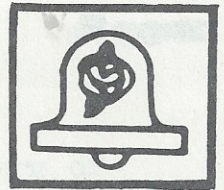


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WELCOME BACK

Welcome back after a long summer. While we've all had a good time in the sun, it's been a very active time for the BCCA and its officers. Many of us remember the victory we finally realized after TWELVE years of fighting City Hall for a traffic light at 86th Ave. and Little Neck Pkwy. In collaboration with the Floral Park Community Council, we were finally successful in gaining the City's commitment to install a light at this very dangerous location.

The latest news from the City indicates that the light should be installed before year end. It's been a long hard fight, but well worth it. My heatiest appreciation to Bernie Wechsler for his beautiful artwork on the handouts and to Jean Koller and Alvina Regalbutto for the use of their porches for our demonstration. Councilman Leffler, Assemblyman Prescott and several other local district leaders came by to help us out on what was to be a forceful demonstration. A few days before the planned event, Mayor Koch intervened and we received word that the light was finally approved. It was the combined effort over many years by both of the Civic Associations and by Sheldon Leffler that finally got this light approved. We owe a great debt of gratitude to our elected officials and we should recognize the effectiveness of proper civic action as a result of this success.

In addition, we've been very active in planning the largest block party this neighborhood has ever seen. The community has been very generous in its support of this event and several of our local merchants have contributed money and gifts to help us all have a great time.

There is additional information elsewhere in this newsletter about the anniversary party, but I'd like to thank you all for your generosity and express my wishes to see you all at P.S. 133 on Sept. 8.

Now that the summer is all over, I expect that we can all return to our normal lives which should include careful attention to our community needs. The BCCA monthly meetings are on the first Thursday of each month at the House of Hope Church. The stories above indicate that active involvement can get results and I look forward to seeing more people at our meetings and to additional challenges.

Richard C. Hellenbrecht
President

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IN MEMORIUM

It is with great sorrow that we acknowledge the passing of George Sharp, a long standing member of our Board of Directors. Active since the resumption of the Civic Association, he was in charge of block captain distribution of the ACTION NEWS.

To his wife, Helen, daughters Georgette and Carolyn, sons-in-law and grandchildren, we express our deepest sympathy and condolences at this difficult time. May they take comfort in the knowledge that the Lord is with them.

Amen

BICYCLE REGISTRATION

Saturday

Sept. 7, 1985

10 AM-2 PM

P.S.133 Park

Notice

THE NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY

SEPT. 5, 1985

AT/ 8:00 P.M.

FINAL PLANS

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ANNIVERSARY

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ANNIVERSARY PARTY

On Sept. 8, 1985 we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of this association at Bellerose Playground (at P.S. 133) starting with a parade at 2 p.m. and other activities through about 9 p.m. Many of the playground's facilities have recently been spruced up and we are looking forward to a really good time. As we've mentioned before the theme of the party will be country & western and we will be featuring live music and dance instructions by Ridin' High. We'll be selling our official western style hats at a bargain of \$3.50 and hot dogs and soft driks will be available at 50¢ each. These prices are determined to just meet our costs of having the dance band, march band and other miscellaneous expenses. 248th and 249th Streets will be closed to traffic for the party and many activities have been planned for the kids (and us older kids) throughout the day. A journal will also be offered for sale at 50¢ with neighborhood highlights and memories for us all. Raffles and 50-50's will be circulating throughout the day so some us may leave richer than we came.

All of our local elected representatives have been invited as have the Mayor, Governor and our Federal Representatives. At this writing, we have not received confirmation yet, but we're expecting a good response.

In the event of inclement weather our party will be held on Sept. 15 at Bellerose Playground. As it looks now, there will be more than enough work to go around for the small group of volunteers who have been planning this event. If you are available to help out, please call committee chairperson Mary Ann at 343-5397.

AWARDS

Four June graduates were happy recipients of the BCCA awards at two ceremonies.

In P.S. 133 the winners chosen by the Principal were:

Isaac Chang
Myra Midel

At St. Gregory the Great School, chosen by their fellow classmates

Douglas Eichner
Christine Nevins

received these citizenship medals.

May we again express our congratulations to each of the students with the hope that they will continue to excel in all aspects of their development in the years to come.

