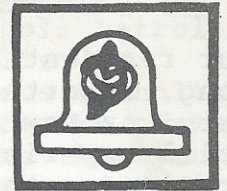


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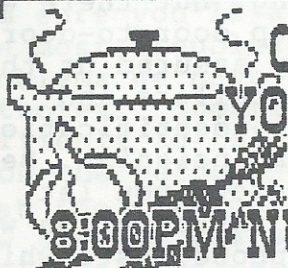


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BETTY SEIBEN IS OUR
GUEST SPEAKER.**

**IF YOU'RE INTERESTED
IN WHAT'S HAPPENING
IN BELLEROSE OR
HAVE A PROBLEM
COME JOIN YOUR
NEIGHBORS AT THE
NEXT BCCA MEETING!**

Meetings

At the March meeting, we had a representative from H&R Block to speak about tax preparation, the new tax law, and to answer many questions about the technicalities of the major revisions that will be implemented this year. Glen

the Manager of the Bellerose Branch did an excellent job and we extend our appreciation. On April 2 we have arranged for a nutritionist to talk about diet, food and exercise. As you all know, this subject has attracted a lot of attention recently and I'm sure Mrs. Seiben's talk will be topical and interesting.

Bike & Car Registration

Thanks, once again, to the 105th Pct. we will sponsor a bicycle and car registration at Bellerose Park on May 23. If you own a bicycle that has not already been permanently marked and recorded with the precinct, **THIS IS A MUST!** No legitimate bike shop or other business will buy a bike that is marked, unless appropriate identification is used. Similarly, your car will be marked with a decal indicating the age range and sex of regular drivers. If a male teenager is spotted driving a car marked as having only a female driver it will be stopped. Deterrence is the only protection we have, and this the only available method of deterrence we can offer, please come by and get both your car and bike identified. Incidentally, we'll probably need some help, so stop by and chat and grab a pencil.

**WE MEET THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT HOUSE OF HOPE
CHURCH, CORNER 248TH STREET AND 85TH AVENUE**8:00 PM****

SNAP Update

Our resident SNAP expert, Sun Wong, reports that although Services Now for Adult Persons is still experiencing delays in opening up their full service center at 262-22 Union Turnpike, they have established an office at that location and they advise that anyone interested in membership should drop by or write to the SNAP office at that address to request an application for membership. All who register will be accommodated. Updates on the progress of the center will be found here as well as in the various church bulletins.

Car pools

There has been a suggestion that some senior citizens have not been able to attend our monthly meetings because they have no transportation. We would like to ask anyone who would be willing to pick up a senior and bring them to our monthly meetings, to call Mary Ann Hellenbrecht at 343-5397. Likewise, any senior who would like to take advantage of the safety and convenience of a ride to our meetings is encouraged to call.

Gripe

As I was preparing to work on this issue of Action News, I passed PS133 and noticed that a fire had apparently been set in the school's garbage, and refuse was strewn all over the sidewalk. It is possible that this was an accident, but I fear it was the work of vandals. I beg all of you, adults and children alike, to respect this lovely and quiet neighborhood we have. It's hard to understand how peaceful and nice it is around here, but take a look around when you pass through other areas. We have struggled to keep pride in the neighborhood and we need it. Please, let's not do anything to disturb this great area.

Cable TV

We mentioned last month that the cable company is planning to begin installation in Bellerose this year. A presentation was given to the Community Board recently, by the Brooklyn-Queens Cable TV Co. and their schedule calls for commencement of service in this neighborhood as early as June of this year. They mentioned that most of the promotion for the systems would be done by direct mail and some local advertising, but there will be some follow-up door-to-door soliciting. They assured us that all of their installers and salespeople have identifications and jackets with insignias. Be sure to check before you let anyone in. The installation will be done on telephone posts which many of us have in our back yards. The cable company has an easement granted from the phone company and they are entitled access to the poles. They are supposed to notify the owner, however, before entering your property.

The prices will range from about \$12 minimum per month, \$16 monthly "standard package", \$34 average user cost to over \$50 for a full package, so it doesn't come cheap. There is no discount for homeowners for use of utility poles on your property.

June Walk



The general membership, at the March meeting approved our annual June Walk appropriation. Once again, Mary Ann Hellenbrecht has agreed to Chair the event, but needs help to pull together all the pieces. The Board, in presenting the appropriation, explained that the event is a patriotic and civic pride issue, which is the most visible activity the Association has to pull the community together and show that we are a strong and healthy neighborhood.

If we are to be successful, Mary Ann needs several people to help out with a range of responsibilities; she cannot do it all herself. If you are willing to assist, offer some suggestions, and attend a few meetings, please call Mary Ann at 343-5397. If we do not have enough help, we will be forced to abandon this important event.

recorded. Senator Padavan has established the Pothole Patrol and is compiling a list of Queen's Most Notorious Potholes. I'd hate to be a judge to pick the winner! To assure that your favorite crater is accorded a place of honor on the Senator's list, be sure to fill out the below clip-out and forward it immediately as directed. Thanks, Senator, I hope it helps.

