

# Next meeting: Oct. 10 at 8 PM



## Creedmoor Civic News

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*Oh, bun pain...*

### REINWALD'S BAKERY BITES THE DUST

After a half century of business, Reinwald's bakery is reported closed and the building sold.

A sign that says "closed for vacation" fails to mention a re-opening date, often a clue that a business has no intention of re-opening. There are also rumors that the building may be converted to offices, something the Civic and the Business District would not want to see. We want retail stores.

When Reinwald's Bakery turned 40, the Creedmoor Civic Association presented Ed Reinwald with a potted plant which he kept in his window until he sold to the just vacated bakery owners, and also a plaque which also graced the walls of the bakery but which Ed Reinwald took with him when he sold several years ago. During its heyday, Reinwald also had branch stores in New Hyde Park and Huntington. The bakery's customer base began to erode in recent years owing to several factors: the availability of cake from supermarket bakeries and super saver stores such as Costco, the greater incidence of people on diets, and an influx of ethnic groups that do not eat European-style cake. Reinwald's had been the most important retailer on the block between Gettysburg Street and 237<sup>th</sup> Street. Their closing is a serious blow to efforts to revive that block that also once hosted an important butcher shop.

### RABIES WARNING

The NYC Health Dept issued a warning recently to New Yorkers to avoid wild animals and to vaccinate their pets after a rabid racoon was trapped in the Little Neck area last week. There were no reported bites or exposures to this racoon that was captured on September 15. It was the first rabid animal found in Queens since 2001 and the 4th since 1992.

Health officials announced plans to step up the oral rabies vaccine in the Little Neck area. This vaccine immunizes the animals that eat it.

### MAYOR BLOOMBERG COMES TO BELLEROSE

Mayor Michael Bloomberg came visiting to Bellerose on Sunday, September 25 at the Queens County Farm Museum's Annual Agricultural Fair. Over 9,000 people visited the Farm over the weekend of the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.



State Senator Frank Padavan is shown at left in the above picture, with Farm staffer Sid Fast, Farm Executive Director Amy Fischetti, Mayor Michael Bloomberg, and Farm president James Trent.

The mayor could only stay for 30 minutes as he had to greet the Dalai Lama back in Manhattan. Bloomberg was mobbed by people wanting his autograph, or to pose with Bloomberg for pictures. He toured the Farm and the Fair by walking up the main Farm road, walked into a barn that had exhibits on display, and took to the Main Stage where he spoke for about two minutes to those gathered on the hay bales.

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## Around the Town

❁ **Condolences:** Many apologies for our failure to timely acknowledge the passing of John Boyle and Louise Miano, both residents of 238<sup>th</sup> Street.

❁ **Welcome new neighbors:** Mr. & Mrs. Castillo at 89-20 239<sup>th</sup> Street; Mr. & Mrs. Nishan Singh at 89-16 238<sup>th</sup> Street; William Lopez at 89-24 239<sup>th</sup> Street; and Sheila and Terrance Lawrence at 234-21 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

❁ **Business District 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** The Joint Bellerose Business District Development Corporation will celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary at a luncheon at the new Trattoria Lucia on Sunday, October 23 at 1 P.M. Call Jim Trent at 718-343-8830 for tickets (\$33.00).

## REWARD!!

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$2000.00 in cash for the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the assault on an off-duty police officer near 88th Ave and 242 St.

On Monday, August 22, 2005, at approximately 12:30AM, this off-duty police officer approached three male Hispanics 15-22 years old who were spraying graffiti. After he identified himself as a police officer, two of the males sprayed him with paint and one of the males struck him with a black Honda, causing serious injury to the officer.

Anyone with information should call 800 577-TIPS. You can remain anonymous. Please refer to Poster # Q375 when calling.

## President's Message

A new group, **Citizens Against Graffiti Everywhere**, has been formed. Over 30 civic leaders attended the first meeting last month and discussed ways to eliminate this unsightly vandalism. We met with members of the NYPD Vandal Squad and learned the best ways to document any new graffiti hits before painting over them.

Eliminating illegal signs is also one of the purposes of this new committee. Mike Augugliaro of the Queens Colony Civic Association and I have been removing many of these unsightly signs for the past couple of years. One problem with simply removing these signs is that the offender never gets fined, and he probably assumes that the sign fell off or was removed by a competitor. Our new tactic is to place a bright sticker over part of the phone number, so they no longer receive the benefit of free, illegal advertising, and then we send a list of the sign locations to the Dept of Sanitation. We believe this has worked the best so far.

