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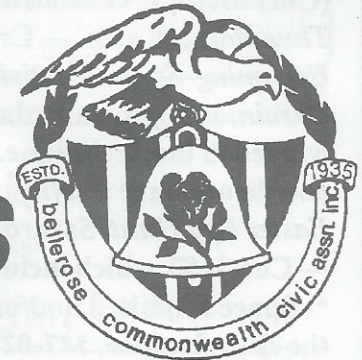
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The Gavel

The attendance at the March meeting was incredible and very encouraging. It has been a long time since we have seen so many Bellerose people turn out for a monthly meeting. We hope that this is a sign of things to come. We have also heard from our neighboring Queens Colony C. A. that their March meeting was also well beyond the normal.

Our March meeting focused on illegal apartments and conversions of single family houses to larger residences. Rich Hellenbrecht, a member of Community Board 13Q and active in zoning and land use issues, presented the various regulations governing houses in our area.

Bottom line: if your in our area and your thinking about adding an apartment or an extra bath-

room - find an architect!!!

Basically, you could be stuck with some very costly penalties, fees and reconstruction cost - even if it is for your own personal use. Worse you could lose a potential buyer of your house or a refinancing commitment at much less cost.

Do yourself a favor and seek professional advice of an architect or lawyer before changing your house.

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Holy Trinity News

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 246-55 87th Avenue, is happy to welcome Rev. Gary Schulz, as our new Pastor.

Regular Services — Sunday School - 9 a. m.
Worship Service - 9 a. m.
Worship Service - 10:30 a. m.

Wednesday Lenten — Noon - Soup lunch
Services 1:30 p. m. services

Palm Sunday- Sunday School - 9 a. m.
Worship Service - 9 a. m.
Worship Service 10:30 a. m.

Maundy Thursday- 1:30 p. m. Worship Service
6:30 p. m. *Seder and Worship Service

Easter Sunday - 9 a. m. Worship Service
10:30 a. m. Worship Service

Regular Activities: *Wednesdays*, 10 a.m. — Bible Study
(Current topic - Psalms of Lent)

Thursdays, 10 a. m. — Craft Group

Upcoming Special Activities:

Ukrainian Eggs, Saturday, April 4th, 10 - noon — Pastor Gary will teach the technique. Bring several raw eggs. Cost — \$5 if you do not have a stylus.

Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 11th, 11 am, K — 5th grade — Cost is \$3 which includes crafts, egg hunt and lunch.

* Space is limited and/or purchases are necessary. Please call the church office, 347-0278, to make reservations.

Recent Happenings: *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner* was a tremendous success. Over 100 people enjoyed apple, potato, zucchini, bacon & cheese, and blueberry pancakes.

Girl Scout Troops 4—222, 4-216, 4-264 and 4-668 hosted a brunch on Girl Scout Sunday, as a thank you to Holy Trinity for sponsoring them.

PLEASE JOIN US!

BCCA Dues

Please be advised the dues for 1998 is currently due. Block Captains were provided with lists last month and will be contacting you for your annual dues. The dues remain at \$5 per family.

Many blocks are not served by block captains. If you receive your Action News by mail, please send a check (payable to BCCA) for \$5 to our Post Office Box (see page 3 bottom.)

Please help the BCCA by joining once again this year.

Queens Civic Luncheon

The Queens Civic Congress, a new umbrella group of over 80 civic associations in Queens is hosting its first luncheon on Saturday April 25 at The Reception House on Northern Blvd. in Flushing.

In accordance with our custom, the BCCA has taken a table of ten and will pay 1/2 price for officers and members who are interested to attend. Invited speakers include the Governor, Mayor and Borough President. Anyone interested to attend, please see Rich at the April 2 meeting.

**The House of Hope
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**Sunday:
9:30 AM Church School
11:00 Morning Worship
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The House of Hope is sponsoring its annual Bid-N-Raffle, Saturday April 4 from 1 to 4 pm. Everyone is welcome. You are also invited to join us for our annual Vigil of the Resurrection on the Saturday before **Easter at 7:30 pm.**

School overcrowding

In one of the strangest turn-arounds of the 20th century, our local schools have suddenly become overcrowded. What could be causing this? Many residents happen to think it is residents from illegal apartments who are overcrowding the area and the schools.

On the other hand, many people think that some folks are using their Bellerose addresses to register people from other districts to attend School Board 26 schools.

We are very fortunate here in district 26 to be consistently the highest school board in the City in both reading and math scores. In fact no other district even comes close to us.

This is a double edged sword: while it keeps our property values high, it also attracts non-residents to want to get their children into our schools. In some cases, this even means that people in Bellerose may accept money to let someone out of the district register their children in district 26.

We clearly have the best public education in New York City. But we understand that many legitimate Bellerose residents with children entering kindergarten are now being rejected and having to send their children out of district or to expensive private schools.

Please, do not even think of accepting money for an out of district student to register using your address. This will ultimately affect you.

Spring Ahead

Don't forget - set your clock ahead one hour on Sunday morning April 5. While you will lose an hour on this day, you will gain an extra hour of gardening, biking, hiking and other outdoor activities for the next six months.



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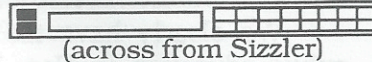
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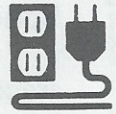
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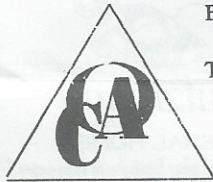
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