

Next meeting: Dec. 11 at 8 PM

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



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109 PRINCIPAL TO SPEAK

The principal of I.S. 109 in Queens Village is the main speaker at our December meeting.

The principal, Shango Blake, is responding to our civic's attempt to convert 109 and its feeder schools to a K-8 format. He objected to the comments attributed to the CCA and our president and would like to counter with a presentation of his own. He will be bringing our members up to date on the academic standing of the school and will attempt to make the case for the status quo. This is an important meeting and our members, especially those with children of school age, should make it their business to attend. We appreciate this opportunity for dialogue.

4-Way Stop Sign Lobbied

At our November meeting, the members present discussed and unanimously approved to forward to the community board a request for a four-way stop at 242nd Street and 89th Avenue. Part of the reason for this request is the constant speeding of cars on 242nd Street attempting to make the light at Braddock Avenue.

The NYC Department of Transportation follows federal guidelines, which require a certain number of reported accidents at an intersection as part of the criteria to approve such a request. It is not known at this time how many accidents have occurred there in the past two years.

QUEENS PARKS GROUP HOSTS ANNUAL EMERALD AWARDS

On November 30, civic leaders from around Queens packed the Flagship Diner in Briarwood for the third annual Emerald Awards sponsored by the Queens Coalition for Parks and Open Spaces. The group is headed up by Fred Kress of Rosedale who is also the head of CAGE (Citizens Against Graffiti Everywhere) and the Cornucopia Society. These awards are given to Queens citizens in recognition of volunteer work done to improve



Rosedale's Fred Kress (left) poses with Creedmoor's Jim Trent at the Emerald Awards Dinner on November 30th.

Photo: Duskievicz

Queens Parks. Many civic leaders from Bellerose were present: Rick and Ann Marie Duskievicz, Helen Trent (Creedmoor); Mike and Angela Augugliaro (Queens Colony); Bruno and Lucy DeFranceschi (North Bellerose); Richard Hellenbrecht (Bellerose Commonwealth.) Queens Borough Parks Commissioner Dotty Lewandowski was also present. Creedmoor Civic's Jim Trent was one of the award recipients. Although the Parks Department's capital budget has been fairly well-funded in recent years, its expense budget has taken big hits. Volunteer groups such as Kress' help to keep the pressure on to ensure adequate funding for our park system.

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Around the Town

☛ **We'd like to print vintage photos** in our program for our 80th Anniversary party next May 5. If you have any old photos (like the one we ran last month in this newsletter), please let us know.

NEWS ROUNDUP

Drug Activities: If you see any drug activity in our neighborhood, you can contact Lt. Morgigno at the 105th Precinct Stationhouse at 718-468-3522.

CIP Bollards: At the request of the CCA, Community Board 13 Chairman Richard Hellenbrecht has requested that the Department of Transportation survey the Braddock Ave exit of the Cross Island Parkway, which was the scene of two accidents in recent years. He has suggested either a narrowing of the service road before the exit, or the installation of traffic control bollards. Bollards are currently used on the northbound service road near Hillside Avenue.

Sanit Thank You: A special thank you must go to the Department of Sanitation's Enforcement Division, for their speedy response to complaints about illegal signs. Several violations were recently issued for commercial signs on trees and poles in the area.

Members Thank You: We received several donations for which we are grateful:

88 block, 238 St - Block

88 block, 239 St - Simmons

President's Message

On the afternoon of our last meeting, I received a call that our guest speaker for that evening, Captain Haynes of the 105th Precinct, would not be attending our meeting. At that late time, there's not much that we can do. Fortunately, we were able to alert those of our members who subscribe to our email list. I was aware that several people wanted to attend specifically because the captain would be there.

I was very surprised to see that Capt. Haynes changed his mind and did appear and speak that night. Unfortunately, the turnout was low because of the expectation of no guest speaker at all.

The Rocky Hill Civic Association has had a problem with an apparently abandoned, but legally-parked vehicle on 87th Ave for more than a year. Several calls to 311 have gone nowhere. It's sad when quality-of-life complaints are ignored by our precinct. It also appears that certain traffic laws, including the one that states cars may not remain parked for more than seven consecutive days, are either unknown by some officers of the precinct, or ignored. What's really scary is that this same car, although it hasn't been moved in more than a year, is now sporting a brand-new inspection sticker. When did inspection stations start doing house calls?

As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, we're looking for old photographs of our neighborhood. Do you have any interesting ones? We most likely would use them in our 80th Anniversary newsletter next year. There would be no damage whatsoever to the photo, it will be returned to you, and you'd receive a photo credit, too. Please let us know. Don't forget to mark that date in your calendar - May 5, 2007 - for our 80th anniversary celebration at the Queens Farm Museum.

Please take the time to come to our meeting this Monday. The principal of IS109, Shango Blake, will be our guest speaker, and will be advising us of the changes that have taken place at this school. He is expected to counter our position that a K-8 school in our neighborhood is the best arrangement for our kids, and we welcome the discussion.

Merry Christmas. See you soon.

Your neighbor,

Rick Duszkiewicz

PADAVAN: RAZE NEW HOMES

The rhetoric in the war over over-development continues to heat up. State Senator Frank Padavan called three new homes recently constructed in the neighboring Queens Colony Civic "an abomination" and demanded that the Building Department order them demolished. The three homes stand where once a single house stood. The homes are so close together (less than eight feet apart) that there is no way a car can fit between them, thus forcing more cars onto the street. One of the lots tapers in the rear to just four feet wide.