

# No meeting in June due to Coronavirus



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## BELLEROSE RESCUE SECURES "NEW" AMBULANCE

In March Bellerose Rescue purchased a 2011 Ford gasoline van-type ambulance to replace the 2006 diesel which became too costly to repair.

As President Marty Braun explained, "The ambulance cost \$21,000 and was previously operated by a Maryland-based private company that maintained it well and put primarily highway mileage on it. It is in excellent mechanical condition. The acquisition has re-invigorated our membership which had become demoralized by the constant mechanical breakdowns of our old diesel ambulance. We hope the transition back to gasoline from diesel fuel will reduce the noise and exhaust impact to our neighbors."



Marty also explained that from March 15th through May 25th, Bellerose Rescue operated in the FDNY EMS 911

Mutual Aid System to help reduce emergency ambulance response times in our community during the COVID Pandemic. He said that there may be another mutual aid activation in the fall.

Those interested in volunteering and/or training to become an EMT can email [Belleroserescue@aol.com](mailto:Belleroserescue@aol.com).

The Bellerose Rescue Emergency number is 718-464-2424. If a crew is not available, the call will be transferred to 911.

### CIVIC MEETINGS CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



We are unable to hold public meetings until the government gives clearance that the COVID-19 pandemic is over and social gatherings can resume.

### STREET RESURFACING

As you are probably aware, the NYC Dept of Transportation is in the process of repaving the streets in our civic area. The 239 Street Storm Sewer Project on the Cross Island Parkway service road is nearing completion. We have been unable to get information on progress of reconstruction of Braddock Ave.

### ELECTION UPDATE

Two recent court cases have been decided for the primary election on June 23. The State Board of Elections had cancelled the Democrat Presidential Primary. The court has restored the election even though only one candidate is active.

The Governor had cancelled the special election for Queens Borough President. That action was challenged but the court has ruled that the cancellation will stand. The position of Queens Beep is on for filling an unexpired term. That is different from a special election which would have filled the seat only until the end of the year.

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## President's Message

We would like to thank all Creedmoor Civic members who are essential workers, whether you are medical personnel, food service workers, first responders or anything else. While many of us have been able to shelter at home, you have been out there, putting yourselves at risk for our benefit.

As NYC begins to reopen, let's do what we can to improve our economy without jeopardizing the health gains that our sacrifices have achieved. Please patronize local businesses as much as possible.

On behalf of our officers and Board of Governors, we wish you a safe and enjoyable summer. We do not yet know if we will be able to resume normal operations in the fall. We will keep you informed through our newsletter, emails, and social media.

Your neighbor,

*Michael O'Keeffe*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO GRADUATES!

Since graduation ceremonies have been curtailed due to the coronavirus, we thought we would try to recognize our graduates. Our apologies to anyone we missed. Congratulations and good luck to all!

**Eli Reyes** of 240 Street is graduating from St. Francis Prep HS. Eli plans to join his older brother, **Xavier**, at SUNY Binghamton this fall. Xavier also graduated from St Francis Prep.

**Angelica Canarte** of 88 Avenue is graduating from PS 18. Angelica will be moving on to MS 172 in the fall.

**Justin Canarte** of 88 Avenue is graduating from John F. Kennedy High School.

**Matthew Loftus** of Gettysburg Street is graduating from St. Francis Xavier HS. He was a member of the varsity swim team for 4 years and a Senior Block X award winner. Matthew will be proudly attending Iona College in New Rochelle, NY in the fall and has committed to their swim team. Go Gaels!

**Matthew Wagner** of 237 Street is graduating from St. Gregory the Great Catholic Academy. Matthew plans to attend Chaminade High School in the fall.

**Javier Fajardo** of 88 Ave is graduating from Louis Pasteur Middle School 67. He will be attending St Francis Prep in the fall. Congratulations, Javier! High School here he comes!

**Daniella Fajardo** of 88 Ave is graduating from PS 18. She will be attending Irwin Altman MS 172 in the fall. Congratulations, Daniella! You make us so proud!

## GREGORIAN FESTIVAL CANCELED

The annual Gregorian Festival, which usually takes place in June, has been canceled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

## 2020 U.S. CENSUS REMINDER

It's not too late. You may respond by mail, by phone at 844-330-2020, or on-line at <https://2020census.gov/>

## Around the Town

**Condolences** to the family of **Frank Nunziata**, longtime resident of Gettysburg Street, on his recent passing.

**Congratulations** to **Marty Braun**, President of Bellerose Rescue, on his promotion to Division Chief in the FDNY EMS. Marty has served in EMS for over 28 years, and as a volunteer in Bellerose Rescue for 30 years.

**Congratulations** to Police Officer **Shawn Gallagher**, our senior Neighborhood Coordinating Officer (NCO) on his promotion to Detective. Detective Gallagher will remain as our NCO, working with his partner, PO Christopher Spotts.

## COVID-19 RESOURCES

**Foreclosure Assistance:** Center for NYC Neighborhoods  
Call 311 or 646-786-0888. email: [info@cnycn.org](mailto:info@cnycn.org)  
<https://cnycn.org/foreclosure/>

**Queens Legal Services Foreclosure Prevention Program** foreclosure is one of several legal services offered. Intake phone number: 917-661-4500.

**NYS Dept of Finance website:**  
<https://www.dfs.ny.gov/consumers/coronavirus/mortgage>

**Food Assistance:** Meals are available Monday through Friday at several local schools. There are also several food pantries nearby. Call 311 or visit [nyc.gov](http://nyc.gov) for more information.