

Next meeting: June 12 at 8 PM

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



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C.A.U. REP TO SPEAK IN JUNE

Phillip Goldfeder, the Mayor's Representative at the Community Assistance Unit, will be our guest speaker at our June 12th meeting.

The CAU is where many people go when they can't get satisfaction from other City agencies. Mr. Goldfeder was recently at the Queens Colony Civic, our neighboring civic to the east. He was also present at the Queens Civic Congress Convention at which many of our civic members were in attendance.

There is no limit to the type of municipal issues that can be resolved by taking them to the CAU. Our members are encouraged to come to our June meeting and present any dilemmas affecting your home or community. Our readers might remember that the "Pigeon House" on Moline Street was finally resolved when Creedmoor Civic took the issue to the CAU.

MTA PROMISES TO RETURN ON Q1 COMPLAINTS

Our Civic members gave the MTA public relations representative at our meeting last month an earful of anger and frustration over the diminishing service on the Q1 Braddock Avenue bus service. However, Mr. Raskin, our MTA guest, doesn't make the schedules, but promised to return in June or September after conferring with those at the MTA who do make the schedules. Obviously he wasn't ready to make it for June but we will hold him to his promise for September.

The MTA just recently announced the highest levels of ridership since in the 1940s. Yet with all the increases in ridership since the advent of the MetroCard and the elimination of two fares zones, somehow, the MTA justifies continued cutting of the Q1.

80th Anniversary coming up in 2007!

At our June meeting we want to get feedback on the kind of celebration we should have for our Civic's 80th birthday.

DAVID WEPRIN CALLS FOR CIG STATUS FOR FARM MUSEUM

Councilman David Weprin has been supportive of the Queens County Farm Museum becoming a Cultural Institutions Group member. Presently, it is only a Cultural Organizations Group member. The difference is the level of funding. The Farm Museum has just kicked off a new



Council Member David Weprin stands in front of the Adriance Farmhouse at the Queens County Farm Museum with winners of a contest held in his councilmanic district wherein public school students drew pictures of their favorite place. These winners chose the Farm as their favorite place. These winners are from PS 186 and PS 191.

master plan design in order to become a world-class institution, but the lack of City support will make that conversion difficult. Weprin called a press conference on May 21 to call on the Mayor to move the Farm into the CIG class from the COG class.

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Around the Town

❁ **St. Gregory School Reunion:** Did you graduate St. Greg's with Bobby Brent, Kelly Henson, Mark McAlese, Peggy Brennan, Owen McCabe, Charlene Vozzo, Jackie DiPilla and Donna Fay? If so, it's reunion time for the Class of 1976!!! Pass the word!!! Date: Friday, July 7, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. Place: The Coral House in Baldwin, Long Island. Cost: \$55 per person - includes dinner, dessert, beer, wine. Contact Kelly Henson at 651-283-3703. Send check to Kelly Henseon-Evertz, 13113 Crolley Path, Rosemount MN 55068.

President's Message

Hello, CCA members! There have been a few complaints recently that our neighborhood is starting to look a little shabby. A good part of that comes from some homeowners failing to sweep in front of their houses. We're not talking about the week's accumulation of leaves, in some cases, it's the whole winter's worth. If you see a situation like that, leave us a message with the address, and we'll send a letter to the homeowner asking them to take care of it.

We've been lucky that our area has been largely exempt from those who like to park their cars on their front lawns. The few times that it's been seen in our civic area, the offenders have stopped after receiving a polite letter from the civic association. This is the kind of practice that if not stopped right away, becomes more and more common. That is certainly one way to seriously trash a neighborhood.

Summer is here, and with the weather comes conflicts between loud parties and peace and quiet. I think it's reasonable for residents to have backyard parties. When music is extremely loud it can be difficult for others on the

block to have normal conversations, watch TV or sleep. Common sense is not always used. If a party gets out of hand, 311 can be called. It doesn't have to be after a certain hour to be too loud.

Last month we sent out registration forms for the real estate cease-and-desist lists. The deadline is this month. If you don't mail it out soon, it'll be too late.

Several spots on Braddock Ave were hit by vandals with spray paint again. I will be painting over most of it soon. I've taken care of over two dozen graffiti tags in our area and along Hillside within the last two weeks already. Unfortunately, the graffiti on one storefront gate that was supposed to be handled by the Borough President's office's contractor hasn't been removed yet. The Borough President is getting the runaround, and we're stuck looking at graffiti that's over a year old. Another location that is looking pretty horrid is the shopping center at the corner of Hillside and Braddock, usually called the "Key Food stores." The management company has been stalling about having those gates painted over for nearly two years. A law was passed recently requiring businesses to remove graffiti once notified by the city. I think it's time to test that law. If you patronize any of those stores down there, let the managers know how disgraceful their storefronts facing Hillside Ave look. Maybe then they will contact their landlord and put the pressure on him that way.

Christine Larkins of 88th Avenue has done a wonderful job as Recording Secretary of Creedmoor Civic for the past six years. I have used those meeting minutes many times as reference material. Unfortunately, Christine is stepping down, and we need someone to take minutes every month. Is there anyone out there willing to take this on? It would certainly be appreciated. Please give me a call at 718 464-3369 if you're willing, or even if you have questions about what's involved.

Hope you have a good summer. Remember, it's not too late to pay dues, either for 2005 or 2006. You're not sure if you paid? Give us a call and we'll check. And remember, if you have a problem, the civic line is still available: 718 464-3369

Your neighbor,

Rick Duszkiewicz

MORE PAID-UPS FOR 2005 AND DONATIONS

- 88 Block / Gettysburg St - Cabrera
- 89 Block / Gettysburg St - Reyes, Bukalan, Ruck
- 88 Block / 237 St - Chiaravalloti, Gorman
- 89 Block / 237 St - Puccio
- 88 Block / 238 St - Parker
- 89 Block / 238 St - Acosta
- 88 Block / 240 St - Giuntini, O'Keefe, Zavala
- 88 Block / 242 - Baldeo
- 236 Block / 88 Av - Ambrosini

Donations:

- Giuntini - 88 Block / 240 St
- Baldeo - 88 Block / 242 St

We are still accepting payments for 2005 and 2006. Due to a computer breakdown some names may be missing from the above list but we expect to correct this in the next issue.