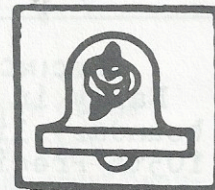


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KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

Happy Anniversary!
Feb. 27 will mark one year since the opening of the Bellerose Library. The latest news at the Library these days is extended hours--and a cut in staff! New hours now in effect:

Monday	1 - 8
Tuesday	1 - 5:30
Wednesday	10 - 5:30
Thursday	1 - 8
Friday	1 - 5:30
Saturday	10 - 5:30

How long these will be kept remains to be seen. Here is a question for you: Where have all the readers gone??? ADULT CIRCULATION is poor and getting worse! A library was never meant just meant for children, although their circulation is being used to the utmost according to Ms. Jean Dickerson. Special programs are nice-- at Bellerose, attendance at the recent ten week evening Needlepoint classes held at 50 throughout the series-- quite a unique experience with much thanks, of course, to the expertise of Mrs. Richberg, the instructor. How-

ever, a library is built on CIRCULATION and extra presentations are merely the frosting on the cake.

Our branch may not be the biggest in Queens, but it does have much to offer our adult population. Do you have a thing for magazines-- see the large selection to whet your appetite. Foreign language books are stocked for interested readers, and have you noticed the large print books for those with eye problems? There is a large selection of novels and non-fiction, new releases, 7-day books, as well as many topical headings, all for you to explore and discover. If you prefer a smaller book in your hands, turn left as you arrive for a variety of pocket editions.

Now honestly, can you think of anything nicer to do on a cold winter evening than curling up with a good book--or two--or three???

MEDICAL NOTE

Unfortunately recent attitudes have become too lax by parents on children's inoculations. It's time to check and double check your child's protection with your doctor. Since measles, for example, has again become prevalent in the area. Private doctors, as well as Public Health Centers stand ready to serve you in preventive medicine, but the responsibility rests with you in taking advantage of this. Your child is a special gift -- It's up to you to handle it with care.

Notice

THE NEXT MEETING
THURSDAY
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AT 8:30 P.M.

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PRECINCT NEWS

Early in January, the boundary lines of the 105th Precinct were changed to correspond with the area covered by Community Planning Board 13.

Also at this time the entire territory has been divided into sectors, each with a Neighborhood Police Team assigned to it. Covering our area will be a unit headed by Sgt. Emile Zancola, who we will be privileged to have as a guest speaker, when he will fully explain what the new system comprises and how it will operate to serve us.

cookies

Did you think the first sign of Spring was a robin? Well you're wrong. It's the sight of a Girl Scout ringing your doorbell to obtain your cookie order and payment, beginning February 17. We are happy to report that the price this year remains at \$1.25 a box with the six varieties of last year - Samoas, Thin Mints, Do-Si-Dos, Vanchos, Tagalongs, Trefoils plus the addition of a new granola cookie. Show your participation in the International Year of the Child and continue your support of the Girl Scouts when they stop at your house this year. You don't have to live on Sesame Street to be a Cookie Monster!

crafts

Interested in learning or teaching a craft? Join a group which meets Tuesdays at 9:30 AM in the Oak Room beneath St. Gregory's Church for a "Coffee Break" program to share coffee, conversation and crafts.

senior citizens

Stop by the Bellerose Library to fill out your application for reduced fares on the New York City Transit system. This applies to New York City residents of 65 years and over, and you must submit proof of age such as driver's license, passport or birth certificate (MEDICARE card not acceptable). To be eligible you cannot be employed more than 20 hours a week, and don't forget to bring your Social Security number. Your transit card will be mailed to you within ten days to two weeks after processing of application.

new cards

The next time you are in the Library, apply for your new permanent computerized card. This is for systemwide membership at any branch of the Queens Borough Public Library. The QBPL is the first library system in New York City to be computerized. It is the 5th largest library system in the country (NY, Chicago, Los Angeles, Brooklyn).

a.p.e.c.

Winter programs at the Alley Pond Environmental Center on Northern Blvd. and 228 St. have been announced as follows:

Feb. 2 - Friday
1:30 - 3 PM

A special program for pre-schoolers (4 - 5) in nature activities geared to their level. Please call to register your child. Enrollment limited.

Feb. 3 - Sat. 1 PM

Cross Country Skiing in Queens Seminar, plus cross country ski tour through Alley Park. Bring your skis.

Feb. 10 - Sat. 12 Noon

Lincoln Logs - Demonstration on cutting, splitting and chopping wood into firewood for home heating. Information on care of axes and saws.

Feb. 17 - Sat. 2 PM

Urban Forestry Ideas. Film and discussion relating to tree-needs for people and people-needs for trees.

Feb. 24 - Sat. 2 PM

Spring Tide in Winter? A solar eclipse on Feb. 26 will cause tides higher and lower than usual. Walk to Tidal Creek to observe. Discussion preceding on Alley geological characteristics.

For further information call 229-4000

PRESIDENT'S GAVEL

On January 4, our first meeting of the new year, our new officers were installed. Unfortunately, there was a small attendance due to illness and the extremely cold weather.

Our guest speaker and installing officer was Justice Martin Rodell. Justice Rodell spoke to the members about the new hard get tough on all criminal offenders, including the 14-year-olds.

It is my opinion that this was one of the most interesting meetings I have attended. The Judge is an articulate speaker and was able to answer many questions raised by our members. He stressed that it was our responsibility to let the elected officials know of our opinions and wishes in all political matters so that they may be better able to represent us. He then installed the board members and officers of the BCCA. I want to extend our sincerest thanks to Judge Rodell and hope he will return to speak again.

A token of our appreciation was presented by John Reh to James Delaney, our outgoing President, for his dedication during the past year.

After the meeting was adjourned, we had a collation, thanks to our Corresponding Secretary, Lorraine

Anzalone, who brought a delicious sheet cake decorated with roses and "BCCA".

See you next month!

Bernard J. Wechsler

FALSE ADVERTISING
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It was brought to my attention by a member of our association recently that her home was photographed, without permission, and the photograph inserted on the window of a local real estate office stating, "This Beautiful House North of Hillside Avenue Won't Last".

When questioned by her neighbors about the sale of her home, she learned about this photograph.

We have called Senator Frank Padavan's office and given him the details since we believe this is an unethical business practice and should be stopped.

While walking through our community last week-end after the snowfall, we were pleasantly surprised by the civic pride of the home owners in our area. Most of the sidewalks were shoveled; however a few were untouched. Perhaps we should list the house numbers in the future if our neighbors do not clear their sidewalks.

We wish to point out that it is illegal to push snow into the crosswalks and into the middle of the street. Please throw

snow on your lawn or the strips along your curb. This is one of the most beautiful areas of Queens - let's keep it that way!

DOUBLE YOUR TAX????

Mayor Koch said that he was going to have all real property assessed at 100% of market value, but that he, in no way, wished to change or imply a change in the real estate tax of one and two-family homes in New York City. This was in reply to a letter from Senator Padavan who strongly criticized the Koch order which panicked middle income and senior citizen homeowners in Queens. Koch assured Padavan that the order was intended to preserve the existing assessment system while the city takes inventory of its real estate stock. "We are also concerned with the individual homeowner and senior citizen" Koch wrote. . . "and will not permit the imposition of any destructive type real property tax action."

As a property owner, I am very skeptical about such promises by our Mayor, who thinks Queens ends at Forest Hills. All politicians who live in Manhattan believe our area is "somewhere out there in New York State" and not a part of New York City.

I suggest we invite a representative from the Real Estate Tax Department and Senator Padavan to a future meeting so that we may thoroughly discuss this matter.

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