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Block Captain Appreciation Night

Brief Meeting and
Social Hour

Join us for a special
evening to kickoff summer
June 2 1994 at 8:00PM
House of Hope Church
Cor. 85th Ave & 248 St.

President's Gavel

By Joseph Byrne, President

The Summer's here and we get ready to take our summer recess. But please don't think that it is time to forget about the importance of our community. We will all be keeping an eye out for the safety and security of our neighborhood.

I would like to thank everyone in Bellerose for making my first six months a very enjoyable, challenging and productive time. I look forward to a restful Summer. If anyone has any problems please give me a call or send a note to our Post Office box.

This month we traditionally honor our Block Captains for their consistent and hard work in helping to keep you in touch with civic events and keeping our association going with their dues collections. We hope all Captains will be proud of the work that they do.

Bellerose Pride

by: Richard C. Hellenbrecht

I want to thank the dozen or so people who came out on May 14 and did such a wonderful job of cleaning up the malls on Little Neck Parkway. The forty-something bags that were picked up made a major difference in Bellerose' major thoroughfare.

On the other hand, I was very disappointed that only one percent of our neighborhood would turn out to help the cleanup effort, despite notices two months early.

Since there is so much more to do we have scheduled a second cleanup day on June 11. We still have some cleanup work to do on other parts of LNP, particularly between Hillside Avenue and 87th Ave.

We also need to clean up the triangle. We need at least 30 people, which I don't consider unreasonable.

Please meet at PS133 school yard on June 11 at 9AM. We will split up from there and go to the triangle and LNP.

You are requested to bring rakes, shovels, brooms and

gloves. We will supply heavy duty bags and some flowers.

I would like to thank the following neighbors for their efforts on May 14: Charles Mirenda, Stephanie and Jack Rosenthal, Ed Korzeniewski, Elizabeth and Geraldine Brand, Allen Krotz and Rich Hellenbrecht. Special thanks to Frank Olton who returned later to clear out a major section. Also, our special thanks to CPOP officer Rus Guerrier and Pete Toth who really pitched in to get the job done.

Hazardous Materials

As mentioned previously, June 4 is the second annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day sponsored by the NYC Department of Sanitation. The collection will be from 8 AM to 4 PM at York College parking lot on 158th Street between Jamaica Avenue and Liberty Avenue.

According to NYC/DOS, they will be glad to take old paints, batteries, motor oil, pesticides and solvents. This is a real opportunity to get rid of

some of that junk you've been worried about pouring down the drain or leaving at the curb. Last year's collection was a great success.

Spend a few hours and get rid of this dangerous and bulky material.

DOS needs volunteers to help survey and distribute literature on various programs. If interested, call (718)670-4190. Also, recycled paint will be offered free to community groups for community projects at the same number.

Rose House

Fr. Reeder Center Dirt Bikes

I had the opportunity to visit the rapidly completing housing center for seniors opposite the Cross Island YMCA.

I was impressed by the nice apartments. The roadways, parking areas and landscaping was not yet completed, but it was possible to visualize this project when it will be complete in a few weeks.

The development features 10 one-bedroom and forty studio apartments and a lovely community center. All apartments are set up kitchens and baths with safety handrails in the bathrooms. Apartments have emergency buttons as well as intercoms to a 24-hour guard.

One draw back of the site is its location at the edge of the Creedmore campus. The western border particularly is going to be pretty unattractive. But the rest of the center has plenty of bushes, bocci courts and other amenities.

As I sit here typing this article I'm trying to recover from the loss of several hours sleep on Sunday night when a very selfish person spent hours racing a noisy dirt bike up and down every street in Bellerose.

The dirt bike just started up again, but within a few minutes I heard a siren and a brief chase.

I am glad to report that the biker, who lives right here in Bellerose, will not be bothering us on this bike ever again!

I find it particularly hard to understand how any parent could allow a youth living in their house to go out in the middle of the night for no other reason than to disturb the neighbors, pollute the air and endanger any pedestrians and drivers in the area.

My special thanks to the police for ridding us of one real quality of life nuisance!

Community Awareness Day

June 4 is also the annual Community Awareness day of the Rose House long-term residential care center for adults. This center, which houses 168 mentally ill homeless men and women, has been a good neighbor to Bellerose and surrounding communities.

Each year a community leader who has been active with Rose House is honored in the Community Awareness. I am pleased to note that Rick Cannon and Susan Noreika will be so honored this year. Rick is President of the Bellerose Hillside Civic Association and many other local civic and political activities. Susan Noreika, as many of you will remember, is Chair of our Community Board.

Stop by Building 4 of Creedmore campus, opposite Preller Field at about 11:30. The picnic food is always excellent and the awards ceremony, particularly honoring Rose House residents, is very moving. Many of these residents have worked hard and made great progress toward returning to independent living. It is a very moving experience.

Exxon Station

I think we can finally claim victory in our long standing battle to get rid of the trucks selling furniture at the Exxon Station. It has been many weeks since the last visit at Exxon or Great Bear.

Thanks to many of you, also, who mentioned this problem at the New Hyde Park Inn. We notice a much cleaner Exxon and we expect fence installation and painting soon.

Follow-ups

Following are some updates on several issues we have been tracking for the past few months.

School Redistricting

Its a little hard to know exactly where this one is right now. We feel, however, that there has been improvement. The Governor has already stated that he will approve another waiver of the state law. In addition, Senator Padavan's introduction, which would eliminate the 15,000 average daily attendance mandate, passed the Senate, but it is as still awaiting Assembly.

On the other hand, there have been no reports that the Board of Education's Commission studying redistricting, nor has the consultant stopped work.

We think that at least the pressure is off to try to meet unrealistic deadlines.

Community Board

The BCCA and several other Civics voted in favor of a proposal to split Community Board 13Q. The proposal has been submitted and public hearings have been held. At the hearing, CB13 was the only proposal of other than minor modifications to existing lines.

It is not clear whether this proposal will go very far. In addition, many members of CB13 were quite disturbed that such a proposal was submitted without a formal CB13 hearing or vote.

Signs

Several interesting and attractive signs have started popping up around Bellerose. These signs are urging people to clean up after their dogs and to respect the one-family character of Bellerose.

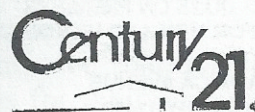
I want to thank whomever is putting these signs up. It sends the right message that people should not break the law by building apartments in their single-family houses.



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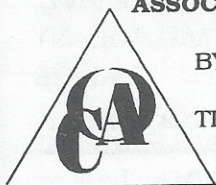


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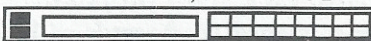
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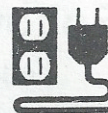
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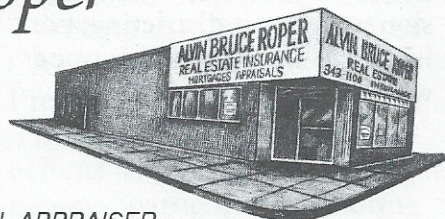
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