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Monday, March 9, 2015, 7:30 pm

Joint Bellerose Area Civic Associations

Host

Queens Borough President Melinda Katz

P.S. 18, Hillside Ave and 235th Court

No Regular February Meeting, Next Meeting: April 2, 2015 at 8:00pm

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The President's Gavel

Hello Bellerose. Hope all have weathered well these record breaking cold temperatures we have been experiencing, not to mention the snow that it seems has been covering Bellerose for an endless amount of time! We have been receiving more complaints with regards to our neighbors that live along 87th drive. Their yards border the ongoing construction on Jericho turnpike. Residents have complained about the noise and vibration coming from the construction site. It seems that the vibrations are causing picture frames to fall off walls and cracks to form on the homes. There is also legitimate concern that the vibrations may cause damage to foundations, beams, pipes, etc. in the homes.

Our neighbors are worried. We have contacted Mark Weprin's office with regard to these issues and were told that they would look into it. We have also suggested to those homeowners effected that they should document damage to their homes caused by the vibration coming from the work site. Before and after pictures would be a good way. Also, we have suggested that a complaint be made to 311 and ensure you retain the reference

number you are given. If you feel you have major damage due to the issues explained here, you may want to contact a lawyer and be guided by them.

Richard Hellenbrecht, Lourdes Hartrick and myself have recently sat down with other civic leaders and Principal Sam Sochet at Martin Van Buren High School. The meeting was informative. Mr. Sochet seems genuinely concerned about the school and its success. We look forward to assisting him and his staff in anyway we can to ensure his and the schools success. As always, please let us know of any issues that we may be of assistance with or that may effect our community.

Regards, Juan Zubizarreta, President
Set Clocks Ahead March 8 at 2am.

Daylight Savings Time starts March 8. Please don't forget to adjust your clocks so you can make the Joint Meeting on time Monday night at 7:30pm. Also don't forget to change your smoke/CO detector batteries at each clock change.

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Holy Trinity News

Join us for our regular worship services on Sunday at 9 and 10:30 am. Everyone is welcome.

During Lent: Services on Wednesday at noon with the theme of "Reflections on the Parables"

Good Friday services on April 3rd at noon and 8pm

Maundy Thursday, Agape Meal on April 2nd at 6pm

Easter Sunday Services on April 5 at 9 and 10:30 am

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, March 15th at 5:30 pm our St. Patrick's Celebration with make your own Rubeens or Rachels.

\$15/person or \$37/family.

Sunday, March 29th at 10 and 11:30 am - Palm Sunday Breakfast. \$7/person

Youth groups continue: Junior Group (grades 6-8) meet on first Sat. of each month. 7-9 pm. Senior Group (grades 9 and up) meet on 2nd and 4th Sat. of each month. 7:30-9:30 pm

Yoga continues: Fridays at 6:30 in school. \$15/person bring your own mat.

We continue collecting food and donations for the underfed and homeless.

Holy Trinity is beginning a new Women's group. First official meeting is Thursday, March 19th from 7-9 pm. We will be reading and discussing "Girls Gone Wise in a World Gone Wild". No need to buy or read book before first meeting. This is a social group with a theme. A time to meet and discuss women's lives in today's world, a world that seems to embrace wild behavior. Contact Carol Robinson with any questions.

City Education Council Positions Available

Applications for all Community and Citywide Education Councils are now being accepted. Please encourage all parents to raise their hand and apply today. See below for full press release and for a joyous picture of the Chancellor this morning standing with Public Advocate James, Councilmember Crowley and parents announcing that you can start applying today!

CECs allow for parent involvement on the district level and play an essential role in shaping education policies for New York City public schools. They have a total of 12 members: 9 parents of students K-8 (two seats are reserved for a parent of an ELL and of an IEP student), 2 members appointed by the Borough President, and 1 non-voting high school student

Visit NYCParentLeaders.org for more information or to apply. Final Information Sessions will be in March in Manhattan. See listing at <http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/A9B0D74F-C686-42D0-A590-80F6CAA6B391/0/BPCCECInfoSessions2015.pdf>

Search for Chancellor Fariña's announcement at News and Speeches at: <http://schools.nyc.gov>

ICCC Update

You may recall that the local five civic associations near Creedmoor each chipped in one thousand dollars to retain an attorney to coordinate and argue the community's opposition to the Indian Cultural and Community Center's proposal to build two nine story towers bordering our Bellerose community. We have thus been successful in reducing the project first to two six story apartment buildings, then to a larger four story building. BCCA and our neighboring civics remain concerned about the impact on the neighborhood, especially the adjacent single family residential Bellerose-Hillside community. We are also concerned about the precedents that would be set for the remaining acreage on Creedmoor that is now being studied by the State to be excessed and developed.

The civics recently consulted environmental experts who advised that there are several issues in the vital environmental filings made by the ICCC that may invalidate the application. The groups have agreed to chip in once again to present these findings. We will be seeking the approval of our membership in April for a \$500 BCCA participation in this effort. As a result of our initial argument the project is on hold awaiting new environmental studies. The attorney will review any new filings.

Proposed Amendments to BCCA Bylaws

A committee of the BCCA Board has been reviewing the Bylaws for the past few months. The following amendments are proposed for vote at the general meeting on April 2. The current bylaws can be reviewed at http://www.bccaqueens.org/uploads/2/0/0/9/20096643/bcca_by-laws_merge.pdf

Amendments:

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Article 5 Officers

#3 now reads: the term of office shall be one year, or until a successor is installed. No officer shall hold no more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office.

REMOVE THE SECOND SENTENCE Should read: the term of office shall be one year, or until a successor is installed.

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Article 5 -Officers

#4 now reads: in the event of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice President shall assume the office of the President.

SHOULD READ:

in the event of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice President shall assume the office of the President FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE LEAVING PRESIDENTS TERM AT WHICH POINT AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD IF CHALLENGED.

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Dues and Membership

Section 1

Now reads:

Dues shall be two dollars per year

Should read: DUES WILL BE 7 DOLLARS PER YEAR

Also, add sentence: DUES SHALL BE SET BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF ALL MEMBERS PRESENT AT A SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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Duties of the President

Add letter G stating:

LIASON WITH GOVERNING BODIES SO AS TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS IF THE BELLEROSE COMMUNITY. THIS MAY BE DELEGATED TO OTHER BOARD MEMBERS.

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Duties of the Vice President

Make GENDER NEUTRAL. wherever it states HIS change to HIS/HER

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Duties of the Treasurer

REMOVE LETTER G. (issue membership cards upon receipt of dues.)

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Duties of the Recording Secretary

Section 6 letter C

Now reads: be custodian of the associations records except as specifically assigned to others.

Should read: be custodian of the associations records AND OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS except as specifically assigned to others.

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Nominations

Section 8 letter A

Now reads: a Nominating Committee shall consist of FIVE members

Should read: a Nominating Committee shall consist of THREE members

BCCA Officers:

Juan Zubizarreta, President
 Lourdes Villanueva Hartrick, Vice Pres.
 Ruth Mezistrano, Recording Secretary
 Richard Hellenbrecht, Corr. Sec / Treasurer
 Directors:
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