

# Next meeting: Apr. 12 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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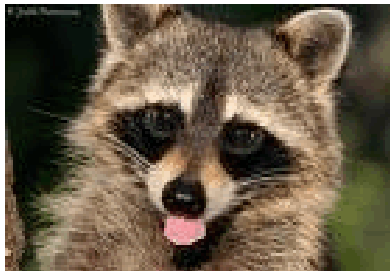
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### FURRY MASKED BANDITS RAISE ROOFS

**One or more raccoons has been on a tear (literally). At least eight homes in the 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue/242nd Street area have been attacked.**

It happened sometime during the last few days of March. At least eight homes on 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 242<sup>nd</sup> Street north of 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue had their porch or kitchen roof shingles ripped up right down to the wood decking. Neighbors were seen afterward on ladders patching up the holes.



**Nocturnal troublemakers in Bellerose area.**

50 years, we have more wildlife living amongst us than ever before. Raccoons and opossum have become common sightings. It might have to do with the fact that several



**Raccoons are strong. This one ripped a hole in the side of an apartment. They like to hole up in attics. (This photo is not from our neighborhood.)**

scurrying for new homes. Raccoons enjoy certain protections under NYS law. (Cont'd on page 2)

It is interesting that with all the urbanization in our area during the last all the urbanization in our area during the last areas that were once wooded have been denuded such as the Glen Oaks Golf Course that became the North Shore Towers, and the Padavan Campus that had part of its forest destroyed after Creedmoor Hospital sold the land to the City. This disturbance of the animals' natural habitat has sent them

### WHO REMEMBERS?

#### MR. MUNSCH, THAT'S WHO

Last month we published the photo and caption that you see at the left. We received the following letter as a result:



**Let's see who remembers...**

*Dear Mr. Trent:*

*This is in response to the March newsletter question, "Let's see who remembers..." Yes, I do, and it brings many happy memories of old Bellerose.*

*I wish to offer the following: the photo is of the Rail Fan Excursion eastbound over the Jericho Turnpike overgrade bridge in October, 1952. The power is Steam Engine number 107 of the G5a class. I believe it's consist was five P54 coaches and would have been designated as a Passenger Rail Fan Extra. The Creedmoor Branch was a popular Rail Fan section of railroad as it was relatively free of movement restriction and the Creedmoor Rest (a German beer garden) was still doing business just south of the old Creedmoor station. The beer garden gave way to the Good Humor ice cream plant located between what is now Pontiac and Saber Streets. The station's location is now the single row of homes north of 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Winchester Boulevard and Moline Street.*

*As information, I'm a lifelong resident of Bellerose who is a retiree of the LIRR.*

**Edward A. Munsch**

240-23 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue

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### RACCOONS (Cont'd from Page 1)

Nuisance wildlife control persons licensed by New York State can be hired to deal with problem raccoons. Injured and "orphaned" raccoons should be left alone. Animals actually in need of assistance may be cared for by licensed wildlife rehabilitators. The DEC regional office can refer you to these individuals.

## Around the Town

❁ **Congratulations to:** George Woolsey of 238<sup>th</sup> Street who was appointed to Community Board 13 last month. There will be a discussion at the April meeting on the suggestion of President Duskiwicz that George be chosen as our liaison to CB 13.

### LINES GET PAINTED

Thank you to Community Board 13 and the Dept of Transportation for responding to our request for repainting the long-worn-away yellow lines on portions of 88th Ave and Moline St.

### This 'n That

A New Jersey man was stabbed to death after an argument at a house party on the 88 block of 239 Street turned violent on February 28. Two men were arrested several days later.

A 2007 Honda Accord was stolen the morning of Saturday, March 13. It was parked at 239th Street & Braddock Ave.

Under new rules from the Federal Reserve Board that take effect August 22, consumers will have at least five years to use gift cards before they expire. Fees can be imposed only under certain conditions, such as the cards not having been used for one year. These rules affect cards purchased after August 22, 2010.

## President's Message

### Hello Neighbors:

Several members have asked about making some older newsletters available on the CCA website. Well, that will soon be a reality. Walter Audubon of 238th St. graciously volunteered to scan several years worth and soon newsletters from the 1930s through the 80s will be available. We already have a few from 1949.

The Long Island Division of the Queensborough Library has agreed to accept many past years of our newsletters for their archives. We expect to send them originals before the end of the summer.

I want to congratulate all of the officers of the Creedmoor Civic Association on their election last month. All have returned for another year of service. We have one new board member, Mike O'Keeffe, of 88th Ave. Council Member Mark Weprin will be swearing in all the officers at this Monday's meeting. Please stop by and introduce yourself to Mr. Weprin and our board.

A Councilwoman by the name of Elizabeth Crowley has introduced some legislation that would weaken the existing law that prohibits the posting of commercial signs on trees and poles. As you may remember from past articles in this newsletter, I've removed many such signs from our neighborhood. On March 23, I, along with three other civic leaders, Pat Dolan, Mike Augugliaro and Fred Kress, spent a few hours testifying against this proposed legislation. Representatives from the Sanitation Dept also strongly testified against it. It appeared the committee members already had their minds made up. Although Ms. Crowley listened intently when proponents told their stories of why businesses that place illegal posters should not be held accountable for their actions, she kept herself busy with her Blackberry as soon as testimony against the bill started. The committee members were convinced that spending thousands of your tax dollars for software programs would be better than enforcing an existing, well-performing law. That's just not right.

But it's not over yet.

### Rick Duskiwicz

### PAID FOR 2009 - ADDENDA

88 block/237th St.: Mateo

236 block/Braddock: Bali Wireless, Rocky Hill Pharmacy, By-the-Slice Pizzeria

239 block/Braddock: Fashion Cuts Barbership

240 block/Braddock: Texstar Service Station

### DONATIONS RECEIVED THIS MONTH

239 block/88 Ave.: Nieves

88 block/ 237 St.: Mateo

89 block/238 St.: Palau

236 block/Braddock Ave.: Rocky Hill Pharmacy, By-the-Slice Pizza

239 block/Braddock Ave.: Fashion Cuts Barbership

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Free will donations help to keep our dues low. We appreciate the support of so many members during the year.