

# Next meeting: June 11 at 8 PM

Meetings at the Bellerose Baptist Church (basement), Braddock Avenue at 241<sup>st</sup> Street



## Creedmoor Civic News

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### Block Watcher Program Tops 105 Pct. News

One of the highlights of the 105th Precinct Community Council Meeting, held on May 30, 2012, was the introduction of a pilot program called "Block Watchers."

The purpose of the program is to train individual citizens to effectively observe and report crimes and quality of life issues. After attending a training session, each block watcher is assigned a number to be used when making a report. There are several openings for an upcoming training session. If interested, call 105<sup>th</sup> Pct. Community Affairs at (718)776-9173. and speak to P.O. DiPietro or Detective Cooper.

In other news:

Inspector Courtesis presented "Cop of the Month" awards to Sgt. Menze and P.O. Malcolm for arrests they made involving thefts of tires and wheels. These crimes have declined significantly in the past month.

Insp. Courtesis announced that 25 additional police officers have been assigned to the precinct in the past month, bringing the total staffing to 230, the highest number of uniformed personnel assigned here in several years.

Thefts of electronic devices on city buses are a problem, especially at peak student travel times. To address this, officers are boarding city buses and sometimes riding in plain clothes. Assaults, thefts and auto thefts are all down. Burglary rates fluctuate, but remain a concern. On an encouraging note, Insp. Courtesis reported that the arrest rate for burglaries has increased 145% year-to-date.

#### TWO SPECIAL GUESTS FOR JUNE MEETING:

**Councilman Mark Weprin will swear in the incoming officers and board members.**

**New York City Buildings Department spokesman Anthony Iuliano will speak and answer questions.**

#### FORMER CIVIC PREZ IN SENATE RUN



Joseph Concannon, a former President of the Creedmoor Civic Association, has announced his candidacy for the NYS 11<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District seat. He is running on the Republican line. In November, he will face Democrat Tony Avella who currently holds the seat. This is the same seat held by Frank Padavan for 38 years.

He has a 25 year law enforcement career with the NYPD. His government experience ranged from planning city-wide emergency management protocols and operations. During his career Mr. Concannon was involved in developing the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management and coordinating the response to all large-scale emergencies within the City of New York. Joe holds a Master's degree in Public Administration and a Bachelor of Arts in Government and Public Administration.

<p><b>By The Slice</b> Pizzeria &amp; Restaurant 236-09 Braddock Ave, Bellerose 718 343-7100</p>	<p><b>Wed. &amp; Thurs.</b></p> <p>Buy 2 Heros Get 3<sup>rd</sup> <b>FREE</b></p>	<p><b>Special</b></p> <p>Medium Pie <b>\$7.95 + tax</b></p>	<p><b>Family Special</b></p> <p>Large Pie Baked Ziti Salad &amp; 6 Knots <b>\$18.75 + tax</b></p>
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## *Around the Town*

☼ Get well wishes to: Tom O'Keefe of 240<sup>th</sup> Street who is recovering from a recent illness.

☼ Condolences to: the family of long time resident and Board of Governors member Linda Dixon of 238<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **ST. GREGORY'S FESTIVAL BEGINS**

#### **St Gregory's Festival Set to Begin**

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gregorian Festival will run from June 14<sup>th</sup> through June 24<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds go to support St Gregory's School (Pre-school through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade). Over the first weekend, Irish food and music will be provided. Monday 6/18 will feature Filipino food and a rock-and-roll band. Tuesday is Polish night, Wednesday and Thursday are German nights, followed by 3 Italian nights.

Come down, have fun, and support a good cause. For more information, visit [www.sgtgfestival.com](http://www.sgtgfestival.com)

For the safety and convenience of all, please consider a few points:

If you drive, please be careful not to block the driveways of local residents. This has been a problem over the years.

Keep the surrounding neighborhood clean.

Be careful if walking through the tunnel, as many passing vehicles do not obey the stop signs.

If walking home through the tunnel after dark, consider traveling with a group.

## *President's Message*

### **Linda Dixon, Rest in Peace**

We lost a good friend and a valuable member of the Creedmoor Civic Association when Linda Dixon passed away on May 19<sup>th</sup>. As a decades-long member of our Board of Governors, Linda was known to be knowledgeable and wise about issues affecting the community. Throughout her recent, difficult illness, Linda remained interested and engaged in civic matters. She will be missed.

### *Noise*

For many of us, summer is a time for relaxation and for entertaining friends. If you have a party or barbecue, please be considerate of your neighbors: Keep the noise down, and end at a reasonable hour. Last year, the 105th Precinct had a patrol car dedicated to 311 noise complaints on weekends. The program was a success, and will be employed again this year. Let's hope that we won't need to call 311.

### **Dues and Donations**

As of June 3, we have 222 paid members, including the entire 89 block of 239 St (thanks to Block Captain Domenica Chironno). For 2011 we had 248 paid members. Let's try to hit the 300 mark! And, once again, thanks to those who generously made donations!

### **Block Captains**

Once again, thanks to our block captains for their efforts on behalf of the civic, whether delivering newsletters, providing information to neighbors, or collecting dues.

Have a safe and fun-filled summer!

*Mike O'Keefe*

### **FATHER CUNNINGHAM RETIRES AFTER 21 YEARS**

At the end of June, Father Joseph Cunningham will retire as Pastor of St Gregory's Church, a position he has held for 21 years. During his tenure, Father Cunningham has worked hard to provide for the spiritual needs of his parish and for the good of the Bellerose community. During the mid 1990's, he oversaw a major renovation of St Gregory's Church.

