

Next meeting: Feb. 13 at 8 PM



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AMBULANCE CORPS REACHES OUT

The Queens Village Hollis Bellerose Volunteer ambulance corps has issued a press release describing their services and soliciting volunteers. Following is a condensed version of that release:

In February of 2003 a fire devastated our building and we lost a good deal of valuable equipment. At 235-01 Braddock Avenue, our original pre-fire location, there now stands a two-story building that will serve as our base for operations. The new building includes a garage to house one ambulance at all times, a renovated crew quarters and dispatch, as well as a fully functional training facility which can be used to provide quality life saving training to the surrounding community. The last three years, although difficult for the agency as a whole, has provided us with a time to grow closer both to our members and to the Community. Again, we thank you all for your continued support and look forward to a year of new beginnings.



Creedmoor Civic was at the Mayoral inauguration on January 1. CCA Treasurer Jim Trent congratulates the Mayor after the ceremonies.

Our response area: We cover all of Queens Village, Hollis, and Bellerose. We still provide both emergency and non-emergency care and transport for the sick and injured in the community. This is a great opportunity for volunteers who wish to learn about and work in health professions and emergency care as well as those who are already actively working in health professions. We will train you in all necessary areas. Youth ages 15-18 are also welcome to participate in our Youth Squad, as they will have the opportunity to get an early look at how our operations work and witness the health care professions. This is an excellent opportunity

for those looking for a new career. Volunteers need or be willing to take a NY State EMT class. We will train you if you do not currently have certification. This is a great opportunity for high school volunteers who wish to learn about health professions and emergency care. Volunteers can learn and/or expand their experience in emergency services and disaster preparedness. We will train you in all necessary areas. You will then need to take a NY State Certified First Responder (CFR) certification class and a CPR class to become a NYS EMT (Emergency Medical Technician).

For further information, contact Mark Ramos at 646-721-1300, or at xxsilentonex@aol.com.

MANY CAME TO THE AID OF OUR PARTY

We had a great meeting/party in January with almost triple our normal attendance. We were flattered that civic leaders from Rosedale, Queens Village, other sections of Bellerose along with Council Member David Weprin thought enough of us to stop by. Although we did not ask for it, some of you baked and cooked various goodies and brought them to the meeting. Meanwhile, we thoroughly enjoyed the cannoli cake donated by EOK Bakery and the 9 feet of luscious heros and salads provided at a more than favorable price from Pickles Deli. Our guests raved about the food. There was such a wonderful atmosphere of comradery and community spirit, that we hope more of you will make your way not only to next year's party but to all of our meetings.

Note: Next month we will publish our roster of paid-up members for 2005. If you have not paid, please do so quickly. Mail to 88-01 Lyman St., Bellerose, NY 11427. Dues are \$6.

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Around the Town

❁ Condolences: to the family of Tom Marblo of Gettysburg Street. Mr. Marblo was a long-time resident and assisted in the deliver of the Creedmoor Civic News. He passed away on December 17 and is survived by his wife, Beatrice.

News Tidbits

Hospital Care: Patients in New York State may now register complaints by phone if they're not happy with their hospital care. The state Health Dept. Has created a 24-hour hotline staffed by registered nurses to handle patient grievances, with all calls being assessed for possible investigation. The toll-free number is 800-804-5447.

Home Inspections: Effective last month, home inspectors must now be licensed by New York State. The exemptions are for licensed architects, professional engineers, and professional code enforcement officers.

Campaign Signs Fined: Michael Bloomberg recently decided to write a check for \$300,000 rather than contest the fines for the posters that his campaign was ultimately responsible for. He was hit with 4,218 summonses for the period from August 2005 through the middle of November 2005.

Freddy Ferrer's campaign decided to contest the 2,260 violations that were issued for his posters. A ruling on that January 13 hearing is pending.

President's Message

Sometimes you just have to wonder about some city agencies. While others have had good results with the Borough President's graffiti cleanup program, after three months, we're still waiting for one of their contractors to remove the graffiti from several locations within our civic area. It should be soon, I think they've already used up most of the standard excuses.

There have been several complaints about how the trees have been pushing up our sidewalks. Great news, there's a special mayor's program to address just that. Or so I thought. We had hoped to have a speaker from the Street Tree and Sidewalk Program for this next meeting. After speaking with a rep from that program, I requested that the speaker not attend. After all, why bother having a speaker if the only responses will be, "The sidewalk is not bad enough," or "There's limited funding for this program?" We've all seen how bad some of these sidewalks are, yet they're not defective enough for this program??!! Absurd!

On the other hand, the Department of Sanitation has given us a fantastic response to our lists of illegally posted signs. Our recent lists included about 50 locations. There have been very few of these signs posted in our immediate area, but before we started with these lists, we had many. One unfortunate result of the crackdown on these illegal advertisers is that more and more contractors are now using the fences of private homes to place their signs. Councilman Weprin's office is looking into the legality of these postings.

We had a great turnout at our January holiday party. It was good to see everyone there. We also had quite a few guests from several of the surrounding civic areas. It appears that having a holiday party in January will be our standard from now on.

**See you at the meeting.
Your neighbor,**

Rick Duszkiewicz

Donations Gratefully Received

Creedmoor Civic has received the following donations from residents of our Association's territory. We appreciate such generosity:

Kartas - Lyman Street
Pitz Stop - Braddock Avenue
Block - 238th Street
Soler - Lyman Street
Plagianos - Lyman Street
Vendittelli - 89th Avenue
Zavala - 240th Street

While we are on the subject, dues are due for 2006. Please remit \$6.00 per family to Creedmoor Civic Assn., c/o 88-01 Lyman Street, Bellerose Manor, NY 11427.