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Next Meeting

An Update on the Bellerose Business District

by

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8:00 pm

House of Hope Church

**Corner 248th St.
and 85th Ave**

Free Refreshments

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

Spring is Nearly Here



Community Forum—Restructuring District 26

You have all heard about the Mayor's new plan to replace the current 32 independent school districts with 10 educational regions. You may have recently received State Senator Padavan's newsletter focusing on this concept. While the Senator was very positive about many of the early changes executed by the Bloomberg administration, including elimination of the central board, smaller class sizes, etc., he expressed serious concern about the educational regions. The truth is that there was no authority in the recent education legislation that would em-

power this major change in school districts. If the legislation is followed correctly, the next step would be recommendations by a task force to the state legislature for replacing the existing districts.

The President's Council of District 26 and the school Parent's Associations remind us the Mayor's proposal is NOT a done deal. They will present a forum on the restructuring to further explore the restructuring and to get your views. All local elected officials have been invited.

Let's not forget that local schools do not only affect families with children, but are also a major determinant on the desirability of a commu-

nity and thus affect the value of our homes. So this subject is important to every homeowner in our area.

We were disappointed that our local school was not one of the top 209 school throughout the city. It is such a great school we are not sure how this happened and it is a real disappointment, but it is not permanent. We hope that whatever necessary changes are put in place to move P.S. 133 to where it belongs on the list.

Please come to the meeting on **March 13 at 7:15pm:**

**Marie Curie Middle School
158, 45-35 Oceania Street,
just south of the Long Is-
land Expressway and make some noise.**

Community Briefs

P.S. 133 reunion being planned. We are told that a reunion of all years of 133 graduates is in the early stages of planning. From early reports they are doing quite well hearing from grads in their middle ages, but are anxious to hear from guys and gals of earlier and later years. Please contact the school for more information. We hope in future editions to provide exact contact information.
Lampposts coming—really. I know we've men-

tioned it many times, but final approval by the city agencies has been received and we are confident that this Spring we will start to see erection of retro "T" style lamps and other improvement on Jamaica Avenue/Jericho Turnpike, thanks to a grant by Senator Padavan through the Bellerose Business District.

Kerrigan's gets a face lift. One of our local landmarks—Kerrigan's Pub—has been sold and is currently being completely re-

modeled inside. We understand that it will also get a new stucco façade, new double doors are in place and we've heard that in the future they may consider having restaurant facilities there.

Bellerose Library Upgrade—Not! At our urging, Community Board 13 has placed the major upgrade of the Bellerose Library as one of its top capital priorities. We have just learned that Queens Public Libraries has NOT recommended funding. We'll try next year again.

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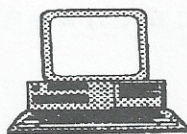
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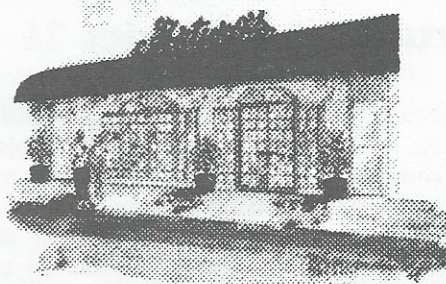
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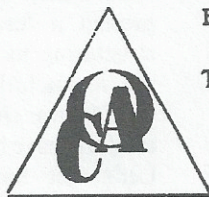
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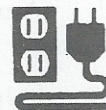
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