



Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association

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November 2003

General Meeting

November 6, 2003

8:00 pm

**House of Hope
Church**

**Corner 248th St. and
85th Ave**

**Guest Speaker-
Attorney**

**Ronald Schwartz,
P.C.-Elder Law**

We meet the first Thurs-
day of each month at the
House of Hope Church, at
the corner 248th Street
and 85th Avenue at

8:00 PM

Free Refreshments

Get Involved!

Happy Thanksgiving



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President's Letter-By Lourdes V. Hartrick

I hope you had a fun and safe Halloween. Puppets in the Park came again Saturday, October 4th 2003 at Bellerose Park at 1:00 PM. Several parents came and enjoyed the show with us. I would like to thank Patrick Epstein of the Swedish Cottage Marionette Theatre who did such a great job. I would also like to thank Fred Corrasco-Manager of the Floral Park Burger King. Fred provided soft drinks for the kids. Despite the weather there was a nice turnout. Our guest speaker for our November meeting is Bellerose native Robert Schwartz-Attorney. He specializes in Elder Law and will be there to answer questions on this topic. I want to wish everyone a great Thanksgiving. I look forward to seeing you November 6th.

School Drop Offs-The Commanding Officer of the 105th Precinct, Deputy Inspector Michael Bryan, again notified parents at our neighborhood schools that the precinct will be adopting a "Zero Tolerance" policy towards parents and others who disobey traffic and parking regulations near the schools. Parents who park in no stopping areas or in front of fire hydrants will get a summons, there will be no exceptions. This will hopefully bring more attention to the selfish practices of a few parents who put their children and other's children at risk. A small handful of inconsiderate parents create problems for everyone else. Many Bellerose households have both working parents. We sympathize with time constraints of parents who drop off their children prior to going to work each day. However, we need to always put our children's safety first.

Community Board 13-by Robert Alberti

Although we did not have a scheduled guest speaker, Richard Hellenbrecht addressed our October meeting and updated residents about neighborhood issues. As many residents know, Richard Hellenbrecht is the Chairperson of Community Board 13 and also a Director, former President and long time active member of our Civic Association. It was noted that CB13 is our contact for issues where city services are involved. If you have a problem (i.e., pot holes, illegal subdivisions, loose manhole covers, city tree pruning, stop sign replacements), no one will know about it unless you report it. Many times residents just ignore issues thinking problems will just go away. Area residents should take the time to notify CB 13 of the issue. CB13 advocates to maximize delivery of community services. CB 13 ensures compliance for planning and development activities. CB 13 works closely with all agencies to ensure that optimal police, fire, sanitation, transportation, parks and health-related facilities are available. If you have any concerns you should call them at 718-464-9700. The fax number is 718-264-2739. The website is www.cb13.org. Sally Martino-Fischer is the District Manager. CB13 is your local resource to address quality of life issues.

Defensive Driving Course-by Lourdes Hartrick

The P.S. 133- PTA is offering a Defensive Driving class on November 5th and the 12th from 6:30-9:30 PM. The price for the class is \$40.00 and for Senior Citizens \$35.00. Participants must attend both days. There will be no walk-ins. When you take this class a 10% reduction on your car insurance is given. Also a point reduction on your license. Refreshments will be served. Since you will receive this newsletter a day or two before the class, be sure to call 917-601-0521. Space is limited.

BCCA Extends A Warm Welcome to our New Neighbors!

The Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association would like to send a warm welcome to the following new area residents: Angel and Daisy and their two boys who moved to 253rd Street. Ravi and Marie and their daughter who is the star of 250th Street. We would like to welcome Frank and Linda who recently moved to Commonwealth Boulevard. In addition, we would like to welcome Keith of 254th Street. If anyone is new to the area, please let us know. The BCCA is your Civic Association! Our members can answer questions that you may have regarding our area schools and other institutions. Come down to our meetings for a civic and social gathering. We look forward to seeing you.

New York State Flyer Law

Rick Duskiwicz of the Creedmoor Civic Association has informed the BCCA of a state law that was signed by Governor Pataki on July 29th. The law says it is now illegal to place flyers on windshields or windshield wipers. Similar to the public pole posting law, the company whose phone number or address is on the flyer is held responsible.

Absentee Landlord Surcharge-A lot has been written regarding the Absentee Landlord Surcharge that is being imposed by New York City Department of Finance. This is a property tax increase on Class 1 properties that are not owner-occupied and that generate rental income for the owner. If your property is your primary residence you may need to submit a petition to be excluded from this surcharge. You may also be entitled to a property tax reduction under the NY State STAR program. If you are already enrolled in STAR this will not be an issue. If you are not in STAR you may need to submit a form to be excluded from the absentee landlord surcharge form. You can enroll in STAR online at www.nyc.gov/STAR. Look up www.nyc.gov/propertytaxes or contact 311 for additional info. Forms will be available at the November 6th BCCA meeting.

BCCA Feedback Form

November 2003

To the B.C.C.A.:

I suggest the following article for action news, issue to pursue or general comment:

Enclosed is my \$5 Dues payment for 2004 or a donation:

I suggest the following speaker topic:

I suggest the following newsletter topic:

DUES REMINDER

BCCA dues remain at \$5 per family. Dues letters will be sent to our blocks that do not have block captains. We ask for your support since our printing, mailing and community activities costs mount up quickly. As a reminder, we ask all of our block captains to collect and return their dues. Thanks again for your support. We look forward to a strong 2004!

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Attn: Robert Alberti, Editor-

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Yard Sale-Garage Sale Signs-If a resident has a garage or yard sale and signs are posted in the area, please take them down once the sale is finished. A resident who attended our October meeting noted that certain signs were not taken down after several sales. Although there are specific laws against street signage, it is only courteous to our neighbors that signs are taken down after an event.

Subway Sandwich Shop-For those of you who are curious about construction on the corner of Hillside Ave. and Little Neck Turnpike, contractors are building the future site for a Subway Sandwich franchise. It will be nice to see this lot utilized after so many years of neglect.

Election Slate

The Nomination Committee report will be delivered at the November 6th meeting. The nomination committee has made the following proposals:

Robert Alberti: Vice President

Patty Phelan: Recording Secretary

Angel Roman: Treasurer

Additional nominations can be made at the November meeting. Elections will be held at our December 4th meeting. It should be noted Directors for 2003 are up for re-election. Please come and cast your vote. If you are interested in running, please contact the BCCA and leave your name and phone number or join us at our November meeting.

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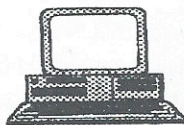
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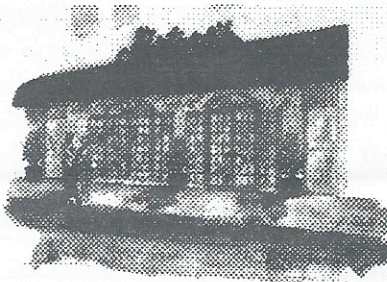
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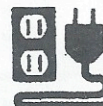
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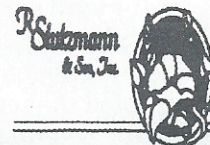
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