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Thursday, June 7, 2012, 8:00 pm

Block Captain Recognition

We Salute our Block Captains

**Refreshments will be served and American Flag Raffle in Honor of Flag Day June 14
Holy Trinity Church Basement, Corner 87th Avenue and Commonwealth Blvd.**

Next Meeting September 6, 2012 at 8:00pm

The Gavel

Dear Members

You've probably heard by now that our area been affected by the recent legislative redistricting. Although we are still in the districts of Councilman Mark Weprin, Senator Tony Avella and Assembly-member Barbara Clark, we will now be represented in the U.S. House of Representatives by Congressman Steve Israel instead of Congressman Gregory Meeks. Congressman Israel is headquartered in Suffolk County and represents a large part of Nassau County. This is the first time he will represent a swath of Queens, in this case from Bellerose to Douglaston. The BCCA has invited Congressman Israel to address our final meeting of this season, but we have received notice that he will be in Washington. We hope he will join us in the future. As with all Congressmembers, Representative Israel will be up for election this November.

Milestone House Community and Family Day

Milestone House is a residential care facility for mentally ill homeless men and women on Hillside Avenue on Creedmoor. Every year they have invited local residents to a Family and Community Day to celebrate the success of the program. Many local civic leaders serve on an advisory board for the

program. This will be the last such event because the program will be leaving the Creedmoor Campus.

BCCA members are welcome to join the fun on June 16 from noon to 4pm at Building 4 with food, D.J., and fun activities and its all FREE!!! We hope to see you there.

We would like to **welcome** a few **new advertisers**, including Mani's Driving School, Full Gospel Assembly and First United Presbyterian Church of Queens Village.

Our sincere **congratulations** to the **Creedmoor Civic Association** for their celebration this year of their 85th Anniversary. You are invited to join their celebration at the Queens County Farm Museum located at 73-50 Little Neck Parkway on July 21, 2012 at 1pm. Adult fare is \$35 and children from 3 to 12 years of age cost \$15 per. Food is catered from Trattoria Lucia and live entertainment. Please email rch.brecht@verizon.net if you would like a flyer with reservation form.

Senator Tony Avella has received numerous complaints of certain types of abandonment of homes and properties in our district. The Senator forms and **Abandoned Properties Task Force** and is seeking specific information on properties that are abandoned, construction fences that are unattended or dangerous and properties that have been neglected with high grass, litter, etc. This is VERY IMPORTANT. If you know of such a property, please fill out the form on page 3 and send ASAP to the address on bottom.

Holy Trinity News

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

Holy Trinity will have only one Sunday service during July and August at 10:00 am - Join us.

Young at Heart continues to meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 12:30 pm. Enjoy lunch and some social time.

Youth Club for Middle and High Schoolers meet the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 7-9:30pm, No charge. Attendees decide on activities like which include games, movies, talent events.

Chaperoned by Diane Gilroy. Questions? Call the Church or send an e-mail to:

holytrinitybellerose@yahoo.com

Events: Mark your calendars:

Pasta Dinner and Game night - Saturday June 9th at 5:30pm. \$15 per person (\$37 per family) - enjoy a meal. Beer, Wine, soda for purchase. You will have a variety of games to choose from. For all tastes and ages.

Breakfast Run - July 9th - we will meet at 7pm on the 8th to put together some clothes, toiletries and food for the homeless. We will meet at 7 am on the 9th to head into the city to distribute to those who are in need. If you are interested in helping, email or call Carol Robinson at

FAREWELL TO 2 GOOD MEN

Two long-time residents of Bellerose who have served many of us for the past decades will be leaving at the end of June. Rev. David F. Schult, Pastor of the House of Hope Presbyterian Church, is retiring after serving his congregation for 43 years. And Rev. Joseph L. Cunningham, a priest for almost 50 years, is retiring after 21 years here as Pastor of St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church.

Although leaving Bellerose, Pastor Schult will be close enough to continue on as President of the Board of Directors of the non-sectarian St. Gregory the Great Community Service Center which was founded over 30 years ago by St. Gregory's to serve the needs of the community. And Father Cunningham, although retiring at the mandatory age of 75, expects to continue serving his Diocese in some capacity.

Bellerose and the BCCA were blessed by the presence and service of both of these men. Those who know them from their pastoral work or work on behalf of the community will sorely miss them. We thank them and wish them well.

St. Gregory's Festival—June 14 to June 24, 2012

Summertime is coming. That can only mean one thing...it is nearly time for St. Gregory the Great's Annual Festival. This year is their 30th Anniversary at running the Festival. The proceeds of the Festival go to support St. Gregory the Great School. If you're in or near Bellerose between 7pm and 11pm during those evenings, visit the Festival on 87th Avenue between Commonwealth Blvd and the Cross Island Parkway—and spend a few bucks. There are arcade games, many rides, food and beverages galore, games of chance and plenty of music and dancing.

Don't miss the opening parade on Thursday June 14. Irish Nights are 6/15 through 6/17 followed by Filipino night, then Polish Night on Monday and Tuesday, respectively. Wednesday and Thursday are German Nights and ending with three Italian nights Friday through Sunday.

We hope for great weather and a terrific turnout of Bellerose folks and others reaching deep in their pockets to help maintain our great school and keep the tuition low.

We also ask our friends, neighbors and visitors to remember to respect the property and peace of nearby residents of the community. Please use litter receptacles within the park for cups, plates and other refuse and, especially, please watch for driveways when looking for parking spaces. Quite often homeowners for blocks around find their driveways blocked.

Senator Tony Avella—Abandoned Property Checklist

Instructions: Place a **check mark** next to the complaint. **Circle** any conditions that apply to that complaint. Please be very specific and please print very clearly.

For example: Is it a vacant lot/abandoned property/inactive construction site?

1. Is it a vacant lot/abandoned property/inactive construction site?

Location: _____

2. If known, please provide contact information of the property owner/construction company / contractor/ architect _____

3. Problems

Rats/Mice/ Raccoons: _____

Health and Sanitation violation(s) – garbage/overgrown weeds/debris: _____

Storage of machinery(s)/equipment(s) – Type and usage: _____

- It has been abandoned for _____ days/months/years.
- License plate#/registration #: _____

No construction activity for _____ days/months/years.

- Condition of the building
 - Is the foundation finished or unfinished? _____
 - Any damage to the structure? _____
 - Other: _____

Illegal dumping: _____

Fence in dangerous condition: _____

Condition of sidewalk: _____

Tax liens/foreclosure: _____

Other: _____

4. Which agencies have been involved? If you reported the location, please specify the date/time of your report, the problem(s) that you reported, and their response.

311 (reference# _____)

City agency(s): _____

State agency(s): _____

Other: _____

5. Any action(s) taken by the agencies – Please specify date/time and types of actions taken.

Inspection Violations issued Clean-up NO ACTION Other _____

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