

Next meeting: May 13 at 8 pm

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



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105th Precinct's Executive Officer to speak at May meeting

Theresa Shortell, the Executive Officer of the 105th Precinct Stationhouse will be our featured speaker for the May meeting.

Our new precinct commander, Capt. Bryan, had accepted our invitation to speak at our May 13th meeting, but later had to cancel out due to another engagement. That's when he notified us that he was instead sending his executive officer, who is essentially second in charge. Please think of questions, come out to the meeting, and bring a neighbor. This is our first opportunity as a civic to meet the new administration at the 105. If we expect our crime concerns to be taken seriously, we need to show a good attendance. Put away your excuses, and come to the meeting. Refreshments are served at the conclusion.

celebration cake. There will be a live musician and a cabaret act consisting of the same woman who performed hilariously for us five years ago. Dignitaries from neighboring civic associations are being invited, as are our local elected officials and Borough President.

We hope you will spread the word. The party is only open to civic members, but they are allowed to invite all their friends and relatives.

75th Anniversary Party Details Revealed!



Our Anniversary Committee has announced the final arrangements for the June 8 shindig to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of Creedmoor Civic Association. Tickets are \$20 per adult, and \$10 per child under 12. It will be held, as was our 70th birthday party, in the main barn of the Queens County Farm Museum. For a mere \$20, you

get free entrance (show your party ticket at the front gate!) to the Farm which that day is hosting a Civil War Encampment exhibition including battle. During the show, free fruit punch and snacks will be available to our party-goers. At dinner time, there will be a hot buffet including salad, rolls and butter, soda, choice of five entrees, and

Q1 bus throws us for a loop

Be aware that the Q1 bus loop which begins around 1 A.M. and links the two Q1 buses (Queens Village and Bellerose) during the wee hours, continues as late as 9:15 A.M. on Sundays. That means if you are bound for points west of Hillside Avenue and Springfield Boulevard, you must board the bus on the Jamaica Avenue-bound side of Braddock Avenue (south-side). The bus will go down toward Jamaica Avenue then turn onto Jamaica Avenue to Springfield Blvd, head north on Springfield, thence onto Hillside Avenue and on to the subway/bus terminal. If you stand on the north-side of Braddock Avenue, there won't be any bus service until around 10 A.M. Consult your Guide-A-Ride kiosk, or get a Q1 schedule from your bus driver.

2001 Membership Roster Addendum

Still a few more paid up members for 2001:

Gettysburg Street.....Flynn
237th Street.....Wagner
241st Street.....LoBosso

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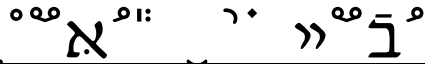
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❖ **Welcome New Neighbors:** Welcome packages have been delivered to the following new families: The Block Family at 88-01 238th Street, and the Duthie Family at 89-17 242nd Street. We hope they enjoy their stay in our fine community. If you know of any new families newly moved into our community, please let our president know by calling the Civic Hotline 464-3369.



Before injection



After restoration

Gettysburg Sidewalk Repaired

A new injection process was used a few weeks ago to pump a mixture of soil and cement under the collapsed sidewalk slabs on the west side of Gettysburg Street. During injection, the slab begins to rise up and when it has resumed its normal position, the holes bored in the sidewalk are plugged. This work is cheaper, quicker and a whole lot less inconvenient to property owners than wholesale removal of the flags, backfilling

the sinkage, and then pouring and curing a new sidewalk. Our hats are off to the Department of Design and Construction for this fine work. However, since it is experimental, DDC will be monitoring the area for several months.

The CCA has already submitted several locations on 239th Street that has similar problems.

President's Message

Navigating the hills, valleys and plateaus can be exciting on an exotic vacation, but you're not supposed to have to do that on your own block.

That's what the residents of the west side of Gettysburg St. have had to do for the last couple of years. Sections of their sidewalks have gradually sunk lower and lower since they were replaced almost ten years ago. The settling was so bad, some homeowners had to build concrete ramps to prevent tripping. The reason for the settling was obvious: Either the sewer under the sidewalk had collapsed, or the dirt was never backfilled properly. Since a remote camera from the DEP determined that the sewer was okay, the next step was to fill in the voids under the sidewalk. But who wants to deal with all the construction involved? Fortunately, an experiment by the Dept of Design and Construction seems to have done the trick. See the article and pictures elsewhere in this newsletter. Without the help of Senator Frank Padavan, we'd still be using Gettysburg St as a Stairmaster. Many thanks must also go to Randy Newton in the Senator's office. He tolerated way too many of my phone calls regarding these sidewalks over the last 18 months.

Congratulations to our own Jim Trent, who, besides playing a large role in the CCA, is involved with many other civic organizations. He received recognition from the Queens Civic Congress praising his over 40 years in civic work.

The subject of posters and signs has come up again. Please, if you place any of these signs on the poles in our neighborhood, take the time to remove them when your event has passed. It's the neighborly thing to do.

