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action news



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BCCA Election of Officers

Thursday,
December 6, 1990
8:00 PM

Refreshments will be
served

We meet the first Thursday of each month at the House of
Hope Church, corner 248th Street and 85th Avenue at 8:00PM

Election of Officers

While we did not formally move a new slate of officers last month, we are ready to proceed with elections. Bruno Santi and Patricia Pearson have volunteered to join the Board. We look forward to their participation.

The slate of officers currently stands as follows, subject to additional nominations from the floor on Thursday and sub-

ject to a motion:

President:	Frank Olton
Co-President:	R. Hellenbrecht
Vice President:	Patricia Pearson
Treasurer:	George Wolf
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[available]	
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Melanie Ngai	James Delaney
Ross Fertitta	John Reh.

President's Gavel

By: R. C. Hellenbrecht

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I'd like to wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year.

Those of us who came to last month's meeting met Captain Danski, new commanding Officer of the 105th Precinct. The Captain promised that Bellerose would receive a Community Patrol Officer (CPOP), probably by the time you read this newsletter. This is terrific news for us.

The CPOP officer will be assigned strictly to part of the BCCA area. CPOPs work flexible hours and generally attend any community event in their area. They personally get to know all of the store keepers and most of the residents on their beat. Please read the article inside contributed by Lee Poje, a cop and lifelong Bellerose resident.

As you can see, there is an available position on the Board, so please come on down and volunteer if you would like to get active. The work is not too demanding and is very fulfilling. If you have an interest to serve your community we need your help. I've already heard some exciting ideas from our new officers.

Bellerose is too good to let go. Active attention by all members of our community is needed to keep it as attractive and exciting an area as it is.

An Introduction to C.P.O.P.

By: Lee Poje

The Bellerose community will shortly receive an officer under the City's Community Patrol Officer Program (CPOP). This officer will be a uniformed foot patrol officer who has received special training in working with community groups to help them solve their own neighborhood problems.

CPOP officers should be called upon to deal with the quality of life programs such as abandoned buildings, loud radio playing, loitering youths and the homeless, as well as traditional functions, such as arrests and summonses.

The officer will be trained in conducting residential security surveys. He/she should be

able to tell us if our home or business locks need to be changed, lighting needs improvement or if bushes should be trimmed near our homes to make it more difficult for burglars to hide and gain access to houses.

There are other programs run by precincts CPOP units that we should be aware of:

Operation Identification - Valuables in our home can be marked with our Social Security numbers. If stolen, our property can be more easily recovered by the Police.

Combat Auto Theft (C.A.T.) - a decal is placed on our autos giving police permission to stop the vehicle between 1:00 AM and 6:00 AM. This cuts down on grand larceny of autos.

Drug Busters - This is a program where citizens are given an identification number and training in reporting narcotics activity. The

beauty of this program is that the citizen can call a month later and find out the results of the investigation of his complaint.

We have a responsibility in making this CPOP program effective. The officer assigned to the beat should be invited to all community meetings, block parties, etc., so he gets to know us and an exchange of information can take place. When we are happy with the work of the officer we can write letters to his boss, Captain Danski.

Other community groups throughout the city have appreciation dinners where plaques or certificates are given to those officers who work well with the community.

The City and the Police Force are serious about this program and they mean business. Let's make this program work! It will be to our benefit.

Water Meters

Senator Padavan has received many complaints from constituents who are undergoing the installation of water meters under the city's new program. The Senator cited one example of a Flushing homeowner whose 12-month 1988 water bill was \$119 compared to \$890 for the 18-month period ending in August 1990.

The Senator was concerned that these bills were exorbitant compared to previous periods, they required full payment in only 30 days, and they incur interest charges.

The city is now considering a program that will solve at least some of these problems. Under

the proposal, which is expected to be approved in December, any homeowner who cannot pay an initial water bill which covers a period of more than one year and which is more than 50% of their flat-rate charges can contact the Department of Environmental Protection to rebill the amount in two smaller bills spread over six months.

According to the city, over 130,000 of approximately 800,000 meters have been installed in this ten year program. The majority of these newly metered accounts are receiving bills that are lower than the flat rate charges. Many of the problems, they claim, have been caused by mortgage holders who without notification had changed their

policies on billing water and sewer taxes.

The DEP has decided to work locally in Community Board 11 to try to resolve problems there in what we hope will be the beginning of a regular outreach effort for the rest of the project.

The Triangle

Well gang, we tried a last ditch effort to get the little triangle beautified before the contractors poured concrete last month, but I guess we were just too late to get any real improvements. There is a little planting space at the triangle but we were hoping for much more. We are still anxious for any ideas to make the triangle as nice as possible.

Holy Trinity News

By: Ruth Nouza

A Festival Service of Lessons and Carols has been scheduled for Sunday afternoon Dec. 16 at 4PM. Choir anthems and traditional carols will be accompanied by readings in the Holy Scripture. The Sunday School children will present a

"Chrismans" program at 10:15AM Sunday December 23, at which decorated symbols will be presented and explained.

"What's Cookin' at Holy Trinity" is available at the church office. With over 300 recipies, this would be a terrific gift for someone on your holiday list.

Chistmas eve family service will be at 7:30PM and candle-

light service at 10. All welcome.

Holiday Decor

The BCCA will be looking around Bellerose during the weekend of Dec. 15 for the best holiday decorations or displays. Certificates will be given later for the nicest decoration display.

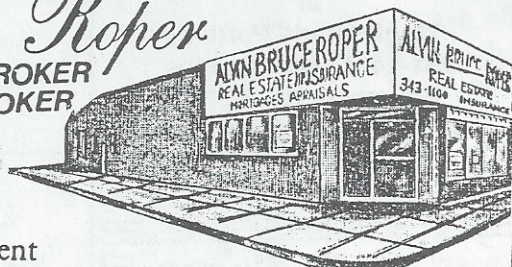
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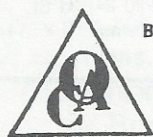


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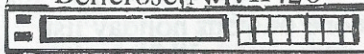
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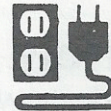
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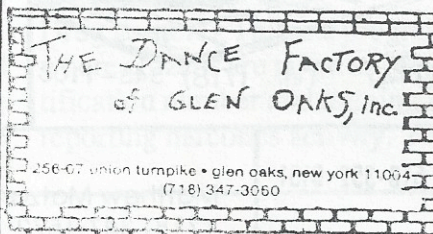
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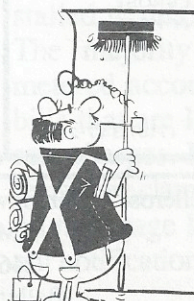
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