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ON C.P.B. #13

After installing the officers, Mrs. Susan Norei-ka, as guest speaker, addressed the members on the expectations of the Community Planning Board which came into existence on the first of the year.

After months of discussion and uncertainty, the boundary lines of C.P.B. #13 were left intact. With the appointment of the new members of the Board (Dennis McGann, our current President and James Delaney our President last year were re-appointed to the Board) the Planning Board can start exercising its expanded powers.

We were cautioned not to expect miracles. For one thing, all the Boards are not adequately funded. Hiring a district manager, other personnel, obtaining furniture and equipment, and organizing the district office will take time. The phasing in of community services will take some three years.

With de-centralization, the Board will be able to handle complaints from initiation, through followup to final disposition.

A "complaint form" has been drawn up, and with some modification may be accepted for borough-wide use.

Hopefully, working through the Community Board which is responsible for its area, the neighborhoods will be stabilized, government services will be brought closer to the people, and no area will be denied the services it needs.

Until the Community Board is fully organized, residents may call Barbara Fischer at 520-3280. In an emergency, Mrs. Susan Noreika, Chairman of CPB #13 may be reached at FI 7 - 5192. However, for us in the B.C.C.A. area, it would be better to contact either Dennis McGann or Jim Delaney.

We CONGRATULATE all the members of the Community Planning Board as they assume their duties. If the Planning Board is to work well, it must count on the cooperation and support of all the residents in the area. For the B.C.C.A. we pledge our cooperation and support.

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NOTICE

THE NEXT MEETING

FEBRUARY 3, 1977 8:30 P.M.

> BERNIE WECHSLER

> > on

ORGANIC GARDENING

HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Corner of 248th St. & 85th Avenue
Bellerose

Mrs. Susan Noreika, Chairman of Community Planning Board No. 13 which includes the Bellerose area, installed Dennis McGann as President of the B.C.C.A. at the January meeting, together with the Officers and Directors elected in December.

The direction of the B.C.C.A. now rests with the new President, with John Reh as Vice President, with Sebastian Platania as Treasurer, Darlene Galvin as Corresponding Secretary, and Virgil Regalbuto as Recording Secretary.

The Directors are Robert Costagliola, Maria Copertino, James Delaney, Edward Galvin, George Sharp, Howard Slaney, Bernard Wechsler, and George Wolf.

The new officers are planning a full and exciting year with interesting guest speakers and continuing two activities that are becoming traditional. These two activities are the Annual Spring Dance and the June Walk that brings to a close the programs for the first half of the year.

These are activities that require planning and wide participation by residents of this community. We urge you to consider the various programs and committee openings as they are announced. We will need volunteers and the cooperation of individuals and businesses in Bellerose.

Admittedly, these activities require some time and effort, but there is also fun and the sense of satisfaction in doing something worthwhile and doing it well.

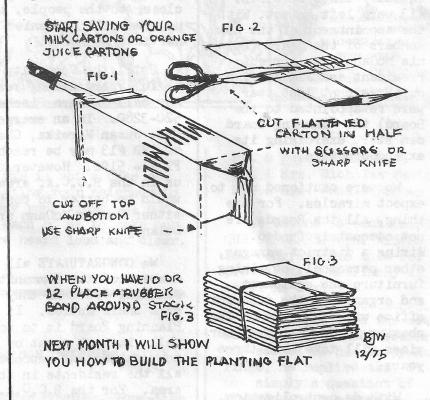
"Green around the corner"

When Bernie Wechsler, our Organic Gardening maven reminds us to start saving containers, there is a two-fold cause for rejoicing. First, the assurance that we can all learn from him how to become a successful gardener. Gardening is not just a matter of luck. Second, the certainty that Spring will surely come --- snow and high fuel bills will become a memory --- and we can then put to use what Bernie has taught us.

Bernie says, "Next month at the February meeting I will speak on Organic Gardening. Meanwhile, save your cartons for planting, quarts and half gallon sizes from milk and orange juice.

As shown below, cut the top and bottom off and store them flat with a rubber band to hold them while you are collecting more. You will get 2 from each container. So in a short time you will have quite a supply. At the meeting I will show you how to build a planting flat."

Come to the meeting, and come prepared with questions --- and get answers, whether on how to take care of houseplants or preparing a compost heap.



