

# action news

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## THE PRESIDENT'S GAVEL

As we start a new year, I'd like to set my objectives to continue the important programs and to live up to the good example of my predecessors.

In a time of improving financial conditions in the city, we must keep up the pressure to get the highest possible police coverage and other important services. Currently, the placement of homeless men in Creedmore has instigated considerable concern by our community and our neighbors. The BCCA was one of the organizations that mobilized rapidly to protest this action. We testified at Senator Padavan's Town Hall meeting at St. Gregory's and participated in the walk in front of Creedmore and several special meetings called to gather local sentiments. We also have been active in correcting several traffic hazards, particularly lowering the "hump" on Little Neck Parkway and more recently attempting to get traffic control devices and other improvements on Little Neck Parkway.

The Board and I intend to continue these critical endeavors and to be available to respond to any new situ-

ations. We urgently need the cooperation and assistance of every member of the organization to attend our meetings and let us know your feelings. My personal commitment is to increase attendance at our monthly meetings and to sponsor another candidates night in October.

## Richard Hellenbrecht Minutes of January Meeting

The January meeting was our annual installation of officers at which recently elected members of the board and officers were sworn in by our local Democratic leader Carmine Perotta. Following the official proceedings, Mr. Perotta told us how he gets involved in the different issues, particularly Creedmore use issues, sanitation garage, prison and homeless shelter.

We were also pleased to have Capt. Curran, recently appointed Commanding Officer of the 105th. The Captain told us of some of the difficulties of operating such a large precinct, but he expressed optimism for a large staff and better coverage. He fielded many questions on police

matters and promised to have special cars check out some of the problems presented; youth hangouts behind the bowling alley, truck parking on Jericho Turnpike near Little Neck Parkway.

It was reported at the meeting that a resident had just had the rear window of his car knocked out by a metal object while he was driving near St. Gregory's. Anyone involved in similar incidents should contact the 105th so they can investigate.

ICE ON YOUR SIDEWALK ?  
P.S. 133 BURNS COAL.  
GET A PAIL OF ASHES FOR  
THE NEXT SNOWSTORM !!!!

## Notice

THE NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY

Feb 2, 1984 |

AT/ 8:00 P.M.

HOUSE OF HOPE  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

Corner of 248th St &  
85th Avenue



HOMELESS UPDATE

In a conversation with Senator Padavan at his Queens Village office, it was learned that court papers were being served (as we go to press), requesting a hearing be set on the matter at that time. Senator Padavan will be accompanied by representatives from the YMCA, PTA of PS 18 and the Board of Visitors at Creedmoor. Upon the assignment of a date, the Senator will advise in order that as many people as possible be available to present all factors in the case.

In the meantime, Senator Padavan has had a private meeting with the Governor during which he was able to discuss completely this situation, pointing out such incidents as the gun wielding man, loiterers near schools, pan-handling in the neighborhood, etc. Governor Cuomo agreed to review the matter and get back to him. The Senator assured the Governor it was not his intention to deprive those needing psychiatric care or alcohol rehabilitation this shelter, but it was not to be used as, in the Senator's words, a flop house.

LIBRARY NEWS  
ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION  
GROUP

A book discussion group is scheduled for Thursday, March 1 at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Michelle Harrison's autobiography A Woman in Residence, will be discussed.

BOOK SALE

The library will conduct a book sale for bargain prices on Saturday, Feb. 4 (10 a.m. - 5 p.m.) and Monday, Feb. 6 (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.). Adult and children's books will be sold.

TAX HELP IS COMING

Through the services of the AARP, Tax Help for the Elderly will be available every Thursday from 1-5 p.m. beginning Feb. 2 and continuing through the tax season.

HYPERTENSION LECTURE  
SERIES

A series of lectures will be conducted by health professionals from Flushing and Jamaica hospitals on three mornings: Feb. 16, Feb. 23 and March 1 at 10:30 a.m. They will include: "High Blood Pressure" (lecture and film - Feb. 16); "Diet and Reduce High Blood Pressure," (Feb. 23); and "Stop Smoking and Managing Personal Stress" (March 1). Free screening of blood pressure will be available at this time. All programs take place on Thursdays.

