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LIBRARY TITLE

The Queens Borough Public Library finally assumed responsibility for the Bellerose Branch Library Building on December 7, 1977. According to Milton Byam, Director of the QBPL, the Library has already begun its preparations for installation of equipment and books. Byam is optimistic that he will meet his March 1978 opening goal.

The building at 250-06 Hillside Avenue, was completed on September 16, 1975. In December, 1975, QBPL trustees advised the N.Y.C. Department of Public Works that the QBPL could not accept responsibility for the building due to the lack of operating funds.

Continuing vandalism led to the boarding up of the building in March, 1976.

In December, 1976, the Department of Real Estate was seeking a final disposition of the unused building which had to be maintained by the City. Deputy Mayor Zuccotti denied

that the building would be used as a recertification center for mothers of children attending welfare sponsored day care centers. And the building continued to be an eyesore, with campaign posters, advertisements and graffiti on its walls.

Continuing pressure from the community led QBPL trustees to hold a special meeting with civic and elected leaders. The trustees then voted to take title to the building by Nov. 1977 and open it as a library by March, 1978.

Graffiti still remains despite our requests for its removal. When the Department of Public Works had the responsibility of maintaining the building, it claimed it had no funds to remove graffiti, and that removal of litter and debris was the duty of the Dept. of Sanitation.

Requests to that agency went unanswered. Thanks to members of the BCCA who gave of their time, weeds, litter and other debris were occasionally removed from in front of the building.

The community has waited approximately 25 years for a library. That wait should be over in a few short weeks.

SHIP AHOY!

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Flotilla 12/8

12 lessons in Boating Skills and Seamanship Course. Starts January 3, 1978 at 7:30 P.M. Martin Van Buren High School. For further information call

Bob Wetzel 347-4499
Free Course, but minimum charge for materials.

NOTICE

THE NEXT MEETING THURSDAY

January 5, 1978

8:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker
Councilman
Sheldon Leffler

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TOWN MEETING

Have you ever been to a Town Meeting? If you haven't it is a stimulating civic experience. The closest you can get to this as a resident of New York City is to attend an open meeting where there is a give-and-take between the audience and an elected official.

Attend our January meeting on Thursday, Jan. 5th - when our newly elected City Councilman, Sheldon Leffler will be present to install our officers and Board of Directors and answer your questions.

Start the New Year off with a "bang" by attending the January meeting and get to know your association officers and have an opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with our new councilman.

LIGHT UP THE PARK

The Association at its December meeting decided to contact all authorities having jurisdiction, and request that the lighting in the park and PS 133 playground be improved. Specifically,

we are going to request that the street lighting adjacent to the park be Sodium Vapor Lights and the lighting within the park area be converted to a compatible high intensity system. Also, we will ask that additional lighting be installed to eliminate all dark areas.

Since it is our intention that all of this lighting remain on from dusk to dawn, anyone having any opinions regarding this issue should attend our January meeting and make them known to the association.

The association has made this decision because of the increased amount of loitering in the area and many acts of vandalism which have taken place.

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The winner of the
P.S. 133Q Spelling
Bee is:

William Wood
(5th grade)
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HOWDY NEIGHBOR

Who doesn't enjoy eating out occasionally and how good it is not to cook, right ladies? It's a plus for us, therefore to have a clean, convenient, inexpensive place nearby for that happy treat that fits within a tight budget--our own Burger King on Hillside Ave and 258 St.

Singles, young marrieds, teens, families--somehow a burger at home never quite comes up to the same succulent satisfying taste as do those juicy Burger King specials. Even the Whaler makes eating fish fun--a dreaded menu in many families.

Besides offering their delicious fares to the man on the street, these people have proven and continue to prove themselves as good neighbors in our community. Any parent of a Girl Scout or Cub Scout can tell you of the ecstasy of the guided tour given to so many of our Belle-rose troops, season after season, with honest to goodness samples afterwards. And how many of our marchers every June

Walk parade realize their pallets are refreshed through the generosity of Burger King in supplying the delicious cups of orange drink to all our participants?

Okay, Gang, let's hear it for Burger King. HIP, HIP HOORAH
!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

SELLING??

At our last general meeting an interesting topic was brought up, that of using the Action News as a referral service if you plan on selling your home. The board of Directors and the general membership are in favor of the proposal.

The many advantages of this referral system are:

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The Action News is offering this service only as a community service. If you decide to use one of our reputable brokers in

Bellerose we ask you to sign an exclusive listing and not use Multiple listing.

RESPONSIBILITY

HOME OWNERS RESPONSIBILITY

Once again winter is upon us and soon we will have the usual sleet and snow. This is a reminder to the community, that we have a responsibility to our neighbors to clear our sidewalks. The law specifies that 4 hours after the storm stops your sidewalk (except after 12 midnight then in the morning) should be cleared. You could receive a citation (ticket) for non-removal of snow or not sanding of ice. If this is not enough should someone fall on your sidewalk and then a law suit.

Last year was a disgrace the condition of some of the sidewalks I had to use walking home. An older person would have had serious difficulty maneuvering on some that I crossed. Surely there is one adult or teenage child in every home who could take care of this job. People with heart conditions should take care not to overwork and if need be hire a neighborhood teenager to clear the snow.

ADULT FILMS

Community pressure is having some success in its battle against "Adult" or pornographic films. Right now only one movie house in Queens Village consistently shows "X" rated films.


While there has been some success, the fact is that more pickets are needed to continue the pressure. Volunteers, even if they can devote only two or three hours, should get in touch with the St. Anne's Knights of Columbus in Queens Village.

Some movie house operators show "Adult" films because there seems to be a market for the product, others are driven in this direction, since as business men, they have payrolls to meet, business and real estate taxes to pay.

Porno films are made on a low budget, and film rentals are low so that the theatre operator can meet his financial obligations more easily. Multi-million dollars films carry rentals in the thousands of dollars.


In some areas, there is not enough community support for family-type films, the "G" or "GP" rated movies. The options for the theatre operator are very few --- keep the theatre open with "X" films, or shutter the theatre and hope that vandals won't begin to tear it down.

Motion picture house attendance is diminishing. With baseball, hockey, good old movies (Paper Moon was re-run again last night) series like "Upstairs-Downstairs" available free by selecting the right TV channel the practice of going to the movies is disappearing.

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