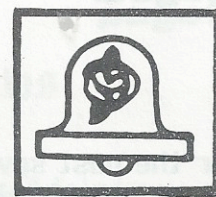


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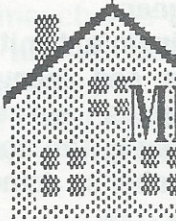


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 NEXT BCCA  
MEETING 9/11  
AT 8:00 PM  
DOUG PRESCOTT  
WILL PRESENT  
A VIDEO ON  
STREET REHAB  
IN OUR AREA.  
HOUSE OF HOPE  
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## September Meeting

Our September meeting will be held at a different time than usual due to the closeness of Labor Day and many people (myself included) will be away on vacation. On September 11, we will be joined by Assemblyman Doug Prescott with a video showing some of the difficulties encountered by our neighbors to the east who have recently undergone a complete roadway reconstruction. Since we will undergo similar construction in a year or two, Doug asked if we would be interested in this video. The Floral Park homeowners were subjected to various devious practices by the city's contractors who allegedly offered to pour concrete sidewalks at preferential prices since their men were in the area. The deals were cash in advance only and the workmanship was said to be inferior, at best. The tips and pointers Mr. Prescott can offer us should be very important lessons for us to think about before the project gets under way. I'm hoping for an exceptional turnout on September 11 for this important presentation.

## June meeting

Last June we had an excellent turnout to hear a representative of the Parks Department talk about the city's care of our trees. There were a lot of interesting questions and we learned about how and when trees are replaced and pruned. We all ended up with some added understanding of why it takes \$\$\$\$\$\$ long to get action on our tree complaints and the Parks representative left with greater understanding of our problems and needs. He also left with a long list of problems to solve. Bob Costagliola volunteered to go through the neighborhood to document some of these problems on film and to compile a list of these problems for mailing to Parks.

## Skate Mobile

On August 22 we sponsored a Skate Mobile at the Bellerose Playground. New York City's Department of Parks and Recreation sponsor this fun event with the support of the local civic organizations. We're happy to make services like this available to our children during the summer. We are contacting the Parks Department to request several of the mobile units for next summer and hope to have a schedule enclosed in June's Action News.

WE MEET THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT HOUSE OF HOPE  
CHURCH, CORNER 248TH STREET AND 85TH AVENUE\*\*8:00 PM\*\*



## Kudos

For the past several years, this newsletter has been published for you through the dedication and hard work of Sibbie Platania and his wife Betty. There is a lot of work in preparing a newsletter like this for press and Sibbie and Betty have done an excellent job of it over these many years. I express the most sincere appreciation of the Board of Directors and, I'm sure the entire membership for their consistent efforts. Beyond just putting together articles which were submitted by others, Betty did all of the local news stories and calendars about activities at the Queen's Farm House and the Library. Betty also frequently interviewed local businesses for stories of interest to our residents. Once again, thanks to Sibbie and Betty for their hard work.

The next editors have, believe it or not, volunteered for this thankless task. *Mary Ann Hellenbrecht, Brigid Calia and Barbara Stavrides* have offered to take over the editing of the newsletter. Part of that job is getting articles of interest to the neighborhood to fill the pages. That's where we need your help. If you have any article of interest to the community at large on current events, complaints about local conditions, requests for traffic controls, witnessing commendable behavior in the neighborhood or other such situations, please send them along in typewritten form or neatly handwritten to the below address. The article will of course be subject to editing and will be used at the judgement of the editing committee based on space and general interest. Please send any articles to:

Mary Ann Hellenbrecht  
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## Community Column

We would like to establish a column for residents to report special events in their households, like weddings, births, graduations, anniversaries, etc. If you or a neighbor are celebrating such an event, please be sure to notify the editor listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

## Citizenship Awards

Once again, we were honored by St. Gregory's and P.S. 133 by being the most prestigious awards of their year end ceremonies. For the past several years, the B.C.C.A. has donated a citizenship award one graduating boy and girl from each school. The awards are determined by vote of the graduating class, for the student's involvement, participation and social responsibility over the school year.

This year, Kevin Delaney and Virginia Annitto of St. Gregory's and Cara Donlon and Jenny Eliscu from P.S. 133 won the honors. We're proud of all of you, and particularly the son of one of our long term Board members, James Delaney, Sr.

