

Next meeting: Feb. 9 at 8 PM

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



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RALLY TO SAVE FOOD DYNASTY

That's the supermarket we're talking about, located on Hillside Avenue just east of Braddock Avenue, once a Food Fair, then a Dan's Supreme, and then a Key Food before morphing into the Food Dynasty.

Many of our residents have used the Food Dynasty (Key Food) supermarket on Hillside Ave and Braddock for many years now. There is a good possibility that that store may close as early as the end of this month.

Although we may sometimes also use other supermarkets in adjoining areas for our food shopping, this Food Dynasty is very convenient for us, especially for those who don't drive. It's a vital part of our area, and we need your help to keep it that way.

There will be a rally this Saturday February 7 at 1:00 in the shopping center parking lot on Braddock Ave. Please set aside time to be there. Bring a sign if you'd like. We need as many people there to let the management of that shopping center and the management of Food Dynasty that we, the people of Queens Village and Bellerose want and need that store to remain!

105 COP TO SPEAK

Detective Jovoda Cooper, the community affairs officer of the 105th Precinct, will be our guest speaker for our February 9 meeting. She will discuss some of the car break-ins, as well as the burglaries that have occurred recently here as well as the surrounding area. Please come prepared with any police or safety related issues you have involving your home or our neighborhood.

OLD PHOTOS OF YOUR HOUSE

Between 1939 and 1941 the city photographed every house and building in the five boroughs. Copies of these unique

images are now available for purchase. You can receive an 8" X 10" print for \$35 and an 11" by 14" print for \$50. Information on this service is available at www.nyc.gov. Look on the lower right hand side of the homepage for "You can get Historic Photos Online" for more information.

Segue into Segways

Those two-wheeled contraptions known as Segways have been given permission to be driven on streets in New York State. Fortunately, NYC has been allowed to ban them, and it has. As of October 2008, private parking lots cannot tow your vehicle unless they have conspicuously posted signs warning that unauthorized vehicles will be towed at the owners' expense. The towing company's name must be listed on the sign. This new law also requires the towing company to accept at least two credit or debit cards.

NYC now has the option of "downgrading" a "blocking-the-box" violation by allowing a traffic enforcement officer to issue a ticket. As a parking violation, this no longer counts for points on your license. It is unclear, but believed, that a moving violation will result if the summons is issued by a police officer. Franchised gas stations may now sell unbranded gasoline from their pumps, as long as labels on the pumps clearly state this.

A physician's assistant is now one of several medical professionals who may certify a driver to be eligible for a handicapped parking permit.

Operating a commercial vehicle on a parkway can now cost up to \$250 for a first violation. Fines for a 2nd and 3rd violation will go up to \$500. and \$750.

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President's Message

Hello, Neighbors!

Once again, a few tips for the winter months:

Don't shovel snow into the street, especially in the later part of the day. It'll become a patch of ice overnight.

Spray WD-40 or cooking spray such as Pam on your snow shovel to keep snow from sticking to it.

If you have a remote starter, do not let your car idle for more than three minutes. It's illegal, plus annoying to the neighbors.

If you live on a corner, try to keep the crosswalks clear of snow.

Stay safe, and remember, we'll be changing the clocks to Daylight Savings Time in less than a month!

Your Neighbor,

Rick Duszkiewicz

DONATIONS RECEIVED - THANK YOU

The following donated towards the New Year's Party: Christine Larkins, Ann Marie Duszkiewicz, Maureen Morris, Rosemarie Russo, James Trent.

Other donors:

Villaneuva, Palma - 237 Block of 88th Ave.

Murphy - 89 Block of Lyman Street

Fishbeck - 88 Block of 240th St.

DeGuzman - 89 Block of 240th St.

Amato - 89 Block of 241st St.

McMenamin - 88 Block of 242nd St.

BLOCK CAPTAIN NEEDED

We're looking for a volunteer to help deliver CCA newsletters along 88th Ave from Gettysburg St to 238th Street. That's about 20 homes. The pay is lousy (nothing), the hours are long (about 20-30 minutes a month) but the benefits are good (you're helping out your 82-year-old civic association). Seriously. If you're interested, please call and leave a message at 718 464-3369.

LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL

This year is the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth. To commemorate it, the Queens Village Republican Club (founded in 1875) sponsored a non-partisan essay contest on "what Lincoln means to me." It was open to schools around our area and was endorsed by the official Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. There was a good response: 136 essays were received; mostly from District 26 schools, with a few from The Bronx, Astoria, District 29 schools and one from one Catholic school (St. Clare's in Rosedale.) Glen Oaks Village Co-op provided funds for one of the cash awards. Essays were received from grades 3 to 8. But it was interesting that the school district regarded as Number One in the City (S.D. 26) provided the most generous response by far to the contest.

Around the Town

❁ **Condolences:** to the family of Agnes Hammerslag of Gettysburg Street who passed away December 12. She was 100 this past October. Condolences also to the family of Ellen Stevens who passed away on December 27. Ellen was the Recording Secretary for Creedmoor Civic for the past two years. She will be missed.

❁ **Congratulations to:** Zachary Connelly, son of Brian and Lydia Connelly of 238th Street, who recently got engaged to Rose Buscemi of West Hempstead.

❁ **So Long to:** Samantha and John Ciolko and their family of 88th Avenue. John was the Sergeant-at-Arms for our civic for several years and delivered the newsletter for part of 88th Avenue until recently. We wish them luck in their new home in Nassau County.

❁ **Remake for Dino's Deli:** The old Dino's on Braddock between 241st and 242nd Streets is now Jason's Deli Mart. They have expanded into a double-store width and will be adding to their line of goods. Great news for local residents who have difficulty getting around and need a store close by.

PAID-UP DUES ROSTER FOR 2008 - ADDENDUM

236 88 Ave: Cardone

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238 88 Ave: Scharf

89 Lyman St: Murphy, Forger

88 239 St: Paz

88 240 St: Fishbeck, O'Keeffe

88 241 St: Parisi

89 240 St: DeGuzman

88 241 St: Amato

88 242 St: McMenamin, Williamson

239 Braddock: Caroussos