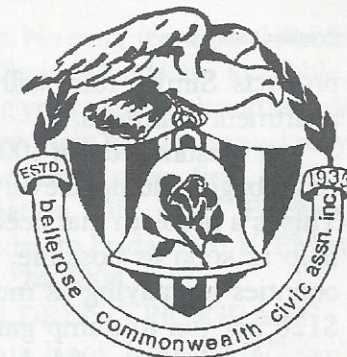


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**A representative
of the
IRS
will discuss 1988
tax changes**

**House of Hope Church
Thursday March 2, 1989
at 8:00 PM**

**We meet the first Thursday of each month at the House of
Hope Church, corner 248th Street and 85th Avenue at 8:00PM**

President's Gavel

On February 2, 1989 we had the honor of Councilman Sheldon Leffler's presence at our monthly meeting. The Councilman, who is chairman of the Council's environmental committee, spoke about a compromise that had just been reached on a recycling program which should soon become law.

Since the Staten Island landfill, which receives most of the City's garbage, has only approximately 9 years to capacity and there is no alternative dumpsite, the recycling question is a major issue for the city's survival.

If the proposal is enacted in to law, each home will be provided with a recycling pail to be used only for products that can be recycled, such as plastics, aluminum, glass and papers. The Sanitation Department will pick-up three times a week: two normal pick-ups and one for recycled

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DRUGS IN NEW YORK CITY

J. Biancaniello

In 1988 only 5000 people were sentenced to jail out of 85,000 that were arrested for possession or sale of drugs.

NYC Police Department urges us as a community to help them by simply writing a letter. These letters must be addressed to Congressmen, Assemblymen and state and federal Senators.

The letters must stress:

- not to allow drugs to become legal,
- start drug programs in schools,
- improve the legal systems,
- make penalties, particularly for drug related crimes, stronger.

We can help!



CIP SIGNS

J. Biancaniello

In reference to the three faded Cross Island Parkway directional signs on Jamaica Avenue at various places approaching the CIP; Assemblyman Doug Prescott received notification that the problem has been assigned contract number D252255. The New York State Department of Transportation, Nassau County and NYC DOT will be replacing the sign structures and signs by August, 1989.

products. Similar rules will cover apartment buildings.

It is estimated that 1000 tons of garbage is dumped every day. This is a problem that needs our help as soon as possible. Other counties are paying as much as \$120 per ton to dump garbage. This fee is then added to the homeowner's real estate taxes.

The City is working on the details of the Recycling Project and will be informing us further.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Mary Ann and Richard Hellenbrecht

Community School Board elections are coming up in May. It is very important for everyone to vote in this election. We need the support of ALL voters whether or not you have children in public school or even whether you have school aged children at all. Of course, all registered voters may participate, but even if you are not a registered voter you may get a special voters registration form at the PS133 General Office.

If you are not an American citizen, but have a child in any District 26 school you may register as a parent voter. Instructions and forms are available in several foreign languages so please notify qualified friends or relatives. But rush! Registration ends in April and the elections will be held on May 2.

The Community School Board is crucial in the administration of Grammar and Junior High School programs and as we have all seen in recent news stories these positions are very important and very powerful. We have been blessed in having a

ZONING

R. C. Hellenbrecht

We have received a report on a study by the City Planning Commission called "Low Density Contextual Zoning" which will be subject to public hearings and adoption by Community Boards and the Board of Estimates over the next year or so.

Contextual Zoning is an attempt to fit legal zones to actual in-place construction. The original zones were put in to place in 1961 with little consideration of what building types existed. Generally these zones brought some control over development, yet allowed room for expansion growth the housing stock as the city expanded.

Unfortunately, many neighborhoods of solid one and two family homes were zoned for much higher density. Because of their low density, most of these neighborhoods have flourished, like ours, but with few city-provided access roadways, transportation and other facilities.

The Contextual study rec-

strong and professional Board. We owe this reputation to the personal integrity of the incumbents and the constant involvement of the electorate in school district 26. In addition, our reading and math scores are consistently among the highest in the city.

