

Next meeting: Jan. 12 at 8 PM

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



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QUEENS CIVIC CONGRESS JOINS TERM LIMITS SUIT

The Queens Civic Congress, a borough-wide civic umbrella to which Creedmoor Civic is a member, has filed papers joining a lawsuit already in progress over the extension of term limits.

The lawsuit is not about the merits of term limits, it is about the method by which the current law, a part of the City Charter, should be amended. Since term limits was created by a vote in a public referendum and its amendment rejected by referendum, the suit charges that the public's will should not be overturned by legislative fiat as was recently done, extending term limits for City officials from two terms to three.

Randy Mastro, a deputy mayor under Rudolph Giuliani, put together the legal papers for the original suit. Such politicians as Guy Molinari, William Thompson, Betsy Gotbaum, William DeBlasio, Letitia James, and Charles Barron are the plaintiffs in the original lawsuit.

The defendants are the Mayor, the Speaker of the City Council, the president of the Board of Elections, and the members of the Board of Elections.

CIVIC LEADERS PROTEST NEW HOTEL

At the December meeting of Community Board 13, the developers who purchased the ice cream store on Jericho Turnpike and 249th Street made a presentation of their proposed Days Inn hotel. While the developers can build as of right, civic leaders and community board members were not amused. The protesters charged that the developers were changing the character of the neighborhood. The developers said that if someone wanted to buy the land from them and re-open the soft-

serve ice cream store, they would consider an offer to sell the land. At times the meeting got a little ugly with charges of racism being thrown around against some of the protesters.

The real estate broker who screened the offers was present and, said there were scores of inquiries but he thought the hotel was the best use of the land. He was ridiculed when he admitted that he lived in Garden City, although he once lived in our area. He mentioned other uses and many in the audience said the other offers would actually have suited the community better.

CHARTER CHANGES (HERE WE GO AGAIN)

Mayor Bloomberg has appointed another charter revision commission to tinker (tamper) with the City Charter. He wants to make it easier to get buildings built. Sounds good, but he wants to remove the role of community boards and borough presidents from the process. In other words, let builders build whatever they want, wherever they want.

Civic groups around the city are poised to beat back these changes. There is also the fear that ultimately the mayor will attempt to abolish borough presidents altogether, an absolutely shocking idea. The mayoralty is already a virtual dictatorship with no accessibility for the little people; the council members are figureheads who can do nothing without the approval of the council speaker, so the only reasonable voice left with some accessibility is the borough president. Even with the reduced powers of the 1989 charter, they still have an important role.

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Around the Town

❁ **Condolences:** to the family of Frank Fernandez of Gettysburg Street who passed away.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY JANUARY 12

Continuing a tradition, our civic will have a party to celebrate the beginning of the new year. It is free. We will have heros, some hot food, beverages and desserts. We will start our meeting with some brief business, then break for food, drink and a chance to chat not just with neighbors, but with civic leaders from around our area who will be dropping in. Feel free to bring some food item, if you wish (not required.)

PAID-UP DUES ROSTER FOR 2008

- ADDENDUM

234 88 Ave: Donoghue
237 88 Ave: Cashin
238 88 Ave: De Nara
240 88 Ave: Cruz
89 Lyman St: Lopez, Plagianos, Dolan
89 Lyman St: Kukreja, O'Hara
88 Gettysburg St: Loftus, Nunziata, Maldonado
88 237 St: Russo, Geiger
88 238 St: Dixon
89 238 St: Palau (was misspelled)
88 239 St: McDermott
89 240 St: Prus, Browne, Savino, Sooknarine,
McEnaney
88 241 St: Gallagher
88 242 St: Aragona, Laffin/Rose, Grimm, Hall
89 242 St: Aide, Caressimo
90 242 St, Jean Charles

President's Message

Hello, Neighbors!

Did you know that the Creedmoor Civic Association maintains an email list that can help keep you informed? Participants receive notification that this monthly newsletter has been uploaded and can be read online. Occasionally we have information that would be obsolete if we waited until the next newsletter, so it's sent out via email instead. Your privacy is protected, and your email address is never revealed to anyone else. If you're interested, send an email to us at info@creedmoorcivic.org.

Please join us at our Holiday Party this Monday. We like to be a little different and have it a little later than everyone else. No need to bring anything, just yourself. Maybe bring a neighbor. Even if you've never been to a civic meeting before, come. It starts at 8:00. See you then?

Your Neighbor,

Rick Duszkiewicz

Donations Received - Thank You

Mirbach 236 88 Av	Cashin 237 88 Ave
Nieves 239 88 Ave	Cruz 240 88 Ave
Lopez 89 Lyman St	Loftus 88 Gettysburg St
Russo 88 237 St	Prus 89 240 St
Sooknarine 89 240 St	Aragona 88 242 St
Laffin/Rose 88 242 St	Hall 88 242 St
Bob Friedrich, Glen Oaks Village	

Bellerose 100 Years Ago



Down Memory Lane: The Creedmoor Hotel as viewed in an extremely rare postcard postmarked 1909. There was once a small hamlet called Creedmoor which included its own fire company known as Creedmoor Hose. It apparently had its own post office because the postcard is postmarked Creedmoor, NY. In the area of 88th Avenue and Pontiac Street was a German-style beer garden known as the Creedmoor Rest which survived well into the 20th century. Trommer's, a Bushwick-based brewery, stopped making beer in 1951.