

Next meeting: Apr. 13 at 8 PM

Meetings at the Bellerose Baptist Church (basement), Braddock Avenue at 241st Street



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2010 CENSUS REP TO SPEAK

Our guest speaker for our April meeting will be Elsy Guibert, who will discuss the upcoming 2010 Census and how it affects us.

The US Constitution requires a census once every ten years. The 2010 Census will create hundreds of thousands of temporary jobs across the nation.

Every residence will receive a short questionnaire that is simple and fast to complete and return. In the last census, one in six households received the long questionnaire.

Some people have questioned how safe it is to answer these questionnaires. Did you know that by law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's answers with anyone including federal, state and local agencies for 72 years?

Come to Monday evening's meeting to find out more.

TRAFFIC COMPLAINT INVESTIGATED

After a complaint of a resident in the immediate area, Senator Padavan's office requested that the Dept of Transportation survey the intersection of 242nd St and 89th Ave for a four-way stop.

The DOT responded by denying the four-way stop, stating that the intersection does not meet its criteria, but they will instead install "STOP sign ahead" signs on 89th Ave and install daylighting signs on 242nd St. Daylighting consists of "No Standing" signs to increase visibility at the intersection.

There was no indication of when this work will commence.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT TRIES TO STIFLE COMPLAINTS

The Department of Buildings has proposed an edict that will limit citizens to 30 days to complain about illegal activity at a construction site. Currently, there is no limit. Civic groups throughout the city have been up in arms about this. Many state that they believe such a rule would be unconstitutional. It would be like the police saying they don't have to investigate a murder if the body wasn't found within 30 days of death.

DOB Commissioner Robert LiMandri has put the proposed rule on hold because of the outcry from the public. So many contractors are doing illegal things, violating the zoning and building codes, and so many architects and engineers now certify their own drawings (a process by which the designer states that the drawings are consistent with law and the City doesn't review the drawings to ascertain if that is true) which has resulted in finding many illegalities after a building is built, that this proposed rule is totally outrageous. Currently, an architect or builder can be forced to correct errors or mistakes whenever they are discovered.

Mayor Bloomberg and his administration in their zeal to encourage development have thrown caution and safety to the winds. Civic groups continue to monitor the situation and will probably go to court if the DOB tries to implement this new rule.

Keep Bellerose Beautiful - don't not park your car on the lawn. The law provides for one car parked on your lot per household. We've seen some outrageous things lately and violators will be reported.

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ELECTION TIME AT THE CIVIC

In our civic association, officers hold office for one year, and board members for three. The slate at left is the slate going forward another year for officers. One Board position is open, as is Recording Secretary. Opposing candidates may be nominated from the floor at the April meeting. Elections in May. All positions are volunteer positions with no pay.

QCC PROTESTS \$ INCREASES

The Queens Civic Congress, representing almost 110 civic associations, including Creedmoor Civic, has lashed out against proposals to raise water rates, hikes mass transit fares, and institute tolls on the East River bridges. The QCC has spoken out at as many public hearings as possible. However, our dysfunctional state doesn't take kindly to the little folk chiming in. The new State budget is an irresponsible exercise not taking into account that the recession may last longer than two years (after which the stimulus money runs out.) The STAR rebates have been canceled, and taxes galore are being raised. But spending continues to rise faster than the rate of inflation.

Meantime the political games that the two political parties engage in have held the local not-for-profit organizations hostage. The Democrats rescinded grants given to non-profits by Republicans even though those organizations had already spent the money based on being told the money was coming. That put several local groups on the road to bankruptcy. We are now told that the new budget reinstates those grants but no one has seen the member item money breakdown so we can only hope.

LPC TURNS DOWN BROADWAY-FLUSHING

The Broadway Flushing Civic Association has been notified that the Landmarks Preservation Commission has rejected their proposal for a 1,600-building landmark district. They are appealing. Their homes were built by the Rickert-Finlay Co. and contain deed restrictions to prevent unsympathetic changes to the homes, nevertheless, the community has seen some tear-downs and ugly new homes built.

Ridgewood Property Owners and Civic Association is also proposing a historic district for their area. Out of several thousand homes that are eligible, the LPC right now is just considering about 100.

Around the Town

❁ **Welcome to:** The Song Family who recently moved into the 89 Block of 239th Street.

❁ **Name Change:** The EOK Bakery has changed its name to reflect the evolving products they have been serving. The new name is India Valley Café. In addition to now serving hot Indian food, they continue to carry all the cakes and pastries they have been selling since Rana and Paul took over the bakery. Since demand for cakes has fallen in recent years, to be sure you get what you need, say if you are having company, or want to bring a cake to someone, just order it in advance. One day's notice is usually enough.

Donations Received

The following donations have been gratefully received:

234 88 Ave, Wilkerson; 235 88 Ave, Anonymous; 236 88 Ave, Biscardi, Rivera; 89 Lyman St, Kartas.

Dues Received

234 88 Ave
Wilkerson
Lawrence/Fleming

235 88 Ave
Khan

236 88 Ave
Holloran
Rivera

237 88 Ave