

# Next meeting: Feb. 9 at 8 PM

**Meetings at the Living Hope Christian Church (basement), Braddock Avenue at 241<sup>st</sup> Street**



## Creedmoor Civic News

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### STORM JUNO DEALS GLANCING BLOW TO BELLEROSE

Bellerose received about a foot of snow, starting on the afternoon of Monday, January 26. Weather forecasts had projected from 20 to 30 inches for NYC, prompting Mayor deBlasio to order all streets closed by 11 PM on Monday night.

Governor Cuomo and the MTA stopped all subway, bus and train service Monday night. These actions had never been taken before for a snowstorm in NYC. Fortunately for us, the storm took a turn to the northeast, pelting eastern Suffolk County and New England with more than two feet of snow.

As usual, people in our area were out in force, digging themselves out and helping their neighbors. Thanks to people with snow blowers who cleared their own property and kept on going down the block. One of our neighbors, Brian Concannon, of 237 St, plowed many of our streets. Thanks to all who helped someone. Thanks to Dept of Sanitation workers who spent long hours plowing 6,000 miles of city streets.

Thanks, also, to Senator Tony Avella and his staff. As we mentioned in our January newsletter, Senator Avella's office is seeking volunteers to shovel the



**Eighty-eighth Avenue looking west from 242<sup>nd</sup> Street.**

walks of senior citizens. At least 3 Bellerose residents have requested this assistance. The Wednesday after the storm, Senator Avella and many of his staff were shoveling out people in the senate district. Call 718-357-3094 to volunteer. Students may receive service credit.

#### **FDNY REPRESENTATIVE TO SPEAK AT FEB. 9 MEETING**

A representative from the NYC Fire Department will speak about fire

safety at our February meeting. A smoke detector with a 10 year battery will be given to each household in attendance. Many serious fires occur in the winter. Come and learn about how to keep your family safe and protect your property.

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We will be voting on a proposed change to our Constitution regarding membership dues. The proposed change was read at our January meeting, as required by our Constitution.

We will also provide an update on the ICCC proposal on the Creedmoor campus, and discuss further courses of action.

The meeting may be canceled if the weather is bad or the parking lot is unsafe due to snow and ice accumulation. If in doubt, check Facebook and your emails. Or, call us at 718-464-3369.

### **BRADDOCK PHARMACY**

**236-01 BRADDOCK AVE.  
347-1516**



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## President's Message

Thanks to everyone who brought food or made other donations to make our Holiday Party a success.

On page 1, we reported that many people helped their neighbors during the recent snow storm. We can't mention everyone by name, but we would like to recognize individuals who really go out of their way to make this a better neighborhood. Let us know if you know of someone like this.

Many serious fires occur during the winter months. Our homes are close together and are primarily of wood frame construction, so we need to be extra careful about fire safety. Come to our February 9 meeting to learn valuable lessons from the FDNY representative.

As always, support the food pantry of the Living Hope Christian Church, by bringing non-perishable food or household paper goods to our meeting

Your neighbor,

*Michael O'Keeffe*

### MORE ITEMS OF INTEREST

- **Fire hydrants.** Thanks to those who shoveled snow around fire hydrants. Make sure to clear them again after the plows make repeated passes.

- **BP Katz to speak at March 9 Meeting.** Queens Borough President Melinda Katz is scheduled to speak to a joint meeting of several Bellerose civic associations on March 9, 2015. The meeting will be held at 7:30 PM in the auditorium of PS-18, located at 86-35 235<sup>th</sup> Court. We need a big turnout to show the Borough President that our community must be taken seriously. (This joint meeting replaces our regular meeting at the church.)

- **Kindergarten Sept 2015.** Children born in 2010 need to register. See [schools.nyc.gov](http://schools.nyc.gov), or [WNYC.org/kindergarten](http://WNYC.org/kindergarten) for more information.

- **We Need Help!** In the near future, we will have vacancies in the positions of Secretary and Board Member. We also need people to deliver newsletters on the following blocks: 89 block of 241 St., 90<sup>th</sup> Ave, and 91<sup>st</sup> Ave. Thanks to Amanda Mulcahy, who is now delivering newsletters on the 88 block of 237 St. Thanks, also, to Alice and Jose Cartegena of 240 St., who delivered newsletters on that block for many years!

- **Queens Library Mail-a-Book Services to the Homebound.** Homebound individuals can have books mailed to their homes. Call the Queens Village Library at 718-464-0084.

## Around the Town

- ❖ Get well to: Michael Augugliaro, Queens Colony Civic board member and wife of Queens Colony president, Angela, who is recuperating from hip surgery.

- ❖ Congratulations to Juan Zubizarreta, the newly-elected President of the Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association. Juan succeeds Lourdes Villanueva Hartrick, who was elected Vice President. We look forward to continuing our close working relationship with BCCA.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

- **Martin Van Buren High School Campus.** MVB Principal Sam Sochet holds regular meetings with community leaders. The last meeting, on January 21, was attended by CCA President Mike O'Keeffe and Treasurer Jim Trent. Both MVB and the BTECH High School are offering very interesting programs.

- **Volunteer Reading Partners needed at PS 33.** Volunteers are needed at PS 33 to tutor children in basic reading skills. No experience necessary. A commitment of one hour a week is requested, between 8:05 AM and 3:05 PM. Contact Marina Santiago at 646-571-0792, or [marina.santiago@readingpartners.org](mailto:marina.santiago@readingpartners.org). You may also visit [readingpartners.org](http://readingpartners.org).

- **NYPD Law Enforcement Explorers Program.** Junior Investigators-ages 10-13. Explorer- ages 14-20. Contact 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct Youth Officer Carleton Epps at 718-776-9164.

- **Bellerose Rescue Seeks Volunteers.** To learn about volunteer and training opportunities, email [BelleroseRescueMembership@gmail.com](mailto:BelleroseRescueMembership@gmail.com)