

Next meeting: Oct. 13 at 8 PM

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



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LITTLE LEAGUE REP TO SPEAK

With questions being asked regarding various events being staged on the Little League fields abutting the northern boundary of our civic, we have a representative coming to answer questions.

The guest speaker for our October 13 meeting will be Ken Conyers, VP of Operations at Hollis-Bellaire-Queens Village-Bellerose Athletic Association, who manages Padavan/Preller Field on Hillside Ave. Mr. Conyers will be discussing some of the association's plans for the future and will address the board's policies on community involvement and homeowners' concerns about noise. Other HBQVB board members may also attend.

BUSINESS DISTRICT TO HOLD

LUNCHEON OCTOBER 18

State Senator Craig Johnson (Nassau) will be the principal speaker at the Joint Bellerose Business District Development Corporation Luncheon and Awards Ceremony at the Trattoria Lucia on Saturday, October 18 at 1 PM. Tickets are \$35 and the price includes tax and tip. Creedmoor Civic already has a 12-person delegation going but seats are still available. If you are interested, please call James Trent at 718-343-8830 or e-mail jtrent8830@aol.com.

The lunch includes four courses: house salad, penne ala vodka, choice of eggplant rollatini, chicken francese, or tilapia piccata and dessert. Soda, and coffee or tea round out the meal at this acclaimed restaurant located at 247-63 Jericho Turnpike.

A HOTEL FOR BELLEROSE?

There is an rumor that the developers who built a hotel on Jericho Turnpike at 257th Street in Floral Park are the purchasers of a site on Jericho Turnpike in Bellerose and are planning a similar hotel. The site which is in the Queens Colony Civic territory has people there up in arms. We hope to have more details at our October meeting.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

SET TO KICK OFF

Once again Creedmoor Civic is sponsoring a Halloween costume parade through the streets of our neighborhood ending up at the Catholic War Veterans' Clubhouse on 92nd Road. All participants will be treated to soda and cookies. Participation is entirely free and is not restricted to just residents of our civic association - anyone from Bellerose and Queens Village may attend. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Our thanks to the Catholic War Veteran's for a reduction in rent because they wanted to encourage this event. The Queens Village- Hollis-Bellerose Volunteer Ambulance Corps is expected to join us. See the details on the flyer on the back of this newsletter. This year the event is Saturday, October 25.

Another important children's event of the season is the Farm Museum's Children's Festival. See below:

Halloween fun for children of all ages - Oct. 26. Youngsters are invited to wear their costumes! Visit our haunted house. Enjoy traditional games, including sack races and trinkets-in-the-haystack, plus pony rides and a petting zoo. Professional character look-a-likes will visit to add to the fun. Craft vendors will display and sell fall items, food, country western music and dancing will make this event fun for people of all ages. Admission is \$4.00 per person The event is Sunday, October 26 from 11 AM to 4 PM. The haunted house is open 1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. and is recommended for ages 4-12. Haunted House admission is \$4.00 per person. For more information, see www.queensfarm.org. The haunted house is also open October 25 and 31 from 4 PM to 7 PM.

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Around the Town

❁ **Condolences to:** the family of Stanley Plack of 239th Street passed away last month. Belated condolences to CCA's Sgt.-at-Arms Paul Bellisario on the death of his father. And condolences to the family of Thomas Golden who passed away last week. Mr. Golden was an original owner of a home on Lyman Street where he lived until recently. He was organist for 40 years at St. Gregory's.

❁ **Congratulations to:** Teresa McCreary for collecting nearly 100% of dues from the 88 Block of 239th Street

SPEED HUMPS COMING

They're coming! (eventually.)

There have been markings on the ground for many weeks now, and several signs have been installed since the beginning of October, but trying to find out exactly the status of the planned speed humps has proved to be quite frustrating. Phone calls to the Dept of Transportation's office rarely get returned, and even when they do, the lack of information available is amazing. It's possible that the humps may be installed soon, and may even be done by the time you read this newsletter.

JOINT CIVICS CANDIDATES HELD

Eight civic associations in the Bellerose area, including Creedmoor Civic, combined efforts to arrange to have candidates for state senate, state assembly and congress speak and answer questions on September 25. While we were disappointed in the overall turnout (140 people in all), was the start of the Fall TV season that important?), those that attended heard the answers to the very important questions that were asked.

President's Message

Hello, Neighbors!

There are so many ways to change the look of a neighborhood: Let graffiti remain for a long time after it's first noticed, park cars across the front lawns, park trucks overnight on the streets and in the driveways, and block the sidewalks with your cars.

Those are the major ways to change a neighborhood, and not for the better. Small things can affect the area, too, such as not sweeping in front of your home, not picking up accumulated trash, and even leaving garage sales flyers on the poles and trees after your weekend sale. Why residents feel that it's okay to leave their posters up long after their yard and garage sales is beyond common sense. Anyone that posts a sign should remove it immediately after the sale. Period.

For those of you who do their part to keep their property looking neat and clean, thank you. You are part of our community that takes pride in our section of Bellerose.

