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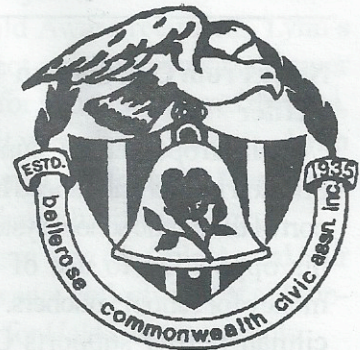
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President's Gavel

by: Richard Hellenbrecht

Block Captain's recognition always signals the end of our season as we all get ready to take a break for the summer. I hope we will have a large turnout to honor our block captains who work hard during the year to get your newsletters and collect dues. We deeply appreciate their efforts. In recognition of the captains, there will be a special cake and a raffle for a wirl-gig made and donated by one of

our members. In addition, in recognition of Flag Day on June 14, we will continue our annual tradition of raffling two American Flags.

This month's speaker will be a representative of the New York City Fire Department to discuss Fire Prevention and fire safety related issues.

There's lots of new inside this month. Please see our article on a proposed Group Home to be opened on 88th Road in Bellerose. Also, City Councilman Sheldon

Leffler has shared a lot of news for the community. The Community Board has also recently voted for the second time in opposition to the building of an oversized medical/dental and religious facility where a private house now resides in a restrictive residential zone on Union Turnpike and 257th Street.

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Bellerose Business District News

The Bellerose Business District recently installed new banners along Jericho Turnpike. The banners are supported in part by New York State Legislative Grants obtained by State Senator Frank Padavan. Many thanks to George Franke, owner of Mr. Ribbon, for coordinating this project. The banners identify our area and improve the looks of our shopping strip. The "Two Counties, One Town" slogan clarifies one of the primary objectives of the District - unifying the Queens and Nassau businesses.

On April 25 BBD sponsored

a graffiti clean-up. Several storefronts on Jericho Turnpike were cleaned on both sides of the street. The BBD supplied the chemicals and the elbow grease for this successful day.

On May 15 Assembly member Barbara Clark sponsored an annual cleanup day. This year BBD again focused its attention on the triangle near CSB bank at Braddock Avenue. Using plants supplied by the Assemblyperson and by the BBD.

At the May meeting BBD authorized the filing of two new grants totaling \$20,000 as seed money to hire a consultant to further consider

the creation of two Business Improvement Districts. One grant is from the New York Community Trust covering the Queens side and the other is from the Long Island Community Foundation, matching for Nassau County.

At the June 2 general membership meeting, the district will determine direction for the final phase of the economic development grant and study and discuss additional cleanup efforts for the shopping strip and mall. In addition, we are interested in members' suggestions for topics for seminars and presentations at future general membership meetings.

News From Councilman Leffler

In an open letter, Councilman Sheldon Leffler announced his support of the public school system and his opposition to use of public money for school vouchers. Councilman Leffler supports Queens Board of Education member Terri Thompson's efforts to win a greater share of the schools budget, citing the greatest number of children entering into the school system. Mr. Leffler said "It is unconscionable

for children to sit in rooms with peeling paint, malfunctioning coal burners, leaking roofs...and[using] halls, bathrooms and closets for classrooms." In the letter, the Councilman also opposed the breakup of the Board, supported the reduction in class sizes from 27 pupils to 20 and argued for a change in State funding to return to a level of \$139 million from only \$76 million under the current formula.

In other announcements, Councilman Leffler opposed water

rate hikes citing a 20% increase over three years if the hike goes forward. In addition, water rate hikes also automatically increase sewer charges. Sheldon also objected to unfair rules changes that favor the Water Board at the cost of homeowners and businesses.

Citing complaints from parks users for the sudden enforcement of parks curfews, Councilman Leffler called upon the Parks and Police to properly post curfews and alert residents of new park hours.

