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Thursday, March 7, 2013, 8:00 pm
Bellerose Area Rezoning Presentation
Paul Graziano, Urban Planner

Also, Briefing on Ms Senior America Pageant by a local Finalist

Refreshments will be served
Holy Trinity Church Basement, Corner 87th Avenue and Commonwealth Blvd.
Next Meeting: April 4, 2013 at 8:00pm

The Gavel

Hello Civic Members,
It's been nice to see new neighbors at our monthly meetings. I want to thank Senator Avella for swearing us all in and for taking the time to answer questions at the January meeting. Senator Avella is running for Borough President and explained some of his positions and platforms. We truly appreciate his time.

Of course BCCA and our fellow civic associations do not endorse any candidate for any position.

We hope to see you all on Thursday March 7th and March 12 at the Public Hearing. Be Safe.

Lourdes V. Hartrick, President

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Bellerose Area Rezoning Community Board 13Q Public Hearing

March 12, 2013 at 7:00pm
at
Bellerose Assembly of God
240-15 Hillside Ave.

Rezoning protects your property values
and will keep Bellerose a one family
neighborhood

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Very important meeting!

Find out what rezoning will mean for
you, your neighbors and your
neighborhood.

Holy Trinity News

Regular Sunday services at 9:00 and 10:30 am

Sunday School Classes continue. Children are dismissed from the early service for Sunday School classes. It is not too late to Join us!

Lenten Service is noon Wednesday, join us for a bowl of supper afterwards.

Young at Heart meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 12:30 pm. Enjoy lunch and some social time.

Youth Club for Middle and High Schoolers meet the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 7-9:30pm. No charge - attendees decide on activities which include games, movies, talent events - chaperoned by Diane Gilroy. Questions? call the church or send an e-mail holytrinitybellerose@yahoo.com.

Meets November 10th and 24th

Events:

March 17th - Our Sunday night healing service at 5:30pm followed by our St. Paddy's celebration - Make your own Reubens. \$12 per person or \$30 per family.

April 20th. 7:00pm- Murder at the Movie Premier - Holy Trinity will sponsor a special interactive dinner theater show fundraiser at the Plattduetsche Park Restaurant. \$75 per person include a great interactive show, full course dinner and included beer, wine and soda. Reserve your tickets now - Reserve a table. Contact Carol Robinson holytrinityinfo@verizon.net or 718-470-1756

St. Gregory The Great Community Service Center News

Creative Writing Project

St. Gregory the Great Community Service Center is sponsoring a 'Creative Writing Project' for the seniors of Bellerose, Floral Park and surrounding communities. We can't put your name in lights, but we CAN put your words in print! Have your story, poem or illustration included in a journal to celebrate your life experiences. Tell a story, write a poem about the past, memorable people in your life or a challenge you have overcome. You write it, we'll edit and type it, put it in a journal and present it to you. Contact (718) 343-5938 for information. Deadline for submission – March 25, 2013.

Creative Writing Project

St. Gregory the Great Community Service Center will host a bereavement support group beginning **Thursday April 11, 2013**. Sessions will be held every two weeks from 6:30 – 8:00 PM at the Center, located at 88-19 Cross Island Parkway (Convent Basement). Call **718-343-5938** to register, or leave your name and phone number for contact by the facilitator. Enrollment is limited and pre-registration is required. Registration fee is \$10.00. A licensed social worker from the Center will facilitate the group. A second bereavement group will be scheduled in September.

Best of the Season

The Board and Officers of the BCCA would like to offer all Bellerose residents a happy and blessed Easter and Passover. Enjoy the St. Patrick's Day and the coming of spring on March 20. Don't forget to "Spring Ahead" those clocks on March 10.

Bellerose Area Rezoning

The BCCA has published several articles on rezoning our area. The rezoning plan is finally complete and has just entered into a mandatory public information and approval process prior to formal adoption by the City Planning Commission and City Council by early summer. Thanks once again to Councilman Mark Weprin who has pushed for the quick and effective rezoning and to Senator Tony Avella who has constantly lent his support to this project, the new zoning scheme for our area was certified on February 19. This begins a rigid ULURP (Uniform Land Use Review Procedure) clock. Throughout the process the Councilman worked with a steering committee of about twenty diverse civic leaders from the area.

OK, so what changes with the rezoning? Actually, for the most part the BCCA immediate area will see little direct impact other than to somewhat reduce the overall possible size of future home enlargements. Our current zone is a low density residential area called R2 which provides for single family, detached homes on lots with frontages of at least forty feet wide. There are several other requirements or restrictions that are too detailed and mundane to get into here, such as what percent of the lot can be built upon, how many square feet of floor space can be contained in the home, or what size can the front, side and rear yard sizes be? Over the years, loopholes in the R2 requirements have allowed architects to design enlargements that far exceed the long-established "envelope" of neighboring houses.

A few years ago the City Planning Department established a new zone, called R2A, which created certain constraints that would restrict the height and bulk of enlargements, while still permitting most buildings to be enlarged or reconstructed larger within the restraints. Most of the changes are pretty technical but may result in larger houses without creating the McMansions that have changed the character of the neighborhood and look out of place from surrounding homes. It would greatly benefit all our neighbors to come to our meeting or the public hearing to get the details visually, ask questions and make a statement in favor.

Two other critical changes are restricting the commercial areas on Jericho, Hillside and Union Turnpike for infringing on the residential blocks and restricting future growth in neighboring areas to single family housing in the future to reduce congestion, traffic, parking problems. Join us on our March 7 or 11 for more.

Homeowners' Responsibility

Cover your Trash Cans

It has been brought to our attention that homeowners in Bellerose are putting out their garbage cans without covers. On recent windy days trash has been blowing all over our neighborhood. Our homeowners should know that they are required by City law to have covers on their garbage cans or at least to put their trash in sealed plastic bags at the top of the trash cans. The Department of Sanitation presented at BCCA a while ago said these are the rules in order to prevent blowing refuse or animals allowing litter to spread.

On that subject, please remember to shred anything with personal or financial information before you put it out whether for trash or recycling.

Shovel your walks

Homeowners or tenants are required to shovel snow and clear ice from their sidewalks within four hours after the snow has stopped falling or before 11:00am the next morning if snow ends overnight. Everyone should have pride in their property and in Bellerose. Join in, keep Bellerose clean.

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