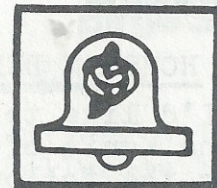


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## NEW TREASURER

I'm pleased to announce that Ross Fertitta has volunteered to serve as Treasurer of the BCCA in response to an article in last months' Action News. Mr. Fertitta will be installed following confirmation by our Board at the next monthly meeting. We'd like to extend our best wishes to Ross for his generosity in volunteering his time and effort.

R. C. Hellenbrecht

## UPDATE

At our request, the City has promised to repaint the crosswalk at Commonwealth and 87th Ave. which was covered by patch paving. As a result of interest by this association and Senator Padavan, the State has promised to accelerate the reair schedule for permanently closing the LIRR spur underpass. We should see work commence early in 1986. The N.Y.S. Dept. of Transportation has notified us that they will reinstall missing "No Standing" signs at Jericho Tpke. and Little Neck Pkwy. to discourage truck parking.

## CITY'S DOUBLE CHARGING

According to Councilman Leffler, the City is apparently double-charging residents of 254th St. near Little Neck Pkwy. for sidewalk installation. An investigation is now under way. If you suspect a mischarge, contact Asst. Chief John Graham, Division of Law, Bureau of Law and Adjustment, Municipal Building, One Centre Street, Rm. 624, New York, N.Y. 10007. Be sure to include a notarized letter and a copy of the current assessment bill.

## CORRECTION

It has come to my attention that last month's newsletter contained an error regarding the painting of the parkhouse. I erred in reporting that several residents from 250th St. painted the parkhouse. Please be advised that the folks involved in shaping up the parkhouse were from 249th St. not 250th. I hope that Jack Lotto, Ben Finn, Young Kong, Mike Scott and Charles Loos will accept my apologies and thanks on behalf of the whole community.

## HILLSIDE AVENUE

According to recent newspaper reports, plans are underway for beginning work on the reconstruction of Hillside Ave. Apparently as the situation now stands, an engineering firm has been hired by the Dept. of Transportation to develop design contract documents for work on the section between 187th St. and Braddock Ave. Preliminary designs have already been submitted and final designs should be completed by April. All design documents for the remaining three sections of Hillside Ave. to be currently reconstructed will be prepared by the end of this fiscal year, which is June 30, 1985.

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## Notice

THE NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY

FEB. 7, 1985

AT/ 8:00 P.M.

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HOME IN BELLEROSE

I'd like to thank Rena Kunis of 87th Drive for the following article which will be completed in future newsletters:

The fiftieth anniversary of the Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association brings back a host of memories and gives us the impetus to evaluate the forty years we've been residents.

More years have been spent here than in the Bronx where I was born or in Brooklyn where we lived as newlyweds. We surely have the right to call ourselves Bellerosians.

After the second World War, we returned to Brooklyn and stayed as guests in my in-laws small home along with our two year old daughter, my sister-in-law and her husband and my in-laws. Another relative returning from the Army left little room and my husband and I started a search for a new home. Looking for an apartment proved fruitless considering unethical landlords and unaffordable prices. We decided on the only viable option--buying a home. Checking the ads, we noticed Bellerose Manor--the end of the world as we knew it. The section was a peaceful, picturesque enclave. For \$7 a month one could reach other, more populated areas of the city. Two buses would take you to the IND subway at 169th St. for even less.

We found a handsome 7 year old Tudor style home for \$9,850 which would involve us in paying \$69 a month for the next many years. I was in my eighth month and my husband was awaiting appointment as a teacher in the city school system. Winter was coming and we had to live somewhere so we decided to take it.

We moved in on Christmas eve 1945. Excited about the season and the new house we rang the doorbell next door and were abruptly brushed off; later finding that the neighbor was persona non grata with the whole neighborhood. Luckily she soon moved and was replaced by a doctor and his wife who were extremely friendly and in fact my distant cousins.

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VANDERBILT MOTOR PKWY.

Joggers and hikers, even bicycle riders, in this area are no doubt familiar with what was once a 48 mile thoroughfare for early sporty roadsters, but has now become a shortened version utilized by pedestrians and a running club.

In 1908, the Vanderbilt Motor Parkway was also known by other names: sometimes

"Willie K's Speedway," "The Long Island Motor Parkway," and "Old Motor Parkway." Beginning in Queens and terminating in Lake Ronkonkoma, portions were eventually sold to each respective county and much of it has ceased to exist due to land development accommodating the growth of the Island. You may be familiar with a section in Suffolk County still known as the Vanderbilt Motor Parkway.

