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MEDICATION TIPS

Never exchange medication with others, no matter how similar your illnesses may seem.

Avoid alcoholic beverages when taking medicines.

Keep an up-to-date list of all medicines you are taking. Show to any physician who intends to prescribe another drug to you.

Don't expect your medicine to make you feel better immediately. Give it time to work.

Don't be lulled into a false sense of security if you start feeling better after a day or two. Stopping your medication too soon may cause a relapse or flareup of the original problem.

Make sure you understand when each of your medications should be taken because timing can have a strong effect on the success or failure of certain medicines.

Because a number of medications may cause temporary drowsiness, be particularly careful when driving a car or operating any dangerous machinery.

If you have skipped a dose of your medication, don't try to catch up by doubling the next dose on your own.

UPS & DOWNS

Removal of the hill at the base of Little Neck Parkway to Jamaica Ave. is included in a work contract also covering reconstruction of LNP from Grand Central Parkway to Hillside Ave. Objection to a raised mall (such as already exists south of Hillside Ave.) by the North Bellerose Civic Assoc. is holding up finalization of arrangements. The Glen Oaks Tenants Association is in favor of such a mall from GCP to Union Turnpike, and our Association is on record as having no objection to the entire project. A recommendation to the Department of Highways must be made by the Planning Board on the job as a whole.

BEWARE

There have been several reports of a 15year old boy impersonating newaboys in our area.

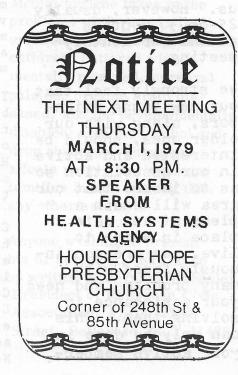
Do not pay any strange boy, even if he says he is a new boy or replacing your old boy.

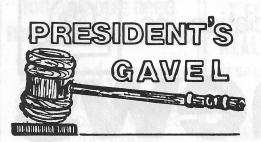
PANCAKES

The Colonial Farmhouse Restoration Society of Bellerose, Inc. is planning a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 18th, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., \$1.50 per person. The farmhouse is located at 73-50 Little Neck Pkwy.

INDOOR FLEA MARKET

Fantastic buys; Surprises Galore; Cake Sale
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to Gregorian Hall, 87th
Ave. & Cross Island Pkwy.
Saturday, March 3rd,
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.





We regret to announce that, due to rising costs for paper and printing, it has become necessary for the Action News to raise the price of advertising from 330.00 for a one-column ad for ten issues to 340.00. A double-column ad will now cost 380.00. All advertisers who have paid at the old rate for 1979 will be honored; however, all new ads and unpaid ads will be billed at the new rate.

We are very puzzled at the seemingly lack of interest in attending our general meetings. We have 1,200 families in our civic association area, of which 600 have joined us. However, usually 25 or 30 members attend our monthly meeting.

We strongly feel that our new young neighbors, along with our older ones, should be interested and active in our association so as to insure that our area will memain a pleasant and safe place in which to live. We are continuously faced with many problems and need your assistance in solving them. This can only be done in your active membership, by attending our monthly meetings, and serving on our committees. we are sure you will find a committee especially of interest to you. WE NEED YOUR INTEREST AND HELP. Let's get out and be counted. PROTECT THE LARGEST INVESTMENT YOU WILL MAKE IN YOUR ENTIRE LIFETIME.

LAST MEETING Approximately 32

Bellerose residents attended the February 1st meeting of the B.C.C.A., which featured as guest speakers Councilman Leffler, Senator Padavan and Assemblyman Esposito, speaking about the effects of Mayor Koch's Executive Order 19, calling for reassessment of real property at 100% of its full market value.

Councilman Leffler informed us that according to the court decision in Hellerstein v. Town of Islip, all real property in the State of New York must be reassessed at full value. He pointed out that most homes in Queens are assessed at 23% of their market value.

The temporary State
Tax Commission which has
been put together to study
the matter held a hearing
on January 4th at City
Hall. Councilman Leffler
said that he attended and
testified at that hearing.

