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Recycling is Coming Iris Urrutic of the Office of Recycling will preview.

House of Hope Church Thursday, September 6, 1990 at 8:00 PMI

We meet the first Thursday of each month at the House of Hope Church, corner 248th Street and 85th Avenue at 6:00PM

President's Gavel

We return from another summer with many new challenges. We hope you all enjoyed the summer despite the dust and inconvenience of the construction on Commonwealth Boulevard and on 248th Street. The project has become a major problem. Despite close review of the plans, many of the contractor problems that occurred during the Floral Park street program were repeated here. Assemblyman Doug Prescott has gotten involved and I am trying to get a representative of his office to join us at the September meeting for an update.

Also, in late October our area will become involved in the City's mandated recycling program. A representative of the Sanitation Department will preview the program for us and let us know some of the operational features. I urge your attendance to get some advance awareness. our participation will not be optional!

News from SNAP

by: Sun W. Wong

SNAP Senior Center has attained the ripe age of three years as of the first week of June and is going great guns with all kinds of financing from the city, state and federal Departments of Aging. For those who have recently moved into Bellerose, Floral Park, Queens Village and Glen Oaks areas, this center operates five days a week from 9AM to 3PM and is located at St. Paul's Church -- 262-22

Union Turnpike, phone 470-1200.

For those looking for a home away from home, the recreation activities include lunch, served on the premises, lectures pertinent to seniors, language classes, arts and crafts, trips to Atlantic City, exercise, individual and group dancing, to give you a small idea of what's happening. For those who should run into trouble we provide meals-on-wheels, social services or guidance on where help is available.

With the recent influx of

people of the Asian Pacific persuasion, we like to invite those seniors who are looking for help to either visit us at the above address or if they are bashful they could call me at (718)347-8238. Supper time, or 6PM is a good time to call as I, sad to say, have to feed the inner man. Editor's Note: We thank Mr. Wong for keeping us posted on SNAP affairs. We hope all you seniors who long for something to do give it a try Thanks also to Sunny for presenting the BCCA's plaque at House of Hope's 50th Anniversary.

News From Our Legislators

We've received much correspondence from our legislators over the summer. Senator Padavan asked Civic Associations to urge the Governor to sign legislation, sponsored by Padavan, giving the NYC Environmental Control Board authority to enforce bans on illegal housing conversions. Many areas of the City, particularly Bellerose are threatened by conversion to such illegal uses as multifamily dwellings. At risk from such code violations are major service issues such as fire hazards, overburdening of sanitation and other environmental services, as well as quality of life issues such as parking problems.

Current law calls for such violations to be adjudicated in City Criminal Court, where they just can't compete for court time against crime prosecution. This Civic has identified illegal conversions in this area as a major threat and we salute Senator

Padavan for initiating this action.

Councilman Sheldon Leffler notified us that two locations in the BCCA area will see some relief from the flooding they've experienced after heavy rains for the last few years. Seepage Basins will be installed under projects 15 and 17, scheduled to begin after July 1, 1991, at 87th Avenue and 250th Street (project 15) and 87th Drive and 252nd Street (proj. 17). We've had numerous complaints on these areas, thanks Councilman Leffler.

Elections Change

Last year the Board of Elections decided that this area needed a more accessible polling place for the handicapped. As a result the November elections for Bellerose were taken in the Library. The results were terrible. Too many people were squeezed into too small a place and it was uncomfortable for everyone. Those who drive were challenged to find a parking place at already busy and dangerous Hillside Avenue.

Common sense prevailed,

however, for many Bellerose residents. This November many of us will once again be moved to the familiar halls of P.S. 133. Arrangements will be made separately for those who can not negotiate the steps at the school. We sincerely sympathize with our handicapped neighbors, but there is no adequate alternative to the school for thousands of Bellerose voters who may otherwise choose not to vote at all if forced to endure the hardships of last year. Be sure to check your polling place this year.

Welcome New Principal

We would like to extend a cordial welcome to the new principal of PS133. Henry Mazer joins us this Fall from his assignment as acting interim principal at PS30 in District 28.

PS133 is the physical center of Bellerose and vital to the continued attractiveness of Bellerose as a place to raise a family.

We wish Mr. Mazer the best of luck and success in this new challenge.

Winners

At final assemblies each year at St. Gregory's and PS133, the BCCA awards Citizenship Awards and savings bonds to two top acheivers graduating from each school. This year the honors went to Shannon Burley, Melinda Martinez and Tara Lopez. (I lost track of the other winner, sorry.) Best of luck to all of you and we hope you keep up the good work. We need more like you.

Block Captains

Like most civic associations we depend on individual volunteers to assist with distributing newsletters and occasional flyers and to collect dues. In addition, Block Captains can stay tuned to views of our 1200 families and keep us apprised of the pulse of the neighborhood. Its a vital position as far as we're concerned, but one that doesn't take a lot of time and commitment to do well.

We are now faced with the

retirement of some long-standing and dependable block captains and we desperately need new volunteers.

If you are concerned about your neighborhood and want to do something worthwhile to protect your investment in your home, join us as a block captain and get an opportunity to meet some of your neighbors. It only takes about 45 minutes a month to deliver newsletters and an hour or so once a year for dues. Call 343-5397 for more information.

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Action Form

The Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association is anxious to help you resolve any complaints you have about city services or other neighborhood problems. Please fill out the below form, fold it and mail it back to us with appropriate postage. We will do our best to intercede on your behalf with the Community Board or other government agencies, but please don't expect miracles. Keep this copy handy for future use and feel free to make copies. We'd also like to use this form to get your feedback on BCCA activities, suggestions for speakers or topics of interest to you.

Your Name and Add Name: Address: Exact Location of F Address: On: Northside Southside	Problem or Condition	Phone: on:And:
Traffic Missing Sign Damaged Sign Sign Needed Yield Sign Stop Sign Traffic Light Needed Other: Suggested Parking Restrictions, One-Way Streets, etc. (explain): Sanitation Uncollected refuse Dirty vacant lot Abandoned Car without license plate Abandoned car with license plate number Feedback or Comn Suggestions for Speakers, topics of interest or program suggestions for the BCCA to pursue for our town:	Buildings — Hazardous Condition — Illegal Conversion — Illegal Use, After Hours Club, etc. Explain: ————————————————————————————————————	Lighting — Street light out — Playground light out Park and Forestry — Trees need pruning — Tree removal - dead or dying trees Sewer — Clogged Catch Basins — Sunken Catch Basin — Missing Manhole Cover — Sunken or Raised Manhole dentification rking Program



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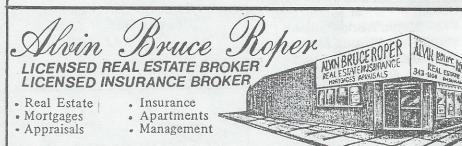
Adult Book Discussion: Thursday, Sept. 27 at 10:30AM. The French Lieutenant's Woman by John Fowles. A study of nineteenth century morals. Monday, Sept. 17 from 1PM to 7:30PM.

ONCE A MONTH BOOK SALE: Monday Sept 17 from 1PM to 7:30.

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS: Chess Club meets Thursdays from 5:30PM to 7:30. Players of all ages and abilities welcome. No entry fee. Round-Robin Quads are available. Bring clock and board pieces. New members must play in the round robin first. For information call Mr. Mike Fricano Monday thru Friday from 8PM to 10PM (718)224-8004. CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

Summer reading Party, September 7th from 6:30PM to 9. Food and entertainment celebration to end the Summer Reading Club-1990. Rescheduled from 8/24.

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