Your Neighbor,

Rick Duskwicz

WHITE VAN WARNING

From the Rocky Hill Civic comes this warning: *My next door neighbors, decorate their home to the extreme on almost every occasion. Valentines Day, Easter, Halloween, etc. Well, between Monday night and Tuesday morning someone stole most of their Halloween decorations some of which were quite large & heavy.*

I was thinking of that white van that was reported cruising the area. Another home around the block was similarly robbed of 30 Belgian blocks (granite pavers.)

--Bernard Aquilino (former president)

CIVIC BIGWIGS CONFAB WITH MAJ. LEADER



Civic leaders Bruno DeFranceschi (North Bellerose), Bob Friedrich (Glen Oaks Owners), Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, Angela and Michael Augugliaro (Queens Colony) and others not shown in photo, chat at the Douglaston Club during an Oct. 5 political event.

LOCAL RESTAURANT HOSTS BENEFIT

In February of 2005, Denise and Jimmy Martell were blessed with their first child, Jessica. The first grandchild on her father's side and second on her mother's side, she is the apple of her relatives' eyes and she lights up their lives.

Shortly after Jessica's second birthday, she began holding her head back frequently and started losing weight. Scans showed a mass resting right behind her trachea (airway), infiltrating her top two vertebrae and spreading into the lymph nodes in her neck.

Jessica has been diagnosed with a very rare form of cancer called Chordoma. The incidence of Chordoma in the general U.S. population is about 8 per 10 million people. At the tender age of 2½, this sweet girl had already endured three weeks of induced coma, numerous radiation scans and three surgeries, including tracheotomy. She is currently undergoing chemotherapy and spends her weeks between home and hospital, courageously facing shots and blood tests on a daily basis.

Jessica will eventually have further surgery to aid in the removal of this tumor. Mom, Dad, and Jessica will later travel to Massachusetts for two months to receive a specialized form of radiation to treat this type of cancer. Upon treatment completion, frequent medical follow-ups will be necessary, as there is high rate of recurrence of Chordoma.

Trattoria Lucia Restaurant would like to do what they can do to support her heroic battle against cancer. A benefit is scheduled for November 21st, 2008. Please join them for a night of dinner, dancing, and raffles. Proceeds will go directly to Jessica's medical needs. Advances in surgery, radiation and imaging techniques in the past two decades have increased survival rates and improved chances of a cure. Bubbles are one of Jessica's favorite things, they always make her smile. We ask your support in providing Jessica with bubbles to continue making her smile and enjoying this beautiful life.

The event details:

BUBBLES FOR JESSICA BENEFIT PARTY AND RAFFLE

Friday, November 21, 2008

10 PM - 1 AM

TRATTORIA LUCIA

247-63 Jericho Turnpike, Bellerose, NY

Light Buffet - 1 Cocktail

Coffee & Dessert

Live Music Courtesy of The Bronx Wanderers

\$30 Donation at the Door

\$10.00 Raffle Tickets Available

1st Prize: \$1,000.00

2nd Prize: \$750.00

3rd Prize: \$500.00

For information, contract Karen 516-775-4388 or 718-2185

VFW LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN

John F Prince VFW Post 6478, Braddock Ave in Bellerose is always looking for Veterans to join the Post. If you are not eligible for the VFW as a Veteran, you may be eligible for our "**NEW MENS AUXILIARY**". For eligibility you can call the Post at **718-347-9662** and leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. We also

have our Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW, that some of the women in Bellerose/ Queens Village area might be eligible to join.

-- Jay Dolan, Commander

MEMORY LANE



Trent Archives

The above ad appeared in a now defunct magazine called Country Life in America probably before 1910. The Cottage Gardens Co. was also known as Ward's Nursery and was located where Bell Park Manor Terrace garden apartments is located today along Braddock and Hillside Avenues. Martin Van Buren High School also occupies 13 acres of the once significant nursery. The building of the Grand Central Parkway also took Cottage Gardens property but the designers of the highway used the nursery stock of the condemned property to landscape the highway. Note that the town being given as "Queens" which is what Queens Village was once known before the word Village was added in 1923 to end the confusion between the local community and the County. Bellerose didn't exist at the time of the placing of the ad. Queens Village was the nearest post office. Queens County was once the center of horticulture in America -- even George Washington came to Queens to buy trees. Hallock's Nursery in the Queens Village -Bellerose area was also well known and was eventually bought out by John Lewis Childs of Floral Park, the world's largest flower nursery in the world.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

Sponsored by

Creedmoor Civic Association, Inc.

Saturday, October 25, 2008

(Rain or Shine)

Creedmoor Civic will host another free costume parade in observance of Halloween. Line up is at Breninger Park (Braddock Avenue at 239 Street) at 1:45 PM. Parade kicks off at 2:00 PM and concludes at St. Anne Post, Catholic War Veterans on 92 Road (across from the Bellerose post office.)

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the parade. This event is for local children up to 12 years old and must have adult guardians. Parade route will be beginning at Breninger Park cross Braddock Avenue heading north on 240 Street to 88 Avenue, along 88 Avenue west to Gettysburg Street, Gettysburg Street south to Braddock Avenue, cross Braddock Avenue to St. Anne's Post at 237-20 92 Road.

Information: 718-464-3369

