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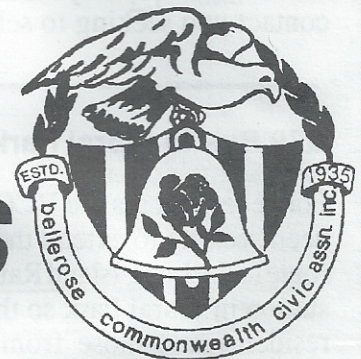
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The Gavel

We would like to express our deep gratitude to Community Board 13Q Chairperson Susan Noreika for coming to our January meeting and swearing in our officers. Ms. Noreika also answered several questions about city services issues that the Board office is responsible to coordinate.

Generally, January's meeting was an excellent meeting. Three new members volunteered, were elected and sworn in as di-

rectors, all in one night. We now have a full Board with much new blood and we are looking forward to new ideas and projects.

We also gave out three of our decoration awards in an excellent ceremony.

As has been our recent tradition, there will be no meeting in February, but we have scheduled speakers for each monthly meeting for the rest of the year. We are looking forward to very good attendance.

Girl Scout Gold Award

My name is Amy Christianson. I'm a Senior Girl Scout in Troop 4-675, which is in the Bellerose area. I am working on my Gold Award - the highest award in Girl Scouting. My project is to create first aid kits for the elderly and I request the help of our Bellerose neighbors.

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Non-solicitation

By: Richard C. Hellenbrecht

Many of us have been targeted by unscrupulous real estate brokers and agents who are interested in breaking up Bellerose, lowering the price of houses and scaring people out of this beautiful, quiet community.

There is some protection against this practice offered by an office of New York State Secretary of State (SOS) that is responsible for professional licensing. Over three hundred of our residents have submitted Cease and Desist cards for non-solicitation. Once your card is posted in an official book published by the SOS, real estates may not directly contact you seeking to sell your

house. One of these books was just published. We will reproduce the card around June to make the next publication date. Once you have filed a card you need not file one again.

The form on the attached page is the only form that SOS will accept to file a complaint. If you send a letter with complete details, they will merely send you the form to complete and return before they will act.

If you receive a letter, flyer or phone call from a real estate agent you should save the form or get as much information as possible from the solicitor - business name, manager, address and phone number, license number, etc. Complete and mail the com-

plaint form with whatever evidence you may have. This complaint will have to be filed personally by you. Unfortunately, the BCCA can not handle the filing. Senator Padavan has long been very helpful and supportive in battling this problem.

Blockbusting practices are extremely harmful to many neighborhoods in Queens and thus have been accorded this protection under the law. We urge you to report any and all such solicitations.

Pre-School Open House

Something new in Bellerose! Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Bellerose is having a Pre-School Open House on February 6, 1998. It is a Christian nursery school program for ages 3 to 5, serving the social, educational and spiritual needs of its students. The curriculum will prepare children for kindergarten. Parents have a choice of 2, 3 or 5 days a week, morning (8:45-11:30) or afternoon (12:30-3:15).

The new school will be having an Open House on February 6 from 10 am to 12 noon and 1 PM to 3 PM. Come over and visit the classroom and meet the Teacher/Director, Robin Lever.

The school address is 246-55 87th Avenue, Bellerose (on Commonwealth Blvd.). Phone (718)347-0778 for registration information.

Q79 Bus to Floral Park ?

By: Richard Hellenbrecht

For several years the BCCA has been seeking to extend the Q-79 route to the Long Island Rail Road station in Floral Park so that our residents and those from other eastern Queens neighborhoods would have more appropriate and convenient access to public transportation to the rest of the region. The MTA is apparently entertaining this idea again after a traffic study in Floral Park concluded that the buses would have "no impact on village traffic."

An article in Newsday of Sunday January 25, 1998 reported that the mayor of Floral Park will do "anything in his power to stop this plan from moving ahead." While the report says there would be only two to three buses an hour, Mayor Corbett of Floral Park has stated that "on an emotional level, we really just don't want buses in our community." This response just doesn't cut it. For dozens of years,

the people of Bellerose and our western neighbors have been subjected to hundreds of overloaded Nassau buses bouncing through our major thoroughfares, bypassing our riders.

We hope that there will be a significant change in attitude and cooperation by our friends in Floral Park Nassau. We have made great strides with Bellerose Village in working on our shared shopping strip - let's hope the Village of Floral Park follows suit.

Snow Cleanup

Thanks for the positive reaction to our article last month looking for persons able to shovel snow for others in need. I now have the numbers of four youths (including a girl) who will help clear snow for some fee to be worked out. It really is nice to have people respond to our request. Let's just hope that we don't have any serious snowfall to worry about.

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Have you gone to: 1) a lawyer? _____ 2) To court or another agency? _____

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Joint Bellerose Report

As you know, the BCCA is a member of the JBBDDC, a group of business owners and civic leaders attempting to improve business conditions on Jamaica Avenue/Jericho Turnpike. As previously reported, we've suggested eliminating the Jamaica Avenue name in our area to reduce confusion and foster economic cooperation with Bellerose Village businesses on the south side. This proposal has received significant resistance from other communities for relatively obscure reasons. We hope for a positive vote at the Community Board by the end of February.

On a second issue, the JBBDDC opposed the renovation of the Bellerose Theater as a carpetstore with multi-colored turrets and onion domes and other decorations out of character with the area. We have recently learned that these objectionable aesthetics have been dropped and the theater will become three retail stores and office space. This should remove the eyesore the theater has become, and will attract office workers and patrons to visit other local retail stores and restaurants.

New BCCA Officers

We would like to welcome the following new officers who stepped forward at the January meeting: Robert Gluszak, Vincent Kuhner, Ken Lyons. Thanks!

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I am asking for donations of:

Empty Cigar Boxes (in good condition):

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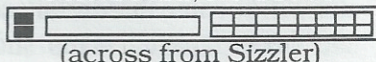
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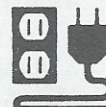
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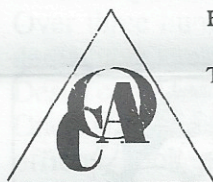
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