

Next meeting: Nov. 11 at 8 PM

Meetings at the Living Hope Christian Church (basement), Braddock Avenue at 241st Street



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CIVIC'S HALLOWEEN PARADE ANOTHER SUCCESS

Approximately 70 costumed children and their chaperones marched through the streets of our civic as part of our Creedmoor Civic Association annual Halloween Costume Parade on Saturday, October 26.



Holding our Civic banner proudly, participants in our free annual Halloween costume parade pose in front of Fuzzy's Bar on Braddock Avenue.

Photo by R. Duskwicz

Fuzzy's Wolfrose Bar was the scene where the parade ended up. Fuzzy's is a double-wide store with the western-most unit used as a billiard room. This is where Creedmoor Civic set up a haunted house venue for the children completing their march through the streets. Our thanks to Fuzzy's owner Charlie Lupo and his staff for providing the space and also soda candy at no charge to our civic.

It takes a village to put on this event, so our thanks to volunteers Betty Baumann, Don Sileo, Maureen Morris, Christine Larkins, Richard and Ann Marie Duskwicz, Michael O'Keeffe, Rosemarie Russo (who baked all those hand-made ghost cookies), Brian and Janet Murphy, Rosemary Parker, Paul Bellisario, Brian Concannon, Joseph Concannon, James Trent; and the Bellerose Rescue Co. staffers, Marty Braun, and Mark Ramos. Thanks also to the 105th Precinct for traffic control.

Hope to see you all again next year. Start making those costumes now, don't wait until the last minute!

BRADDOCK PHARMACY

236-01 BRADDOCK AVE.
347-1516



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PAN CAKE BREAKFAST FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER

On Sunday, December 1 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will host a pancake breakfast to support The St. Gregory's Community Service Center. The center is non-sectarian, and provides professional counseling services to the Bellerose-Floral Park communities. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is located on Commonwealth Blvd at 86th Road.

President's Message

Veteran's Day

We remember and thank all Veterans for your selfless service to our nation.

Thank You

Thanks to Suzanne Windland, the Volunteer Coordinator at SNAP (Services Now for Adult Persons), for speaking at our October meeting. Some of SNAP's excellent programs are Meals on Wheels, case management, home visitation, and caregiver services. If you know someone who could use these services, have them or their family call SNAP at 718-454-2100. In the future, SNAP will be moving to the Bellerose Jewish Center on Union Turnpike and 254th St.

Martin Van Buren HS

On October 30, the Dept of Education's Panel on Education Policy (PEP) approved the co-location of a P-tech program into Martin Van Buren High School. After much deliberation, the Creedmoor Civic Board of Governors decided that, while we are in favor of the P-tech program, we believe that it should be run as a program at Martin Van Buren HS, rather than as a separate school. We are concerned that the co-location of an additional school will diminish the resources Martin Van Buren needs to continue to improve. We are also concerned that students, teachers and members of the community do not have a real voice in the decision making process. The Mayor appoints 8 of the 13 members of the PEP; each borough president makes 1 appointment. Numerous school co-locations have been proposed in the final months of the Bloomberg Administration, and the PEP has approved every one that had been brought to a vote. The Van Buren decision will stand unless the next mayor decides otherwise. We will keep you informed. If you are interested in this issue, come to the November 11th meeting to express your opinion.

The Braddock Boys

We have a "blast from the past" planned for our December 9 meeting. We will show the short film "The Braddock Boys," about a group of kids who grew up in Braddock Park in the 1950's and remained lifelong friends. Some people involved with making the film will be present at the meeting. We invite members of neighboring civics to attend.

There is no guest speaker scheduled for our November 11 meeting. Please remember to bring a donation of non-perishable food for the food pantry run by the Living Hope Christian Church.

