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## MAYOR CUTS SCHOOL CROSSING POSTS

Although funds were approved in the City expense budget last June for school crossing guards, Mayor Koch has decided to reallocate funds and eliminate many school crossing guard posts. Mrs. Alice Stapleton, who has so ably served our children for the past few years, is scheduled to be reassigned on October 17, 1980. On that date her present school crossing post, at the intersection of Commonwealth Blvd. and 87th Ave., will be eliminated. Hundreds of children from P.S. 133 and St. Gregory the Great grammar school will be forced to take their lives in their hands as they cross Commonwealth Blvd. to get to school.

The post is given a class B priority by the Police Department. All of the current class B crossings as well as three of the twenty-nine class A crossings in the 105th Precinct will lose their assigned crossing guards. It is expected that uniformed

police officers will be reassigned to cover the three class A crossings only.

There are no traffic control devices on Commonwealth Blvd. between Hillside Ave. and Jamaica Ave. That long uncontrolled stretch is conducive to speeding and creates a hazard for our children. The BCCA has gone on record in opposition to the elimination of the school crossing post.

If the post is not restored by the time this article is published, please let your public officials know your feelings on this issue. Mayor Koch and City Council President Carol Bellamy can be contacted at City Hall, N.Y., N.Y. 10007. Councilman Sheldon Leffler's office is at 205-07 Hillside Ave., Hollis, N.Y. 11423. Boro President Donald Manes can be reached at 120-55 Queens Blvd., Kew Gardens, N.Y. 11415.

## Citizenship Awards

The annual Citizenship Awards given by the BCCA in the form of medals and certificates were made to the following young people at their June graduations:

St. Gregory the Great:  
Joanne Persico  
Nicholas Iadanza

P.S. 133  
Donna Herbst  
John Lucas

Our congratulations and best wishes to these young people for their continued success.

## Notice

THE NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY

OCTOBER 2, 1980

AT/ 8:30 P.M.

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## Library News

The Bellerose Library is proud to have provided the opportunity for the community children to maintain an active summer of reading through our summer reading program. This season, over one hundred children were enrolled, and by means of little space vehicles, traveled on a reading journey to the "Lost Planet." A special program will be held in September for those who participated. Certificates and prizes will be awarded. We express our gratitude to Mrs. Leonore Lubell, Children's Librarian, who spent many hours listening to the children report on their reading.

This summer, our fullest expectations were realized as our circulation went up and the library was heavily used. Extreme heat did not keep our readers away, and we look forward to even bigger usage in the fall as our collection is ever on the increase.

For those interested in relaxation techniques coupled with body firming, enrollment is now taking place for yoga classes which will resume on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am starting Sept. 30. Classes are limited, so register early! The "Adult Book Discussion" will start on Thursday, Oct. 16, 10:30 AM with the famed Canadian author Robertson Davies and his book "Fifth Business" as the first subject.

Registration for pre-school story hour (children ages 4-5) is in full swing. The day has been changed to Wed. at 10:30 and Oct. 1st is the first session.

We are planning a season of old favorite film classics for families on Saturday afternoons. They will be shown bi-monthly, so keep abreast of the titles and dates at the library.

Hope you have had a healthy and rewarding summer. Be seeing you in the fall.

Harriety Goldfluss  
Branch Librarian

Sculpture

Now, through Oct. 29, 1980, you will be able to view an outdoor exhibition of Sculpture presented by A.R.E.A. (Artists Representing Arts, Inc.) titled "Sculpture at Sands Point." Museum hours are 10 AM - 5 PM Saturday through Wednesday, closed Thursday & Friday. Sands Point Park & Preserve; Middleneck Road, Port Washington, N.Y.

Trees

It has been quite obvious to the observer that Bellerose has lost many of its large and beautiful trees. Plant disease, outward vandalism of bark, storms, root cuttings have all contributed to the disappearance of these works of nature. Home-

owners interested in having trees planted on their streets should get in touch with their local Community Boards (ours is CB 13) listed in the telephone book under New York City, states a recent item in the newspaper. It can, however, take up to a year to get a tree, and with budget cuts, future planting is uncertain.

