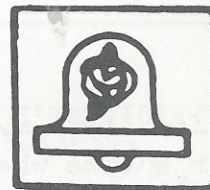


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## FLEA MARKET

St. Gregory's is having an indoor Flea Market on Sat. Nov. 3rd, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. This will be held at Gregorian Hall, East of Cross Island Parkway and 87th Ave. Plan to be there -- lots of surprises and something for everyone.

## HOLIDAY SALE

The Women's Service Guild of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church has planned their annual Holiday Sale for Thursday, Nov. 15th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is always a fun event -- mark your calendar. Holy Trinity is located on Commonwealth Blvd. and 87th Ave.

## HARVEST FAIR

APEC Holiday Fare/Fair will be held Sat. Nov. 10th, from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Fair is being planned as a festive occasion for all family members. There will be wetlands walks, plant talks, children's activities and live entertainment, as well as handmade items to get you started on your holiday shopping. Parking limited, bike racks available. The Alley Pond Environmental Center is located at 118-06 Northern Blvd. Douglaston, N.Y. (229-4000).

## SAVE OUR CIVIC

The BCCA is in need of a President and Vice President this coming year. The BCCA represents 1200 families and it would be hard to believe that there isn't a person who would be willing to take over the reins of the civic.

There is a need for new blood and new ideas and new leadership. The present slate of officers have been doing things for your civic for a good number of years and it is high time for a change. If we do not get new leadership the BCCA that represents 1200 families of Bellerose will DIE, will cease to be, no longer function.

We have fought for the library, stopped bussing on Commonwealth Blvd., had some streets paved, enlightened you on various issues in our Community through the Action News and are now looking for new leadership. This leadership can be either man or woman. The board will offer guidance to such persons who are willing to assume leadership.

COME TO THE NEXT MEETING FOR NOMINATION

## CANDIDATES 1979

The Nominating Committee  
Sebastian Platania, Chairman  
John Reh, George Wolf,  
Bob Costagliola and  
Richard Hellenbracht offers  
this slate for 1979-1980

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### Vice President

### Treasurer

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### Board of Directors

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John Reh

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Wechsler

Dalaney

## Notice

THE NEXT MEETING  
THURSDAY

Nov. 1, 1979 8:30 P.M.

### GUEST SPEAKER

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In a time when all prices are doubled and tripled, the Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association has decided to keep our yearly dues at \$2.00 per family.

We have approximately 1250 homes in our civic area. Last year we had over 800 members, this year we would like to get full membership to make up for keeping our dues at the same price. We will have a special mailing out before you receive this newsletter, but would request that if you live on a block where there is no Block Captain, that you volunteer to be one. The duties are quite easy and take very little of your time. (about 1 hour per month) to deliver the news letters on your block, plus about 3 hours once a year to collect dues and give out Membership cards, PLEASE HELP YOUR CIVIC, SO WE CAN HELP YOU.

GET OUT AND VOTE ON  
ELECTION DAY\*\*\*\*\*

AMBULANCE CORPS

The Queens Village, Hollis, Bellerose Volunteer Ambulance Corps has announced that the following courses are available to the community:

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BELLEROSE LIBRARY NEWS

An active season is being planned for the Bellerose Library. Mrs. Norma Richburg, our handicraft expert, will be giving a beginners' class in sewing starting in November. The first series of sessions is already filled, but if you are interested please come in to the library and put your name on the waiting list. Classes will be held on Friday mornings beginning Nov. 2nd.

In addition for those of us interested in sharing our reading experiences, we are in the process of organizing an adult book discussion group. Our ever popular Yoga classes resume on Thursday, Nov. 13.

If you are interested in improving your body and in learning relaxation techniques, be sure and sign up for the course.

Monthly feature films for school age children will be shown on Wednesday afternoons starting Nov. 14th.

In anticipation of the holidays, Bellerose Library is presenting a special program on Wednesday Nov. 7 at 10:30 a.m. on "Fruit and Vegetable Fantasies," created for you by an expert who will show you how to make attractive edible centerpieces and dishes for your holiday entertaining.

In order for us to present these programs to you, we must show that our library is being used. Please help to keep our circulation figures up by taking out books and related material. Our collection is increasing and we are eager to meet and greet you.

Harriet Goldfluss  
Branch Librarian

GIRL SCOUTS

The Girl Scouts once again plan to hold their annual Crafts and Cake Event at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Commonwealth Blvd. and 87th Ave. This will be on Tuesday, Dec. 4th, from 3 - 5 p.m. Please join us for an up-to-date picture of what our girls are accomplishing and show them your interest and support.

FARM MUSEUM

A limited number of reservations are being accepted for a Colonial-style Dinner of Brunswick Stew cooked over open hearth to be held Sat., Nov. 10th, prepared with all the trimmings. The donation for this is \$6.00 for non-members, and \$5.00 for members. The house will open at 4 pm with dinner served at 5 p.m. Please call Mrs. Trent at 347-3820 for reservations.

A Holiday Bazaar is planned at the Queens County Farm Museum for Saturday, Dec. 1st. Handmade goods will be featured as gift items from 10 am to 4 pm, admission is free. The Museum is located at 73-50 Little Neck Parkway.



The Health Systems Agency (HSA) held its first meeting of the 1979-80 year on Tuesday evening Sept. 11, 1979 at the Jewish Institute for Geriatric Care (JIGC). It was an extremely interesting and dynamic opening meeting.

The issue on hand concerned Mayor Koch's recent Task Force Proposal on the closings and mergers of certain under-utilized proprietary and municipal hospitals. Guest speakers from Terrace Heights Hospital, Queens Hospital Center and Long Island Jewish were invited to District H's meeting.

The executive director of Terrace Heights Hospital spoke against Mayor Koch's proposal to close down the facility. He stated that Terrace Heights was a 127 bed medical-surgical facility located in Hollis. It is presently operating in the black, has deficient structure and code violations and is running only at a 84% capacity as of the first eight months of this fiscal year.

The Task Force has also recommended a "merger" or a "management contract" of Long Island Jewish and Queens Hospital Center, instead of a complete closure of Queens Hospital Center (located in Jamaica). Speakers from Queens Hospital Center were Ms. Cathy Freeman, chairperson of Community Board at Queens Hospital Center

and Ms. Pollack, an employee at QHC. Both were very vocal and were against the possible "merger", or "take-over" of QHC by Long Island Jewish. QHC is presently a 711 bed medical-surgical facility. The speakers expressed the fact that QHC presently serves a certain socio-economical segment of the population which would not be able to obtain adequate health care if the facility closed down. They all alleged that L.I.J. frequently used QHC as a "dumping" ground for certain indigent patients unable to pay.

Finally, representing L.I.J. was Mr. Markowitz who calmly defended each of the accusations made regarding L.I.J. He was against the word "take-over". On the "dumping" issue, he attempted to explain that 15% of their clinic patients were medicaid cases and that each and every patient brought to their Emergency Room were treated.

Conclusion: At present, the HSA cannot take an active stand over this important issue. It can, however, enlighten the communities and have community groups take a stand on the issue. HSA will wait until November 1st and then take a position. It will be interesting to see the outcome.

Margie Chu

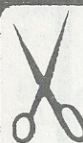


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