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Next Meeting

Patricia Bryant
Hospice Care of
Queens

December 7, 2000

8:00 PM

Refreshments

House of Hope Church

Cor. 248th St.

& 85th Ave

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

**File your non-solicitation statement
By Dec. 15.**

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Speaker on Hospice Care

We have been trying to bring speakers who are interesting to our members. We would like to boost up participation in our monthly meetings. This month we have invited Patricia Bryant of Hospice Care of Queens. Patricia has contacted our Vice President Patricia Pearson and she is very happy to come to our meeting.

Hospices provide care for seriously ill individuals and could be a comforting source of care for a loved one in a serious situation.

You are encouraged to come down and find out about this important service.

Non-Solicitation

We have received notice from the Secretary of State of New York State that they are now updating the list of homeowners who have asked not to be contacted by real estate brokers. If you have not already done so, we urge you to file your non-solicitation form before December 15, 2000. I will post the necessary form on our website at:
www.bcca-nyc.com

Holiday Decorations

In the next few weeks members of the BCCA will ride around Bellerose and select three winning houses in the BCCA's annual holiday decoration awards.

Like each of the past several years we will give the owners of the winning houses a cash prize and an personalized award certificate.

We have noticed in the past that the neighborhood is decorated more and more each year and many houses look really great.

Anyone interested in being a judge please come to the December 7 meeting.

Election of Officers

The December meeting is our annual election of officers. The nominating committee has reported the following slate of officers and Directors for 2001:

For President: Richard Hellenbrecht, Vice President: Patricia Pearson, Treasurer: John Reh
Directors to be elected for 2001-2002 are:

James Delaney and Neil Beekman.

There is a candidate for our Corresponding Secretary position. We need a Recording Secretary and two directors. Please volunteer.

Security Tips

Vice President Pat Pearson reminds us of the following tips to make our holiday season more safe and secure:

- Light up your property at night
- Identify visitors before opening your door
- Keep car and garage locked
- Keep all doors locked, even while at home
- Pick up your mail quickly. Have a neighbor get your mail when you are away
- Be aware of unusual or suspicious activity, especially at night.
- When you plan to be away, tell as few people as absolutely necessary. Avoid telling your newsboy, delivery people or even the police.

Sunday School

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Sunday School would like to invite you and your family to participate in their weekly Sunday School classes and church service. Children ages 3 to 13 are welcome to attend the one hour classes every Sunday from 9 am to 10 am in the school building. While the children are in class, parents can attend the convenient church service which also begins at 9 am. Each year the Sunday School puts on a special Christmas service in addition to collecting food with City Harvest.

To register your child(ren), please come to the office in the school building (Sundays from 9 am to 10 am) and ask for Susan Downey.

Pool Covers

Please be aware that pools can be very dangerous at this time of year. There have been some reported cases of animal drownings in pools that are not properly covered for the winter. Please be sure to cover all pools for the winter and make sure that cats or other animals can not fall in.

Action News Delivery

I am pleased to report that we have two volunteers to deliver Action News. We need one or two more to make it feasible. Deliverers will be paid, but must be dependable and timely in delivering 200 newsletters 10 times per year. Please call Rich Hellenbrecht at 343-5397.

Community News

We hope to renew our community news column this Spring to announce happy occasions like new neighbors, weddings, engagements, births, graduations, etc. Please use our Feedback form to let us know your news.

Craft Sale

Holy Trinity will hold its annual craft sale on Saturday December 9 from 10 am to 2 pm. As always, the program will feature wonderful, hand-made crafts and seasonal gifts. Please be sure to come down, see the beautiful items and spend lots.

BCCA Feedback Form

December 2000

To the B.C.C.A.:

I suggest the following article for action news, issue to pursue or general comment: _____

I suggest the following speaker topic: _____

I suggest the following newsletter topic: _____

B.C.C.A. requests that you leave your name and address _____

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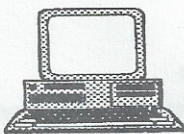
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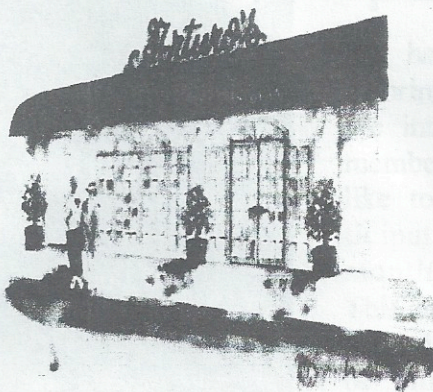
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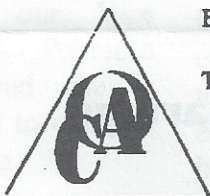
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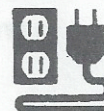
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Glen Oaks Campus Public Hearings

The School Construction Authority recently held public hearings to receive comment on the current plan to put three schools on the Creedmoor property on the Northwest side of Commonwealth Blvd at Union Turnpike.

As presented, the Board of Education now plans to put two pre-K to Eight grade PS/IS schools and one High School. The PS/IS schools will be part of the Chancellors District and receive children primarily from District 26 (ours) and 29 (to the south.) The High School will be for students borough-wide who are interested in pursuing teaching careers. All told there will be over 2,850 students.

The entrance will be on Union Tpke west of Commonwealth Boulevard

leading to a long driveway and parking lot.

Community Board 13Q discussed this proposal and prepared a resolution seeking further traffic study of this plan to make sure there will be no traffic impacts. The Board also asked SCA to report back on its plans for public transportation since there is only one bus line serving the area. Also, since approximately 13 acres of the 33 acre site is unplanned, CB13 asked to restrict this space to educational facilities and to work with the Board as soon as plans are developed. The Queens Civic Congress and local civics also expressed concern over these issues.

Winchester Homes

Anyone driving down Hillside Avenue near Winchester Boulevard will be shocked to see that all of the trees in the western corner of Creedmoor property have been removed. This is the 8 abandoned acres that were sold by New York State last year that will be cleared to make way for "Alley Pointe" homes by Beechwood Homes developer (see site www.beechwoodhomes.com). Several townhouse style houses will be build there and sold for around \$325, 000 each. The rendering looks quite attractive and the house styles are nice, but the barren property looks really weird right now.

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