

Zoom meeting November 9 (see details in box)



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SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN EVENT RECEIVES RAVE REVIEWS

Since we were unable to hold our annual Halloween Parade due to the pandemic, we held an alternate event that adhered to Covid-19 precautions.



The program consisted of pumpkin decorations, a game of Halloween Bingo, and a trunk-or-treat, so kids could pick up some candy as they were leaving. About 30 kids attended in two separate sessions on Halloween. All present observed

**LIVE CIVIC MEETINGS
CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE.**

JOIN US IN A ZOOM MEETING.



We have invited Assembly Member Clyde Vanel to join us in our November Zoom meeting.

Time: Nov. 9, 2020
07:00 PM

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Meeting ID: 863 7701 5755 Passcode: 026556

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social distancing and face mask usage. Each family sat at a separate table. No refreshments were served. The event was held outdoors (fortunately, it was a perfect autumn day).

Special thanks to our hosts at the John F. Prince VFW, especially Post Commander Dennis De Tiberus, and CCA members Jay (Former Commander) and Lynne Dolan. Creedmoor Civic Board member Katherine Fariad did a great job planning and organizing

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President's Message

We thank you for your dues and generous donations. I would also like to thank Cathy Christy, our Financial Secretary, for her work. Keeping track of these transactions is tedious and time consuming.

We are entering a difficult phase in the battle against Covid-19. As cases rise all over the country, colder weather will make it harder to have outdoor meetings and activities. People will want to get together for the upcoming holidays, but some reports indicate that small social gatherings are now contributing to the spread. And the approaching flu season must be considered. We need to remain vigilant and prepare ourselves for various scenarios.

Your neighbor,

Michael O'Keeffe

WATER AND SEWER LINE INSURANCE

You may have received a notice in the mail from PSE&G, advertising water line insurance. PSE&G has authorized HomeServe to use the PSE&G Brand. HomeServe appears to be a legitimate company that offers insurance for a variety of home systems. Be aware that the NYC Department of Environmental Protection has authorized American Water Resources (AWR) to provide both water main and sewer line insurance. The AWS water Line coverage costs 66.84/year, and the sewer line protection costs \$114.60/year. Either or both coverages can be selected and are billed quarterly on the DEP water and sewer bill. It may be useful to use the DEP-approved company in case a problem arises. AWR can be contacted at (888) 300-3570 or <https://awrusa.com/nyc/>

MVB COOKBOOK NOW IN PRINT

As we have reported previously, the Martin Van Buren Alumni Alliance has been instrumental in assembling a cookbook with 168 recipes from around the world. Proceeds are going to help members of the MVB community most affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. The digital cookbook is still available on the website <https://www.mvbhsaa.com/> with a suggested donation of \$10.

Now, a soft-covered print version is also available for \$30. To get a copy, visit the above website. Put your mailing address in the "Comments" section. The book will be mailed after you pay by check, Venmo, Zelle, PayPal or GoFundMe. To pay/donate by check, please make the check payable to MVBHS Alumni Alliance, and mail it to Lapidus Asset Management, 500 West Putnam Ave, Suite 400, Greenwich, CT 06830.

AROUND THE TOWN

Farewell: to Artie and Rita Kontaxis, longtime residents of 241 St, who will be moving soon. Artie has delivered our newsletter on his block for over 30 years. He and Rita have volunteered for the St Gregory's Festival since it began over 40 years ago. Many will also remember Rita as a pre-school teacher at St Gregory's for many years. We thank them for their service to our community and wish them the best of health and happiness. Going forward, the newsletter will be delivered by Emma Lamattina. At 6 years of age, Emma is slightly younger than Artie, but she will be assisted by her grandmother, Theresa Concannon.

Farewell: Luigi (better known as Louie), who has operated Supreme Pizza for the last several years, is saying goodbye. He has sold the business to a married couple, Marcia and Chee. Luigi will be around for the next couple of weeks. Stop in to wish him well and to welcome the new owners. We thank Luigi for the service Supreme Pizza has provided to our neighborhood, especially during these past several months.

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(we) wish to join (renew) membership in the Creedmoor Civic Association, Inc. Enclosed herewith is a check for \$10.00 for one-year's dues (a dues year is the calendar year. If already paid for 2020, we will credit you for 2021).

Name:

Address:

E-mail: (optional for late breaking news):

Additional donation?

Make check payable to Creedmoor Civic Association and mail to PO Box 260143, Bellerose, NY 11426. Thank you!

2020 ROSTER OF PAID UP MEMBERS

Thanks to the following members who have paid dues for 2020. An asterisk indicates that a member made an additional donation. Thanks! We apologize for any mistakes, omissions or misspellings. If you think our records are incorrect, please contact us at 718-464-3369, or creedmoorcivic@gmail.com. We will make corrections in the next newsletter. If you have not paid your 2020 dues, please send \$10 to the Creedmoor Civic Association, PO Box 260143, Bellerose, NY 11426.

