

Next meeting: May 11 at 8 PM

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



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BELLEROSE RESIDENTS RALLY AGAINST 249TH ST. HOTEL

On Saturday, May 2, a crowd of Bellerose residents took to the streets to protest a proposed new hotel at Jericho Turnpike and 249th Street.

Local politicians and would-be politicians also showed up along with at least three people from the print media.

Mark Weprin, the Assemblyman from the 24th A.D., was present, but he is also a candidate for City Council to replace outgoing David Weprin. Also on hand was Bob Friedrich, the president of Glen Oaks Village, and also a



So many gathered for the protest, that they spilled into the street, angering the cops from the 105th Precinct.

Photo by Rick Duskiwicz

candidate for the David Weprin seat. So many civics were represented: Queens Colony, Floral Park Community Council, Rocky Hill, Creedmoor, Joint Bellerose Business District, Glen Oaks Village Owners, Village of Bellerose, Bellerose Commonwealth, Community Board 13 and even



The Community's anger is expressed on the picket signs. In the center of the photo is Angela Augugliaro, the Queens Colony president in whose territory the hotel would be located.

Photo by J. Trent

someone from the defunct Queens Braddock Civic. The Queens Colony Civic Association is vowing to write to all the hotel chains urging them not to issue a franchise to the developer. We already have heard that Days Inn rejected the request because the hotel's design doesn't meet their standards.

Neighbors were crestfallen when the bulldozers came to demolish the 1/2-century old Frozen Cup. The loss of the landmark only served to strengthen the resolve of the community to stop this unwanted and unneeded hotel.

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Around the Town

🌸 **Welcome to:** the Mavros Family of the 2386th Block of 88th Avenue, who moved into our neighborhood recently.

🌸 **Reminder:** The fine for not picking up after your dog is now \$250.00

🌸 **Bellerose Optical:** The Bellerose Optical's building has been sold but will remain in business at the same location for at least the next nine months. This is the only optical store within walking distance and would be sorely missed if they moved. The owner might stay in the area if a suitable place can be found.

CIVIC TO PROPOSE BY-LAWS AMENDMENT

At the May meeting, a proposal will be read and tabled to change the by-laws to require a longevity of activity with the Association in order to hold the position of President. The final text will be published in the June issue of the Creedmoor Civic News and the vote to ratify will be taken at the June general meeting. _____

DONATIONS RECEIVED

The following donations have been received with thanks:

89 Block of Lyman Street: Murphy, Vasquez.

Also, thanks to Christine Larkins for donating the refreshments for the March meeting.

LOOKING FOR A TEMP JOB?

The 2010 Census is hiring. Most of the lower level jobs are paying \$15.00. If you are interested, contact them at www.uscensus.gov for job opportunities. Or call 1-866-861-2010. Most of the field jobs for 2009 are filled, but some jobs exist still in various locations.

Our Census speaker last month implored everyone to cooperate with the census since Federal dollars will be parceled out to communities based on population.

President's Message

Once again I'd like to thank our block captains for their efforts in delivering our newsletters every week. Without these volunteers, we'd be paying a fortune every month in postage. Next time you see yours, let him or her know their work is appreciated.

If you're thinking of having a block party this year, remember, you must get the application to the community board at least 65 days before the date of the party. You can get a copy of the application by calling the community board at 718 464-9700.

We still have a few of the "Lawn Litter" lawn signs from Senator Padavan's office. If you'd like one or two leave me a message with your address at 718 464-3369 and I'll drop them off.

Welcome to Marion Zimmer of 88th Drive, who is our newest board member. She is sure to be a great addition to the CCA board. Thank you to Helene Schwizer of 242nd Street, who served on the board for several years.

The civic president of one of our neighboring civic associations was looking out his window one day when he noticed a car with three men slowly cruising down the street. He watched as the car stopped, and two of the men walked to a neighbor's house and rang the doorbell. They walked back to the car when no one answered. Being the vigilant type, he continued to watch, and it was a good thing he did, because the three men went back to the house and walked down the driveway. This civic president called 911 and within a few minutes, several police cars approached the house. The three men were arrested inside the house. In their car was evidence of another recent burglary. Just goes to show you what taking a few minutes out of your day could do. Remember to stay alert about that occasional out-of-place car or van driving down your block. You just might help catch a burglary ring.

-Your Neighbor,

Rick Duskiwicz

QUEENS CIVIC CONGRESS MULLS LAWSUIT OVER D.O.B. 30 DAYS RULE

As we reported last month, the Department of Buildings wants to issue an edict that one has 30 days to complain about an illegality regarding new building plans which will be posted on DOB's website, or the Buildings Department will issue a building permit and will feel free to ignore anything illegal that turns up later. This has so outraged civic leaders around the borough, that the past president of the Civic Congress has recommended (and was supported on) a proposed lawsuit against the DOB. The QCC is currently casting about for a pro bono lawyer.

It is not easy to determine that something is illegal in terms of the building code or the zoning resolution. Few lay people can that without the help of experts such as architects and engineers.

Thank You

A belated thank you to Lucy and Bruno DeFrancheschi of the North Bellerose Civic Association for coming over to our area two months ago and painting over graffiti on two fences that face 88th Road near the Parkway service road.