

# Next meeting: Feb. 14 at 8 PM

Meetings at the Bellerose Baptist Church (basement), Braddock Avenue at 241<sup>st</sup> Street



## Creedmoor Civic News

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### IS CONGESTION PRICING BEING REVIVED?

With continuing budget shortfalls, some bad ideas just won't go away. A new proposal for "traffic pricing" is really the old congestion pricing plan being given a fresh face.

The Queens Civic Congress help give the old congestion pricing the heave-ho, but this idea is like bubble-gum stuck to the bottom of your shoe – it just won't go away. It is loved by the anti-auto element; the element that believes all of us should take our bicycles to work. Most of these people, of course, don't live in eastern Queens and just don't get it how impractical that is.

The Queens Civic Congress took up the matter at its January 31 meeting but decided to table it until more details can be learned, but it is not likely to be met with any more support than the last time.

Assembly Member David Weprin was planning a February 6 press conference on the steps of City Hall to oppose this new plan.

### CRIME BECOMING A CONCERN

There have been reports of a few home burglaries and attempted break-ins in our area. The 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct's Crime Prevention Officer, Brian Wimpelberg, will visit your home and make recommendations after surveying your home. If you'd like to take advantage of this free program, contact Officer Wimpelberg at 718 776-9207. We have also tentatively scheduled him as guest speaker for our April meeting. If you have any incidents to report, let the Creedmoor Civic Association know, as well as the police.

### CIVIC WHOOPS IT UP AT JANUARY MEETING

Bitter cold weather dampened the attendance, but not the spirits of our civic members and guests from other civics as we celebrated the new year at our January meeting.



CCA Members and guests pose during the annual New Year's Party last month.

Besides a great hero from Pickles Deli, most of our members brought food, and a good time was had by all, with music, decorations, and flapper headpieces for the ladies. Some were lucky enough to take some of the food home with them. Be sure to join us next year! Happy New Year to all our residents.

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## President's Message

There hasn't been much talk of it lately, but the state's cease-and-desist law is still in effect for Bellerose and the surrounding area. Most real estate agencies abide by this law. Still, we hear about occasional violations by some agents. If you're on the list and you receive a solicitation, it makes sense to follow through and file a complaint. I did and received written apologies from both the agency and the owner of the company.

Starting in 1927, the only way to get information out to residents was at the monthly meetings. A few months later the newsletter was created and members who couldn't make it to the meetings got their info that way. In 1999, Creedmoor Civic got its own website where newsletters can be viewed at any time. A few years later, we started an email list for certain notices that needed to be received as soon as possible, such as mosquito spraying in the summer. Last year the civic jumped onto Facebook, and now we have a Twitter account @creedmoorcivic to get important information out as soon as possible. We're hoping you either 'friend' or 'follow' us.

Your Neighbor,

*Rick Duskiwicz*

DONATIONS RECEIVED - THANK YOU!!

88 Block, 238<sup>th</sup> Street: Fajardo

### DON'T BLOCK FIRE HYDRANTS WITH SNOW



It might be hard to believe, but there is a fire hydrant under all that snow. This problem was apparently caused by the City, not homeowners, but homeowners need to be aware not to contribute to the problem. Anyone parking in this area is technically parking illegally since they would be parking at a hydrant. This would be a double problem for the fire department because 1) the snow is blocking the hydrant, and 2) even if dug out before the house burned down, the car would also be in the way.

## Around the Town

❁ **Condolences** to the Connelly family of 238 St on the passing of Lydia's mother, Joan Sotardi, on Jan 2.

❁ **Condolences** to the neighbors and friends of Constance Iltgen of 88<sup>th</sup> Ave, who passed away on Jan 22.

❁ **Condolences** to the Russo family of 237 St on the passing of Rosemarie's sister, Jennie S. Passaro, on Jan 22.

## Old Newsletters Now On-Line

Walter Audubon of 238 Street graciously scanned several dozen old CCA newsletters from the 30s, 40s, 50s and 70s. Several have already been uploaded to the civic website, more will be added soon.

### PADAVAN ON THE MEND

Former State Senator Frank Padavan, 76, suffered a mild stroke a few weeks back and was hospitalized at New York Hospital Queens for a few days. He has been released and is undergoing a couple of weeks of rehab. He is basically fine and has assured us he will be present at the testimonial dinner being held in his honor at Antun's on February 27 by the Queens Village Republican Club. For dinner details, contact [jtrent8830@aol.com](mailto:jtrent8830@aol.com).