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Bellerose Gripe Night
Come down, air your
problems. Also
Commonwealth Blvd
Project Supv. Palonyi
Thursday, February 1, 1990
at 8:00 PM
House of Hope Church
Corner 248th Street
and 85th Avenue

We meet the first Thursday of each month at the House of Hope Church, corner 248th Street and 85th Avenue at 8:00PM

President's Gavel

By: Richard Hellenbrecht

Once again I begin a new term in office as President of the BCCA. I take it as a great honor and pleasure to represent all of you and to do my own little piece to keep Bellerose the comfortable, beautiful community it is. I'm pleased to have a great Board of Directors to work with over the next year and I welcome back Melanie Ngai after a few years off the Board to take some additional classes. I still have a vacancy for Vice President and I hope someone will call up one of these nights and offer to help out.

On behalf of my fellow Directors I'd like to thank Jean Biancaniello and Eileen Damore, our outgoing President and Vice President for their leadership over the past year, and I'd like to wish all of you a happy new year.

Meetings

By: Richard Hellenbrecht

The January meeting was our annual installation of officers. I'm pleased to note that we had nominations from the floor and placed George Wolf in the position of Treasurer and added Malanie Ngai in George's place as Director. Also added as Director was Frank Olton. Congratulations to all of you. Our current officers are listed in the box inside, but we still have

vacancies for one Director and a Vice President.

Sue Noreika, Chairperson of Community Board 13Q brought us up to date on the activities of the Board and let us in on some of the hot issues of the area.

The February meeting will be a Bellerose Gripe Night. I hope to get Department of Transportation representative Joe Palonyi there to discuss once again our favorite grip, the Common-

wealth Blvd. reconstruction project. Please come on down prepared to discuss problems that are bothering you ...litter ...loitering ...crime ...noisy garbage trucks ...etc.



Auxiliary Police

By: Richard Hellenbrecht

Our area is desperately in need of additional police coverage, but as you know, the prospects of more patrols is bleak, especially under the current budget constraints. One way to add more uniformed presence without massive tax costs is through the auxiliary patrol. The

105th Pct. Auxiliary Police Force is looking for new members and they have asked me to advise you of the following information about their open house. I hope those of you who qualify will go down and check it out.

Date: Saturday, February 10

Time: Noon till 4 pm.

Address: 92-08 222 Street
Queens Village

Typical duties:

Evening Community patrols
Parades
Church Crossings
Bazaars.

An auxiliary officer will be available to answer any questions you may have. As an auxiliary officer you will wear a regular police uniform and a distinctive seven point badge. Do

TAXES ON THE RISE?

By: Richard Hellenbrecht

The Eastern Queens Community Council, an amalgam of 17 or so civic associations in this area, warns that real estate taxes will likely rise, especially in areas like ours unless we take time to write our mayor and City Council members to let them know our feelings and fears about damaging tax hikes.

Many of us already have tough times meeting the high costs of living in the city and we are particularly disturbed about the lack of services and threats of further cutbacks. Senior citizens on fixed incomes and newer resi-

dents with especially high financing costs will be most affected by tax hikes and some may be forced to sell their houses and move elsewhere to make ends meet. Commuters have recently been hit by 15% increases in traveling costs and oil prices have gone through the roof due to an unseasonable December. However, the LIRR and subway service have been especially bad since the increases, and an unseasonably warm January has not returned oil prices to the norm.

We need to act to keep our neighborhood stable and property values high. Please write to Councilman Leffler and Mayor Dinkins to keep taxes at their current levels and improve serv-

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What's a Billion?

How much is a billion? According to a recent government publication:

- a billion seconds ago Harry Truman was president
- a billion minutes ago was just after the time of Christ
- a billion hours ago man had not yet walked on earth
- a billion dollars ago was late yesterday at the U.S. Treasury.

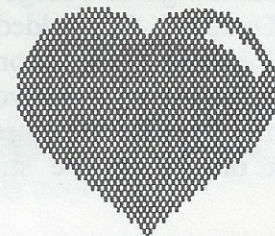
House of Hope Church

By: Richard Hellenbrecht

We are most pleased to note that on February 18 the House of Hope Church will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary of its founding. The church building represents the physical center of the BCCA community and the psychological center of the BCCA itself. As you know House of

Hope is where we have all of our monthly meetings and helps us when we do things in the Belleroose Park across the street.

We wish all the best to Pastor Schult and his congregation in this milestone anniversary.



Bellerose Library News

ADULT PROGRAMS

Special Program: Saturday, February 10 at 2 PM. Lecture, slides and display program conducted by Bill Knell, a representative from Island Skywatch, a research organization with a goal of presenting a responsible, accurate and interesting view of the UFO phenomenon.

Book Discussion: Thursday, Feb. 22 at 10:30 PM. Love, Medicine & Miracles by Bernie S. Siegel - "This book is about surviving and about characteristics that survivors have in common...helpful to anyone facing life-threatening illnesses."

AARP Tax Counselling to the Elderly: Service provided FREE

for older adults every Thursday from 1-5 PM until April 15.

