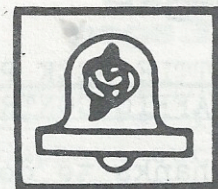


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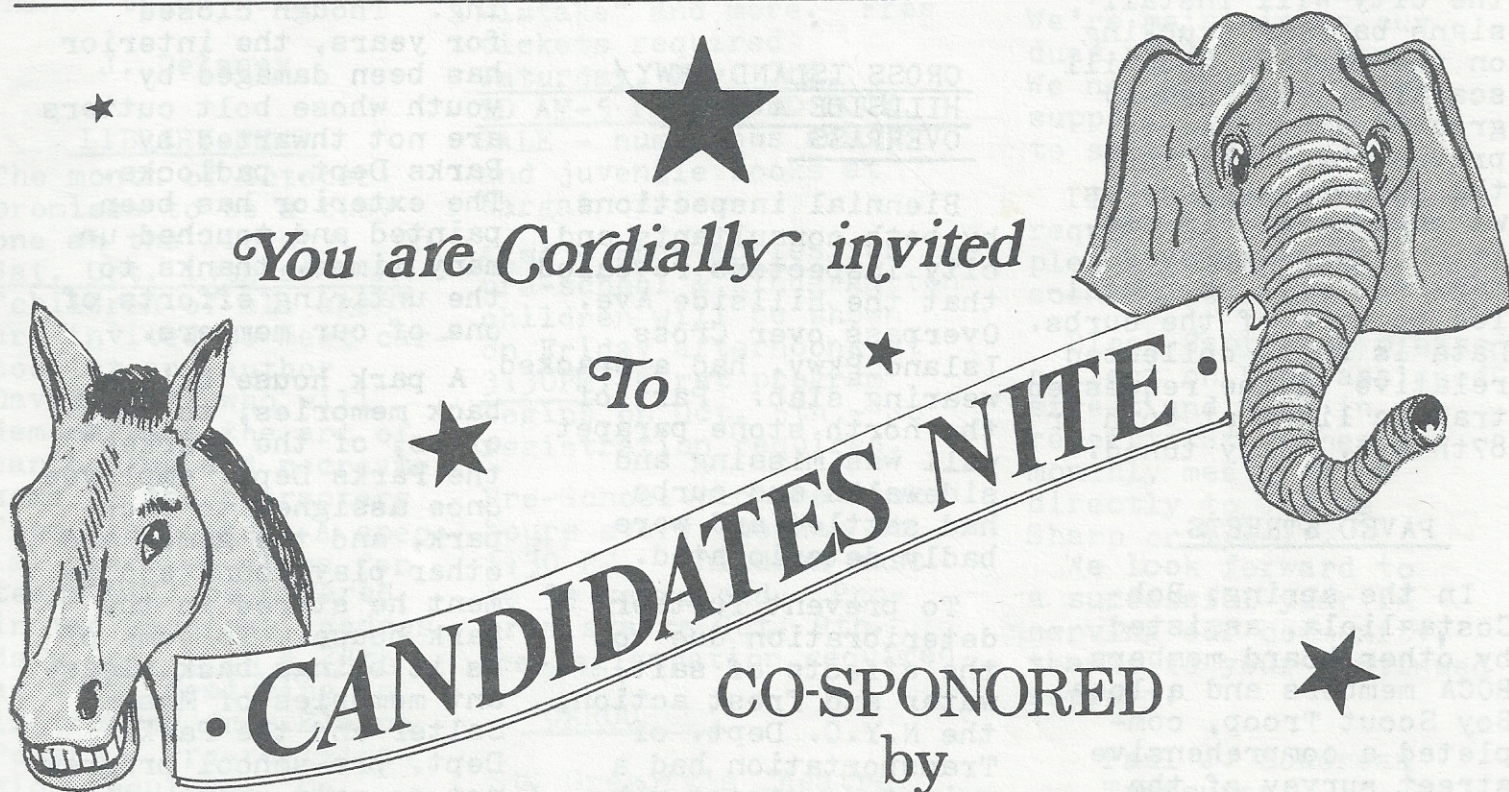


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TRAFFIC CONTROL

Thanks to constant follow up by our Councilman and others, we've finally gotten positive response from the City Department of Transportation. In reply to at least part of our request the city will install signs barring trucking on the parkway and will scarify (cut roadway grooves at curves to prevent hydroplaning) the roadway surface as we suggested. In addition, some improved markings will be installed to warn of the curbs. Data is being collected relative to the requested traffic light at 86th or 87th Ave. Stay tuned.

PAVED STREETS

In the spring, Bob Costagliola, assisted by other board members, BCCA members and a local Boy Scout Troop, completed a comprehensive street survey of the BCCA area. The group's report was sent through our local legislators and Community Board to the various city and state agencies for correction of the problems. Thanks to a very well put together report and significant support particularly from Councilman Sheldon Leffler and Senator Frank Padavan, the response has been quick and encouraging. You will notice that strip paving has been accomplished on Commonwealth Blvd. and other patch paving has been accomplished throughout the neighborhood. Our roads are being reviewed by the city for possible

major capital replacement in a few years.

My commendation to Bob and his group for a job well done and my appreciation to the Senator and Councilman for their assistance.

R. C. Hellenbrecht
President

CROSS ISLAND PKWY/
HILLSIDE AVENUE
OVERPASS

Biennial inspections by both consultants and city inspectors revealed that the Hillside Ave. Overpass over Cross Island Pkwy. had a cracked wearing slab. Part of the north stone parapet wall was missing and sidewalks and curbs had settled and were badly deteriorated.

To prevent further deterioration due to the effects of salt, water and frost action, the N.Y.C. Dept. of Transportation had a private contractor begin rehabilitation in July. Work includes replacement of the concrete sidewalks and roadway and replacement of street light and traffic signal foundations.

