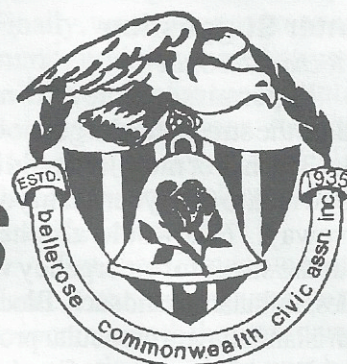


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President's Gavel

By: Richard M. Brown

Hello, and happy holiday. By the time you read this, Thanksgiving will have just passed and we will be getting ready for the celebrations of our respective holidays. For the BCCA, this is when we wrap up another year of civic action. Accordingly, at this time we elect our officers and 1/2 of our Directors. Inside you will see our slate of officers and directors for 1997. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Board members who work

so hard throughout the year to keep on top of issues that are important for the quality of our lives here in Bellerose.

I think it is important at this time to list some of the things that Board members of the BCCA have been working on. Most noticeable this year was the threat of loss of our Community Patrol officers as an economy or efficiency move by the new precinct commander. In this fight, which is still underway, a BCCA director appeared on network TV news to urge retention of

the CPOP officers. Next is our activity on the joint economic development committee, which is trying to establish a plan and oversight group to improve the shopping strip on Jamaica Avenue/Jericho Turnpike, to attract better stores and increase pedestrian traffic. Ultimately we hope that Jamaica Avenue will be cleaner, provide more parking, offer a better combination of products and services for our community, and ultimately provide more jobs for local residents.

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

**General Meeting
Election of Officers
December 5, 1996**

8:00 PM

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Winter Suggestion

by: Richard McGuire

To permit snow plows to negotiate the street after large snowfalls (3 inches or more) it would be a good idea to park your car in your driveway. This would also help clear the street for emergency vehicles, ambulances and such. Blocks with islands have a particular problem since plows cannot fit when cars are parked. Homeowners on these blocks should certainly keep their cars off the street when a sizable snowfall is expected.

Homeowners' Responsibility

by: Richard McGuire

Once again winter is upon us and, unfortunately, it will offer the usual sleet and snow. This is a reminder to the community that we have a responsibility to our neighbors to clear our sidewalks. The

law specifies that by four hours after a storm stops your sidewalk should be cleared (except after midnight, then in the morning.) Failure to remove snow or to sand icy spots may result in a citation. Worse yet, if a pedestrian falls on your icy or snow-covered sidewalk, you could be subject to a very costly lawsuit.

Last year I noticed the condition of many sidewalks I had to use was a disgrace. An older person would have had serious difficulty maneuvering on some of the sidewalks that I crossed. Certainly there is one adult or one teenager in every home who could take care of this job.

Shovelers Wanted

The BCCA would like to post the names of youths or young adults who would be interested in clearing snow either for pay or voluntarily. We will list the name and number of

anyone who writes to us by December 7. Please send a card to our post office box as shown on page 3.

Identify Your Home

Several BCCA Board members rode around Bellerose listing potholes, missing tree stumps and other street problems for reporting to city agencies. We noticed a serious problem while we tried to exactly locate the potholes, many houses do not have any visible address - some are there, but painted the same color as the house or are blocked by the storm door or bushes. While this is an inconvenience for our purposes, it can be disastrous if an ambulance or other emergency vehicle was to try to locate your home. For your own safety, please make sure your address is posted in large letters, clearly visible from the street.

Holiday Decorations

Once again the BCCA. is sponsoring monetary awards for the best dressed houses in Bellerose for the holiday season. Board member Patricia Pearson will coordinate the judging, which will take place before mid-December. Winning houses will receive \$25 from the association in recognition of their efforts.

Triangle Cleaned

Thanks to the efforts of Jamie Davniero, the triangle at 85th Ave. and Commonwealth Blvd. has been beautifully cleaned up recently as part of his qualification for Eagle Scout. We hope that residents will respect his efforts and keep it clean. We also hope for more volunteers in the Spring to continue to improve the triangle.

Girl Scout Craft Sale

Local Girl Scouts are spon-

soring a Holiday Crafts Sale at Holy Trinity Church on Saturday December 7 from noon to 4 PM in the Sunday School basement. Hand made crafts and baked goods will be featured. Please come down and help a worthy cause.

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Christmas Songs and Stories - The House of Hope Presbyterian Church invites all its neighbors to a celebration of *Christmas in Song*, December 8th at 3:00pm.

Come and join in traditional Christmas carols and songs. You'll enjoy this very old fashioned celebration of Christmas. Refreshments will be served.

The Board has also recently conducted a survey of streets in our community so we can push City agencies to fix bad roads, replace graffitied signs, remove stumps and make other necessary improvements to keep our neighborhood a great place to live. In addition, the members of the BCCA have been at the forefront in pushing the City administration to do a better job of enforce-

ing zoning ordinances and building codes so that illegal and inappropriate development doesn't overtake Bellerose.

Furthermore, I am very proud that we have continuously sponsored citizenship awards and community-related essay contests at our two grammar schools. These monetary awards and certificates foster civic activity by our children and create community pride which we hope will have some effect on our

students lasting into their adult years. Finally, we try to encourage community pride in our adults by sponsoring awards for special holiday decorations each year. As a result, each year we see better holiday decorations and a brighter and more beautiful community.

But, there is much more to be done. In the coming year we need to increase both the attendance at our meetings and the number of dues paying members. We need your help to identify issues that you think are interesting or important for speakers and articles. I urge you to come to the meetings, speak up on issues important to you, and maybe offer some help.

On behalf of all the directors and officers of the BCCA, I extend best wishes for the holiday season and joy and prosperity in the new year.

December Elections:

December is the annual election of officers for the BCCA. Following is the slate of officers and directors as proposed by our Slate Committee. On December 5 we will be seeking nominations from the floor for officer and Director positions. We would be thrilled to see some new members come forward.

Slate of Officers & Directors

President:

Richard M. Brown

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Richard McGuire

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Carol Robinson

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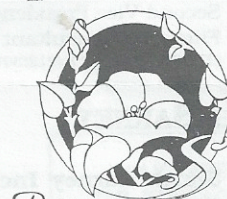
The musical comedy "Nunsense", by Dan Goggin, is being presented at Our Lady of Victory on Friday Nov. 29 and Saturday Nov. 30. Both shows begin at 8:30pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children. Call (516) 326-8804 for reservations.

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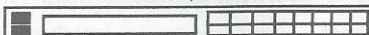
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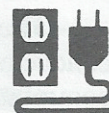
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