

Next meeting: June 14 at 8 PM

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



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105's Detective Jovoda Cooper to Speak

If anyone has police concerns or issues, the June meeting is your opportunity to voice them.

Det. Cooper is the Public Affairs officer of the 105th Precinct. Many have been concerned that the murder rate, for example, at the 105 is higher than the 103rd's. However, the 105 can interpret the numbers that put a different perspective on the relative safety of the 105.

The June meeting will be an opportunity to catch up on the current crime situation in our neighborhood.

We will also be hearing from Richard Hellenbrecht who will be speaking on the proposed charter revisions which are expected to be on the ballot this November.

ALSO FOR DISCUSSION

We are considering **chartering a bus to take trips** around the City, or maybe just here in Queens. If you think this is something you would enjoy, please e-mail Jim Trent at jtrent8830@aol.com. We would need to fill a bus to make this work. Such trips might include a Taste of Astoria, or the Chinese Scholar Garden in Staten Island, Wave Hill in the Bronx, etc. We can't give prices without an itinerary but we would run these at no profit to the Civic. We know many of our residents can't get around on the subway, don't drive and can't travel far. There are many fascinating things in New York City besides the obvious touristy places like the Statue of Liberty and the Empire State Building. These trips would focus on the lesser well-known places but which are just as interesting.

The issue of installing **speed humps** on Moline Street has been raised. If residents of Moline are interested, they should come to the June meeting for a discussion.

Also, we will attempt a demonstration of the new voting machines the City will use for elections at our September 13 meeting. Computers will replace the old Shoup machines this year beginning with the Primary Election on

September 14.

HAS CITY GOVERNMENT FINALLY RUN AMOK?

It was reported at a recent meeting of the Four Boroughs Neighborhood Preservation Alliance (meetings at which Creedmoor has a presence) that a new City law meant to “improve the environment” has now gone to the City bureaucracy for implementation. One of the components requires property owners to record how they use energy and turn the records over to the City. As far as we can determine, it currently only affects large buildings such as office buildings and apartment houses, but could eventually affect everyone.

Another has to do with making homes energy efficient by requiring that if you put on a new roof you will also have to insulate the attic. Since insulation is not fireproof, that means you also have to cover the insulation with plasterboard or plaster or similar material. This means a new roof could, for many homeowners, be prohibitive in cost. Currently, no building department permit is required to re-roof a house, so in order for the City to monitor that the environmental rules are being followed, a permit will have to be secured. This from the same Building Department that opposed a bill supported by civic groups that would require the DOB to enforce restrictive covenants in deeds – squawking that they didn't have the staffing.

This is an outrage. How did this get passed without a heads up to the civic associations? We are going to look into this to find out who voted for this and whether a repeal of this law is possible.

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Ask your Civic Association...

SANITATION SCHEDULING

Dear Editor:

My neighbor received a summons for placing her trash cans out too early one Thursday afternoon. What are the allowable times?

-R.R.

Dear R.R.:

NYC rules restrict when garbage cans may be placed out for pickup the day before. We asked Council Member Mark Weprin and this was the response received from his office:

"As per the Dept of Sanitation, trash may be put out at the curb no earlier than 5:00 PM during the months of April through September. During the months of October through March, trash can be placed out no earlier than 4:00 PM."

Please remember that it is also illegal to place trash cans or any other object to reserve a parking space on the street.

-R.D.

PAID FOR 2009 - ADDENDA

Mancuso: 88 block 240 St.

Donations

Duszkiewicz: 88 block Lyman St., Mancuso: 88 block 240 St.

Please note that our listing of paid members for 2010 will be published in the October issue, so get your dues in at least by October 1. Thank you.

President's Message

Hello Neighbors:

There was a bit of confusion on Sunday, the day before Memorial Day, when residents heard extremely loud music coming from Padavan/Preller Field on Hillside Ave. Members who attended a CCA meeting in 2008 will remember that promises had been made that residents in our area would be notified in advance of any future concerts, plus the volume would be kept to a level which wouldn't destroy the quality of life for those who attempted to use their backyards for the day. Neither of those promises appeared to have been kept.

While we appreciate the need for the Little League Field to make a few dollars renting out their space for a concert and for parking for the day, it must not come at the expense of the homeowners who fall right in the line of fire of those huge speakers that are aimed right at their homes. As was the case in 2008, residents complained that the music was so loud, they couldn't enjoy their own backyard barbecues.

We were informed that there was some miscommunication with the organizers, and we were promised that "this will never happen again."

At April's civic meeting, there were four CCA presidents/former presidents in attendance: Rose Daddario, Joe Concannon, Jim Trent and myself. Interesting. I wonder if that's ever happened before in Creedmoor Civic's 83-year history.

As we take a break from our regular civic meetings for two months, I'd like to thank the board of Creedmoor Civic for their work this past year, and the members who attend the meetings every month. They're the ones who make this civic so strong. In addition, those who deliver the newsletter ten times a year deserve a special mention. Without them, many of you wouldn't be reading the wonderful newsletter that Jim Trent creates every month. We lost Judy Volaro of 240th Street recently. She had delivered newsletters on that block for many years. My condolences to her family. Aida Starry of Moline St also passed away recently. She had delivered on Moline up until a few years ago. My condolences to the Starry family.

The city announced last month that they will no longer be removing the stumps of curbside trees. It's a money issue, apparently. The money they save will probably be wiped out by the first lawsuit when someone trips over one.

Remember, the civic phone line remains open during the summer - 718 464-3369. Have a great, safe and (hopefully) quiet summer. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Rick Duszkiewicz

____OBSERVE WATER RESTRICTIONS

Many New Yorkers are not aware that there are several year-round water use restrictions. There is a prohibition on watering sidewalks and lawns between November 1 and March 31, and between 11 AM to 7 PM from April 1 to October 31.