

bellerose commonwealth civic association, inc.



action news

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JUNE 1987

EXTRA OUR LAST MEETING
WILL BE JUNE 4TH.
WE CORDIALLY INVITE
ALL TO ATTEND OUR
BLOCK CAPTAIN
RECOGNITION EVENING.
CAKE AND COFFEE
WILL BE SERVED.
PLEASE COME AND SAY
THANK YOU TO THOSE
WHO VOLUNTEER THEIR
TIME TO DELIVER THE
BCCA ACTION NEWS.

Meetings

The May meeting of the Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association featured a presentation by the BQ Cable Company. This meeting was the best attended meeting of the year and there were many questions about the upcoming cable services

we've been so long waiting for. The latest word is that we will see cable in our area from one month through the end of the year. The costs will be from a basic system of less than \$14 to full features over \$60. We will generally be solicited by phone for an appointment or at the door if your line is unlisted. As mentioned previously, installers will need to enter certain yards to access telephone poles and they have every right to do so. There are many packages available to subscribers, most of which come with wireless remote control. Several features and changes are available without charge, unlike other systems. For instance, you can have the system shut down when you spend your winters in Florida or Hawaii, at no additional shut off or install costs. Be sure to ask the installer how to hook up your VCR for taping on one channel while you watch another.

Their services for community information seem very generous and accessible within the basic 50 channel package. In general, for those who might want to watch more television and spend less time and money at the movies, it seems that BQ is a good choice. The representative said that "down time" has been minimal, only going out of

**WE MEET THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT HOUSE OF HOPE
CHURCH, CORNER 248TH STREET AND 85TH AVENUE**8:00 PM****

service for brief periods of less than fifteen minutes, primarily to allow new users to come on line.

Bike Registration

Our most sincere apologies to those of you who might have come by the school yard to get their bikes and cars registered. As you were probably told, a mixed communication with the precinct precluded us from completing the registration.

We have rescheduled the bike and car registration for June 13, and we hope you will be able to come by. I was a little disappointed at the number of people who showed up. Bike thefts, both from the street and break-ins of garages happen every day. This simple but effective method of identifying your bike can save you from a theft, or at best can even lead to catching a thief. We hope you will take advantage of this service we are providing to you. See you on 249th Street near 85th Ave on June

Dues

As many of you know, dues helps this organization to react to situations that happen in the neighborhood and allows us to represent you at various meetings to help preserve this beautiful community. We have about the cheapest dues of any of the civics in the area and we have always had a respectable percentage of members. We rely on Block Captains to do most of the collecting and we mail dues requests to the remainder of our neighbors. If you haven't been approached for 86-87 dues yet, please mail your three dollar check, addressed to Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association, to:

Mr. Ross Fertita, Treas.
250-11 87th Avenue
Bellerose NY 11426

Some of the things we've done in the recent past have been the Little Neck Parkway traffic light, reducing the hill at Jerico and Little Neck, fight for malls as part of the Hillside Ave project, try to get the Q12A bus off of local streets and extended to Floral Park LIRR station, investigate the construction of the new attached houses on 249th Street, survey local streets in Bellerose for potholes and other problems. We think we serve an important purpose in Bellerose and the minimal dues supports these endeavors as well as demonstrates the number of people we represent. Please welcome your block captain.

Reassessment Stage Two

In 1983, 84 and 85, homes in Bellerose were given a 6% increase in assessment. In 1986 the increase was only 2%, because Section 1805 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law limits the total increase over any 5 year period to 20%. In 1987, the assessments were not increased because of section 1805, but in 1988, Mayor Koch can again give all homes another 6% increase in assessment. We are all paying 20% more Property Tax than we did in 1982, but city services are the same.

What may we expect in 1988?
Charles Theophil

Anniversary Day Parade

Continuing the tradition of Anniversary Day, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and House of Hope United Presbyterian Church will parade together on June 4th. The theme this year is "In Christ You Are A New Creation."

Marchers, with banners, decorated wagons, carriages and tricycles will assemble at Holy Trinity at 12:30PM, with the parade starting at 1PM.

Border Babies

The care of unwanted or uncared for infants has become a critical problem in New York City; over the past year, increasing ten fold. There are now three hundred babies who are housed in hospitals at exorbitant cost, and with little personal care and attention. The city's response as we have all seen on TV is to go into local residential areas to find homes and establish care facilities for these children under two years old, until their parents can care for them, or foster parents can be located. This situation hasn't ended at Gladwin Avenue. On April 14 an Agency Operated Boarding Home was opened on 210 Street in Queens Village. Over a month later, the City's HRA held a public information meeting to explain its actions to the community.

The program seems well run and to have little impact on the community and the outrage shown at the meeting was more at not being given advance notice, nor input of any sort. The major fear was that the parents of the children would be coming for visits, but the policy is strict secrecy of where any child is located, any visits are done at a third site. The children are well under school age and are cared for by three full time houseparents. HRA would not comment on where else they are seeking such homes, but indicated they were only interested in quiet residential areas. They rent only, and do their searches through newspapers and they will not give advanced notice to communities of their intentions. Please keep your eyes open and let Rich Hellenbrecht know if you see anything suspicious, call 343-5397.

