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**Bernie Wechsler on
Spring Planting
& Recycling
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We meet the first Thursday of each month at the House of Hope Church, corner 248th Street and 85th Avenue at 8:00PM

Rep. Flake's Town Hall Meeting

by: Frank T. Olton

On Thursday evening, March 18, Congressman Floyd Flake held a "Town Hall" meeting at Middle School 172. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss, with his constituency from the Bellerose area and neighboring communities, the nation's domestic economic policies, particularly the changes that might be forth-coming from the new Clinton administration. It was an opportunity to hear the Congressman's views on the issues and to let him know our concerns and where we stand on issues.

Unfortunately, Congressman Flake could not attend due to an unscheduled Congressional vote on budget allocations and cuts. The meeting was conducted by Edwin Reed, who conveyed the Congressman's positions and committed to pre-

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Meetings

by: Frank T. Olton

At our March meeting, we were pleased to be addressed by 105th Precinct Captain Arnold Dansky. Captain Dansky addressed the article that had appeared in a February Newsday, reporting a surge in the murder rate in the 105th Precinct, and the article in the March Action News which brought this increase to the attention of our residents.

Captain Dansky commented that homicides, which are often

committed out of emotion and are unplanned, are a difficult crime to control and often are not very representative of how safe an area is. As a result, an increase one year does not necessarily indicate a trend for the future. He also noted that the statistics for the 105th Precinct may have been inflated as a result of murders actually committed elsewhere with bodies found within the boundaries of the 105th Precinct. Clearly Captain Dansky rejected any image of the 105th Precinct

being out of control.

Regardless of any reasons for the increase, we are pleased to see that the Precinct Captain recognizes the need to address us when reports of such increases are published. We appreciated his presence and welcome him to future meetings.

**Community School Board
Elections are coming. See Can-
didates Night Dates, page 3.**

Bulk Pick Up

From Community Board 13

For many years it has been necessary to call for an appointment to have bulk items picked up by the Department of Sanitation. DOS now has sufficient large collection trucks to accommodate both regular and bulk pickups at the same time, reservations are no longer necessary.

Effective March 1, 1993 you no longer need to call to have large articles picked up. Now, bulk pickups will be made in the CB13Q area automatically on the second collection day of the week.

In our area that is either Thursday or Saturday.

You may now put out a **maximum** of three big items on the second collection day of every week. Remember, for the safety of our children, to remove all doors from large appliances such as refrigerators. Bulk items may be placed at the curb the night before pick-up.

Remember - after 8 PM

Sanitation rules require that garbage be placed at the curb **no earlier than 8 PM** on the evening before garbage collection. This

is intended to reduce the potential for rodents city-wide and also to reduce spills and improve the looks of neighborhoods. This rule, however, has resulted in some fines in our area.

We understand many people are fearful of venturing out after dark, especially in the cold weather. As a result of complaints the Community Board asked DOS not to ticket homes if garbage is placed after dark on the night before collections. Please be careful to place garbage in a covered container whenever possible.

Community Column

The past month has not been a good month for members of the Bellerose community. We have recently learned of the passing of Sun (Sonny) W. Wong. Sonny was a frequent visitor to BCCA meetings and an even more frequent caller to let us know about community issues. Sonny is most remembered for his role in Services Now for Adult Persons (SNAP). Sonny would never let a meeting go by without telling

everyone of the good works of SNAP. He was an effective salesman for SNAP center. Sonny was an active World War II veteran, an involved member of House of Hope Church and numerous other community and social activities.

We express our sympathy to Sonny's family and also to the following families for their losses.

Ida Elbaum, the mother of Ralph Elbaum passed away on March 2. Ralph is an active BCCA Board member for several years.

Natalie Wolf, the mother of George Wolf passed away this

past week. George is a long term BCCA member, past president and recent Treasurer. George and Carol Wolf live on 247th Street.

We also learned of the passing of Maria Krywoshya, mother of Helen Demcio of 247th Street. The Demcios and Mrs. Krywoshya have lived in Belle-rose about 18 years.

How about some good news next month. I'm tempted to offer a bounty for some news on births, graduations, etc.

NY Tele's LifeLine

From CB13Q

New York Telephone offers a reduced rate on residential telephone service, called Life Line, for individuals eligible for a number of assistance programs such as: A.F.D.C., H.E.A.P., S.S.I., Medicaid, Veteran's Disability Pension, etc. For specific

information on eligibility call 1-800-555-5000 weekdays 9 AM to 5 PM.

National Health Plan

From CB13Q

The Queens Coalition for a National Health Plan will sponsor a town hall meeting at the Samuel Field YM/YWHA at 58-

20 Little Neck Parkway of April 25 from 11 AM to 1 PM. Congressman Gary Ackerman will speak about pending legislation on the plan. Also, Chuck Bell of Consumers Union will address parts of the plan and Martha Livingston will address the Canadian experience. For more information call Stuart Dunn 631-4099.

senting the ideas and views expressed during the meeting back to the Congressman. Our NYS Assemblyperson, Barbara Clark, attended the meeting, offering her views and the state perspective on issues. In addition, modern technology, in the form of a telephone hook-up to a speaker phone, allowed Congressman Flake to address the meeting by phone.

A wide variety of issues were discussed - the Clinton economic plan, health care, immigration, illegal housing, the state budget, crime, education, child support enforcement and human rights, among others. On all these topics, attendees were able to ask questions from their own unique perspectives and to press for the direction they wanted government to head. Mr. Reed's presentation of the Congressman's views

characterized him as a strong supporter of most changes proposed by President Clinton. Mr. Reed committed the Congressman's office to come back to our area for other meetings to keep his constituency informed of issues and progress.

We regret that notification of this meeting had just missed last month's deadline for printing so more community members could have attended.

Summer Youth Program

From Community Board 13Q

It is time for the summer youth employment program. Applications are available in the CB13Q office from 9:30 AM to 5 PM - ask for Jimmie Lee. Remember the application must be filed by April 1 in order to be assigned an enrollment date.

Applicants will receive further instructions after April 1. Contact the community board at 464-9700 for eligibility info or stop by for application - 219-41 Jamaica Avenue, near Springfield Boulevard.

Community School Board

by: Mary Ann Hellenbrecht

The Community School Board elections will take place on May 3. These elections are critical because the Board is the governing and policy making body directly affecting your child's education and your property values.

Please attend one of the following candidates nights in our area:

April 20 7:30 PM, **Rocky Hill Civic**, PS 18, 86-35 235 Street.
April 28 8:00 PM, **MS 172** 81-14 257th Street.

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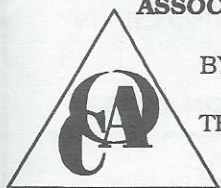
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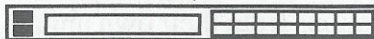
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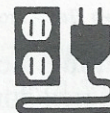
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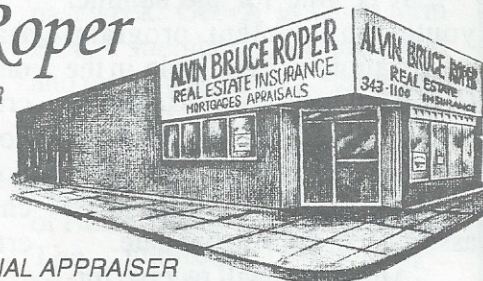
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