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## JUNE WALK SET FOR JUNE 10

The big day is almost at hand!

The annual June Walk is set for 2 P.M. on Saturday, June 10.

This year's theme is one of patriotism and community spirit.

Gathering place for the walk is 248th Street between 85th and 86th Avenues.

Everyone one in the community is invited -- and the price is right -- it's free.

Prizes and food galore will be available at the end of the parade, which will be led by "The Stormy Knights" of Our Lady of Snows School.

Prizes will be given for the best original floats and the best decorated items in the parade.

We want to see the biggest outpouring ever of the Bellerose citizenry.

It's a family affair so bring your husband, wife, daughter, son, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, friends, relatives, boyfriends, girl friends.

You can decorate your unicyles, bicycles, tricycles, carriages, scooters, wagons -- anything you can imagine.

On our June Walk Day we are asking all our friends and neighbors to display their flags.

Residents are urged to please take their cars off the parade route streets on June 10th and put them in their driveways.

Among the prizes for best original decorations are tickets to games at Shea Stadium, Yankee Stadium, Viemasters, paint sets, games, school and craft kits and many, many more bought by or donated to the Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association, which is sponsoring the Walk.

This year the committee is chaired by John Reh, who has been working hard for months to make the June Walk the biggest and best ever. We need you to help make this gala event one to remember and talk about for the whole year.

So remember: Saturday, June 10 starting at 2 PM. (Rain date:

Saturday, June 17)

After gathering at 248th Street, the parade will go south to 87th Drive, then east on 87th Drive to 254th Street. At this point the parade will turn north on 254th Street to march to 86th Avenue. Then they will go back to the P.S. 133 school yard at 249th Street where ice cream, soda etc. await all, plus the prizes for the best floats and what have you.

Be there!

## HONOR BLOCK CAPTAINS

The Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association members will honor the backbone of the organization -- its block captains -- at the June 1 general membership meeting.

These men and women do the yeoman job of keeping Bellerose informed -- members of the Association and non-members alike -- by distributing Action News each month on every doorstep, and collecting the annual \$2 dues, plus keeping neighbors informed verbally of what what is going on in the community.

These workhorses of the Association have helped bring about the record membership the Association is now enjoying.

This is our chance to salute our BLOCK Captains -- so turn out for the meeting to hail them and give them a big pat on the back for a job well done.

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## VANDALISM CONTINUES IN AREA; ASK MORE LIGHTS

Despite the addition of more lights around the P.S. 133 playground, vandalism is continuing on the streets of Bellerose.

Residents all along 85th Avenue and 87th Avenue from Commonwealth Blvd. to Little Neck Parkway reported to the May general membership meeting dozens of incidents of smashed car windows and slashed car tires and raids through their back yards at night, especially on the weekends.

They angrily demanded that the local 105th precinct be more attentive to their complaints and patrol the area more effectively.

The constant refrain was that police cars are rarely, if ever, seen on the Bellerose side streets after 7 pm and reminded the board of directors that Capt. Frederick J. Kavanagh, commander of the 105th Police Precinct had repeatedly assured residents and

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## NOTICE

### THE NEXT MEETING THURSDAY

June 1, 1978

8.30 P.M.

Salute to Block Captains

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## BCCA MEETING SUMMARY

The general membership meeting on May 4 took the following actions: Indicated an interest in holding a Fall Dance, tentatively set for Oct. 14.

Agreed to have a committee study the feasibility of a volunteer program to help elderly in the neighborhood with chores around their homes, go shopping for them etc., for which they would be paid a nominal sum.

Applauded a report that the Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association membership hit a new high for the fourth consecutive month -- 687 members.

Approved giving two Citizenship Award prize medals to 2 students at P.S. 133 and two at St. Gregory's.

Heard a report and saw a slide presentation from Con Edison representative Betty Smith, Consumer Affairs Representative, who explained how bills are arrived at, what a kilowatt is, and how to conserve on energy.

Discussed the possibility of a July picnic at the Creed Farm. Jim Delaney will investigate further.

Voiced their displeasure with the fact that the BCAA had to pay \$25 for a permit to use the park at the conclusion of the June Walk. The group had never had to pay a fee in the past.

Approved a move by the board to push the Parks Department for a daily and more efficient clean-up of the debris-littered P.S. 133 playground and to make certain a full-time attendant is on duty and working.

## SUMMER REGISTRATION OPEN FOR RECREATION PROGRAMS

The 105th Precinct Community Council announces that there will be a Summer Recreation Program for boys and girls aged 7 through 14 during July and August.

Location: Creedmoor Sports Center Building No. 18, Monday through Friday from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.

