

Next meeting: May 9 at 8 PM

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



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CIVIC CHANGES PRESIDENTS, FIRST TIME IN 12 YEARS

Our May meeting will see the changing of leadership in our civic. Rick Duskwicz who had been president for about 11-1/2 years will step down and Michael O'Keeffe will take charge.

President's Message

This month marks a very big change for me. After nearly twelve years as your president, I will be stepping down. It's been an honor to serve this neighborhood. I've worked with some of the best officers and board members, including Larry Burke, John Ciolko, Sandy Peterson, Rosemary Parker, Paul Bellisario, Christine Larkins, Betty Baumann, Maureen Morris, Rosemarie Russo, Rose Daddario, Helene Schwizer, Ron Schwizer, Tom Holt, Marie Grandison, Marion Zimmer, Linda Dixon, Mike O'Keeffe, Jim Trent and of course Ann Marie Duskwicz, and a few that are no longer with us: Pat Dougherty, Jean Corbett, Ellie Gerhardt, Ellen Stevens and Helen Trent. Without these coworkers, I would have had a very hard time serving. Fortunately, I had help in many different ways, and I thank them all for that.

I'm proud that our civic has excellent relationships with many of our neighboring civic associations. I've relied on many of their presidents and officers for advice and information many times. The help I received from various city and state agencies, such as Community Board 13, the 105th Precinct and the Sanitation Department was crucial, as was the assistance from the offices of Senator Frank Padavan and Council Member Mark Weprin.

I am very excited about working with our new president Mike O'Keeffe. He's already thrilled me with some of his ideas. As CCA's First Vice President and Chairman, I will be working closely with Mike on some new projects, as well as continue with the website and email notices.

In closing, I want to thank you for your support and for allowing me to serve as the second-longest serving president in CCA history. Please join me at this Monday's meeting to welcome our new president and the rest of the civic board.

Your neighbor, *Rick Duskwicz*

City Council Member Mark Weprin will be the installing officer. Many civic leaders from neighboring civics have been invited. We will have a special celebration cake in addition to our regular refreshments. All are welcome. All officers as well as the new class of 2014 board mem-

bers are being installed as well. A warm welcome to Janet Murphy as our newest board member and her husband Brian Murphy as our new Sergeant-at-Arms. Many of the other officers and board members have been serving without pay for many years and even decades.



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Around the Town

☼ **Happy Birthday:** To Rose Daddario of 240th Street who turned 95.

☼ **Condolences to:** the family of Thomas McKay of the 88 Block of 241st Street.

DONATIONS RECEIVED - THANK YOU!!

Duskwicz: 88 Block of Lyman St.

Morgan: 88 Block of 238 St.

Nelson: 89 Block of 239 St.

QUESTION ABOUT RADIANT HEAT

A Civic member who attended our April meeting is considering installing hot water radiant heat in his home. If anyone has done this and would like to share their experiences, good or bad, you may contact the Civic by phone (718) 464-3369, e-mail (mike@creedmoorcivic.com), or by mail (PO Box 260143).

NOTE: We will relay the information to the interested homeowner. Contact information will not be conveyed without consent. Any information published in a subsequent newsletter will be of a general nature, without names of homeowners or contractors.

WE'RE GOING TO BE 85!

A committee was appointed last month to plan the Civic's 85th anniversary next year, probably in June, 2012. If you have any thoughts, let us know at the May meeting.

Save The Date

Please join Senator Tony Avella
as he co-hosts a

TOWN HALL MEETING

with Queens Colony Civic, North Bellerose Civic,
Bellerose Commonwealth Civic and
Bellerose Hillside Civic Associations

Thursday, May 12th

7-9 pm

MS 172

located at

81-14 257th St., Bellerose



Although our Association is not listed as a sponsor, this May 12th event is open to all residents of our Association as we are located within the confines of the 11th Senatorial District.

NOISE GALORE..... AGAIN!

On May 1 we were once again treated to an attack on the peace and quiet that many of us have always loved about our neighborhood. The board of the athletic association at Padavan/Preller Field rented out space to a concert organizer that blasted many of the homes along 88th Ave with several hours of music. Even though this civic association had been promised by one of their board members that we'd be notified in advance of any such event, that was not to be. We had also been promised that the decibel level would be turned down, since it was so disruptive to the homeowners. Just another broken promise there too.

WIRELESS ALERT

If you have a wireless router in your home or office, it's imperative that you secure the signal with a password. You may not realize that someone's tapping into your signal, other than you possibly getting a slower connection. If a neighbor decides to download child porn or other slimy things while using your wireless signal, it could come back to haunt you.

LETTER CARRIER'S DRIVE

There is a notice in the Post Office announcing a Letter Carrier's Food Drive on Saturday May 14. We are requested to leave non-perishable food items by our mail boxes for pickup by the letter carrier.

CM WEPRIN TO HOLD TOWN HALL MEET

Council Member Mark Weprin is sponsoring a Town Hall meeting at the Queens High School of Teaching at Union Turnpike and Commonwealth Blvd at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 10.

TERRACE FIRE KILLS CAT, INJURES FIREFIGHTERS

One of the biggest Bellerose fires in years, a two-alarm blaze made short work of Uncle Buddy's, a tavern located at the corner of Jericho Turnpike and the Cross Island Parkway in Bellerose Terrace. The fire was on Friday, April, April 8. Jericho Turnpike was shut down as far as the eye could see as fire equipment from all over Nassau and Queens responded. The Times Ledger papers reported that a cat died and four firemen were injured, although the paper didn't say which side of the City Line the injured firemen were from. Here's the amazing thing about this fire. Someone apparently called it in on a cell phone, but if you call 911 from a cell phone on the Nassau side of the street, the nearest cell phone towers are on the Queens side, so the call was received by the New York City Fire Department. They were the first on the scene. When they realized it was a Nassau fire, they alerted the volunteers, but by the time they arrived, the FDNY had already largely extinguished the blaze.



