

Next meeting: Nov. 14 at 8 PM

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



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COMMUNITY BOARD REJECTS ZONING VARIANCE PROPOSED FOR SENIOR HOUSING AT CREEDMOOR

The fractious issue of permitting a zoning variance to allow for the construction of two high-rise buildings at Creedmoor Hospital campus property which has been sold to the Indian Cultural and Community Center was the subject of a recent meeting of Community Board 13.

At its regular meeting on Monday, October 14, 2011, Community Board #13 disapproved the Board of Standards and Appeals Variance requested by the Indian Cultural and Community Center for the construction of two nine-story senior residence buildings and other associated buildings on the Creedmoor Campus. The vote was 22 to 1, with 1 abstention.

The six civic associations that serve Bellerose and Bellerose Manor have been working together in opposition to this project. A total of 2200 letters in opposition to the plan were collected and presented at the meeting. The Creedmoor Civic Association presented about 290 letters.

The Community Board's action is a recommendation only. The matter now goes to the Queens Borough President's office for hearings and a recommendation. After that, it goes to the Board of Standards and Appeals. Stay tuned.

SENATOR TONY AVELLA TO SPEAK

State Senator Tony Avella will be the featured speaker at our November 14 meeting. This will be Sen. Avella's first appearance at our civic since his election to the seat formerly held by Frank Padavan. Please make every effort to attend.

Photo at right: A hardy band of parade goers braved the snowstorm and met at Fuzzy's for cookies and soda. We canceled the parade, but not the fun at Fuzzy's.



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President's Message

Creedmoor Property

As reported in this issue, over 2,200 letters were submitted in opposition to the project. I believe that was a big factor in the Community Board's vote. Thank you if you took action on this issue. Once again, we are objecting to the size of the buildings, not to the idea of senior housing.

Meetings

Senator Avella is scheduled to speak at the November 14 Meeting. Please make every effort to attend. Bring a neighbor! We want Senator Avella to understand your concerns. For our December 12 meeting, we have a special guest, Author Marco Conelli. Marco will discuss the famous Ruth Snyder Murder case, which took place in Queens Village in 1927. We have invited members of neighboring civic associations to hear this interesting and entertaining presentation.

E-mail

We hear from some people by e-mail with questions and comments. If you can't make a meeting, send us an e-mail.

Halloween Parade

We got snowed out! But thanks to Charlie Lupo and Fuzzy's for their hospitality, and to the volunteers who set up and decorated anyway. We had a few visitors, who enjoyed cookies, candy, and soda.

Upcoming events in our community:

- November 19, Clothing Drive (winter coats and clothing for adults and children). Sponsored by the Renaissance Group at St Gregory's. 9:30AM-12:30PM, in old parking lot (88th Road)
- November 27, 9:30AM-12:30PM. The 11th Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for the benefit of the
- St. Gregory the Great Community Service Center. The center provides personal and family counseling to community residents. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.
- December 3, 10:30-11:30AM. The Gurdwara Sant Sagar Sikh Temple invites community members to tour the temple and to learn about Sikh religious beliefs and practices.

Your neighbor,

Mike O'Keeffe

Braddock Avenue Bridge Repaved

Our thanks to the office of City Councilmember Mark Weprin who was able to get City DOT to move up the schedule for the repaving of the Braddock Avenue bridge whose road bed contained more patches than original paving. Kudos also to Community Board 13 which nudged it along. The work was completed on November 4. The City removed the old asphalt down to the concrete base and laid new asphalt. The result is a beautiful, smooth road. The original schedule was sometime in Fiscal Year 2013.

Around the Town

☼ **Condolences to:** the family of Rose Dillon who was active in the Creedmoor Civic Association for many years and served on the Board of Governors.

☼ **Three to keep in mind:** Still recovering and in need of your thoughts and prayers: Board members Linda Dixon and Thomas Holt; and husband of Block Captain Domenica Chironno, Frank Chironno.

Don't Miss Our December 12 Meeting

At the start of our regular meeting on Monday December 12th at 8PM, guest speaker Marco Conelli will present The Birth of Sensationalism In America: The Ruth Snyder Murder Case. This is a pictorial history of the famous Queens Village Murder that in 1927 shocked America and became the pioneer for things such as Court TV and the basis for films such as Double Indemnity and the Postman Always Rings Twice. This presentation follows the lives of Ruth Snyder and Judd Gray from before their murdering of Ruth's husband Albert and shows the role of the media in covering every day of their lives from the courtroom to the electric chair. His account of this "Crime of the Century" will also feature personal archives from the case and a surprise guest.

