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A spooktacular event...

CIVIC PARADE LARGEST EVER

Some 90 residents of our Civic Association, and surrounding area, joined in our annual Childrens' Halloween Parade on October 29.



A view of just some of the participants of Creedmoor Civic's popular annual Halloween Parade posing in front of the Catholic War Veteran's Building on 92nd Road.

We especially appreciate all the help that was given to make the 2005 parade a success. We no longer get a donation from a construction company that years ago underwrote the costs, but our own members have chipped in to defray expenses.

The Queens Village-Hollis-Bellerose Ambulance Corps provided two ambulances to join in the parade, using their public address systems to broadcast the scary music that in years past was done by "boom-box." Our thanks to Marty Braun, Mark Ramos, Joe Schuman and Boris the Spider all of the ambulance corps. (The giant purple spider was seen atop the roof of one of the ambulances.)

Our thanks also the 105th Police Precinct for providing traffic control for our parade, particularly to P.O. Nicole Dean, and P. O. Kurinne Sohan. And finally, thanks to our own members for providing manpower to decorate the hall and service cookies and soda, and provide parade supervision: Denise Cetin, Philip Duskwicz, Rick

Duskwicz, Christine Larkins, Rosemarie Russo, the Teutschmans, James Trent, and Helen Trent.

Donations in cash or products were received from the following: Larkins - 88th Ave. (\$10.00), Anonymous - 237th St. (\$20), Vorel - Lyman St.(\$30), Mirbach - 88th Ave. (\$10), Duskwicz - Lyman St. (\$10), Block - 238th St. (\$20), Corbett - 88th Ave. (\$100), Teutschman - 241st St (cups and napkins), Rosemarie Russo - 237th St. (200 homemade cookies.), James Trent - 90th Ave. (\$10.)

The Catholic War Veterans building, where the parade culminated, was decked out in halloween decorations. Although the air temperature was rather cold, the huge turnout seemed to indicate that our community was not going to miss this event, even in nippy weather.

BUSINESS DISTRICT LUNCHEON OCT. 23



Bellerose Business District awards plaque to Queens Village-Hollis-Bellerose Volunteer Ambulance Corps for the quality of the architecture of the new headquarters on Braddock Avenue. Receiving for the Corps is Marty Braun (at right) Creedmoor Civic's Jim Trent was emcee.

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Around the Town

☛ **Condolences:** to the family of Jim Walker of 88-21 239th Street. We was the beloved husband to Mary, and father to two daughters, and loving grandfather to his several grandchildren.

☛ **Animal Affairs:** Angel Touch Pet Spa on Braddock Avenue is now offering certificates for low-cost spaying or neutering for your pet. These procedures are performed at local veterinarians and animal shelters. Preventing unwanted animal births is vital to helping NYC become a no-kill city. Every month over 2,000 pets are euthanized in NYC. Rates for cats range from \$28-\$41, and dogs from \$42-\$62. For more information, contact Angie at 718-347-9663.

SIDEWALK REPAIRS

Before the summer, the city announced a new program that would help homeowners deal with sidewalks that were raised by street trees. We've heard of several situations where the homeowners have called 311 as instructed, but the inspectors that show up mark the defective sidewalks as "not serious enough to warrant repair at this time." The photo shows one such site. If you have called 311 and encountered this same problem, call us at 718 464-3369 and leave a message, along with your address. If this is a widespread problem, we'd like to look into this further.

President's Message

I believe we had the best turnout ever at last month's Halloween Parade. The kids and their parents joined us as we marched through our neighborhood. With the extra help we got this year, and the extremely generous donations, it went on without a hitch.

One of the projects tackled this past month was the cleanup of the triangle at the corner of 88th Ave and Moline St. I want to thank Danny Persaud and his daughter Jacqueline of 88th Ave for their help clearing out the nasty weeds and leaves.

It's been a struggle, but the CCA area is now nearly totally graffiti-free. The Bellerose Business District hired a company to remove some graffiti a few weeks ago, and I've been painting over fireboxes, mailboxes, light poles and traffic control boxes. The Borough President's office told me last week that several locations will be power-washed before the end of November. This includes the repair station at Gettysburg and Braddock. Fred Kress of the Rosedale Civic Association is doing a fantastic job as coordinator of the new graffiti control group, C.A.G.E., and he has some great ideas to get the various city agencies to work even closer with our civic groups. If you see any graffiti within the CCA boundaries, please leave a message with the location on the civic line at 718 464-3369. Remember, the city now offers a \$500 reward for info leading to the arrest of one of these vandals.

Two complaints have been coming up at the meetings lately: leaves and trash cans. It appears that some haven't been sweeping the streets in front of their homes regularly, and the trash and leaves are getting compacted down. This can lead to blocked sewers, not to mention an unclean-looking neighborhood. Also, I realize there isn't much room on our sidewalks for the garbage cans on trash day, but please try to place them so others can pass by easily. Placing them in the street can present other problems, so only do that as a last resort. The Sanitation Dept will sometimes summons a homeowner for doing that.

If you have an accumulation of tree branches to dispose of, do not put them out with your trash. Because of the possibility of the Asian beetles in those branches, you must call 311, and the Parks Dept. will come and take them away.

A reminder, all homes are now required to have carbon monoxide detectors. While they're still more expensive than smoke detectors, their prices have come down, and they are now available for about \$25.

I'd like to thank Mike Hussey of 88th Ave for coming to the aid of the civic association and volunteering to deliver the packages of newsletters every month to all of the block captains.

We maintain an e-mail list for any member who would like to receive information on what's happening in our neighborhood. Certain information is best sent out right away, such as the bug spraying that went on a few summers ago. If you're interested, send us an e-mail at: Don't forget to visit our website at www.creedmoorcivic.org. Hope you all have a great Thanksgiving.

Rick Duszkiewicz