

Next meeting: Nov. 10 at 8 PM

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



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ANGER OVER TERM LIMIT VOTE

Civic leaders and ordinary New Yorkers are seething over the City Council's vote to extend term limits to three terms without going back to the voters via a referendum.

The more the courts rule in favor of the legality of the action, the more incensed the voters become. Randy Mastro, a former deputy mayor under Rudolph Giuliani, had filed papers with the Conflicts of Interest Board citing passages in the City Charter that make it illegal to use one's position to advance personal interests, which it is charged, is what Council Members did in extending their own terms. The COIB dismissed the complaint. A previous court case some years ago upheld the right of the City Council to reverse a peoples' referendum. Nevertheless, there are new lawsuits brewing over this issue. Many people are against term limits. They just feel that it is unseemly to overthrow the will of the people expressed in two referenda.

The Queens Civic Congress is mulling over joining a lawsuit, with its former president urging that all council members who voted to extend term limits be voted out of office.

2008 DUES ARE STILL DUE

We will be publishing the roster of paid-up members in early 2009, so if you have still not paid your 2008 dues (\$6.00 per household), please do so now. Dues, and the occasional donation from our residents, are the only sources of income for our association. Make checks payable to Creedmoor Civic Association. Please mail your payments (checks only, please) to:

Richard Duskwicz, President, Creedmoor Civic Assn.
88-01 Lyman Street
Bellerose Manor, NY 11427

HALLOWEEN PARADE....

RAIN THREAT DAMPENED TURNOUT



Although usually a larger crowd, still those who attended had a great time. State Senator Frank Padavan is standing to the far right.

Our annual Halloween Parade went off without a hitch, but the forecast of rain seemed to dampen the turnout. Yet, we still decorated the Catholic War Veterans Hall, had the assistance of the 105th Precinct and the Ambulance Corps and served orange soda and homemade cookies to all. This parade has become a long-standing tradition of our civic association. Our thanks to the following who made it happen: Linda Dixon, Ann Marie Duskwicz, Rick Duskwicz, Jackie Duskwicz, Ken Hanson, Maureen Morris, Rosemarie Russo, Helen Trent, James Trent, Queens Village-Hollis-Bellerose Volunteer Ambulance Corps, 105th Precinct Police.

We Also appreciate a cash donation toward the parade from Ruth Mirbach of the 236 Block of 88th Avenue.

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Around the Town

❁ **Welcome to:** Venezia Pizzeria/Restaurant at 248-49 Jericho Turnpike.

❁ **Thanks to:** Teresa McCreary for her many years of service as Block Captain of the 88 Block of 239th Street. Teresa recently resigned. She consistently had one of the best collected blocks for civic dues.

GROCERIES ON THE WAY

A long-standing complaint about our area has been the dearth of nearby supermarkets, especially a problem for those without cars. Many are still hurting over the closing of the little superette at Braddock and 224th Street which got converted to a laundromat.

But now, help is on the way. Dino's Deli at 241-17 Braddock Avenue is under new management and they've decided to enlarge the store by taking over the vacant store to the west. They will now carry a larger line of products once the renovations are complete. (They haven't started yet.) The Braddock Bazaar at 237-08 Braddock Avenue is nearing completion and will be very much like the old Cedar Lane, carrying canned goods, fruits, vegetables, frozen foods, and the like. They will carry Associated-brand products such as White Rose. Going east, a new fruit and vegetable store a little closer to us than Met Food will open where Chief Equipment used to be on Jericho Turnpike in Bellerose Village.

The Latest Poop

The fine under the pooper-scooper law has been raised to \$250.00, the first raise since the law was passed in 1978.

President's Message

Hello, Neighbors!

There has been a rash of car break-ins recently. In many cases, items that had been left in plain view were taken after the side windows were broken. Remember to stash phones and ipods away or take them with you. If you use a GPS device in your car, be aware that the tell-tale circle left on your windshield is a sign to thieves that you've probably stored the unit in your glove compartment of glove compartment.

If you happen to be an unlucky victim of either a car or house burglary, you must be persistent when it comes to filing a police report. You may be told by an officer that it's not necessary to file a report, that your insurance may not cover it anyway. Be stubborn and insist that you want to file a report.

The same applies if your property gets hit with graffiti. Creedmoor Civic's volunteers go out at least once a month to remove graffiti in our area. We can attempt to remove it from your property also, but we insist that a police report be filed first by calling 311. Then report it to us at 718 464-3369 by leaving a voicemail message.

Hope to see you at Monday's meeting.

Your Neighbor,

Rick Duskwicz

WE'LL HAVE NO TRUCK WITH ILLEGAL PARKING



We've received numerous complaints about this large commercial vehicle that is parked nearly every night in the driveway at 237-27 88 Ave. When did Bellerose become a parking lot for trucks?

SPEED HUMPS HERE

The two speed humps on 88th Ave were finally completed late last month. We'd like to hear your comments on whether you feel they're working. Also, did you know that speed humps are called "speed tables" in Connecticut?