BOATING SAFETY COURSES

Safety on the seas is of prime importance to "boatmen" of all ages. So, despite the snowbanks all around you, it is time to focus your thoughts on attending classes.

Ray Mainolfi of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary has provided information about a variety of such classes that will be taking place at Bayside High School in February. Bayside High School is located at Corporal Kennedy Boulevard and 31st Avenue.

BASIC BOATING SAFETY (13 weeks)
From basic safety principles to chart and compass work.

Wednesday: 8-10 p.m.
Starts Feb. 3
Course: Free. Text \$9.00
Coast Guard safe boating certificate is given upon completion of the course and passing the test.

NEW YORK STATE YOUNG BOAT-MAN'S COURSE (5 weeks) For people aged 10-16

Wednesday: 8-9:15 p.m.
Starts Feb. 3
Course: Free. Materials: Free
The learner receives a New
York State operator's license, a requirement for
boating in all N.Y. State
waters, upon completion of
the course and passing the
test

SAIL-BOAT COURSE
(7 weeks)
Thursday: 8-10 p.m.
Starts Feb. 24
Course: Free. Book \$8.00
Covers fundamental principles of safe sailing and progresses to rough water sailing.

ECHOES OF THE PAST

How far must one go for a taste of the past, together with a display of the present, and yet keep within the limits of our own Borough of Queens? Recently we were very pleased to discover a short ride on Grand Central Parkway led us to just such a place where we were able to spend a Sunday afternoon reliving days of the past at Flushing Meadow Park, site of two grand and glorious World's Fairs --- gone but not forgotten.

At the New York City Building (where one can find year round Ice Skating at reasonable rates) there is a very unimposing side entrance with a modest sign proclaiming "Queens Museum": The presentation we saw highlighted the works of sixteen Queens artists, ranging in age from 22 to 64 years. It was a varied exhibit including paintings, drawings, sculpture, and photography. Batik and monoprints were also displayed. The current display (each exhibit remains on view approximately six weeks) is a Chinese show.

A delightful experience awaits you upon climbing a flight of stairs to gaze on a full scale Panorama of New York's five boroughs, street by street, building by building --- a wonderful remnant of the old World's Fair.

Fortunately, we were at the Museum when a twenty minute film titled "Beauty for Ashes" recreated for us the remarkable development of the area which soon became world renowned for the two Fairs held there some twenty-five years apart.

Before taking leave of the Queens Museum you will want to stop at the charming gift counter where marvelous imported treasures may be purchased at very inexpensive prices (such as a string of hand-strung beads from Mexico for 50¢). Truly a rarity in this day and age.

The "Queens Museum" is open free to the public from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Tuesday through Saturday; from 1 P.M. to 5 P.M. on Sundays. The film "Beauty for Ashes" is shown four times on Saturdays and twice on Sundays.

For further information, phone 592-2405

Betty Platania

GROUND THE SST

The Commissioners of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey will consider on February 10, 1977 the granting of landing rights to the SST at Kennedy International Airport. The SST is the Concorde, the British-French Super Sonic plane that now crosses the Atlantic Ocean in some two and a half hours. At present, the Concorde has landing rights on a trial basis at Dulles Airport in Washington, D.C.

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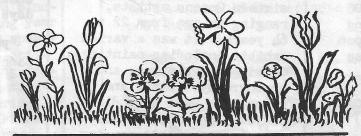
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After the Port Authority makes its decision, Governor Carey will have ten days in which to review the decision made.

If you want to keep this monster from flying over your home in Bellerose, we urge you to deluge the Port Authority with letters expressing your position on the SST. Address your letter to the: Chairman

Port Authority of New York and New Jersey One World Trade Center New York. New York. 10048

This is not a case of expecting your neighbor to convey your views --- but for each of us to make our voice heard loud and clear.

GOLDEN WEDDING BELLS

Three couples, long-time residents of Bellerose, recently celebrated 50th Wedding Anniversaries:

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Coppi Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Martone Mr. & Mrs. Donald Rooney

We extend to each couple OUR SINCEREST BEST WISHES and congratulate them for proving that matrimony is still in style.

When Henry Ford was asked on his 50th Anniversary the secret of his happy marriage, he replied that it was simply a question of sticking to one model.

CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY MORE ANNIVERSARIES!