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"DUMP THE HUMP"

The removal of the "hump" on Little Neck Pkwy. at Jericho Tpk. has long been a project of our Civic Assoc-This very iation. steep grade is a severe traffic safety hazard and records indicate that there have been numerous accidents and at least one fatality at this location. Any of you who drive north from Jericho on Little Neck Pky. must experience the sensation of wondering what will be in your path once you reach the crest of this very steep hill. Highway and Traffic Dept. experts have identified this as a definite hazardous condition and an independent highway safety expert from the American Automobile Association has substantiated their find-

With all of this supporting data for the removal of the "hump" and
the reduction of the steep
grade, this project seems
to be continually postponed. It was to be initially included in the
improvement of Little
Neck Pkwy. from 87th
Drive to Hillside Ave.
but was postponed. Next
it was to be included in
the project of the im-

provement of Little Neck Pkwy. between Hillside Ave. and Union Turnpike, but again was postponed. Now it is being considered as a separate project and again there are those who would have it either postponed, delayed or totally abaondoned. Maybe you are now asking vourselves who would be opposed to such an obvious improvement. There appears to be a pressure group outside of our own community who feel that the removal of this "hump" will open Little Neck Pkwy. up to increased truck traffic. Little Neck Pkwy. is not a designated truck artery and efforts similar to those recently undertaken by our Civic Association to properly police this road with regard to speeding could be instituted to prevent its use as a truck route. The same pressure group opposed to the removal of the "hump" also were those that petitioned and obtained 83rd Ave. as a through street when Little Neck Pkwy. was improved. Again, political pressures permitted this through street to be constructed over the recommendations of the Highway and Traffic Dept. which stated that a through street crossing eight lanes of traffic would

constitute a traffic safety hazard. Need-less to say that after the through street was constructed, the same group, approximately one year later, petitioned for a traffic light at this intersection their argument being that it was "unsafe to try to cross eight lanes of traffic".

Recently this issue was to be discussed by the Community Planning Boafd and in their infinite wisdom they chose to table the matter, again with only the two representatives from our area voting in the affirmative for the discussion of the issue.

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THE NEXT MEETING
THURSDAY
MAY 6, 1982
AT/8:00 P.M.

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QUEENS OFFICE

HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Corner of 248th St & 85th Avenue The removal of the "hump" and regrading of Little
Neck Pkwy. between
87th Drive and Jericho
Tpk. is an important
project for our community and those parties
who are making rash,
unfounded, unauthoratative statements regarding this project
should be made to realize that we in Bellerose are in favor of it.

I urge each of you to write a short personal note to Ms. Susan Noreika, Community Planning Board 13, 219-41 Jamaica Ave., Queens Village. N.Y. 114 and in that letter indicate your support of this project and request that the Planning Board respond to the needs of this community and give this issue a thorough hearing with proper consideration of authoratative technical testimony. is an issue that should be removed from the emotional, irrational approach of those who would impose their personal wishes on the community as a whole.

> George Wolf President

NEXT MONTH JUNE WALK PLAN NOW!

MEMBERS DUES ARE DUE PLEASE PAY YOUR BLOCK CAPTAIN OR MAIL IN

THANK YOU

HOLY TRINITY

Holy Ytinity Lutheran Church is happy to announce it is presenting its 50th Annual Show. This year's production will be the Broadway hit, HARVEY, a threeact comedy written by Mary Chase, to be given on Friday and Saturday evenings, May 7th and 8th at 8:15 PM. A cast of eleven dedicated performers has been rehearsing all winter for this show, under the direction of Jean Corell and Tom Beach. This very amusing story of an invisible six-foot rabbit is certain to please patrons of all ages. Tickets are a very nominal \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. They may be purchased in advance or at the door. Holy Trinity is located at 87th Ave. and Commonwealth Blvd.

AUTO DECAL REGISTRATION

On May 15 the 105th Precinct will sponsor an Auto Decal Registration. The following summary will give some idea of the workings of this program:

- 1. The decal identifies the precinct in which the registered owner lives (105th).
- 2. In addition, a code letter will appear on the decal to indicate the sector of the precinct within which the owner resides.
- 3. Other designations that will appear on the decal, include a color code designation of the

age and sex of the vehicle owner and all members of the house-hold who have use of the same vehicle. This is done by adding the appropriate color coded strips to the decal, designated as follows:

RED - male <u>over</u> 25 years GOLD - female <u>over</u> 25 ORANGE - male <u>under</u> 25 GREEN - female <u>under</u> 25

- 4. Each decal has an identifying serial number which is registered with the precinct. If there is more than one auto used in a household, a separate registration form and decal will be prepared and issued for each vehicle.
- 5. The decal is placed on the drivers left rear side window (inside).

FAMILIES ANON

A new group, FAMILIES ANONYMOUS, has been started as a self-help program for the parents, families and friends of troubled young people. If a young person in your family is having problems with drugs or alcohol, or having other serious problems such as personality changes or running away from home, HELP is available for YOU. Come to Gregorian Hall in St. Gregory's School on Monday evenings at 8 PM for a gathering held in the loft, one flight above the front lobby (located at Cross Island Pkwy. service road and 87th Ave.). This is a Community based organization and all are welcome.

YOUTH OUTREACH

The Queens County Youth Development Corp. opened their first office in Glendale and found need for another in a different area. State funded they also do their own fund raising.

The Rev. Coleman Costello is director of the Youth Outreach Project located at 45-32 Little Neck Pkwy. Here help is given to anyone, young or old, but especially troubled teenagers who are out of school and beyond the help of school based programs. A miriad of problems are brought to them, such as drug addiction, alcoholism, potential suicides, unenmployment, child abuse, incest. It is cheaper to rehabilitate than to incarcerate and yet people wait too long to reach out for assistance because they hesitate to admit to their problems, they have found. Many that they help are middle class or upper middle class.



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QCFM

Much interest is being generated in our local historical landmark, the Queens County Farm Museum. Channel 5-TV has been running a one-minute Apple Polisher program at 4:55 PM and 10:58 PM on various days. Books, Antique documents. money sets and souvenier T-shirts may be ordered by mail. Programs and workshops are offered, all open to the public. Visitors are welcome on Saturdays from 11 AM -4 PM and Sundays from 1-4 PM. For information, you may wish to jot down their phone number - 468-4355.

A portion of the grounds has been set aside to house a small collection of farm animals -- ducks, geese, sheep, goats and chickens. You may be interested to know that Martin Van Buren High School offers an elective program in Ornamental Horticulture and Land Conservation with classes held at the farm. Special green-Bodian, affiliated with houses are maintained for such and each year the plants resulting from these student endeavors are offered for sale. On Saturday. May 8th you will be able to go to the farmhouse grounds at 73-50 Little Neck Pkwv. and purchase plants for Mother's Day. You'll find a nice selection at affordable prices and at the same time be helping this program with your purchase.

for sale from 11 AM -4 PM.

On Sat. and Sun., May 15th & 16th, popular and rare varieties of herbs from Gilberties Herb Farm will be available

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May is "Senior Citizens' Month" at the Bellerose Library. May 20th, Dr. Hyman the Queens Botanical Gardens will deliver a slide presentation and lecture on "Gardens of the World". This will be at 7:30 P.M. film for seniors, "Sunshine's on the Way" will be held on May 22, Saturday, at 2:00 P.M. We have acquired many new paperback titles and encourage you to peruse our new collection. With the nicer weather here, we hope to see you soon.

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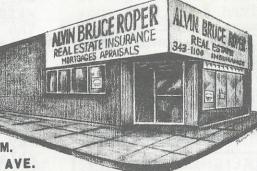
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