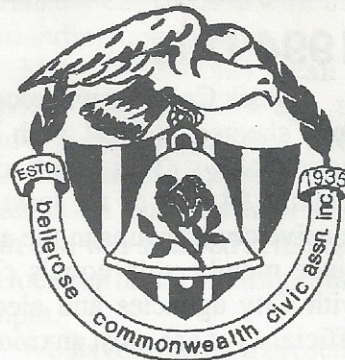


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PS133 Principal Mr. Henry Mazer Speaks about PS133 issues

**Thursday, October 7, 1993
House of Hope Church
8:00 PM
Cor. 85th Ave. & 248th St.
Free Refreshments**

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

The Gavel

By: R. Hellenbrecht

The asbestos mess has taken us all by surprise and shock. Parents, teachers and particularly students have been seriously affected by the revelation of asbestos in our schools in quantities greater than expected.

Mr. Mazer, Principal of PS133, will speak to us about PS133 and plans to get caught up with the school year. Last time Mr. Mazer came to the BCCA he was new to PS133 and very enthusiastic about Bellerose - I'm sure that hasn't changed. We've heard from several visitors to PS133 that the school was beautifully maintained over the years. I am quite anxious to learn if the removal effort has harmed the beauty of the building.

For November's meeting we have invited Catholic Charities to talk about the new Senior housing development on Hillside Avenue (see story, page 3). This could be a very important meeting for all Bellerose seniors or their relatives.

BCCA Needs a President

BCCA annual election of officers will take place in December. Officer nominations will be submitted at November's meeting. Last year we were unable to nominate a president and the BCCA has suffered ever since. We need your help!

A civic association can not provide strong community support without consistent leadership. We sincerely hope that some member of the BCCA will vol-

unteer for this important post.

The BCCA plays a very important roll in maintaining the quality of life of the community while building and maintaining pride in Bellerose.

Presidency requires a surprisingly small commitment of time: only two meetings a month and occasional meetings on special issues with other groups. There are some letters and phone calls, but other Board members

share in this.

Very little experience is necessary, only a love of Bellerose and a desire to keep it great. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please let us know - its really important!

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1994 Dues

Block Captains will receive dues sheets for 1994 with this Action News. This year's dues remains \$4, one of the least expensive civic groups in the area. Since membership equals clout with City agencies and elected officials, we are most anxious to increase our membership.

We have many plans and several important programs for 1994. We count on all of Belle-rose to vote their support for the BCCA with their dues.

Those neighbors not served by Block Captains will receive dues envelopes in the next several weeks.

Triangle Cleanup

Please mark your calendars for our semi-annual cleanup of the triangle on Commonwealth Boulevard. The cleanup will be on October 16 from 9AM to 12 noon. Please bring your own gloves and hand tools. The BCCA will provide recyclable bags. This year the BCCA purchased a gas weed wacker, avoiding much of the backbreaking effort. We still need many hands to gather and clean up the weeds and debris.

Please join us, at least for a little while to try and make this Bellerose landmark more attractive. Several people have really tried to help out. This Spring someone left a very pretty wrought iron seating set at the triangle. Unfortunately the set disappeared within a few days. Someone else has been planting flowers and bushes and a sign was hung on the big tree. Thank you to all of you who have volunteered in our cleanups. Keep up the good work!

Little Neck Hospital Health Fair

On Saturday October 9 the new Little Neck Community Hospital (LNCH), formerly known as Deepdale Hospital, will host a community health fair at Little Neck Parkway near the L.I.E. The fair will be from 10AM to 2 PM rain or shine.

The fair will feature free health screenings for: blood pressure, pulmonary, glaucoma, blood typing, podiatry, breast exams and total cholesterol. In addition, LNCH sponsors healthcare education at the fair, including: cardio-vascular disease, cancer, breast exams, dia-

betes, physician directory, nutrition, HIV/TB/Lyme disease, patients rights, community resources, medication review (bring your own list for review).

The program will also include refreshments and entertainment and will be broadcast live by WKJY (98.3 FM). Look for the Big Top tents in LNCH parking lot. For more information, please call (718)428-3000.

A representative of LNCH will attend our December meeting to explain the changes at the hospital and plans for the future.

