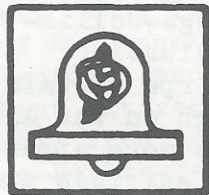


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LET US HAVE MORE "NOSEY NEIGHBORS"

The daily press continues to highlight the increasing incidence of crime in the city. The "Glen Oaks News" and the "Long Island Press" report an increasing number of complaints concerning youth vandalism along the commercial section of Union Turnpike. This is in the neighboring 111th Precinct. The "New York Times" reports that residents in the 107th Precinct (Fresh Meadows) are putting locks on their property and that auto thefts account for the largest increase in property crimes.

In our area, the 105th Precinct, bicycle registration, took place on April 3 and automobile registration, intended to cut down auto thefts by making it easier to spot unauthorized use of cars by means of color-coded decals, is under way. These are steps in the right direction.

Writing in the "Queens Colony Civic News", Theresa Moran urges each of us to "Be a Nosey Neighbor", not in the sense of interfering with one's neighbor's life, but

June Walk for June 12th

It's JUNE WALK time again. Flag Day will be celebrated with costumed children and decorated bicycles, baby carriages, wagons, and small floats parading through our neighborhood.

BCCA's annual Children's JUNE WALK will begin at P.S. 133 at 2PM on Saturday, June 12. The marchers, led by the drum and bugle corps of Our Lady of Snows, will proceed along 85th Avenue to 252nd Street, to 87th Drive to 249th Street, back to P.S. 133 Playground.

Encourage your children and relatives to participate. Please display your flag and keep cars

in the sense of the "observant person who can see potential trouble brewing" and is willing to report it by calling the 105th Precinct. Their new telephone number is 740-0600.

We support the concept of the "Nosey Neighbor" on the premise that in safeguarding our neighbor, we are, indeed, safeguarding ourselves.

off the parade route on June 12. Put your garbage out early for a special pick up.

RAIN DATE: June 19

Prizes will be awarded for best costumes and best decorated carriages, bicycles, and wagons, or floats.

Following the parade, there will be a short Flag Day ceremony. Refreshments will be served.

George Wolf

NOTICE

THE NEXT MEETING
THURSDAY

MAY 6, 1976

at 8:30 P.M.

FEATURING BERNIE WECHSLER
ON "ORGANIC GARDENING"

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85th Avenue

HAVE A PROBLEM?
REPORT IT!

This winter was a harsher one than last year's. With the arrival of spring, the damage occasioned by the winter and the need to spruce up and rejuvenate is here.

The insert is an expanded version of the Report Form that appeared in the December issue and which proved to be quite successful. All complaints received on the basis of the earlier form were turned over to the proper city agencies for action.

We did receive a complaint concerning the Report Form. It was too small and too crowded to list and describe the complaints. Hopefully, the larger format and its greater comprehensiveness is an improvement. PLEASE USE THE REPORT AS THE NEED ARISES.

AND THE WINNER IS --
PETER BRANDT

Peter Brandt, Long Island Press carrier, has won the "Young Columbus XX" subscription contest sponsored by the Long Island Press and Parade Magazine. The St. Gregory's Parochial School student, who lives on 87th Avenue, leaves on April 15 on the all-expenses-paid trip to Yugoslavia and Austria.

At a time when we often find ourselves quite critical of youngsters, it is a pleasure to

congratulate a neighborhood youth on his accomplishment.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

"Action News" attempts to bring to this community:

1. News of the BCCA
2. Items of interest and concern to this area.

This, as I see it, is the main function of this publication. I stated in the December 1975 issue that "I consider "Action News" as neighbors speaking to neighbors" and this still holds.

The community is also people and "Action News" would consider inclusion of "personal items" such as appeared in the "Women's Lip" column in previous issues, if they are brought to the attention of the editor and if space permits.

PORNO KEEP AWAY FROM
MY DOOR

Like a tide, X rated movie films keep rolling eastward - from Manhattan to Jackson Heights to Hollis, and now to Queens Village.

Recognizing the right of the theater management to operate within the law and to show whatever films it wants, the BCCA voted at its April meeting to oppose the showing of such films, confident that the residents of this community would show their opposition by not patronizing this theater and convincing the management that such films do not meet community approval.

THE QUEENS VILLAGE-HOLLIS-
BELLEROSE VOLUNTEER
AMBULANCE CORPS---A
COMMUNITY ASSET

In evaluating the assets of southeast Queens, the Queens Village-Hollis-Bellerose Volunteer Ambulance Corps certainly rates high on the list. This becomes more apparent as city services are reduced and communities have to rely more and more on their own resources to replace or supplement services that they deserve.

