

Next meeting: Feb. 12 at 8 PM

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



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CREEDMOOR CIVIC TURNS 80

It was in 1927 that several homeowners within the developer's subdivision called Creedmoor Homes banded together to fight for improvements to the farmland-turned-suburban community.

During the last 80 years, the tiny civic association which originally only covered Moline Street to 240th Street made its impact on the local community and even beyond. In the 1950s the civic absorbed the territory of the Bellerose Braddock Civic Association which had gone defunct and the boundaries were extended east to the Cross Island Parkway.

Most of our residents if they are native-born Americans understand what a civic association is, but immigrant residents may not understand the important of the work of such community groups. In this issue we hope to better acquaint all of our residents in the battles we undertake and of the successes we often enjoy. Below are some of the more recent issues:

- We worked with several other neighboring civics to bring attention to the illegal demolition of a home on 88th Road.
- Was instrumental in the raising of sidewalk flags on the west side of Gettysburg St.
- Brought the illegal practices of a local real estate broker, G & R Realty to the attention of the neighborhood.
- Collected over 200 signatures and spoke at the community board against the planned conversion of 235th Court to a one-way, preventing a major inconvenience to our community.
- After receiving approval from the adjoining homeowners, requested and received "daylighting" signs at Moline St and 88th Ave.
- Worked with the Rocky Hill Civic Association to catch an agent at the Peter Benson Real Estate Agency selling a home with an illegal cellar apartment.

- Suggested a change to the southbound bicycle lane, and the addition of a left-turn lane at Winchester Blvd and Hillside Ave., which the Dept of Transportation approved and implemented.
- Requested and received repairs of the sidewalks on the east side of 239 St.
- Ongoing removal of graffiti within CCA boundaries and the surrounding area.
- Relayed concerns of the residents of Moline St, Lyman St and part of 88th Ave about the Post Office's changes to their town name from Bellerose to Queens Village, and attained the right to use "Bellerose Manor" as an "acceptable alternate" in the USPS's central system.
- Improved communications with several neighboring civic associations.
- Continued removal of illegal advertising signs in the CCA and surrounding areas.

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Creedmoor Civic News Receives Grant

We are pleased to report that the Independence Community Foundation, based in Brooklyn, has granted us a \$500 donation to offset the cost of this newsletter. This was a competitive process and we are pleased that the foundation found our newsletter one of the better ones around. The Independence Community Foundation was part of the Independence Savings Bank which has recently been bought out by Sovereign.

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Around the Town

☼ **Welcome to:** Altagrace Caribbean Flavor store at 246-01 Jericho Turnpike.

☼ **Congratulations to:** Sheila and Terrance Lawrence of 88th Avenue, the new proud parents of baby girl Skyla.

President's Message

Several residents of our neighborhood have taken to registering their addresses several times with NY State's cease-and-desist list. They've found it necessary because they've been receiving solicitations addressed to towns other than their actual town name. One resident who recently registered her home as Bellerose, Bellerose Manor, Queens Village, and even Jamaica, received a solicitation on February 3rd from Century21 Amiable-Beltair Realty Corp at 244-06 Jericho Turnpike. The company's attempt to circumvent the law by addressing the postcard as "Dear Neighbor" instead of by name is not legal, according to the Dept of State. Neither is the "Jamaica, NY, 11427" address. A complaint form has been completed and mailed.

None of this would be necessary if the Dept of State took several civic leaders' suggestions that the list be sorted by ZIP code, not by town name.

A recent inquiry into the final outcome of a complaint filed last year came to a grinding halt. Apparently the Dept of State expects a homeowner to register his name and address with the cease-and desist list, file a complaint, agree to attend hearings if necessary, and accept phone calls from the state's investigators, but when that same homeowner wants to inquire into the final outcome of the investigation, he is told that it's none of his business. It makes us wonder how effective this law really is, and whether it's being enforced to its fullest potential.

We had a great New Year's Party last month. Our thanks to EOK Bakery for the donated cannoli sheet cake and to Pickles Deli for the discounted heros. All the food was outstanding. Thanks as well to all those members who brought home-made and store-bought goodies to share with everyone.

