

Next meeting: Sept. 13 at 8 PM

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



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CITY ADOPTS NEW VOTING SYSTEM

After some 40 years, the familiar mechanical Shoup machines have been replaced by paper ballots and scanning machines beginning in this year's Primary Election.

Following are the simple rules for voting the new way:

1. Go to the table for your Election District and sign in and get a voter's card. This is no different than in the past. You will also get a paper ballot.
2. Go to a privacy booth and vote with the attached pen and fill in the circles for the people you are voting for. Do not use pencil. Place the ballot in a privacy sleeve.
3. Go to the next available scanning machine, remove the ballot from the privacy sleeve, hand in your voter's card and feed the ballot into the scanner. The machine will tell you if you under-voted (left out an office) or over-voted (voted, say, for two candidates for governor). You will have an opportunity to correct your ballot or file it anyway. If you over- or under-voted and file it anyway, your vote for that office will be voided.

We will discuss this further at our September meeting which will be one day before the Primary Election Day.

There is a primary election on September 14. The election should affect all Republican, Democrat, and Conservative voters in our civic association.

The Democrats have a primary for the office of Attorney General (Richard Brodsky, Sean Coffey, Eric Dinallo, Kathleen Rice, and Eric Schneiderman). They also have a contest for U.S. Senator (Kristen Gillibrand vs. Gail Goode). For 33rd Assembly District (Barbara Clark vs. Clyde Vanel.) The 33rd A.D. also has a contest for male leader (Leroy Manuel vs. Donnie Whitehead.)

The Republicans have a primary election for the office of governor and lieutenant governor. (Rick Lazio/Gregory Edwards vs. Carl Paladino/Thomas Ognibene.) The GOP also has a contest for U.S. Senator - unexpired term (Gary Berntsen vs. Jay Townsend) as well as U.S. Senator for a full term: (Joe DioGuardi, David Malpass, and Bruce Blakeman.) The

Conservatives have a contest for Governor (Rick Lazio vs. Ralph Lorigo.)

There are races for Judicial Convention, and County Committee which space doesn't permit a listing.

TREE LIMB DOWN ON LYMAN ST.



Although 311 does have its advantages, when a resident calls in a problem that is even slightly out of the ordinary, it can come to a crashing halt. A case in point: a tree limb split and fell onto the cable and phone lines of two homes on Lyman St. The several hundred pound limb hung precariously over the sidewalk and driveway of one of the homes. Calls to 311 got a "Parks Dept has 8 days to respond" even though it was explained that it appeared to be a very dangerous situation.

The exasperated homeowner finally visited Senator Padavan's office. Only a few hours later, a truck from Time Warner stopped by to cut the limb and remove it.

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President's Message

Hello Neighbors:

I hope you all had a fun and safe summer. We've had quite a few complaints about raccoons "invading" our backyards, and in some cases, our homes. Unfortunately, calls to the city are fruitless, since city agencies will not handle raccoons or possums unless they are acting dangerously.

A bill by Councilwoman Elizabeth Crowley would require the city to humanely trap and release a raccoon simply at the request of a resident.

Residents have been advised in the past to ensure that their trash cans have tight-fitting lids and that loose food, such as cat or dog food, not be left out. Unfortunately, a resident may be vigilant, but if his neighbors tend to be sloppy, the raccoons will be passing through his backyard to access the free buffet.

There is both support and opposition to this legislation.

A reminder: From now until October 31, you may not water your lawn between 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

Hope to see you on Monday evening.

Rick Duszkiewicz

Around the Town

✿ **Welcome** to Dr. Marie Belotte, an internist who has opened a new medical office at 238-11 Braddock Ave.

✿ **Also, welcome** to the Queens Village-Bellerose Karate & Fitness Center which recently moved to a much larger facility at 239-15 Braddock Ave. The Center was originally located on Braddock Ave by Lyman St.

✿ **Condolences** to 105th Precinct Community Affairs Detective Jovoda Cooper on the death of her mother in June.

2010 PAID UP LIST

We will be publishing the list of paid-up members for 2010 in next month's newsletter. If you are not sure you have paid your \$6. dues for this year, leave a message at 718 464-3369.

Donations

The attending members of the Creedmoor Civic Association voted at the June meeting to donate \$50. to the St Jude Tribute Program in memory of Judy Vollaro, who had delivered newsletters on the 88 block of 240 St for many years. Charlie Lupo of Fuzzy's Pub generously volunteered to match that donation.

We received a very generous donation from Ms. Vendittelli of the 242 block of 89 Ave, thank you.

Ask your Civic Association...

Dear CCA:

I was all set to paint over what I thought to be graffiti on the metal plate on the curb for the storm sewer by my home. My neighbor said the paint spots may not be graffiti. Is this true?

-237 St

Dear 237 St:

Those various colored paint spots you see at the curb are not graffiti, those paint sprays are put there by the DEP to mark when they use pesticides to cut down on mosquitoes and other insects.

-CCA

Dear CCA:

Several homeowners on my block have painted their driveway curb cuts yellow. Is this legal?

-Moline St.

Dear Moline:

No, homeowners are not allowed to paint the curbs any color. They can receive a summons by the Dept of Transportation.

-CCA