

Next meeting: Nov. 9 at 8 PM

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



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HALLOWEEN PARADE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

About 80 local children and their parents joined our annual Halloween Parade on October 31 conducted through the streets of our Association. We were joined by our State Senator Frank Padavan and neighboring State Assemblyman Mark Weprin, along with various newsmedia.



As in the past, the Hollis-Queens Village-Bellerose Ambulance Corps, now doing business as the Bellerose Rescue Company, participated with one of their ambulances, utilizing their sound system to broadcast scary music. Their roof-top spider is known as Boris. Fortunately, the threat of rain, given as 30% chance, did not materialize. After the parade was over, all participants gathered at the Catholic War Veterans building on 92nd Road to enjoy homemade cookies and orange soda and orangeade. The Vets' clubhouse was decorated like a haunted house to further add to the festive occasion.

Our Association has been sponsoring this free event for the past

11 years as a fun event specifically for children.

Many thanks to the following for their efforts in making the Halloween Parade possible: Jim Trent, Richard Duskwicz, Ann Marie Duskwicz, Maureen Morris, Rose Daddario, Rosemarie Russo, Rosemary Parker, Mike O'Keefe, Linda Dixon.

Also, thank you to Marty Braun, Robert Keyloun and Bob Martinez of the Bellerose Rescue Squad and the two officers of the 105th Pct for their assistance.

The following have our thanks for donations towards the parade: Jim Trent, Rosemarie Russo, Ann Marie Duskwicz, Ruth Mirbach.

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Around the Town

☼ Get well wishes to Jeanne Denara of 88th Avenue.

☼ Thank you to Mike Hussey and Mike O'Keeffe, both of 88th Ave., for volunteering to take on the additional newsletter duties that had been handled by Helen Trent up until her passing in late September.

FIRE DAMAGES 241ST HOME



This home at 88-49 241st Street was damaged one recent morning by an alleged electrical fire, ruining the second floor and attic area. The envelope of the house seems essentially undamaged. According to reports, no one was injured. The Fire Department issued an all-hands call because of the intensity of the fire.

President's Message

Hello Neighbors:

Illegal signs and posters on utility poles, public walls and trees have long been an eyesore in NYC. Many civic organizations, including Creedmoor Civic, have spent countless unpaid hours removing these posters so their neighborhoods can remain neat and clean-looking. A piece of proposed legislation by Speaker Christine Quinn and several other council members would destroy those efforts by rewarding those who prefer to use the "I wasn't aware it was illegal" defense. Speaker Quinn's new law would in effect give small businesses and non-profit organizations free "get-out-of-jail" cards for their first violations. This is wrong. The various business and merchant organizations, including both the Maspeth Chamber of Commerce and the Queens Chamber of Commerce, that support this legislation should instead attempt to educate their members that it is illegal to defile public property with their advertising.

It is difficult enough for the Department of Sanitation to enforce the existing law. There are enough loopholes that allow companies to skirt the law by using cell phones and bogus addresses, making it nearly impossible for them to be tracked. This legislation would create even more loopholes for them. The number of illegal signs will greatly increase.

Rather than cater to a few business groups that should know better, the city council members that support this proposed law, including Elizabeth Crowley and Peter Vallone, should instead support the efforts of those small businesses that advertise legally, and not at the expense of our neighborhoods. It would take a lot less effort for these two council members to simply educate the small business owners that want to put up dozens of illegal posters that they're breaking the law, and if they get caught, to just own up to it instead of trying to weasel out of it. Shame on Crowley, Quinn and Vallone for caving in to those who prefer to whine rather than accept they got caught. Mr. Vallone's office never even bothered to return my call. Is the former anti-graffiti king now embarrassed to be connected to this legislation?

Creedmoor Civic intends to fight this proposed law. We know we have an ally in Senator Padavan and several Queens civics. If it passes, it's just another strike against our quality of life.

On a completely different note, thank you all for your dues and donations this past month. Some of you had included notes that were really appreciated. I hope you try to come to our meeting this Monday. It's always nice to see some new faces.

Your neighbor,

Rick Duskiwicz

Diner Closes

The diner at Hillside Avenue and Range Street has closed. There is a For Rent sign posted on the building.

