

Next meeting: Feb. 11 at 8 PM

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



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NEW 105 POLICE PRECINCT COMMANDER TO SPEAK

Please give a welcome to our new commanding officer of the 105th Police Precinct in Queens Village who is coming to our February meeting as our guest speaker.

It's been no secret amongst civic leaders in the Bellerose area that they were dissatisfied with several aspects of the 105th Precinct's handling of several matters in the last year or so. That, hopefully is about to change with new leadership. Inspector Paul Piekarski has come on board as the precinct's new commanding officer. He has accepted CCA's invitation to speak at this month's meeting. If you have any concerns regarding illegal parking, excessive noise, possible drug dealing or burglaries, come to Monday's meeting to speak out. He'll be there to answer your questions.

CIVIC'S NEW YEAR'S PARTY A BIG HIT

Our Civic Association knows how to get its work done, but it also knows how to have some fun. Our annual New Year's parties and our five-year anniversary parties at the Farm Museum have become legend, along with our annual Halloween Parade.

Last month we hosted a party featuring nine feet of heros from our own Pickles Deli. Cakes came from both the kitchen of EOK Bakery and from the kitchens of our members.

We were flattered to have representatives of Lost Community Civic, Rocky Hill Civic, North Bellerose Civic, Queens Civic Congress, Queens Village Civic, Cornucopia Society, and Citizens Against Graffiti Everywhere present to help us ring in the new year.

SPEED HUMPS TO BE DISCUSSED

In last month's newsletter, we mentioned the Dept of Transportation's determination that speed humps can be installed at two locations only on 88th Avenue. Those locations are between 238th and 239th Streets, and between 240th and 241st Streets. If you have any concerns or comments, pro or con, concerning these traffic calming devices, please come to this month's meeting and let us know. We will discuss this issue and take a vote, and that decision will be forwarded to the community board.

LAWN LITTER BILL AMENDED

That long-awaited "lawn litter" law has finally been signed by Governor Spitzer after some final tweaking by the Senate and the Assembly. This law will allow you to refuse hand-delivered advertising circulars. Circulars that are mailed are not affected. Creedmoor Civic has ordered 100 window signs and 200 lawn signs from Senator Frank Padavan's office. If they're ready by the March meeting, we'll let you know in next month's newsletter and you can pick them up at the March meeting. Many thanks to Senator Padavan and Assemblyman Mark Weprin for this much-needed legislation.

Neighbors were notified that the Walter Farmhouse on Braddock Avenue is slated for demolition. The note said work would begin in five days, but that was weeks ago.

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President's Message

Hello, Neighbors!

I hope you'll be able to make this month's meeting and meet our guest speaker, Inspector Piekarski. He says he has some ideas for our precinct that has worked for him in his other commands.

A lot has been said in the past about the recent problems at the community board. One thing that really has not been mentioned is the help that CCA receives from them on a pretty regular basis. As good as 311 is, sometimes there are problems that only community-based people can help with. The community board's last meeting shows that they are now working together and completed all of the items on their agenda. They're currently advertising for a new District Manager and a new Community Associate.

I'd like to thank our block captains for their work in delivering our newsletters every month. Without them, it'd be very difficult and very expensive to distribute our news. It's very volunteers like them that make this association so successful. Volunteers also brought plenty of delicious desserts at last month's meeting/after-holiday party. Wonderful stuff.

This month's newsletter contains the names of our paid up members for 2007. If you haven't yet paid, it's not too late to do so.

Your Neighbor,

Rick Duszkiewicz

Around the Town

❁ **Condolences to:** the family of Fernande Torchon of 238th Street, who passed away on January 1.

❁ **Condolences to:** the family of Sophie Heitzman of 240th Street, who passed away on January 26.

❁ **Condolences to:** Condolences to the family of LeeAnne Burke, who passed away on January 25. LeeAnne's father, Larry of 242nd Street, was a past vice president of CCA for many years.