As this issue goes to press we are trying to arrange a joint candidates night among the PS133 PTA and several local civic associations so you can learn what community school boards are, meet the candidates, hear their views and be prepared to vote.

ognized that these areas are critical to the City's tax base and that a huge investment in transportation facilities would be required if the density of these communities met the code. The new plan would allow several new classes of buildings and it revises the text of several existing zones to make structures compliant with the law and avert major overdevelopment.

Several areas in and around Bellerose will be affected by implementation of contextual zoning. We have many one family homes on 20 to 25 foot wide plots. These are only allowed under zone R4 which also allows large apartment buildings and row houses. If zoning is *not* changed a large building could be built with no height restrictions, in place of 4 adjacent homes. We are anxious to see many of these changes enacted.

LET'S HEAR FROM YOU

If you have any problems, comments or suggestions on any community related issue, we want to hear from you. Please don't wait until its too late, then come and be angry with us for not acting. We can't know what's bothering you unless we hear it from you. Please forward to:

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ADULT PROGRAMS

Book Discussions: Thursday, Mar. 16 at 10:30 AM Life and death in Shanghai by Nien Cheng is a memoir of an indefatigable woman struggling to maintain her pride, dignity, sanity and faith in the dark days of the cultural revolution.

Once-a-month Book Sale: Monday, March 27th from 1 to 7:30 PM. Adult, Young Adult and Juvenile hardcover and paperbacks available.

Income Tax Counseling - for older adults is provided FREE. Counselors trained by the IRS will assist you in completing you 1988 personal income tax return on Thursdays from 1 to 5 PM until April 15.

Camera Club: Meets on Saturday March 4th and 18th from 10 AM to 1 PM.

War and Peace in the Nuclear Age: Saturday, March 11th at 2 PM. Tying into the brand new PBS series currently running in the NY area, the program will consist of films on modern warfare, followed by a panel discussion. The panel will be made up of local residents with war experiences. Anyone who wishes to be a panelist, please contact the Bellerose Library at (718)343-0303.

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

Chess Club meets Thursday nights Mar. 2,9,16,23 and 30 from 6 to 8 PM. The Bellerose Library Chess Club sponsors 5,10, & 20 minute tournaments that start the first Thursday of every month. All ages and abilities are wel-

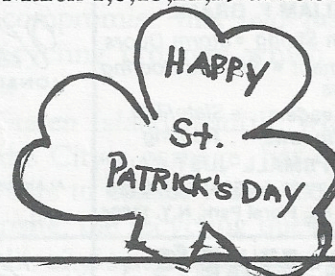
come. No entry fee. Round Robin and Swiss-Quads are available. Bring your own clock and board/pieces. New members must play in the round robin first. For information call: Mike Fricano, Monday to Friday 8 to 10 PM at 718-224-8004.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Picture Book Hours: 3 1/2 to 5 year olds, Tuesdays, Mar.7,14, 21,28 at 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM. Pre-registration required.

Arts & Crafts: For school-age children will be Friday Mar. 17 at 3:30 PM. Pre-registration required.

Pre-school Films: Wednesdays, March 1,8,15,22,29 at 10:30 AM.



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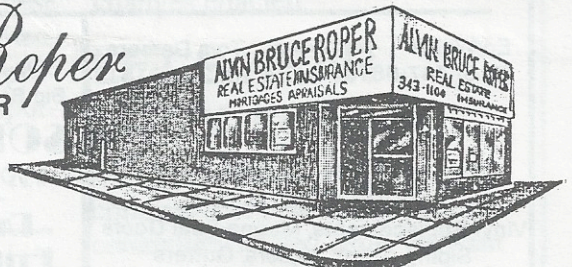
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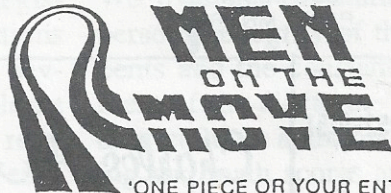
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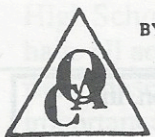


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