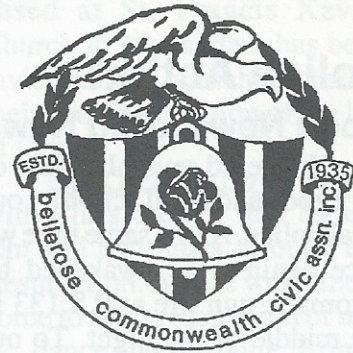


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# *action news*



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**Environment Night**  
**Dave Fleischer -**  
**Protecting the Water Shed**  
**&**  
**Bernard Wechsler -**  
**Recycling and Natural**  
**Gardening**  
**Thursday April 2 at 8PM**  
**House of Hope Church**  
**Corner 248 St & 85th Ave**

## **President's Gavel**

*By: R.C. Hellenbrecht, CoPresident*

Last month we introduced our Pride in Belle-rose series, which we will continue frequently throughout the year. Please watch carefully for our May newsletter because we are working on a **special meeting** date for next month. We have invited the head of the Queens Anti-Graffiti Task Force to speak to our civic association. Due to the speaker's schedule we may not be able to have the meeting on our usual night. We hope to announce the new time or place at April's meeting.

At the April meeting our theme will be the environment. We will start the meeting with a guest speaker from CLEAN, an environmental group urging the City to protect its Catskill and Delaware watersheds. We hope you will come down and lend your support. In addition, our resident recycling and natural gardening expert, Bernie Wechsler, has agreed to give us some pointers on starting seedlings using household items that otherwise would end up in the landfills.

## **Queens Farm Museum**

*By: R.C. Hellenbrecht*

Last month we had excellent attendance to hear Jim Trent, President of the Queens Farm Museum. Jim told us about the very interesting history of the farm and what we can expect to see there this year and beyond. Jim answered many questions and was kind enough to stay until the very end. Many BCCA members crowded around to get more information at the conclusion.

In response to one of the questions, Jim said that there has so far been little graffiti type vandalism, but what there was has been quite brutal. Several animals were seriously hurt when kids broke in and cut the animals.

The farm facilities are used actively for education purposes and at least one of the buildings is undergoing substantial modernization, including heating and public restrooms for large gatherings. The museum has already

hosted several weddings and other events. With these improvements it would be an exciting and historic location.

As always, we had a door prize plant donated by Pat Pearson. This was won by Jim Trent's mother. In addition, Niel Beekman donated a hand-made whirl-a-gig which was also raffled off along with BCCA baseball caps. It was a terrific end to a very interesting meeting. **Again our special thanks to Pat and Niel!**



## Police Action - Good News...Bad News

We heard several reports of very good and rapid action by our local police. At the same time we once again were awakened by automatic gun fire at P.S.133 in the middle of the night. To our knowledge, this is the third incident of gunfire at PS133, but the first one since early November last year. This most recent incident happened at 12:55AM on March 16. The incident was reported to 911 shortly after 1AM. The previous instances occurred later - at about 3AM. Damage was limited to the door in the school's back courtyard.

This is intolerable. To our knowledge, there are no real leads in this case, only rumors. Anyone with any information on the sick person who is going this, please call our C-POP Officer Russell Gurrier at 740-1500 as soon as possible. We must get this person off the street.

### Good News

Three major pieces of good news, though. We reported two months ago in *Action News* about a burglar who would break in moments after someone left the house in the early evening. Police of the 105th Precinct staked out the area north of Hillside Avenue and discovered a 61 year-old man with a lengthy prior arrest record hiding in a rear yard.

The suspect was from Rego Park.

It is also reported that local C-POP officers apprehended two suspects for graffiti near Laffey Real Estate recently. The two boys are both under sixteen, attend parochial high school and live further east near 270th Street. We've recently had another report of spray paint vandals driving up and painting street signs at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Please watch for such activity and try to get a license plate number or description to Officer Gurrier.

Finally, we hear that some summonses have been given for beer drinking at St. Gregory's.

We applaud these actions by our police and hope that they will *keep the pressure on*.

## New Assembly District

By: R.C. Hellenbrecht

On March 9 the State Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment. Legislature has already adopted this report and it is awaiting execution by the Governor.

Several local civic groups have strongly objection to these new lines. These organizations had for many years been in one Assembly District. Now five or six of the associations, BCCA included, have been separated and annexed to an existing assembly district south of us. As of next year we will be in District 33 represented by Assembly person Barbara Clarke.

The Task Force sought to create more ethnically diverse districts, giving more minority communities the ability to elect their own candidates. According to the report, our new district is 65.1% Black, 18.8% White and 10% Hispanic.

## Graffiti

By: Frank T. Olton

We are planning to devote most of the time at our May meeting to the Graffiti issue. While plans are not yet definite, we hope to have a guest speaker from the Queens Boro President's Anti-Graffiti Task Force. It is possible that our May meeting may be on a different date than our regular meetings, so please be sure to consult next month's *Action News* for the exact date. Because of the importance of this issue and the concern expressed by residents, we anticipate a large turnout.

We have discussed graffiti at our last few meetings and we have conveyed to the local precinct how important we consider this matter to be. At our meetings, all agreed that no one had ever actually seen vandals in the act of defacing a building.

## Sportswear & Thefts

By: Frank T. Olton

Ever since brand name sportswear has become popular for kids - Starter jackets, team logo caps, etc. - there has been an increase in the rate of crimes involving the theft of these items from kids. While bigger kids stealing from smaller kids may not be a new phenomenon, attacks centering around sports wear is relatively new.

Over the past few weeks there have been several incidents of this nature in the area around PS172Q in Floral Park. This is significant to us because many of our children go to school there. In at least some of the incidents the police have been notified. Our C-POP officer has been asked to convey our concern to other patrols. Parents should be aware of this problem and take appropriate precautions.



## Fighting City Hall

In mid-March a private agency operating on behalf of New York City came to Community Board 13Q to get feedback on their plan to open an Agency Operated Boarding Home (AOBH) to house six unrelated teenaged boys on Springfield Blvd. in Queens Village.

So many people showed up

to protest this location that the proposal was almost instantly withdrawn, before the real battle plans could even be laid.

## A Passion Play

A dramatic performance of Christ's Passion will take place at Holy Trinity on Sunday April 5 at 3:30PM. The Xavier Company, a troupe of actors and actresses

based at St. Francis Xavier Church in Manhattan, has been invited to our church to present their vivid re-creation of the life of Christ.

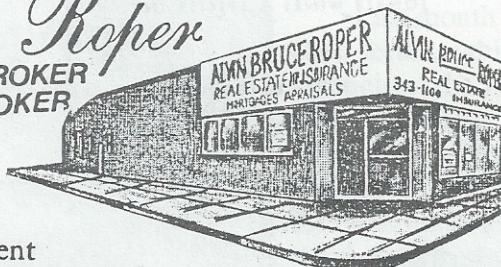
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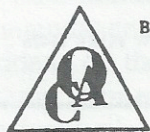


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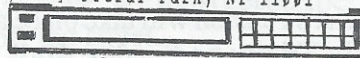
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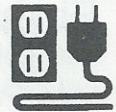
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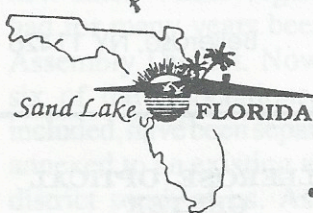


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