We invite all of our members and neighbors from nearby civic associations to attend this entertaining and informative presentation. Marco Conelli is a former NYC Police Detective and the author of the Matthew Livingston mysteries, a series of suspense novels in the Young Adult mystery genre. He was born and raised in Queens Village.

2011 DUES ROSTER PAID UP MEMBERS OF THE CREEDMOOR CIVIC ASSOCIATION

<u>234 88 Ave</u>	Weber	Torchon/Engel	Chironno	Rocco
Kaess	Faraone	Connelly	Lagula	Schillinger
Wilkerson	Ramsook	Dixon		Williamson
Donoghue		O'Connor	<u>88 240 St</u>	
Baumann	<u>89 Lyman St</u>	Cook	Fisbeck	<u>89 242 St</u>
	Vasquez	Viera	Vollaro	Terry/Rappold
<u>235 88 Ave</u>	Kyrtatas	Brady	Daddario	Lavin
Larkins	Murphy	Bivona	Cartegena	Aide
Cifarelli	Forger	Carrion	Goldbach	
Palacios	Lopez	Hughes	Forgione	<u>90 242 St.</u>
	Dolan		Tasiello	Incorvaia
<u>236 88 Ave</u>	Ward	<u>89 238 St</u>	Gallagher	Sanchez
Holloran	O'Hara	Audobon	Bobb	Jean-Charles
Mirbach	Kukreja	Zambito		Montalbo
	Poonawala	Woolsey	<u>89 240 St</u>	
<u>237 88 Ave</u>		Dillon	Browne	<u>88 Road</u>
Cashin	<u>88 Gettysburg St</u>	Amos	Mulcahy	Alikhan
Covatti	Loftus		Schropfer	
Fajardo	Carey	<u>88 239 St</u>	Prus	<u>88 Drive</u>
Villanueva	Nunziata	Mc Creary	Barry	Soldatos
Savino	Di Noto	Martinez	Heaney	Zimmer
Rosario	Lemma	Johnston	Castellanos	
	Fernandez	Paz	Deguzman	<u>89 Avenue</u>
<u>238 88 Ave</u>	Mc Gowan	Montanile	McEnaney	Stack
Farooqui	Murphy	Anza Sarfraz		Barrett
	Lydon	Remache/Garcia	<u>88 241 St</u>	Coscia
<u>239 88 Ave</u>	Maldonado	Barlund	Karoly	Jacewiz
Alaimo	Falls		Rugel	Lollo
Guzman/Nieves		<u>89 239 St</u>	Kerrigan	Vendittelli
Reilly	<u>89 Gettysburg St</u>	<i>WHOLE BLOCK</i>	Buffit	
	Rodriquez	<i>PD!!!</i>	Conelli	<u>90 Avenue</u>
<u>240 88 Ave</u>	Kelso	Nelson	Smith	Martori
Geraghty	Holt	Porter	McKay	Lorenzo
Degula		Wong	Rissmeyer	Sullivan
	<u>88 237 St</u>	Hanif	Kontaxis	Hefferon
<u>241 88 Ave</u>	Mason	Buhrer	Pfaff	Palumbo
Hussey	Rasquine	Kelly	Cvitkovich	Trent, J.
Konrad	Mulcahy	Brady	Fiorillo	Sileo
O'Keeffe	Di Stasi	Bourne		
Casado	Russo	DeBoesche	<u>89 241 St</u>	<u>91 Avenue</u>
	Gorman	Song	Stalzer	Ghobrial
<u>88 Moline St</u>	Geiger	Plack	Hagemann	<u>Braddock Ave</u>
Koch	Stemmler	Beekharry	Ishak	Bali Wireless
Sabino	Fajardo	Castillo	Nunns	Cross Country
Coster-Kaplow	Fenelon	Moore	Stanga	Medical
Mitraco		Haslop	Agate	India Valley Cafe
Nadsy	<u>89 237 St</u>	Lopez	Lopez-Kaplis	Caroussos
	Puccio	Guintini	Amato	Fashion Cuts
<u>89 Moline St</u>	Shad-Mahoney	Gutierrez		Barbershop
Sandhovel	Concannon	Dawod	<u>88 242 St</u>	Fuzzy's Wolfrose
Sandoval	Pedalino	Abbas	Ross	Pub
Manzo	Hanson	Siry	Okello	Gurdwara Sant
Bellisario		Ramcharitar	Burke	Sagar Sikh Temple
	<u>88 238 St</u>	Hegmann	Aragona	John F.Prince
<u>88 Lyman St</u>	Block/Daly	Randazzo	Murphy	VFW Post
Duskiewicz	Christy	Black	Morris	
Vorel/Loftus	O'Sullivan	Hronvich	Laffin/Rose	
Sarabia	Morgan	Deangkinay	Boccia	
Soler	Sito			

