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GOOD NEIGHBOR?

A one story building with four storefronts has risen on the site of the vacant lot next to the Bellerose Library. Comments about the building were generally favorable until September when the contractor installed two 20 foot curb cuts along the 60 foot frontage.

Last spring, there was concern that the building was set back from the street in order to provide parking. The architect of the building assured one of our BCCA Board members that the area in front of the building would be either sodded or seeded.

A check with the Queens office of the N.Y.C. Dept. of Buildings showed that the original plans for a sodded area were amended late in Sept. before the curb cut was installed. Mr. Philip Olin, Boro Superintendent, confirmed that plans were approved for six car accessory parking between the building and the sidewalk.

Mr. Albert Crecco, owner of the building, was contacted and he also confirmed his new plan for the parking area. It was hoped that he would appear at our Oct. BCCA meeting when the matter was discussed at

length. The BCCA's opposition to the parking was expressed in a unanimous vote.

Mr. Crecco was advised of our concern for the safety of pedestrians, including senior citizens, students who pass the building on their way to school, and all our children who make the Bellerose library one of the most utilized branches in Queens.

Mr. Crecco seemed concerned, but within several days he had the asphalt laid for his parking area. The fact that some cars must back out over the sidewalk with vision somewhat obscured by the east wall of the library on one side and a brick wall on the other apparently did not matter. Besides being a potential hazard to pedestrians, it can be hazardous to the parkers who will have to back out into eastbound traffic on Hillside Ave.

Let's be careful when we're in the area of the new building, and make our children aware of the situation.

REACH OUT

How easy it is to be complacent in our nice warm homes with the family engaged in their own pursuits around us. But holiday time is a time to think of those less fortunate than ourselves who might be alone and lonely without family or with loved ones too far away to share them. Wouldn't it be nice for you to invite just such a neighbor or relative over to share the warmth of your living room, or a meal at your noisy table? How quickly the family grows and how soon are each of us in the same position.... perhaps then someone will think of us!

Notice

THE NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY

DEC. 2, 1982

AT 8:00 P.M.

SPEAKER

A MEMBER OF
COMMUNITY PLANNING
BOARD #13

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VIDEO HAZARD

The news media has reported that U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop said that video games may be hazardous to the health of young people who he said are becoming addicted to the machines "body and soul". But that was not the objection to the games expressed by residents at a public hearing held by Community Board 13 at Holy Trinity Church in October.

Bellerose Lanes was forced to remove all but four of the coin-operated electronic games on its premises earlier this year because it did not have a variance required by the N.Y.C. Board of Standards and Appeals. Because of its application for the variance, CB 13 held the hearing which was continued at its regular October meeting. The main objection was that the games would attract and increase the number of rowdy and unruly youths who have created problems in the rear parking area of the Lanes and on nearby residential streets.

Both the BCCA and the Queens Colony Civic Association have gone on record with CB 13 and the Board of Standards and Appeals as being opposed to the granting of a variance which was requested by the Lanes under "hardship provisions" of the law. The Board held a public hearing on November 9, 1982 and was advised of CB 13's opposition to the request for the variance. As

of the writing of this article, a final decision had not been made by the Board of Standards and Appeals.

SALES

Better get out your track shoes, roller skates, skate boards and bicycles because the Holiday Craft sales are on the way.

Saturday, December 4th -
9 AM - 6 PM

St. Gregory's will hold a Christmas & Wholesalers Market in the Oak Room below the Church. Venders, handmades, cake sale.

Saturday, December 4th -
10 AM - 4 PM

The Alley Pond Environmental Center at 228-06 Northern Blvd. in Douglaston will hold its annual Holiday Fair. Hand-crafts, baked goods, plants, bird feeders, etc

Saturday, December 4th -
11 AM - 4 PM

Queens County Farm Museum at 73-50 Little Neck Parkway holds its 5th Annual Holiday Bazaar featuring handmade & hand crafted items, cake sale.

Sunday, December 5th -
9 AM - 4 PM

St. Gregory's sale continues.

Sunday, December 5th -
11 AM - 4 PM

QCFM continues their sale plus raffle drawing and Advent Wreath and Menorah Lighting ceremony at dusk.

Thursday, December 9th -
3 PM - 5 PM

Join the Girl Scouts of Bellerose at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on 87th Avenue & Commonwealth Blvd. where they will host their annual Craft and Cake sale featuring goodies for all the family. For two short hours you can join these dedicated people and assist in their endeavor to guide these girls in fruitful pursuits.

