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A RAINY FIFTIETH

Despite the skies opening up at exactly 2 p.m. as we were lining up for our anniversary parade, our fiftieth celebration kicked off an hour late and attracted several hundred neighbors and friends throughout the day and evening until once again a downpour of rain halted our good times an hour early.

Thanks mostly to the generosity of our local residents in responding to our requests for donations, the Civic Association basically broke even with further assistance from raffles, 50-50 clubs and sales of hats and delicious hot dogs and cold soft drinks. Ironically, the winner of our 50-50 club, Joe Kelly, won \$50.50 on our 50th anniversary.

Three great bands provided entertainment for the day: St. Benedicts Fife and Drum Corps did a great job in the parade; the Country-Western band, Ridin' High had lots of people out there enjoying their great music and the N.Y.C. Department of Parks and Recreation surprised us with a great performance by the Ray McKinley Band featuring Dorothy Park.

Sen. Padavan and Assemblyman Prescott joined representatives of Congressman Ackerman, Mayor Koch and Councilman Leffler wishing us continued strength and growth. Principal Felix Berman of P.S. 133 was kind enough to welcome us to his school and several past presidents of the BOCA, presidents of several local civic associations and our local democratic leader wished us well. Pastor Schult, who earlier let us take refuge in the church basement, opened the event with an invocation and Pastor Funk wished us his best.

U-Haul on Jericho Tpke. was kind enough to lend us a truck and trailer for our speakers platform. Again, N.Y.C.'s Dept. of Parks and Recreation provided four staff members who pitched in to help with coordination and provided entertainment by our local youngsters they had trained during the summer.

So many people helped out in organizing this event that it is impossible to list them all here. I'd like to particularly recognize Mary Ann Hellenbrecht for her long hours in pulling the details together over many long

summer months, Howard Slaney for his excellent job as host, Bernie Wechsler for his terrific layout work on posters, invitations and our souvenir journal. Thanks to Bob Costagliola for donating four large packages of school supplies and miscellaneous items that were awarded to the four best floats in the parade.

I think we've demonstrated that we can have a lot of fun in addition to the more normal job of the association to seek better city services and the like. To all of you who gave so much time before and during the event, my heartfelt thanks on behalf of this great neighborhood.

R. C. Hellenbrecht

- Notice -

THE NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY

OCT 3, 1985

7:00 PM PUBLIC HEARING

C.B. 13

8:00 PM Councilman

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PUBLIC HEARING 7:00 PM HOUSE OF HOPE

COMMUNITY BOARD HEARING

On Thursday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m. at House of Hope Church basement (248 St. and 85th Ave) Community Board 13 (C.B. 13) will be holding a public hearing.

The first item on the agenda is the suggestion of a Bellerose resident that the #12A bus make a U-turn at its terminus at 87 Drive and Little Neck Parkway. The existing southbound bus route includes a turn onto 87th Ave., to 253 St. and then onto 87 Drive to Little Neck Pkwy. where it begins its trip north. The U-turn just above the old "hump" was suggested to eliminate the use of the side streets.

The request for an extension of variance by the Amoco gas station at 248-55 Jamaica Ave. is the second item on the agenda. In 1960 a 15 year variance was obtained to permit the gas station to operate at that location which was in a Retail Use Zoning District. In 1974, the term was extended to January 1985. Community Board 13 must make a recommendation concerning the extension to the N.Y.C. Board of Standards and Appeals.

C.B. invites comments from the community at the October 3 hearing on the above items. They will then be discussed by Board members at a future meeting of C.B. 13. Any comments

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can also be made in writing to C.B. 13 Chairperson Susan Noreika or area chairman James Delaney at the C.B. office at 219-41 Jamaica Ave. Queens Village.

If you plan to attend the hearing, please be prompt, as it precedes the regular October meeting of the BCCA.

WARNING TO HOMEOWNERS (courtesy of Queens Colony Civic Assoc.)

Nassau County District Attorney Denis Dillon warned homeowners to be on the guard against home improvement companies operating on Long Island. They have received numerous complaints about contractors who perform inferior work or not work after a deposit is given. "If homeowners remember a few basic rules before hiring a contractor, we could greatly reduce the number of complaints."

-First, the homeowner should check to make sure the contractor is licensed by the County Consumers Affairs Office;

-Demand references - other jobs, local suppliers - then give them a call!

-Is he licensed or bonded? check it out.

-Know where to find him - address, phone, license number, etc.

-If your remodeler is a Construction Company, who's really in charge? Will the work be subcontracted? To Whom? Get the facts!

-Finally, make sure all the promises are in writing; work to be

done, quality of materials, total cost, completion time, etc.

Remember, take your time, you don't have to sign today. Know what you're signing: a mortgage? a loan contract? a promissory note? job contract? completion certificate? (this document means the job is finished, so never sign it until it is complete.) Read it all and keep copies of all papers.