Pothole Reports

I'm sure you'll agree that one of the most troublesome street problems we have around here is potholes. Sometimes, it's difficult to tell the pavement from the potholes. You'll recall that the City passed the Pothole Law several years ago which avoids all responsibility on the City's part unless the hole was appropriately reported and

SHOULD
NOTE POTHOLE #



**DON'T BE AN APRIL
FOOL COME TO THE
NEXT BCCA MEETING**

**HAPPY EASTER
HAPPY PASSOVER
FROM THE BCCA**



Dear Senator Padavan,

Please tell Commissioner Sandler that there's a "Most Notorious Pothole" at: _____

(Check the appropriate box) () I have called the "pothole" number

Date of call _____

() I have not called

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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(PLEASE PRINT)

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STAMP
HERE

Senator Frank Padavan
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Attention: Pothole Complaints

(To mail, fold this side out. No envelope is necessary.)

Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association

Community Column

This new community service of ours has been tremendously successful, Please notify the editors, Barbara, Brigid and Mary Ann if you know of a birthday, anniversary or other important occasion you'd like the community to know about.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JENNY AND TERESA FROM MOM, DAD AND THE BOYS.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GINNY AND BILL STREIN ON 252 ST. AND THEIR NEW BABY BOY, DANIEL RYAN, BORN 3/10/87.



2 NOTES

St. Gregory's News

Rosary Society Annual Card Party & Fashion Show - Friday, April 3 from 7-11PM in the Hall.
8th Gregorian Summer Festival - June 18 - 28

PS133 Glee Club

As mentioned last month, our students from PS133 were selected as the only NYC public school and the only grammar school to participate in the state music association's annual program at the capitol. I was lucky enough to be able to attend this event and I can report that the kids did an excellent job and were extremely well behaved. There were two bus loads of children on a twelve hour trip and there were no problems. Music teacher, Mrs. Pruyn is to be commended for her preparation, arrangements and leadership. The kids were treated to being introduced from the floor of the Assembly and Senate by Messrs. Padavan and Prescott, who also viewed their performance, as well as the New York City School Chancellor, District 26 Supervisor and several other state legislators. Well Done.

R. Hellenbrecht

Spot a crater, lately?



Hop to it!

Send in the tear-off
on opposite page

TODAY!

Library News

Adult Programs:

- Outdoor gardening for the older adult - April 4 at 2PM
- Money Management-lecture by Jean Dubson CFP, April 6 7:30PM
- Book Discussion The Good Mother by Sue Miller, April 23 10:30AM
- Used Book Sale April 20 1-7:30PM
- Adult Drama Workshop Fridays 10AM til noon

Young Adult Programs:

- Book Discussion A Tree Grows In Brooklyn by Betty Smith April 2 3:30PM
- Chess Club, all ages, all levels on Thursday nights 6 to 7:30PM
- Kite Making, registration required in advance April 11, 18 & 25.

Children Programs:

- Toddlers, pre-registered 2 & 3 year olds April 2 & 9 at 10:30AM
- Picture Book Hours, pre-registered 3 1/2 - 5 yr olds Tuesdays 10:30 and 1:30.
- Easter Decorations Registration required April 10 at 3:30PM
- Junior Book Discussion A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle April 30 at 3:30PM

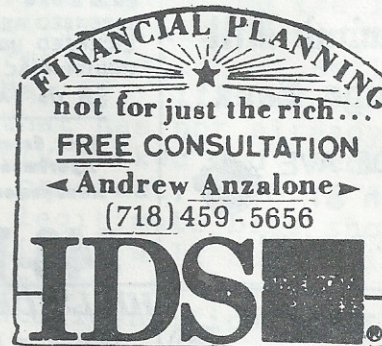
By the way, we've been told that the Bellerose Branch has one of the highest circulation records in the entire library. Considering that the BCCA worked very hard to get the City to put

this branch here instead of an OTB parlor, we really think that the Library's success is cause for celebration. We invite everyone from Bellerose to go down, take out a card and withdraw a book (but make sure to return it on time.) Seriously, congratulations to the entire Library staff on this accomplishment. We will continue to support you completely.

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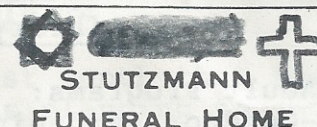
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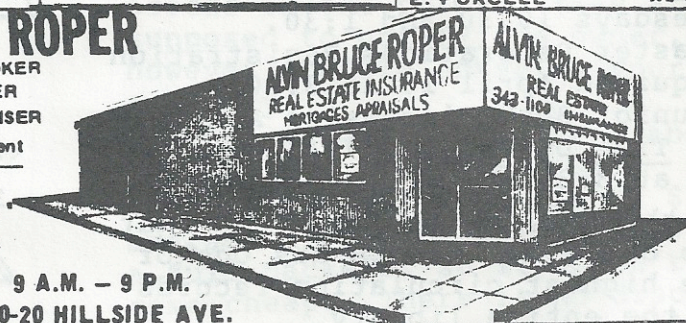
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