

Next meeting: Sept. 10 at 8 PM

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



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FLYER BAN BILL SIGNED INTO LAW

Governor Spitzer has signed into the law the bill sponsored by State Senator Frank Padavan and State Assembly Member Mark Weprin that bans the distribution of commercial flyers to anyone not requesting them.

The bill goes into effect in January. Still to be worked out are details as to the size of the lawn signs and just what the language will be. The bill was supported by Creedmoor Civic Association as a way of cutting down on litter and to reduce the number of trees that are cut down for flyers that most people toss into the trash without reading. Contrary to the scare tactics of the stores that print and distribute these flyers, those that want them can still receive them by simply doing nothing. The onus to stop the distribution falls on those who don't want the flyers. Civic newsletters are exempt from the law.

SPITZER VETOES

ACCESS-A-RIDE BILL

Many people in our community are extremely angry that a second attempt to pass a bill to permit New York City Access-a-Ride vans to venture five miles into Nassau County was vetoed by Governor Spitzer. He cited the fact that it would be costly to the MTA (an agency that opposed the bill) and that it discriminated against Bronx people because the bill did not include their right to take Access-a-Ride into Westchester. Governor Pataki had also vetoed an earlier attempt to pass this bill.

Proponents of the bill say they will not give up the fight. This bill is important for many people who need to reach medical facilities in Nassau County.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

We will be discussing our Halloween Parade at our September meeting. If you want to help, please attend.

109 PRINCIPAL UNDER FIRE

Department of Education investigators are recommending that I.S. 109 Principal Shango Blake be fired after they found that he could not account for \$30,000 in school money. He is also accused of choking and punching a student after the student made a remark about his son who also goes to the school.

Mr. Blake was our speaker at our December 2006 civic meeting, where he described the many changes that he had implemented at the school since 2003. Mr. Blake's father accused DOE officials of falsifying evidence and said that his son was "targeted" because he was successful in getting black children to learn. Several politicians, including State Senator Shirley Huntley and Council Member Leroy Comrie came to Mr. Blake's defense in a rally on August 18. Mr. Blake has repaid the \$30,000, but DOE officials are suspicious of the source of the money. He is not accused of taking the money for his own use.

DAYLIGHTING DEAD

As mentioned in our June newsletter, a request for daylighting was made for the intersection of 88th Avenue and 238th Street. Letters were sent in mid-June to nearly two dozen homeowners in that immediate area, requesting comment. Since the majority of comments received back were against the daylighting (which requires the loss of some parking spaces), the matter has been closed.

CIP SAFETY ZONE ESTABLISHED

As requested by CCA, the City DOT has established a safety zone at the SB service road exit of the Cross Island Parkway at 90th Avenue. We are still asking for the installation of bollards which has not yet been done.

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Around the Town

❁ **Condolences** to the family of Tony Hroncich of 239th Street who passed away September 2.

❁ **Get Well** to Bill Dixon, husband of Board Member Linda Dixon of 238th Street. Bill had a knee replacement operation last month.

Donations Received

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations to our Association:

Donovan - 89 Block of 239th Street

Fishbeck - 88 Block of 240th Street

Amato - 89 Block of 241st Street

2006 Dues Received

Nieves - 239 Block of 88th Avenue

Donovan - 89 Block of 237th Street

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Defensive Driving Class Offered

There will be a defensive driving class on Saturday, September 29. It will be held at Bell Park Manor's Community Room off Hillside Avenue. This is a six-hour class that will give you a percentage off your liability and comprehensive car insurance. If you currently have points on your license, this will help too. The cost is \$40. You will receive a certificate that you give to your insurance agent. If you're interested or have any questions, contact Steve at 516-437-0705. Tell him you heard read about it in the *Creedmoor Civic News*.

GRAFFITI UPDATE - GOOD AND BAD NEWS

Creedmoor Civic congratulates and thanks the following for their prompt cleanup of their own properties:

Bernard Fineson Center at Creedmoor on Hillside, Sal's Transmissions, His & Hers Hair Cutters, Bellerose Post Office, Winchester Bar and Winchester Deli for their quick cleanup of their buildings.

CCA is giving a "thumbs down" to the following for their failure to clean graffiti off their properties: 87th Avenue homeowners between Winchester Boulevard and 235th Court whose backyard fences face 88th Avenue. Also the strip of stores on both sides of Braddock, west of Winchester for their disgusting graffiti-covered roll-down gates.

A very special "thumbs-down" to the management company of the strip of stores surrounding "Key Food/Food Dynasty." Not only have they not cleaned off the graffiti after repeated requests from CCA, they have refused to sign the waivers that would allow the City to clean it for them, free of charge. The Rocky Hill Civic Association has filed a 311 complaint against the management company, citing a new law that can force the cleanup.

CONTRACTOR SHAVES OFF NEW HOUSE



The Department of Buildings recently determined that one of the homes at 249-27 88th Road was improperly built, with less than the

minimum eight feet between it and the neighboring house. Unbelievably (for a lax agency), the builder was ordered to correct the situation. The builder's solution was to remove the completed exterior stucco siding along with the interior studs and wallboard. There's no indication of what he intends to do with the foundation wall. As of press time, the exterior wall was still covered with plywood. Queens Colony Civic and Sen. Padavan had both demanded that the DOB order the house demolished.

THANK YOU TO COMMUNITY BOARD 13

We thank Sally Martino-Fisher, the District Manager of CB 13, for her help in quickly getting rid of a heap of fallen tree branches on Moline Street. The Parks Department policy is that it can take up to 45 days to remove fallen tree branches from a street or sidewalk. This is absolutely ridiculous.