If you would like more information about protecting yourself against frauds, write to: DA Dennis Dillon, 262 Old Country Road, Mineola, N.Y. 11501 or call (516) 535-2994.

BE AWARE!

An incident occurred on Union Turnpike and Little Neck Pkwy on Sept. 19 where two young male adults in their early 20's tried to abduct a young boy. They tried to take his picture and then tried to attempt to lure him into their car. The car is reported to be a brown 4-door sedan, possibly a Cougar. Please make your children aware that they should:

Walk the same way home from school every day without making side trips;
Travel with friends;
Avoid unfrequented areas such as parking lots, alley ways;
Do not loiter along the way.

Be aware of your childrens' whereabouts and keep an eye out for strangers in our neighborhood.

BELLEROSE LIBRARY

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - will take place on Thursday, Oct. 24 at 10 a.m. The book to be discussed will be The Kennedys: an American Dream, by Peter Collier and David Horowitz. Copies of the book will be available at the library.

SPECIAL ADULT PROGRAMS

HOW TO COPE WITH STRESS IN YOUR LIFE will be discussed by Helen Peller, hypnotist and self-help counselor, Thursday, Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

MAKING YOUR MONEY WORK FOR YOU - PLANNING FOR RETIREMENT with David Altschuler, president of the largest financial planning firm on Long Island and a frequent guest on WMCA and WABC, will take place on Thursday, Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

INITIATING AND SUSTAINING RELATIONSHIPS Rochelle Zimmerman, CSW and Marcia Weisman, CSW will discuss patterns of relating and how to initiate and sustain a satisfying relationship. They are practicing psychotherapists with extensive experience in group and individual work with single people. Saturday, Oct. 19 at 2 p.m.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS --

PICTURE BOOK HOUR - resume on Tuesday Oct. 22nd at 1:30 p.m. Registration required.

MOVIES for pre-schoolers every Friday at 3:30 p.m.

PUMPKIN DECORATING

CONTEST - for pre-schoolers Monday Oct. 28, 1 p.m. Ages 3-5 accompanied by an adult, and for school-age children (grades K-6) on Tuesday Oct. 29 at 3:30 p.m.

Please bring your own pumpkin -- trimmings will be supplied.

JUVENILE BOOK DISCUSSION

for 5th and 6th graders Thursday, Oct. 10 at 4 p.m.

CHESS CLUB - Saturdays at 11 a.m. All welcome.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT QCFM

Sunday, October 6th-
2-4 PM - Farm Life: A Parent-Child Workshop.
\$5.00 refreshments incld.
Sunday, October 13th-
2-4 PM - Back in Time: Queens from Farm to Factory. Free. Refreshmts.
Sunday, October 20th-
2-4 PM - Art on the Farm: A Parent-Child Workshop.
\$5.00.Refreshments incld.
Saturday, October 26th-
10 AM-4 PM-Children's Fall Halloween Program.
Sunday, October 27th-
2-4 PM - Autumn Beauty. Walking Tour. \$3.00-Refreshments provided.
For further information, call 468-4355. The Farm is located at 73-50 Little Neck Parkway.

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The BCCA would like to extend its best wishes to Mrs. Harriet Goldfluss, Bellerose Branch Librarian, for a healthy and happy retirement. Her fine contribution to the Bellerose Library and the community in general is greatly appreciated. She has exhibited an unusual ability to expand the library's impact into the heart of Bellerose and is considered a neighborhood asset.

We collectively shout "bravo" for a job well done and hope she enjoys her retirement to the fullest.



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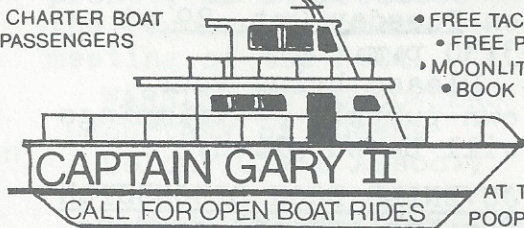
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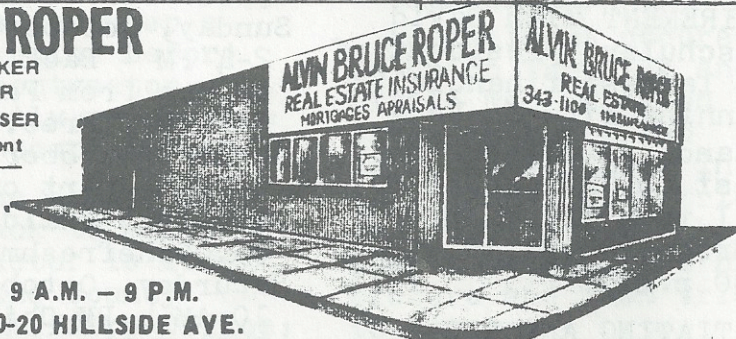
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