

Next meeting: Mar. 10 at 8 PM

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



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LITTER LAWN SIGNS AVAILABLE

The Padavan/Weprin bill to permit property owners to opt out of receiving unsolicited circulars is now law.

CCA received its order of 200 lawn signs and 100 window signs from Senator Padavan's office. We've had a great response via our email list, and have less than half of them left. You can pick some up at this Monday's meeting.

These signs, if you haven't been following our updates in this newsletter, let the advertising circular companies know that you don't want the circulars dropped at your home.

The Dept of Sanitation has been designated by the mayor as the agency who will be enforcing this new law. Although this law is now in effect, the city still has a few weeks to work out the details. Install your signs now, to let those actually delivering know what these signs look like.

CIVIC GROUPS PLAN ZONING RALLY

In June, 2004 the Queens Preservation Council and the Queens Civic Congress co-sponsored a rally on the steps of Queens Borough Hall to protest the lack of appropriate zoning for many Queens Neighborhoods. Since then, some communities have been rezoned and Sunnyside Gardens has become an Historic District. However, there has been a slowdown on other rezonings, including Bellerose (east of the Cross Island Parkway).

The two groups are in planning stages of having another such rally in May of this year. We will keep our members posted as to when it will be. We hope everyone will turn out to protect our low-scale, suburban-style neighborhoods from out-of-context redevelopment.

CIVIC SEEKS BOARD/OFFICERS SLATE

It's election time in our Civic's yearly calendar. All officers are up for election as are two seats on the Board of Governors. The officers that exist in our constitution can be found on the other side of this newsletter in the masthead box. Only paid members are eligible to hold office and vote in our elections. If you have an interest, please come to our March meeting.

Transit News Roundup

Buses: There is some talk of extending the Q79 south into Floral Park Village to terminate at the LIRR train station if the MTA has enough money. However, the Village of Floral Park has repeatedly blocked such efforts in the past claiming, not convincingly, that Tulip Avenue cannot handle the extra traffic. The Q79 only operates twice an hour and not at all on Sundays or late at night.

LIRR: The MTA claims their 5-year capital plan has the Third Track project as being fully funded, yet the Federal Transportation Agency has not yet approved the project. The LIRR and MTA haven't been able to get their story straight as to whether the extra track is needed for reverse commutation or as a by-pass track. While the project no longer will affect Bellerose, it will require condemnation of private property east of Floral Park to Hicksville.

Subways: Creedmoor's Jim Trent will be meeting with the MTA with three other transit advocates on March 4 to discuss the G train service and other Queens Boulevard Line subway service. A full report will be made at the March meeting.

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Around the Town

❁ **Congratulations to:** the Rocky Hill Civic Association, which will be celebrating their 80th anniversary at Koenig's on March 15. Tickets are \$65. For more information, contact Frank Toner, President, 88-19 Billings Street, Bellerose Manor, NY 11427.

❁ Welcome to: Oswaldo and Jackie Carrion (who introduced themselves as Ozzie and Jackie) of the 88 Block of 238th Street.

❁ **A Very Belated Welcome to:** the Tubilleja Family of the 89 Block of Gettysburg Street.

Donations Received

We extend our thanks to the following for their generous donations to our civic:

EOK Bakery - Braddock Ave
Bellisario - 89 Block, Moline St.
Duszkiewicz - 88 Block, Lyman St.
Narain - 88 Block, Lyman St.
Sarabia - 88 Block, 240 St.
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Savino - 237 Block, 88 Ave.
Grandison - 239 Block, 88 Ave.
Vendittelli - 242 Block, 89 Ave.

Time to Spring Forward

For the 2nd year, Daylight Savings Time is coming early (March 9.) We all know to move our clocks ahead one hour. Many of us forget to also have the clocks on our alarm systems changed also. The DST settings are most likely incorrect.

President's Message

Hello, Neighbors!

We're looking for a few good volunteers. Not only are all CCA officer positions open, but we need a few members to handle a couple of assignments as they come up.

I hear from some residents that they'd like to help, but they can't commit the time to actively participate in the organization. Sometimes we need someone to spend a few hours on evening or Saturday to clean up a small area that's been neglected, or an hour or two to cover over some graffiti. Think you'd like to help out that way? Remember, we're all volunteers with the civic association.

I've been noticing a comeback of a very rude and dangerous practice in our neighborhood; The blocking of the sidewalk by not pulling the cars all the way into the driveways. On a stroll last weekend, I counted more than 10 vehicles forcing me to make a choice: Either walk across a front lawn, or walk into the street. Here's a scenario: You block the sidewalk with your car "for only a few minutes." Someone walking down your block is forced to walk around your car into the street. That person is hit by a passing car on our narrow street. What's the probability that you'll be named in that lawsuit? Pretty good, I think. Starting next week, we'll be asking the precinct via a formal letter to start actively enforcing this violation for our own safety.

We had an extended discussion at the last meeting regarding the two proposed speed humps on 88th Ave. We took a vote, and the humps were approved. The community board has already accepted our approval and notified the Department of Transportation.

Hope to see you at our meeting Monday evening. It's open to all residents. We will be voting on whether to split the 105 Precinct into two precincts.

Your Neighbor,

Rick Duszkiewicz

DUES PAYMENT ADDENDUM

Following are additional families who are paid-up for 2007:

Valley Printing Braddock Ave
Hammerslag 88 Gettysburg St
DeLeo 88 237 St
Hughes 88 238 St
Zambito 89 238 St
Cartegena 88 240 St
Smith 88 241 St
Ambrosini 236 88 Ave
Savino 237 88 Ave
Denara 238 88 Ave
Grandison 239 88 Ave

QUEENS CIVIC CONGRESS FOUNDATION TO HOST BIENNIAL LUNCHEON

April 6 is the date for the QCCF luncheon at Antun's. We will discuss who will be going at our March meeting.