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**\*\*Special Date—Thursday, October 8, 2015, 7:30 pm\*\***

*City Council Candidates' Night  
Republican Joseph Concannon &  
Democrat Barry Grodenchik  
Joint Meeting all Local Civic Associations*

Bellerose Commonwealth  
Civic Association

*Cordially Invites You To Our  
80th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon*

*To Be Held At:*

*1:00 P.M.*

*November 21, 2015*

*Nancy's Restaurant  
255-41 Jericho Turnpike  
Floral Park, NY*

\$31.00 Per Person  
Includes Buffet/Tax/Gratuity

R.S.V.P. by November 2, 2015  
Mail Check or Money Order to:

BCCA  
P.O. Box 260225  
Bellerose, NY 11426

## The Gavel

Hello Bellerose,  
I would like to start by offering on behalf of the BCCA Board, and members our condolences to the DeFranceschi family on the passing of Bruno DeFranceschi. I did not have the pleasure of working with him on community issues but from what I have heard and read, I would say he was a true gentleman and an effective civic leader in our area. He will be missed. Rest in peace Bruno.

We are happy to announce that on Saturday, November 21, 2015 at 1:00 PM we will be having our civic's 80th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon at Nancy's Restaurant on Jericho Turnpike. Yes our civic has been involved in our community for 80 years! Come out and celebrate with Neighbors and friends while enjoying great food. Details are on our website.

There will be a joint meeting with local civics on October 8th. We will be hearing from the Democratic and Republican candidates running for Mark Weprin's vacated City Council seat. Hope to see you all there and hear these candidates speak.

Juan Zubizarreta, President

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## Holy Trinity News

We have returned to two services on Sunday at 9 and 10:30 am. Everyone is welcome. Children are dismissed from 9 am service to Sunday school, not too late to register.

Holy Trinity is proud to begin our year long celebration of 90 years in the Bellerose community. Join us for some of our monthly celebrations.

Upcoming Events:

Oktoberfest - Saturday, October 24. 11am to 3pm. Join us for wursts and sides, our annual Can Auction and raffles, bake sale and more. Free Admission.

International dinner (1930's theme) - Sunday, November 1 after our healing service at 5pm. All are welcome, bring a dish from your favorite ethnicity to pass.

Talent Show - our annual talent show will be held on November 21st with a caberet theme. Call the office if you have a talent you'd like to share.

Monthly Dinner and Show - we are celebrating the 1940's on Sunday, December 6 starting 5pm. Dinner will be followed by a show featuring Chris Poje. Join us for just the dinner, just the show or both. Dinner is \$8 per person, show is \$10 per person or both for \$15.

Youth groups have started meeting again: 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

A bit older? Then join us for Young at Heart, which meets every other Wednesday at noon for lunch, conversation and games.

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

We continue collecting food and donations for the underfed and homeless. On September 26 along with several members of the community, we packaged 20,000 meals for the underfed (distributed to several food pantry's in Queens and Long Island). We had great fun and helped a great cause, thank you to all who participated.

Holy Trinity Women's group continues. Next meeting is Thursday, October 15 at 7pm. We continue reading and discussing "Girls Gone Wise in a World Gone Wild" by Mary Kassiam. Each week is individual and chapters can be discussed without reading previous chapters. 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.

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## Joint City Council Candidates' Night

Last month we joined with Queens Colony, Creedmoor Civic, North Bellerose, Bellerose Hillside, Lost Community and Rocky Hill Civic Associations in a democratic primary candidates' night. Six candidates were battling for the democratic nomination for the City Council seat vacated by Mark Weprin. Three candidates came and answered questions posed by the civics and stayed for individual questions. Bob Friedrich, Rebecca Lynch and Celia Dosamantes did a great job in their responses to the difficult, community-related questions. Barry Grodenchik, Ali Najmi and Parhar Singh had other things to do. However, in the primaries held September 10, Barry Grodenchik won the election by about 250 votes over second place Mr. Friedrich.

On October 8, most of the same civics will host Republican candidate Joseph Concannon and Mr. Grodenchik in a face-off before the November 3 elections. We hope to see a great turnout of Bellerose residents to meet the candidates at Holy Trinity at 8pm.

## Bellerose Business District Turns 20!!! Come Celebrate

Twenty years ago, Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association along with Creedmoor and Queens Colony Civic Associations from Queens and Bellerose Village civic leaders held a meeting to discuss some of the issues faced by the businesses on Jericho Turnpike with an eye toward improving the shopping strip, attracting more patrons, stores and businesses and generally enhancing the neighborhood. The group decided to form a local development corporation (LDC) called Joint Bellerose Business District Development Corporation, Bellerose Business District or BBD, for short.

One common-sense initiative met with lots of opposition outside of Bellerose. The strip was called Jamaica Avenue on the Queens side and Jericho Turnpike on the Nassau side. Store owners told us this led to confusion directing patrons to their stores and a final straw was an Emergency Services ambulance was delayed responding to an emergency. Thankfully, the road is now exclusively called Jericho Turnpike east of the Cross Island Parkway. Aside from that BBD has worked hard over the years implement improvements such as: to remove graffiti immediately; to provide funding for storefront renovation, which several stores benefitted from; to obtain "retro" type M lamp standards; to increase trees in our median; to promote Bellerose with banners and newspaper ads; to maintain planted areas and floral pots and install; and, to install and maintain a Welcome to Bellerose sign.

BBD board members have been involved in negotiations for community benefits on Bellerose Commons and worked with State DOT on the design of the reconstruction of Jericho Turnpike. All along, BCCA has been an active participant. We believe Bellerose is significantly more recognized by commuters passing through and has recruited business that may have gone elsewhere.

So, BCCA wishes Bellerose Business District a happy anniversary and we look forward to many more good things in the future. We hope BCCA members will come to the BBD Anniversary Luncheon at Nancy's Restaurant on October 17 at 1pm. We know this is only a few week before BCCA's own 80th Anniversary luncheon—also at Nancy's—but a good time is always had meeting businesses from the district and celebrating several awards to Heart of the Party (formerly Mr. Ribbon) and Lydon Realty, which will be presented at the luncheon. Info below:

**Bellerose Business District 20th Anniversary Luncheon  
October 17th, 2015 at 1pm at Nancy's Restaurant, 255-41 Jericho Turnpike**

**\$40 per person, including tax and gratuity for your choice of nine entrees.**

**Checks made to Bellerose Business District can be mailed to BBD c/o James Trent, 242-33 90th Avenue, Bellerose, NY 11426.**

**BCCA Officers:**

Juan Zubizarreta, President  
 Lourdes Villanueva Hartrick, Vice Pres.  
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 Treasurer

**Directors:**

<u>Elect Dec. 2015</u>	<u>Elect Dec. 2016</u>
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### Come, Meet The Mormons

On Friday October 16th, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is inviting you to come have a Spaghetti dinner and Ice cream social. Free Event! "Meet the Mormons" movie will be played at the Chapel after dinner and Ice cream social to follow after the movie.

The church is located at 254-10 Bates Road, Little Neck. Parking lot entrance is on Little Neck Parkway.

All are welcomed and we look forward to seeing you there.  
 Lourdes Hartrick