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Little Neck Parkway Problems

The N.Y.C. Department of Traffic is considering a request by Community Board 13 and some Bellerose residents for traffic lights on Little Neck Pkwy. at 87th Ave. and at 83rd Ave.

On Dec. 7th, C.B. 13 had a meeting with Deputy Traffic Commissioner Hochstein, his assistant Henry DeHart, elected officials and representatives of the community. Although a traffic survey was made at those Little Neck Pkwy. intersections in November, no decision on the lights had been made by Traffic Dept. as of the time this article was written.

At the November C.B. 13 meeting, seven Little Neck Pkwy. residents told of several accidents involving speeding vehicles which could not negotiate the curve at 87th Ave., causing them to crash into parked vehicles. In one recent accident involving a truck, four vehicles mounted the sidewalk and three of them landed on front

lawns. Cooperation from the police, including frequent use of radar, has not solved the problem.

Residents north of Hillside Ave. told of accidents at 83rd. Ave.

The original Highway Department plans for the reconstruction of Little Neck Parkway called for raised malls at 83rd Ave. to prevent cross traffic because of the reduction of the width of the roadway from eight to six lanes in that area. However, after community hearings, a through intersection was constructed at 83rd Ave. Some residents now feel that only the installation of a traffic light will slow down traffic and reduce accidents.

DRUG ABUSE

The New York District of Kiwanis International has launched a program for parents of teenage drug users. A 24-hr. 7-day a week hotline is open to callers throughout the state who dial the toll-free number 800-522-5417 to

talk to professionals who work at Samaritan House in Queens, a drug-rehabilitation facility. This project "Drugs Today, Gone Tomorrow" also provides speakers for parent organizations interested in sharing feelings and information. For information about the speakers' bureau, write Samaritan House 130-15 89th Road, Jamaica.

Notice

THE NEXT MEETING
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AT 8:30 P.M.

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APPLAUSE

Mr. Ernie Schwabe has taken top honors as candidate for this month's APPLAUSE. Without a doubt, just the mention of his name has meaning for innumerable people, young and old.

A tireless worker for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Mr. Schwabe has lived in Bellerose some 35 years and has been involved with Junior Girls (sports group) for 26 of these years. He has touched the lives of countless youngsters, past and present, in this community. You'll find "Ernie" a guest at just about every sports/social event they participate in. He is a volunteer driver and enthusiastic supporter of the Van Buren Volleyball and Swim teams; Business Manager of Camp Ma-He-Tu, Bear Mt., N.Y. and Executive Director of Pine Crest Leadership Camp. His Christmas card list goes into the hundreds (700? Wow!) and those incoming far outnumber this!

Ernie Schwabe was honored in 1978 by the N.Y. Synod of Lutheran Church in America through receipt of the "Distinguished Discipleship Award"--their highest award presented to a Layman (chosen out of 175 nominees).

Many of Ernie's "kids" are grown and married with children of their own now also being taken under his wing. Almost every door and heart in Bellerose is open to this warm, friendly, self-sacrificing worker in the Lord's vineyard, sowing seeds that will not fall along the wayside and giving flesh to the words of the Bible. How lucky for Bellerose that he is one of "ours."

Please tell us of your choice for "Applause" --none are too old or too young for recognition. Just a few lines will do the trick. Don't put it off, write today.

Betty Platania

TINY TOTS

Queens Botanical Garden, located at 43-50 Main Street, Flushing has a specially designed attraction for tots 4 years old and under. Resembling a volcano, called the Playcano, it is meant to help children develop their sense of touch and sharpen their motor activity. Youngsters can crawl, roll and climb over, under or in the conical structure. This is a permanent part of the Botanical Garden.

LIBRARY NEWS

Something new has been added to the Bellerose Public Library--an electronic security system. Such installation is twofold--to insure all items have been properly checked out and to prevent reference materials from leaving the premises. If the system is activated, the exit gate will lock as an alarm is sounded. Should this happen to you, kindly return to the circulation desk for instructions.

A classic has been chosen as the next selection for the Book Discussion group, "Fathers and Sons," by Ivan Turgenev. This book will be reviewed on Thursday morning, January 21, 1982, at 10:30 AM. New members are always welcomed. Inquiries may be directed to the front desk.

A very interesting program has been scheduled for Monday evening Jan. 25, 1982, at 7:30 when a guest speaker with a Ph.D. in Psychology will discuss methods of weight control. All aspects of the topic will be covered and a question and answer period will be included. Mark your calendar to stop in for this important happening and bring a friend.

APEC

By the way, APEC has a "road show" -- an Outreach Program available to bring Alley Pond Park to health and geriatric facilities whose patients are unable to come to them. Each program includes a slide show (selection of topics) live or stuffed and mounted animals (your choice) and natural material to touch. Where patients have skill and/or physical ability, a short outdoor activity is included. If you know someone in a hospital or are affiliated with an agency and are interested, call Kim Estes at 229-4000. A brochure is available.

FELICITATIONS

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Philip Terrell who recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

QCFM

On Thursday evening, Jan. 7, 1981, the Queens County Farm Museum will host it's annual open house, for members only, from 7-9 PM. Entertainment will be provided by two recorders and a guitar and there will be a roaring fire in the farmhouse fireplace and refreshments for all.

Once again the popular winter Craft Classes have been scheduled for quilting, and spinning and weaving. This year the quilting course will be offered twice a week, on either four consecutive Wednesdays or four Saturdays. The Saturday class will begin Jan. 9th and run for two hours, from 12 noon to 2 PM. The Wednesday class starts Jan. 13th at the same time.

The spinning and weaving class will begin on Sat., Jan. 16th and will run from 10 AM to 12 noon, also for four weeks. The cost of each course is \$20 for non-members and \$18 for members, pre-registration is required. Please call 468-4355. They are located at 73-50 Little Neck Parkway.

IDEAS

Do you have any needs, wants, desires, suggestions for guest speakers or topics to be covered at one of our future meetings? Please take the time to drop us a line--we are here to serve the needs of the community.

SMOKE RINGS

Lenox Hill Hospital, in cooperation with the American Cancer Society, has established a Stop-Smoking Hotline. The phone number is 794-8700. It operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and consists of recorded messages, suggestions, support for the Smoker and ex-smoker. The program begins the first Monday of each month and continues throughout the month presenting tips, suggestions and reinforcements for each day. You can, of course, profit by calling any day--even if it's not the first of the month.



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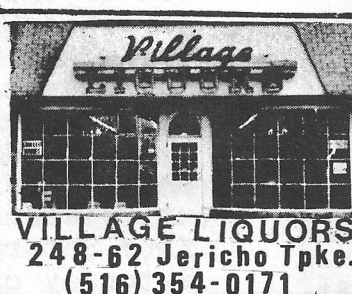
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