

# Next meeting: Jan. 11 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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### Graffiti Getting Out of Hand in Bellerose

Graffiti is showing up all over town, on roll-down gates, walls of stores, traffic signal boxes, etc.

Normally, the Joint Bellerose Business District Development Corporation removes the graffiti from stores along Braddock Avenue (up to Gettysburg Street) and Jamaica Avenue/Jericho Turnpike.

However, the District's funds are almost totally depleted due to the State's inability to reimburse for expenses laid out owing to the State's near bankruptcy. At last call, Albany said the Governor gave orders not to pay bills until January.

There are also volunteer groups such as CAGE that remove graffiti but the weather has been too cold. It is imperative that if anyone see any graffiti vandal activity that it be reported immediately to the police. We need to do more than remove it, we need to arrest the lawbreakers.

The JBBDDC is hopeful that as soon as the checks start arriving, they can resume hiring a contractor to clean up our neighborhood which traditionally has been one of the most graffiti-free neighborhoods in Queens.

#### COUNCIL GIVES SOLID ROLL-DOWNS THE GATE

Legislation sponsored by Council Member Peter Vallone was unanimously passed by the City Council. This legislation will prohibit solid roll down gates on storefronts by the year 2026. Any roll-down gate replaced after July 1, 2011, would have to be replaced with one that permits at least 70 percent of the area behind the gate to be visible. By July 1, 2026, all such gates would have to be replaced to meet this new see-through standard.

Council members believe that the open-type gates are more friendly to neighborhoods when they've been pulled down, plus they help eliminate the blank canvasses for graffiti. Several years ago when the Joint Bellerose Business District was sponsoring a program to help a business owner improve the looks of his or her storefront, the District required that gates be open mesh in order to qualify for the matching funds. The JBBDDC was obviously ahead of its time on this issue.

#### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIPS

With the winter here, severe weather can include snow or subfreezing temperatures, strong winds and ice or heavy rain storms. An emergency supply kit both at home and in the car will help prepare you and your family for winter power outages and icy or impassable roads.

Both kits should include a battery-powered or hand-crank radio, extra flashlights and batteries. In addition, your home kit should include a three day supply of food and water. Thoroughly check and update your family's emergency supply kit and add the following supplies in preparation for winter weather:

- Rock salt to melt ice on walkways,
- Sand to improve traction on driveways and sidewalks,
- Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment,
- And adequate clothing and blankets to help keep you warm.

Ensure your family preparedness plan and contacts are up to date and exercise your plan. It your family down for thirty minutes to discuss what to do in certain emergencies. One thing many families forget to discuss is where everyone should meet in the event of a fire or carbon monoxide emergency. Directly in front of the next door neighbor's house is almost always a good choice.

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## President's Message

### Hello Neighbors:

This month we're having our New Year's Party. Even if you've never attended a civic meeting, even if you haven't yet paid your dues, please try to make it. After a very short meeting, we'll break out the food. Besides a couple of delicious hero sandwiches, several people are making some hot dishes and bringing homemade desserts.

The response to our dues mailing has been incredible. Envelopes are still coming in. It's not too late to pay your 2009 dues. We'll be printing any 2009 dues we receive in the next three weeks in next month's newsletter. We're also accepting 2010 dues. Thank you also for the very generous donations.

Once again, I'd like to thank our block captains for their hard work in getting the CCA newsletters out month after month. With out their help, you probably wouldn't be reading this newsletter.

Your neighbor,

*Rick Duskiwicz*

### PAID FOR 2009 - ADDENDA

88 Ave./237 Block: Cashin, Savino

Moline Street/89 Block: Dermody

Lyman Street/88 Block: Thomas, Ishmael. 89 Block: Forger

237<sup>th</sup> Street/88 Block: Fenelon

241<sup>st</sup> Street/88 Block: Gallagher

242<sup>nd</sup> Street/88 Block: Strohm, Rocco. 89 Block: Ragusa, 90 Block: Incorvaia.

### DONATIONS RECEIVED THIS MONTH

Moline Street/88 Block: Dermody

Lyman Street/88 Block: Thomas, Ishmael

237<sup>th</sup> Street/88 Block: Fenelon

242<sup>nd</sup> Street/88 Block: Strohm



### Creedmoor Civic Association

Mail to: 8801 Lyman Street Bellerose Manor, NY 11427  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to pay my \$6.00 (per year) civic dues for:

2009 \_\_\_\_\_  2010 \_\_\_\_\_ I'd like to make an additional donation of \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to be included in the CCA email list. My email address is: \_\_\_\_\_

## Around the Town

☼ **Get Well** to CCA Board Member Linda Dixon of 238<sup>th</sup> Street.

☼ **Congratulations** both to Domenica Chironno and the residents of the 89 block of 239 St. Domenica, as the block captain, has collected 100% of the block. This is the only block in our area to be at the 100% mark for 2009.

☼ **Congratulations** to Marlene and Vinny Siry of 239 Street on becoming grandparents of Brianna on Jan. 1.

### LOCAL CRIME REPORTED

There was a report of a burglary of one residence on 242 St on December 16. The homeowner came home while the burglar was still ransacking the home. The thief dove out the 2nd floor window to escape. A call to the 105th Precinct Community Affairs office the next day resulted in no additional information, and the promised return phone call never came.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear CCA:

Several months ago, I inquired about having some of the yellow lines repainted on certain streets, especially 88th Ave. I haven't heard anything since then. What's happening?

-Name Withheld

Dear NW:

We forwarded your request to the community board the same day we received your inquiry. I will contact Bryan Block, the community board's chairman, to find out its status.

-RD