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Thursday December 3, 2009, 8:00 pm

Census Bureau Info and Update & Election of Officers

At Holy Trinity Church Basement

Corner Commonwealth Blvd and 87th Ave

Special Hero and Salads—Bring Your Appetite. Next Meeting January 7

Happy Holidays to One and All

The Gavel

Enclosed with this newsletter is our annual dues letter for 2010 with a return envelope. Dues continues to be five dollars and may be submitted until next June (but sooner the better). We'd like to thank all of those members who returned their 2009 dues. Many of you sent multiple year's dues and in some cases additional donations. We greatly appreciate your generosity. We have recorded all dues payments for the last five years on the dues letter and noted your donations, wherever possible. This year's dues collection was 445 members, up a little from 2008, but lower than the previous few years. Your dues pays for refreshments and meeting accommodations and a significant cost is to print and deliver nine newsletter issues.

For those of you who are receiving a BCCA newsletter for the first time, we would like to hear from you. We use a combination of volunteer block captains and neighborhood youth (paid) to deliver the papers. We want to be sure all 1,200 newsletters reach you, but we're never sure. If you don't get Action News regularly, please send an email to

rch.brecht@verizon.net. You may also put a note with your returned dues slip and payment.

Regarding your dues, please be assured that no member of the board is paid for the work done. The BCCA is a member of the Bellerose Business District (see page 2) and Eastern Queens Civic Congress. These organizations are supported by area civics and we receive many benefits for this participation.

We believe it is critical to have a strong and active civic association to fight for our deserved city services and to help maintain the quality of life in Bellerose. We are here to help you. Please let us know how we can help you. We have officer and board members positions available. It's a great way to give back to your community. Volunteer!

This month we have been asked to again host a representative from the Census Bureau for a brief presentation. The 2010 census is so critical that the bureau would like to try to reach as many people as possible. We encourage you to come down December 3rd, hear what's going on, meet new friends and get some Census Bureau handouts.

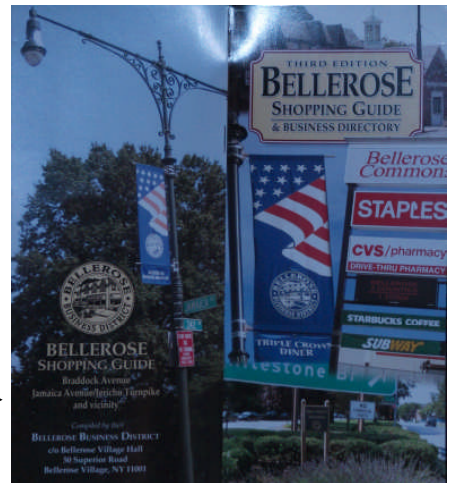
Also, as of next month we will resume advertisements. If you run a business in this area, please consider placing an ad. See over for more info.

Bellerose Business District

Several members of the BCCA celebrated the Bellerose Business District's 14th Annual luncheon in November at Nancy's Restaurant. This was a special occasion because the BBD unveiled its first balloon map of the Bellerose Jericho Turnpike business strip. Hopefully the photo below shows it in some detail. We are very proud of this map and presented framed versions to our area Senator Padavan and Assemblymember Barbara Clark and to Nassau's Senator Craig Johnson. These state representatives provided some funding to the business district, helping to product the map. All Bellerose Business District member businesses are shown in balloons on the front of the map and over 200 firms on the strip are listed on the back of the map, along with our houses of worship and other important nearby locations. Its really quite charming. BCCA will be getting a supply of the maps and we will give some out at upcoming meetings and any business who signs up for an ad will get some. The photo below shows Senator Johnson receiving his map from BBD Vice President Jim Trent. The other photo is the BBD Directory. We have a copy for every BCCA member and most have been delivered. If you did not receive a directory, please email rch.brecht@verizon.net and we will get one to you. We encourage all members to shop locally—and be sure to tell shop keepers your civic supports them. Please visit BBD website at www.bellerosebusiness.com



Business District Balloon Map—
Jim Trent, Vice President presenting to Nassau County Senator Craig Johnson.



Bellerose Business District Directory Cover (Back and front)

BCCA Advertisers

As mentioned elsewhere, BCCA is inviting advertisers to post a business card sized ad (approximately 3 1/8" w x 2" h) in Action News for only \$90 per year, double-sized ads (vertical 3 1/8" w x 4" h or horizontal 2" h x 6 1/4" w) for \$180 per year for insertions in 9 issues from January through December. We hope to fill a page or more of our expanded 4 page newsletter with ads. Please contact Rich at rch.brecht@verizon.net or 646-732-5784 or write to BCCA, P.O. Box 260225, Bellerose 11426.



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