Robert Lutzel and members of the Volunteer Ambulance Corps Drill Team demonstrated to the BCCA members present at the April meeting some of the equipment it uses in answering emergency calls in this area. Lutzel also gave pointers on how to handle a variety of injuries, accidents, and emergencies that any of us may be called on to handle.

Basic to this ambulance service is the fact that the members of the Corps are volunteers from this area, and that all expenses - from the cost of the ambulance to the telephone used to receive calls - are supported by and are dependent on contributions. Expenditures currently run about \$30,000 per year. However, through this annual expenditure we are assured of 24-hour service - when it is needed.

Hopefully, residents will make use of this service when it is genuinely needed and not, as might happen, use the volunteer service as a substitute taxi service

to or from the doctor or the hospital. It would be fairly easy to fill the rest of this article by reprinting the various first aid suggestions contained in their leaflet, "What To Do In Case of Emergencies". This leaflet, and other important literature, is available from the Queens Village-Hollis-Bellerose Volunteer Ambulance Corps at 235-01 Braddock Avenue, Queens Village, New York 11428.

Unfortunately, in last month's issue of "Action News" gremlins fouled up some of the copy and errors crept in. For this I apologize. More important, however, are the corrections and the additions, as follows:

EMERGENCY NO. 464-2424
OTHER INFORMATION

776-6272

POLICE/FIRE 911

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268-7300

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768-0600

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SECURITY AND SAFETY

Automobile thefts in the 105th Precinct for the year 1975 increased 26% over 1974. This problem is not unique to this precinct, but is true in every community throughout the country.

Crime studies continually indicate that, when car owners secure their autos in a locked garage, there is less than a 5% chance that their auto will be stolen. Many who have a garage, utilize it for storage purposes, while

the car(s) remains on the street where it is susceptible to theft. This risk factor, plus the fact that most car owners, either from ignorance or apathy, do not utilize basic security measures, increases the probability of theft of their auto.

In response to this problem, the NYCPD Crime Prevention Section has developed an Auto Decal Program. It is geared to the prevention of auto theft through quick detection and recovery of stolen autos.

Registration into this program will be administered by the Crime Prevention Specialist and carried out by the Auxiliary Police. At this time, registration and decal issuance is planned for the 105th Precinct Station House in Room 129 between the hours of 7:30 P.M. and 9:30 P.M. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

The owner will fill in required information on a simple registration form. You will need your vehicle registration and the auto to be registered at the Precinct.

This Civic Association is involved in this program for this community. There isn't any charge for this service and it may save you a lot of heartache of a stolen car.

George Wolf

CALLING ALL GARDENERS

Bernie Wechsler, member of the Board of Directors of the BCCA and expert organic gardener,

will be the guest speaker at our next meeting, May 6, 1976. He will discuss the best ways to grow vegetables and flowers the "organic way". Organic gardening is the method of growing plants without using chemical fertilizers or harmful insecticides or herbicides. Bernie will also demonstrate how to plant seed, transplant seedlings, and care for house plants.

Compost is an important element of organic gardening. Bernie will also explain how you can make your own compost, and how to use cow manure, bone meal, and sewerage sludge in the organic garden.

Come to the May meeting and Bernie will start you on your way to becoming a successful gardener.

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WE HATE TO SEE YOU GO

Larry and Faith Walsh, two of the BCCA's most dedicated members, will be leaving Bellerose to make their home in Illinois.

It was Larry and Faith Walsh, who, with a few other concerned neighbors, were responsible for reactivating the BCCA in 1973. Currently, Larry has been serving on the Board of Directors and as our delegate to the Eastern Queens Civic Council.

Faith Walsh has been an untiring member and true asset to this organization. With her leaving for the Midwest, the BCCA loses its competent Recording Secretary.

We wish both of them success and happiness in their new location. We will miss them, not only as members of the BCCA, but as two genuinely fine persons.

MISSIONS ACCOMPLISHED

At the request of the BCCA, the Traffic Dept. has installed a stop sign on 84th Road at Commonwealth Blvd.

The Q43 bus stop signs on Hillside Avenue at 251st Street were removed and the yellow curbs were painted black by vandals. The Traffic Dept. was notified by the BCCA. New signs were promptly installed and the curbs have been repainted yellow.

BCCA members have advised us of the problem of speeding autos on Little Neck Parkway. The 105th Precinct has been asked to take action. Please observe the speed limit.

Jim Delaney