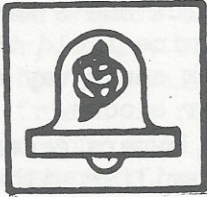


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## RECOGNITION

The Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association consists of all the households in this area that have paid their annual dues ... dues paid to the Block Captain who calls on you each year, who hand delivers the "ACTION NEWS" to your door, and who actually represents this Association on your block.

Without the cheerful contribution of these really dedicated neighbors in our area, the B.C.C.A. would quickly dissolve.

It is with great pride that we recognize the Block Captains who play so great a role in our activities.

As you may be aware, for some blocks we do not have a Block Captain, and we rely on neighborhood youths to deliver the newsletter and on mail solicitation for membership dues. WE CAN USE MORE BLOCK CAPTAINS. Please volunteer, and next year you will be among the Block Captains we will recognize.

To volunteer, call John Reh at 347 - 5756

## OUR CAPTAINS

Angelille, Ray	Wolf, George
Andrejeski, Judy	York, Howard
Blaine, Maryann	Zahner, Carol
Brekke, Connie	
Budds, Jacqueline	
Caruso, Molly	
Cerise, G.	
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Curran, Peggy	
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Delaney, James	
Ferguson, John	
Ferrara, William	
Freas, Charles	
Gallagher, Frances	
Gramlick, Janet	
Hayes, Thomas J.	
Hellenbrecht, Richard	
Kalin, Annette	
Kerswill, Dorothea	
Krotz, Margaret	
Lucas, Kathy and Bob	
McGuire, Georgia	
McGann, Dennis	
Matthews, Laurette	
Morgan, James	
Muller, Irma	
Ngai, Melody	
Platania, Betty	
Regalbuto, Alvina	
Reh, Catherine	
Robinson, Elaine	
Santa Maria, Alice	
Schmidt, Helga	
Seller, Grace	
Sharp, George	
Spitzhoff, Gus	
Slaney, Virginia	
Sprenger, Eugene	
Vogel, Betty	
Wechsler, Bernie	
Weickert, Ruth	
West, Donald	

## WINNERS

The verdict is in and the School Board members for District 26 who will have the task of maintaining excellence in the schools while apportioning diminishing funds have been certified. For the next three years, the schools will be in the care of:

William Caulfield  
Jack Como  
Nicholas Garaufis  
Lee Goldman  
Fran Hirsh  
Dorothea Kuritzkes  
Father Thomas O'Rourke  
Judith Schwarz  
Helene Zarq

CONGRATULATIONS!

## NOTICE

THE NEXT MEETING

JUNE 2, 1977

8:30 P.M.

BLOCK CAPTAIN  
RECOGNITION  
NIGHT

HOUSE OF HOPE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Corner of 248th St.  
& 85th Avenue  
Bellerose



# JUNE WALK

The June Walk which brings to a close the activities of the B.C.C.A. for the first half of the year is scheduled for Saturday, June 11.

The previous June Walks (this will be our fourth) have all brought out enthusiastic youngsters avid for fun, refreshments, and hopefully a prize for their "original" costumes, imaginative floats, or decorated vehicles.

The marchers step out at 2 p.m. The route will be the same one followed last year --- beginning at the Playground of P.S. 133, the marchers proceed along 85th Avenue to 252nd Street, then south along 252nd Street to 87th Drive, west on 87th Drive to 249th Street, and back to the Playground.

To set the mood and to keep everyone in step, the Stormy Knights, the Drum and Bugle Corps of Our Lady of the Snows will lead the marchers.

We are hopeful that the merchants and other civic minded business that have contributed prizes and provided refreshments which have done much to make the Walks a success will support us with their customary generosity.

As many prizes as we receive will be awarded for costumes, floats, and decorated vehicles. It goes without saying that the prizes are awarded to those, who in the opinion of the judges show greater merit --- and not awarded simply on the basis of participation. For participants, flags will be distributed and refreshments dispensed.

Who are the judges? Who will dispense the refreshments? Who will maintain some sense of order during the whole proceedings? The fact is that we still need volunteers if this Walk is to go off smoothly.

Please call Ed. Galvin at 347 - 8124 to volunteer your service. This is a Community affair, and the children of the community expect a pleasant afternoon. You won't let them down, will you?

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## ON SANITATION

Mr. Peter Wilson of the Sanitation Department, our guest speaker at our May meeting explained the work of the Department's Civilian Patrol and answered questions from the audience. Any resident may volunteer to serve in the Civilian Patrol. After suitable instruction in the Sanitation Department regulations, the volunteer may perform as a peace officer in the war to keep the community a cleaner place in which to live.