CIVIC SPONSORS NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP

The Creedmoor Civic Association will conduct a neighborhood cleanup on Saturday, May 14. Residents are requested to spend some time that morning getting together to clean up their own blocks, including the street near the curb.

Or, if you wish, join volunteers who will meet by the tank at the VFW post at 10 AM. One group will proceed north on the sidewalk adjacent to the Cross Island Parkway Service Road. The remaining folks will work their way down Braddock Ave to Moline St. Please bring work gloves, and a broom or shovel. We expect to finish before noon.

In the event of heavy rain, rain date will be Saturday, May 21.

CIVIC WORKS ON RESPECTFUL RETIREMENT OF AMERICAN FLAGS

As Memorial Day approaches, we prepare to honor those who have given their lives in defense of our nation. We have invited Mr James Dolan, the Commander of the John F. Prince VFW Post, to speak at the May meeting. Mr Dolan is a Viet Nam Veteran.

Civic members who have old American Flags in need of proper disposal may bring them to our meeting. The VFW will make arrangements for disposal.

In addition, Civic members are invited to a Memorial Day Service on Monday May 30, at 11AM, at the VFW Post. The ceremony will be held outside, weather permitting. In the event of rain, a service will be conducted in the hall. Coffee and donuts will be served starting at 10:30 AM. Refreshments will also be served at the conclusion of the service. Old flags may also be brought at this time.

NEW ADDRESS FOR CIVIC

With the Civic's new regime comes a new mailing address. Notice that on the Civic's masthead (page 2), we are now using a mail box at the Bellerose station of the United States Postal Service on Braddock Avenue – PO Box No. 260143.

Any mail that is delivered to the old Lyman Street address will be forwarded to the new president.

LEANING POLE: CON ED NOTIFIED



To those who have asked: Yes, Con Ed has been contacted about the leaning utility pole on 88th Ave and Ransom St. And yes, it is leaning much more now than it was when we first reported it.

NEW AREA CODE BEING IMPOSED

As of April 16, the four “outside” boroughs got another area code to contend with - 929. Manhattan, of course, is unaffected.

THIS JUST IN...

We had a home invasion on Friday, April 29, 2011 at approx. 22:25 at 77th Ave and 252nd St.

Upon the Officers arrival, they were met by the home owners, a male 73 yrs old and female 69 yrs old, who stated they were hosting a dinner party when two unknown M/B wearing masks and armed with firearms came in through the open front door demanding "where's the gun and where's the safe?". The males proceeded to order the occupants to the ground and led one of the home owners, female throughout the house looking for property. The perps removed \$1500.00 and various jewelry from three of the occupants. The males then fled on foot in unknown direction. No one was injured.

This incident is being investigated by the 105th Squad.

From the Creedmoor Civic News Morgue

Below is from January, 1933

HILLSIDE AVENUE

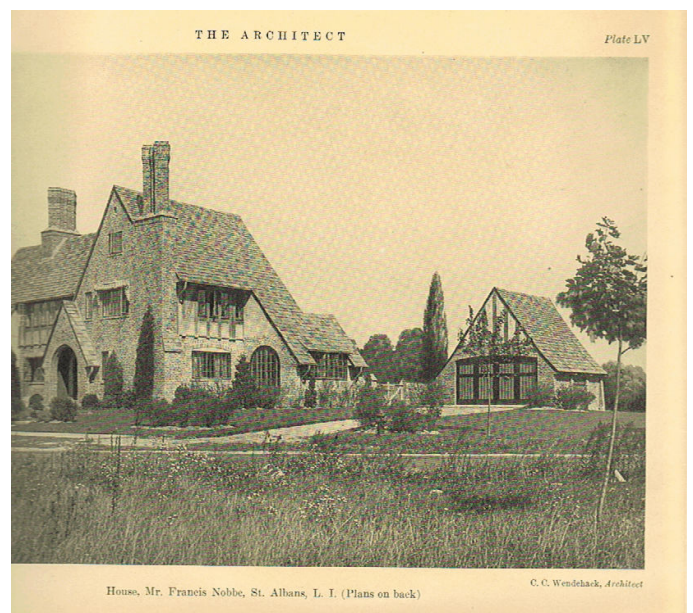
Although Hillside Avenue is outside our civic area, we are interested in its completion as it will be a convenient route to Long Island points for the people of this section.

From information we have, its completion is being held up by State Hospital Buildings now in the right-of-way of the new thoroughfare. The State will not permit their demolition until new State buildings have been erected to take their place. Along with this, several legal questions must be passed upon.

It will be many months before this improvement is finally completed.

Editor's Note: For many years, Hillside Avenue's eastern terminus was at Braddock Avenue. To extend the avenue easterly, it had to cut through the grounds of the Cottage Gardens Nursery and Creedmoor Hospital.

ADDISLEIGH PARK NOW AN HISTORIC DISTRICT



Trent Archives

The NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission has designated 422 homes in an exclusive section of St. Albans as an historic district. The enclave is known as Addisleigh Park. Once known as the Forest Hills of southern Queens, the area was home to many black celebrities, such as Count Basie, Roy Campanella, Fats Waller, and Lena Horne. The picture above is from the December, 1923 issue of *The Architect*. We've been told that this house is still standing, but we don't know the address off-hand. The LPC, stung by criticism that it has neglected Queens, has also been designating as districts four areas of Ridgewood, Queens.