Once-a-month Book Sale: Monday, Feb. 26th from 1 to 7:30 PM. Adult, Young Adult and Juvenile hardcover and paperbacks available.

Camera Club: Meets Saturday Feb. 3rd and 17th from 10 AM. to 1 PM.

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

Chess Club meets Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Players of all ages and abilities are welcome. No entry fee. Round Robin and Swiss-Quads are available. Bring your own clock and board/pieces. New members must play in the round robin first. For information call: Mike Fricano, Monday to Friday 8 to 10 PM at 718-224-8004.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Picture Book Hours: 3 1/2 to 5 year olds, Tuesdays at 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM. Pre-registration required.

Toddler's Fun Time: For 2 - 3 year olds, Wednesdays at 10:30 AM. Pre-registration required.

African Music for Children: For school aged children, Friday, Feb. 16 at 3:30 PM. See Librarian for registration.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new chief Librarian, Mr. Jeffrey Berger who recently began this assignment at the Bellerose Library. We note some new activities this month and look forward to additional innovative library services. We hope he will enjoy his stay at the Bellerose Branch. Good luck Mr. Berger.

CIP Signs

By: Richard Hellenbrecht

Our last president, Jean Biancaniello brought up the issue of the directional signs on Jamaica Avenue for the Cross Island Parkway north and south-bound entrances. Jean wrote to Assemblyman Prescott and got the ball rolling to fix the sign. Since then, the Automobile Club (AAA) has gotten involved, but even so the signs have not been changed. This month there was an article in the AAA newspaper Motorist, with a photo of the sign and still there is no "sign" of improvement. We have again written to request a fix for these totally unreadable signs.

Requisites for Living

Following are nine requisites for living. We all might keep these in mind as we go about our busy lives.

Health - enough to make work a pleasure.

Wealth - enough to support your needs.

Strength - enough to battle difficulties and overcome them.

Grace - enough to confess your sins and forsake them.

Patience - enough to toil until some good is accomplished.

Charity - enough to see some good in our neighbor.

Love - enough to move you to be useful and helpful to others.

Faith - enough to make real the things of God.

Hope - enough to remove all anxious fears concerning the

SNAP Report

By: Richard Hellenbrecht

There is a new brochure out about Services Now for Adult Persons (SNAP - snappy name, eh?). All of our seniors should be aware of all of the great services, companionship and facilities available at SNAP. If you are over 60 and live in the local Community Board 13Q area you are eligible to join. Call or write now for your copy of the SNAP brochure:

SNAP
262-22 Union Turnpike
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(718)470-1200

Spotlight of Bellerose Lumber

By: Harry Stavridis

Bellerose Lumber recently moved its main store to 248-15 Jamaica Avenue — the former location of Gino's Garden Center.

The manager says that nothing has changed in his store with respect to service and merchandise. They still "just try to help people as best as possible" by cutting lumber to size and by

offering both delivery and knowledgeable salespeople. Their merchandise still consists of a full line of building supplies (everything from contracts and bricks to finished molding.)

The manager also pointed out that the old building will be rebuilt as an additional lumber warehouse with a possible extension of the retail store. The extension would probably deal with hardware, plumbing and electrical supplies — merchandise the old Bellerose Lumber hasn't sold yet.

I hope that this store is successful in expanding its horizons and suggest that anyone who is building or renovating a home stop in.

By the way, if any of you have a special new store in Bellerose you'd like to share, please contact the Editor at the address below.

[Editor's Note]

The editor is happy to note that the old building will be torn down, we are quite grateful since it has deteriorated to an eyesore and danger to passersby.

Kids Earn Extra Cash

BCCA is looking for several dependable children 12 years old or over to deliver Action News on one Saturday per month to 120 local houses.

We've developed convenient routes which should take no more than 1 hour to deliver. Deliveries are done September through June only. There may be several extra deliveries per year as well.

In addition to the public service they provide, the kids will earn \$6 per edition or special delivery. To apply call 343-5397 after 7PM. Be sure to get your parents permission.

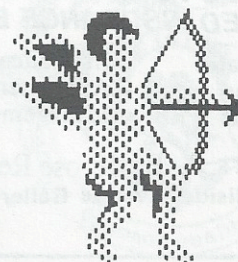
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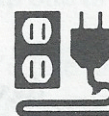
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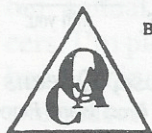


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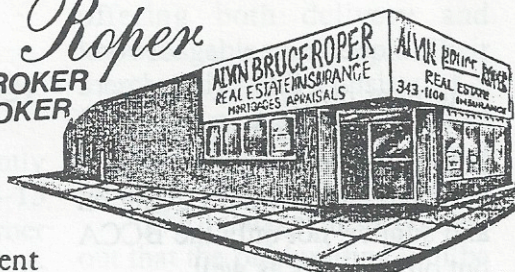
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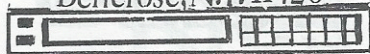
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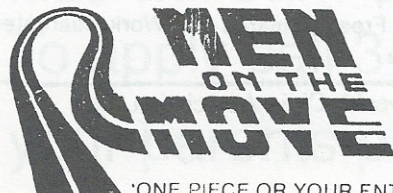
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