

# Next meeting: Sept. 14 at 8 PM

Meetings at the Bellerose Baptist Church (basement), Braddock Avenue at 241<sup>st</sup> Street



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### 23<sup>rd</sup> C.D. COUNCIL CANDIDATES VIE IN SEPTEMBER PRIMARY

Council Member David Weprin has decided not to run for a third term, but instead is seeking city-wide office. There are several candidates running for his open seat. In this issue we print statements from the three candidates who are opposing each other in the Democrat Primary. In November, there will be candidates from additional political parties.

#### Swaranjit Singh



Hello friends! I am Swaranjit Singh, a Cornell educated diversity professional running for City Council from district 23. I am a US citizen of Indian origin and

practicing Sikh living in the community for the past 22 years. I am also a local businessman and community board member.

Public service is a very noble task. I have a passion for serving people; I have been practicing this all my life. I live by the saying "Service is the rent I pay for living". I quit my job after 9/11. As a responsible citizen I took it upon myself to go out and educate my fellow New Yorkers about diversity, tolerance and respect towards other cultures in our great city. I have a proven leadership record. It was my call to serve and educate my fellow New Yorkers and I am still doing it.

I am not a career politician. I think politics should not be a career. I am driven by community needs and passion to restore the ideals of public service

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#### Bob Friedrich



A breath of fresh air is something I think we can all agree is needed in politics today. The fiasco up in Albany and a City Council that ended term limits against the will of

the voters should be a wakeup call to everyone. Politics-as-usual is not acceptable, but what's the answer? Electing civic leaders rather than "politicians" will end politics-as-usual and bring innovative thinking, creative solutions and civility back into the process.

Civic leadership is about passion for people and community. It means fighting for your neighborhood and trying to make it a better place to live. It's about organizing a rally to help a community cause, or attending a hearing and testifying on behalf of the community and its residents. Sure, it sounds corny, but without Civic Leaders, our communities would be worse off than they are today.

I have been a Civic Leader, fighting for our community for over 20 years and doing it all as a volunteer while working

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#### Mark Weprin



I am Mark Weprin and I have represented much of Eastern Queens in the New York State Assembly for the past 15 years. I have been a fierce advocate on your behalf. People know me as honest, hard

working and as someone who gets things done.

I have fought on behalf of seniors, parents and homeowners. I have worked to protect the pensions of retirees and to fight crime in our neighborhoods. I have an over ninety-nine percent attendance record and a first-rate constituent services operation with an outstanding reputation across the city. I have written 62 laws that have made our neighborhood an even better place to live, work, raise a family and retire with security and peace of mind.

As a senior advocate and past Chair of the Assembly Subcommittee on Outreach and Oversight of Senior Services, I successfully fought to increase Meals on Wheels funding, create Social Adult Day Care, and expand Access-A-Ride service into Nassau County.

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## Around the Town

❁ Condolences to the family of John Sheldon of the 88 Block of Lyman Street. Mr. Sheldon lived there for 40 years. He died on August 14.

❁ Get well wishes to Rose Daddario of the 88 Block of 240<sup>th</sup> Street who is recovering from some bruises sustained from a fall at her home.

### **Swaranjit Singh** (continued from Col. 1, Page 1)

of public service, integrity and economy in our city government. My philosophy in life is very simple "What can I do for you" instead of "What is in it for me". I am for building bridges not walls.

My agenda is simple and clear- education, senior issues, stopping overdevelopment in our communities, fair property assessment for fair property taxes, safety and quality of life, planned growth, co-op reform and keeping and promoting small businesses in our communities.

Let us make an informed choice to recreate our district that once was- one where prosperity, safety, and the quality of life will continue to attract and retain qualified and talented generations to come.

Come out on Sep 15 and vote for me as your choice and show tolerance, inclusion and respect towards diversity in our great City Council. Thank you.

### **Bob Friedrich** (continued from Page 1, Col. 2)

full-time. As President of Glen Oaks Village, NY's largest garden apartment co-op with 10,000 residents, a microcosm of the district, I have battled double-digit water rate increases, sky rocketing property taxes, a Buildings Department that has abdicated its role in protecting our neighborhoods from overdevelopment and an arrogant DOT that more often than not, denies local communities 4 Way Stop Signs at intersections it knows are dangerous.

I am tired of constant political bickering and the identity politics game played by politicians who pit one group against another.

This is divisive and hurts communities. Local issues are neither Democrat nor Republican. When problems are solved, everyone benefits. My candidacy transcends party labels. As a lifelong Democrat even the Republicans have cross-endorsed me. When I am elected, I walk into the City Council representing all the people of our district.

Electing civic leaders would mean no overturning of term limits, no Albany fiasco and a return of ethics & integrity to the political process. This year you have a Choice: Civic Leader or Career Politician. Civic Leaders have their priorities straight!

### **Mark Weprin** (continued from Page 1, Col. 3)

My fifteen years of legislative experience will benefit you in the City Council, as I will be able to achieve concrete results starting on the first day. My experience in government will put me in a strong position in the City Council and will deliver real results for my constituents; that would not be the case if either of my opponents won.

I am endorsed by every single Democratic official representing the 23 City Council district, every union that has endorsed in the race (full list at markweprin.com), the League of Humane Voters, and the League of Conservation Voters; I am the preferred candidate of Citizens Union.

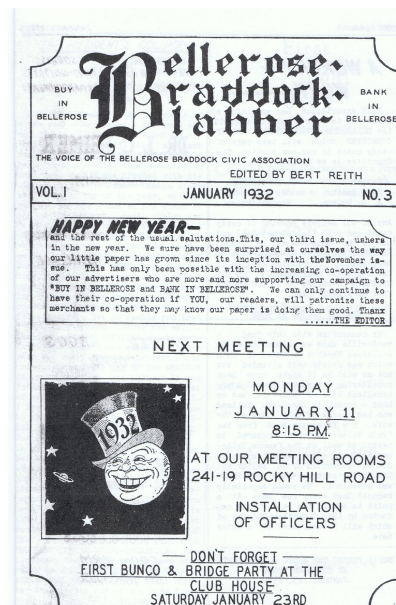
I have proudly represented Eastern Queens at the state level. I believe that I will be even more effective at the local level because so many of the issues I have worked on are administered locally. I am eager to bring my experience and expertise to the City Council to help seniors, improve education, and maintain our quality of life. I hope I can count on your support.

### BY-LAWS AMENDMENT TO BE VOTED ON

The following proposed text to amend the Association's by-laws will be discussed and voted on at the September meeting:

"The duties of the President include, but are not limited to: The ability to organize and attend rallies when needed as well as coordinate all civic duties and functions."

### FROM THE PAGES OF HISTORY



From 1931 to about 1950, the eastern part of the present Creedmoor Civic Association was represented by the Bellerose Braddock Civic Association. Thanks to Mrs. Mango of 242<sup>nd</sup> Street, we have acquired copies of two issues of their newsletter. In future issues we will reprint articles and ads from the editions. We're sure you will find them entertaining.