

Rocky Hill Civic Association Bulletin

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Rocky Hill Civic Association (RHCA)

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NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS
TUESDAY MARCH 13TH

THERE IS NO MEETING IN JANUARY OR
FEBRUARY

**ROCKY HILL CIVIC JOINS WITH OTHER CIVICS
TO FIGHT FOR LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING
THAT MAKES SENSE FOR OUR AREA.**

Background:

Every 10 years there is a legislative redistricting that is mandated by law. This comes after the results of the census are tabulated. Typically this is a very political process and suits the needs of the elected officials rather than the people.

Our initiative:

There are 11 civic associations and community groups in our area that have banded together to form the "Eastern Queens United" coalition. We represent areas that are under the same New York State Senate legislative district but are not under the same State Assembly, City, and Congressional districts. We believe our areas have common issues and want to have legislative district lines at all levels drawn in a way that serves our community best. We have therefore banded together to make our wishes known instead of sitting around and waiting for the politicians to dictate how we are represented.

Actions:

To date, we have issued **Press Releases** which have received excellent coverage in our local papers.

Join us on Thursday Jan. 12th at 7:00 P.M. at the Queens HS of Teaching at the Padavan School Campus in the Auditorium. Address: 74-20 Commonwealth Ave. Plenty of Free Parking. We will present a Strategy and Plan of Action. The Press has been invited.

Sign the letter on Page 3 and mail it to RHCA, 88-19 Billings St., Bellerose Manor, N.Y. 11427

President's Message:

Once again we had a great holiday party. There was delicious food and over a \$1,000 in gifts from local merchants raffled off. Thanks to those who solicited the gifts, Craig Frey, Bernard Aquilino, and Sue Rambukpotha. Thanks to Candace Garret, Bill Schmidt and Marge Toner in preparations for the party. We welcomed State Senator Tony Avella, as well as representatives from Assemblymember David Weprin's and Councilman Mark Weprin's office. Below is a listing of the local merchants who provided gifts. We thank them and urge you to support them.

Local Merchants Contributing to Holiday Party

Alex Barbershop 78-47 Springfield Blvd., Bayside
Best Paint Supplies 220-23 Jamaica Ave. Queens Village
Braddock Auto Service 235-15 Braddock Ave. Queens Village
By the Slice Pizzeria and Restaurant 236-09 Braddock Ave. Bellerose
C & T Hairstylists 248-16 Union Tnpke., Bellerose
Cara Mia 220-20 Hillside Ave. Queens Village
CVS Pharmacy 89th Ave and Springfield Blvd., Queens Village
GA Fleet Associates, 25 Calvert St., Harrison
Glen Oaks Nails 256-65 Union Tnpke., Glen Oaks
Golden Star 223-28 Union Tnpke., Queens Village
Hess Oil, Hillside Ave. and Springfield Blvd., Queens Village
Ideal Barber Shop, 253-07 Union Tnpke., Glen Oaks
JR Bagels 222-10 Union Tnpke., Bayside
Mike's Majic Scissors, 222-62 Braddock Ave., Queens Village
Nail Art 223-22A Union Tnpke., Queens Village
Neron's Pizza 215-32 Hillside Ave., Queens Village
New Hyde Park Diner 160 Hillside Ave., New Hyde Park
Nonno's Pizzeria and Restaurant 223-30 Union Tnpke., Bayside
Nutracare Pharmacy Hillside Ave. Bellerose Manor
Queens County Savings 224-04 Union Tnpke., Bayside
Queens Village Deisel 218-02 Hillside Ave., Queens Village
Robert Mancz 222-33 Braddock Ave., Bellerose Manor
Rocky Hill Pharmacy 236-01 Braddock Ave., Bellerose
Rollin Greens 247 77 Jamaica Ave., Bellerose,
Sapphire Limo 80-22 232nd St., Bellerose Manor
Sew Right Sewing Machines 223-20 Union Tnpke., Bayside
Sewtime Sewing Centers 78-35 Springfield Blvd., Oakland Gardens
Stop and Shop at Hillside Ave., New Hyde Park
Supreme Head Cutterz 222-20 Union Tnpke., Bayside
Touch of Class 252-11 Union Tnpke., Bellerose
Trattoria Lucia 247-63 Jericho Tnpke., Bellerose
Village Liquors 248-62 Jericho Tnpke., Floral Park
Vito's 78-37 Springfield Blvd., Queens Village
Waldbaum's 259-01 Union Tnpke., Glen Oaks
Winchester's Pub 233-12 Hillside Ave., Bellerose Manor

