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LET'S
GET PS133 PARK
FIXED UP!
A REP FROM
NYC PARKS DEPT
WILL BE AT OUR
NOVEMBER
MEETING
HOUSE OF HOPE
NOV 5 AT 8PM

PRESIDENT'S GAVEL

The community response to our letter writing campaign to Commissioner Sandler about traffic control on 86 Ave. was fantastic. I have received several hundred responses and the first assignment of our Transportation Committee was successfully concluded with the submission of a petition signed by approximately three hundred people. I would also like to thank the block captains for working so hard to get so many names. I hope that by the November meeting we will have an answer to the initial flurry of letters. The petitions will be the next level of assault.

But this isn't the only issue of importance to Bellerose. We would next like to get our playground at PS 133 up to the level of so many others nearby. This month's meeting will feature a representative from the Parks Department and we must let our needs be known clearly. Get down to this

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MEETINGS

As we do every few months, October's meeting was a general meeting so we could get some committee reports and follow-up on some activities and needs of the community. We heard from our security committee chairman, George Wolf that the 105th Pct. has been successful in being allocated 25 additional officers, up to 180. This is still far short of the amount we had prior to the fiscal crisis, and it is not representative of the size of the precinct. We were urged to write letters to our local elected officials and let them know our concerns.

George reported further that crime

statistics were up substantially throughout the Pct. with robberies up 114 and burglaries up 500. We will have a more detailed report at the November meeting on Sector Nora (our area). It was reported that what appear to be crack vials have been noticed in the local area. I urge anyone suspecting drug transactions to notify the precinct immediately: there can be no more serious problem in a neighborhood than a drug problem, especially crack. We reported that there had been some success in fixing the timing of the light at Commonwealth & Jerico. The North/South time is about 22 and more cars and pedestrians can cross.

**WE MEET THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT HOUSE OF HOPE
CHURCH, CORNER 248TH STREET AND 85TH AVENUE**8:00 PM****

President's Gavel (con't)

meeting and speak up loudly. We have had a few parks programs recently, but we deserve a top notch program.

Also, I hear that the City Planning Commission will soon be starting to recommend new zoning in parts of Bellerose and Queen Village. We have all heard of the problem the City has finding adequate housing for its residents. If more liberal zoning restrictions are put into effect in our neighborhood, we will see more instances of single houses being torn down and replaced by large multi-family dwellings. Look at 249th Street for example. That block is in the next Zoning category from most of us and the three houses on one plot is built to the letter of its zoning regulation. For an even more blatant example, drive on 242nd Street north of Hillside Avenue a few blocks. A single family structure was replaced by one that could probably accommodate six families (legally only 4.) For December's meeting I will try to arrange for the Planning Commission's representative for the Bellerose community to discuss their recommendations. Be sure to check the Newsletter for time and place.

PICK UP LEAVES

Please be sure to keep your sidewalk and curb clear of leaves for the safety and protection of your neighbors, and for the beauty of our neighborhood. Councilman Leffler offered to try to get street sweepers into Bellerose during the mid to late fall, so keep an eye out. Be sure to move your car if you can when they come by. Clearing up to eighteen inches into the street is still the homeowner's responsibility. The sanitation crews will normally only take up to five or six bags per trip, so please store the bags safely between pickups and avoid the temptation for kids to rip them open.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Send your name and address to Sen. Padavan, Room 307 LOB, Albany, NY 12447 for copies of Getting Your Moneys Worth on your car, the marketplace or credit.

STREET SURVEY

Sheldon Leffler offered to help us in our effort to get some nagging potholes, catch basin and manhole problems resolved and he asked for a specific list of problem areas. The BCCA had done a full survey in 1984 and submitted it to Highways, Water Supply, Sanitation and other departments. Local Girl Scout troop 4-668 under the direction of Ruth Nouza has offered to conduct the update of the survey. (Here's another reason to pick your leaves up.) We expect a draft report to be ready by the November meeting and we're told that a lot of the original survey items were never done. Thank you Ruth and the girls of troop 4-668. I am sure Councilman Leffler will make good use of your hard work.

Incidentally, the '84 survey first raised the issue of forming a capital program to repair all the streets in Bellerose. This project is now listed in the Community Board's Capital Budget priorities, although it is low on the list. It will be several years before we see any action on it so we must continually follow up on surveys like these.

COTTON PATCH GOSPEL

I was very proud to see a production called the Cotton Patch Gospel performed by the St. Gregory's Theater Group, produced by Jimmy Hollywood and Directed by Paul Patti. A large group of kids worked very hard throughout the summer to stage this production four times during September, plus some special school appearances. It was well executed and very moving to see the sense of togetherness in the cast and production team after the last performance. There is a lot of talent in Bellerose and our kids need a way to channel some of their spirit, energy and enthusiasm to something worthwhile. Cotton Patch Gospel was one of those worthwhile events and I'd like to salute Jimmy, Paul, the Alexandro family and the entire cast for brightening up my night as well as about a thousand other people who saw it. Congrats!

R. C. Hellenbrecht

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COMMUNITY COLUMN

We'd like to extend happy birth greetings from all of your friends and neighbors in Bellerose to:

- Matthew Swiatocha, Nov. 27
- Mary Ann Hellenbrecht, Nov. 19
- Rich Hellenbrecht, Nov. 29

If you have any happy occasions you'd like to share with your friends in Bellerose, please send them to the below address or pass them along through your block captain.

ZONING LEGISLATION

We noticed in a newsletter recently that our local state representatives, Sen. Padavan and Assemblyman Prescott are sponsoring state legislation to

impose a moratorium on rezoning (see also separate article, Pg 2) and to stop any schemes to place additional homeless shelters or prison facilities at Creedmore with community approval. Good initiatives gentlemen, thank you!

Bellerose Library

- ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION on a Summons to Memphis by Peter Taylor; Thursday, Nov. 19 at 10:30AM.
- NATIVE AMERICAN CELEBRATION - Saturday, Nov. 14 at 2:00PM.
- FINANCIAL SEMINAR on Safe Investment Alternatives; Monday, Nov. 9 at 7:30PM.
- AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS DRIVER EDUCATION COURSE, Wednesdays, Nov. 4 and 18.
- CHESS CLUB for all ages and levels, Thursday nights, 6:00-7:30PM.
- PICTURE BOOK HOUR ages 3 1/2-5; Tuesdays at 10:30AM and 1:30PM.
- TODDLER TIME ages 2-3; Wednesdays, Nov. 4 and 18 at 10:30AM.
- JUNIOR BOOK DISCUSSION ages 10-12; Wednesdays, Nov. 25 at 3:30PM.
- PARENTING SESSIONS on Tuesdays, at 10:30AM.
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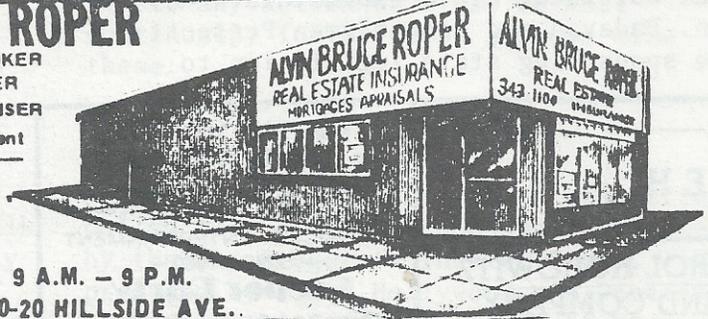
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