

bellerose commonwealth civic association, inc.

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MAY 1996

Next Meeting

**105 Precinct
Crime Prevention Officer
Rutter**

**Thursday May 2, 1996
at 8:00 PM
House of Hope Church
Cor. 248th Street & 85th Ave.
Refreshments served**

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

President's Gavel

by: Richard Brown, Pres.

Well it appears the Spring has finally arrived. It has been a long hard winter and I'm sure everyone welcomes the arrival of warmer weather. This warmer weather will allow us to conduct several events in the coming month to help improve the safety and appearance of our area.

On May 4 we will host our annual cleanup of the BCCA area. In the past, this event has focused on maintaining the triangle on Commonwealth Boulevard. Because someone has begun to maintain the area we will try to target other areas of concern. This will be determined by the volunteers that attend the event. If you have a particular area you would like to cleanup, we look forward to your support. We will meet at P.S. 133 at 9 AM sharp.

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Spring in Bellerose

by: Richard McGuire

After experiencing such a harsh winter, our Bellerose community is now **more than ready** to greet the beautiful season of spring with a **warm** welcome! We can all be so proud of our neighborhood and the combined efforts that are being made to preserve its beauty and maintain its cleanliness.

Another reminder to our Bellerose friends that this Saturday, May 4 at 9:00 AM our

Association will be participating in the annual P.S. 133 and Bellerose triangle cleanup. Last month, one of our neighbors, Nick Farrandino got an early start on the cleanups and began to spruce up and take care of the beautiful evergreen tree that he planted there last year. We all appreciate and thank him for his efforts, and look forward to more of our Bellerose neighbors coming forward at our annual cleanup in order to **Keep Bellerose Beautiful**,

as Nick had shown. We hope that the efforts of others would not be diminished by littering, walking their dogs or creating an untidy situation within the triangle or other areas of Bellerose.

Our Association is presently investigating the possibility of dedicating the triangle property for the enjoyment of the entire community. So **come on down** and give us a hand on May 4th, we look forward to seeing you.

St. Gregory's Theatre Group

CASTING CALL!! St. Gregory's Theatre Group is holding auditions for its summer production of Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat on Monday May 6th and Tuesday May 7th. All auditions start at 7 PM and finish at 9 PM. The auditions will be held in Gregorian Hall which is adjacent to the north bound side of the Cross Island Parkway at 88th Avenue (between Jamaica and Hillside Avenues). Each person auditioning should be prepared to sing a song from Joseph or another Broadway show. Please bring a cassette tape with your music or a musical score. Children auditions will be held at the end of May.

The show dates are August 9, 10, 11, 16, 17 and 18.

As always, anyone wishing to participate in the production crew (non acting) part of the theatre group should also come to the auditions to volunteer. For more information, call Mickey at (516) 352-2134.

House of Hope

By: Walter M. Gramlich

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Save Your Car

Several civic associations and local churches have gotten together to sponsor a Combat Auto Theft day to encourage constituents to have their cars permanently marked with Vehicle Identification Number - VIN - etchings.

These markings are visible, but not obvious, and serve as a real deterrent to potential thieves. This free service is provided by the 105th precinct.

The program will be held in front of Gregorian Hall which is adjacent to the north bound side of the Cross Island Parkway at 88th Avenue (between Jamaica and Hillside Avenues) from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Sunday May 19.

In addition to the BCCA, the sponsors of this program are St. Gregory's, House of Hope and Holy Trinity Churches and the North Bellerose, Bellerose Hillside, Creedmore, Queens Colony, Queens Braddock Civic Associations and Floral Park Civic Council.

This program is very worthwhile and can really deter one of the most frequent crimes in our area.

Participants are reminded to bring their car registration certificate and personal identification.

105 Auxiliary Recruiting

The auxiliary patrol of the 105th precinct is currently recruiting to fill out its ranks and protect the people of Bellerose, Queens Village and other areas of the 105.

Our own Patricia Pearson, member of the BCCA Board, joined the auxiliary several years ago and has recently been promoted to lieutenant in the auxiliary.

We are very proud of the work that Pat does with the auxiliary and we are envious of the time we lose her to her patrol duties.

