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Meets the first Thursday of the month (except Feb, July, & Aug) at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 8PM.
All Bellerose residents are welcome to attend.

Guest Speakers:
Thomas Fitzgerald
From the
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FOURTH ANNUAL BELLEROSE TOY DRIVE

November 28 to December 16

Its time to start thinking about the fourth annual BCCA Holiday Toy Drive in the Bellerose community! Community residents are asked for donations of new, unwrapped toys for distribution to a local agency serving children in need in our area. We are so excited to be able to help those who are less fortunate and who will truly be so ever grateful for our generosity. As in the past the Principal in P.S. 133 has allowed us to place the collection box in the front entrance hallway of the school. The Toy Drive is for children ages 0-12. Here is all the information needed. When: From November 28 to December 16. Time: During School Hours 8am - 3pm. We want to thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity. May all your Holidays be filled with joy and love. Happy Holiday to all from the BCCA.

2006 BCCA Membership Year Begins

We now ask you to support the efforts of are volunteers by renewing your membership for the 2006 or becoming a new BCCA Member. All membership dues are used to strength the Bellerose community and support a multitude of initiatives involving children and adults, our business community and our local non-profits - and, of course, this newsletter. These are all initiatives that make our community an even better
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BCCA Holiday Open House

You're invited - December 2 at 8PM

At this meeting we will have our Holiday Celebration. We will have a Hero and salads and the most exciting desserts made by our neighbors. Please join us and learn all about what the Bellerose Commonwealth Civic does and will continue to do to make sure that Bellerose remains the best place to live. See you there.

ANNOUNCEMENT
A MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
THE
BELLEROSE COMMONWEALTH
CIVIC ASSOCIATION



WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY
01-DECEMBER-2005
8:00PM AT THE
HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
ON 246-55 87TH AVENUE
(LOCATED ON COMMONWEALTH
BLVD.)
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS TO BE SERVED.
ALL RESIDENTS OF BELLEROSE ARE
WELCOME.

January & March Events Calendar

January 05 2006 / 8:00PM
BCCA Community Meeting
Regular monthly meeting
Guest Speaker:
Senator Frank Padavan

February 2006
No BCCA Community
Meeting

March 02 2006 / 8:00PM
BCCA Community Meeting
Regular monthly meeting
Guest Speaker:
Patrick Lydon &
Jeanne Clabby Herman

Toy Ideas for the BCCA Toy Drive

Toys Needed November 28 through December 16

Please remember that only new, unwrapped items can be accepted. Your support is greatly appreciated! Some suggestions for children in different age groups are:

Infants/toddlers -- Rattles and squeeze toys, musical toys or mobiles, unbreakable baby mirrors, crib toys picture books, stacking toys, dolls, large cars and trucks, teething toys, sippy cups.

Pre-schoolers -- Building toys (large Legos, blocks), cars and trucks, dolls and doll clothes, puzzles, puppets, books, crayons, markers, coloring books, bubbles, Play-Doh, music-making toys, story and song tapes, stickers, Etch-a-Sketch, new stuffed animals, simple board games.

School age Children -- Craft sets, stickers, Nerf toys, playing cards, hand-held games, dolls and doll clothes, matchbox cars, books and comic books, jigsaw puzzles, action figures, collectibles (rock collection, magnets, sports collectibles), board games, activity books (connect dots, crosswords, word Search), building kits (Legos, Tinker Toys, Lincoln Logs).

Gifts to Avoid -- Used toys and used stuffed animals, toys stuffed with shredded foam, small pellets or beans, toys with detachable parts (like button eyes) that could be removed and swallowed or inhaled, electrical, spark-producing or friction-producing toys, fragile toys that can break into small pieces with sharp edges, toys made of glass or brittle plastic, toys with sharp edges or protrusions, toys or craft kits toxic paints or glues, toys with parts that can pinch fingers or pull hair, toy guns and other violent toys.

Family Programs: Meet The Music!

This is a great program for children and their family. This program introduces young children to the world of classical music. They have a website which has fun activities for the family. The web address is www.ChamberMusicSociety.Org. The concerts series are celebrating Mozart with Wunderkinder Time Flies Professor Phineas and his Percussive Physicists If you have ever asked yourself the questions what is a Chord? Or what can music tell us? This might be something you'll enjoy. If you do experience please let us know about. Have fun.

TELEMARKETERS AND CELL PHONES

As of September 1, 2005 Cell phone numbers were released to telemarketing companies. So you will start to receive sales calls and be charged for them. To prevent this from happening you need to call this number 1-888-382-1222. It's the National Do Not Call list. It will only take a minute of your time and will block your number for five years.

BCCA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR 2006 BEGINS

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Place to live, work and play. Please complete the 2006 Membership form in this newsletter to send in your dues to Membership, BCCA, PO BOX 260225, Bellerose, NY 11426. **Then sit back and feel good about being a part of this great neighborhood and this hard working organization.**

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**Be a 2006 BCCA Member---
Join or Renew Today!
Membership Ensures
Continuation of Community-
Oriented Activities and
Initiatives.**

2006 BCCA Membership Form

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(Contact information is not shared.)

Suggestions, issues and/or committees of interest:

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In Search of Community News and Newsletter Contributors

Over the years, the BCCA has received many compliments on its community-oriented Newsletter. Residents and businesses tell us that they really enjoy being kept up-to-date about neighborhood and BCCA happenings. The BCCA is grateful to the dedicated group of writers and editors who have kept the newsletter running smoothly all of these years.

To keep the newsletter going strong, we're looking for new Newsletter contributors. We're thinking about branching out a bit to showcase the many great things the people of Bellerose are involved in and excited about. Would you be interested in writing about different Bellerose Community topics? Or perhaps you want to come up with the ideas, but leave the writing to writers. This doesn't have to be a time-intensive project. Maybe you have time to write an article once a year or maybe once every couple of months . . . it's up to you.

Some of the ideas the Newsletter Committee has put forth so far include:

- The history of Bellerose
- Our neighborhood's architecture that is famous for its character and diversity
- Interviews with government reps or local businesses in the area
- Your vision of what Bellerose could be in the years to come
- A teenager's perspective of life in Bellerose (or on an issue or topic that affects our community)
- Know a great band?
- Involved in local sports?
- Won an award?
- Written a poem?

The opportunities are many (but the writers, few). We're hoping that you'll join our team to help us come up with topics and, possibly, write about them. Send me an e-mail to Belleroseunited@yahoo.com Come take part in your community newsletter!

Jamaica to Jericho

Strip of avenue renamed to help cut confusion

It's official, much to the delight of Bellerose residents: Jamaica Avenue is now Jericho Turnpike. At a ceremony, City Councilman David Weprin, who led the drive for the name change, unveiled the new street sign. The legislation was introduced in May and called for changing the name from the Cross Island Parkway, at 245th Street, to 257th Street. The name change should make it easier for merchants to do business since all the street addresses will now be listed as on the turnpike. Community Board 13 Chairman Richard Hellenbrecht believes the name change will help strengthen the business strip by alleviating confusion to shoppers and visitors.



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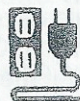
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