

Next meeting: Dec. 13 at 8 PM

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



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NYPD GRAFFITI TASK FORCE TO SPEAK

Our guest speaker for the December meeting will be Lt. Jeff Schneider of the Graffiti Task Force.

Our area has been plagued with attacks of graffiti, particularly on Hillside Avenue. Graffiti on Jamaica Avenue and Braddock Avenue from Jamaica Avenue to Gettysburg Street is removed by the Joint Bellerose Business District Development Corporation, but other areas are more problematic. Please turn out so that the police understand that we are concerned and will keep the pressure on graffiti vandals.

Many thanks to the administration and maintenance workers of the Bernard Fineson Center on Hillside Avenue for the phenomenal response on repainting over the graffiti that has plagued the brick entrance and brick bus stop on Hillside Ave. At least four times in the last six months we've contacted Senator Padavan and his staff, and they've quickly forwarded our reports of graffiti to the Center.

BIKE LANES FIXED

It's been over one year and several dozen phone calls since CCA first requested it, but the "left turn only" lane has finally been created on Winchester Blvd and Hillside Ave.

Once the bike lanes were painted over two years ago on Winchester Blvd, there was constant confusion over whether drivers were allowed to pass over the painted lines to pass other cars making a left turn. We were persistent, and the

Dept of Transportation finally completed the work two weeks ago. The improvement was immediately apparent.



GARBAGE DUMPED AND CLEANED

Many thanks to Betty Baumann for helping to collect and rearrange the accumulation of debris on the dead end street of 87th Ave. This helped a great deal when the Dept of Sanitation comes to clear out the huge amount of trash that had been dumped there in the last two weeks. A car was also dumped and burned there the night of November 30.



COVERED DISH SUPPER FOR CIVIC'S HOLIDAY PARTY

We are returning to an old tradition. After our speaker has concluded his remarks, we will enjoy goodies prepared or purchased by our members for the remainder of the evening at our December meeting. Please bring anything that you are comfortable making or buying, be it snack, dessert, or food. We appreciate the fact that Lydon Realty has donated all the paper goods for the party. The Association will provide fruit punch.

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Around the Town

© **Belated thanks to:** Rosemary Parker, who also helped on the Halloween Parade Committee. We inadvertently omitted her name last month.

President's Message

When civic associations unite, good things will happen. Last month, Mike Augugliaro of the Queens Colony Civic Association was distributing newsletters when he came across some workers destroying a house at 249-21 88th Rd. There were no permits posted, and something did not seem right to Mike. He made a few phone calls, and representatives of several civic associations, including Creedmoor Civic, joined forces to stop the illegal demolition. Several city agencies responded, with the NYPD showing up first. Once it was learned that the gas and electricity had never even been shut off by this so-called contractor, it was safely disconnected by Con Ed. The people responsible for this work have not reappeared at this site except to remove some of their equipment. The Dept. of Buildings has issued several summonses for unsafe work and has also issued a vacate order.

The only reason for this type of operation is greed. Someone purchased this home for more money than it was worth and to keep the profits high, it was necessary to cut a lot of corners, endangering the whole neighborhood at the same time. Several sets of eyes will be watching this location for any further illegal work.

Several residents of our neighborhood received a disturbing letter last month, claiming that if they didn't sell immediately, they'd be losing out and their land would be worth much less due to recent downzoning efforts. This so enraged several civic members and leaders that they contacted Senator Frank Padavan and Council Member David Weprin. Senator Padavan wrote to the Secretary of State demanding that these scare tactics be investigated. Councilman Weprin called a press conference at City Hall, and along with his brother Assemblyman Mark Weprin, and Councilman Vincent Gentile, criticized the sleazy sales techniques of this company, City Success Corp. of Richmond Hill. Many news stations and newspapers covered the press conference and follow-up stories.

Our neighborhood and the surrounding areas have been hit with graffiti several times in the last few months. In fact, we've considered offering a reward against this type of vandalism. One of the leaders of the recently-rearranged Graffiti Task Force will be speaking at this month's meeting. How about stopping in and saying hello to him?

Best wishes to you and your family. My prayers are with our men and women who are fighting for us.

Your Neighbor,

Rick Duskwicz

Business District News

Community Board 13 has approved the construction of a four-faced street clock in the median of Jamaica Avenue. The next step is approval of the NYC DOT Borough Commissioner and the Art Commission.



Queens Civic Congress Installs: Officers of the Queens Civic Congress line up the stairs at the 185-year-old Douglaston Club (former Van Zandt Mansion) in the Douglas Manor Historic District and take the oath of office. Left to Right from bottom working up: Exec. V.P. Corey Bearak (North Bellerose), V.P. Paul Kerzner (Ridgewood), Exec. V. P. Patricia Dolan (Kew Gardens Hills), V. P. Edwin Westley (Jackson Heights Beautification), Councilman John Liu, President Sean Walsh [partially hidden](Douglaston), Secretary Seymour Schwartz (Briarwood), V. P. Audrey Lucas (Southeast Queens Concerned Citizens), V. P. Tyler Cassell (North Flushing), V. P. David Kulick (Flushing-on-the-Hill), V.P. Richard Hellenbrecht (Bellerose Commonwealth), Treasurer James Trent (Creedmoor.) The occasion doubled as the organization's annual Legislative Reception on December 4 at which 16 elected officials turned out.