

# Next meeting: April 14 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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### **SPLIT OF 105 PRECINCT TO BE AIRED**

**Ida Smith of Congressman Gregory Meek's office and two other members of the 116th Precinct Task Force will be our guest speakers for the April meeting.**

They will be providing us with more information on the suggested plan to split the 105th Police Precinct into two separate precincts.

Whether or not to split the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct has been an on-going discussion for decades. City Hall and the Police Department have never shown an interest in dividing the 105 which covers one of the largest territories in the entire City of New York.

Now that there is a satellite precinct in Rosedale, the urgency of dividing the 105 seems less pronounced, although those in favor of splitting the precinct are still beating the drums. Before our civic takes a vote (not that it's up to us, but we need to have a position on this) this presentation will help to inform our members so that the vote on this issues will be done by an informed membership. Since some believe dividing the precinct could end up hurting police services to our area, this is a topic that we don't want to be flippant about. Please be sure to come out and take part in this important discussion.

#### **ANGRY CIVIC LEADERS DEMAND ZONING ACTION**

The Queens Civic Congress held a meeting in Kew Gardens on March 31 at which a panel discussion on current zoning actions in Queens was hosted. One of the panelists was John Young, the Director of the Queens office of City Planning. The meeting brought a turnout of some 100 members of civic associations from around Queens: from Belle Harbor in the Rockaways, to Dutch Kills in western Queens to at least three civics in our own eastern Queens community of Bellerose.

There was clearly an angry, even if civil, attitude among the civic leaders who have been waiting years for their rezonings to stop the proliferation of oversized buildings in their low-scale communities. In Dutch Kills, 17-story hotels have been going up in mid-block among low-scale row houses, for example. John Young promised that several communities are ready for action within the next several months including Far Rockaway and Laurelton.

However, Kew Gardens Hills has been waiting five years for a new zone category that will conform to the one-family attached row house configuration of which there are thousands in that neighborhood. Young could not or would not give these other neighborhoods a projected date by which their zoning changes would occur. In Bellerose, a request has been sitting at City Planning to change current R2 areas to the new R2A which reduces the footprint of one-family homes. Creedmoor Civic is not affected by this zoning request because R2 is for communities with 40-foot lots. (Instead, many years ago we got our neighborhood down zoned from R4 to R3A.)

In Broadway-Flushing, a neighborhood that has requested landmark status for its 1,600 homes, 17 homes have been demolished in 2007 alone. Clearly residents of these neighborhoods can't wait much longer for proper zoning controls.

Community Board 13 has requested another new zoning category which has become unofficially known as R2N which is one-family homes detached on narrow lots such as 25- or 30 lots. If such a zone becomes available, we would have to decide if its right for our neighborhood.

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## Around the Town

❁ **Condolences to:** the family and friends of Ed Carroll of 88-04 239<sup>th</sup> Street, beloved neighbor for over 60 years.

❁ **Condolences to:** the family of David Nugent of 237<sup>th</sup> Street who was killed in an accident on Jamaica Avenue in March.

❁ **Condolences to:** to Anne Marie Duskwicz and her family on Lyman Street on the death of her grandfather Salvatore Misuraca in March.

## QUEENS CIVIC CONGRESS LUNCHEON A SELL-OUT

Some 220 people jammed the Palm East room of Antun's in Queens Village as the Queens Civic Congress hosted its 6<sup>th</sup> Biennial Luncheon on April 6. Fifty-two civic associations from around the borough were represented, including Creedmoor Civic which had the largest delegation with 14 of our members purchasing tickets.

Fifteen 15 politicians showed up including U. S. Senator Charles Schumer, Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer, Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, and Queens Borough President Helen Marshall. Clearly QCC has become a force to be reckoned with.

Awards were given to Sean Walsh, the founder of the Queens Civic Congress, Sunnyside Gardens Preservation Alliance, and the Queens Coalition for Parks and Green Spaces.

## President's Message

Hello, Neighbors!

**Do you have a tree in front of your house that's looking a little sick? Maybe there are plenty of ants crawling in and out every summer. With the heavy windstorms we've had recently, it's probably not a bad idea to call 311 to have that tree inspected. At the very least, you'll find out that it's healthy. If something happens to that tree, you'll have a record that it was inspected by the experts at the Parks Dept. Just be sure to keep a record of that reference number you'll get from 311.**

**Congratulations to the newly-elected board of CCA. I want to thank every one of the officers and board members for their service this last year, especially Ron Schwizer of 242 St, who volunteered as Sergeant-at-Arms for the last several years. Congrats to Paul Bellisario of Moline St., our new Sergeant-at-Arms.**

**Remember, we still have a few more of those "lawn litter" signs, both lawn and window versions. Need one or two? Leave a message at 718 464-3369 and we'll drop them off.**

Your Neighbor,

*Rick Duskwicz*

## OFFENDERS WEBSITE AVAILABLE

CCA has been alerted to an internet site which maps the locations of where convicted sex offenders live and work. These are the convicted persons who are required to be registered as sex offenders.

This site will allow you to type in your ZIP code and a map of your neighborhood will display, along with flags that show where these persons live or work. You can click on these "flags" for more detailed information.

[www.familywatchdog.us](http://www.familywatchdog.us)

## BELATED DUES RECEIVED FOR 2007

Carey, 88 Block, Gettysburg St

Christy, 88 Block, 238 St

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## DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

Our thanks to EOK Bakery of Braddock Avenue for the donation of pastries for the February meeting.

Also cash donations received from:

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Bradford, 88 Block 241 St