Your neighbor,

Rick Duskiwicz

**MAIL TO: The Creedmoor Civic Association, Inc.
88-01 Lyman Street
Bellerose Manor, NY 11427**

I have enclosed:

- 2006 dues (\$6.00)
- 2007 dues (\$6.00)
- Donation: _____
- Please include me on the CCA email list (*I am not already on it*) e-mail address: _____

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE CREEDMOOR CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Note: If you're not sure if you have already paid your dues, call 718 464-3369 and leave a message with your name, address and return phone number. We will check our records and get back to you within a day.

2006 DUES ROSTER

The following families have paid dues to the Creedmoor Civic Association for the calendar year of 2006. If you see your name missing due either to non-payment or a recording error on our part, please contact us and we will publish an addendum next month correct the error or accept your payment. Please note that dues for 2007 are now due.

<u>88 Moline St.</u>	Marblo	McDermott	Randazzo	Hall	Coscia
Koch	Rodriguez	Simmons/	Black	Rocco	Vendittelli
Sabino	Kelso	Vegas	Mroncich		
Coster/Kaplo	Reece	Zamminer	Deangkinay	<u>89 242 St.</u>	<u>242 90 Ave</u>
w	Bukalan	Chaves	Chironno	Lavin	Jennings
Nadasy	Bowe	Conroy	Lagula	Kasny	Sullivan/
	Raheme Baksh	Gurrier		Caressimo, A.	Barrett
<u>89 Moline St.</u>	Ruck	Pierucietti	<u>88 240 St.</u>		Hefferon
Sandhoval	Holt	Silvestri	Sarabia	<u>90 242 St.</u>	Palumbo
Reyes	Meyer	Padda	Daddario	Caressimo, J	Trent, H.
Kern	Padavan	Coleman	Loizou	Incorvaia	Trent, J
Vapenick	Zaporta/	Paes/Laura	Cartegena	Sanchez	
Starry	His & Hers	Dhaliwal	Golbach	Bisram	<u>242 91 Ave</u>
	Hair	McCreary	Tassiello		Ghobrial
<u>88 Lyman St.</u>		Mullins, R.	Kaminski	<u>234 88 Ave</u>	Zelenka
Duskiewicz	<u>88 237 St.</u>	Mullins, D.	Roder	Lawrence	
Vorel/Loftus	DiStasi\Russo	Sookrah	Gallagher	Baumann	<u>Braddock Ave</u>
Fernandez	DeLeo	Martinez	Soorko		Pitz Stop
Sarabia	Chiaravalloti	Norton	Zavala	<u>235 88 Ave</u>	Valley Printing
Mooney	Heyer/Sacco	Shakira		Larkins	
Soler		Peter&Daniele	<u>89 240 St.</u>	Martuscello	
Narain	<u>89 237 St.</u>	Ramdihal	Becker		
Sheldon	Puccio	Imran	Mulcahy	<u>236 88 Ave</u>	
Cribillero/	Shad/Mahone	Johnston	Schropfer	Ambrosini	
	y	Medrano	Barry	Cardone	
Medina	Concannon	Max	Santiago		
Thomas	Acosta	Remache		Holloran	
Zayas	Hanson	Wieber	<u>88 241 St.</u>	Ciolko	
Golden		Barlund	Quinn	Mirbach	
Weber	<u>88 238 St.</u>		Kerrigan		
Romero	Block	<u>89 239 St.</u>	Parisi	<u>237 88 Ave</u>	
Faraone	Morgan	Nelso	Smith	Covatti	
Ragonese	Poncel	Porter	Kontaxis	Villanueva	
Ishmael	Parker	Wong		Savino	
	Connelly	Hanif	<u>89 241 St.</u>	Rosario	
<u>89 Lyman St.</u>	Viera	Buhrer	Teutschman		
Vasquez	Brady	Kelly	Dzierzawski	<u>238 88 Ave</u>	
Murphy	Yontanile	Brady	Ishak	Wysowski	
Robles	Hughes	Carlson	Nunns	239 88 Ave	
Lopez		DeBoesche	Stanga	Wall	
O'Hara	<u>89 238 St.</u>	Oelkers	Agate		
Kartas	Gibbons	Plack	Fernandez	<u>240 88 Ave</u>	
	Audobon	Beekharry	Brickman	Mehalso	
<u>88</u>		Castillo		Geraghty	
<u>Gettysburg St.</u>	<u>88 239 St.</u>	Moore	<u>88 242 St.</u>	Cruz	
Nunziato	Regina	Haslop	O'Sullivan	Munsch	
Fernandez	Niones	Lopez	Aragona		
Hammerslag	Carroll	Giuntini	Murphy	<u>242 88 Dr</u>	
Bernadini	Will	Gutierrez	Morris	Manetta	
	Burke	DeVito	Stevens		
<u>89</u>	Waldheim	Abbas	McMenamin	<u>242 89 Ave</u>	
<u>Gettysburg St.</u>	Pedersen	Siry	Laffin/Rose	Stack	
Reyes	Texeira	Ramcharitar	Baldeo	Barrett	
Delaney	Burke	Hegmann	Boccia		
Jackson					

