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Association (RHCA)**

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NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS

Tuesday Sept. 13th at 7:30 P.M.

Location: P.S. 18 on 235th Court

(Between Hillside Ave. and 88th Ave)

SPEAKER: N.Y.S State Senator Tony Avella

**TOPIC: N.Y. S. Legislative Updates
Community Issues**

Important Community Meetings open to the Public:

- **105th Precinct Community Council**
At the 105th Precinct located at 92-08 222nd St.
Wednesday Sep. 28th from 8 PM to 9 PM
- **Community Board 13Q**
At Bellerose Assembly of God Church, located at 240-15 Hillside Ave.
Monday Sep. 26th. Community time begins at 7:15 PM

Days to Remember in September:

- **Labor Day, Sept. 5th**, the Day we celebrate what made our country great—the American Worker.
- **First day of Autumn, Sept. 23rd.**
- **Rosh Hashanah, Sept. 28th**, the Jewish New Year.

DEDICATION CEREMONY

**“WELCOME TO BELLEROSE MANOR” SIGN
SATURDAY OCT. 15TH AT 10 A.M. (See p. 3)**

Primary Day is Tuesday Sept. 13th

In addition to the regular primary races, there will be a special election for the congressional seat vacated by Anthony Weiner. Please be sure to vote.

President's Message:

Hopefully, we all survived the hurricane/tropical storm Irene. We had many trees down, flooding, power lines other damages but no one was hurt. It could have been a lot worse. In June, soon after the last bulletin was issued, I and other civic leaders in the area learned of proposals to build two nine story "Towers" on the grounds of Creedmoor.

The organization that is proposing this project is called the Indian Cultural and Community Center (ICCC). I met with representatives from this group in June and was told that their intent was to build senior housing. I told them that I could support one story buildings—perhaps even two story buildings but nine story "Towers" are completely out of context with our neighborhood. The representatives from ICCC met with other civic leaders and received similar responses—all opposed the nine story "Towers".

In the 1990's, there was a task force established to draft a master plan for the Creedmoor Campus. The president of the Rocky Hill Civic Association at the time, Bernard Aquilino, was actively involved in these plans which were adopted by the Queens Borough President Claire Shulman and presently remains the policy of our current Queens Borough President Helen Marshall. The master plan sought to maintain the present character and open spaces of the campus. It recognized that the facility has unused land that eventually would be sold and developed. To date, the Father Reder housing has been built, all low level housing, and Country Pointe Estates, of all two family homes, have been built by a private developer. The other development was a school complex to the north of Union Turnpike. The ICCC has purchased a tract of land inside the Creedmoor grounds on which they wish to build. They also wish to purchase additional land but have not been able to get legislation passed yet to authorize the purchase. (A prior proposed bill was vetoed by then Governor Patterson and State Senator Tony Avella has refused to back a new bill.) They have sought permission to build these towers but so far have been rejected by the NYC Department of Buildings.

There are many subplots around this story. Please be assured that I and members of our Board have been very involved in the issue. The Civic Leaders in our area have had meetings with our elected officials, State Senator Tony Avella—multiple meetings, State Assemblyman David Weprin, Congressman Gary Ackerman, and communications with City Councilman Mark Weprin. A letter was distributed in late June to all of our Block Captains in hopes of reaching out and informing key persons about the issue.

Our intent is to stop any construction of this type as it is totally out of context with our neighborhood. We are not against reasonable development but we know that our community of one and two family homes would suffer if we allow multiple level development.

This issue is not dead. We anticipate this will be an ongoing issue—certainly for the coming months. We encourage you to contact your elected officials to let them know how you feel. Please make every effort to come to our meetings and learn more about this issue and others that affect our community. As mentioned—there is a lot more to this issue than I can cover in one page. Senator Avella will be at our next meeting to further inform you.

Condolences: To the family of **Mary Healy**, formerly of Seward Ave. Mary was a long time Rocky Hill Civic Board Member and Recording Secretary.

Get Well Soon wishes to **Jesse Vukich** of 231st Street.

COMMUNITY

- **On Saturday Oct. 15th at 10 a.m. we will have a Dedication Ceremony for our “Welcome to Bellerose Manor” sign at the “Greenstreets” project on the north side of Hillside Ave. at the corner of Winchester Blvd. We anticipate a showing from our elected officials as well as local community groups. Please set aside the date. We will give further details in our next bulletin.**
- **“DRIVEWAY FOR RENT” a Bellerose private house, gated paved driveway that fits two cars. Call 718-612-4742.**
- **Free----color ink cartridge that is compatible with Lexmark inkjet printers and some Compaq and Samsung printers. Call 718-465-3608.**

Upcoming Event at the Queens County Farm Museum:

Located at: 73-50 Little Neck Parkway, Floral Park, N.Y. For information on the events listed below: Call: 718-347-FARM or send an email to: info@queensfarm.org, website is: Queensfarm.org

- **Sun Sept. 11th from 11am to 4pm “31st Annual Antique Motorcycle Show.**
- **Weekends Sept. 17th to Oct 30th, 11am—4:30 pm “The Amazing Maize Maze”**
- **Sat and Sun. Sept. 17th and 18th, 11 am -- 6 pm “29th Annual Queens County Fair”**
- **Oct. 1—30th 11am – 4pm “Pick-Your-Own-Pumpkin”**
- **Sun. Oct. 2nd, 11 am –4 pm Apple Festival.**

Panhandling:

We have received many complaints about panhandling in our community. Many of the complaints have centered around Hillside Ave. just west of Winchester Blvd. We have addressed this issue with the 105th precinct. Remember that panhandling is against the law. You can issue a complaint by calling 311. The only way to solve a problem is by being proactive.

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.