

# Next meeting: Dec. 12 at 8 PM



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## REINWALD'S REOPENS!

Like a phoenix rising from the ashes, the shuttered Reinwald's bakery has reopened, and by the same gentleman whom we wrote about some months ago was going to buy the business. Delayed is better than not at all.


However, the business will not be known as Reinwald's. The new owners have not purchased the rights to that name. The reopening of the bakery is good news for the future of the retail block between Gettysburg and 237<sup>th</sup> Street. A new awning is being ordered that will contain the new name. Several names were being considered at presstime, one of which is *Bellerose Bake Shop & Cafe*.

The new management will be removing the unused shelves and refrigerators along the western wall and will be installing tables and chairs so that purchases of cake and coffee can be enjoyed within the bake shop. Early taste tests indicate good quality cake. We hope that our neighbors will support the new business. Bakeries are a vanishing breed and we are fortunate that this store has reopened.

### *Snow shoveling trick:*

Spray either some WD-40 or Pam cooking spray on your shovel. This helps to prevent the snow from sticking to the shovel, and you're not lifting those same five pounds of snow again and again.

### FOUR BOROUGH TO INCORPORATE

The Four Borough Neighborhood Preservation Alliance which includes civic and preservation leaders from all boroughs but Manhattan, has decided not to fold their *ad hoc* committee, (it was thought it would only exist through the last election) but instead is being incorporated as two organizations, one a 501(c) (4) and another, a foundation, as a 501(c)(3). The group has been pushing for legislation, and been speaking at public hearings on ways to stop the McMansion craze, including paving of lawns. 

### CALL THIS NUMBER FOR SIDEWALK PROBLEMS

Before the summer, the city announced a new program that would help homeowners deal with sidewalks that were



Sidewalk edge painted to warn of tripping hazard.

raised by street trees. We've heard of several situations where the homeowners have called 311 as instructed, but the inspectors that show up mark the defective sidewalks as "not serious enough to warrant repair at this time." The photo shows one such site. If you have called 311 and encountered this same problem, call us at 718 464-3369 and leave a message, along with your address. If this is a widespread problem, we'd like to look into this further. (This story ran last month but without the photo.)

Creedmoor Civic has been present at all these meetings and has been participating fully.

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## *Around the Town*

☼ **Condolences:** to the family of Marianna Forgione of 240<sup>th</sup> Street who past away on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005. She was the beloved daughter of Lucille and sister Cathy

☼ **Get well to:** Board member Jean Corbett of 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue who is recuperating from a fall.

☼ **E-mail list:** We maintain an e-mail list for any member who would like to receive information on what's happening in our neighborhood. Certain information is best sent out right away, such as the bug spraying that went on a few summers ago. If you're interested, send us an e-mail at: [info@creedmoorcivic.org](mailto:info@creedmoorcivic.org) (Sorry, we left the e-mail address out in last month's newsletter). Don't forget to visit our website at [www.creedmoorcivic.org](http://www.creedmoorcivic.org)

### **NO MORE HANDBILLS ON CARS**

Businesses that slap their handbill ads on car windshields are about to get slapped back a little harder. As of last month, a law signed by Gov. Pataki in August prohibits putting ads *anywhere* on a vehicle. The measure broadens a two-year-old state statute that made it illegal to place flyers and advertisement postcards on windshields, under wiper blades or rear windows. The law holds "any person or group whose name, telephone numbers or other identifying information" on the handbill liable. The fine will continue to be \$75 for each handbill.

Sanitation Commissioner John Doherty said the stiffer rules will go a long way toward cutting littering by irate motorists who toss the ads onto the street. Motorists who

find handbills can call the city's 311 hotline to alert the Sanitation Department.

## *President's Message*

Well, the first snow storm of the season has hit us as I write this, and already I've seen the good and the bad; residents shoveling their neighbors' sidewalks, and others shoveling snow right back into the street after the plow has come through. Simply amazing.

In a joint effort by the Creedmoor Civic and the Queens Colony Civic Associations, two lists were compiled that detailed the information and locations of 65 illegally installed signs in the area surrounding our neighborhood. These lists were forwarded to the Department of Sanitation and the department removed every single sign within two days! We're hoping that the companies that place these signs will also receive the \$75 summonses for each one.

Graffiti cleanup has also continued . . . the nasty, years-old graffiti on several roll-down gates of several stores on Braddock, just west of Gettysburg, should be power-washed off by the time you read this. The NYPD recently notified us of an arrest of another graffiti vandal who has caused many thousands of dollars in damage. This 16-year-old hit our neighborhood several times. We're considering posting a reward for information leading to the arrest of one of these punks.

Councilman David Weprin co-sponsored legislation last month to combat zonebusting, which several residents of the CCA area had been a victim of one year ago. Although the company that originally sent out the letters that suggested that our homes would be worth less once zoning changes were complete eventually apologized in writing, their "apology" sounded more like another lame attempt at a sales pitch.

As this year comes to a close, I'd once again like to thank the CCA board for their work this past year, our block captains for their faithful service every month, Rose Daddario, Helen Trent and Mike Hussey for their work in getting the newsletters to the block captains, and of course, Jim Trent, who somehow manages to create a masterpiece every month. It's wonderful to see many of the CCA Civic News articles showing up in other civic's newsletters on a fairly regular basis.

In the next month or two, we will be publishing the names of all who have paid their \$6.00 dues. Some blocks have nearly 100% collection, others, well, have quite a bit less. It'd be great to have close to 400 paid members for 2005. We can only do it with your help. If you haven't paid your dues, please do so soon. Other than the very generous donations we've received recently, the dues are our only source of funds for our expenses, such as the printing of this newsletter.

Hope you all have a good Holiday. Mine will be Christmas.

Your neighbor,

*Rick Duszkiewicz*

### **DONATION RECEIVED**

Thanks to the Mirbach family on 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a donation to our Civic.