Important Information:

Sanitation: 1. If your trash or recycling has not been picked up, call 718-217-9875 to report it and they will make every effort to pick it up. 2. Use an indelible marker and write your address on the outside of your garbage container and lid. At least they will be identifiable if blown down the street. 3. If the recycling day is scheduled for a holiday, recycling garbage will not be picked up until the following week. Do not put out this garbage until the following week. Also, do not put out garbage before 5 p.m. the day before pick-up.

Other reminders: Don't park your cars across the sidewalk—pull all the way into your driveway. Please be considerate of those using the sidewalk.

Do you have helpful hints for your neighbors? Please send an email to rhca@verizon.net

Dear Senator Nozzolio and Assemblyman McEnemy:

Eastern Queens United is a broad based coalition of more than a dozen civic associations and community organizations from the neighborhoods of Glen Oaks, New Hyde Park, Floral Park, Bellerose, Bellerose Manor, and Queens Village. This is a diverse community of people that have long worked together on many issues. We are a community of interest that has strong roots in the civic world. We have organized into a coalition that represents 75,000 people according to the 2010 census. We urge you NOT to divide our community in the upcoming reapportionment process, and keep us UNITED in Congressional and State legislative districts.

The current legislative lines which we strongly oppose, has our community divided between three Assembly districts (24th, 26th, 33rd) and two Congressional districts (5th and 6th). We share a common police precinct, school district, community board, residential density and quality of life. As a true community of interest, we deserve and expect better. All of our communities lie in the periphery of each district making it difficult to effectively advocate for our community and as a result our collective voices are being diluted. We strongly urge you to incorporate the EASTERN QUEENS UNITED communities of Bellerose, Bellerose Manor, Floral Park, Glen Oaks, New Hyde Park, and Queens Village, as identified in the attached schedule of 2010 census tracts, into single legislative districts. Slicing and dicing our communities as it has been done in the past is unacceptable. There is only one solution: UNITE OUR COMMUNITY NOW.

Printed Name

Signature

Address

UPDATE ON PROPOSED CREEDMOOR TOWERS:

In the Dec.1-7 edition of the Little Neck Ledger the Indian Cultural and Community Center (ICCC) published their version of the how they have proceeded in the proposed development of two 9 story towers on the grounds of Creedmoor. Our civic and many of the surrounding civics felt strongly that there were a number of inaccuracies in their version of the story. We thought it important to set the facts straight and subsequently sent a letter to be published in a later edition. There was a cost involved in this which we all shared, but felt it was important for the public record.

In other news, we have learned that the ICCC has been ordered by a State Supreme Court Judge to comply with the Inspector General's request for information regarding the plans for development of property on the Creedmoor grounds within 30 days. The Inspector General had requested the court to order the ICCC to fully respond to a request that had been made earlier in the year.

We will keep you posted. We do not believe other developments will occur until this investigation is over..

**If interested in volunteering, please check the box at the bottom of the dues receipt.
Please Note: Dues for 2012 are Ten Dollars (\$10).**

Rocky Hill Civic Association, Inc. – Annual \$10.00 Dues Drive Receipt for 2012

Name..... **Email**.....

Address..... **Phone**.....

Please make your check Payable to: **Rocky Hill Civic Association** and mail it with this coupon to:
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I am interested in becoming a RHCA Board or Committee Member or would like to volunteer for a special project. Yes ____ No ____ . We will contact you to discuss volunteer opportunities.

