

Next meeting: May 12 at 8 PM

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



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ANTI OVER-DEVELOPMENT RALLY SET FOR MAY 12 AT BORO HALL

The Queens Civic Congress together with the Queens Preservation Council, and civics from throughout Queens will gather at Queens Borough Hall to focus attention on unfinished business of rezonings in Queens.

Many of you will remember the successful rally we attended on the same subject in June of 2004. About 212 people turned out. Since that time a number of communities have been rezoned, but the Jamaica rezoning project and the Willets Point project seems to have sapped energy from the remaining zonings, including one for Bellerose, because so many City Planning personnel have been assigned to those projects. We can't wait any longer. For example, the Broadway Flushing Civic has suffered 17 tear-downs in the past year alone, and they are seeking landmark district status which becomes more difficult as more of the quality homes are lost.

Creedmoor Civic had a presence at the 2004 rally and we hope to do likewise on May 12. Civics are encouraged to bring their banners and posters stating their concerns. No elected will be allowed to speak unless they have signed the "commitment letter" and pledge to work on the major issues concerning the Queens Civic Congress' members. (Creedmoor Civic has representation at both the Queens Civic Congress and Queens Preservation Council meetings.) We don't want pols to hog the microphone appearing to support us while they go back to their offices and take money from the very developers they claim they are fighting. The signing of what some of us call the "loyalty oath" is to prevent civics from being made fools of while our work is undermined by the very pols who say they are supporting us.

The rally is from 2 PM to 3 PM. Borough Hall is located at 120-55 Queens Boulevard, Kew Gardens. Access is

easy via the F train to the Union Turnpike Station. Board the train at the back to be closest to Borough Hall.

PLANTING FEATURE REPLACES MUD TRIANGLE AT 245TH ST.



City DOT reconstructs corner of 245th Street and Braddock Avenue.

A design prepared by the Bellerose Business District five years ago finally comes to fruition thanks to the prodding of State Senator Frank Padavan when on April 30 the Department of Design Construction acting for NYC DOT hired a private contractor to do the work. The Bellerose Business District's gardeners will fill the area with ann-
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President's Message

Hello, Neighbors!

I'd like to thank everyone who made it out to last month's meeting to hear the members of the 116th Pct Task Force explain why they thought it was a good idea to split our precinct into two separate precincts. Those same members discussed the pros and cons of such a move, then voted to support that split. That is now our civic's official stance on the issue.

If your block would like to hold a block party, remember that you must submit an application to the community board at least 60 days before the event. Be sure to get the signatures and addresses of more than 50% of the homeowners on your block to sign a petition agreeing to the event. The fee is \$15. The form can be found on CCA's website at www.creedmoorcivic.org. Newsletters from the past ten years can also be found there.

Your Neighbor,

Rick Duszkiewicz

Q36 BUS INITIATES EXPRESS SERVICE

The MTA has inaugurated rush-hour express service on the Q36 bus which some of our civic residents can access if they live near to Jamaica Avenue. The bus now operates as a local from 257th Street Jamaica-bound until it reaches Hillside Avenue, then will make only three stops until it reaches the subway. Of course, if you can make it to a Q36 stop on Jamaica, you are probably still better off taking the N24 which is faster still. The N24 picks up locally until it reaches Queens Village (near Stutzmann's), then goes essentially express all the way to the subway at 179th Street. This N24 service was inaugurated as a result of the Bellerose Business District's efforts. The N24 used to refuse to pick up any Bellerose Queens people. Express service on the N24 is available at all times, the Q36 Limited only during rush hours.

While on bus business, the MTA has finally placed up-to-date schedules for the Q1 Braddock bus after a month's delay. The schedules were radically revised so we should have had these schedules sooner. Of course, these schedules are available on-line at the MTA's website. The AM rush hours provide slightly better service than in the past, but the 2-buses per hour mid-day schedule has changed so please take note so you don't have to stand for a long time at the bus stop.

GLEN OAKS CAMPUS NOW PADAVAN CAMPUS

The Department of Education decided to recognize State Senator Frank Padavan's extraordinary efforts in getting the 32 acres formerly part of Creedmoor Hospital made into a school campus for two K-8s and a high school. On April 26 a ceremony was held to rename the campus the Frank Padavan Campus. A light lunch was served at the Farm Museum for the invited guests afterwards.

Around the Town

❁ **Coming Soon:** We've been informed that a grocery store will be opening at the unoccupied building across the street from the Pickles Deli on the block between 92nd Road and Gettysburg Street. With the loss of the Cedar Lane grocery at 224th Street and Braddock, many of our residents, especially non-driving seniors, will welcome the opportunity to buy vegetables and canned goods within an easy walk.

TRIANGLE TRANSFORMED

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uals and the Department of Parks/Greenstreets has committed to doing a planting of perennials in the fall.

The area was an eyesore for years. At one time 245th Street was a two-way street, but once it became one-way decades ago, the southbound turn lane became useless and some people used the roadway as a parking space. Meantime, the triangle which was originally unpaved became a tangle of weeds. Soon after the JBBDDC reclaimed the little island and planted it with flowers, cars and trucks started driving over it, pressing the curbing into the ground and making the whole area a flooded muddy mess during rains. Although we asked that the triangle be shifted northward, the City refused but agreed to merge the triangle with the corner of the block where the bank is located by eliminating the little street. New sidewalks and a pedestrian ramp that lines up with the one at the eastern side of the street should make for an easier cross heading east and west on foot. Chelmsford Contracting of Great Neck did the work neatly and quickly.