Nassau and Suffolk Counties have managed to have the period for reassessment extended from 1980 to 1983, and the Councilman expects the Legislature to similarly extend the period for reassessment in the City of New York. He feels that

reforming the tax system is the answer, and that New York City should increase revenues rather than increase property taxes.

Senator Padavan explained how the City found itself in its financial crises in the first place. He favors taxing new businesses and expanding businesses on a sliding scale of 10% assessment of full market value the first year, 20% the second year, etc. At the end of 10 years the business would be paying 100% of its property tax. This would be used as an incentive to draw more business to New York City.

The Senator read a letter he wrote to Mayor Koch protesting Executive Order 19 and pointing out that 100% reassessment would mean disaster for homeowners. Mayor Koch answered that he is "concerned" and that "Executive Order 19 in no way changes or implies a change in the real estate tax on one and two family homes." (emphasis added)

Senator Padavan also believes a different tax system is called for, one which would allow different rates of taxation for commercial properties and residential properties. He promised to keep a close watch on the reassessment issue, and wants to protect us against higher property taxes.

Assemblyman Esposito said that he did not have much to add to Senator Padavan's statements. He made it clear that he will do his best to stop any increase in property taxes for the one and two family homeowner.

HEALTH SERVICES FOR BELLEROSE -- WE NEED YOUR RESPONSE

by MARIE HELFRICH AND STEPHANIE ROSENTHAL

One of the goals of the National Health Planning and Resources Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-641) is a system that will:

- (1) Be responsive to the needs of the people
- (2) Will assure that quality health servics will be available and reasonably accessible at a moderate cost

The HEALTH SYSTEMS AGENCY (HSA) is the body in New York that is responsible for this planning.

Bellerose is fortunate in having three community members as volunteers on the Health Systems Board -District H.

In the following months, the Health Systems Agency will be setting up priorities for health care for each district. This is the opportunity for the people in Bellerose to express themselves as to what they perceive as to their health needs or problems, or the lack of health services.

The total health picture can be viewed in two parts: HEALTH MAINTENANCE AND HEALTH RESTORATION Under Health Maintenance are such categories as:

- (a) Environmental and occupational health, encompassing areas such as air quality, water pollution, noise, toxic substances, food protection, radiation, and transportation.
- (b) Education to help the population understand such things as "at risk" good health practices, awareness of where and how health services are delivered, proper nutrition.
- (c) Disease prevention and early detection.

Health Restoration which encompasses:

- (a) Ambulatory Care Services which includes all primary care outside of the hospital for the entire family.
- (b) Acute in-patient care which refers to treatment of illness or injury in a hospital.
- (c) Institutional long-term care This has various levels of care facilities starting from the highest level of care required as:
- (1) Skilled nursing facility otherwise known as a nursing home
- (2) Intermediate facilities for those who require lifetime care as some of our elderly and multi-handicapped, retarded, and developmentally or neurologically impaired.
- (3) Lesser level of care as a health related facility requiring some medical or nurse supervision.

- (4) Domicillary care facility
- (5) Sheltered residences and group homes or hostels

The last three categories are alternatives to expensive long-term institutional care since the higher the level of care required, the more expensive it is.

- (d) Home Health Care which is used to describe a variety of health and social programs that provide services to people in their own homes which are important in promoting independent living for those people in need of health care or help in the prevention of disease to avoid expensive hospital stays.
- (e) Emergency medical services which are delivered through our ambulance corps and hospital emergency rooms.
- (f) Special interest areas:
 Mental hygiene takes in the problems of the mentally ill, emotionally disturbed, abused children, battered wives, mentally retarded, cerebral palsied, organic brain diseased, and the developmentally disabled; also the alcohol and drug abusers. This area affects more Americans and families in this country than any other area.

Anyone wishing to present his or her input, may do so by writing to Bernard Wechsler, President of Bellerose Civic Association, 87-14 250th Street, Bellerose, N. Y.11426.

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