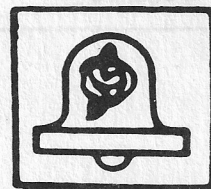


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## BELLEROSE CITIZENS SHOULD BE CONCERNED !

There are many problems which will be facing our community in the coming year which all of us should be cognizant of and should cooperate with our Civic Association in seeking favorable solutions.

Of primary interest is the current proposal for reevaluation of all property and reassessment at 100% of market value.

If this is followed through to its conclusion as ordered by the State Court, a single family homeowner in Queens, particularly in the Bellerose area, could be faced with as much as a 100% increase in taxes. There has been legislation introduced in the State Legislature which would allow our property taxes to remain at the current level. Action on this legislation has been blocked and there are various task forces and state committees reviewing the problem. Since there is very little coverage in the media of this issue, you should all know that while this "study and review" continues, the City is preparing to institute a

program of reevaluation and reassessment.

Your Civic Association is following this problem very closely and is in contact with the various State and Local authorities. However, you, as individual homeowners and taxpayers can lend your support. We are urging you to write to Governor Carey requesting positive action on this problem at the current legislature and supporting legislation that would permit our property taxes to remain at the current level.

A second problem is the proposed cuts in the City budget which will seriously affect services in our community. One very attractive feature of the Bellerose community is the presence of an elementary school in the heart of our association boundaries. If the mayor's proposed cuts in the education budget are followed through, this could have serious effects on the continued existence of P.S. 133. I am sure you all realize that one of the things that keeps our community viable as a desirable location for younger fam-

ilies to reside is the existence of two excellent schools, one maintained by St. Gregory's, and the other - P.S. 133. The closing of P.S. 133 would seriously affect our property values. Again it is suggested that you indicate your desire for this school to remain open by writing directly to Nicholas Garufis, the President of Community School Board 26, at their district offices at P.S. 179; also, by writing to your City Councilman, Sheldon Leffler, expressing your concern over budget cuts since any budget cuts are bound to affect essential services such as police, fire and sanitation.

## Notice

THE NEXT MEETING  
THURSDAY  
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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I'm writing this letter to the Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association to send my personal thanks to the people who represent my interests with the Civic, State and authorities. Those people who spend their personal time at meetings and hearings, etc. so that the point of view of my community will be presented to the powers that be. We were really rolling in this community getting our roads repaved, trees pruned, busses kept off our residential streets and seeing that our own library was opened convenient to our school children, senior citizens enriching our entire community. However, the constant cry if budget cuts gave the politicians another out or excuse. We at least accomplished getting them to know we are here. We can't stop now. There are still many things to finish. Some of our streets were repaved (after forty years) but many weren't--things were stopped in midstream. Let's try to get the rest of the job completed. The condition of the streets adds to the value of our homes - so that's worth fighting for.

I am proud to be a resident and native of Queens County and feel fortunate that we have people who dedicate their time "watching the store" on our behalf and make our point of view known

to bureaucrats and politicians. We are more fortunate than some areas who have no one who cares about their community. Are we lucky?? "YES"--When no one cares, that's when deterioration sets in. I'm glad to take care of my small part of Queens, keep my property neat, keep my sidewalks in repair, pick-up after my dog, clean the curbs, and streets around my house. It's a small but effective way of polishing the "Big Apple". When you live in a community that cares, what a great place it is to live. We've got it and we don't want it to go to pot.

So again, I say "Thanks" to those people who are giving their time to us. Support them with your dues (\$2 per year). Your dues is used to bring "ACTION NEWS" to you, a direct means of communication when important issues come up. It also pays dues for Queens County Civic Organizations which keeps us posted on what is being planned in Queens, etc. It's a small price to pay for this protection of your interests. Without a Civic Association, you are the lost community in this "Big Old Apple". A large membership is very persuasive when requesting service.

## DUES DUE

Have you paid your \$2 dues to the BCCA? All you need do is bring your \$2 to your Block Captain's house or send a check to the Treasurer, Richard Hellenbrecht, 246-72 86th Rd., Bellerose.

## COOKIES

The Girl Scout Cookie Sale will begin Feb. 16 and continue through March 10th this year. Seven delicious varieties (all natural with no preservatives added) will be available, at \$1.50 per box. Now is the time to place your order for these mouth-watering goodies. Look for those smiling girls who will be ringing your doorbell any day now.

## COMING

The Queens County Farm Museum will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 9th. Mark your calendars now. More details next issue.

## APEC

The recycling center at APEC, 228-06 Northern Boulevard is open every Saturday from 10 AM to 2 PM to receive newspapers, glass and cans.

Following is a list of programs offered in February (50¢ for members, \$1.00 for non-members, unless otherwise stated):

2/2 - Sat. GROUND HOG  
GAMBOL  
10-11 AM - 5 - 8 year  
olds  
2-3 PM - 9 - 14  
year olds

2/3 - Sun. 1 PM - URBAN  
WILDLIFE HABITATS

2/9 - Sat. 2-4 PM -  
WINTEREE - sled,  
skis, snow shoes-  
outdoor barbequing  
and toes toasting  
'round open fire.

2/10 -Sun. 1-3 PM CROSS  
COUNTRY SKIING

2/15 -Friday 1-3 PM PRE-  
SCHOOLERS' Workshop

2/16 -Sat. 1 PM INDIANS  
OF LONG ISLAND

2/17 -Sun. 2 PM - SENIOR  
STROLL (slide show  
if inclement weather

2/23-24 Sat. & Sun. 10 AM  
to 4 PM CRAFT  
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2/29 - Friday - 8-10:30  
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dance, profession-  
al caller.

For further information,  
call 229-4000.

Betty Platania

## GUEST SPEAKER

Are you interested in learning about what happens to children who become involved in N.Y.S. juvenile justice and child care systems? Then come to our meeting Feb. 7th at the House of Hope church and hear and learn all about it.

Are you interested in finding out how your taxes are being spent, and what can you and I do to help improve the system? If so, then come to our meeting Feb. 7, 1980 at the House of Hope, 85th Ave. and 248th St., 8:30 and find out instead of just complaining about it.

## DOG ISLAND

Are the laws made only for a selected few? One would think this is the case--especially evident on the mall at Little Neck Parkway--pertaining to pet owners who refuse to heed posted "Clean Up" notices. Signs proclaiming "Walkers Beware" should caution those on foot using these walkways. It's sad to think Policemen patrolling should be necessary to enforce this law, when their vigilance should be elsewhere. Where is the moral sense of these people who exclude themselves from their duty? Join your neighbors in shouldering your responsibility and so your part in keeping our streets clean. Abolish "dog island".

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