Library News

The BCCA is most pleased to learn that Saturday hours are being renewed this month for the first time in several years. Effective September 27, the library will be open from 10AM to 5PM (*full schedule at end of article.*)

This is extremely good news for the youths and adults of Bellerose who have been without Library services on Saturdays for so long. Mr. Sears of the Bellerose branch thanks Councilman Sheldon Leffler for his support.

Adult Programs:

Book Discussion - Thursday October 21 at 10:30AM - **Risk Pool** by Richard Russo - an intimate portrayal of a family torn asunder.

Once-A-Month Book Sale - Monday October 25 from 1:00PM to 7:30PM.

Older Adult Programs:

Health Care Seminar - Partners in Health - Learn how to communicate with your doctor or health care provider. How to get the right answers and the best care.

Thursday October 7 at 2:00PM.

Young Adult Programs:

Chess Club - Meets Monday and Thursday evenings from 5:30PM to 7:45 PM. Players of all ages and abilities 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 more information call Mike Fricano - Monday through Friday 8 - 10PM (718)224-8004.

Children's Programs:

Picture Book/Story Time - for 3-5 year olds. Wednesdays at 10:30AM starting October 13. Registration required.

Story/Craft Time - for children in grades K-6. Fridays at 3:30PM starting October 15. No registration required.

Fall Hours of Service:

Effective September 27, 1993:

Mondays: 8AM to 8PM

Tuesdays: 1PM to 6PM

Wednesdays: 10AM to 6PM

Thursdays: 1PM to 8PM

Fridays: 10AM to 6PM

Saturdays: 10AM to 5PM.

Senior Housing Center Under Way

Those of you who have passed Hillside Avenue near the Eastern Queens YMCA recently have noticed a vacant corner of the Creedmore campus undergoing major construction. Fifty subsidized apartments for senior citizens are being built at this site.

To qualify for an apartment, a senior must be capable of independent living and have an income of about \$17,000 (for couples) or \$15,000 for singles.

Applications are currently being accepted. Interested individuals may write to:

Progress of Peoples Management
191 Joralemon Street
Brooklyn NY 11201

Selections will be by lottery of applicants. Seniors from our area will be given preference.

In addition to one bedroom apartments there will also be some studio apartments: three apartments are reserved for disabled individuals. The development will include a community room, full time manager and guard service.

The project consists of five one story buildings designed to

be visually compatible with the surrounding community.

Many of you may recall a proposal several years ago to build a bigger project just west of the Cross Island Parkway. This center is an outgrowth of that effort and was situated at its current location based on community input.

We have asked a representative of Catholic Charities to address our November meeting to describe the program more completely and answer any questions. Please watch your BCCA Action News for more information on this presentation.

Rose House Loses Leader

by: R. Hellenbrecht

For the past several years I have had the pleasure to represent the BCCA on the community advisory board at the Rose House. Rose House (RH) is a residential care facility for mentally ill homeless persons.

Dr. Sam Joseph has been Director of RH since its inception. Last month Dr. Joseph left RH for career and personal reasons. Dr. Joseph has lead a very successful program and been the inspiration for several clients to progress to independent living.

On many occasions the community advisors have witnessed the skillful and caring administration of RH under Dr. Joseph.

Many members of the Bellerose community have accepted Dr. Joseph's invitation to attend the annual Community Recognition lunch each June. The accomplishments and progress of the RH residents over the years has been remarkable: a tribute to Dr. Joseph hard work and personal involvement.

On behalf of BCCA I wish Dr. Joseph warmest best wishes in all future endeavors. I hope his successor will have equal skill, ability and compassion.

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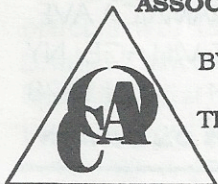
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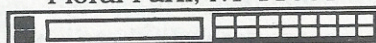
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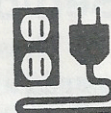
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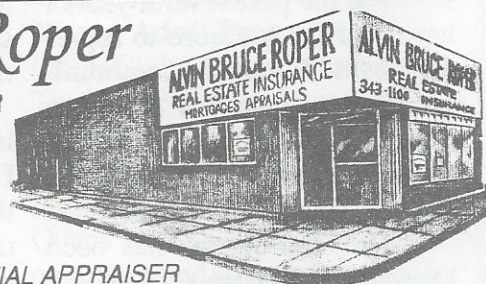
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