## June Walk

On June 14 the B.C.C.A. sponsored its (almost) annual June Walk at the Bellerose Playgroung. Although the date coincided with almost every graduation and wedding in the world, we had a nice turnout and a great time. Senator Padavan, Assemblyman Prescott and Councilman Leffler attended and assisted with the judging. We were fortunate to be entertained once again by the St. Benedict's Fife and Drum Corps from the Bronx and dance music and entertainment was provided by Joe DeClemente, a local band leader. His music was excellent, despite few dancers on the floor. Awards were presented for various age groups for the best floats, posters and costumes. The kids had a real good time and we're looking forward to next year to improve the day with some new ideas we've learned from last year year.

Special thanks to all of the dedicated volunteers who helped me make the June Walk a success.

Mary Ann

## Athletic Association

Registration for St. Gregory's Athletic Association will be held for intramural and CYO sports for the 1986-1987 season at the Oak Room on Sunday September 7th from 10AM to 2PM and on Tuesday September 9th from 7PM to 9PM. These are the only times you can register your children for these teams.



## Welcome

We are very proud of our organization and of our ability to consistently put out a newsletter like this to keep you informed of neighborhood happenings and provide a bit of continuity for the area. Part of this success is due to the help of Action News advertisers.

Their ads pay for this paper so that your dues money can be used for community activities. Please be sure to patronize the local merchants listed in the back of this paper and let them know "I saw it in the Action News". They will appreciate your support and recognize the impact of the B.C.C.A. in attracting your interest.

## Our Sponsors

This is the first time that we are officially welcoming new residents to the B.C.C.A. Our welcome committee is finally staffed up and is now making visits to welcome new families to the area, share some of the secrets of getting around and where to shop and introducing these folks to our local civic organization. We are hoping that this activity will add active new participants to the B.C.C.A. and create some happy neighbors. This committee will operate during the Spring and fall months while people are around and the weather is not too bad. If you know any newly arrived residents, please make it your business to let Mary Ann know so we can get to meet them. Our thanks go to several local real estate agencies for helping us locate new people. Anyone with innovative ideas about welcome kit ideas should feel free to call Mary Ann as well. Obviously we cannot afford to pay for these kits, but perhaps some merchants would want to make potential patrons aware of their services. Information or ideas can be reported by calling 343-5397.

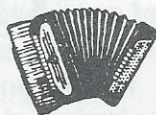
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### Adult Programs:

What You Should Know About Adolescent Depression - lecture by Margaret Morness, M.D., psychiatrist on staff at Schneider Children's Hospital, Long Island Jewish Medical Center, Thursday, Sept. 11, 7:30 PM

Why Every Adult Should Have A Will - discussion by Michael D. Jaffee and Robert P. Lynch, Attorneys at Law, Saturday, Sept. 20, 2:00PM

Adult Drama Workshop - Club for older adults, sign-up Friday September 12 during library hours, 12:30 to 5:30. Program will begin in October.

Adult Film Series - "Peter Ustinov's Leningrad" and "The Silent Killer: *HYPERTENSION*". Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 10:30PM

Once-a-Month Used Book Sale - Adult and Children's hardcovers and paperbooks, fiction and non-fiction titles, Sept. 22 and from 1PM to 7:30PM

### Young Adult:

Chess Club continues for players of all ages and levels on Thursday nights from 6 to 8PM

Young Adult Book Discussion will Begin on Thursday, Oct. 2 at 3:30PM

### Children's Programs:

Picture Book Hour will start the first week in October. Call the library for registration details after Sept. 8.

Junior Book Discussion - begins Thursday, Oct. 23 at 3:30PM. See Librarian.



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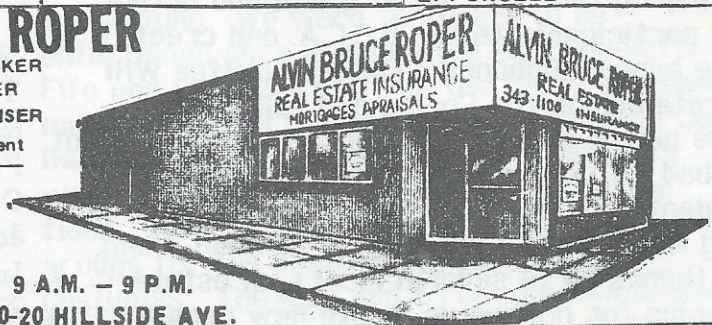
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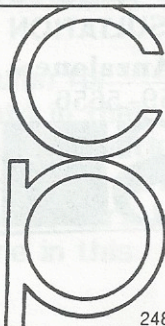
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