

# **Rocky Hill Civic Association Bulletin**

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**Nov. 2011 Bulletin**

## **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS**

**Tuesday Nov. 8th at 7:30 P.M.**

**Location: P.S. 18 on 235<sup>th</sup> Court**

**(Between Hillside Ave. and 88<sup>th</sup> Ave)**

### **SPEAKERS:**

**Mr. Ivan Lafayette, NYS Ins. Dept.  
Deputy Superintendent, Community Affaris**

**Mr. Joseph Placide**

**Assistant to Superintendent, NYS Ins. Dept.**

### **TOPIC:**

**Medicare Choices, Long Term Care Insurance  
Fraud Precautions**

**Rocky Hill Civic  
Association (RHCA)**

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**NY State Senator Tony Avella speaking at the dedication  
ceremony of the Rocky Hill Civic Association "Bellerose Manor"  
sign and Greenstreets Project on Saturday Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**NY State Senator Town Hall Meeting Thursday Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Time: 7 pm to 9 pm. Location: PS 33, 91-37 222<sup>nd</sup> St.**

**Creedmoor Towers Defeated at Community Board 13 Meeting  
(SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS)**

## **President's Message:**

**Below is a reprint of the dedication speech I gave on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>.**

“We are here today to dedicate this site which is almost dead center in the middle of the Rocky Hill Civic Community area.

I wish to begin by thanking those who have made this site possible. It starts with the name “Bellerose Manor”. That was a name that was on the original deed of many of the homes in the area. But for many years the U.S. Post office called us Queens Village. Through the efforts of former State Senator Frank Padavan and the now President Emeritus of the Rocky Hill Civic Association, Bernard Aquilino, it was changed to Bellerose Manor. We thank them—and the U.S. Post Office.

Thanks to the New York City Parks Department for the beautiful flowers and shrubs they have given us. Thanks to the members of the Board of the Rocky Hill Civic Association for all their work in making this site and this sign happen. And thanks to all members of the Rocky Hill Civic Association who contributed their dues that paid for the sign. Thanks to all those who provided input and advice and that includes a number of members of the Rocky Hill Civic Association and of the nearby civic associations we work so closely with. We are proud to say that we do not have corporate backers and we have created this with our own community support.

The creation of this site is important for many reasons. Persons who drive along Hillside Ave. heading toward Manhattan will no longer have to guess—where am I? Bellerose? Queens Village? —the sign tells them—“Bellerose Manor”. By the creation of the Greenstreets area from what was previously asphalt, we reinforce our commitment to a true Garden Community. It shows that we are a community that cares about how it looks, that it has people who are proud of where they live and care about one another. Finally it serves as symbol. We are a people who like symbols—we pledge allegiance to our Flag, symbol of our nation—we have flags with symbols of our State and City. Years ago, our association agreed that we would use the symbol of a house as our neighborhood symbol. We put it on our banner when we had it made a couple years ago. Now we have it on a sign displayed in the middle of our community above the name “Bellerose Manor”. The name we fought to have.

So we dedicate this site and this sign as a symbol of our community for now and the future. We know it will continue to be one more source of pride for our community.”

**Thanks to all who made our Dedication Ceremony a success  
And a special thanks to Craig Frey for the clean-up of the area.**

# COMMUNITY



**Condolences:** To the family of **Jessie Vukich**. Jessie was a long time resident of the community. She also served on the board of the Rocky Hill Civic Association for many years. Over the years she always showed concern for her neighbors and community. She will be dearly missed.

**Medicare Rights:** On Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 am there will be event held at the SNAP center on the Creedmoor Grounds, Building 4. It will cover your Medicare Rights and provide an update on benefits. For additional information you can contact Councilman Mark Weprin's office at 718-468-0137.

**We apologize:**

In our September bulletin we left off two of our advertizers, Jacqueline Cigliano, and Silver Moon Diner. Their information is on the back of the current bulletin and we urge you to patronize them and our other advertisers. Silvermoon Diner and Dunkin Donuts also supplied refreshments for our dedication ceremony and we thank them for that.

## **Community Board 13 votes down proposal to build Two 9 story buildings on the grounds of Creedmoor**

In a very lopsided vote, 22 to 1 with one abstention, Community Board 13 voted to oppose the building of the 9 story towers on Creedmoor grounds. Ultimately there were over two thousand petitions signed by members of the community to oppose the buildings. Initially, the ICCC (who proposed the buildings) had submitted over a hundred petitions for the building—but many of these were rescinded after the initial signers discovered the buildings would be 9 stories ( they apparently were not told that initially). The issue most likely will now go to the Bureau of Standards and Appeals. Please stay tuned.

**If interested in volunteering, please check the box at the bottom of the dues receipt.**

**Rocky Hill Civic Association, Inc. – Annual \$5.00 Dues Drive Receipt for 2011**

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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.