Heroism in Bellerose

An elderly resident of Bellerose has several neighbors to thank for being saved from her burning house near 85th Ave and 252 Street. Quick action, as reported in the New York Post, by several passers-by resulted in the rescue of Ms. Emily Dolzac and many of her pets. Good work, Mario, Dominick and Peter Balducci, Keiichi Fuji, Robert Edwards and Ronald Sullivan, we're proud of you.

**BCCA WISHES EACH
AND EVERY ONE OF
YOU A HEALTHY
HAPPY SUMMER.
LOOK FOR OUR NEXT
ISSUE IN AUGUST.**

Community Column

Belated Happy Birthday to Loren
Love Mom, Dad and Thomas

Happy Birthday Thomas
Love Mom, Dad and Loren

Fred and Joyce Roth of 253rd
Street announced the marriage, on
Sunday May 3, of their daughter
Marjorie Roth to Richard Tart.

Happy Anniversary Mom and Dad
Love Loren and Thomas

Congratulations to the Brownies
of Troop 4-358 who are bridging
to Juniors on May 28th. Also a
big THANK YOU to the Girl Scouts
who assisted us all year.

Ruth and Jackie

LOOK!

BELLEROSE IS NOT IMMUNE TO DRUGS...

Know these warning signs:

Mood Swings

Drug users can be happy one minute and sad the next. They may have unusually strong feelings of panic, anxiousness, and fear. Drug users may mistrust their friends, be irritable, nervous, lose interest in school and other activities, and become secretive.

Changes in Appearance

Drug users may look sickly or tired and experience chronic cold-like symptoms such as red eyes, runny noses, headaches, unexplained bruises, bleeding gums, muscle weakness and shaky hands. New drug users may also suddenly change their style of dress.

Changes in Pastimes, Changes in Friends

Drug users may suddenly lose interest in doing things they once enjoyed. They may skip school, change friends frequently and be reluctant to talk about their friends or what they do.

Trouble with Authority Figures

Drug users may become argumentative, fight with family, friends, or teachers, may run into trouble with the police and may run away from home.

Unusual Odors and Items

Sometimes drug users leave signs around in their rooms—funny smells, room deodorizers to cover drug odors, incense, pipes, papers to roll joints, and other drug gadgets.

If you see these changes in a family member or friend, you could be looking at a drug or alcohol problem.

Around the country and in your community, there are good people ready and eager to help. Please see the listing of help organizations

If you or someone you know and care about has a drug problem, contact any of these organizations:

National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth (N.F.P.)
1-800-554-KIDS

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
1-800-362-HELP

Clearinghouse for the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
301-443-6500.

National Cocaine Helpline at Fair Oaks Hospital
1-800-COCAINE

Parents Resource Institute for Drug Education (P.R.I.D.E.)
1-800-241-9746

Narcotics Anonymous
718-482-8844

Alcoholics Anonymous
212-686-1100

The Straight Foundation
813-576-8929

The U.S. Department of Education
1-800-624-0100

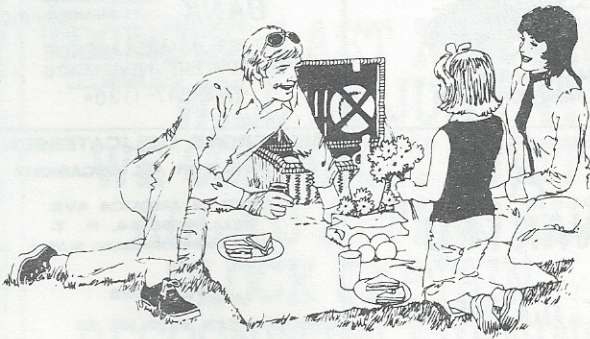
Library News

Summer Fun at the Library

Summer Reading Club starts July 1. See Librarian for details.

Arts and Crafts-every Thursday, school aged children at 3PM beginning July 2.

Summer films for pre-schoolers Wednesday mornings at 10:30AM, starts July 8. For schoolage children (to grade 6), Fridays at 2PM starting July 10.



Adult Programs

Used Book Sale, June 22 1-7PM

Young Adult

Chess Club for all ages, Thursdays 6-7:45PM

Animation Workshop learn techniques with Judi Fogelman, June 6 & 13 at 2PM

Childrens Programs

Picture Book Hours, Tuesdays 10:30 to 1:30, pre-registered children.

Father's Day Crafts, school age children June 19 at 3:30, registration required.

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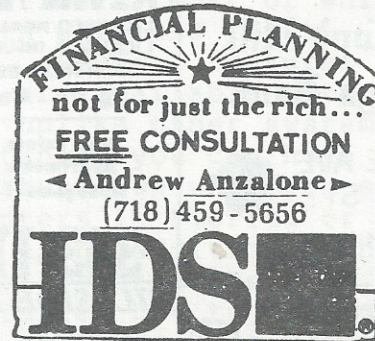
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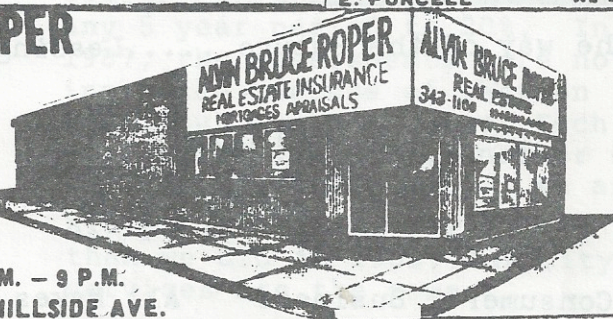
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