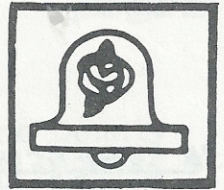


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## Little Neck Pkwy Bus To...

The suggestion by one of our members to have the Q12A bus make a U-turn at its terminus on Little Neck Pkwy at 87 Drive has been turned down by the NYC Transit Authority. The U-turn would have avoided use of side streets for the turnaround.

An alternative presented at a BCCA meeting was to have the bus continue to the Floral Park LIRR station. The northern terminus of the bus is at the Little Neck LIRR station.

The above suggestions were made known to Councilman Sheldon Leffler when he was a guest at a BCCA meeting. Community Board #13 held a public hearing at House of Hope on the suggestions, and discussed them at its regular meeting.

David Gunn, President of the Transit Authority, wrote to Susan Noreika, Chairlady of CB#13, and James Delaney, area chairman for Bellerose, and advised them that the Floral Park suggestion has been referred to their Operations Planning Dept. for review. The results of their evaluation will be reviewed with CB#13.

Mr. Gunn wrote to Councilman Leffler regarding the suggestions. "The absolute minimum bus turning radius is 45 feet, a practical minimum is 50 feet to account for human operator latitude. Therefore, a U-turn could only physically be made, with no latitude for driver error, from the right-hand lane of

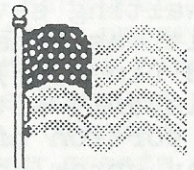
the southbound roadway. Such a maneuver is unsafe and contrary to standard operating practice. Given the present route length and roadway configuration, it is believed that the existing turnaround must continue to be used.

"However, your suggestion about consideration of extending the route to Floral Park is most interesting and represents a significant change in policy. This interest is not based upon any problems with the existing turnaround, but rather the desire to

have routes end at logical terminals from a passenger usage perspective. We will explore this issue in the near future."

## TREE REMOVALS - 248th Street

Thanks to our friends in the Queens Colony Civic Association, we've recently learned that project HW463, which will fully reconstruct Commonwealth Blvd. in our area, will require the removal of almost all of the beautiful trees along 248th Street between 87th Ave. and 86th Avenue. We have asked QCCA for copies of the plans they have received so we can further assess the impacts of the project on our neighborhood while we hopefully still have some control over it. We will try to have the plans available at the February meeting.



## **Reminder - Fly Your Flag**

**Feb. 12 - Lincoln's  
Birthday**

**Feb. 17 Washington's  
Birthday (Observed)**

Come on down and let  
your feelings be  
known.

Ⓢ — **Notice** — Ⓢ

THE  
NEXT MEETING  
THURSDAY  
FEB. 6, 1986  
8:00 P.M.  
GUEST SPEAKER  
GRIPE NIGHT

HOUSE OF HOPE  
PRESBYTERIAN  
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Corner of 248th St. &  
85th Avenue

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### "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn"

But trees also grow in Bellerose, and like people, sometimes they lay down and die, the way ours did in 1980. I called the Forestry Dept. asking for a proper "burial" and after waiting several years it was finally removed (in 1983), but this only after a goodly portion of its body lay sprawled over our lawn, toppling over our lovely bird bath and doing damage to the nostalgic "azalia horseshoe" we watched grow over the years! (I have since repaired the bird bath so birds can dance and sing once more and have nursed the wounded azalia back to full bloom). It was our good fortune that no one was under the huge tree when nature dismembered it, for there was no voice present to shout "timber!"

The Forestry Dept. did leave a massive stump in its place. I guess just as a constant reminder of the beauty that once lived then. Here it is 1986, and God knows I've tried to have it removed, but all to no avail. Letters to the Mayor's office were forwarded to the Forestry Dept., calls and trips to our Community Board were made, but "The Stump" lives on!

I have witnessed children trying to scale our stump with their bicycles, trying to imitate stunts witnessed on T.V., only to fall and run off crying. I know it's there and yet recently I backed off and fell over it landing on the street, and this after major back surgery in September. I cried for a while, but God was with me and aided by my two canes and my leg braces that support my feet, I made it back to my front door!

