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President's Gavel

Surprise, Surprise!! Last month I said I was leaving after two years as president, well some of our Board members have discovered some obscure rule about the outgoing president staying on if no new president is selected. Well, here I am again. Some month in the future, we will find someone who has the time and interest to carry on...in the meanwhile, I'll continue to put in my best effort to lead our association to bigger and better heights.

There are still many new areas to cover. One important issue is to set up the helping hand program in conjunction with local schools and churches to provide a safe refuge for children in the event that their trip to or home from school is interrupted. Also, I'm interested in setting up a welcome program for new residents so we can meet people as they arrive in the neighborhood, let them know the good places to shop and eat, travel tips and most importantly introduce them to our civic association, get their interest and three bucks. Our streets need help and the neighborhood to our immediate south as just elected a new Board and we have an opportunity for a coalition to beat up on our local representatives and city departments to get our fair share of services.

Several of our local Civics have initiated private patrol services to improve security and maybe the time has come for that type of service here. Stop by and let me know if this is interesting to you.

R. Hellenbrecht
President

Officers were elected for 1986 as follows:

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James Delaney
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Board Members (one year terms)

Peter Condon
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Notice

THE
NEXT MEETING
THURSDAY
January 9, 1986
8:00 P.M.
GUEST SPEAKER
Rep. from Congressman
Gary Ackerman's Office
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85th Avenue

LIBRARY NEWS

HALLELUIA!

Residents of Little Neck Parkway and 86th Avenue are singing Halleluia because of an overdue gift from the Traffic Dept.

During the last week of November traffic lights were finally installed after a twenty year fight by Your Civic Association.

The installation was too late for several motorists who had a serious accident a few days before the lights were operational.

Nearby residents will not miss the frequent screech of brakes and the following sound of colliding automobiles.

Fortunately, there were no fatalities over the years but very serious damage to both cars and owners.

Residents have had hedges and wrought iron fences mowed down by cars.

The traffic lights now make it safer for school children to cross Little Neck Parkway.

Grateful B.C.C.A. members are finding it easier to back out of their driveways without fear of collision.

Most of all, unsuspecting motorists will no longer drive through a STOP SIGN that was often barely visible because of poor lighting or obstructing tree leaves.

QUEENS LIBRARY DRAMA CLUB presents A Night of Theatre. Scene selections from modern comedies include: Picnic by William Inge, Prisoner of Second Avenue by Neil Simon, On Golden Pond by Ernest Thompson. Thursday, Jan. 16, 1985 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Follow the lives of an American husband and wife as they settle in a remote Mexican town with people who both respect and misunderstand them in Stones for Ibarra by Harriet Doerr, Thurs. Jan. 23 at 10:30 a.m.

CELEBRATE YOUR ETHNIC HERITAGE - Mrs. Nahid Rachlin, author of Foreigner and Married to a Stranger will be the guest speaker on Jan. 9 at 7:30 p.m. Born in Iran and now living in New York City, she has an intimate insider's knowledge of present-day Iran. This program is made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

YOUNG ADULT

Book discussion meets Jan. 2 at 3:30 p.m. Uncover the secret behind David's death and how his friend, Lynn, learns to cope with it in ABOUT DAVID by Susan Beth Pfeffer.

Growing Up Male/Growing Up Female - Thurs. Jan. 9th at 3:30 p.m. All teens welcome to discussion dealing with family, friends, and school situations.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Picture Book Hour meets for its last session on Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 1:30 p.m. Spring session registration for children who were not in the Fall session will be held in January. Children ages 3½ to 5 are welcome.

Pre-school films for 3-5 year olds are shown on Fridays at 3:30 p.m.

Junior Book Discussion meets Friday, Jan. 16 at 3:30 p.m.

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Rev. George Anderson,
Pastor
516-354-6866

December's Meeting

After publication of last month's Newsletter, we asked Assemblyman Doug Prescott to join us in December. Doug spoke to us about his activities in Albany and of his local offices' activities. He has been extremely active since returning to Albany and is introducing new legislation to help his constituents. Doug had called me about the delay on installing the light and within two weeks the light was hooked up and working. The Assemblyman offered the use of his office staff to help with local problems, so if you have any difficulties dealing with the city or state bureaucracies, please feel free to call Doug's local office at 229-7744.

We had a presentation from Charles Tozzo about recent laws requiring gas stations with service facilities to accept used crankcase oil from anyone who wants to recycle it. Many times I have seen people dumping oil in sewers knowing that this can do considerable damage to the environment. Charles suggests we all us this new right to save a lot of money by doing our own oil changes (which takes about 5 minutes) and bring the used oil to the station for safe, ecological disposal.

Bellerose Baptist Church
240-20 Braddock Avenue
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Rev. Jeffrey Gowsky,
Pastor
347-2554

Jim Delaney reviewed the plans for the rebuilding of Hillside Avenue from Winchester Boulevard to city line. As a result of votes, we decided to notify Community Board 13 that we request additional traffic lights between Commonwealth and Littleneck Parkway and raised malls between the same borders with left turn lanes. Letters have been written.

Clean Streets

Thanks to Councilman Sheldon Leffler at a recent meeting, Commissioner Steisel of the Department of Sanitation, has promised to send a street sweeper to the area as they become available and alternate side of the street program priorities do not conflict.

It was with deep regret that we noted the passing of Mrs. George Sharp, a long term resident of Bellerose and the wife of one of our former Board members who also passed away last year.

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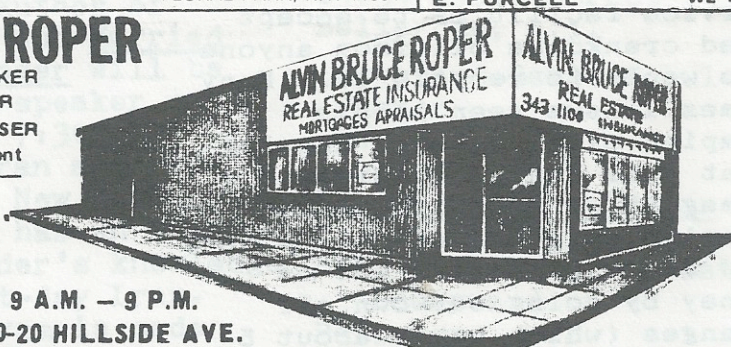
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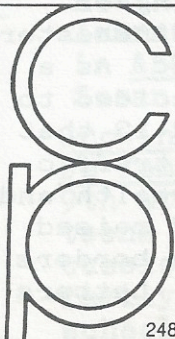
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