While much of the work of the Civilian Patrol deals with commercial establishments that violate the Sanitation Department regulations, members may also cite private home-owners, and, yes, dog-walkers for failing to curb their dogs.

Basically the activity involves patrolling an area, speaking to "offenders" and citing specific violations. A follow-up visit may result in a written warning to the violator, with a copy sent to the Sanitation Department to record the violation. If the situation is not corrected, a summons may follow.

Of interest to the homeowner were Mr. Wilson's comments on dog-walkers and their responsibilities to their neighbors. Some areas are so popular with pet owners that it must have been safer to pick one's way through a mine field than try to pick one's way along some of our blocks.

Home owners generally are not familiar with the Sanitation Department regulations. Leaves are not to be swept into the street, but should be bagged. As a matter of fact, it is also against the law to shovel snow into the roadway. Trash should be placed at the curb on the day of the scheduled pick-up ... and the pick-up day begins at midnight.

On bulk pick-up, the former practice of calling the Sanitation Department to make a definite appointment for bulk removal has been eliminated. Instead, six pieces of bulk can be put along the curb on the SECOND collection day of the week. Lumber, plant cuttings, branches, newspapers and the like have to be tied.

If you have any questions involving the Sanitation Department, a call to 739 - 4220 will get you the answer.

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## SECURITY

This is the last issue of "ACTION NEWS" until September when the B.C.C.A. resumes its activities.

The summer is a time for vacationing and relaxing. BUT, it is also the time for checking the security of your home, especially if you expect to be away for an extensive period of time.



Common sense says that we should not discuss our vacation plans where large numbers of people congregate, like super-markets. Don't broadcast where you are going when you are going, and how long you expect to be away. However, do let the police know when you will be away. Ask a friend or neighbor to take in your mail, collect the newspapers, mow the lawn and turn on house lights, if you do not use a timer.

B.C.C.A. has alarms available for members through our Security Officer, George Wolf (call 347 - 3027)

Summer is also the time to keep garage doors closed so that bicycles, power mowers, and other valuables do not tempt those intent on mischief.

For portable valuables, such as TVs and cameras, the Association has engraving tools so that one may inscribe a Social Security number or other identification for easy retrieval from the Police Department should it be stolen and recovered.

While it may not be possible to safeguard one's home 100%, common sense and some caution can turn the odds for safety in your favor.

HAPPY VACATIONS TO ALL!  
SEE YOU IN THE FALL!

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## TO THE EDITOR

There has been a renewed attempt by civic leaders to restore pride in our community and to instill in our children a sense of respect for their neighborhood. One might also reflect on the respect our senior citizens

afford our children. On too many blocks, elders are found screaming at children and their parents because they can not tolerate the continuous sound of a bouncing ball, of pre-schoolers racing their "big wheels", of a soccer or baseball game played in the street.

In many instances, our seniors appear to be overwhelmingly concerned over the fate of their lawn and flowers. Granted, pride in one's property and the ability of many elders to spend hours daily embellishing it are desirable -- we have a neighborhood to be proud of.

But should we quench a toddler's enthusiasm with constant reminders to "stay off their lawn"? Is it fair to fight over a ball game on the street because the ball occasionally lands on a lawn? Must we always be concerned with sending our children elsewhere to play so that our own neighbors will not be bothered?

## WHERE ARE WE TO ALLOW OUR CHILDREN TO PLAY???

Don't our children have a right to play in their own yard? Are values a little warped when an untouched lawn is more important than a child happy at play under a parent's supervision?

Young parents attempting to keep an eye on their children and to encourage them to bring friends home rather than to congregate on street corners are finding it difficult when they are constantly badgered by their neighbors. Is it fair to hear "I raised children and they never did that!"?

Most of us live on property no more than 40 feet wide. Our neighbors are nearby. Let us all endeavor to spend a peaceful summer, each of us setting reasonable limits so that all generations, youngsters and oldsters alike, are respectful of each other.

(Name withheld)

(by request)


Summer indeed has many good things to offer and understandably we all emit a sigh of delight when the new leaves appear on trees that were barren all winter. But warm weather brings its problems as well as its pleasures and once again they are upon us.

Restless teenagers wander the streets listlessly searching for shadowy areas in which to make mischief. It would be well for us to keep this in mind as night folds its blanket of darkness over us these warm evenings, wrapping us in content at our comfortable homes. Why not make it a point to keep your outside lights on eliminating as many dark areas as possible? Porch lights and post lamps with a soft glow will persuade unwanted loiterers to continue in their quest for a place to linger.


We take pride in our neighborhood but we must each do our part to protect it at night, as well as beautify it by day. The few pennies spent on outside illumination in the evenings is little enough to pay for peace of mind.

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