We encourage anyone who is ready, willing and able to pitch in, to contact the auxiliary at the 105 and join the auxiliary. For further information contact Police Officer Leonora Edwards, Auxiliary Coordinator at the 105 Precinct at (718) 776-9268.

To be an Auxiliary Officer, you must be:

At least 17 years of age

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A US citizen or resident alien
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Be of good character

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Auxiliary Officer candidates must complete a free training course which includes Police Science, Criminal Law, Self-defense, First Aid, Radio Communications and field training.

Auxiliary Officers will wear police uniforms with seven point metal shields and Auxiliary Police arm patches and patrol one night a week on neighborhood streets, church bazaars, parades and other community events.

Q79 Bus to Floral Park?

For a while, we thought we'd have good news to report about the Q79 bus which currently runs on Little Neck Parkway from Little Neck rail road station to 88th Avenue. In his March 28 news release, Councilman Sheldon Leffler reported that MTA NYC Transit would proceed with a plan to run the Q79 directly to the Floral Park rail road station, rather than stopping it just north of

Jamaica Avenue.

We learned at the Community Board meeting, however, on April 22, that the NYC Transit Committee pulled the item from its committee schedule on April 18, presumably due to responses from the village for Floral Park.

We are most distressed at this unfortunate turn of events. While our residents are constantly invaded by buses from Nassau and Suffolk counties,

we find it outrageous that a few buses from Bellerose, Glen Oaks and Little Neck may not traverse three streets in Floral Park to make a reasonable stop at the Floral Park station.

We hope that this set back is only temporary. Since the Q79 has always been a target of efficiency efforts by the MTA, we sincerely hope that this does not hurt our efforts to keep this bus running.

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During the winter a local Boy Scout, James Davniero, approached us about a Eagle Scout project on the triangle. We've learned recently that he is making progress getting all the necessary City approvals. We anxiously await seeing James' plan.

Another project we will be undertaking has come about as a result of several meetings between local civic leaders, church organizations and the 105th precinct. At these meetings we discussed the local police involvement in the area and what we as neighbors can do to help support the police in reducing crime.

A few of the problems discussed at these meetings are as follows:

1. Many neighbors do not report crime and vandalism, even when they see it happening.
2. The area is too dark at night. Many people do not leave outside lights on and as a result the police are unable

to see what is occurring on people's property.

3. There is a lack of involvement in the CAT and VIN etching programs offered for free by the police to help reduce auto theft.

As an outcome of these meetings, the local civics have made a point to bring these facts to the community and ask its support. To help reduce crime we are asking that people report all crimes or suspicious actions to police as they occur. If crimes aren't reported we will not see the police presence that many neighbors continually say they would like to see more of. The officers are assigned based on need. Also we could help the police see suspicious actions if we kept our outside lights on. Finally we have arranged for a local CAT and VIN etching program to be held at Gregorian Hall on May 18 from 10AM to 2PM. Please stop by and register your vehicles.

There will also be a bicycle registration at the Queens Vil-

lage McDonalds at Hillside Avenue and Springfield Boulevard on May 11. McDonalds has offered a free hamburger for all children registering their bicycles that day. Come early.

We have also been receiving questions about Real Estate solicitations in the area. Many homeowners believe that they are on this list, but often they are not. To help solve this problem we obtained a copy of this list and have updated our records to reflect those homeowners that are properly registered. To ensure that everyone receives the proper information and forms, you will all be receiving a letter in the mail which will tell you if you are registered. It will also include the necessary State form. The filing deadline is June 1, so be sure to get the forms back to us quickly.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our May 2 meeting with Crime Prevention Officer Rutter to discuss other programs available to reduce crime

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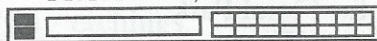
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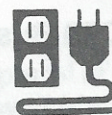
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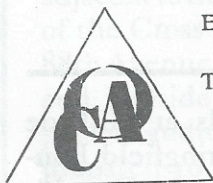
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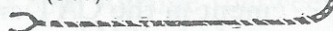
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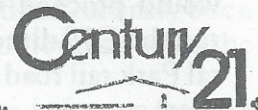
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