

# **Next meeting: Mar. 8 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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### **AIN'T WE GRAND!**

After three years of negotiations between the Bellerose Business District and the NYC Department of Transportation, the Art Commission, Community Board 13, and Welsbach Electric, Bellerose' new cast iron lampposts are finally seeing the light of day.



#### **105 PRECINCT'S NEW COMMANDING OFFICER WILL SPEAK AT MARCH MEETING**

Once again there is a change in command at the 105<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct. The new honcho is Deputy Inspector Thomas Manzolillo. He has agreed to be our guest speaker on March 8<sup>th</sup>. You should make every effort to turn out for this meeting if we are to impress the Police Department that we take seriously the matter of keeping crime down. And as always, refreshments will be served after the meeting.

#### **MEMBERSHIP ROSTER POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL**

Due to technical difficulties, we will not be printing the list of paid up members for 2003 in this issue. We will endeavor to do it in the April issue. That buys you some time to pay up: \$5.00 for 2003 (\$6.00 for 2004.)

These magnificent poles are replicas of the ones that used to grace some Bellerose streets until the City foolishly removed them beginning in the 1960s. Due to the configuration of the luminaire lenses, they actually give off slightly more light than the cobra headed aluminum poles that they replace. Besides the scroll work arm brackets, the poles boast garlands, gadrooning, acanthus leaves, and other decorative features in cast iron relief

A word of caution however: keep your cars on the road. If you drive into one of these poles, as a Welsbach employee put it, "you won't do it again." These poles do not come down upon impact, unlike the old poles that were constantly being knocked down by errant autos. These poles weigh 2,400 pounds, as opposed to the old ones that weighed just a couple of hundred pounds and shattered upon impact. These poles were manufactured by Spring City Foundry in Spring City, Pennsylvania, a firm noted for its high quality lamppost castings.

Soon new banners will be installed on the poles on the section of the pole where there is no decoration. Together the poles, banners, and flowering trees in the center mall will give our shopping area a sense of place. Currently, the Business District leaders are negotiating for the placement of a street clock and a rebuilding of the triangle at Braddock and 245<sup>th</sup> Street where there is now a muddy mess. Seven banners will also be installed on poles on Braddock Avenue between Gettysburg Street and the Cross Island Parkway. Funding is from State Sen. Frank Padavan.

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## Around the Town

❖ **Condolences:** to the family of Kay Corso of Gettysburg Street who passed away recently.

❖ **Merchants in the news:** Allan's Barber Shop at 247-61 Jamaica Avenue now has a special promotion: for every five haircuts you buy, the sixth one is free. Customers are issued cards which are punched after each haircut until you've earned your free one.

Special thanks to Bella Napoli, 236-09 Braddock Avenue for donating a box of garlic knots to enjoy at our February meeting. We urge our residents to take advantage of their wonderful lunch specials available from noon to 3 PM.

We hear that the old Bellerose Theatre is being occupied by a karate supplies store. We don't know yet if it is wholesale or retail.

### Queens Farming News

A special meeting of the Klein Farm Task Force has been called by Councilman David Weprin for March 1 to discuss the sale of the 2.2 acre farm in Fresh Meadows. We will give you an update on this at our March meeting.

Meanwhile, the Queens County Farm Museum will be planting SIX ACRES to crops this year. Last year they only had three acres under cultivation,

and the year before only one acre. The corn maze which last year was 1.7 acres will be 2.5 acres this year. In addition, a vineyard is being started along with a pick-your-own pumpkin patch. Later this spring work will begin on moving the duck pond, and building a windmill to replicate one that stood in the barnyard until about 1929.

The 4-acre farm on Main Street, Flushing belonging to John Bowne High School is building a new barn. John Bowne HS has the only agricultural course in New York City.

## DUES ENVELOPES BEING DISTRIBUTED

With this issue of the Creedmoor Civic News, we are enclosing our annual Dues Remittance Envelope. By returning this envelope with your dues (\$6.00 per family), you will be saving our unpaid block captains the arduous task of having to come personally to your house to request the dues. Please cooperate and mail back the envelope. Your home is your biggest investment. It's worth \$6.00 per year to support an organization that fights for the community's interests.

## President's Message

Hello, Friends.

Last month I mentioned that we had a few burglaries in our area. I received several phone calls expressing concern that this was a runaway problem. This is not true, although when your home or your neighbor's is burglarized, it's a major event. Crime Prevention Officer LoPresti spoke with us last month and gave us a few tips on how to better protect our homes. It's not a bad idea to check with your neighbors for unsecured ladders which make it all too easy to access your second floor windows.

Creedmoor Civic will be electing officers again soon. Are you interested in helping out? Even if you don't want to be elected into a position, we could certainly use assistance in other ways. Every month we struggle for volunteers for hospitality. If someone could help out for the upcoming year for several meetings, it would certainly make it easier for us. All your costs are reimbursed. If you might like to help, contact me at 464-3369.

Judy Shad-Mahoney of 240 Street graciously volunteered to convert our membership data into a more modern version. Thank you, Judy.

The new Commanding Officer of the 105th Precinct is Deputy Inspector Thomas Manzollilo. He has agreed to be the guest speaker at Creedmoor Civic's March meeting, so please come with your police and security-related questions for him.

See you Monday.

Your Neighbor,

**Rick Duskwicz**