

# Next meeting: Apr. 8 at 8 pm

Meetings at the Bellerose Baptist Church (basement), Braddock Avenue at 241<sup>st</sup> Street



## Creedmoor Civic News

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### CONG. CROWLEY KEYNOTER AT CIVIC CONFAB

This is our last call for anyone wishing to attend the Queens Civic Congress Convention. The Association has put together its list of eleven board member delegates, but others may go as well. The cost is \$28.00 per person.

Lunch includes a four-course meal of chicken or salmon including beverages. Date is April 14 (Sunday) at 1 P.M. at Antun's. Congressman Joseph Crowley is the keynote speaker and a special civic award given out only once every two years will be made by the Congress to James Trent, Creedmoor Civic's treasurer and past president. The presentation will be made by Queens Borough President Helen Marshall. The final 2002 Civic Convention Platforms will also be distributed. This is our legislative and administrative agenda for City government. We are pleased to report that many of our demands in previous platforms have been implemented!



Order tickets by calling James Trent, Luncheon chair, at 718-343-8830. Or bring check to the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Board delegates should bring their reimbursement checks to the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> as well.

### President's Message

I've been noticing a trend in some of our stores, specifically in the area of Hillside and Braddock. Twice now I've been shorted on change, and while that may not seem too newsworthy, if it's happening to many customers a day, it can certainly add up. When it was brought to the attention of the cashier, she just shrugged. Keep this in mind for next time.

Our civic phone line was blessed with a DSL high-speed Internet line from Verizon. Nice, but I didn't order it. Neither did my wife. In fact, my home phone line was upgraded too. Wonderful, except I don't need it, didn't order it, don't want it. A phone call to Verizon gave me time to

reflect on whether I'd ever want this type of service, since I was immediately put on hold for 19 minutes. Got to hear many times how important my call was to Verizon. Their rep Ms. Morrison was very nice and very apologetic and took down all kinds of information from me. Then she told me she'd have to connect me to their Cancellation Dept. and promptly disconnected me. The new rep who answered the call, after another 18 minutes of "Your call is very important to us," could not explain how this service was ordered for us. That's easy to figure out. With all the telemarketing calls we've been getting lately, we're starting to get rude to some of the more arrogant callers. Obviously a Verizon telemarketer didn't take too kindly to this and slammed us, a practice that is definitely illegal. If anyone else has had this experience with Verizon, I'd like to hear about it.

In just two short months, our association will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary. Please set aside June 8 for a time to get together with your neighbors. You won't be disappointed.

our neighbor,  
*Rick Duskiewicz*

### 2001 Membership Roster Addendum

More members for 2001:

88 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Lyman Street
Cashin	Lopez
	Soler
240 <sup>th</sup> Street	
Kestner	

Checks should be sent to 88-01 Lyman Street, Bellerose, NY 11427.

**Note:** We need someone to deliver newsletters along Braddock Avenue from Moline Street to 242<sup>nd</sup> Street. Contact Rick at the civic phone number.

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## Guest Editorial from the President of North Flushing Civic

*(Originally published in the Times/Ledger papers)*

We applaud City Councilman Tony Avella on his stand on denying the Chabad on 26th Ave in Bayside the variances they are seeking in order to build a much larger facility. Two letters to the editor have been in his favor and we add our civic association position to that list. A building as large as they are asking for would dwarf the private homes in that area, and would create an extremely bad precedent. We cannot allow this to happen.

One writer wrote a letter last week essentially telling Avella that he should have come and seen that the people in the Chabad are all nice people before he took a stand. That writer doesn't get it. The issue is not about whether they are nice people or not, it's solely a land-use and building issue at stake here. A building is a building is a building, no matter who or what use-group is involved, nice folks or not. The variances should be opposed in all cases.

Instead, the Chabad should ask the neighbors who would be directly impacted by such a large and out of place structure how they feel about it. Ask the guy who lives next door how

all of a sudden he likes living next door to a big public facility. He will tell them that he's tired of watching his low-density community being eroded by the proliferation of public facilities. He will tell them that he bought his house to live in a quiet residential community, not one teaming with people and activities. He doesn't like his privacy being taken away. His deed supposedly entitles him to the "quiet enjoyment of his property." Not any more.

We all live in constant fear when a neighbor's house is sold that a public facility will move in and destroy our quality of life by creating over-crowding and noise, taking all the parking spots on the block, and negatively impacting the value of our homes. It's a scary thought to think that you too could become the victim of such a sale. We need some protection.

Any public facility that wants to build a big building, and have a large occupancy should look in parts of the community where the building of such an establishment would not put undo stress on the neighborhood. Living next to these public facilities causes panic selling, and the destabilization of the residential neighborhood. Nobody wants to live next door to them and have their life change for the worse.

We must retain the precious R-1 and R-2 zones and keep them contextually zoned. They are a vanishing part of the city, and perhaps should be landmarked to stop the erosion. Once a home is gone, it is gone for good. We can all live together provided the rights of all parties are taken into account, and the solutions satisfy everybody.

Tyler D. Cassell  
President,

North Flushing Civic Association

2002 Dues Are Due - \$5.00 per family.

## Around the Town

❖ **Business changes:** The store housing the former Adams Realty on Jamaica Avenue is being converted into a delicatessen. The pet shop on Jamaica Avenue is closed. A new 99 cents shop opened where the Video Quest used to be on Jericho Turnpike and Colonial Road.

❖ **Condolences to:** the following: the family of Edna Munsch of 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue; the family of Mary Lynch of Moline Street; and the family of Mary Savino of 240<sup>th</sup> Street.

❖ **Hold the date:** June 8<sup>th</sup>. Creedmoor Civic's 75th Anniversary. Details will be revealed at the April meeting. Tickets should be in the \$20 range, but the Committee is still working the details out. We had great fun at the 70th.