A three-mile piece remains in Queens as the property of the Parks Dept. A request has recently been made to have this piece given historical designation by the Landmarks Reservation Commission, generally concerned more with buildings, although Riverside Drive in Manhattan and Ocean Parkway in Brooklyn have received such honors.

The portion in Queens remaining is West of Winchester Blvd, North of Union Turnpike (but parallel to it, just behind the tennis courts) across Springfield Blvd. to Bell Blvd. and Hollis Court Blvd., cut by the Clearview Expressway, continuing on the other side North along Francis Lewis Blvd. and ending just before St. Francis Prep High School. Actually following an "L" shape, this roadway originally extended from Springfield Blvd. West to Francis Lewis Blvd., North to Horace Harding Expressway and eventually leading East to Lake Ronkonkoma.



The next section, Winchester Blvd. to the City line, is expected to have design plans completed in July after the necessary drainage studies have been made. The last stage of the project, 136th St. to 187th St., is expected to have plans submitted by Oct. of 1985.

### SANITATION

You might be interested in a review and update of the following Sanitation Dept. rules:

Sidewalks must be kept swept at all times.

Sweepings are to be put into covered containers, never into DS litter baskets.

It is unlawful to sweep dirt or litter into the street at any hour.

Snow must be cleared from sidewalks promptly.

Garbage must be put into containers with tight-fitting covers.

Excess rubbish (paper, carpets, branches, cardboard, rags) must be cut and tightly tied in small bundles.

Full containers and rubbish must be put out for collection at the proper time. Garbage cans must be removed from the sidewalk immediately after emptied.

No containers or rubbish should be out on Sundays or holidays unless scheduled for service.

It is unlawful to throw or dump paper, junk, debris or garbage on sidewalks, streets, areaways, court yards or vacant lots.

Educating the public in sanitation and "Clean City" practices.

Free junk collection. This refers to disposal of old furniture, stoves, mattresses or other bulky objects. Call for a time to be assigned. Materials should not be put out before the date or you will be subject to fine. The number to call in Queens for bulk pickup is VI 9-6465.

### QCFM

The Queens County Farm Museum has announced plans for an upcoming Fireside Concert. This historical landmark, located at 73-50 Little Neck Pkwy., does much to preserve the feeling of days long past.

In a quaint and cozy setting, in front of a roaring fire, you will be filled with nostalgia as you enter the farmhouse on Sunday, Feb. 17th (snow date Feb. 24). From 2 PM - 4:30 PM, the Con Brio Ensemble will offer a program in the Colonial Parlor of mostly American light classics. Victor Battipaglia, Music Director, will lead this renowned quartet of viola, violin, cello and clarinet in a program of popular works by Kurt Weil, George Gershwin, Johann Hummel and William Fyden.

Refreshments will be served in the Colonial kitchen and, you may meet the performers during intermission. Donation of \$4 at the door, tax deductible. For further information, call 468-4355.

### LIBRARY NEWS

AARP volunteers will be at the Bellerose library every Thursday afternoon at 1 PM beginning on Feb. 7th. Those who just have a question or who need help making out their forms are welcome to come ask the experts.

Young adults will be discussing Todd Strasser's Friends Til the End on Thursday, Feb. 7th at 3:45 PM. Copies are available at the branch.

If you would be interested in afternoon chess games, please come into the library and sign up. We have a volunteer willing to organize a Chess Club, if there is enough interest.

Everyone aged three to five is welcome to the pre-school films at 3:30 PM every Friday afternoon.

Picture Book Hours with concurrent Parenting Sessions will continue on Tuesdays at 1:30 PM. Pre-registration required.



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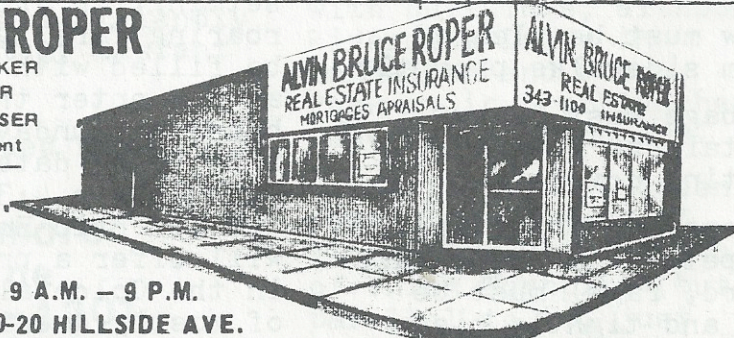
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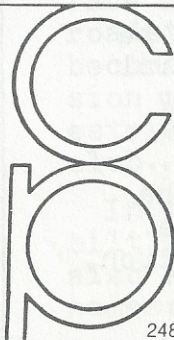
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