QCFM

Each year the Queens County Farm Museum has been offering a popular class in wreath-making and this year will be no exception. Please note, however, that it is necessary to call for reservations ahead of time and all details can be given regarding anything you may have to bring with you. The date will be Saturday, December 11th with three different sessions:

10 AM to 12 Noon
Noon to 2 PM
2 PM to 4 PM

Registration fee is \$7.50. Phone 468-4355, Monday thru Wednesday from 9 AM-5 PM.

On Sunday afternoon, December 19th, from 2 PM to 4 PM there will be a free jazz concert given in the Colonial Parlor of the Farmhouse. The group featured, Ell's Kitchen is an innovative group of nine professional musicians whose music

combines elements of serious composition with jazz, ethnic and pop forms. They perform frequently throughout Queens and are a regular feature of Annie's Pub at the Forest Hills Inn. This concert, the last of a borough-wide series entitled "New Music in Old Places," combines contemporary music with an historic setting to produce an intriguing blend of now and then. It is being made possible in part by the Consortium of Queens Arts Service Organizations with funds from the Department of Cultural Affairs of the City of New York and the Musicians Performance Trust Fund.

School response to arranging for guided tours of the farmhouse and seven acre farm has been so enthusiastic that many more volunteers are needed to meet the demand. Museum members and volunteers are being specially trained by Museum staff to serve as tour guides and are now conducting 30 minute tours for pre-school and elementary school youngsters on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of each week at 10:00, 11:30 and 2:00 o'clock. All those who like to work with school age children are urgently requested to volunteer for our Docent Training Program. Join in this program by calling 468-4355 Monday through Wednesday from 9 AM - 5 PM.

BELLEROSE LIBRARY NEWS

A used book sale will be held at the Bellerose library, Monday, Dec. 13th from 1-8 PM. Hardcover, paperbacks, and magazines, both for adults and children, will be on sale throughout the day. Don't miss this rare bargain opportunity! Proceeds will go towards the purchase of new books for Queens Borough Public Library.

As a special holiday treat, on Wednesday, Dec. 29th, Bellerose presents the original "Rocky". There will be two performances, one at 10:30 AM, for grades 3-6 and one at 2:30 PM for 7th grade and up. Tickets will be available at the library ten days before the showings.

Our annual holiday craft program for school children is in the planning for December and dates will be announced shortly.

The Adult Book Discussion for the month of December will be on Thurs. Dec. 16th at 10:30 AM. "Cardinal Sins" by Andrew Greeley will be featured. Get your copies early!

The Junior Book Discussion will be on Thurs. Dec. 16th at 4:00 PM. "The Swing" will be featured. All 5th and 6th graders who are interested should see Mrs. Lubell.

The staff at the Bellerose library wishes all its friends a healthy and happy holiday season.

Harriet Goldfluss
Branch Librarian

APEC

The Alley Pond Environmental Center, 228-06 Northern Blvd. in Douglaston (229-4000) has the following activities planned for the month of December:

Dec. 11th - Saturday Winter Woodland Tree Walk at 11 AM-meet at woodland parking lot.

Dec. 11th - Saturday 2 - 4 PM Holiday Party for Children - Puppet theatre presentation of "Pinocchio" - fee \$3.00 - Reservations

Dec. 17th, 18th, 29th Pre-school program on "Muskrats & Marshes" pre-paid registration

Dec. 17th - 8:00 PM Holiday Party

Dec. 18th - 2-4 PM Winter Wonderland Ages 6-8 pre-paid registration.

Dec. 30th - 8:00 PM The Sun-It's Place in the Universe - fee \$2.00.

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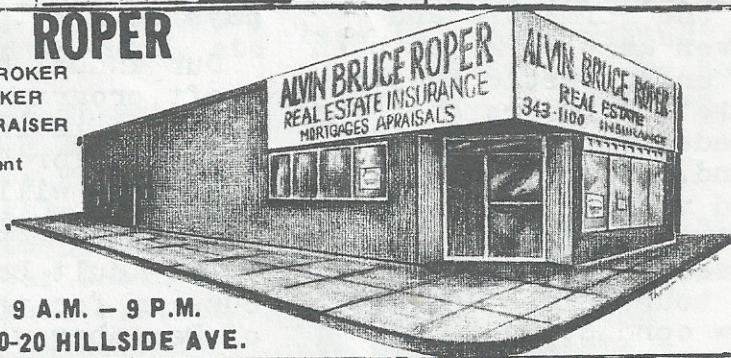
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