

Next meeting: Jan. 13 at 8 PM

Meetings at the Living Hope Christian Church (basement), Braddock Avenue at 241st Street



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SCREENING OF "BRADDOCK BOYS"

AT DECEMBER MEETING PLAYS TO A FULL HOUSE

Over 50 people attended our December meeting to see the film "The Braddock Boys," a documentary about a group of kids who grew up playing ball in Braddock Park during the 1950's.

The "Boys" talked about the friendships they formed, and the lessons they learned about life. Special thanks to film maker Mary Umans, and "Boys" Joe "Whitey" Jakubauskas, Ritchie "Apples" Apicella, Matt and Paul Downey, Jim Kinnier, and Richie "R.O. Pfeiffer."

After the film, the film's producer and 'stars' stayed for a question and answer session. Feedback we got was that it was a wonderful experience.



A partial view of attendees of the Braddock Boys documentary at the January civic meeting.

ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S PARTY TO BE HOSTED BY CIVIC AT JAN. MEETING

As per what has grown to be a uniquely Creedmoor Civic tradition as compared to our neighboring civic associations, our January meeting will be largely given over to celebrating the new year. The event is a covered-dish format and this year will feature live music!

Thanks to the generosity of our board members and general membership, the cost of the event is being defrayed by free-will donations of cash and food so there will be little or no burden on the Civic's treasury.

There will be hot and cold home-made food, festive punch in a traditional punch bowl, and keyboard music provided by the incomparable Charles Henry, a singer and piano player who performs professionally for a living.

Our elected officials and leaders of neighboring civic associations are being invited. Don't miss out on this pleasant opportunity for comradery and friendship with your neighbors. The event is free to all! If you would like to bring something (not required), please feel free to do so. You may call (also not required) 718-343-8830 to see if your item is already being donated.

BRADDOCK PHARMACY

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SHORT NOTES

Free electronic waste recycling

Sunday, January 12, 2014, 10 AM-4 PM, rain or shine.
Location: Queens Botanical Garden, parking lot on Crommelin St. They accept computers, printers, TV's, VCR's, phones, video games. They **cannot** take refrigerators, microwaves, air conditioners, smoke alarms or CO detectors. Sponsored by Tekserve and the Lower East Side Ecology Center. For more information, or for other dates and locations, call (212) 477-4022, or visit <http://www.tekserve.com/recycling>.

Snow Notes

We've had our first snow storm of the winter. Please remember to shovel your sidewalk, and clear fire hydrants near your home. If your block has not been plowed in a timely fashion, report that at nyc.gov/311, or by calling 311. You can track the progress of snow plows on NYC's Severe Weather web page at http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/nycsevereweather/weather_plowtracker.shtml

Note: Braddock Ave, Gettysburg St, 88th Ave and the Cross Island Parkway Service Road are designated as primary streets for snow removal purposes. The rest of the streets in our civic area are secondary streets.

President's Message

Farewell, and Thanks

We will be saying goodbye to two friends who have contributed much to our neighborhood and to the Creedmoor Civic Association over the past 19 years. Rick and Ann Marie Duskiewicz will be moving during January. Their first contribution was to turn a run-down house into a jewel. Everyone who does that is helping all of us. Right away, Ann Marie got involved in the civic as a Block Captain, serving from 1995 to 1998. She has been our Recording Secretary for the last six years. Since 1998, Rick has served continuously, as Block Captain, Sergeant-at-Arms, 2nd Vice President, President (12 years! 1999-2011) and 1st Vice President. We wish them nothing but the best. They will be missed!

New Year's Party

Please come to our Holiday Party on January 13 to say goodbye and thanks to Rick and Ann Marie. While you are there, enjoy some good food, good friends and good music.

We are also bidding farewell to our friend, colleague and mentor, Barney Aquilino, who served for many years as President of the Rocky Hill Civic Assn. Barney is moving out of Bellerose Manor this month. We wish Barney much happiness and good health!

Your neighbor,

Mike O'Keeffe

DUES AND DONATIONS ADDENDUM

DUES

88 - 237 St.: Di Stasi
88 - 238 St.: Parker, Connelly
89 - 242 St.: Caressimo
88 Drive: Soldatos
Braddock: Braddock Pharmacy

DONATIONS

88 - Gettysburg St.: Loftus
88 - 238 St.: Parker, Connelly
88 Drive: Soldatos

Thanks to all for your continued support.

MEMORY LANE

Kelly's Ice Cream located where the Queens County Savings Bank is now on Braddock Avenue, west of 245th St. This picture is from about 1964. Kelly's replaced the Rocky Hill Filling Station, an old gas station.