❁ **Get well to:** Michael Augugliaro, the Sergeant-at-Arms of the neighboring Queens Colony Civic Association. Mike is recuperating from knee surgery.

❁ **Best wishes to:** Angel Touch Pet Spa has moved from their shop on Braddock Ave to a new location. Their new address is 92-08 245 Street in Bellerose Terrace. If you're not familiar with that area, just take Braddock Ave across Jericho Turnpike, down the block of Frankie & Vinnie's Tavern. They're keeping their existing phone number only for a couple of weeks. We wish them luck.

Donation Received

We extend our thanks to the Vasquez Family of the 89 Block of Lyman Street for a donation to the Creedmoor Civic Association.

FROZEN CUP INFORMATION CORRECTION

We received a communication from the owner of Frozen Cup on Jericho Turnpike that although the property is in fact for sale, and some inquiries were received, no sale has yet been consummated. Thus, Frozen Cup remains in business and will reopen as usual in early March. (Last month we reported that the property had already been sold. We regret the error.)

GRAFFITI REMOVED

Thanks again to the Bernard Fineson Center, whose maintenance staff recently cleaned off the graffiti at the painted brick entrance on Hillside Ave. Their quick work in eliminating this vandalism helps keep the rest of our area graffiti-free.

SANITATION DEPARTMENT CLEANS UP POSTERS

Once again, the Department of Sanitation responded quickly and removed over 400 illegally posted signs that Creedmoor Civic and Queens Colony Civic reported to them in January. They also indicated that many of those companies will be receiving summonses of \$75 for each sign.

2007 DUES ROSTER

Below we give credit to those families within the boundaries of our Civic Association Territory who have supported their community by paying their dues to the Creedmoor Civic Association, a non-paid cadre of residents who work for the betterment of our neighborhood. If your name is not listed and you have paid, we will print any corrections next month. We will also accept payment for past dues owed in arrears and credit those families next month as well. Send dues to 88-01 Lyman Street, Bellerose Manor, NY 11427. Dues are \$6.00 per year. Make checks payable to Creedmoor Civic Association. For 2008, you will be mailed a dues notice.

88 Moline St.

Harding
Koch
Sabino
Nadasy

89 Moline St.

Sandhoval
Reyes
Kern
Sandoval
Starry
Bellisario

88 Lyman St.

Duskiewicz
Robinson
Vorel/Loftus
Sarabia
Mooney
Soler
Narain
Sheldon
Cribillero/Medina
Thomas
Zayas
Golden
Weber
Faraone
Ragonese
Ishmael

89 Lyman St.

Vasquez
Murphy
Lopez
Dolan
O'Hara
Kartas

88 Gettysburg St.

Loftus

McGowan
Murphy
Bernadini

89

Gettysburg St.

Kelso
Holt
Meyer
Zaporta/His
& Hers Hair

88 237 St.

DiStasi
Russo
Abedoza

89 237 St.

Puccio
Moeller
Shad-Mahoney
Concannon
Donovan
Francis
Hanson

88 238 St.

Block
Magro
O'Sullivan
Morgan
Wydres
Parker
Connelly
Dixon
O'Connor
Cook
Brady

89 238 St.

Audobon
Palau

Dand

88 239 St.

Regina
Niones
Carroll
Will
Burke
Waldheim
Pedersen
Texeira
Burke
McDermott
DipSingh
Conroy
Gurrier
Pierucietti
Silvestri
Padda
Coleman
Paes/Laura
Dhaliwal
McCreary
Sookrah
Martinez
Norton
Peter & Daniele
Ramdihal
Khan
Johnston
Medrano
Max
Singh
Remache
Wieber
Barlund

89 239 St.

Porter
Wong
Hanif
Buhner

Kelly
Brady
Carlson
DeBoesche
Oelkers
Plack
Beekharry
Castillo
Moore
Haslop
Lopez
Giuntini
Gutierrez
DeVito
Abbas
Siry

Ramcharitar
Hegmann
Randazzo
Black
Hroncich
Deangkinay
Chironno
Lagula

88 240 St.