Your neighbor,

Mike O'Keeffe

Around the Town:

- ❖ Congratulations to John and Alexandra Canarte of 88th Ave on the birth of their daughter Victoria Isabella.
- ❖ Congratulations to Larry and Kathy Burke of 242 St on the birth of their grandson Liam Andrew.
- ❖ Condolences to the Hughes family of 238 St for the recent passing of Richard Hughes.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE

St Gregory the Great Church will hold its annual Christmas Craft Sale in the Oak Room (church basement) on Saturday, November 23 from noon to 6PM, and on Sunday, November 24 from 8 AM to 3PM.

GRAFFITI REMOVAL PROGRAM

Senator Tony Avella has funded a program to hire a private contractor to remove graffiti throughout his senatorial district. Funding should provide 3 years of this service. To report graffiti, call Senator Avella's office at (718) 357-3094, or contact by email at avella@nysenate.gov

NEWS FROM THE 105TH POLICE PRECINCT

The following are some highlights presented by Deputy Inspector Coyle, the 105th Pct Commander:

Crime Statistics

Overall crime is down 7% from this time last year. Shootings have decreased 61%. Grand larcenies of autos have decreased 21%. Burglaries are down 11%.

Burglaries

The burglary stats include those cases where burglar alarms sounded and burglars fled with nothing. DI Coyle emphasized the value of burglar alarms. He also mentioned that video footage can be very valuable. If you think you have something on tape that the police might find useful, contact Detective Cooper or PO Epps of the Community Affairs Unit at 718-776-9173 or 9176.

Auto-related crimes

Theft of auto wheels: Late model Honda wheels seem to be most in demand. Installing wheel locks is a deterrent. As the weather gets colder, don't leave the car unattended with the keys in the car and the motor running. Also, do not leave valuable objects in plain view in an unattended vehicle.

Law Enforcement Explorer Program

Officer Epps, along with Officer Plummer, are running a Law Enforcement Explorer Program for kids 14-20 years of age. The program will include law enforcement, military-like drills, trips and competitions. Contact PO Plummer at 718-776-9164 for more information.

Holiday Drive

The 105th will be accepting canned food, unwrapped gifts and coats. DI Coyle also requested that the names of needy families be forwarded to the Community Affairs Unit at 718-776-9173 or 9176.

Misc

10 additional police officers and 4 supervisors have been assigned to the precinct, bringing it up to full strength. Crime Prevention Officer John Mc Coy will do a security survey of your home and/or your vehicle. Call 718-776-9207.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

QUEENS VILLAGE LIRR STATION GETS NEW ELEVATORS



Hon. Barbara Clark (front row, left) with LIRR President Helena Williams cut ribbon in this remarkable photo which shows the cut ribbon still in mid-air. To the right of Ms Williams is State Senator Malcolm Smith.
Photo by J. Trent

Creedmoor Civic was on hand for the exciting ribbon cutting of two new elevators at the Queens Village Station of the Long Island Rail Road. Two elevators were built because the station has two platforms. Assembly Member Barbara Clark (33rd A.D.) fought for the funding for this project. It cost \$8.4 million and includes upgrades to the entire station and heated waiting room on the west-bound platform. The station was built 90 years ago (1923) and the architects of the project tried to respect the architectural integrity of the building. Michael O'Keeffe represented Creedmoor Civic, and James Trent (also of Creedmoor Civic) represented the Joint Bellerose Business Development Corporation.

At this time no elevators are proposed for the Bellerose station which, unlike the Floral Park station, has no escalators either.

COMING SOON - BRADDOCK PHARMACY

Pharmacist Andy Marfatin will proudly open his third store and first here on Braddock Ave. This store is located at the same location as the old Rocky Hill Pharmacy. With over 15 years experience, Andy and his associates are planning to offer all the pharmaceutical, surgical and healthcare products, as well as the same general merchandise as the big chain stores. Braddock Pharmacy will offer free local delivery, faxing and copies, senior discounts, and text messaging alerts for prescription pickups. Special needs assistance will also be available. This will be a welcome addition to our community. *Stop in and say hello and let him know you heard about Braddock Pharmacy from the civic newsletter.*

UPDATE OF DUES AND DONATIONS FOR 2013

The following members have paid dues for 2013 since our paid up roster was published in May. Thank you! Our paid membership now stands at 183 members. We are short of our goal of 300 members. We need you to join, not only for your financial support, but also to show that the civic is speaking and acting on behalf of the community.