Whether or not you attend our monthly meetings, you should seriously consider coming to the 75th Anniversary celebration next month. Come with a bunch of your friends and neighbors. Make it like a block party. It's a sign that you support this association and the work that it does. If you have any questions, or would like to purchase tickets, call me at 464-3369. You can also order tickets by calling Jim Trent at 343-8830. I really hope to see you there June 8.

your neighbor,

Rick Duszkiewicz

Creedmoor on Creedmoor

Creedmoor Civic is concerned about continuing reports of possible additional land sales at Creedmoor Hospital. We were alerted by the Bellerose Hillside Civic Association. Working through the Queens Civic Congress' Creedmoor Task Force chaired by Jim Trent of Creedmoor Civic, a meeting was set up with Karen Koslowitz, the Deputy Borough President. Joining him at the meeting were Sean M. Walsh, QCC President, Richard Hellenbrecht, QCC Vice President and Chairman of Community Board 13, and Corey Bearak, QCC Executive Vice President.

We reviewed the 35-year history of land sales at Creedmoor, went over the issue of the master plan that was promulgated by former BP Claire Shulman, and insisted that the civics be kept in the loop. Koslowitz brought our issues to the attention of her city planner and promised to attempt to see that the master plan is adhered to.

Queens Civic Congress honors Creedmoor Civic's Treasurer/Past President

The Queens Civic Congress held its biennial Convention at Antun's in Queens Village on April 14. Creedmoor Civic did itself proud with the largest delegation of any civic association in Queens with 14 members.

Approximately 200 people jammed the Venetian Room which hosted Congressman Joseph Crowley as the keynote speaker. Creedmoor's delegation included: Rick Duskiwicz, Rosemary Parker, Jean Corbett, Betty Baumann, James Trent, Helen Trent, Patricia Dougherty, Helene and Ron Schwizer, Rosemarie Russo, Rose Kaminski, Rose Daddario, Christine Larkins and Maureen Morris.



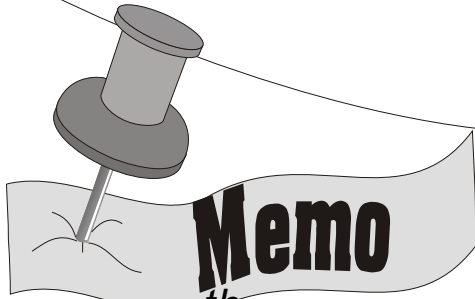
A plaque from the Congress was jointly presented to Jim Trent for his 43 years in civic work by QCC President Sean M. Walsh and Queens Borough President Helen Marshall.

From left to right: Joining in honoring Jim Trent: Councilman John Liu, QCC VP Corey Bearak, QCC VP Patricia Dolan, Assemblywoman Barbara Clark, Congressman Joseph Crowley, Queens Borough President Helen Marshall, Assemblyman Mark Weprin, QCC President Sean M. Walsh, Jim Trent, State Senator Frank Padavan, Councilman David Weprin, Councilman James Gennaro, and Assemblyman Michael Cohen.

Photo by Jim Jaffe (Kew Gardens Hills Civic Assn.)

Later, a Citation from the New York State Assembly was presented to Jim by State Assemblyman Mark Weprin, and a Proclamation from the New York State Senate was presented by Senator Frank Padavan. This event capped a series of newspaper profiles of Jim by the *Queens Courier*, the *Times-Ledger*, and *New York Daily News*. Photos of the award ceremony were published by the *Times-Ledger*, and the *Queens Tribune*. Trent headed Creedmoor Civic from 1970 through 1980. After that stint, he was Creedmoor's vice president, and now treasurer. He is also founder and head of the Queens County Farm Museum, vice president of the Joint Bellerose Business District Development Corporation, chairman of the board of the Queens Village Republican Club, and board member of the Municipal Engineers of the City of New York, the Metropolitan Historic Structures Association, and the Klein Farm Task Force. In addition, he is vice president of the Poppenhusen Institute in College Point, and treasurer of the Queens Civic Congress.

The Queens Civic Congress, founded in 1997, is an umbrella for 95 civic associations located throughout the borough. Its officers make up the cream of civic leadership in Queens. Mr. Walsh, former president of Douglaston Civic, was a former Assistant D.A. in Bronx County and is now a deputy inspector general for the School Construction Authority. Executive vice president Patricia Dolan is president of Kew Gardens Hills Homeowners Civic, reputed to have the largest membership of any civic association in Queens and is an expert on zoning and the City Charter; executive vice president Corey Bearak is a former president of the North Bellerose Civic Association, and currently is legislative director for the Borough President of The Bronx. Corey also is known as a leader of the Northeast Queens Jewish Community Council, and the County Line Democratic Club. Other officers include Seymour Schwartz, president of the Briarwood Community Association; Nagassar Ramgarib, president of the Queens Village Civic Association; and Tina Chan, president of the Kew Forest Neighborhood Association. The Congress replaces the Federation of Civic Councils of the Borough of Queens, founded in the early 1960s but which over time was losing strength and influence.



75th Anniversary Celebration
of the founding of the
Creedmoor Civic Association, Inc.
1927-2002

To be held at the
Queens County Farm Museum - Main Barn
73-50 Little Neck Parkway, Glen Oaks

June 8, 2002
in conjunction with the Museum's
Civil War Encampment
(no entrance charge to Party-goers)

Farm opens at 11 AM - Party starts at 1PM

\$20 per adult
\$10 Per child under 12
open to civic members, their friends and relatives

Hot buffet, beverages, dessert,
live music and cabaret act,
visits by Queens dignitaries

For tickets call: 718-343-8830 or 464-3369