

Next meeting: Feb. 10 at 8 pm

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



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SUPT. JOHNSON OUT, DIST. 29 "MERGED" WITH DIST. 25, 26, 28

The Bloomberg administration, which now runs the school system directly, has announced a reconfiguration of the school districts. In eastern Queens, a new superintendent will take charge of "merged" Districts 25, 26, 28, and 29. Michael Johnson, Superintendent of District 29, is out.

The word merged is in quotes because the City does not have the legal authority to change district boundaries. The four districts will share a single superintendent, and statistics, such as test scores, when published, will follow the old school district boundaries. Given the stigma of District 29, we are not shedding any tears, although the residents of District 26, the number one performing district in the City, are purple with rage over being diluted with the other districts. Based on the disrespectful response we got from School District 29 and its superintendent when we requested a meeting to discuss making I.S. 109 and its feeder schools K-8's, we predict that things can only get better under this new plan, but of course, time will tell.

On Blocking Sidewalks

Last month's newsletter contained a short article about cars blocking sidewalks. This is a serious problem, and we intend to continue to fight this dangerous and unneighborly practice before it becomes too commonplace.

It might have been interpreted from the article that there were ten complaints made about the particular car that was pictured. That was not the case, we had received ten complaints about vehicles throughout the neighborhood.

It was suggested at last month's meeting that a letter be sent to anyone who parks a vehicle in this manner. This will be done for this month only. Starting in March, any vehicle blocking a sidewalk will have its plate number posted in the newsletter, along with the address. Pedestrians don't get a second chance, why should these drivers? If you'd care to comment, come to this Monday's meeting.

One of the more obnoxious practices is the parking of a vehicle in a crosswalk as pictured as left. This shows complete disregard for others.



Some didn't get the Bellerose Shopping Guides last month. We are endeavoring this month to get books to those of you who didn't get them. We are also beginning to circulate the 2003 dues envelopes this month, but may not finish until next month.

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Around the Town

❖ **Congratulations** to our 2nd Vice President, Rosemary Parker, on becoming a grandmother Jan 14th. His name is Ryan Christopher.

❖ **Congratulations** to Marge Cashin of 88th Ave, who graduated from St. John's University magna cum laude on Jan 19. Marge was also profiled in Newsday.

❖ **Condolences** to Maureen Morris of 242 St and her family, on the passing of her mother, Eleanor Lennon, in January.

❖ **Condolences** to the family of Teri Heaney of 240 St. Ms. Heaney passed away on December 23.

❖ **Reunion:** St. Gregory the Great School is currently making plans to celebrate their 50th Anniversary. The school is seeking alumni who attended from 1953 to the present. Any graduate who would like to be contacted about upcoming events to celebrate the anniversary may contact the parish office at 1-718-347-3707.

2002 Membership Roster Addendum

88 Avenue, 238 Block: Wysowski

89 Avenue, 242 Block: Vendittelli

90 Avenue, 242 Block: Sullivan; Barrett

Moline Street, 89 Block: Velez-Cruz

Lyman Street, 88 Block: Fernandez

Gettysburg Street, 88 Block: Cabrera

238 Street, 88 Block: Parker

238 Street, 89 Block : Block/Daly; Granger

239 Street, 88 Block: Coleman

240 Street, 89 Block : Schropfer; Barry

241 Street, 89 Block : Nunns

242 Street, 88 Block : Wydrycs; Glennon; Morris

More names to follow next month.

President's Message

One of the best things about living in this neighborhood is the wide range of opinions of our friends and neighbors. It seems like every time we print an article, our readers are quick to give their thoughts on why we're right or why we're totally off-base. No matter how thoroughly an article is researched, someone will give us a point of view that we never considered. That's great, and I want to encourage that even more. This association speaks for you. If you disagree with an article, let us know. We want to hear what you think.

Last week, I received a letter from State Senator Malcolm Smith stating that parts of our civic now fall in his district. While I'm sure that Senator Smith does an excellent job for his constituents, a chill ran down my spine. I called his office, and asked for clarification. I was told that someone would get back to me, since no one in the office knew for sure.

While waiting, I called Senator Padavan's office and spoke with Angela. As is standard procedure with anyone in this office, I received an answer immediately. We're still in District 11, Senator Padavan's district. Did you hear my sigh of relief?

It's been almost a week now, hopefully I'll get that call back from Senator Smith's office soon.

Senator Padavan was the driving force behind the rezoning of 88th Avenue back into School District 26. It was his support and hard work that convinced the two school districts to work out a compromise for these 75 homes. Thank you, Senator.

Many thanks to Mike and Sue O'Keeffe of 88th Ave for accepting the added responsibility of delivering the newsletters on the 89 block of 237 St. for the past year. Judy Shad-Mahoney of 237 St. has now graciously volunteered to take on that responsibility. The O'Keeffe's will continue delivering to part of 88th Ave.

I failed to mention last month how wonderful many of the neighborhood homes looked with the beautiful holiday lighting and decorations. It seemed like many of our neighbors really outdid themselves this past season, especially 88th Ave. Keep it up!

Your Neighbor,
Rick Duskwicz

MERCHANTS TAKE NOTE: DUMPSTER STORAGE

Late last month, the Sanitation Dept. began enforcement of the Operation Dumpster Program that prohibits the storage of Dumpsters in front of stores. Trash must be stored in the cellar or behind the stores until the store closes. If trash is picked up during the day, then it may be placed outside 2 hours before the scheduled pickup time.