An engineering consultant for the contracting firm recently advised us that the project should be completed on time, by the end of the year. Although originally estimated at \$947,000, it appears that the work will cost the city (and us taxpayers) slightly less than three-quarters of a million dollars.

P.S. 133 PARK HOUSE

Should the brick park house in the playground behind P.S. 133 be removed? That suggestion was made recently due to the vandalism to the building. Though closed for years, the interior has been damaged by youth whose bolt cutters are not thwarted by Parks Dept. padlocks. The exterior has been painted and touched up many times, thanks to the untiring efforts of one of our members.

A park house brings back memories, to many of us, of the "parkee", the Parks Dept. employee once assigned to each park, and the games and other playground equipment he stored in the park house. To some of us it brings back pleasant memories of Mrs. Salter and the Parks Dept. pre-school program not so many years ago at our playground. Even now, the larger park house at Braddock Park is used for a pre-school program and efforts are being made to have that facility enlarged.

But what about "our" park house? If it's leveled now, and the city's fiscal situation becomes better, would the chances of having a new park house constructed be remote? Can the entrances be blocked up or otherwise made secure for possible future use in better times? Should the building be completely removed?

Let us know your feelings. Community Board #13 (219-41 Jamaica Ave., 464-9700) will hold a public hearing on the matter at the beginning (approximately 8 PM) of its October 22nd meeting. Here's your chance to be heard.

J. Delaney

LIBRARY NEWS

The month of October promises to be a busy one at the library. On Sat. Oct. 13th at 2 PM "children of all ages" are invited to meet cartoonist and author David Gantz who will demonstrate the art of cartooning and recreate some of the characters from his books. A special exercise class for teens will be offered in two sessions, Wednesdays Oct. 17th & 24th at 4 PM, featuring an instructor from Elaine Powers. Pre-registration required. On Thursday morning, Oct. 18th at 10:30 AM, the Adult Book Discussion group resumes with the selection Little Drummer Girl by John LeCarre. Stop by for your copy. A pre-holiday food festival will be offered in two sessions. On Wednesday, Oct. 24th at 10:30 AM, step-by-step instruction how to make Chinese Dumplings and technique of making Greek Triangles will be given. Saturday, Oct. 27th at 2 PM, chocolate molding and decorating by Andria Amarosa is scheduled. There will be a pumpkin decorating contest on Friday, Oct. 19th at 3:30 PM, for

children. Bring your own pumpkin and trimmings will be supplied, with the finished product on display at the library for Halloween. On Tuesday, Oct. 30th, at 4 PM, come in Costume for a party with judging for prizes, a puppet show--"The Sorcerer's Mistake" and more. Free tickets required. Saturday, Nov. 3rd, 10 AM-5 PM - USED BOOK SALE - numerous adult and juvenile books at bargain prices.

Also - Free movies for pre-school & kindergarten children will be shown on Friday afternoons at 3:30 PM. First program begins on Oct. 5th - No registration required.

Pre-School picture book hours every Tuesday at 1:30 PM. Children must be 3½ years old. Program starts Oct. 9th. Pre-registration required.

CAROUSEL

St. Gregory's Theatre Group is back in rehearsal again and working hard on a production of "Carousel". These young people, under the direction of Kathy Rollo Ferrara, will be performing three evenings at 8 PM: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 19, 20, 21. Ticket donation is \$3.50, with a special price of \$2.50 for children and senior citizens. Tickets may be obtained after all weekend Masses, from cast members, and also at the box office on the evenings of the performances, which will be given in Gregorian Hall, located

on the East service road of Cross Island Pkwy & 87th Ave. Support our youth by attending one of these shows.

MEMBERSHIP DUES


It's membership time and your annual membership dues are needed. We're maintaining our dues at \$3 this year. We need your continued support to enable us to serve you.

If you receive a dues request in the mail, please respond as soon as possible.

Block Captains, please collect on your assigned street and turn in the receipts at either our monthly meetings or directly to George Sharp or myself.

We look forward to a successful year in serving our community, thanks to your continued support.

Paul J. Boudreau
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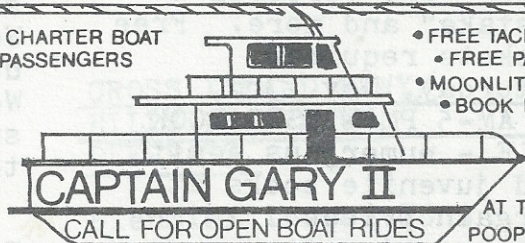
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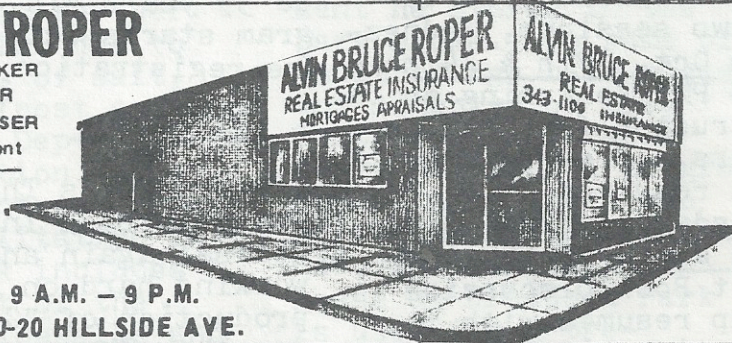
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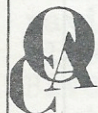
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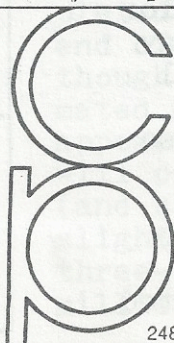
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