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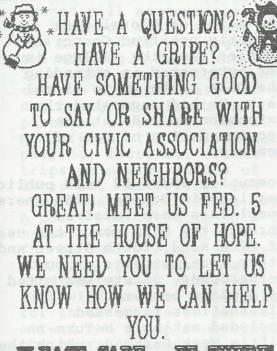


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248TH & 85TH AVE. 8:00PM

MEETINGS

The January meeting included our swearing in of officers, lead by Sgt. Picorelli of the 105th Pct. The Sgt. also spoke to us about security issues and offered several pieces of advice on how to protect our lives, families and property.

The February meeting will be a gripe night open to all so you can keep us posted on your concerns.

CB13Q Appointment

BCCA past-president Richard Hellenbrecht was appointed as a member of Community Board 13 in January. There are 59 Community Boards which advise the City on a wide range of issues. Each Board is composed of up to 50 volunteer members appointed by the borough presidents in consultation with local City Council members.

The Community Boards monitor delivery of City services and advise on priorities, are responsible for Urban Land Use Procedure and make recommendations on the City Budget.

Mr. Hellenbrecht joins Jim Delaney and Charles Theophil, two BCCA members who are long time members of Community Board 13. Any questions or problems with the delivery of city services should be directed to the Board office at 464-9700.

WE MEET THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT HOUSE OF HOPE CHURCH, CORNER 248TH STREET AND 85TH AVENUE**8:00 PM**

HILLSIDE PROJECT

Representatives of the BCCA and several other local civics and the Community Planning Board met with executives of the Department of Transportation to express the interest of the community in retaining the raised malls on Hillside Avenue, as well as increasing the number of traffic lights on the avenue. This civic wrote a year ago to try to get the city to provide these features in their design and since receipt of final drawings last spring, we have been trying to meet with them to present your views.

The Department defended their design and only conceded after lengthy discussion to study providing additional traffic lights. Also, they indicate special left turn lanes at every intersection, which is the primary reason for not having room for a safety area in the middle of the street. Such a safety area would leave room for anyone who can not make it across the street during one light sequence. Under the plan as designed, there is only a double yellow line separating traffic, not enough room to protect you in an emergency.

Again after much discussion, we asked them to consider only allowing left turns at "controlled" intersections, (those with a traffic light.) While this would reduce our ability to turn into our streets, it would be safer for pedestrians to cross the busy street.



NO Q12A TO LIRR

The mayor of Floral Park recently notified Councilman Leffler that the Village is not interested in extending the Q12A route in to Floral Park. We had suggested the extension in 1985 at the recommendation of one of our members.

Community Board 13 held public hearings in October 1985 where complaints were received through the BCCA about the use of 87th Road, 254th Street and other local streets as bus turnarounds. Safety was cited as a major concern. Alternatives suggested included making a U-Turn on Little Neck Parkway, which the Department of Transportation rejected, and the extension of the route to the Floral Park LIRR station.

The New York City Transit
Authority considered the
extension as most interesting
since it would meet their
desire to have routes end
at logical terminals from a
passenger perspective.

Mayor Hayden of Floral Park claimed his decision was based on meetings with the civic associations and Chamber of Commerce of the Village, input from residents and the unanimous decision of the Board of Trustees.

SNAP Update

Due to various delays in meeting requirements of the Department of the Aging, SNAP has postponed the formal opening of its operation until March. It is accepting registration from all applicants in our community to join. Just call their office at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Union Turnpike and 263rd Street. The facility, when opened will accommodate about 80 luncheon meals served each day to members who register in the morning. Those who arrive late will receive coffee and cake at a small charge or you may bring your lunch and purchase a beverage there. Activities will include card playing, lectures, crafts and trips to nearby points of interest. Activities can accommodate about 200 a day. A party was recently held for members who have been cared for by SNAP's Meals-on-Wheels and other programs. Over a hundred persons attended. A lift will soon be available for those unable to otherwise attend the group's meetings in the church basement.