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Puccio

88 238 St

Block/Daly
Morgan

Sito

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Hughes
Bivona

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Zambito

88 239 St

Mc Creary
Anza Sarfraz
Remache/Gerardo
Barlund

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Nelson

88 240 St

Fishbeck

88 241 St

Karoly
Rissmeyer
Fiorillo

89 241 St

Nunns

Lopez-Caplis
Amato

88 242 St

Aragona
Murphy
Morris
Laffin/Rose
Rocco

89 242 St

Terry
Montalbo

88 Road

Alikhan

88 Drive

Soldatos

89 Avenue

Barrett
Lollo
Vendittelli

90 Avenue

Palumbo
Sileo

Braddock Ave

BaliWireless
India Valley Cafe
Gurdwara Sant
Sagar Sikh Temple

CLOTHING DRIVE

Fuzzy's Wolfrose Bar has started its annual Holiday Drive for the Queens Childrens' Psychiatric Center. This year, the hospital is requesting socks, t-shirts and underwear in children's sizes. Drop your donations in the bin just inside the door at Fuzzy's.

SUE NOREIKA, FORMER CB 13 CHAIR DEAD AT 90



Meta Susan Noreika 1921-2011

The community of eastern Queens she so well-served sadly shares news of the passing of the Hon. Susan M. Noreika, a Charter Member of Community Board #13, Queens, who served as its first Chair and served three decades from 1971 to 2001. She was an original member of the predecessor Local Planning Board 16B formed in 1965, serving 36 years in all on the community/ planning board.

The wake for one of our City's outstanding civic leaders was held on Thursday, November 3, at Gleason's Funeral Home, 36-46 Bell Blvd., Bayside, Queens. She passed away on October 4 at North Shore University Hospital.

Interment was on Friday, November 4 at Hackensack Cemetery in New Jersey where Meta Susan Noreika will be buried alongside her husband, Frank Noreika who served with distinction in the NYC Police Department, 24th Pct., Manhattan and retired as a Captain. Both Susan Noreika and her husband, Frank were veterans of our Nation's armed forces. She turned 90 this past August.

Susan Noreika was born in Nebraska. One of her earliest experiences was babysitting for Johnnie Carson many years

before he entertained millions on the Tonight Show.

In addition to her community board role, Susan Noreika was a founding and long-time board member of Services Now for Adult Persons, Inc. (SNAP) which she help create to fill a void in services for her community's older adults. She was active in PTA and youth concerns and devoted countless hours as a volunteer including to the Summer Youth Employment Program based at the community board. She was a frequent speaker at civic meetings and served many years as a trustee of her home neighborhood's Lost Community Civic Association.

Sue was a member of American Legion Post 301, Queens Village, the Charter Council of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Board Member of the Children's Psychiatric Center, founder of the Queens Overall Economic Development Council and founding Steering Committee co-chair of the first of its kind NORC-WOW (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community Without Walls) developed and operated by the Samuel Field Y. Sue was also an original board member of the Queens County Farm Museum. She mentored many community leaders and elected officials. She is survived by a daughter and three grandchildren.

Community members and others interested in making donations in Sue's memory are asked to send their donations to SNAP, c/o SNAP of Eastern Queens Center, 80-45 Winchester Blvd., Bldg. #4, CBU #29, Queens Village, N.Y. 11427 [Telephone: (718) 454-2100; fax: (718) 740-4999; Email: SNAPQueens@aol.com]. [Editor's note: Sue's family refused or was unable to bury her. The wake and burial was arranged by the civic leaders of the community. SNAP laid out the money to pay the funeral home. That's why SNAP is soliciting donations to reimburse them for taking on this financial responsibility. Creedmoor Civic rose to the occasion and helped with the expenses.]