

Next meeting: Mar. 12 at 8 PM

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



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General Realty Exposed

From the very beginning, we knew they were trouble. G & R realty, also known as General Realty, which is located at Braddock Avenue and 242 Street, was the subject of a Channel 7 investigative report on February 15.

Television reporter Sarah Wallace interviewed a Laurelton couple who contracted with General Realty to sell their home. The couple contacted Channel 7 when they became suspicious of several aspects of the transaction, including the low selling price, missing signatures and the statement that their old mortgage would be "assumed" by an investor.

The hidden camera showed agents from this realty office unsuccessfully attempting to explain their actions.

The TV news segment showed how the new attorney was able to have the real estate transaction voided. That's a good indication of how flawed that contract was. The *Creedmoor Civic News* exposed General Realty one year ago this month, when we reported that their representatives were violating NY State's cease-and-desist law by going door-to-door and harassing homeowners, and refusing to take no for an answer. Several complaints were filed against General Realty at that time, and fines of more than \$3,500.00 were supposedly imposed.

A follow up show aired on February 28 showed another couple that was apparently victimized not once, but twice by General Realty, but unfortunately it appears to be too late for them. They may lose their new home to foreclosure.

As a result of our story in the *Creedmoor Civic News* last March, Times Ledger reporter Howard Koplowitz ran a story on the harassment of Bellerose homeowners. General Realty's in-your-face lying comment to the reporter? "We don't deal with that neighborhood."



The name of the business has been removed from the facade at 241-25 Braddock Avenue.

We expect nothing less than lies like this from this company. State Senator Frank Padavan is calling on authorities to fully investigate this company for their shady tactics.

The signs of the exterior of the building were taken down on February 28. The attorney claims that because of a supposedly "anti-Semitic" neighborhood backlash, General Realty will be closing their offices in Queens. This is a last-ditch, desperate parting shot from these creeps caught red-handed.

Bellerose is certainly not anti-Semitic. To put it simply, we are anti-swindler. Here's a fair warning to the other four boroughs of New York City: Beware, they may come crawling to your neighborhood soon.

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Around the Town

❁ **Welcome to:** Mindy's Discount store in the 239 block of Braddock Avenue. They are open 7 days a week and carry a variety of interesting items, including party goods.

❁ **Condolences to:** the family of William Harold Kelly of 90th Avenue whose funeral was on February 17, 2007.

❁ **Get well to:** Rosemarie Russo, CCA Board Member who broke her shoulder on February 7.

Dues Payment Updates

Following are dues payment for 2006 which were received since last month's listing:

Cashin 237 88 Ave, **DeNara** 238 88 Ave, **Hussey** 241 88 Ave
Bellisario 89 Moline St, **Robinson** 88 Lyman St, **Loftus** 88
Gettysburg St, **Abedoza** 88 237 St, **Puccio** 89 237 St, **Moeller**
89 237 St, **Francis** 89 237 St, **Dixon** 88 238 St, **Dand** 89 238 St
Magro/Costello 88 238 St, **Wydrycs** 88 238 St, **O'Connor** 88
238 St, **Lackner/Sejarto** 88 240 St, **Forgione** 88 240 St,
O'Keeffe 88 240 St, **Roganti** 88 241 St, **Ross** 88 242 St,
Martinez 88 242 St, **Ragusa** 89 242 St, **Lollo** 242 89 Ave,
Martori 242 90 Ave

The following were paid for 2006 but were inadvertently omitted:

Jean-Charles 90 242 St., **Lorenzo** 242 90 Ave

Many people included donations with their dues. We especially appreciate the extra financial aid. Our thanks to the following:

Martuscello 235 88 Ave, **Villanueva** 237 88 Ave, **Cashin** 237
88 Ave, **Bellisario** 89 Moline St, **Robinson** 88 Lyman St,
Narain 88 Lyman St, **Loftus** 88 Gettysburg St, **McGowan** 88

Gettysburg St, **Abedoza** 88 237 St, **Palau** 89 238 St,
Anonymous 88 240, **Murphy** 88 242, **Hall** 88 242, **Aragona** 88
242 St, **Schillinger** 88 242 St, **Laffin/Rose** 88 242 St, **Martinez**
88 242 St, **Murphy** 88 242 St, **Vendittelli** 242 89 Ave, **Lollo**
242 89 Ave, **Sileo** 242 90 Ave, **Lorenzo** 242 90 Ave

Gunn Park Hit by Vandals

William Gunn Park, at Hillside Ave & 235th Court was badly vandalized by graffiti during the week of February 19th. The Parks Department painted over the numerous graffiti tags very quickly.

Civic Party Taking Shape - Tickets Now Being Sold

Creedmoor Civic celebrates its 80th birthday on May 5 (Saturday) at the Queens County Farm Museum, an organization our civic was largely responsible for creating. We will have live music provided by Risky Business, hot foot, beverages, awards, and a beautiful day in "farm country" where you can take hay rides, peruse a French wine vineyard, feed livestock, and tour an 18th century farmhouse. Tickets for adults are \$30 per person, and children under 12 are just \$15. You can get tickets at the civic meeting on March 12, or by sending a check to: Jim Trent, 242-33 90th Avenue, Bellerose, NY 11426-1115. Make checks payable to Creedmoor Civic Association. The party starts at 1 PM. We are honoring long-time board member Helen Trent, and recently deceased board member (Marian) Jean Corbett. The event is open to all residents of the association, and their relatives and friends.

Dog Poop Fines Going Up

One of our members reports that the fine for not cleaning up after your dog may be going to from \$100 to \$250. Regardless of the fine, it is being a good neighbor not to allow such messes to remain on streets and sidewalks, or someone's lawn.

Setting your Clocks

Daylight Savings Time comes much earlier this year, March 11. Be aware that some computers, as well as many access control and alarm systems will need to be manually adjusted for this.

Proposed Jamaica Rezoning Freaking People Out

The City has designs on upzoning over 300 blocks of Jamaica, but some of Hollis is being dragged into the mix. Closest to home, the rezoning would allow 16-story buildings on Hillside Avenue up to Midland Parkway, and slightly smaller buildings along Hillside further east. Most people don't oppose upzoning downtown Jamaica, but feel some of this goes too far.