Dues Drive

Early last month, we attempted something different: A dues drive via the U.S. Mail. We wanted to reach the homeowners and tenants that we hadn't been able to connect with using our past methods. It appeared that many of our residents were unsure of whether they could join or not. The letter we sent assured them that they were certainly welcome to join.

We had an excellent response. Many residents who hadn't paid in years mailed us a check for either 2009 or 2010 or both. Some paid past years also. Our most overwhelming response was the number and amount of additional donations above the dues. You'll find the list of donors in this issue. Any amount is certainly appreciated. We received many, ranging from \$2. to \$55. Many came with a note showing their appreciation, such as, "Thanks for keeping an eye out for my community!"

In next month's newsletter, we will be printing the names of those who paid their 2009 dues.

Since we recently received some checks paying only 2010, we expect that there may be some confusion. We'll be printing those names at the end of next year. Remember, it's not too late to pay for 2009. You may use the tear-off payment coupon on the back page of this newsletter. If you're not sure if you're paid up, call the civic line at 718 464-3369 and leave your name, address and a call back number and we'll get back to you with an answer within 2 days. Thank you all for your generosity.

DONATIONS RECEIVED

Below is the acknowledgment of all those who so responded. We appreciate the enthusiastic response.

88 Block, Moline Street

Iorizzo

Sabino
Ramrup
Sandoval

89 Block, Moline Street

Reyes
Sandhovel
Hanchi

88 Block, Lyman Street

Robinson
Mooney
Rivera

89 Lyman

Vasquez
Ward
O'Hara
Kartas

88 Gettysburg

Loftus
Malonado
Murphy
Falls

89 Gettysburg

Holt
Meyer
Rodriguez

88 237

Abedoza
Wagner

88 Block, 238 Street

Morgan
Parker
O'Sullivan
Persad
Hughes
Kaippakaseril

89 Block, 238 Street

Gibbons

88 Block, 239 Street

Remache
Dipsingh
Wieber

89 Block, 239 Street

Haslop
Nelson
Hanif
LaGula

88 Block, 240 Street

Gallagher
Fishbeck

89 Block, 240 Street

Savino
George
Deguzman

88 Block, 241 Street

Fiorillo
Ackbarali
Karoly
Bradford
Cvitkovich

89 Block, 241 Street

Fernandez
Nunns
Lopez-Caplis
Amato

88 Block, 242 Street

McMenamin
Aragona
Burke
Benjumea
Laffin/Rose

89 Block, 242 Street

Schwizer

234 Block, 88 Avenue

Donoghue

235 Block, 88 Avenue

anonymous

236 Block, 88 Avenue

Mirbach

237 Block, 88 Avenue

Covatti
Villanueva

238 Block, 88 Avenue

Sharf

239 Block, 88 Avenue

Grandison
DiMarco

240 Block, 88 Avenue

Cruz

241 Block, 88 Avenue

O'Keeffe
Casado

242 Block, 88 Drive

Hoffmann

242 Block, 89 Avenue

Lollo
Vendittelli
Samothrakis
Jecewiz



Here's another picture of our Children's Halloween Parade. Here the group poses in front of the Catholic War Veteran's Building after enjoying cookies and soda. The parents mostly stood in the street in order to snap their own pictures of the little ones.

GIFTS I/M/O HELEN TRENT



A number of people generously made memorials in memory of long time board member Helen Trent who passed away on September 29. Many of those cash gifts were made to the Queens County Farm Museum, but a few were made to the Creedmoor Civic Association. The donors to the Civic are:

- The Euler Family (Bayside)
- The Karkhanis Family (Brooklyn)
- The Connolly Family (Bellerose)
- The Fuchs Family (Little Neck) (formerly of 242nd St.)

Texting Law Passed

There is now a \$150 fine for texting messages while driving an automobile.

Creedmoor Civic Association

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Please include your last name and address to the left so we can update our records.

I'd like to pay my \$6.00 (per year) civic dues for:

2009 _____ 2010 _____ I'd like to make an additional donation of _____

I'd like to be included in the CCA email list. My email address is: _____