

Next meeting: Nov. 13 at 8 PM

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



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105TH TOP COP TO SPEAK

The Commanding Officer of the 105th Precinct will be our November guest speaker.

The 105th Precinct seems plagued with a high turnover of commanding officers. This has been going on for decades. In any case, the newest commanding officer is Captain Steven A. Haynes. He has agreed to address our members and take their questions at our November 13 meeting. Please make this a packed house. Police respond to where there are complaints, so if you have any issues, be sure to turn out for the November meeting.

Vandalism Strike Moline Street

Three men were charged last month in a vandalism spree that took place on Moline Street the early morning of October 19.

Curtis Johnson, Aaron Mejia, and Nilson Reyes allegedly kicked and broke off the side view mirrors of at least seven vehicles. An alert resident contacted 911 and P.O. Tabb of the 105th Precinct responded. In addition to the three men being charged with criminal mischief, Johnson was also charged with unlawful possession of marijuana.

The next court date is set for November 13.

QUEENS COLONY CIVIC PLANS ZONING PROTEST

The civic association immediately to our east located on the east side of the Cross Island Parkway had proposed a protest on November 6 which they have postponed temporarily which intends to call attention to the need for a zoning category for homes such as ours. The only zones that call for single family detached homes are R1-1, R-1-2, R2, and R2-A. The smallest width of the above categories is 40-feet. But many homes were constructed in New York City with one-family homes on lots of 25, and 30-foot widths, in addition to many single-family attached row houses.

There have been some conversions of these homes to two-family (or more) status. Queens Colony has been vocal, among others, about stopping the conversions and is calling for City Planning to create more zoning categories that better match the built environment. Their civic has also seen a number of tear-downs and new construction of denser housing.

IT RAINS ON OUR PARADE

Although we advertise our Halloween Parade as a rain or shine event, when the marchers start running home as the rains come, there is little we can do. On Saturday, October 28, just as the parade was to kick off from Breininger Park, it started to rain, and rather than have no one in the parade, we encouraged everyone to head directly to the Catholic War Veteran's clubhouse so we could at least serve the soda and cookies. Fortunately we had enough time before the rain to pose for pictures for the Queens Chronicle photographer who showed up at the park.

We had a lot of help with this event. Thanks are due to the following: Betty Baumann, Christine Larkins, Judy Mahoney, Rosemarie Russo, James Trent, Maureen Morris, 105th Precinct Police, and the Queens Village-Hollis-Bellerose Volunteer Ambulance Corps. State Senator Frank Padavan was the Grand Marshall.

We received donations from the following individuals: Christine Larkins- cups and napkins; Rosemarie Russo - fantastic, decorated home-made cookies; Ruth Mirbach of 88th Avenue - a very generous cash contribution to help defray the costs of the parade; Rick Duskiwicz - getting parade permits, contacting the 105 Precinct and ambulance corps, and getting the soda.

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Around the Town

❁ **Condolences to:** the family of Frank Gallagher of 240th Street who is reported deceased. Condolences also to the family of Eileen Mazzola of 88th Avenue who passed away last month.

OCC LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION WILL BE HELD ON DEC. 2

Once again the Queens Civic Congress is holding a Legislation Reception on Saturday, December 2 at the Douglaston Club in Douglas Manor. This is an event unique in Queens where civic leaders are given an opportunity to talk to Queens legislators on a one-on-one basis. It is only open to civic associations who are paid up members of the Queens Civic Congress. Creedmoor Civic will be attending. We will determine at our November meeting who will be representing our civic.

Coming Attractions

December: The principal of I.S. 109 in Queens Village is expected to be our speaker at our December 11th meeting. He is responding to our association's attempts to convert 109 and its feeder schools to K-8 schools.

January: Our January 9th meeting will be given over largely to our annual New Year's party. Admission is free.

President's Message

Unlike previous years, the weather didn't want to play nice with us for this year's Halloween Parade. A lot of work went into preparing for it, I really appreciate all of the volunteers that helped out.

For the last several years, we've had about 325 members that have paid their dues. While that's a pretty good amount compared to some other civic associations, it's less than a third of the total number of households within our civic area. If you haven't yet paid your dues for 2006, please take a few minutes and take care of that now, and maybe even take care of 2007 as well. We rely on your civic dues as our main source of income, since we do not accept any advertising in our newsletters. No one on the civic board receives any type of salary, we're all volunteers. It would be great if we could hit the 400 mark for 2006. Remember, we print all dues-paying members' names in our February newsletter.

There are several blocks within our community that are starting to look a little unkempt, mainly because of the lack of street sweeping. Since we do not have alternate-side-of-the-street parking rules, it is every homeowner's responsibility to sweep 18" from the curb. It's been suggested to me that we contact the Dept. of Sanitation about this problem, but that's as a last resort. Please do your part to keep the section in front of your home swept clean. This also helps to keep the street sewers clear.

Our guest speaker this month is Capt Haynes. Please make an effort to come out and meet him on Monday night. Bring any police-related concerns you may have, you'll get a chance to bring them to his attention.

See you Monday.

Your Neighbor,

Rick Duskwicz

A Trip Down Memory Lane



Above is a 1932 view of 241st Street, looking north towards 88th Avenue. Note the wooden sidings that were original to the homes, and the little saplings not yet old enough to provide any shade on the block. These homes were built circa 1926.

Photo: Trent Archives