

Next meeting: June 13 at 8 PM

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



Creedmoor Civic News

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NEW PS 33 PLAYGROUND DEDICATED ON MAY 25

A new playground designed by the students of PS 33, was dedicated on May 25. Schools chancellor Dennis M. Walcott was in attendance.

2011 Civic Dues Are Due!

You should have received a dues envelope along with this newsletter. Since 1927, the Creedmoor Civic Association has been run by volunteers, and supported by its dues-paying members. The dues pay our expenses, such as rent for our monthly meeting space, refreshments, newsletter printing costs (delivery is free, thanks to your block captains), and our annual Halloween Parade.

For 2010, there are 306 paid members. So far, 76 members have paid for 2011. Special recognition goes out to the 89 block of 239 St., and your block Captain, Domenica, for an almost 100% paid up rate!! To all that have already paid, please accept our sincere thanks!

Even if you have paid, please use the inside flap of the envelope to update your information, especially if you have recently moved into the area. Over 175 members have provided us with their e-mail addresses. You may wish to consider this. Occasionally, we send out e-mails between newsletters, when timely information becomes available. Our next newsletter will be distributed in September. A lot can happen in 3 months. E-mail addresses are never released to anyone other than the Civic Board.

If you are unsure whether you have paid, call us at (718) 464-3369, or e-mail us at mike@creedmoorcivic.org.

Note: The Civic Association address on the envelopes is the old one. But, since the envelopes are already printed, Rick has graciously offered to accept them. So just drop them in the mail. Thanks! (Dues are \$6.00 per family.)

Also present were officials from the Trust for Public Land which facilitated the project, and the principal and assistant principal of the school. Members of Creedmoor Civic Association also were present. The playground is maintained by the school's custodial staff and is open to the general public.



Creedmoor Civic board members turn out to help celebrate the new PS 33 playground. From left to right: rear row: Maureen Morris, Tom Holt, James Trent; front row: Elizabeth Baumann, Linda Dixon, and Rosemarie Russo.

Photo: Lydia Connelly

JUNE SPEAKER: KEVIN KILLELEA

Kevin Killelea of Perfection Landscape will speak at our June meeting on how to improve your gardens and lawns. All are welcome to listen and ask questions.

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Around the Town

❁ **Condolences to:** the family of Creedmoor Civic Recording Secretary Ann Marie Duskwicz of Lyman Street on the death of her mother, Barbara M. Liotta.

Help Wanted

The Civic could use some help in the following areas:

Newsletter Distribution Coordinator

1. Pick up the newsletters at Valley Printing (on Braddock Ave and 242 St.) on the Wednesday or Thursday before the meeting (Sept-June).
2. Count and bundle newsletters for each block.
3. Deliver bundles to block captains, who will deliver to the blocks (about 20 block captains).

Hospitality Coordinator

1. Provide the refreshments served at the conclusion of our meetings, or coordinate the efforts of others who volunteer for a particular month.
2. Maintain supplies (plates, napkins, etc.) in an orderly fashion, and replenish as needed.

Access-A-Ride

Access-A-Ride (AAR) provides transportation for people with disabilities who are unable to use public transportation for some or all of their trips. AAR offers shared-ride, door to door service, and is available 24/7.

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For an appointment, or for more information, call (877) 337-2017 or (718) 393-4999. For persons with speech or hearing impairments, the TTY number is (718) 393-4259.

President's Message

My first month as President has been about meeting people, learning how things work, and learning who to contact to try to solve problems. Although the job seems a bit daunting, it is reassuring to me that three former presidents, Rick Duskwicz, Rose Daddario and Jim Trent, are still active in the Civic and willing to provide help, advice and historical perspective. The other officers and board members also bring a wealth of experience, enthusiasm and common sense. Former board members who are friends of mine will also be a big help.

Special thanks go to Rick Duskwicz for his service as President for the past 11½ years. Before he became President in 1999, Rick had already developed a Creedmoor Civic website, which was very rare at the time. He has recently added Facebook and Twitter as communication tools. But, to me, what is more impressive than this innovation is the consistency of the day to day service that Rick has provided our neighborhood over this time. Also, Rick has developed close personal and working relationships with many dedicated people from our neighboring civic groups. As our motto says, "United effort reaps united gain."

Thanks, also, to Ann Marie for her excellent service to the Civic as Recording Secretary, and to the whole Duskwicz family for often putting the needs of the community ahead their own.

On behalf of the Board, I wish you and your families a safe and enjoyable summer!

Your neighbor,

Mike O'Keefe



Prince Post VFW pays tribute to veterans on Memorial Day in front of their headquarters on Braddock Avenue and the Cross Island Parkway. Creedmoor Civic brass were also in attendance.

CIVIC WORKERS STILL TRYING TO BRING BACK Q79

As a result of the Transportation forum held by the Queens Civic Congress a few weeks ago at which Council Member James Vacca, the transportation chair of the City Council, was present, local civic leaders are putting together a new proposal for restoring bus service to Little Neck Parkway. More at our June meeting on this.

Note: St. Gregory's Festival this year will run from June 16th to the 26th.