

Next meeting: Mar. 11 at 8 pm

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



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PADAVAN COMES THROUGH WITH \$

How he does it, nobody knows. Every year when it seems as though the door has finally be nailed shut on member items, our local Senator Frank Padavan manages to get the funds necessary to maintain the quality of life in eastern Queens.

Local school districts, and cultural facilities whose leaders have been biting their fingernails in the aftermath of 9-11 breathed a sigh of relief this past week when it was announced that their funding for Fiscal Year 2001-2002 has finally been secured. Closest to home, that means \$100,000 for the Queens County Farm Museum, \$10,000 for the Joint Bellerose Business District Development Corporation (JBBDDC) and funds for Community School Boards 26 and 29.



In fact, the contract has already been sent to the JBBDDC for signing and Albany revealed that our business district was the first signed contract to arrive for processing. The funds will be used for new lamppost banners, business directory update, and continued maintenance of the beautiful landscaped areas in the center of town.

President's Message

There have been reports of companies posing as the IRS sending out e-mail notices, asking for information such as Social Security numbers and bank account numbers. You may want to know that the IRS never conducts audits via e-mail, nor does it notify taxpayers of impending audits by e-mail.

A more local scam involves a man ringing doorbells in our area asking to "demonstrate" a certain type of laundry detergent. Community Affairs Officer Pete Dwyer of the 105 Precinct says he has not heard of that specific scam, but it is similar to the type that has been used in Queens before.

It's always a good idea to call 911 if you see someone acting suspiciously. You never know whom the cops may pick up.

I've mentioned before how illegal signs on utility poles have popped up on Hillside and Jamaica Aves. In February, I noticed two large signs on 88th Ave that were advertising a local roofing business. These signs weren't placed on telephone poles, however, they were both nailed to trees! I called and left a message with the company's answering service, and to the company's credit, the signs were removed within 48 hours. A not-so-local real estate company, who is known for its low commissions, has also decided to place their advertisements in our neighborhood for weeks at a time. Open House signs are common, but they should always be removed the same day. A call to the company was not returned, but hopefully the message was received. Let me know if you see any more of these.

Many of our residents may have purchased wood chests from the Lane Furniture Company. Because the locks on the lids of these chests can lock a child in and suffocate them, a recall has been issued. Unfortunately, a dozen children have died because of this defect. Millions of these chests have been sold since the early 1900s. You can call 888 856-8758 for a free replacement lock.

To many of our residents, the most visible service of our association is this newsletter. It's delivered to you every month because of our block captains. Our newest volunteer is Manny Lopez, who has delivered for the 89 block of Lyman St. for the past two months. Rose Daddario and Helen Trent sort and deliver to the block captains every month without fail. Without all these volunteers, our dues would be much higher to cover the cost of postage. All of you, thank you.

Don't forget to set June 8th aside. That'll be our 75th Anniversary celebration, to be held at the Queens Farm Museum.

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We're honored to have the Chairman of our community board, Richard Hellenbrecht, as our guest speaker this month. Please be sure to come and find out everything that our community board does for our neighborhoods, and hit Mr. Hellenbrecht with some hard-hitting questions. And he's a nice guy, too.

This is the month that nominations for all of the officer positions for the CCA are accepted. If you're interested, stop by. Keep in mind that the Nominating Committee presents a slate this month, but nominations will also be accepted from the membership. Elections will be held at the April meeting.

Your neighbor,
Rich Duskiwicz

2001 Membership Roster Addendum

As promised last month, following are the names of families that either paid for 2001 since last month, or who were inadvertently omitted (Hall):

88th Avenue **240th Street**
Mirbach Sarabia

90th Avenue **241st Street**
Fernbacher Smith
Sullivan/Barrett Fiorillo
Yevoli

Lyman Street **242nd Street**
Plagianos Hall

Also: checks should be sent to **88-01 Lyman St.**, not 89-01 as was incorrectly printed last month. Apologies to all those inconvenienced.

Around the Town

❖ **Welcome New Neighbors:** the Felipe Family at 90-02 242nd Street. If you know of new neighbors on your block, please contact the Civic, and our Welcome New Neighbors Committee Chair Rosemary Parker will deliver a welcome gift package.

❖ Congratulations to: James McCabe of 88th Avenue and 237th Street. Captain McCabe has been appointed Commanding Officer of the Police Academy in Manhattan.

❖ **Condolences to:** Brian and Lydia Connelly and children of 238th Street on the passing of Brian's mother Margaret in January, 2002. Also to Elsie Berberich of 91st Avenue on the death of her husband, Hugo; to Mary O'Connor of 90th Avenue on the death of her husband John; and to the Larry Vallaro of 240th Street on the death of his father, Michael. And to: the family of Paul Rizzicato of 91st Avenue, beloved father of Camille McMenamin of 242nd Street. Additionally, the family of Philip Acosta, beloved son of Peter and Aimee of 237th Street; the family of Michael O'Keffe who passed away in February, beloved father of Mike O'Keeffe of 88th Avenue. And lastly, the family of Louise Ille, who passed away January 24, beloved mother of Marlene Siry of 239th Street

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Queens Civic Congress to host Civic Convention

The Queens Civic Congress will hold its biennial civic convention on Sunday, April 14. These conventions have been held irregularly since 1964. The first one was held at the Congress International Inn at Idlewild. Some 1,000 delegates representing civic associations around the borough converged that year. Now, due to radical changes in the demographics of Queens, the conventions host a more modest 200+, but still get representation from every corner of Queens.

This year it will be easy for us to get to: the event will be held at Antun's in Queens Village. The price is \$28 for a full course luncheon (if bought in advance through a civic, otherwise higher.)

Creedmoor Civic is diminutive in size compared to other civics (we cover 25 square blocks, whereas some western Queens civics claim territories that cover two and three zip codes), yet our civic never fails to send one of the largest of all delegations. This year Governor Pataki has been invited but at press time his attendance is not confirmed.

2002 Dues Are Due - \$5.00 per family.