

# Next meeting: Jan. 14 at 8 PM

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



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### CB 13 DISTRICT MANAGER RESIGNS

After several years of acrimonious relationships between community board members, legal and ethical issues involving the District Manager and, bureaucratic gridlock because of all the infighting, things came to a head when Sally Martino-Fisher decided to hand in her resignation as District Manager effective January 10.

Martino-Fisher became a lightning rod at Community Board 13 as board members chose up sides. CB 13 became perhaps the most dysfunctional community board in Queens, all over the District Manager who some adored and others despised.

The Board is now seeking applications for a new district manager. We won't rehash all the news that's been in the newspapers, particularly the weeklies, but there is something of a sigh of relief that perhaps now the board can hire a new DM that everyone can rally behind and not be a distraction.

#### FROZEN CUP GETS FROZEN OUT



A fixture in our community for many decades and which had been the site of some movies, such as the made-for-TV Sex in the City series, Frozen Cup located on Jericho

Turnpike at 249-05, has closed and they sold their property for a reported \$2.5 million. The current owners had owned the property for the last nine years. It is reported that the site will be cleared and new stores will be built, perhaps with apartments above.

We also note that the Floral Park-Bellerose Florist has closed shop shortly before Christmas without a word to anybody that they were closing. There is a suspicion that the landlord raised the rent. The business was noticed in a newspaper ad as being for sale, but it appears they were unable to sell the business, so they just closed. The County-Line Auto Body Paint store on Braddock and 241<sup>st</sup> Street is also out of business, along with DeCaro Electric. There were no prior notices of the Braddock businesses closing either.

#### CIVIC TO HOST NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Continuing a tradition we started three years ago, we now have New Year's Parties instead of Christmas Parties. We have found that people were tired of going to parties night after night in December, and besides, many of our members go on vacation and either couldn't serve on the committee, or just wouldn't be around for the party. Holding the party in January has been extremely successful. Many civic leaders and political leaders from the area drop in to wish us well. We'll be serving heros again with (non-alcoholic) punch on January 14. You are all welcome. You are free to bring snacks to share with our members if you wish. The party is free. The food we purchase is from local Braddock Avenue businesses.

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## *Around the Town*

☼ **Goodbye:** to Mr. Thomas Golden of Lyman Street, who moved away in November after more than 60 years on Lyman Street.

## **Dues Payers Will Be Published**

We will soon be publishing the names of those who have supported our Association by paying their dues for 2007. It is not too late to get your dues in if you haven't paid. Dues (\$6.00 per year) can be dropped off at 88-01 Lyman Street. Make checks payable to Creedmoor Civic Association, or bring to our January 14 meeting.

## **PRECINCT VOTE TO BE TAKEN**

Although our January meeting will be shortened to allow for the New Year's party, we will take a vote to determine whether our members think it would be a good idea to split the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct territory into two precincts. While many people have jumped on this bandwagon and have been campaigning for this for years, there is also a belief by some that it won't necessarily improve police services. So we will take a vote to determine what the official position of our Creedmoor Civic Association should be.

## **ST. GREG'S CRECHE VICTIMIZED**

The following is from the weekly bulletin of St. Gregory the Great Church:

"For thirty or more years St. Greg's has placed the outdoor creche on the lawn in back of the Church and now in front of the Rectory. Never has there been a problem or desecration of this beloved Christian symbol until this year when the infant disappeared on Christmas Eve."

## *President's Message*

**Just slightly over a year ago, we asked the commanding officer of the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct, Steven Haynes, to speak at our civic meeting. At that meeting, he stated what the last five or six COs had also said, "Don't worry, I'll be around for a while." Well, he's already gone from the precinct. Let's hope that his unresponsiveness to our neighborhood will not have a permanent effect. His failure to address several civic leaders' complaints about certain quality-of-life issues was astonishing and unprecedented.**

**In our next newsletter we will print the names of our paid-up members for 2006. If you haven't paid yet, it's not too late. I'd like to thank the many members who made additional donations. That is greatly appreciated.**

**We were hoping to be able to start enjoying the ability to refuse unsolicited advertising this month, but we're told that the final technical details of that law have not yet been settled.**

**I hope you'll be able to join us this Monday for our after-the-fact-holiday celebration. Plenty of food and homemade desserts. Just when you thought the diet could start, right?**

Your neighbor,

*Rick Duszkiewicz*

## **SPEED HUMPS PENDING**

The NYC Dept of Transportation recently approved speed humps for the areas between 238th-239th Sts and between 240th-241st Sts on 88th Ave to slow down the speeders. The DOT stated that speed humps between Winchester Blvd and Gettysburg St were not possible. These speed humps will not be installed unless this community wants them. The information has been forwarded to the community board. The results of 2 separate traffic inquiries on 242nd St and 88th Ave are not yet known because of the departure of the board's district manager this month.

## **CLOTHING BINS ARE OFTEN SCAMS**

Are you aware that many of these clothing donation bins you see around town are operated by for-profit companies? Many times, no donations are made to any legitimate charities. Several states have targeted these scammers. NYC recently passed a law that specifically prohibits obstructions such as clothing bins from remaining on city sidewalks. Suddenly, these same bins have mysteriously appeared in the parking lots of stores in the Bellerose and Queens Village areas. Last month, one of these blue boxes showed up in the Pizza Hut's lot on Hillside Ave and Little Neck Parkway. Only after several calls were made by the North Bellerose Civic Association to the phone number on the box was it removed. Unfortunately, the bin only made it across the street to the Blockbuster parking lot. Again the calls were made, and now it is gone. Two yellow bins are now in the CVS lot on Braddock, and two are in the Food Dynasty lot. No one seems to know how they got there, and the store manager of the CVS was unaware of any permission given to place them there. That seems to be the method of operation; Target national chains, so everyone assumes that someone else gave the permission. The boxes in the CVS lot have become a nuisance and an eyesore.