

Next meeting: Nov. 12 at 8 PM

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



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RAIN DOESN'T DAMPEN PARADE

Despite pouring rain, not one participant of our annual Halloween Parade deserted the parade route.



Creedmoor Civic participants line up in Breininger Park just prior to kick-off.

While attendance was heavily reduced from past years, the 35-40 who braved the rain still had a good time. The parade ended with orange soda and homemade cookies at the Catholic War Veterans building. Our thanks to the following volunteers (in no particular order): Helen Trent, James Trent, Maureen Morris, Rosemarie Russo, Ken Hanson, Jacqueline Duskiwicz, Ann Marie Duskiwicz, Richard Duskiwicz, Linda Dixon, Heide Wilkerson, and the Queens Village-Hollis-Bellerose Volunteer Ambulance Corps, specifically Mark Ramos and Marty Braun. Donations of items needed for the parade were made by Rosemarie Russo (home-baked cookies), Doris Nieves (cups), James Trent (decorations and batteries), the Duskiwicz family (soda). A generous cash donation was made by the Mirbachs of the 236 block of 88th Avenue. Our thanks to all.

EMMA EBERLIN, R.I.P.

C.B. 13 member and founder of the Parkside Civic Association, Emma Eberlin died on Nov. 1 at age 101.

BUSINESS DISTRICT HONORS NEIGHBORING CIVIC LEADER

On November 3, the Joint Bellerose Business District Development Corp. celebrated its 12th anniversary at a luncheon at Nancy's Restaurant in Floral Park/Queens. There were 43 present of which 12 came from our own civic. Michael Augugliaro was honored for saving 17 trees that the State DOT was going to cut down to create a turn lane into the new Bellerose Commons. Mike got the Parks Department to replant the trees behind the bus stop shelter where Braddock Avenue meets Jericho Turnpike. Also honored were the Parks Department's Central Forestry (the unit that relocated the trees) and the Glen Oaks Village Owners Corp. for loaning \$100,000 to the Business District so it can complete its capital projects.



From left to right: Kathryn Payne JBBDDC President; James Trent, JBBDDC Vice President and luncheon MC; Michael Augugliaro, JBBDDC Board member and board member of Queens Colony Civic Association. The unique plaque designed by Community Board 13 chair Richard Hellenbrecht features a picture of the saved trees in their new location.

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Around the Town

❁ **Congratulations to:** Brian and Lydia Connelly of 238th Street on the birth of their grandson Mason James.

❁ **Congratulations to:** Mark and Marie Loftus of Gettysburg Street on the birth of their daughter Ava Elizabeth on June 21, 2007.

FOLKS SAY EOK IS A-OK



Having their cake and eating it too: Civic and Bellerose Business District members pose in front of the renovated EOK Bakery on Braddock Avenue to cut the ribbon celebrating the new look.

On October 31, the EOK Bakery, formerly Reinwald's, reopened with the help of State Senator Frank Padavan with a ceremonial ribbon cutting. The bakery also made a cake for Padavan whose birthday was the same day.

President's Message

Hello, Neighbors!

Once again, the true colors of our neighbors showed through this year. A few minutes into our parade, we were hit with a downpour of rain. Every one of the 40 or so participants continued on till the end. That's dedication.

We thoroughly enjoyed the trek, with the ambulance corps guiding us and blasting the eerie music through their speaker system. We waved to those who stood out on their front steps and cheered us on.

Some of us knew what was waiting for us at the end. Homebaked Halloween cookies from Rosemarie Russo of 237 St. Mmmmmm!

Many of the civic associations in our area, CCA included, have grumbled for the past several months about the 105th Precinct's lack of response to quality-of-life complaints. These complaints have been made via 311, as well as directly to the commanding officer of the precinct. For the most part, they've fallen on deaf ears. The Rosedale Civic Association is livid about the precinct's broken promises about enforcement of noisy party complaints. No one from the precinct showed up to accompany our Halloween Parade this year. Not even a phone call to let us know they wouldn't be there.

The one bright spot is the stepped-up response to graffiti complaints. I'm also hearing fewer comments from residents that they're being pressured not to file reports. I've witnessed one of those episodes myself.

The management company of the "Key Food" shopping center at Braddock and Hillside was finally forced to allow the city to paint over the years-old graffiti on their roll-down gates. This was because of a city law that went into effect recently. Thank you to the other civic association that filed that complaint.

Your Neighbor,

Rick Duskiewicz

ARREST MADE IN GRAFFITI INCIDENT

The QVHB Ambulance Corps was hit by graffiti vandalism three times in six weeks. Fortunately, Sergeant Burke of the 105th Precinct recognized one of the teenagers on the surveillance video that was provided by the corps and arrested him at his school. The vandal's partner was also arrested later that day.

We are told that the 16-year-old suspect lives within the CCA area.

In fact some other graffiti arrests have been made in our area. We hope these punks get the message. We won't tolerate the defacing of our community.