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## Next Meeting

Community Meeting

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May 4, 2000

8:00 PM

Refreshments

House of Hope Church  
Cor. 248th St. & 85th Ave.

We meet the first Thursday of each month at the House of Hope Church, corner 248th Street and 85th Avenue at 8:00 PM

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## Creedmoor Land Sale Begins

It was reported this week in the Glen Oaks Ledger that agreement has been reached with New York State on the first 8 acres of the Creedmoor campus to be sold under Governor Pataki's program to reduce excess State property and to return it to local tax roles.

In the past, Senator Padavan has arranged for several sites to be transferred to certain organizations, including the Creed Farm, Lifeline Center and Preller little league fields.

Over the next ten to twenty years hundreds of acres at the Creedmoor campus will become available. Part of that acreage was the 31 acres reported in the past two

issues of Action News, which will be transferred to New York City Board of Education for a three-school campus.

The first public sale at Creedmoor is 8.5 acres at the corner of Hillside Avenue and Winchester Boulevard. The winning proposal was received from Beechwood Winchester Building Corp. for \$7 million. Beechwood has stated that it will use current zoning restrictions on this property, as required under the governor's program as well as under the Creedmoor Master Plan -drafted by the Queens Civic Congress.

This property is zoned as R3-2, which allows detached, semi-detached,

row houses and small garden apartments as well as a small apartment building. The bulk of the possible buildings in this area is limited by the .5 Floor Area Ratio, which means that the interior living area of a building on a plot can not exceed 1/2 of the square footage of the plot. But the revised "contextual" zoning regulations of 1989, still in effect, would allow for 21 three bedroom apartments on an acre of R3-2 zone.

Mentioned in the article was the possibility of senior housing, although no promises are made. The developers stated "we will build what is best for the development and what is best for the community."

## Bellerose Business District News

You should soon receive your copy of the Bellerose Business District Directory for 2000. This is our first such production and we are very proud of it. We hope you make great use of it and increase your patronage of our local stores and shops on Jericho Turnpike/Jamaica Avenue.

The BBD is awaiting word of several very exciting projects that will significantly enhance the business district. One that we can mention is the summer holiday banner program. These new original designs in patriotic red, white and blue should grace our lamp posts be-

fore Memorial Day and remain up through the summer. In addition, the City will be adding lots of plants and shrubs at the Braddock Avenue interchange later this month. There has also been some activity at the theater. We will keep you posted.



## News from the 105

According to recent NYPD statistics the following types of vehicles have the highest likelihood of being stolen:

- Honda
- Nissan
- Toyota

Measures that you can take to protect your vehicle are:

- Install an alarm system that has an ignition cutoff
- Purchase a steering wheel lock that protects your air bag
- Park your car in a locked garage
- At night make sure you park in a well lighted area
- Keep your vehicle locked.

In addition, the police department offers the following programs to protect your vehicles. Come to the Cross Island YMCA on May 13th from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm for these services:

- **Vin-etching**—This is a permanent, chemical etching of your VIN ID onto the windows to deter theft
- **CAT**—Combat Auto Theft is a decal mounted on your vehicle that gives officers permission to stop your car between 1 am and 5 am.
- **CCAT**—Commuter CAT—gives officers permission to stop your car between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm you would likely be at work.
- **HEAT**—Help End Auto Theft—Gives permission to officers to stop your vehicle at any time if it is operated by someone under 25 years old.

Bicycle engraving is another popular service by the NYPD to deter bike thefts. If you want a bike engraving or if you cannot make the Vin-etch date at the YMCA, please call Officer Donald Barto, crime prevention officer at 718 776-9207.

### House of Hope Church

Keep in mind that on Sunday May 7th at 4:00 pm the House of Hope Presbyterian Church will be celebrating its 60th anniversary.

The response has been excellent and enthusiastic, and many people have indicated their intentions to be present. Special guests and dignitaries will be there. A buffet will be served, and there will be a display of historical pictures and items.

Also, on Saturday May 15th, the annual Bid and Raffle will take place between 1:00 and 3:00 pm. There will be something for everybody.

**The House of Hope  
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I suggest the following speaker topic: \_\_\_\_\_

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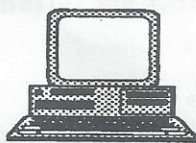
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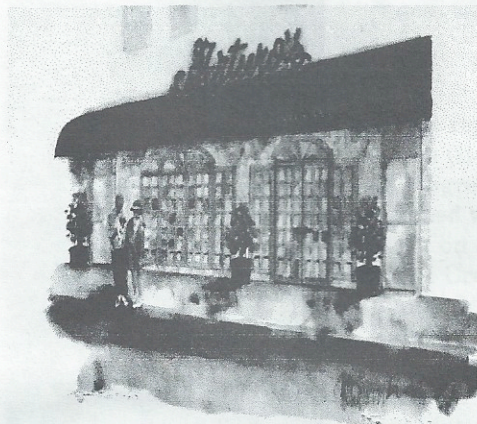
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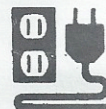
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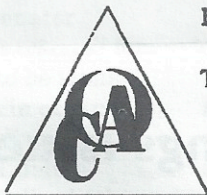
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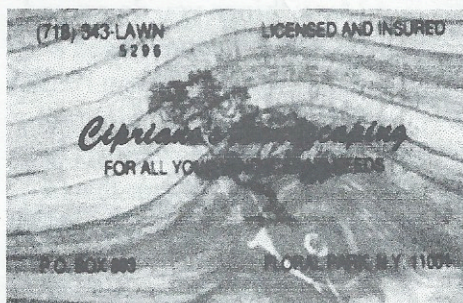
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## Buildings Issues

We have invited the Borough Commissioner for NYC's Department of Buildings, James Leonard, to attend our June meeting (awaiting confirmation). He was at Queens Colony's April meeting and I got the below information. This is a very important and informative meeting—please reserve June 1 and check June's Action News. Write your questions. There are currently 25 Buildings inspectors in Queens and one of their focuses is quality of life complaints such as illegal conversions and overcrowding. While conditions of imminent danger of collapse get top priority, they promise to respond within two weeks to "Type B" complaints like illegal conversions.

Other important facts discussed:

- Complaints can be made to (718) 520-3402. You can remain anonymous or you can report through your local civic association.
- Cellars—if more than 1/2 is below grade it's a cellar and may not be habitable under any circumstances—no sleeping in a cellar.
- Many homes here have no C of O for the garage. You MUST get an architect and file before you can sell or finance.
- Many things you do around the house may not need a permit. However you NEED A PERMIT for any plumbing, finished basements or attics, decks higher than 6 inches, windows if the opening changes.