

Next meeting: Nov. 10 at 8 PM

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



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AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL...

Creedmoor Civic Association pulled off another Halloween Parade for the benefit of local children. This year the parade was open not only to civic residents but anyone attending P.S. 33, P.S. 18, or St. Gregory the Great schools.



Our thanks to Parade Committee volunteers: Betty Baumann, Jean Corbett, Linda Dixon, Rick Duskiwicz, Marie Grandison, Rosemarie Russo, Helen Trent, James Trent, and Joe Wagner. Also, our thanks to the officers of the 105th Precinct who protected us from traffic, and Reinwald's bakery for discounting the hand-made cookies, each one of

which had a slightly different face "painted" on everyone of the 120 giant cookies.

We also thank St. Anne's Post/Catholic War Veterans for allowing us to use their hall at a modest rental cost.

The Hollis-Queens Village-Bellerose Volunteer Ambulance Corps also participated in the parade with the ambulance pulling up the rear. It was staffed by Marty Braun and Nancy Oberdorfer.

Note: We regret that we did not state on the flyers that participation was free. Some called to ask. It never occurred to us that people would think there was a charge.

Funds are Low

If you haven't paid your 2003 dues yet, now is the time. Because of some extraordinary expenses such as our donation to the fire fund of the Ambulance Corps, and having to underwrite the cost of Halloween Parade without the usual grant we've received in the past, our treasury is a little low. If you pay your 2004 dues now, they are still only \$5.00. Beginning January 1, the rate goes to \$6.00. Dues for 2003 remain at \$5.00 regardless of when paid. You can remit your dues made payable to Creedmoor Civic Association, Inc. to 88-01 Lyman Street, Bellerose, NY 11427.



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President's Message

Several CCA officers attended Community Board 13's September meeting to argue against the proposed conversion of 235th Court to a one-way street. They arrived knowing they had the backing of the vast majority of the residents that live in the surrounding neighborhood. The members of the community board overwhelmingly agreed, and voted to keep 235th Court a one way, with the suggestion that additional signs be placed at the intersection of Hillside and 235th Court.

The request that this street be converted to a one-way was prompted by the terrible traffic conditions that exist during drop-off and dismissal times in front of PS18. Fortunately, there are several volunteers at PS18 that keep traffic moving and manage to keep the repeat offenders from blocking everyone else. Some parents are so blatant that we've placed some pictures of what they've done in the past at both PS18 and PS33 on our website. Go to www.creedmoorcivic.org and click on "Stupid Parent Tricks."

The PTA's of both schools have pleaded with the parents to be more diligent when driving near the schools. I hope it doesn't take a tragedy for this to sink in. The officers of the 105th Precinct have visited the schools and ticketed several drivers already.

Speaking of tickets, there is one officer who has apparently placed a priority on the quality-of-life offenses in our neighborhood. He has been seen ticketing bus stop parkers as well as those who block crosswalks and sidewalks. I hope he continues his writing streak. Pedestrians lose when these drivers park this irresponsibly.

Love them or hate them, many people feel very strongly about car alarms. There is a bill in the City Council now to make all audible car alarms illegal. Sure, the poorly installed or maintained systems can keep us up at night, but the better systems certainly serve a legitimate purpose. Would you feel comfortable parking in some neighborhoods without an alarm?

A recently passed law now makes the placing of flyers on windshields illegal. The reasoning? Many of the flyers either end up as litter or can obscure your vision. The Sanitation Dept. has the responsibility of enforcing this law. The company whose phone number appears on the flyer can be held responsible for this violation.

Several years of our past newsletters are now available online. Visit www.creedmoorcivic.org and click on the link for "Newsletters." Jim Trent's newsletters are always full of excellent information.

Your neighbor,

Rick Duskiwicz

Neighbors Help Clean Up

Last month, several volunteers, including Moline Street residents Pat Coster and Anan, trimmed the trees and removed the overgrown weeds from the triangle at 88th Ave and 235th Court. The low-hanging branches from the trees obstructed the view of oncoming traffic and may have contributed to an accident there several weeks earlier. A total of 23 large trash bags were filled by debris and placed out for collection.

Around the Town

❖ **Welcome:** In September's newsletter, we congratulated Jeffrey Green on becoming the Interim Acting Principal of PS 33 on Larry's Cohen's retirement. Unfortunately, Mr. Green also retired shortly after the semester started.

Welcome to Ms. Elena Petruzzi, who is the new Interim Acting Principal of PS 33.

❖ **Welcome:** Two new businesses have opened on Braddock Avenue: Angel Touch Pet Spa is now in business at 241-19 Braddock Avenue, next to Dino's Deli. 718-347-WOOF (9663.) For dogs and cats - beauty bath and conditioner, coat brushed out, haircut and styling, ears cleaned and plucked, nails trimmed. Flea baths available. Call for prices and making an appointment.

The other business is the Bellerose Heating, Plumbing and Hardware Supply at 240-25 Braddock Avenue. 718-347-5981. Service and repairs for all types of boilers and water heaters, baseboards, radiators, and keys cut. Open seven days a week. They also carry an inventory of boilers, water heaters, baseboards, plumbing materials, copper tubing, black pipe fittings, Benjamin Moore paints and Harco bath tubs, sinks, faucets, general hardware, electrical conduit & fittings. Free delivery.

Note: Pitz Stop Bar is moving two stores to the west.