Lackner
Fishbeck
SarabiaDaddario
Golbach
Forgione
Gallagher
O'Keefe

89 240 St.

Schropfer
Barry
Castellanos

88 241 St.

Kerrigan
Roganti

McKay
Kontaxis
Pfaff
Cvitkovich
Pabon

89 241 St.

Teutschman
Stalzer
Ishak
Nunns
Stanga
Agate
Amato
Brickman

88 242 St.

Martinez
Grim
O'Sullivan
Aragona
Murphy
Morris
McMenamin
Morrissey
Laffin/Rose
Baldeo
Boccia
Gallagher
Hall
Rocco
Williamson

89 242 St.

Terry
Schwizer
Lavin
Ragusa
Caressimo, A.

90 242 St.

Caressimo, J

Incorvaia	Cardone	Wall	BarrettCoscia	<i>none</i>
Sanchez	Holloran	Case/Montanez	Jacewiz	
Jean-Charles	Ciolko	Nieves	Lollo	<u>Braddock</u>
	Rivera		Vendittelli	<u>Ave.</u>
<u>234 88 Ave</u>	Mirbach	<u>240 88 Ave</u>		Bali Wireless
Wilkerson		Mehalso	<u>242 90 Ave</u>	Rocky Hill
Sparacino	<u>237 88 Ave</u>	Cruz	Martori	Pharmacy
Baumann	Cashin		Lorenzo	Pickles Deli
	Covatti	<u>241 88 Ave</u>	Hefferon	By the Slice Pizza
<u>235 88 Ave</u>	Villanueva	Hussey	Palumbo	Mindy's Discount
Larkins	Rosario	O'Keefe	Trent, H	Fuzzy's Bar
Martuscello			Trent, J	Pitz Stop Bar
Persaud	<u>238 88 Ave</u>	<u>242 88 Dr</u>	Sileo	
	<i>none</i>	Zimmer		
<u>236 88 Ave</u>	<u>239 88 Ave</u>	<u>242 89 Ave</u>	<u>242 91 Ave</u>	

COUNCILMAN CALLS FOR DOB'S COMMISSIONER'S HEAD

Queens Councilman Tony Avella recently called for the resignation of Buildings Department Commissioner Patricia Lancaster citing several recent deaths at construction sites as the reason for the call for new leadership.

It also had been reported that Lancaster had an agreement with a notorious architect who has been active in Brooklyn that she would not forward to the State licensing board information about his infractions of the City's Building Code. It was further reported that the Department of Investigation was looking into this strange state of affairs, although some believe no law was broken.

Mayor Bloomberg responded to Avella's call for the resignation by characterizing it as "silly." He claims he has full confidence in his commissioner.

Year's ago the Building Department was pro-active. It visited construction sites to determine that zoning and building codes were building adhered to. In recent years, they adopted a policy of only showing up when they receive complaints, or a building collapses. Clearly, the current system isn't working. The worst innovation in the opinion of almost all civic groups is allowing architects and engineers to self-certify. The intent was to speed up the processing of designing a building by not having to wait for the DOB bureaucracy to review plans. Instead, the designed can certify that he swears that the zoning and buildings codes are being complied with. There have, however many so many examples uncovered of either outright lying, or incompetence on the part of the architect or engineer in not knowing that some aspect of the design was not in compliance. Civic groups have called for the end of self-certification, but there is resistance by architects and the Building Department which would have

to hire more staff to review the drawings.

BELLEROSE FROM THE PAST

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This ad is from the V.H. Hallock Nursery which was believed to be located in an area bounded by Braddock Avenue, Jamaica Avenue, the City Line and today's Breininger Park. The reference to "Queens, N. Y." is a reference to Queens Village, not the County of Queens.

Eventually, the famous Child's Nursery in Floral Park bought out Hallock. Today that area is the territory of the dormant Queens Braddock Civic Association. The above ad is from 1891.