

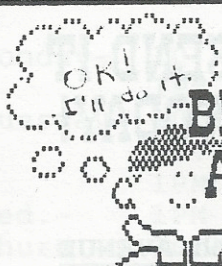
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WELCOME BACK! THE
FIRST MEETING OF THE
BCCA IS THURSDAY
SEPT. 10TH 8:00PM
AT HOUSE OF HOPE.**

MEETINGS

Welcome back! Its been a long, beautiful summer, but its time now to return to the important business of keeping track of our neighborhood. Our City Councilman Sheldon Leffler has agreed to come to the September meeting to talk about

several issues, including the damage that illegal two family homes can do to a neighborhood and whatever legislative solutions that may be available. In addition, there are many items that usually come up when the Councilman comes by and we can always count on him to fire off some letters to the high power bureaucrats when he leaves. You'll be reading about some of these issues elsewhere in this Action News. Please come and have your questions ready.

BELLEROSE PARK

Unfortunately funds that were allotted for Bellerose Park (PS133 park) were reallocated to Alley Pond Park because asbestos was discovered in our parkhouse. Do you think we were ever notified about it??? Nooo! It was not until we investigated why a long scheduled Parks Department mobile didn't show up that we found out. We were also told about the squeaky wheel. Drive around and see the school park near the Farmhouse and PS18 and others. They have nice new paint jobs and reconditioned swimming pools. So we squeaked a little and we got the best mobile the city offers and about 75 of our youth were treated to a day of fun, games and arts and crafts on Aug 4. Come down and squeak to Councilman Leffler and your Civic Association--lets get our park fixed up for next year.

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

COMMUNITY MEETING--HW463

The community board hosted a representative from the Transportation Department to discuss the contract to restore **Commonwealth Boulevard, 248th St.** and several streets west of us. These roads will be totally reconstructed, including trees, sidewalks, etc. It was only a preliminary meeting and we were promised another opportunity to review formal plans prior to bidding. We will notify you of the next meeting in advance. It presents a great opportunity to voice your concerns as many of last weeks participant's did very well. Of particular note to our neighborhood was the suggestion to put a light or stop signs at PS133 (see other article and letter) and a suggestion to seek a waiver of fee so that water and sewer mains could be replaced while the street is opened, avoiding the inevitable cost and inconvenience of repairing them later. There was lots of discussion about sidewalks. If your sidewalk is at legal grade and in good shape, take record pictures for yourself and don't let them bully you. By all means, don't fall for any **SPECIAL DEALS** sometimes offered for a "no receipts" sidewalk job--you'll be left holding a very expensive bag.

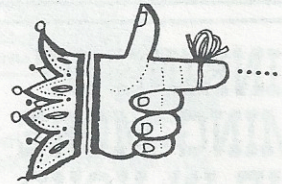
HW463 will go to bid next February. Given slippage and reviews, expect to see construction next summer. Transportation could offer no estimate of duration.



DRIVE CAREFULLY!

CAR REGISTRATION

We held a car and bike registration early in the summer and had a very good turnout of about 60 bikes and 25 cars. Looking back over the precinct's records this was the best registration for any group in the precinct in the past few years. I hope you were among those who protected your valuable cars and bikes.



SEND IT TODAY!

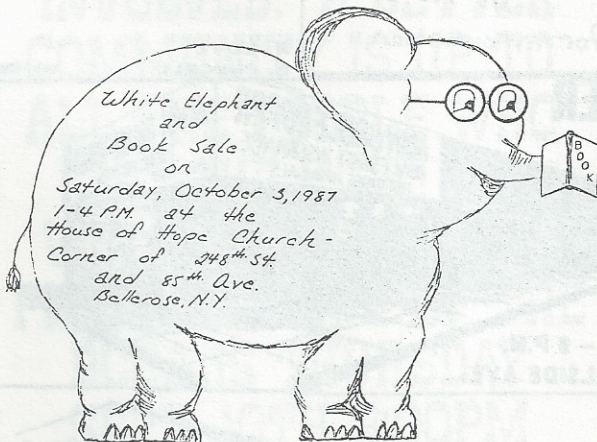
STOP SIGNS ON 86th AVENUE

At the June meeting, there was much inflamed discussion about the number of accidents along 86th Ave. This has become a serious problem, particularly since many new people were attracted to it during the reconstruction of Hillside Ave. Over the summer, I witnessed one accident and saw the remains of several others. The BCCA, PS133's PTA and individuals in the community have requested stop signs along 86th Ave near the school, however we learned that this has been rejected by the Department of Transportation. I've included a letter that you may sign, include your name and address at the top and mail to the Commissioner to protest their inaction. We've been told that its the squeaky wheel that gets greased. If they receive dozens or hundreds of these letters they'll know we mean business. Feel free to add a PS, or send your own version if you like, but take a few minutes and 22 cents to show them we're serious. If we still get no action, expect to see a demonstration before the weather gets too cold.

S.N.A.P.

Sunny Wong reports that SNAP (Services Now for Adult Persons) is in full operation, 5 days a week, 9 to 4 at St Paul's on Union Tpk near 262 Street. Some 150 meals are now available and there's plenty as of now. Boro Pres Claire Shulman, Councilman Leffler and other distinguished notables opened the facility on July 9. An exciting line-up of activities awaits you **SENIORS** who would like something to do, so **come on down.**

Monday- 10 Knitting or Crafts
1PM Bingo
Tuesday- 10 Exercise
10:30 Italian
1PM Bridge
Wed.- 1PM Art
Thurs.- 10 Arts & Crafts
1PM Bingo
2 Social Dancing (sure!)
Friday- 10:30 Discussion Groups



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A belated Happy Anniversary to Leonard and Louise Kainer who were married **FOR 60 YEARS** on July 7 from your daughter Louise, and the rest of us too (60 years?-wow!).

Congratulations from Mrs. Hartcorn to the new Mr. and Mrs. James Walsh. Daughter Ingrid Herta was a true Bellerose girl, she went to PS133, JHS172 and on to Van Buren. She went on to SUNY at Cortland then she did graduate work and a masters in Houston, Tx. All the best from all of us.



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