

Next meeting: June 10 at 8 PM

Meetings at the Living Hope Christian Church (basement), Braddock Avenue at 241st Street



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CITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO SPEAK AT JUNE MEETING

We will have a spokesperson for the New York City Department of Environmental Protection as guest speaker at our June 10 meeting.

Our guest speaker will be Lillie Farrell, Borough Coordinator for the Department of Environmental Protection. She will cover waterline and sewer insurance, water quality and noise complaints.

ST. GREGORY'S FESTIVAL TO BEGIN

The 34th Annual Gregorian Festival will run from June 20th through June 30th. Proceeds go to support St Gregory's School (Pre-school through 8th Grade). Over the first weekend, Irish food and music will be provided. Monday 6/24 will feature Filipino food and a rock-and-roll band. Tuesday 6/25 is Polish night. Wednesday and Thursday are German nights, followed by 3 Italian nights. For more information, visit www.sgtfestival.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.

TEXTING PENALTY GOING UP

Effective June 1, the penalty for texting while driving has been increased from three to five points on your license. Using a GPS unit is considered the same as texting and is illegal unless the GPS device is mounted to the vehicle.

PARTIES NOT FUN FOR NEIGHBORS

It's only June, and there have already been a few loud parties that ran late into the night. Civic members have endured long wait times when reporting noise complaints via 311, and have reported difficulties getting through to the 105th Pct main phone number (718) 776-9090. Please notify the Creedmoor Civic Assn by phone or e-mail if you have difficulties reporting noise conditions.

The 105th Precinct will have a unit operating on the weekends that is dedicated to complaints about noise and parties. Deputy Inspector Coyle has stated that officers will pay extra attention to locations which generate repeated complaints. Please be considerate of your neighbors when you entertain over the summer.

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CARNIVAL AT PRELLER FIELD

The Ebenezer Mission Church, located on Union Turnpike in Hollis Hills, is planning to run a carnival at Preller Field from July 3-7. Local civic leaders will learn more details at a meeting at Community Board 13 on June 19. We will notify you by email of any additional information when we receive it. There may be a fireworks display, possibly on July 6.

OYSTER BAY HISTORICAL TO HONOR CIVIC TREASURER TRENT

On July 9, the Oyster Bay Historical Society will give out their preservation education awards. This year includes former Creedmoor Civic president and current treasurer James Trent who is founder/president of the Queens County Farm Museum and the official historian for Community Board 13. The event will be held in Woodbury at a former private mansion, now catering hall, called the Woodlands. Tickets are \$65 per person. The event is from 6 PM to 8 PM. For further information contact Jim Trent at jtrent8830@aol.com.

GAS LEAK ON MAY 31

On Friday, May 31 at about 3PM, Con Ed and the FDNY responded to a gas leak in the street on 88th Ave between 241 St and 240 St. The FDNY needed to enter several homes to make sure the gas leak had not extended inside. Where residents were not home, firefighters tried to enter while causing minimal damage, such as by entering 2nd floor windows via portable ladders.

President's Message

Support National Night Out

As we said last month, the annual National Night Out will take place on Tuesday Evening, August 6 from 5PM to 9PM at Alley Pond Park. It's like a giant block party, with free food, games and music. The members of the 105th Precinct and the Community Council work hard to put the event together. It's a lot of fun, and a great opportunity to meet our police officers and make new friends. If you wish to help, contact Detective Cooper at (718) 776-9173 or 9176.

Civic Membership

Our membership is up to 160, more than halfway to our goal of 300 members. If you have not already done so, please mail your \$6 dues for 2013 to The Creedmoor Civic Assn, PO Box 260143, Bellerose, NY 11426. Thanks to all who have sent in dues and donations.

Summertime

After our June meeting, we take a 3 month break from meetings and newsletters, but things continue to happen anyway. If you have not done so, consider adding your email address to our list. We will pass along interesting, important information as we receive it. All emails are sent blind carbon copy, so no one else sees your email address.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Your neighbor,

Mike O'Keeffe

SPOTLIGHT ON BELLEROSE RESCUE CORPS

As they have done for the past several years, members of Bellerose Rescue will be on duty to handle emergencies at the St Gregory's Festival. This year, in addition to checking blood pressures, they will hand out EMT helmets for kids, and have a free kiddie ride in the form of an ambulance. Stop by to say hello, and learn more about the organization. Bellerose Rescue will conduct a fund drive mailing in June. Anyone interested becoming a member should stop by the booth at the Festival, call (718) 776-6272, or email QVHBVAC@aol.com.

Congratulations to Bellerose Rescue President Marty Braun, who serves as a Deputy Chief in EMS, for receiving the Chief Ulyses Grant Leadership Medal at Fire Department Medal Day services on June 5. Marty and the EMS members under his command endured extremely difficult and hazardous conditions while rescuing several residents of Brighton Beach and Coney Island at the height of Superstorm Sandy.

SANITATION EXPANDS RECYCLING

As of April 24, the Department of Sanitation now accepts for recycling all rigid plastics, including toys, hangers, shampoo bottles, coffee cups and food containers.

New Yorkers will receive mailers that describe the expansion of the recycling program. It is recommended that we rinse recycled plastic food containers (nyc.gov/sanitation).