It was pointed out to me that a word that I used in last month's president's message, "ghetto," can have a racial meaning. That was never my intent. "Slum" is definitely a better term to describe the look of the storefront gate on Braddock Avenue that still displays some delinquent's version of art.

Many hours of volunteer work are spent on eliminating graffiti in our neighborhood, let's hope that one newcomer doesn't spoil it for those of us who live in the area. The vast majority of people I've spoken with agree with me on this one.

Recently, a student was caught playing hooky from PS33 by hanging out in the new Laundromat for a good part of the day. What was he doing? Playing video games! The same video games that the owner told the District Manager of the community board that he would not be putting in. A call to Councilman David Weprin's office resulted in the Laundromat's manager promising to put up signs forbidding access to minors during school hours.

I'm happy to report that Ginger Prus of 240 St. will be delivering the newsletters on her block again. Thank you, Ginger.

We still need a volunteer to deliver about 20 small packages of newsletters to the block captains, once a month. Can you help? We can sure use it.

Your neighbor,  
*Rick Duskiwicz*

## **CAMPAIGN POSTERS DEFACE CITY**

The following candidates are among those who had illegally placed their campaign posters throughout our neighborhoods. We are joining the many other civic associations who are printing their names.

Virginia Fields, Gifford Miller, Mike Beys, Betsy Gotbaum, Kavanagh, Dilip Nath, Michael Brown, Bill Perkins, Brian Ellner, Scott Stringer, Darren Bloch and the worst offender on Hillside and Jamaica Avenues, Freddy Ferrer.



**REWARD**  
*up to*  
**\$500.00**

**For the arrest and conviction  
of anyone who commits  
GRAFFITI VANDALISM**

**CALL**  
**911 for Crimes in Progress**  
**311 to Provide Information**

**REMEMBER: GRAFFITI VANDALISM IS A CRIME**



### **DONATIONS RECEIVED**

The following have made cash donations to further the work of the Creedmoor Civic Association:

Mooney/Peters, 88 block Lyman St

Hanley, 88 block, 237 St.

Caravella, 89 block, 241 St.

McGowan, 88 block Gettysburg St

Persaud, 235 block, 88 Ave.

And a special thank you to Alexis Bisangwa of the 89 block of Lyman St, for the very generous donation of nearly \$100.

## **CIVIC TO HOST HALLOWEEN PARADE ONCE AGAIN**

Because our Halloween Parade has been so well received each year, we've decided to do it again. It will take place on Saturday (rain or shine), October 29. This is a costume parade and dressing up is encouraged. It is for children up to 12 years and their adult guardians.

This parade is open to all residents of our civic association, and to the students of P.S. 33, P.S. 18, and St. Gregory the Great School. Participation is totally free. The Queens Village-Hollis-Bellerose Volunteer Ambulance Corps will be marching with us as well.

We need a few volunteers for traffic control and to help serve cookies and soda at the St. Anne's Post CWV where the parade will end. One of our board members, Marian (Jean) Corbett has offered to match donations to offset the expenses (rent for the hall, purchase of soda and cookies, flyer printing, decorations, etc.) up to \$100.00. So if we can collect \$100.00 from our readers, it will be worth \$200.00 to us to cover the expenses. Due to rising insurance and heating costs, the rent at the Catholic War Veterans building has been raised. We would appreciate posting the flyer on the back of this newsletter wherever you legally can.

### **NEW SCHOOL UNDER WAY**

At long last a new school in Queens Village is under construction on the site of the old Queens Village Animal Hospital. Known as PS 263, it is located at Jamaica Avenue and 224<sup>th</sup> Street. It has a capacity of 630 students and will cost \$39,000,000. Project completion date is scheduled for August, 2007. It will house grades K to 5.

### **LAWN PAVING TO END?**

We've heard that an agreement may be close with the director of Queens City Planning on rules banning the paving over of lawns. Technically, it is already illegal unless the rainwater is taken into a private drain, but City Planning is proposing additional restrictions. There was a time when no one would think of doing such a thing, but now it has become common on the part of both property owners and builders.