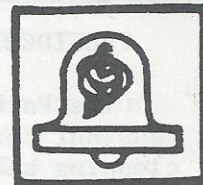


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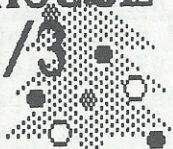
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PRESIDENT'S GAVEL

Anyone passing Bellerose Playground will be as happy as I am to see it in near first class condition, thanks to a coalition of this Civic Association and the PTA of PS133. At the November meeting we hosted the Borough Commissioner of Parks, Bill Cook and he was impressed with our turnout of about sixty citizens concerned about the condition of our park and the desire for recreational facilities and activities for our children. As a result, we have seen the quickest action I've ever witnessed from a city agency to meet the needs of the community. The slide which had mysteriously disappeared early in the school term was returned, the Park House is now freshly painted, brand new safety mats are protecting the children and several swings have been replaced in the school yard and the area along 85th Avenue.

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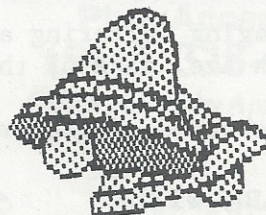

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OFFICERS
FOR 1988
AND A TRAFFIC
DEPARTMENT
REPRESENTATIVE
WILL TALK ABOUT
86TH AVE.-HOUSE
OF HOPE 12/3
AT 8PM**


MEETINGS

As mentioned in The President's Gavel, Commissioner Cook was at our November meeting discussing the condition of the PS133 Park and many questions about tree pruning and other important parks related topics. The meeting was very well attended and productive. Our Vice President, John Harley has invited a representative of the Department of Transportation to attend the December meeting. Although this is not confirmed yet we hope to get him down to another full house and get some straight answers to our plea for some traffic safety along 86th

Avenue. We have had no other response yet to our hundreds of letters sent during September to Transportation. December is also our election of officers. Although we cannot announce the names of candidates as we usually do in this edition, we hope many of you will come down to talk to Transportation and to vote in our new slate of officers. We do have two new volunteers to fill vacancies whom we will be glad to announce in the next issue.

Ring
out



good
cheer!

**WE MEET THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT HOUSE OF HOPE
CHURCH, CORNER 248TH STREET AND 85TH AVENUE**8:00 PM****

PRESIDENT'S GAVEL (continued)

The Parks Department has been in constant contact with us about cleaning schedules, other possible repairs and recreational activities next year. We have asked the Community Board to put the Park in for funds in the 1990 FY budget to repair the inside of the park house and other major rehabilitation of the park. We've asked Councilman Leffler to seek discretionary funds this year for planning more substantial remedial work. Parks will consider putting in poles for tennis nets if the community is willing to supply and control the nets. We'll need your input.

EDITORIAL

It is time now for some commentary, and it might not be pleasant. The park and school yard have been a mess for many years now, and it didn't get that way by itself. Disregard by the City didn't help, but it is our children and ourselves that use this park and create the mess. There have been numerous instances of vandalism. We are breathing some new life into the park now and it is up to each of us to protect what we have by:

- o instructing our kids on the value of public property
- o report all instances of vandalism to the police
- o using proper receptacles for trash and "policing" the area after games
- o reminding park users of the value of the park to all of us
- o discouraging loitering along the 85th Ave. side of the yard.

Richard C. Hellenbrecht

WARM WISHES
FOR A
HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON



ANTI NARCOTICS HOTLINE

Operation Queens was implemented by Commissioner Ward in October. This program combines the Queens forces for Enforcement and Elimination of Narcotics on the Street. As we've mentioned before, drugs are here in Bellerose and we can't think of anything more scary. Please note this 24-hour hotline number to notify the authorities of suspected drug abuse or trafficking:

718 712-8202.

COMMUNITY BOARD

So many times members come to BCCA meetings complaining that they can't get city agencies to respond to their pleas for help to fix street lights, fill potholes or act quickly on dozens of other city services. Community Boards were instituted to serve as an interface to city agencies to get things done in their areas. Our Community Board 13 is particularly responsive and has helped us many times to get things done. The board can be reached during normal business hours at 464-9700. Please don't expect miracles and be patient, but let them know what you need. In some cases they'll tell you to contact an agency directly or that they have no jurisdiction with state offices, but they'll help when they can and we're glad to have them there.

Hillside Avenue

An area committee of the Community Board met recently with the AAA to seek their advice on methods of improving pedestrian safety on the avenue. We've received numerous complaints about difficulty in crossing the heavily traveled route. We are continuing to explore their suggestions of requesting more lights and longer

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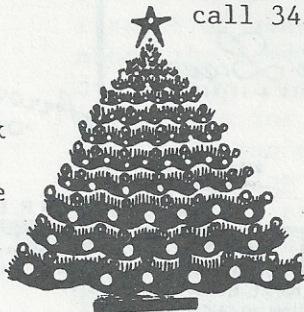
north/south green times as well as community suggestions for safety zones which would possibly close alternate cross streets from left turns off of the Avenue. We are still far from resolution on what we will ask the City to do, but it is being worked on.

SEASONS GREETINGS

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association, I'd like to extend our best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season and a prosperous new year. Please don't forget about the importance of community in 1988. Participate in our activities and remember daily your obligation to act responsibly and keep Bellerose as beautiful a place as it is now.

BCCA DUES

Its dues time again. Your block captain will be around to see you for you \$3 dues. This is one of the least expensive dues of similar organizations in the area. I hope you agree it is worth every cent.



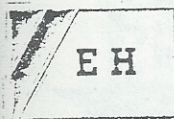
CURB YOUR DOG

We continue to get complaints about people ignoring the law and the moral obligation to keep our area clean. Please be considerate of your neighbors and friends and clean up after your dog!

BLOCK CAPTAINS

We continue to be in desperate need of block captains. It costs us a lot of money to have blocks without captains delivered and solicit dues from them by mail. We miss out on the opportunity for some input from those blocks through the important face-to-face involvement of the captains. If your interested in donating less than an hour a month to an important cause, please call 343-5397.

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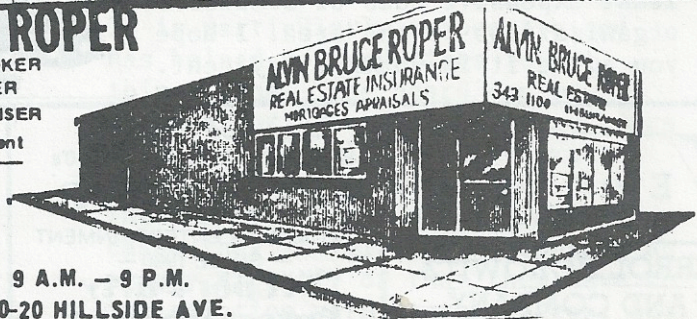
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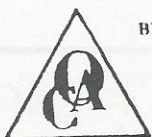
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