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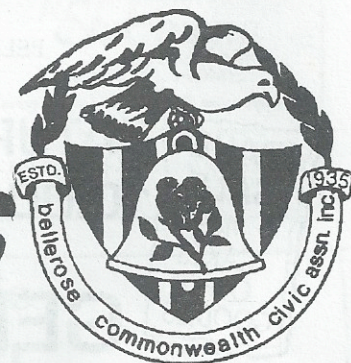
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The Gavel

In September we were pleased to welcome Joseph O'Shea, Queens Representative for Governor Pataki. Mr. O'Shea has been a regular at many of the local civic groups and community organizations and has been particularly helpful in working on the Creedmoor issue.

Last Spring the BCCA sponsored its annual Citizenship awards for graduating St. Gregory's and P.S. 133 students. This year's awards went to: Richie Ardezzone, Richel M. Ruivivar, Patrick

Shenners, Kellie A. Dunn and Ryan Lee. Several of the students wrote lovely thank you letters. We wish you all the best in the upper grades.

We received several "concerned citizen" letters complaining about rowdy neighbors in what appeared to be an illegal apartment. They also complained about noise in P.S. 133 schoolyard. Unfortunately, the letters were unsigned and gave no address or even street location so the complaints could be tracked down. It is the policy of this civic organization not to publish letters in

Action News unless they are signed and addressed. We would be happy to pursue complaints, but we must know who you are and where the complaint is.

We have recently learned that our President for the past three years, Richard Brown, is leaving Bellerose and has banged his gavel here for the last time. We would like to thank Rich for his tireless efforts, many letters to elected officials and his great advice and counsel. Best wishes to Rich, his wife Laura and their children in their new home.

P.S. 133 Roof Fire

In mid-August, contract workers at P.S. 133 were tarring the roof of the auditorium in back of the school and inadvertently caused a very smokey and serious-looking fire atop the school.

Thankfully, the fire department arrived promptly and doused the fire before any damage was done to the interior of the school.

Also at P.S. 133, scaffolds were erected all summer as workers pointed

the bricks and made other external repairs. Inside the school, we got new clocks, new electrical wiring and other improvements.

Last Spring marked the departure of Mr. Henry Mazer, principal of P.S. 133 for nearly 8 years. Mr. Mazer was always a friend of Bellerose and our civic association and was always willing to support the BCCA whenever he could. We wish Mr. Mazer well in his new assignment.

The Triangle

On Labor Day we received several complaints that some construction was taking place at the triangle on Commonwealth Boulevard. As you may have read here last year, the City sold the property at auction in order to raise money and return surplus property to the tax roles. A house is being built on the triangle using some sidewalk area that is rented from the Department of Transportation.

Since we had some reservations that all of the required zoning and building codes were followed in the design of the building, we requested that Community Board 13Q review the building permit application. We are told that the design meets all City requirements and an inspector was sent to the site to ensure that construction matches the permit filing. So far, it appears that this is "as of right" construction and there is nothing that can be done about it.

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Another problem is dirty curbs and unkempt lawns. Take a bike ride around Bellerose and see lawns that haven't been mowed

recently, or for several weeks. This all detracts from the quality of life in our home town and it takes everyone to cooperate to keep it up.

Another complaint we have heard recently is people not using covered garbage pails. Unprotected plastic garbage bags may be acceptable for recyclable papers, glass and plastics. But food stuffs attract dogs, cats and rodents and may end up having everything else strewn around the curb.

We Need You

As mentioned elsewhere in Action News, our president has left the organization. We need a new president and several others to fill potential vacancies on our Board. It's good, clean work and some fun too. Think about it!

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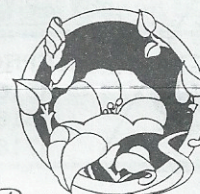
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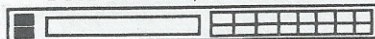
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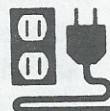
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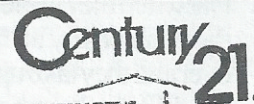


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