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Dir. of NYC Health Dept.
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at 8 PM
House of Hope Church
cor. 85th Ave and 248th St.

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

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BCCA in need

By: Rich Hellenbrecht

The BCCA is in need of active, young new Board members to help invigorate the Association and strengthen the neighborhood. The November meeting is when we announce a slate of officers to be elected the next month.

It has been extremely difficult to locate active, enthusiastic members or to elevate them to participate in the Board. Please feel free to speak with me or any other board member if you would be interested in becoming more involved. Generally, we require only about two or three nights a month for board members and

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Meetings

By: Richard C. Hellenbrecht

Come on people of Bellerose! The participation in the last meeting was an absolute disgrace. We had arranged for a speaker to talk about drugs; one of the most serious problems in the City... and if you don't think its in Bellerose, your heads are in the sand!

While the turnout was decent, most of the attendees were our lovely and concerned senior

citizens. But the drug problem affects children and parents with children between grammar and senior high schools. The audience should have been packed with 30 year-olds.

I've heard a thousand excuses why our young adults can't get to meetings, but when anything goes wrong in the neighborhood you all point your fingers at the BCCA. Unless you are willing to come down and work against problems, don't complain

to the civic association when problems occur.

Our speaker was very effective and knowledgeable. She gave lots of advice on what to look for and urged strong family ties. All parents should have been there.

Several members brought up other problems in the neighborhood. Letters have been sent to the appropriate authorities. Most of the complaints related to a general reduction in the cleanliness and beauty of Bellerose. We

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Dues

By: Rich Hellenbrecht

During October we mailed dues letters to all our neighbors who are not covered by Block Captains and we distributed ID cards to Captains for their blocks. The dues this year continues to be \$3.00 which is about half the cost of our neighboring Civics.

In a change of procedure, we decided to mail to blocks in which captains haven't collected in three or more years. We really prefer to have dues collected by

captains, but since dues is our only source of income we decided to try direct mailing. The response so far has been terrific, and we hope to exceed our usual 50% response this year.

We are very proud of our record of accomplishment over the years. We have established a library, stopped buses on Commonwealth Boulevard, forced reduction of the dangerous hill at Little Neck Parkway and Jamaica Avenue, got a traffic light installed on 86th Avenue and pushed

for street improvements throughout Bellerose, and much more.

All NYC communities need an advocate and watchdog who can instantly react to problems and put pressure on bureaucrats to respond to problems that are less than life-or-death, but can affect the quality of life. Please pay your dues so we can continue to represent you and keep Bellerose great. Dues may be mailed to the Editor's address - page 3.

Bellerose Library News

Library Staff

ADULT PROGRAMS

Tax Seminars: Thursday, November 2 at 7:30 PM. Conducted by the IRS for the general public.

Art Series: Slide/Lecture presentations by Marvin D. Schwartz, lecturer from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, on the following topics at 7:30 PM on the following dates:

1. "Italian Masters" Nov. 6
2. "19th Century American Art" Nov. 13
3. "World of Velazquez" Nov. 20.

Book Discussion: Thursday, November 16 at 10:30 AM. Lovingkindness by Anne Roiphe

- a "powerful story about the complex relationship between an accomplished, independent contemporary woman and her twenty-two-year-old daughter."

Once-a-month Book Sale: Monday, November 27th from 1 to 7:30 p.m. Adult, Young Adult and Juvenile hardcover and paperbacks available.

Camera Club: Meets Saturday November 4th and 18th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS
Chess Club meets Thursday nights November 2, 9, 16 and 30 from 5:30 to 7:45 p.m. Players of all ages and abilities are welcome. No entry fee. Round Robin and Swiss-Quads are available. Bring your own clock and board/pieces. New members must play in the

round robin first. For information call: Mike Fricano, Monday to Friday 8 to 10 p.m. at 718-224-8004.

CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

Picture Book Hours: 3 1/2 to 5 year olds, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (Pre-registration required.)

Arts & Crafts: For school-age children will be Fridays at 3:30 p.m. (Pre-registration required.)

Toddlers Fun Time: 2 to 3 year olds, Wednesdays at 10:30 AM (See Librarian for registration.)

We are asking members of the community to keep their Library attractive and free of graffiti and other forms of vandalism.

Selling a house?

Rich Hellenbrecht

Frequently members of the BCCA have asked if we are aware of any houses in the area are up for sale or if there are any legal apartments for rent. We try to help anyone looking for a place

to live because it will help the seller and may save the buyer a real estate fee. Please remember that we do not offer any assistance in negotiating, buying, or financing a house or apartment, but we are happy to put a buyer and seller together for the strength

and stability of the neighborhood.

We can't guarantee a contact in either case, but please feel free to call me at 343-5397 if you would like to either buy, sell or rent an apartment or house in the BCCA area.

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slightly more for executive positions such as Treasurer, Vice President or President.

It is a real thrill to know that something you did has had an impact on your neighborhood. There are numerous problems that need someone's attention and

intervention to make sure that they do not contribute to a lessening of the attractiveness of Bellerose. The BCCA has served a vital role in keeping Bellerose vibrant and beautiful, but it needs new blood to keep the focus.

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agree that our streets are beginning to look dirtier and sloppier as time goes on. Be sure to come down and speak up about any problems you have on your block or in the neighborhood. We want to be an effective force in preserving this community.

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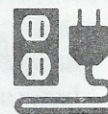
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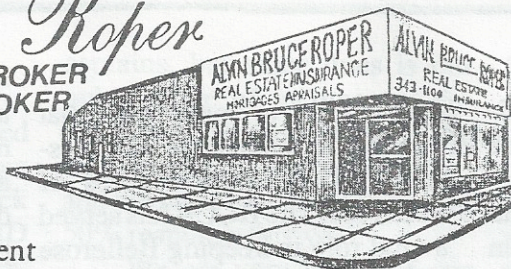
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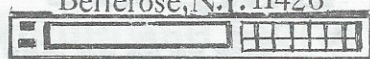
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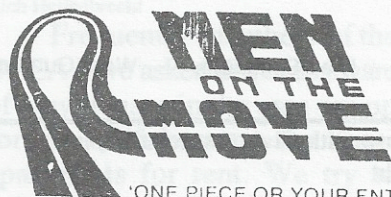
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