Moline St.	Farjardo*	Norton*	89 Block	Hussey
88 Block	Fenelon*	Remache/Garcia*	Agate*	Larkins
Nadasy*	Geiger	Texeria	Laurenon/Nichols	Munsch
	Hanley*		Stanga	Reilly
89 Block	Mateo*	89 Block		Rivera*
Bellasario	Stemmler	Borbee	242nd St.	Zhinin*
Huynh*		Dung	88 Block	
Ismail*	89 Block	Giuntini*	Laffin/Rose*	89th Avenue
	Concannon	Moore	McMenamin	Coscia*
Lyman St.	Donovan*	Siry Jr.*	Okello	Lollo
88 Block		Wong		
Mooney*	238th St.		89 Block	90th Avenue
Narain*	88 Block	240th St.	Aide	Avila
Ramcharran	Barrett*	88 Block	Kelly	Budham*
Vorel/Loftus*	Block*	Feeley*	Lavin	Hefferon*
	Castro	Fischbeck*	Mango	Martori*
89 Block	Christy	O’Keeffe	Persad*	Sileo*
Dolan	Connelly	Sarabia	Ragusa	Trent
Lopez	Cook	Soorko*	Schwizer*	Yevoli*
	Coupet*		Terry*	
Gettysburg	Hughes*	89 Block		91st Avenue
88 Block	Morgan	Barry	90 Block	Ghobrial
Fernandez	Parker		Jean-Charles	
Gonzalez	Sito*	Becker*		Additional
Lemma*	Torchon/Engel	Browne	88th Avenue	Donations
Loftus*		Castellanos*	Baumann	Holt*
Lyndon	89 Block	Heaney	Bellaby*	Jackel
Nunziata	Amos	Mulchay	Conarte	
	Dillon	Prus	Covatti*	Please let us know
89 Block	Palau		DeGula	of errors. We will
Jackson*		241st St.	Evangelista*	p u b l i s h a n
	239th St.	88 Block	Fajardo*	addendum next
237th St.	88 Block	Crudele	Farooqui*	m o n t h f o r
88 Block	Barlund*	Kontaxis	Fernandez	corrections or late
Abedoza/Lourdes*	Conry*	Lamattina	Frazer	paid memberships.
Ammendolea	Montanile*	Pfaff	Geraghty	
DiStasi	Martinez*		Granderson*	

FACE MASKS DISTRIBUTED



State Senator John Liu looks on as Liz Aguilar from Bellerose Commonwealth and Sue O’Keeffe

from Creedmoor Civic distribute face masks and hand sanitizer at St Gregory the Great Church on Sunday, October

25. Senator Liu sponsored the event. Thanks also to BCCA member Sylvia Delaney and Creedmoor Civic members Rosemary Parker and Brian and Lydia Connolly, who also helped.

WINTER CANDLE SAFETY

Unattended candles start many preventable fires. Often, a fire is sparked by curtains or paper left too close to the flame. Consider using an LED device that simulates a candle. If you must use a candle, put it out before you leave the room. Place candles at least four feet away from all combustibles, including paper, curtains, decorations, and bedding. Use sturdy metal glass or ceramic candle holders. Keep candles away from children and pets and don’t use them in bedrooms.

Halloween Spooktacular

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everything. CCA members Ann Terry, Cathy and John Christy, Rosemary Parker and Mike O’Keeffe assisted. Other CCA members made generous donations. Special thanks to Eagle Nursery for discounting the purchase of the pumpkins. Thanks also to the merchants on Braddock Avenue who allowed the posting of our flyer in their windows.



Scenes of the Halloween craft event held on the grounds of the John F. Prince Post VFW on Braddock Avenue.



WINTER FIRE SAFETY

Fires tend to be more frequent and serious during the winter months. Most fires and injuries are preventable if we take the proper precautions. Make sure that smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms are in place and are operating properly with fresh batteries. Also think about the following:

Space Heaters: The use of kerosene or propane space heaters is strictly prohibited and illegal in New York City. Electric space heaters can be very dangerous. If you use an electric space heater, choose one that is certified and approved by a recognized testing lab such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL). It should shut off automatically if the unit tips over, overheats or malfunctions. Do not use an extension cord.

Electrical Hazards: Extension cords cause many home fires. The cord may be old and frayed, or it may be too thin for the load it is carrying. Do not use extension cords with appliances that draw large amounts of current, and do not run extension cords under carpets or near combustible material. Check appliance and lamp cords for signs of damage and replace if necessary. Power strips are often the cause of fires. Buy certified power strips and don’t overload them.

Cooking Fires: According to the FDNY, unattended cooking accounts for 33% of home fires. Stay in the kitchen while food is cooking and establish a “kid-free zone” of three feet around your stove. Keep the area around your stove clear of towels, paper, and anything else that can easily catch fire. Regularly clean your cooking equipment so that there is no grease accumulation. In addition to a dry chemical fire extinguisher, you can use a pot lid or baking soda to smother a pan fire.

Another danger is for the cook to get burned. Don’t wear loose sleeves while cooking. They are more likely to catch on fire or get caught on pot handles. Cooking while wearing nightgowns and/or bathrobes can be dangerous.