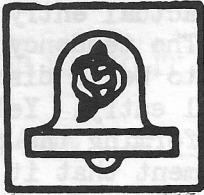


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***** SPRING DANCE *****

It's all set for May 7, Saturday! The ANNUAL SPRING DANCE will be held at the Elks Lodge #2107 at 901 Lakeville Road, New Hyde Park. The time? 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

For those who dance --- live music. For those who prefer to sit and eat --- Hot Buffet. For others, unlimited bar for four hours.

For all, plenty of fun.

Those who were at last year's dance will remember the Basket of Cheer, the Fish Bowl, the Door prizes, and the fellowship and fun they had.

All this for a modest \$12.50 per person ... and well worth it. We will see you all on the 7th of May.

But, you will need tickets. Call Dennis McGann at 343-3971, yes, 343-3971 and tell him how many tickets you will need. Each table will seat ten, and you may form your own table.

LIBRARY BUS

Free bus service to the Queens Village Library at

94-11 117th Street, Queens Village is now available to residents of Bellerose.

The schedule is: Tuesday 1-8, Thursday 11-6, Saturday 10-4. Bus starts at 250th Street and Hillside Avenue (location of the unopened Bellerose branch) east on Hillside to Little Neck Parkway; southeast on Little Neck Parkway to Jericho Turnpike (Jamaica Avenue); west on Jamaica Avenue to 217th St.; north to the branch. Returns north on 217th Street to Hillside Avenue; east on Hillside Avenue to 250th Street.

This is hardly a satisfactory solution. The Bellerose Library branch must be opened. Writing to Matthew Troy, the Mayor states that "at this time there are no funds available to open the Bellerose branch library." Yet, the Bellerose branch has been completed since 1975. On the other hand, the Ozone Park branch, just recently completed has been opened. Not only that, but \$10,000 additional was found to repair fire damage sustained before the branch was scheduled to open. We do not begrudge Ozone Park its branch library.

What we do not under-

stand is what rules are being applied. We should not be unduly surprised with the response from City Hall. We, in Bellerose know from experience that being furthest geographically from City Hall we are the last to receive any attention. It would be logical to assume, that in an election year, residents in the Bellerose area will remember who listened and who turned a deaf ear.

Another obstacle to the opening of the Bellerose branch must be the Director of the Queens Borough Public Library system. As quoted in the Long Island Press (March 6, 1977) Byam said, "When I was in Brooklyn, I never felt we had to build all the branches we did, and that's even truer in Queens. I know that this is objectionable to some people, but that's the way I feel personally."

Nuf sed.

I.R.S.: TIME

There are two weeks more in which to square up your account with the Internal Revenue Service, not to mention Albany and the City.

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NOTICE

THE NEXT MEETING

MARCH 31, 1977

SCHOOL BOARD
CANDIDATES
NIGHT!

HOUSE OF HOPE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Corner of 248th St.
& 85th Avenue
Bellerose

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The saying "What you do not know doesn't hurt you" does not apply in this case.

With the Income Tax Law having undergone its most thorough over-hauling in decades, B.C.C.A. invited H&R Block to send one of its tax experts to explain some of the numerous changes and to point out some of the more common errors that the I.R.S. finds as it scans the returns.

Answers to individual questions made the evening a profitable one. Thank you H&R!

SERVICE CUTS

With the service cuts that the Metropolitan Transit Authority will put into effect in April, Bellerose will once again get it in the neck.

The two bus lines that serve this area, the Q36 (Jamaica Avenue to the 165th Street Terminal) and the Q43 (Long Island Rail Road Station on Sutphin Boulevard to Hillside Avenue to the City Line) are scheduled to undergo a ten percent reduction.

On arriving at the 179th Street Subway Station, users of public transportation will find that they will have to run to catch the shorter trains which the MTA admits "This is not to say that the trains are not crowded. They are."