It is possible to buy your own tree and receive a permit from the city to have it planted in an approved manner. Information on this is available by writing the Forestry Division, N.Y.C. Dept. of Parks, Union Turnpike and Park Lane, Kew Gardens, N.Y. 11415.

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

## AT OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING:

-- CENTURY THEATERS HAS ANNOUNCED THE CLOSING OF THE BELLEROSE THEATER DUE TO THE DETERIORATED CONDITION OF THE BUILDING. RATHER THAN REPAIR THE BELLEROSE, CENTURY WILL RE-FURBISH THE FLORAL THEATER, WHICH WILL CHARGE 80¢ ADMISSION.

-- DUE TO THE CITY'S BUDGET CRUNCH, THERE WILL NO LONGER BE A CROSSING GUARD AT THE INTERSECTION OF 87TH AVENUE AND COMMONWEALTH BLVD. A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED THAT THE ASSOCIATION PROTEST THE ELIMINATION OF THE POSITION, AND REQUEST ITS REINSTATEMENT.



-- THREE PEOPLE FROM THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP VOLUNTEERED TO BE ON A COMMITTEE HEADED BY JOHN REH TO WORK UP A SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 1981.

-- WE HAVE REQUESTED THE REMOVAL OF WEEDS GROWING ON THE CENTER ISLAND ON HILLSIDE AVE.

-- THE PLANNING BOARD HAS REQUESTED US TO GIVE IT A LIST OF ANY PROJECTS WE WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET PROJECTS. THE BOARD WILL WORK ON THE LIST AT ITS NEXT MEETING.

-- DONALD WEST AND WILLIAM KEOGH WERE THE LUCKY RECIPIENTS OF DOOR PRIZES: TWO AMERICAN FLAGS.

-- OUR GUEST SPEAKER WAS MRS. ALYS ENSMANN OF CON EDISON. MRS. ENSMANN SHOWED A FILM ENTITLED "ENERGY MANAGEMENT IN THE HOME" AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS CONCERNING CON EDISON AND ENERGY CONSERVATION.

#### A.P.E.C.

Upcoming programs being offered by Alley Pond Environmental Center, Inc.; 228-06 Northern Boulevard; Douglaston, N.Y. (229-4000):

10/4 - Sat. 1 PM

Arline Thomas, the "Birdlady of Queens" will speak.

10/5 - Sun. 1 PM

Alley Animals - 7-10 year olds walk, craft project. Materials fee. \$2 non-members - \$1 members.

10/11 - Sat. - 1 PM

Prelude to Plant Skeletons - Join Joanne Larson on Alley walk to view the whispers of winter in the marsh.

10/12 - Sun. - 1 PM

Art & Nature. Bring sketch pads & pencils.

10/18 - Sat. &

10/24 - Fri. 1 - 3 PM

4 & 5 year olds in COLOR ME OCTOBER. A color matching game will be played on a sensory walk. Pre-registration. \$3 fee non-members; \$2 for members.

10/25 - Sat. 2 PM

HONEY HARVEST. Beekeepers club will demonstrate how honey is prepared for sampling. Learn more about wasps and yellow-jackets. \$2 non-members; \$1 members.

10/26 - Sun. - 1 PM

Autumn Hues in the Alley.

10/31 - Fri. - 7-9 PM

COME, IF YOU DARE!!! Boys & girls invited to an evening of frightening films & goblin games. Tricksters will receive treat bags. \$2 non-members; \$1 members.

Programs are subject to change without notice. Call for information. Program fees are \$1 for non-members; 50¢ for members unless otherwise noted.

Betty Platania

#### A Warning

Representatives from the 105th Precinct advised us that riders of mopeds, dirt bikes, motorcycles, under 16 -- unlicensed and uninsured, may have their wheels confiscated. The vehicle will then be taken to the Whitestone Pound and eventually sold at Auction. The Youthful Offender will be issued a YD card by the Police Department.

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