WINTER IS HERE

Remember -- shoveling, sanding and/or salting is your responsibility for the safety of our Bellerose residents!!



COMMUNITY COLUMN

We would like to establish a column for residents to report special events in their households, such as weddings, births, graduation etc. Please submit these events by the 15th of the month to: Hellenbrecht 246-72 86th Road Bellerose, NY 11426

Belated Happy Birthday to Kathy Dallas

Love, Willy
Happy Birthday to
Melissa and Lynn Hellenbrecht
Love, Mom & Dad

Happy 7th Birthday to Kristin Zielinski Love, Mom & Dad

Happy Birthday to Tina Calia Love, Mom & Dad

Belated 40th Anniversary wishes to

Lina & Jim

Joe and Madeline Greier From all your neighbors on 251st St.

Happy Anniversary to
Jack & Barbara Stavridis
Love, Mary Ann
& Brigid

The B.C.C.A. extends best wishes to the above mentioned on their special day.





SAFETY AT P.S.133

It has come to the attention of the Civic Association that many of our parents in P.S.133 are causing a safety hazard for the youngsters of that school.

Standing and/or parking in front of the school on 86th Ave. does not allow the crossing patrol to do their job safely nor does it allow the buses safe access to the curb to discharge the bus children.

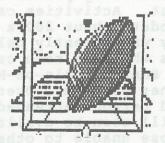
The PTA and Principal have implored you in past editions of the Highlighter school paper to park on 85th Ave. or at least a block away from the school and allow your children to walk safely to school from there. The PTA has informed the 105th Precinct of this hazard. Beware! The traffic department will patrol this area and summonses will be issued when deserved.



St. Gregory's News

A discussion on AIDS and DRUGS will be held at the Gregorian Hall on February 11 from 8 to 11PM. Speakers will be Dr. Cleri from the Catholic Medical Center about AIDS, Kevin Wadalavage, Director of Research of the Outreach Program on DRUGS and Rev. Thomas Costa of the Family Life Bureau speaking on Educating Toward Moral Living.

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COMMUNITY SALES

It is that time of year again.
Our Girl Scouts will be selling cookies to raise funds for their troops.
Both P.S. 133 and St. Gregorys children will be starting their Spring fundraisers.
Please help the youngsters.
They take pride in their school and want to do a good job.

LIBRARY NEWS

Adult Book Discussion- The Optimists Daughter, by Eudora Welty Febr. 19 at 10:30AM

Valentine's Day Workshopfeaturing chocolate decorating for adults and teens Febr 13 at 4PM

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS:

The Day They Came to Arrest
the Book- by Nat Hentoff,
Febr 5 at 3:30PM

Chess Club- Players of all ages Thursday nights 6:30 to 7:30PM.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:
Nobody's Fault- by Patricia
Hermes, Febr 19 at 3:30PM

Valentine's Day Arts and Crafts Workshop for school aged children Febr 6 at 3:30PM- Register NOW!

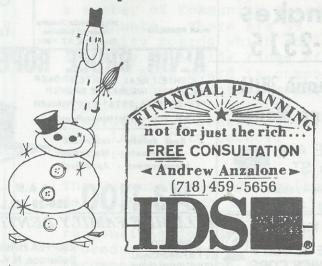
Origami Workshop, Children 8 to 12. Febr 27 at 3:30-register now!

Picture Book Hours Tuesdays at 10:30AM and 1:30PM for pre-registered 3 1/2 to 5 year olds.

NEW FINE SCHEDULE:
Fines for overdue books have been increased:
Adult books to 10cents/day
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FARM MUSEUM

The Farm Museum announces a series of Fireside Concerts in the Colonial Parlor with Fredrick Katzenberg Trio on February 22, recreating an American musicale. On March 22 a spiritual concert will take place at the farm house featuring Beno Foster and Dorothy Mesney. The concerts start at 2PM at the Farm House on Little Neck Parkway, north of Union Turnpike.



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