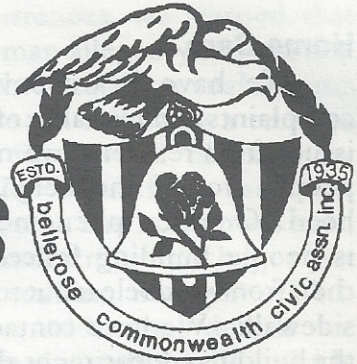


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President's Gavel

By: Richard M. Brown

I'm sure many of you will notice our new look. Obviously, this layout is to facilitate mailing Action News for the first time. This is the first month of our trial delivery of several Action News newsletters via the U.S. Postal Service. The community voted at our September meeting that we should conduct a test mailing to those homes that are not covered by block captains. We

hope that the test will result in improvement in several important measures, including increased attendance at meetings, additional dues sent in and more inquiries to our P.O. box.

I urge residents who are receiving Action News for the first time to read it completely and if you like what you read or have ideas for future articles or speakers to please send us your comments or ideas on the clip out form on page 3. Also, in September we included a

"Code Watch" form in Action News for anyone who would like to report a suspected illegal conversion of a house to two or more families. We'll be glad to send a copy to anyone who needs another copy. Just check off and mail the coupon back to our P.O. box.

We were happy to cooperate with the 105th Precinct Community Council this month in a demonstration at the precinct about a proposed

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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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We have heard several complaints about quality of life issues from residents we meet people around the neighborhood. One new phenomenon is people building fences on their front yards clear out to the sidewalk. We have contacted the buildings department about this and learned that while generally you may build a fence to the front of a house, you may not build a fence past your legal property line. Property lines for

most houses in Bellerose are between four and six feet in from the inside of the sidewalk. Therefore, most fences built to the sidewalk are not legal.

These front-yard fences are really unattractive and inappropriate for our neighborhood. Please do not install such fences. If you have any questions or would like to report an illegal fence please call the Buildings Department directly.

Another quality of life issue that was brought up re-

cently was the prevalence of stop signs which are obscured by tree branches. This can be extremely dangerous. Please contact the Community Board at 464-9700 to report this.

Incidentally, the Police Department recently introduced a new Quality of Life hotline for reporting non-emergency activities that are under police jurisdiction. These include noisy parties, boom boxes and dirt bikes, etc. Please call 1-888-677-LIFE to report such quality of life problems.

Halloween Safety Tips

Please observe the following tips announced by Councilman Sheldon Leffler on October 7. This should reach many of you before Halloween.

Tell children to:

- Bring all edibles home for your inspection and discard any suspicious treats.
- Do not allow children to Trick or Treat alone.
- Avoid poorly or deserted areas.
- Obey traffic rules and walk on the sidewalk, not on the street.
- Keep Tricks to a minimum.
- Look for "Safe Haven" signs if they have trouble.

Parents should:

- Examine costumes for safety hazards.
- Test makeup on small area of skin for allergic reactions.
- Give children flashlights.
- Remember children collecting for UNICEF may do so only on October 31.

Joint Bellerose Development Council

The B.C.C.A. is participating with several other civic associations in establishing a corporation with the objective of undertaking a redevelopment of the shopping strip on Jamaica Avenue/Jericho Turnpike.

The other associations are The Queens Colony Civic Association, The Queens Brad-dock Civic Association and in Nassau, the Bellerose Terrace Civic Association and Bellerose Village Business Development Council.

We intend to attract available economic development funds from various city, state and county government organizations to stimulate and economic revitalization along the strip. The challenge is to get political jurisdictions to work together when their rules generally prevent their funds from benefiting any other area.

Our initial funding is nearly in place to retain a pro-

fessional who will help develop a specific theme and plan, identify potential funding sources and gain acceptance and support of the business community. Our target for this phase is first quarter 1997. We will keep you up to date on our progress.

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slashing of the Community Patrol Unit. I think we let the captain and city administration know that this area supports the CPU and will not stand for its removal or reduction. There was tremendous media coverage and our own George Wolf appeared briefly on Channel 4 News. The Captain made a brief statement that he would

not cut the force without first notifying the community. This was not a good enough answer and we will be pressing for a more responsive policy from the captain.

We were disturbed last week to receive a call from the precinct that the "Floral Park Rapist" was seen again. In a new strategy for precinct staff to call selected community leaders about significant crime

occurrences, we learned that the man allegedly responsible for three earlier sexual assaults was seen following a teenage girl for several blocks near IS172. Thankfully, there was no attack and no one was hurt, but it destroyed our hopes that the stalking was over. With some additional details we hope the police will quickly arrest this man.

December Elections:

December is the annual election of officers for the B.C.C.A. Following is the current list of officers and directors. Let us know if you or anyone you know is interested in a Board position.



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I suggest the following article for Action News, or issue to pursue, or general comment: _____

I suggest the following speaker topic: _____

I missed the "Code Watch" form to report a zoning complaint, _____ Please mail me a copy.

We encourage you to leave your name and address: _____

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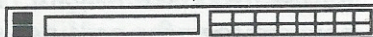
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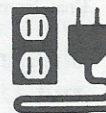
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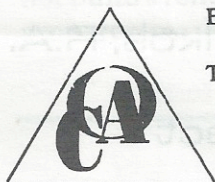
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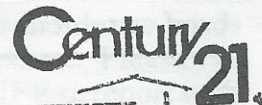


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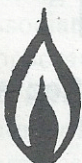
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