

Next meeting: June 9 at 8 PM

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



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RAIN THREAT DIDN'T CANCEL RALLY

Despite a threatening forecast of heavy rain, the anti-development rally at Queens Borough Hall still had a decent turnout on May 12.

The event was co-sponsored by the Queens Civic Congress and the Queens Preservation Council. The Four Borough Neighborhood Preservation Alliance also participated. About 50 people showed up, along with some news reporters such as the Daily News, the Forum West (an edition of the Howard Beach Forum) and several other weeklies.

Council Member Tony Avella representing northeast Queens spoke to the group. Avella is also a (Democrat Party) candidate for Mayor. No elected was allowed to speak who didn't sign a pledge to support the goals of the Queens Civic Congress. This is a new procedure implemented to prevent politicians from using rallies as photo opportunities while not actually pledging to do anything helpful. Even civic leaders who are announced candidates were forced to sign. For example, Robert Friedrich, who is president of the Glen Oaks Village Owners Corporation and a candidate for the 23rd Councilmanic District (currently David Weprin's seat), spoke but had agreed to sign the pledge since he was not only a civic leader but a candidate for elective office.

We were fortunate that there was no actual rain during the rally itself, although it had rained earlier in the day. Many thought that even 50 people was a lot considering the forecast. In 2004, the last rally of this kind, drew 211 people. Several newspapers did cover the event in their subsequent editions.

While crane collapses and fires in Manhattan have been garnering headlines because the disasters are of a more dramatic nature, there have been deaths from quieter catastrophies in the outer boroughs as well due to contractors who are non-unionized, inexperienced and unsupervised by the Department of Buildings. The rally's

theme is that too many neighborhoods still have not been re-zoned to prevent non-contextual development. Bellerose is one of those neighborhoods. Creedmoor Civic was an active participant in the rally, although the re-zoning that Bellerose needs mostly affects areas east and north of our Civic.



Preservationists from around the City converged on City Hall on May 28 to request the continuation of extra funding for the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission. Creedmoor Civic was present. The extra funding expedited landmark work in Queens.

CB13 Budget Town Hall Meeting

Every September Community Board 13 is required by City Charter to provide a list of capital and expense budget priorities and a report on District Needs. A meeting will be held at P.S. 18 at 86-35 235th Court on June 18 for zip codes 11001, 11004, 11040, 11426 and 11427. Rocky Hill Civic is providing refreshments. The meeting is at 7:30 PM.

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Around the Town

❁ **Say Cheese:** If you are a fan of cheese cake, try EOK Bakery's cheese cake. Especially good with a fruit topping, this cream cheese and sour cream cheese cake is among the best you'll find.

❁ **Festival on:** St. Gregory the Great Church will be holding its 29th Annual Summer Festival from June 19-29.

Graffiti Busters At Work



Here's a sample of the work (before and after) some of our community volunteers do with their spare time. Each week many of our defaced street furniture items such as lampposts, mail boxes, traffic control boxes, etc., are cleaned up.

Dues & Donation Update

Gibbons Family (our error) 89 Block, 238th Street for 2007.

We also received a donation (thank you) from the Thomas Family of 88 Block on Lyman Street.

President's Message

Hello, Neighbors!

If you're considering having a block party for your block, and you haven't yet applied for a permit, it's time to get moving! After receiving signatures from at least 51% of the homeowners on your block, you'll need to send an application in to the community board at least 65 days before the scheduled date, along with a money order for 15 dollars.

If you recently left a message on the civic line's answering machine, and haven't received a callback from us, please call back and leave another message with your phone number. At least three messages were lost last week when we had a short power outage.

A few things to remember:

Please refrain from blocking sidewalks and crosswalks with your parked cars.

Commercial vehicles are not allowed to be parked on the streets after 9:00 PM.

If a local party is too loud and is disrupting your quality of life, call 311.

311 complaints can now be tracked online at www.nyc.gov.

Always use a licensed locksmith. Don't rely on just the Yellow Pages, a bigger ad doesn't necessarily mean a more reliable company. Ask a neighbor for a referral.

Enjoy your summer and remember, your civic association is still acting on complaints even though there are no civic meetings in July and August.

Your Neighbor,

Rick Duskwicz

LONG ISLAND JEWISH HOSPITAL PLANS MAJOR NEW CONSTRUCTION WORK

A major rebuilding project has begun on the LIJ Medical Center campus to make way for the new LIJ Bed Tower, and a renovation and expansion project at Schneider Children's Hospital (SCH). A new 10-story pavilion that will house the Katz Women's Hospital at LIJ will be constructed in front of the existing hospital, resulting in the eventual closure of LIJ's main entrance and lobby, and the construction of a temporary entrance and lobby next to SCH. Preparations will begin in mid-October 2007 to make the building site ready for the start of construction next summer. Multiple other construction projects are underway or planned at SCH, including a new Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit, a four-story, glass-enclosed atrium covering the SCH courtyard and a new 100,000-square foot building.