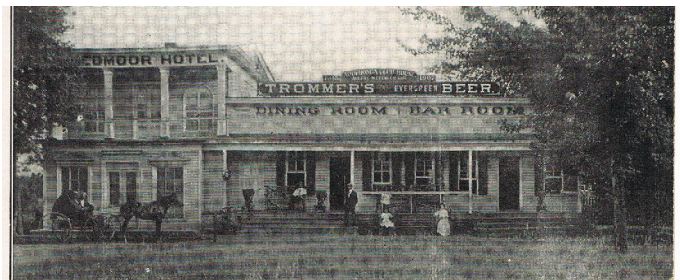
If you have not paid your 2013 dues, please send \$6.00 to Creedmoor Civic Association, PO Box 260143, Bellerose, NY 11426. If you are not sure whether you have paid for 2013, or if you think our records are incorrect, contact us at (718) 464-3369 or creedmoorcivic@gmail.com.

Dues


<u>236 88 Ave.</u>	Dolan	Torchon/Engel	<u>88 242 St</u>	Mateo
Rivera	Ward	Bivona	Burke	89 237 St.
<u>239 88 Ave.</u>	O'Hara	<u>89 238 St.</u>		Donovan
Alaimo	<u>88 Gettysburg St.</u>	Zambito	Murphy	Acosta
Guzman/Nieves	Falls	Amos	Boccia	<u>88 238 St.</u>
<u>241 88 Ave.</u>	<u>89 Gettysburg St.</u>	<u>88 239 St.</u>	Schillinger	Sito
Hussey	Rodriguez	Teixeira	<u>89 242 St</u>	Bivona
<u>88 Moline St.</u>	Kelso	Paz	Ragusa	<u>88 239 St.</u>
Lo Monico	Antezana	Barlund	<u>90 242 St</u>	Barlund
Coster-Kaplow	Bowe	<u>89 239 St.</u>	Jean-Charles	Dipsingh
<u>89 Moline St.</u>	<u>88 237 St.</u>	Hegemann	<u>89 Ave</u>	<u>89 239 St.</u>
Jayadeva	Wagner	<u>88 240 St.</u>	Foerst	Haslop
Huynh	Russo	Guintini	Stack	Hanif
Gambhir	Delacuada	Spina/Luisi	Jacewicz	<u>88 240 St.</u>
Sandoval	Mateo	O'Keeffe	<u>Braddock Ave</u>	Cartegena
<u>88 Lyman St.</u>	Geiger	<u>89 240 St.</u>	Vic's Auto Service	<u>89 241 St.</u>
Sarabia	Shad-Mahoney	Mulcahy	<u>Donations</u>	Stalzer
Brown	Donovan	Prus	<u>89 Lyman St.</u>	<u>236 88Ave.</u>
Mooney	Acosta	<u>89 241 St.</u>	Ward	Rivera
<u>89 Lyman St.</u>	<u>88 238 St.</u>	Doran	O'Hara	Mirbach
Forger	Sito	Stalzer	<u>88 Gettysburg St.</u>	<u>237 88 Ave</u>
			Carey	Villanueva
			<u>88 237 St.</u>	<u>89 Ave.</u>
				Venditelli
				Vaccaro

REGISTER FOR STAR EXEMPTION

If you receive a STAR property tax reduction, you must register with New York State by December 31 to maintain it. You should have received a letter explaining what has to be done. If you have questions, call 518-457-2036, or visit <http://www.tax.ny.gov/>. This does not apply to the Enhanced STAR Program, which is for homeowners 65 or older who meet income eligibility requirements.



Memory Lane: Creedmoor Hotel circa 1906 possibly located around 88 Avenue and Pontiac Street.

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