BELLEROSE LIBRARY COMING EVENTS

Fall Hours will be as follows:

Monday 1-8
Tuesday 10-6
Wednesday 10-6
Thursday 1-8
Friday 12:30-5:30
Saturday 10-5

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

The first adult book discussion of the fall season will take place on Thursday, Oct. 24th at 10:00 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

Three programs are planned for the month of October - all free admission. 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 Thurs. Oct. 10 at 7:30 P.M.

INITIATING AND SUSTAINING RELATIONSHIPS - will be the topic of a workshop led by Rochelle Zimmerman, CSW and Marcia Weisman, CSW, on Saturday Oct. 19, at 2 P.M.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

PICTURE BOOK HOUR resumes on Tuesday Oct. 22 at 1:30 P.M. Registration will begin on Sept. 3rd.

MOVIES for pre-schoolers resume on Sept. 27th at 3:30 P.M.

"READERS OF THE LOST ART" - a fantastic dramatic presentation for school-age children will be featured on Saturday, Sept. 21st at 2 P.M. Children's literature will be performed using mime, music and movement.

BE creative - Don't miss our PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST to be held on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 28th and 29th at 3:30 P.M. Trimmings will be supplied, but please bring your own pumpkin. Registration required.

JUVENILE BOOK DISCUSSION for 5th and 6th graders - Thursday, October 10th at 4 P.M.

CHESSE CLUB will again be held on Saturdays, beginning Sept. 28th at 11:00 a.m. All welcome.

YMCA Swim Team

The Blue Devils Swim Team of the Eastern Queens YMCA is announcing tryouts for the 1985-86 Season. Anyone between the ages of 6 - 18 may tryout any evening from Sept. 9th to 13th, 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. at the YMCA located at 238-10 Hillside Ave. Bellerose, 479-0505. The Team consists of four different levels.

CREEDMORE SHELTER

Another great success of combined community action is the final closing of the men's shelter at Creedmore effective July 1, 1985. Thanks to our many demonstrations, parades and letters, and to the constant pressure by Senator Padavan and our other elected officials, the City and State finally decided to use the hospital facilities exclusively for people in need of mental health assistance and receiving such aid on a 24 hour basis. Civic Association officers have been at several meetings at the hospital and while there are many problems to be ironed out, they are much less severe than before July 1. We are committed, along with several other local civic groups, to continue the liaison group that has been meeting with management of the RCCA (Residential Care Center for Adults) as we have been for the last year and a half to assure that the needs of the community are met.

QCFM

The Fall term of American Heritage Craft & Nature courses will begin in October for adults and children. The Queens County Farm Museum is located at 73-50 Little Neck Parkway. For brochure, call: 468-4355.

QUEENS COLLEGE

This Fall will mark the opening of the Silver Anniversary Season of the Colden Center for the Performing Arts. A varied program has been planned for the 1985-86 offering.

Located at the corner of Kissena Boulevard and the Long Island Expressway at Exit 24, it is easily reached and there is ample free parking on the grounds.

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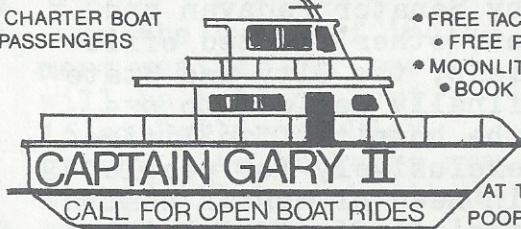
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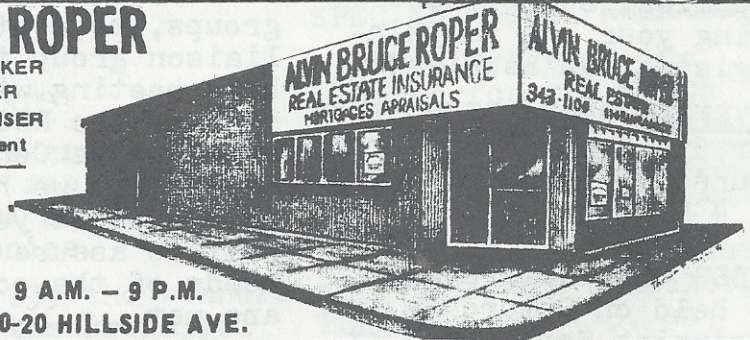
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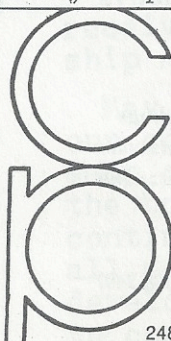
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