Registration will be conducted on June 14 and June 23 at 7 P.M. at the 105th Police Precinct, room 234, 92-08 222 Street, Queens Village. The registration fee for the summer program is \$8.

For further information call Police Officer Frank McIntyre at 740-0600, ext. 48.

## VANDALISM CONTINUES IN AREA; ASK MORE LIGHTS

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the BCCA in meetings that the problem was going to get special attention and that there would be more police presence in the form of patrol cars, in addition to a crack-down on youthful hoodlums "headquartered in the P.S. 133 park despite posted dusk curfew warning signs -- which the vandals have now torn down.

The membership insisted that Capt. Kavanagh be invited to the next membership meeting on June 1 to be asked personally why the police are not following up on their promises.

Meanwhile, to help in the war against vandals and hoodlums, P.S. 133 principal Felix Berman has requested that the Community School Board approve the addition of two spotlights on the roof of the school to light the darkened corner horseshoe area in the back of the school, facing the playground. He hopes the additional bright lights will discourage the youths from congregating in the darkened section of the area.

In our last issue we told how Councilman Leffler and Representative Padavan had helped in the fight for brighter street lights around the area. One of the earliest backers of our fight to light up the area also should not be forgotten. He is Assemblyman John Esposito. John did yeoman work for us in this and other campaigns for the BCCA. The assemblyman attended our meeting in November and started the fire under city officials to pay heed to the Bellerose needs.

## THANKS BCCA FOR HELP

James A. Trent, president of the Colonial Farmhouse Restoration Society of Bellerose has sent a letter of thanks to the Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association for its donation to help the group stage its recent revolutionary War battle reenactment.

In his letter to BCCA president James K. Delaney, Trent said the "war" was very successful and had 2,500 area residents witness the event over the two days it was held.

## HONOR BLOCK CAPTAINS

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The Block Captains being honored are:

Captain	Area Served
Ray Angelille	252nd St.
Judy Andrejeski	87th Ave.
Maryann Blane	249th St.
Connie Brekke	86th Avenue
Jacqueline Budds	250th St.
Molly Caruso	85th Ave.
G. Cerise	87th Drive
Margaret Chu	87th Ave.
Marie Copertino	247th St.
Carol Chrusz	84th Drive
Rosanne Clines	250th St.
Peggy Curran	85th Ave.

Anthony DiGianni	Commonw. Blvd
James Delaney	252nd St.
John Ferguson	253rd St.
William Ferrara	254th St.
Frances Gallagher	87th Ave.
Janet Gramlick	87th Drive
Ed Halleran	248th St.
Laura Harms	254th St.
Marie Helfrick	254th St.
Richard Hellenbrecht	86th Road
Annette Kalin	248th St.
Dorothea Kerswill	87th Ave.

Margaret Krotz	L.N. Pkway
Eva Lotto	249th St.
Georgia McGuire	248th St.
Laurette Matthews	87th Ave.
Joseph Morgan	87th Ave.
Irma Muller	87th Drive
Melanie Ngai	248th St.
Roberta Obertance	251st St.
Betty Platania	251st St.
Alvina Regalbuto	L.N. Pkway
Catherine Reh	87th Ave.
Sylvia Rendal	L.N. Pkway

Alice Santa Maria	249th St.
Helga Schmidt	250th St.
Grace Seller	86th Ave.
George Sharp	249 St.
Gus Spitzhoff	87th Ave.
Virginia Slaney	253rd St.
Eugene Sprenger	Commonw. Blvd
Betty Vogel	253rd St.
Bernie Wechsler	250th St.
Ruth Weickert	85th Rd.
Donald West	246th St.
George Wolf	247th St.

Howard York	87th Drive
Carol Zahner	251st St.

"We believe," he wrote, "it was the most successful project we have ever undertaken."



## BELLEROSE LIBRARY BOOK COLLECTION GROWING DAILY

Ms. Jean Dickerson, Branch Librarian of the Bellerose Library is inviting one and all to come and participate of the "goodies" on the Library shelves.

In an open letter to Bellerose residents, she said:

The Bellerose Library no longer has the limited collection with which it opened. Every day new books are being added. Since opening, we've added hundreds and hundreds of new volumes. So if you've judged our collection on just the first few days and decided that we didn't have enough, we urge you to reconsider and give us another try.

Some best sellers that are now in the collection are: Gordon's "Final Payments;" Chandler's "Hello, I Must be Going;" "Groucho and His Friends;" Allen's "Meeting of Minds;" Friday's "My Mother, Myself;" Anson's "Amityville Horror;" Kollek's "For Jerusalem;" Bosworth's "Montgomery Clift;"...and many, many more too numerous to list.