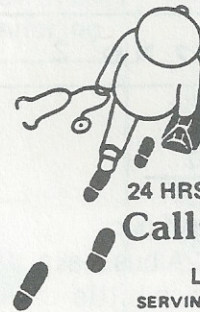
But the tree that died at 85-16 247th St. so long ago needs a total proper burial, underground, not have its mortal remains, "our stump", exposed to haunt the memory of those who loved it so much.

In 1985, the Forestry Dept. sent people, inadvertently to the wrong address (242nd St.) Their report? No stump. But, they removed the tree, and left the stump, and sad to say, they may not know it, but "Our Stump" lives on. To quote Casey Stengel, "Doesn't anybody here know how to play this game?"

Anthony Iandoli

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When calling you must state the location of the dead tree/stump.

Here are a few examples:  
Stump 85-16 247 St.  
Dead Tree 86-37 251 St.  
86-41 251 St.  
12' Stump 86-17 251 St.

If you have any difficulty calling, come to our February meeting and give us the information to be printed in the next issue of the ACTION NEWS, a copy of which will be sent to the Queens Forestry. They have received a copy of this issue for their records.



LIBRARY NEWSADULT DRAMA WORKSHOP

10 sessions by professional instructor continue on Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in February. New members are welcome.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Among Friends by M. F. K. Fisher reveals the background and development of an American writer who grew up as an outsider in a Quaker town. Thursday, Feb. 20th at 10:30 a.m.

Tax Preparation for Senior Citizens - meets on Thursday afternoons from 1-5 p.m. beginning Feb. 6 and ending April 10.

CHESS CLUB

For players of all ages and levels meets Saturdays 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

YOUNG ADULT

Book Discussion meets Thursday, Feb. 6 at 3:30 p.m. Terri and her father running away from their past. Follow their story in Taking Terri Mueller by Norma Fox Mazer.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Book discussion - Feb. 27, 3:30 p.m.

Picture Book Hour - New session begins Tues. March 4 at 1:30 p.m. for pre-registered members.

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At that time the Roslyn Artists String Quartet will perform "From Vienna to Broadway". Featured on WQXR, this program will include composers such as Strauss and Mozart, blended with Broadway greats George Gershwin, Cole Porter and Jerome Kern.

Held in the Colonial Parlor, refreshments will be served by the open hearth during intermission. An opportunity will be afforded to meet and chat with the performers.

Admission will be \$4 per person, with free parking. Seating is limited. For further information, call (718) 468-4355.



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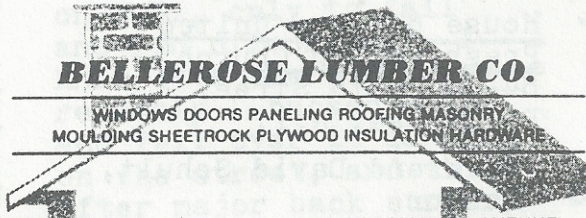
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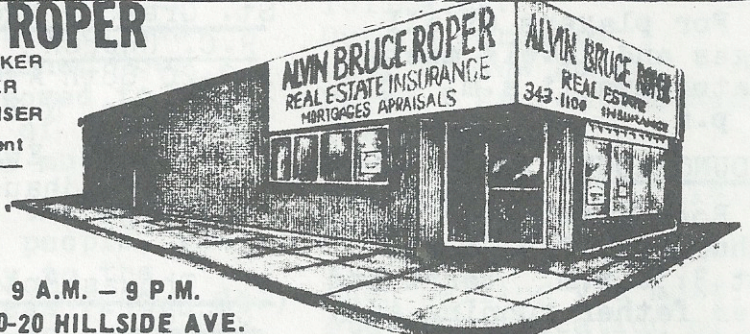
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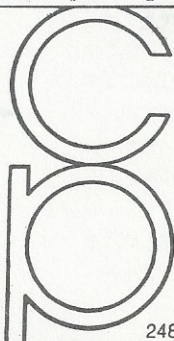
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