CHILDRENS FILMS  
CONTINUE

Pre-school children's films continue to be shown on Friday afternoons at 1:30 and at 3:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION FOR PRE-  
SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Registration for pre-school story hour will begin on Feb. 1. Children must be four years old to attend the sessions which will take place on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. beginning March 6. The fall story hour will conclude during the last week in January.

**MURPHY'S  
FLU PRINCIPLE:**  
If your condition seems to be getting better,  
it's probably your doctor getting sick.

FIRST MED

A new facility offering immediate medical care has opened on Northern Boulevard and 210th St. in Bayside. Called FIRST MED, they provide the services of a physician, a registered nurse and X-ray technician at all times. They are open from 8 AM to 10 PM seven days a week and are equipped for EKG and Lab tests, as well as X-rays, with no appointment needed. Phone 224-8855. (Visa and Mastercard accepted).



CELEBRATE

Join us on Saturday, February 25, 1984 when it will once again be our pleasure to celebrate the opening of the Bellerose Branch of the Queensboro Public Library. Come between 1 and 2 PM and join the Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association in wishing a "Happy Anniversary" to these folks who so pleasantly provide us with so many treasures. Books, records, cassettes, stimulating lectures, discussions, all types of reference materials --all available to us without even leaving our own neighborhood. Drop in for a bit of refreshment and a chance to say "thanks" to the wonderful staff, and let them know how happy we are to have them here. And while you're there, why not take out a book or two?

WHY

It has come to our attention that a number of neighbors have recently had their bells rung with a query on whether their homes were for sale. Comparing notes, they wonder if there might be an attempt to stir up a turnover of homes in the area. The answer? We like it here and have no intention of putting our homes on the market just because our front doorbell rings with the suggestion! Any more questions?

DANCE

Valentine Dinner-Dance  
Saturday, February 11,  
9 PM-2 AM, Gregorian  
Hall, 244-44 87 Ave.  
There will be a DJ with  
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CHARLES J. THEOPHIL has  
been reappointed as a  
member of COMMUNITY BOARD  
No. 13 by Borough President  
Manes, upon renomination by  
City Council Member Leffler.

TAX REDUCTIONS 1983

12000 properties were  
granted reductions of  
assessed valuation by the  
Tax Commission during the  
hearing period in 1983, for  
the five boroughs. The entire  
list is printed in the CITY  
RECORD dated Dec. 16, 1983.

The list of Queens prop-  
erties starts on page 3263.  
The Bellerose Public Library  
has the CITY RECORD on file.

Charles Theophil

1984/85 TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT  
ROLLS ARE OPEN FOR PUBLIC  
INSPECTION, Jan. 15 to Mar. 15  
Bur. Real Property Assessment  
90-15 Sutphin Blvd.

CRIME PREVENTION

Safety in your  
home or apartment:

1. Make sure your door is always locked.
2. Do not open your door for strangers, no matter how friendly they seem. If they want to use your phone in an emergency, offer to make the call for them.
3. If you are alone in a house, try to keep a radio or television turned on.
4. Never tell anyone at the door or on the phone that you are alone.
5. Have your keys ready when you enter your lobby, apartment or house.
6. Do not enter your building if you see a suspicious person in front of it or walking behind you. Wait for a neighbor.



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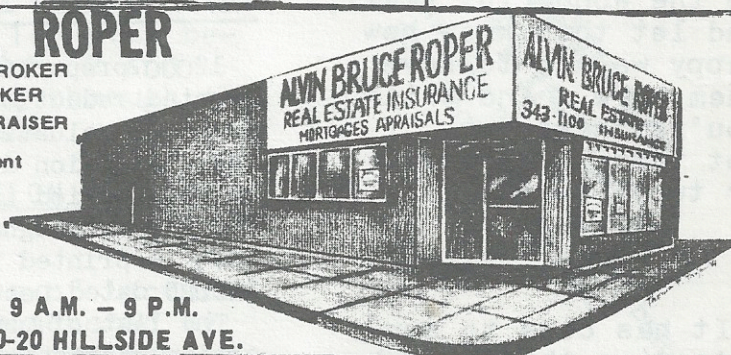
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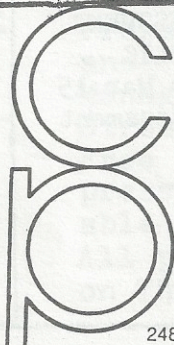
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