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The Gavel

This month's meeting is a very important initiative of the B.C.C.A. We have sent letter invitations to all families who have recently moved into our area, to come to our October meeting. We hope to encourage these new families to become more active in the B.C.C.A. and to share their ideas, concerns and hopes for their life in Bellerose. We certainly want longer-term residents to attend this meeting, also. We must all work together for Bellerose.

Last month we hosted Po-

lice Officer Greg Reuter, Crime Prevention Officer of the 105th Precinct. Greg gave many helpful tips and handed out several brochures on safeguarding your house and automobile and avoiding con artists and scams. Most importantly, Greg has reiterated something we have said here many times before: **LIGHT UP YOUR HOUSE AT NIGHT!!**

Keep your front porch lights on all night and install at a minimum 70 watt low pressure sodium lamps, possibly with motion detectors in your back or side yards. We can not over emphasize this.

At the meeting we also heard many more complaints about block busting solicitations for sale of your house. If you get a call, immediately ask for their name and number - tell them you are in a non-solicitation area. If you have not signed a non-solicitation card, use our clip-out coupon on

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Theater

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Renaming Jamaica Avenue

One of the initiatives being discussed by the Joint Bellerose Business District Development Corporation is renaming of Jamaica Avenue to Jericho Turnpike between 225th Street and the City Line. This suggestion was made to reduce the confusion of having two different street addresses on opposite sides of the turnpike.

A public hearing at the JBBDDC received no opposition, only a suggestion to extend the renaming west to Springfield Boulevard. While the JBBDDC can not operate on a boundary outside its jurisdiction, we welcome any BCCA members' comments.

Illegal Conversions

In an effort to utilize existing laws to maintain the quality of life in Bellerose, the BCCA will be conducting a walkthrough of the neighborhood in the near future to identify homes illegally converted to include apartments. As always, we encourage members to use the coupon to let us know of any suspected illegal conversions. We will check them out.

Ambulance Station

As of now, the proposed NYFD ambulance station at the old Exxon station at Hillside and Little Neck Parkway, may once again be alive. We understand the city is arranging soil borings as it moved toward a final decision.



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I suggest the following speaker topic: _____

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We encourage you to leave your name and address: _____

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Address items to:

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page 3 to ask for one. If you receive a door knob card or a mailed solicitation, please send them to Senator Frank Padavan at his Bellerose Office.

We'd like to share some important updates with you:

Commonwealth Triangle

We have recently learned that the triangle the B.C.C.A. has formally requested to be dedicated to the association, has been sold and is now privately owned. Thanks to a tip from Councilman Sheldon Leffler's office, we have been able to temporarily stop a request by the owner to take over much of the sidewalk surrounding the property. This additional city-owned space would allow the owner to erect a single family house on that tiny property.

We are most disturbed that we have been maintaining this property for years and were not informed of the sale. We are also disturbed about the current condition of the property.

Bellerose Theater

The Joint Bellerose Business District Development Corporation, of which we are a member, conducted a special public hearing with the owner of the theater to learn of the current plans. We had been told earlier that a carpet store would be set up on the site.

We were shocked to learn that the owner has reneged on his plan and is putting the theater back on the market. He cited the negative feedback he has received from the community about the appearance of his store and his plans for operation, delivery and patron parking.

We, therefore, may be back to square one concerning what will happen to the largest building on Jamaica Avenue.

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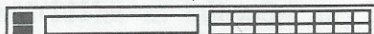
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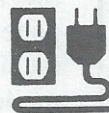
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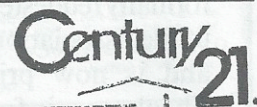
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