We've also received books on sailboating, knitting, cooking, doll houses, how to avoid being mugged, pain, dieting, fishing, remarriage... and other varied subjects. We have a collection of foreign language books...and we have magazines and newspapers from "Antiques" to "Wall Street Journal."

For special programs we offer an adult book discussion group, picture book hour, and needlecraft, covering needlepoint, crochet and knitting.

## WATERWAYS SAFETY

Flotilla 12-8 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary reports that a Safe Boating Demonstration will be held Sunday, June 10th at Tappan Beach in Hempstead Harbor.

Various groups will have displays and on-water demonstrations free of charge and open to the general public.

The event will take place from 12 noon to 3 P.M. at Harry Tappan Beach Marina located on Shore Road in Glenwood Landing, just north of the LILCO power plant.

For further information call Guy Anastasio at 516 931-4049.

## BELLEROSE REMEMBERS

"I think that I shall never see, a poem lovely as a tree." Joyce Kilmer wrote these words for the whole world to share, while Bellerose residents affirmed their agreement by planting trees as a living memorial to those who lost their lives in a tragic accident of some 40 years ago.

It began as a normal June morning, people off to work, others in their kitchens at breakfast, some in their gardens.

Suddenly the silence was shattered by a mid-air collision of two planes out of Mitchell Field, leaving bodies and debris strewn over an area of several blocks.

One plane fell to the mall on 239th Street between 86th and 87th Avenues, slid into a house miraculously devoid of its residents, black smoke billowing skyward. The second plane crashed into a home on 87th Avenue, claiming the life of a housewife, and bursting into flames.

Mrs. Mary Shutter, still a resident of 239th Street, recalls the scene as vividly today as when it happened, remembering how she fled from her kitchen with two infants when the crash occurred. She watched in horror as servicemen bailed out too low for their parachutes to open, fell to their deaths.

But the impact of the event led to a lasting remembrance for all to share when a row of trees was planted on that very mall on 239th Street where the first plane had fallen, one for each victim of that terrible disaster. Wooden plaques were made for each tree, and tridenominational service were held at this site each Memorial Day for many years afterwards.

Some of the residents who lived through this awesome day are no longer in the area. The wooden plaques have disappeared, and the memorial services have long since ceased. But Spring has come to our town once again and the trees on the mall have awakened from their Winter slumber. Each tree, a sign of life renewed, stands as a silent sentinel, poised in beauty.

As I pass this living tribute of love by a sorrowing community, my heart recalls "a thing of beauty is a joy forever." A perfect tribute -- gone but not forgotten.  
**Betty Platania**

If any of our readers recall other incidents of past days in Bellerose

## FALL DANCE IN OCTOBER IF ENOUGH INTEREST SHOWN

The Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association is seriously exploring the possibility of holding a Fall Dance -- even setting the tentative date for Saturday evening, Oct. 14.

The main question is whether the price is right and enough community interest is aroused in buying tickets to the musical fiesta -- complete with food.

At the general membership meeting on May 4 enough members indicated interest to attending to cause a committee to go forward with looking for a site with the best possible price -- as low as possible.

Dennis McGann is head of the search committee. If you are interested in going to the dance, please call Dennis at 343-3971. There will be no obligation on your part to buy tickets. We just want to know if the BCCA is within range of running a successful affair.

Or, you can phone Helen Sharp at 343-7614, or Betty Platania at 347-5914.

Here's what the group has learned so far:

The tentative plan is to charge \$7.50 per person. American Legion Post 301 in Queens Village has indicated it will have its hall available for a dance.

The smorgasboard would consist of all the various meats -- turkey, ham, baloney, salads, etc. buffet style.

Disco music would probably be provided, with possibly square dancing or other types of dancing, with a one or two piece band.

Drinks would be available at a minimum cost or you could bring your own bottle by paying a small corkage charge. Soda, of course, would be available for the non-drinkers and plenty of beer.


So...if you want to go to the dance, or help assure its success, why don't you give Dennis, or Helen, or Betty a phone call. Remember, it's no obligation on your part...merely an indication of strong interest...so we can make our plans a little firmer.

and would like to share them with us, please call Betty at 347-5914 and she will be happy to make note of them in Action News.



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**APEC WALK IN ALLEY POND  
WETLANDS SET FOR JUNE 24**

After an educational slide program about the Alley Pond Environmental Center at our April meeting, some members expressed an interest in taking a tour of the wetlands area near the APEC Center.

To accommodate members of the BCCA, a special "Wetlands Walk" has been scheduled for Saturday, June 24 at 10.30 A.M. All are welcome.

Just go to the Center at 228-06 Northern Blvd., Douglaston.

In addition to the Wetlands Walk, guided by a representative of APEC, the recycling center will also be open for inspection.

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