

# Next meeting: Jan. 10 at 8 PM

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



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### Bellerose Gets Snow Job From City

Bellerose was right up there with other communities outside of Manhattan that had to wait for days for its tertiary streets to be plowed and salted after the major snowfall of December 26-27.



When the City finally got to our community, they had to pile up the snow on street corners because there was nowhere to go with the snow.

But it wasn't just about the snow removal that inconvenienced our residents: garbage pickup was suspended and wasn't expected to resume until January 3. Meanwhile, when plowing finally began in earnest, they piled a lot of the extra snow at street corners which blocked crosswalks and visibility for drivers trying to see if intersections were clear of traffic. While the City is no stranger to clean-ups of heavy snowstorms, something went wrong this year. At first the Mayor blamed so many abandoned cars in the middle of the streets, but many streets without blockage were still not plowed. The second "reason" offered was that the Sanitation workers were on

of a slowdown as a show of anger over layoffs and demotions. As of this writing, the City is investigating, but these allegations were not officially confirmed. Queens Councilman Dan Halloran says several sanit workers told him that they were ordered by their bosses to slowdown on their work. Another excuse was that some workers were looking to extend their overtime earnings by slowing down. The fourth reason offered by some was that the new Deputy Mayor Goldstein botched up the effort. Creedmoor Civic is planning to send a letter to City Hall outlining the snow removal failures as they affected our area.

#### CIVIC'S NEW YEAR'S PARTY ON JAN. 10

MOST OF OUR JANUARY MEETING WILL BE GIVEN OVER TO CELEBRATING THE NEW YEAR. THIS IS A TRADITION WE CREATED A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO—RATHER THAN COMPETE WITH ALL THE CHRISTMAS PARTIES EVERYONE HAS TO ATTEND, WE WOULD HOLD OFF AND CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR INSTEAD. THE PARTY IS FREE. THE ASSOCIATION WILL PROVIDE PLATES, CUPS, CUTLERY, ETC. AND WILL BRING IN SOME HEROES. HOWEVER MANY OF OUR MEMBERS ALSO BRING FOOD AND ALL ARE WELCOME TO BRING YOUR FAVORITE RECIPES, OR SOME STORE-BOUGHT ITEM LIKE A BAG OF POTATO CHIPS, A CAKE FROM A BAKERY, ETC. CIVIC LEADERS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS FROM AROUND OUR AREA ARE ALSO BEING INVITED.

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## President's Message

Well, we don't intend to have much of a meeting this Monday, this is our month to have our holiday party! If you have the time, please try to make it this Monday at 8 PM. Take this chance to meet some of your neighbors from the area.

We all have our horror stories regarding the past snowstorm. Delayed plowing, huge piles, terrible parking practices, and then hearing the snowplows and salt trucks driving past again and again on Sunday when the temps are in the 40s. As bad as my commute was on that Monday and Tuesday, I've read about the poor souls that had it much worse, such as the ones that were stuck on the elevated train for seven hours.

Remember, it's not too late to pay your 2010 dues. We will continue to report them until the March newsletter.

Happy New Year. Hope to see you Monday.

Your Neighbor,

*Rick Duskiewicz*

### DUES ROSTER ADDENDA

The following are also paid for 2010. These names are in addition to the list published in the last several months.

Cook: 88 238 St

Persad: 88 238 St

Yevoli: 242 90 Ave

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242<sup>nd</sup> Block, 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue: Yevoli

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

### DOWN MEMORY LANE

## Around the Town

🌸 **Congratulations** and thank you to Mike O'Keeffe of 88th Ave, who has agreed to take on the position of Sergeant-at-Arms. Also, many thanks to Paul Bellisario of Moline St, who recently stepped down as Sergeant-at-Arms. Paul had served on CCA's board since April 2008.

🌸 **Thank you** to Sue Guintini, who has agreed to deliver the newsletters for the 88 block of 240St.

### DON'T LET THE BED BUGS BITE

Beginning December 3rd, 2010, the New York City Department of Sanitation will require all City residents to fully encase within a sealed plastic bag all mattresses or box springs being discarded for DSNY collection. This new rule will help prevent an increase in bed bug activity, with bed bugs being found in homes and apartments. Bed bugs are generally nocturnal and tend to live in bedding, such as mattresses and box springs, hiding in their crevices until they are ready to feed. Under the new rule, failure to place a mattress or box spring out in a proper bag can result in a \$100 fine. The Department will delay enforcing the new set-out rule for 30 days, followed by full enforcement beginning January 3rd, 2011.

Plastic bags to contain the bedding are available at department stores, home improvement centers, at other home supply businesses, and online, at a modest cost. Bedding stores also provide removal options with purchases.



**Bellerose Station of the L. I. R. R. as existing in 1930 looking south and east. The station was demolished in the 1960s when the tracks were elevated east of Bellerose and the realignment required a new station be built between the second and third tracks of the four track right-of-way.**

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