

Next meeting: Sept. 8 at 8 PM

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



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CANDIDATES NIGHT BY JOINT CIVICS

A coalition of seven local civic associations are sponsoring a candidates night on September 25 (a Thursday) at I.S. 172.

The event is co-sponsored by Creedmoor Civic, Bellerose Commonwealth Civic, Bellerose Hillside Civic, North Bellerose Civic, Rocky Hill Civic, Queens Colony Civic, and Lost Community Civic.

The event begins at 7 PM sharp. The school is located at 81-14 257th Street, Floral Park. The event will be in the auditorium. The races include the 5th and 6th Congressional Districts, the 25th, 26th, and 33rd Assembly Districts, and the 11th Senatorial District.

All audience members will be given the opportunity to submit questions at the beginning of the meeting. This will not be in a debate format, all candidates will speak and take questions. Steve Blank, editor of the *Times Ledger* newspaper chain, will be the moderator.

If you want our elected officials to be responsive, it is important that voters turn out in droves to these kinds of events. Hope to see you there on the 25th of September.

BUSINESS DISTRICT TO HOLD

LUNCHEON OCTOBER 18

The Joint Bellerose Business District Development Corporation will hold its 13th annual Business 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 has always sent the largest delegation, we're proud to say. If you are interested in going, please contact James Trent at 718-343-8830 after September 13, or e-mail jtrent8830@aol.com.

The lunch includes four courses: house salad, penne ala vodka, choice of eggplant rollatini, chicken francese, or tilapia picata and dessert. Soda, and coffee or tea round out the meal at this acclaimed restaurant located at 247-63 Jericho Turnpike. Awardees had not been announced at press time.

NEW PUBLIC GARDEN BLOOMS IN BELLEROSE



With the southbound lane of 245th Street closed, a larger planting area was created.

After five years of wrangling, a messy old traffic island that no longer made sense once 245th Street was made a one-way street, has been enlarged and planted.

The efforts of the Joint Bellerose Business District, the Queens Colony Civic Association, and the office of State Senator Frank Padavan, paid off eventually with this lovely garden. It was built by the Department of Design and Construction as agents for the NYC Department of Transportation, and was planted by the Green Streets division of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

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Around the Town

❁ **Welcome to:** the Bourne Family of the 89 Block of 239th Street. We hope you enjoy your stay in friendly, leafy green Bellerose.

❁ **New owners:** Dino's Deli on Braddock between 241st and 242nd Streets has been sold. The new owners intend to renovate the store slowly but are keeping it as a deli. They've already started cleaning it up, though much of the work won't happen until Memorial Day 2009 when they will close for a few days. As always, we encourage our residents to patronize local businesses.

❁ **Condolences to:** the family of Tony (Anton) Wydres of the 88 Block of 238th Street, who passed away in July. He is survived by his wife Pat, one son and two daughters. He lived in our area for over 30 years.

MEMORY LANE



The Floral Theatre, now a catering hall, as it appeared around 1930. It was once part of the Century circuit, as was our own Bellerose Theatre, now a Karate equipment store.

Trent Archives

President's Message

Hello, Neighbors!

A few things came up during the summer that I need to mention.

There have always been a few dog walkers who manage to let their dogs "go" in the shadows, hoping no one will catch them. That's pretty disgusting, and just to let them know, there are a few neighbors who see what they do. A few do pick up after their dogs using a supermarket plastic bag, then drop it in the nearest house's garbage can. That's also pretty nasty, especially on a hot day. Since Sanitation tends to just pull trash bags out of our cans, those droppings can stay in the cans for a long time. Please don't do that.

Commercial vehicles parking on our streets overnight has been an ongoing problem. We've discussed this with the 105th Precinct many times, and while summoning them may be inconvenient for those truck and van owners, it affects the rest of us. We didn't purchase homes in an industrial area. It's up to those van and truck owners to pay for parking in an appropriate area. Many of the surrounding civic associations have reported similar problems.

Sometimes, all it takes is a phone call. One home that was up for sale hadn't had its grass cut for weeks, and piles of wood, furniture and debris were accumulating in the driveway. A call to the listing agent to let her know that the neighbors were complaining brought quick action. The grass was cut two days later and at least two truckloads of trash were removed last Saturday.

Last month, the Lawn Litter Law went into effect. I've received a few unsolicited ads, but rather than file a complaint, I decided to call the offending companies and explain the new law to them. None were aware of the law, but every representative seemed honestly apologetic. I figured this law has worked out very well already, so why not help spread the word to the companies?

A congratulations and a big thank you to Domenica Chironno, the block captain for the 89 block of 239 Street, who has collected 100% of her block for 2008. That's the third year in a row!

Your Neighbor,

Rick Duskwicz

NEW BUSINESSES COMING TO TOWN

At the urging of Bellerose Village, the new owner of the block front once known as Chief Equipment has been renovated with the Village's preferred Tudor look. The building has been subdivided and two of the three stores are rented. Verizon will be one new tenant, the other a deli/produce store. The former Floral Park Bellerose Florist will soon reopen as a Dunkin Donuts, and the new Braddock Bazaar finally got his permits and is enlarging the long shuttered building. It will offer groceries and fresh produce.

Donation received from Robinson Family of the 88 Block of Lyman St. Thank you!