

# Next meeting: Nov. 8 at 8 PM

Meetings at the Bellerose Baptist Church (basement), Braddock Avenue at 241<sup>st</sup> Street



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### HALLOWEEN PARADE BEST EVER

Despite gloomy, damp weather, over 90 people turned out to Creedmoor Civic's Children's Halloween Parade. This was a record turnout.



A partial view of the children who took part in our Halloween Parade, excluding adults. They pose here outside the Catholic War Veteran's Clubhouse located immediately to the right after they enjoyed orange soda and homemade Halloween cookies custom baked for us by Reinwald's bakery.

### LIRR RESPONDS TO BELLEROSE STATION CONCERNS

In the wake of last month's breaking Creedmoor Civic News story on the possibility of closing the Bellerose station of the Long Island Rail Road as part of the construction of a third Main Line track, the railroad claims there are no such plans "at this time." Whether the railroad intended, or even considered closing the station may never be known, but a pre-emptive strike certainly didn't hurt. We will continue to monitor this issue.

### NOVEMBER SPEAKER:

### PATRICK LYDON

The Parade began at Breininger Park and ended at the Catholic War Veteran's Clubhouse on Saturday, October 30. Helping in the parade were: Rick Duskievicz, Helen Trent, James Trent, Rosemarie Russo, Linda Dixon, Betty Baumann, all from our Civic; and officers and auxiliaries of the 105<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct; and Marty Braun and the rest of the HBQV Ambulance Corps.

The Parade was open to residents of Creedmoor Civic and the school communities of P.S. 33, P.S. 18, and St. Gregory the Great. All costs, however, were borne by our Association. We are looking for a sponsor for next year's Parade because the costs have gone up as the rent for the hall has increased this year.

Local real estate brokerage owner Patrick Lydon will be our guest speaker at our November meeting. See President's Message on Page 2 for details.

### GRAFFITI GONE

Graffiti clean-up has continued with the repainting of the fire alarm boxes in our area and surrounding area. Over 20 boxes were repainted over Halloween weekend. We are not allowed to paint the doors or handles. Thanks to Rick Duskievicz for his efforts to clean up these fire boxes.



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## President's Message

Several homeowners recently had sections of their sidewalks replaced by the city's contractors last month. The work seems to be of better quality than what we're used to seeing in the past. If your sidewalk has been repaired and you're not happy with the work, please let us know after you contact the city engineer.

Every one of our homes is now required to have carbon monoxide detectors. Don't put off the purchase, you don't get the opportunity to smell this gas before it kills. A sleepy feeling is usually the only indication that something is wrong.

The arrest several months ago of the teenager that was breaking into homes and stealing cars was helped by information given to the police by neighbors who took the time to pay attention. If you hear an odd noise outside at night, take a peek through your blinds to see what's happening. What you see in those few minutes could help catch the guy that just broke into your neighbor's house. You never know, it sometimes pays to be a little nosy.

Congratulations to Jim Trent on the award he received from the Joint Bellerose Business District. His work with that organization has greatly improved the Jamaica Ave/Jericho Turnpike area, and parts of Braddock Ave.

A recent stroll through our streets shows that there are fewer cars blocking sidewalks than there were last year at this time. That's good, but no one should block their neighbors from walking along the sidewalk at any time. If you see a vehicle blocking the sidewalk on a regular basis, leave a message for us at 464-3369 and we'll take care of it.

Several times in the past, we've written about Real Estate agents that have come into our neighborhood and attempt to ruin it with some of their selling tactics. At a recent luncheon, I was speaking with Patrick Lydon, a Real Estate agent from our area who had some very interesting points of view. He has agreed to be our guest speaker this month. Please be sure to come and greet him.

Our parade was a great success this year, with probably the largest turnout so far. It wouldn't be possible without help from the volunteers we get every year, especially Jim Trent, our treasurer. Speaking of volunteers, we could use a few as backup for when a block captain cannot deliver newsletters for any reason. Will you consider it?

Your Neighbor, *Rick Duskwicz*

### AMBULANCE CORPS REBUILDING UPDATE

All of the brick of the original building was in such disrepair that it had to be replaced with cement block. The block chosen has a nice "split stone appearance". It was possible to eliminate the synthetic stucco ("Drivet") entirely from the project as well. They will use natural cement stucco and aluminum-capped wood to recreate the English Tudor look of the original building (as it was in 1930). In addition to the carved wood sign and sconces, they will use an asphalt roofing that gives the appearance of a real slate roof. Work is hoped to be completed by the 2nd anniversary of the fire: Feb 21, 2005.

## Around the Town

☉ **Belated condolences to:** the Morin and Robinson families on the tragic death of Robert Morin this past March. Mr. Morin was hit by a car while bicycling on Commonwealth Boulevard at 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. His daughter lives on Lyman Street.

☉ **Welcome new business owners:** The Bella Napoli Restaurant, formerly Prisco's, on Braddock Avenue is now owned by Rosa and Luis Calzadilla. They have added new Italian and Hispanic dishes to their menu. Their business phone is: 718-962-1785.

☉ **Welcome New Neighbors:** A Welcome New Neighbor package was delivered this past month to the DaCruz Family at 89-07 238<sup>th</sup> Street, and the O'Sullivan Family at 88-16 242<sup>nd</sup> Street. We hope these families enjoy their stay in Bellerose. Please call the civic hotline if any new families move into your block.

**PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES:** You may compare shop drug prices by checking out the New York State Attorney General's new web site at: <http://NYAGRx.org>.

**NO LEFT TURN SIGN INSTALLED:** In response to the PS18 PTA's and Creedmoor Civic's requests, the Dept of Transportation has installed a second "No Left Turn" sign at Hillside Ave and 235<sup>th</sup> Ct. The restriction is only in effect during the morning and afternoon pickups.