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action news



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**Community Discussion
Meeting
Refreshments
Door Prizes**
House of Hope Church
Corner 248 & 85 Ave.
at 8:00 PM.

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

New C-POP Officer

By: Frank Olton

We are pleased to have Officer Russell Gurrier assigned to our community as our new C-POP officer. Officer Gurrier previously worked as a C-POP officer in the Queens Village area and requested transfer to our area when the assignment became available.

In our first discussion with him, Officer Gurrier has indicated that much of his patrol will

be spent in the evening hours. This is in line with our repeated requests to the Precinct.

In the past we have urged our C-POP officers, among other things, to be very active in patrolling the schoolyard and parks by PS133Q and St. Gregory's, to curtail the use of illegal and dangerous motorized dirt bikes on our streets, to assist in removing illegal vendors from Hillside and Jamaica Avenues, and to help prevent speeding on our streets by issuing summonses.

We have repeated these re-

President's Gavel

by: R. C. Hellenbrecht

There's a lot of news this month from the BCCA. Inside you'll see about a new C-POP officer and which homes that were cited this year's Holiday Decorations awards. You'll also read about our annual spring park clean-up and some other activities that are part of our community pride campaign.

We hope you will come to our meeting this Thursday. Since we do not have a speaker this month we will discuss a number of issues that are of concern to our community and we will meet our new C-POP officer.

Please see my article inside on the Cross Island Parkway temporary ramps. We will need to give our recommendations on a possible temporary closing of the northbound entrance at 89th Avenue. Such an action may increase traffic on the service road particularly at the crossing to the pedestrian underpass.

quests to Officer Gurrier. He intends to regularly attend our monthly meetings, and this provides an excellent opportunity for all residents to meet him and personally advise him of any problems they are having.

Officer Gurrier asked that we convey to our members one of his first impressions of security in Bellerose. This relates to an issue that has been stressed at our meetings. ***We must light up our backyards at night.*** Dark yards offer an escape route and hiding place for criminals.

Holiday Decorations

By: Richard Hellenbrecht

I'm pleased to announce the results of our second annual Holiday Decorations Awards. These awards were made right after our swearing-in ceremony at our January meeting. There were four cash prize winners and five honorable mentions. In addition, the block of 254th Street between 86th and 87th Avenues was cited as honorable mention for most decorated block. Just about every house there was decorated.

Everyone who had decorations on display should be proud of themselves because Bellerose really looked wonderful during this holiday season. We hope even more homeowners will participate in the 1992 program. In addition, special thanks to judging committee, consisting of Pat Pearson, Bernie Wechsler and Ross Fertitta, assisted by me. The deliberations really are serious and the choices tough.

Congratulations to the following honorable mentions of the 1991 Holiday Certificate:

Rosemary and Robert Auld
87-56 251 St.

Barbara & Jerry Eng
84-30 249th Street
Cecelia Hanat
85-04 250 Street
Rainer & William Hugel
86-28 252 Street
Carol & Victor Liss
86-35 250 Street

House Decoration Winners:
Kathy & Niel Beekman
85-12 252 Street
Kim & Charles Harms
85-19 251 Street
Jenny & Louis Iglhaut
85-33 249 Street
Vera & James Marrazzo
85-51 253 Street

Cross Island Parkway

By: Richard Hellenbrecht

As you know, the detour of traffic under the reconstruction program of the Cross Island Parkway began late last fall. I noticed immediately that the lane change required by the detour occurs right at the northbound entrance at 89th Avenue and on the southbound side at the Hillside Avenue entrance. There is not enough room to negotiate a safe entrance in either direction, but the southbound entrance seems to be more severe.

Through the Community Board, I have asked key city and state project staff to meet with community and school leaders on February 4th to discuss the problem and explore some alternatives that may help resolve it. One option might be to temporarily close the southbound entrance. Diverting this traffic to the Hillside Avenue entrance would result in increased traffic on the service road past the pedestrian underpass and St. Gregory's school.

The 89th Avenue entrance is scheduled to be closed and

realigned anyway during the April school break. There have already been numerous accidents at the entrance site and waiting an additional ten weeks will likely result in other accidents and possibly serious injury.

I need your guidance and ideas on how to minimize this problem. Please call me at (718)343-5397.

Graffiti

By: Frank Olton

We continue to be concerned about the increase in graffiti in our community, particularly on Hillside Avenue. Hillside may be hit particularly hard because of its more commercial character, which might make vandalism less detectable at night.

If you have any insights into the problem or ideas for solving it, please let us know at our monthly meeting or by letter to the editor, or contact Officer Gurrier directly at the precinct at (718)740-1500.

January Meeting

By: Richard Hellenbrecht

We were honored to have Assemblyman Doug Prescott conduct our annual swearing in of officers for 1992 at the last meeting. We had an exceptional turn-out. A new feature at these meetings is to raffle off door prizes of BCCA baseball caps in

addition to the fabulous fresh floral pieces that Pat Pearson has sponsored for the past few months.

Assemblyman Prescott brought us up to date on the difficult budget negotiations in state legislature and expressed his support for the various programs of the BCCA. Next month we will feature some photos of the ceremony and holiday prize awards.

Mark Your Calendar

As part of our Pride in Bellerose campaign, we will once again do a clean-up of the Bellerose Playground on May 16. In addition, we will also work on the Commonwealth Blvd triangle.

We will need lots of help on this and to register cars and bicycles against theft. Please help.

Burglaries

There has been an influx of burglaries in Bellerose lately. C-POP Officer Gurrier told us recently the burglars go in quickly and take cash and jewelry only. They seem to watch for someone to leave for the store or church and hit quickly. Call 911 if you see anything suspicious.

Princess Jessica

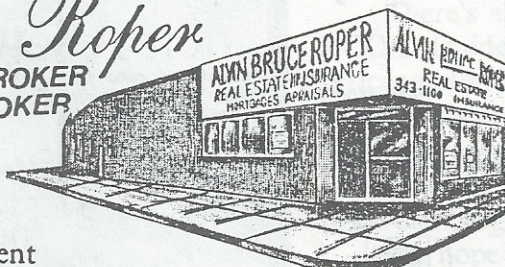
Last month we reported belatedly that Jessica Zerillo was entering America's Favorite Pre-teen Pageant. Among 35 contestants, Jessica became third Princess. She also was named Most Outstanding Third Grader and Most Poised honors and is eligible for nationals in Orlando.

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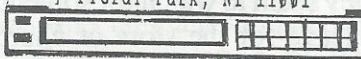
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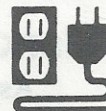
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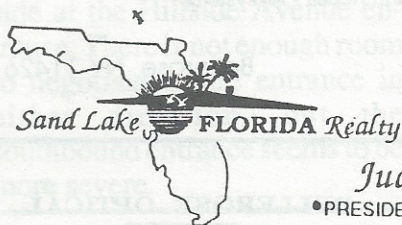


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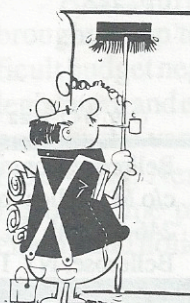
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