

Next meeting: November 12 at 8 PM

Please Note: This meeting will be held at Bellerose Rescue at Lyman St and Braddock Ave



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HURRICANE SANDY BLOWS INTO TOWN; SOME AREA HOMEOWNERS W/O POWER FOR MORE THAN A WEEK

Hurricane Sandy has caused widespread destruction and suffering, especially in New Jersey, Long Island, and New York City. Sandy has also had a significant impact on Bellerose and the Creedmoor Civic area.

As of November 4th, when this was written, about half of our civic was without electricity. Trees, power lines and utility poles are down throughout the area. The 88 block of 241 St. has been hit the hardest. Not only are many residents without power, but the block is impassable. A gas leak also occurred in the street, requiring several responses by the FDNY and Con Ed gas crews.

During the height of the storm on Monday night, pole mounted transformers shorted out, lighting up the sky. On several blocks of 88th Ave and 242 St., power lines burst into open flames from pole to pole. Fortunately, these fires did not extend to any homes, as far as we know.



88 block of 241st Street

Neighboring towns in Nassau County have been affected. Most of the businesses on the Nassau County side of Jericho Turnpike have been closed since the storm hit, due

to a lack of electricity. Many traffic lights on Jericho Turnpike and Braddock Avenue have not been functioning, causing traffic backups and safety hazards. Gasoline distribution was disrupted, and many stations lacked power to pump what they had. This combination caused lines for gas that we haven't seen since the 1970s. What was striking this time was the sight of many pedestrians who lined up for gasoline for their generators.

This meeting's Guest Speaker will be Mr. Sanjay Patel, Director of the Sir Isaac Newton Special Science Programs at Martin Van Buren High School.

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FEMA: 800 621-FEMA
<http://www.disasterassistance.gov>

The Department of Financial Services is working closely with insurers to speed response to homeowners who experienced losses. Governor Cuomo announced that New York homeowners will not have to pay potentially large hurricane deductibles on insurance claims stemming from damage caused by Sandy.

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DOUBLE MURDER AROUND THE CORNER

Tragedy struck in Bellerose at about 11 AM on Tuesday, October 23 when Nassau County Police Officer Arthur Lopez was murdered after stopping a car that fled the scene of an accident on the Cross Island Parkway.

According to news accounts, Officer Lopez, 29, and his partner followed the Honda as it exited the Cross Island Parkway at the Jamaica Ave exit. The pursuit continued through local streets, until the car stopped at Jericho Turnpike and 241 St, near the entrance to the southbound parkway. Officer Lopez was shot as he approached the vehicle. The perpetrator then got back on the southbound CIP. When he encountered a vehicle stopped on the exit ramp to Belmont Park, he murdered the occupant, Raymond Facey of Brooklyn, and carjacked the victim's car.

The Nassau County Police and the NYPD worked together on the ensuing investigation and manhunt. The Cross Island Parkway, Jericho Tpke and some local streets were closed for hours, creating massive traffic jams in the area. (Thanks to civic members Bill and Mary Ann Schillinger for helping to direct traffic for a few hours.) Police helicopters canvassed the area for hours, until late in the evening. At that time, NYPD officers arrested the suspect, Darryl Fuller, 33, in a car in St Albans.

105TH Precinct Deputy Inspector Joseph Courtesis described the events as among the most emotionally difficult he has faced in his career. He also explained that the situation became more complicated because it happened on the Queens/Nassau border. The Cross Island Parkway runs primarily through Queens, but a stretch between Jericho Turnpike and Hempstead Turnpike is in Nassau County. Both murders took place in Nassau County, while the pursuit and arrest happened in Queens.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

Your civic association has been sponsoring the annual costume parade for at least 15 years now. We've had some interesting challenges with the weather. This year we had the perfect sunny day for our trip through the neighborhood. Over 55 participants trekked down 239th St, 88th Ave, and Moline St and feasted on homemade cookies. We were assisted by the NYPD and the Auxiliary Police, as well as the Bellerose Rescue staff. Most of

CCA's board members and officers helped out with the decorations and the parade, along with a few other volunteers.

All participants visited Bellerose Rescue on Lyman Street and Braddock Avenue after the parade. Many were first-time visitors.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This past month has been a difficult, tragic, historic and interesting one.

On October 23, we witnessed the savage murder of Nassau County Police Officer Arthur Lopez and an innocent civilian, Raymond Facey. We extend our sympathies to the families of the victims, and to the members of the Nassau County and New York City Police Departments.

Less than a week later, Hurricane Sandy turned our lives upside down. We have been living through disruptions to our daily lives, including power outages, blocked streets, difficult or impossible commutes, and disruptions to supplies of gasoline and other essential items. The destruction in our region has been enormous, and probably unprecedented.

About half of our civic area has been without power since the storm. If you still have no electricity when you receive this newsletter, please continue to exercise extreme caution. Neighbors have been helping neighbors; let's keep this up!

On a lighter note, our Halloween Parade was a success. Over fifty-five people turned out. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who helped out, especially Rosemarie Russo, who baked over 300 cookies for the occasion. Also thanks to Bellerose Rescue, which hosted the festivities after the parade.

Thanks to Mr Eric Wagner, the Principal of PS 33, for speaking at our October meeting. One of the topics discussed was whether to revisit the proposal to change PS 33 and other local schools to kindergarten through 8th Grade schools. I believe we need to look at this carefully, but we will need your help if we want to try to make this happen.

Congratulations to Rosemary Parker, who was elected to CCA's board at last month's meeting.

Please join us at Bellerose Rescue (formerly known as QVHB Ambulance Corps) on Lyman and Braddock for our next meeting on November 12.

Your neighbor,

Mike O'Keeffe