TAX BILL SHOCKER

Two homeowners on 88th Ave recently received a bit of a shock when they received their tax bills for their railroad properties. For one of them, an increased value on the unimproved property from \$94,000 to \$142,000 has resulted in a tax bill increase of more than \$800.00!

CIVIC TURNS 80

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- Continuing cleanup of the traffic triangle at 235th Court and 88th Ave.
- Continuing the tradition of the annual Halloween Parade.
- Was at the forefront of the fight against one company's attempt at "zonebusting."
- Work with other civic associations to fight the problem of overdevelopment, such as "McMansions."

Where Your Creedmoor Civic Dues Goes

Many of our members ask how their \$6. dues are spent. Our dues are low and our expenditures are conservatively managed. No one earns a salary. Following are some of the more common expenditures:

1. We make a yearly donation for the use of the room at the Bellerose Baptist Church for our monthly meetings. (This money goes into a special fund at the church for non-sectarian humanitarian help, not for religious proselytization.)
2. We support some community organizations: include the Hollis-Queens Village-Bellerose Volunteer Ambulance Corps, and Queens County Farm Museum.
3. We underwrite the Annual Creedmoor Civic Halloween Parade.
4. We buy stationery supplies for writing our letters to legislators, and we provide the refreshments for our meetings to make them enjoyable and sociable.
5. We pay dues to the Queens Civic Congress which represents us as part of a 100-civic association umbrella group. We also support the Congress' conventions and other meetings.
6. We pay for the printing and set-up costs of our informative monthly newsletter.
7. We pay dues in support of the Joint Bellerose Business Development Corporation, a group we

helped get off the ground by constant and early support.

8. We reimburse members for out-of-pocket expenses such as refreshments for meetings and the telephone bill for the civic hot line.

D.O.B. CALLS THE SHERIFFS

The Dept of Buildings recently announced a new initiative in the fight against developers that continue working even when there is a Stop Work Order placed against a construction site.

Two teams, each comprised of two NYC sheriffs and one DOB inspector, would patrol Queens looking for illegal activity. They will have the power to shut the sites down.

There have been many complaints of buildings violating stop work orders, and the delay in inspections means the buildings are substantially completed before the DOB shows up.

End of Year Recap of Donations

We appreciate the generosity of the following families who contributed cash beyond the cost of dues payments to further the work of Creedmoor Civic Association, Inc.

Mirbach, 236 block 88 Ave
Cruz, 240 block 88 Ave
Sabino, 88 block Moline St
Sandoval, 89 block Moline St
Reyes, 89 block Moline St
Soler, 88 block Lyman St
Ishmael, 88 block Lyman St
Vasquez, 89 block Lyman St
Lopez, 89 block Lyman St
Kartas, 89 block Lyman St
Meyer, 89 block Gettysburg St
Connelly, 88 block 238 St
Audubon, 89 block 238 St
Hanif, 89 block 239 St
Nunns, 89 block 241 St
McMenamin, 88 block 242 St
O'Sullivan, 88 block 242 St
+ one anonymous donor

CIVIC 80th PARTY BEGINS TO TAKE SHAPE

We've chosen the date: May 5, and the location: Queens County Farm Museum. The price: \$30.00 per person, children under 12 are half price. We will have a singer from the group Risky Business as our entertainer and we will serve hot food, cold beverages, and great cake. The time will be 1 PM. We are honoring former Board Member Jean Corbett posthumously, and long-time board member Helen Trent. Tickets will be sold beginning next month.