons back to near their original neighborhoods. Being closer to their families is an obvious advantage to the young offenders but raises obvious concerns for us. We will voice those concerns and try to find out as much information as we can. So far the information supplied to our Community Board has been lacking in detail. Congratulations to the newly elected Officers and Board Members for the Rocky Hill Civic Association. It is so nice to have so many energetic members of the community who are willing to take time from their busy schedules to serve our community.

Thanks so much to **Craig Frey** who filled so admirably in the last few years as treasurer—it was supposed to be a temporary job that he just kept doing and doing. He really stepped up to the plate when the Rocky Hill Civic needed someone to do this vital job.

I hope everyone had a relaxing Memorial Day (I joined with other veterans for a remembrance in Battery Park on Sunday and a quiet memorial in Queens Village on Monday—but otherwise, I relaxed). I know June keeps most people busy with graduations and other activities. After that I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable summer. This newsletter will be back in September.

Dues Apology:

I apologize for not including Ralph Vassallo of 233rd St. on our list of dues payers for 2014.

New Precinct:

The 105th Precinct which serves us has the biggest territory to cover of any of the precincts in the city. We have lobbied, for many years for the City to create a new fully staffed precinct in the south side of the precinct area. All to no avail. Recently there have been increases in some forms of crime. Civics in the South side of the precinct have banded together and written a letter to the Mayor to request their own precinct. In support of that the local civics in this area are writing a letter of support.

Our Borough President has also supported this and placed a new precinct as a priority in her budget. So we are hopeful we will get some momentum going on this. Please contact your local elected official or call the Mayor's office and say you support the creation of a second precinct in Community Board 13Q. You can simply call 311 and leave a message for the Mayor or go to the nyc.gov website, click on Office of the Mayor and send an email to the Mayor.

Creedmoor Security:

In the past two years there were two escapees from the Lock down unit at Creedmoor. We have been notified by the New York State Office of Mental Health that they have addressed security. Additional staff are at the main entrance, procedures have been improved, additional staff are at the recreation yards and new improved protocols were developed.

We thank the State for taking these needed measures and also thank State Senator Tony Avella for all his work and intercession in this matter.

Sanitation Garage Moving:

We have been informed that the Sanitation Garage on Winchester Blvd. under the Grand Central Pkwy is in disrepair and will need considerable reconstruction. In the meantime they must find a temporary location from which to operate. It seems that they are most interested in space on the Creedmoor Grounds. Other Civics and I will be meeting with them a couple days after this bulletin goes to print. We are hoping to reach a reasonable solution. I will give a report at the next membership meeting on June 9th.

New York City Safe Disposal Event

You may have received a flier in the mail—but just a reminder:

- **Date** **Saturday June 20th**
- **Time** **10am to 4pm (rain or Shine)**
- **Location** **Cunningham Parke, Ball Field Parking Lot**
Cars enter on Francis Lewis Blvd. on the southbound side just south of Union Turnpike

What to bring:

- **Automotive products**
- **Sharps and medications**
- **Household products**
- **Electronics**

It is a quick trip over there. Please do your best to help the environment.

Condolences to the family of Thomas Ray of 88th Ave. and also to the family of Mr. Veloso of 88th Ave.

Community Protest

New York City is planning on relocating 20 youthful offenders from Upstate New York prisons to a nearby location, 201-07 Jamaica Ave. It is part of a program to keep youthful offenders close to their home. We don't believe that plopping a prison in the middle of a residential area is the answer. Please come out and make your voice heard:

Protest Location: **207-01 Jamaica Ave.**
Date and Time: **Saturday, June 6th at 12 noon**

If interested in volunteering, please check the box at the bottom of the dues receipt.

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

Name..... **Email**.....

Address..... **Phone**.....

I want to be on the list of people who receive an email blast **Yes** _____

Please make your check Payable to: **Rocky Hill Civic Association** and mail it with this coupon to:
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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.