Dues is due

All block captains are requested to bring in their 1999 dues at the June meeting or give it to one of the Board members. We need to wrap up the books before we adorn for the summer. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Group Home Opposed

As part of their efforts to develop community residences for up to 14 persons, the Association for Children with Retarded Mental Development (ACRMD) is proposing to locate a home for six adults with developmental disabilities at 247-22 88th Road.

Our neighboring Civic - Queens Colony Civic Association has asked our support in opposing the group home at this location, citing several other groups homes in the area as well as Creedmoor. The QCCA is sponsoring a public hearing at Holy Trinity Church on June 3 at 8:00 pm.

Sex Offender in Bellerose

Under New York State's Megan's law, local schools and civic associations have been advised that a convicted sex offender named Alfredo Cruz has moved into the 11426 zip code. The BCCA was notified as part of the community notification program by the 105th Precinct and an announcement was made at our April 8 meeting.

According to the police notification, Mr. Cruz is a 5' 6" light skinned Hispanic brown hair, brown eyes.

St. Gregory's Festival

Once again it is time for St. Gregory's festival. Please support this important fund raiser. It is always lots of fun and great food. While visiting the festival, please respect the rights of neighbors by parking legally and depositing refuse in appropriate containers. Since it is close-by, why not try walking to the festival? Spend lots.

RCCA Community Awareness

The Rose House residential center for homeless mentally ill adults will host a Community Awareness day on June 19 at 11:00am at its headquarters on Creedmoor - Hillside Ave. near Winchester. The public is invited to a great lunch and entertainment - its free.

Sanitation Department

by: Richard Hellenbrecht

This will be a continuing series of NYC Department of Sanitation rules based on the Digest of Codes. This is first in a series.

Laws Applicable to Community Cleanliness

Sidewalks and Gutters - The sidewalks and gutter area (18 inches from the sidewalk into the street) along building frontage must be kept clean at all times. Sweepings must be picked up and deposited in suitable containers for collection. Sanitation litter baskets may not be used for this purpose.

Fine \$50-\$250.

Littering/Sweep-out/Throw-Out

It is illegal for anyone to litter, sweep, throw, or cast any material such as ashes, garbage, paper, dust, or other refuse or rubbish into or upon any street or public place, vacant lot, air shaft, areaway, backyard, court or alley. Throwing refuse out of windows is also a violation. Sidewalk and gutter sweepings must be put into suitable garbage receptacles for pick-up by the Department of Sanitation. Sanitation

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Fine: \$50 - \$250

Loose Rubbish - All newspapers, loose paper, rubbish and rags must be tied securely before being put out for collection. Cardboard cartons must be flattened and securely tied before being put out for collection.

Fine: \$50 - \$100

Girl Scouts - Gold Award

The highest award in the Girl Scouts is the Gold Award - this is the nearest equivalent to Boy Scouting's Eagle Award - some say the Gold Award is even harder to achieve. On June 5 Lynn Hellenbrecht joins her sister, Melissa, as a Gold Award recipient. Lynn's project was to sponsor a Career Fair for young women of the area, and it was a great success. Lynn also graduates from The Mary Louis Academy the following day.

Melissa won the Gold Award four years ago, collecting first aid supplies for Hale House residents.

Richard (BCCA President) and Mary Ann Hellenbrecht (G.S. Service Unit Manager) are extremely proud of these achievements by both Lynn and Melissa.

BCCA Feedback Form

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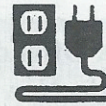
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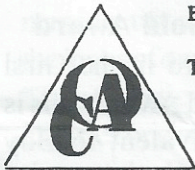


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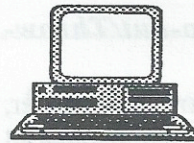
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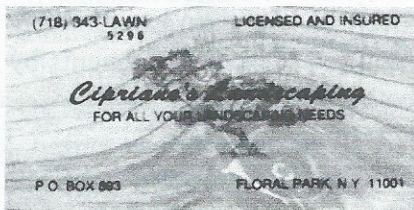
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