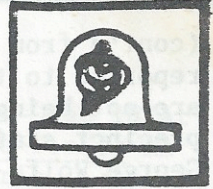


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CRIME
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WILL TALK TO US
ABOUT SECURITY
IN OUR NEIGHBOR-
HOOD - BE THERE!
HOUSE OF HOPE
CHURCH
2/4 AT 8PM**

PRESIDENT'S GAVEL

Welcome to the worst part of the winter. I hope the civic association can make it through the coldest part of the year, but I am seriously hoping that many of us can make it to the next two meetings, which I expect to be very important. As you will see elsewhere, security has become a serious issue, which we can address only by directly confronting the precinct staff. Also, our March meeting will feature an admitted staffer of the IRS (there aren't too many that will admit it.) This is very timely, given the new tax regulations this year and the due date of April 15. The security issue, however, is extremely serious because of several reported burglaries in the area. I am most concerned, however, that it seems that many intrusions are either not being

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MEETINGS

We had a very good turnout at the January meeting to hear Assemblyman Doug Prescott swear in the new association officers and talk about his activities in Albany and his interests in the community. The Assemblyman is very active in numerous committees and he has been an activist in dealing with abuses in the construction industry and other business areas. Doug's swearing-in comments were memorable and his interest in the community was intense. Doug stayed until the very end of the meeting on this extremely cold night.

As mentioned above, the next two meetings will be crucial to members of the Bellerose community. Although crime statistics don't show it, we have all heard of garages and cars broken into. We must impress our neighbors to report any attempted crime and keep accurate records of the report. It is only these reports that will get us our fair share of police attention and we need to make our demands known.

We all are confused about the new income tax rules and need some help to complete the more difficult "simplified" tax forms. March is your opportunity!

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

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reported to the police, or worse, they are not being properly being recorded by precinct staff. Our security chairman, George Wolf, asked for an update of burglaries and only eight were reported between November and January.

Unfortunately, we had heard of at least four serious burglaries within a few days during that time. I am aware of other reported break-ins recently, which I understand were reported to the precinct. Since police resources are allocated based on reported crimes, it would be very disturbing if reported crimes were not properly recorded. If you have reported any criminal action in the neighborhood in the last few months, or if you feel that crime is a potential problem in the area, you must come down to the February meeting. I see very few patrol cars keeping an eye on the neighborhood, and I get very upset by being refused added police patrols due to lack of crime statistics. Please back up your civic association by coming down and letting your crime prevention officer about your problems. Its up to you!

Finally, we have all seen a change in the neighborhood in the past few years from numerous retired couples to many younger couples, with small children and new needs. I am most happy to welcome Jean Biancaniello and Eileen Damore to the BCCA Board to represent the needs of the these new residents. You will notice some new articles that we hope are the first of many and will be the beginning of regular articles addressing the desires of the newer Bellerose residents. We invite articles as well from anyone in the association. Please send articles to the address on the right hand page.

Richard C. Hellenbrecht

EYE ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD

We took an energetic walk through the streets of Bellerose and noticed that on an average only about two out of twenty homes used outside lighting. The use of these lights indicates the homeowners presence and eliminates the darkness favored by intruders. Please use your outside lighting: your

electric bill will not increase anywhere near what you could lose in a burglary. There are many low-cost systems available, and even a standard bulb costs only a few cents to run.

Don't hesitate to alert the police precinct at 411 in a real emergency or at the precinct number 990-0240 if the possibility of present danger has passed or if you notice suspicious activity. It is critical to report all criminal activities and to make sure that the report is properly recorded.

HELP KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!!

By: Eileen Damore/Jean Biancaniello

A MESSAGE FROM JEAN & EILEEN

We are two of the new, younger homeowners of Bellerose. We became involved in the Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association to express the issues important to our lifestyles, namely the quality of life in our community, the security of our families and investments and the surroundings in which our children will grow.

There are many other homeowners who have similar concerns. We invite you to join us at the upcoming meeting in February. If your schedule does not permit your participation at this monthly meeting, send your suggestions and comments to us, in care of this newsletter. We want to hear from you.

Jean Biancaniello & Eileen Damore

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am particularly glad to welcome Jean and Eileen to this civic group and I encourage the active participation of all the new, younger Bellerose residents in the BCCA. We want to serve you and to ensure the continued growth of lifestyle and investment we longer term residents have experienced. I hope Jean and Eileen will bring the next generation in to active participation in our group. A heartfelt welcome to these courageous young people.

COMMUNITY COLUMN

George and Carolyn Wolf are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Joyce to Phillip A. Ortiz of Port Jefferson Station. Joyce is a buyer at Thomas Publishing Company in NYC and Phil is working towards a doctoral degree in Physiology and Biophysics.

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Please be considerate of the needs and rights of your neighbors and obey the law. Curb your dog and clean up any mess. Most areas are kept well, but some park areas and roads attract dog walkers who don't clean up. Don't be one of them.

LIBRARY NEWS

Adult Book Discussion - Feb 18 at 10:30AM, A Stranger in Two Worlds an autobiography by Jean Harris

Small Business Tax Workshop - The IRS will discuss how the new tax law affects business partnerships.

American Association of Retired Persons-Drivers Education Course. Wednesdays 2/3 and 2/10.

Camera Club - Saturdays 2/6 and 2/20 10AM.

Young Adult Program - Chess Club each Thursday, 6PM to 7:30. All ages, all levels.

Junior Book Discussion - Feb 24 at 3:30PM. See Librarian for details.

Picture Book Hours - Tuesdays at 10:30AM for 3-1/2 to 5 year olds. Registration required.

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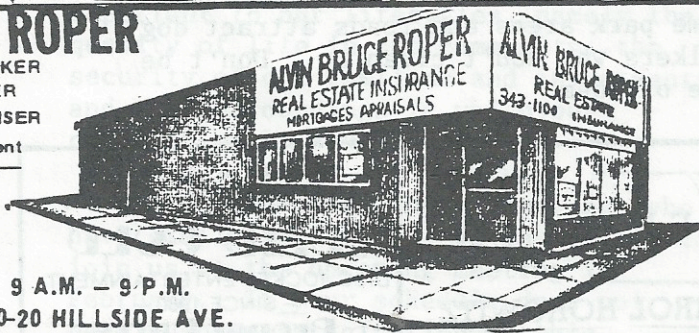
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