We thank Fr. Cunningham for his service, and wish him well.

We welcome Fr. Cunningham's successor, Msgr. Edward Ryan, who served as a parish priest at St Gregory's from 1981-1991.

## 2012 DUES ROSTER

<u>234 88 Ave:</u> Kaess Wilkerson Donoghue Baumann	<u>88 Moline St:</u> Harding Mitraco Nadasy Binkley	Kao Murphy Brady Maldonado	Viera Bivona Hughes	Guintini Gutierrez Dawod/Haitham Abbas Siry Ramcharitar Hegmann Randazzo Black Hronvich Deangkinay Chironno Lagula	Karoly Ackbarali Kerrigan Buffit Conelli Smith McKay Kontaxis Pfaff Cvitkovich Fiorillo	Kelly Aide Caressimo
<u>235 88 Ave:</u> Larkins Persaud Palacios	<u>89 Moline St.:</u> Dermody Ismail Sandhovel Reyes Sandoval Manzo	<u>89 Gettysburg St:</u> Rodriguez Holt Jackson Kelso	<u>89 238 St:</u> Surujballie Palau Zambito Dillon	<u>88 239 St:</u> Burke Waldheim Pedersen Teixeira Burke Dipsingh Conry Pierucietti Martinez Sibeni Montanile Remache/Garcia Barlund	<u>89 241 St:</u> Doran Stalzer Ishak Nunns Stanga Guercio Agate Lopez-Caplis Fernandez	<u>90 242 St:</u> Incorvaia Philips Montalbo
<u>236 88 Ave:</u> Holloran Mirbach	<u>88 Lyman St.:</u> Duskiewicz Vorel/Loftus Soler Narain Cribillaro Rivera Singh/Niaz Weber Faraone	<u>88 237 St:</u> Fajardo Rasquin Wagner Di Stasi Russo Gorman Geiger Stemmler Fenelon	<u>88 230 St:</u> Burke Waldheim Pedersen Teixeira Burke Dipsingh Conry Pierucietti Martinez Sibeni Montanile Remache/Garcia Barlund	<u>88 240 St:</u> Mancuso Lackner Fishbeck Vollaro Giuntini Heitzman Cartegena Goldbach Tassiello Forgione Gallagher O'Keeffe Goco Zavala	<u>88 242 St:</u> Martinez Ross Aragona Morris McMenamin Laffin/Rose Boccia Rocco Schillinger Williamson	<u>88 Road:</u> Alikhan
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### DONATIONS: MANY THANKS TO OUR 2012 SUPPORTERS

<u>234-88 Ave:</u> Donoghue	<u>89 Moline St:</u> Dermody, Sandhovel, Hanchi,	<u>St:</u> Rodriguez, Holt	Dipsingh, Barlund	Aragona, Ross, Morris, Laffin/Rose	Sileo, Martori	designed for the 85 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner. Dues are \$6.00 per year. Make check payable to Creedmoor C i v i c Association.
<u>236-88 Ave:</u> Mirbach	Tantillo	<u>88 237 St:</u> Fajardo	<u>88 240 St:</u> Fishbeck, Gallagher, Mancuso	<u>88 Drive:</u> Hoffmann	----- Dues and donations can still be sent in for 2012 and will be ack- nowledged in September's newsletter addenda. You can use the coupon on Page 4 for dues even though it was	
<u>237-88 Ave:</u> Cashin, Covatti, Villanueva	<u>88 Lyman St:</u> Duskiewicz, Narain	<u>88 238 St:</u> Connelly, Bivona, Hughes	<u>88 241 St:</u> Karoly, Cvitkovich, Fiorillo	<u>89 Ave:</u> Coscia, Venditelli		
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## 85<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY GETTING CLOSE

This is our last newsletter before our 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on Saturday, July 21 at 1PM at the Queens County Farm Museum. As we have said, we are taking this opportunity to honor three of our members, Jim Trent, Rose Daddario, and Rick Duskiewicz. Each of these individuals has served as President of the Creedmoor Civic Association for more than 11 years, and all have been active in other capacities before and after their terms. Please think about joining us. If you are new to Bellerose, it will be a great chance to make some new friends. Come with someone from your block. See the back page for the event flyer. Please let us know as soon as possible, so we can make the necessary arrangements. We only do this party once every FIVE years! So don't miss out.



**CREEDMOOR CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US  
IN OUR 85<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**This event will be held Saturday, July 21, 2012 at 1 PM at the Queens County Farm Museum located at 73-50 Little Neck Parkway. Creedmoor Civic conceptualized the idea of creating the Farm Museum so it is fitting that we celebrate on these 47 beautiful, rural acres in the heart of our own community.**

Cost: \$35.00 per person for adults  
\$15.00 per person for children 3-12  
Children under 3 are free.

Don't miss this wonderful event. We only do these anniversary parties once every five years. Admission prices include hot buffet provided by the renowned Trattoria Lucia Restaurant of Bellerose. Sodas, bottled water, and wine are included. Plus, coffee, tea and dessert. Charles Henry of Kew Gardens Hills, an acclaimed keyboardist and singer, will entertain us. The activity room we will be in is air-conditioned.

Things to do at the Farm: Tour the 1772 landmarked farmhouse, take a guided tour of the farm grounds including Long Island's westernmost vineyard. See the farm animals. Visit the gift shop, plant shop, butterfly garden. Hay rides and animal feed available at nominal cost.



**Yes! I wish to attend the 85th Anniversary Party. I am purchasing #\_\_\_ adult tickets (\$35 each) and #\_\_\_\_\_ children's tickets (\$15 each). Dues: \$6.00\_\_\_\_\_**

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