The City administration claims that it is adopting new programs and attitudes to help retain the middle class in the City. The fact is that it is exactly this type of reduction in service that diminishes the quality of life in New York. It is the now familiar story of paying more and receiving less. The sad thing is that those who are being punished are the very people who use public transportation, not those who have given up on the buses and subways.

Loyal as one might be to New York City, those who live in the Bellerose area near the Nassau border find themselves looking eastward "toward the Island" to shop and work as the City continues to lay hardships upon us.

A GIFT TO...

Formal presentation of the watch and pen set to James Delaney, our Past President had been scheduled for the General meeting in January. Due to an emergency, Jim Delaney was unable to attend. Rather than rescheduling the presentation for a later meeting, the gift, in appreciation of his inspired leadership during 1976 was given to him at the Directors' meeting which took place later in the month.

SECURITY

At the risk of being accused of hammering on one theme -SECURITY- we remind residents to report to the police "attempted entry" as well as actual entry of premises. The tendency would seem to be to dismiss unsuccessful entry. Yet, it is by informing the police department that it can know the pattern of crime which is developing.

Also, since most suspicious activity usually takes place in the back of the house, in the yard, or the garage, it would be helpful when reporting any suspicious activity to know the exact address of the property that is back to back with your own.

CANDIDATES' NIGHT

With reduced school budgets, school population declining, ethnic surveys, schools being closed, and the central Board of Education "intruding" in the local school boards, membership on the Local School Board becomes a more vital concern to residents in this area.

All positions on the School Board are now open. Candidates for positions on the School Board will participate in a Candidates' Night at our next meeting to state their position on the important school issues of the day and to answer questions from the audience. Come! Listen!. And make yourself heard.

At this writing, the petitions for candidates are being circulated, and we do not have the names of the candidates seeking election. We may safely assume that most, if not all, of the current members will be seeking re-election.

FOR QUICK ACTION, PLEASE USE THIS REPORT FORM

Please mail to: Mr. Dennis C. McGann
Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association, Inc.
247-15 87th Avenue
Bellerose, New York 11426

OR BRING IT TO THE NEXT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

EXACT LOCATION OF CONDITION TO BE REMEDIED _____

ON _____ BETWEEN _____ AND _____

NORTHSIDE _____ SOUTHSIDE _____ EASTSIDE _____ WESTSIDE _____

TRAFFIC

☐ Missing sign
☐ Damaged sign
☐ Sign needed
☐ Yield sign
☐ Stop sign
☐ Parking meter
☐ ASP sign
☐ Traffic light out

SANITATION

☐ Dirty vacant lot
☐ Uncollected refuse
☐ Abandoned car/no
license plate
☐ Abandoned car/with
license plate
NO. _____

BUILDINGS

☐ Unsealed vacant bldg.
☐ Dangerous inhabited bldg.
☐ Hazardous condition
☐ Illegal conversion

HIGHWAYS

☐ Potholes
☐ Damaged curb
☐ Damaged street cut
☐ Paving needed

MISCELLANEOUS

☐ Operation identification information
☐ Alarm system information

OTHER PROBLEMS: _____

LIGHTING

☐ Street light out
☐ Playground light out

PARK

☐ Trees pruned
☐ Dead or dying trees

SEWER

☐ Clogged catch basin
☐ Sunken catch basin
☐ Missing manhole cover
☐ Sunken manhole


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JUNE WALK

The June Walk, an annual event for the B.C.C.A. is scheduled for Saturday, the 11th of June.

While this may seem quite a long time from now, it really isn't. To be done right, early planning is necessary. Already, the marching band, the Stormy Knights of Our Lady of the Snows has been contacted. Donors for prizes to be awarded for Costumes and Floats are to be contacted.

Setting up and dispensing refreshments must be taken care of.

It adds up to one thing ---WE NEED VOLUNTEERS, if things are to run smoothly. Having participated in last year's arrangements, and remembering the spirit and enthusiasm with which the youngsters participated in the Bi-centennial year, it really was worth the effort. Join us. There is some work and much satisfaction to share.

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