

Community Meeting

**September 9,
1999**

8:00 PM

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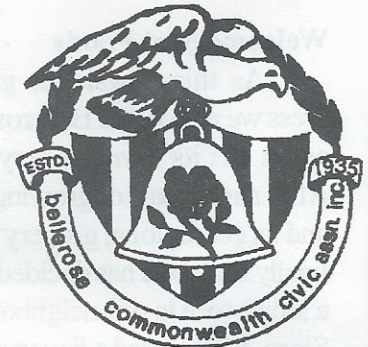
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President's Gavel

by: Richard Hellenbrecht

Welcome back. I hope everyone had a very good summer. It was pretty quiet around Bellerose this year, but we can look forward to an exciting civic year.

Last year I received several complaints about the condition of the Little Neck Parkway malls. I requested that the summer youth program at Community Board 13 clean the malls up. I called the Board in early August to follow up

and found out that they were trying to contact me to arrange the cleanup. Two days later the Board called me again to tell me that they started the cleanup, got a few blocks before quitting time and stored their equipment near Citywide Sewers. When they arrived next morning they discovered their equipment, shovels, rakes, etc. were stolen overnight! Thanks to someone in Bellerose we lost the only opportunity for the city to clean the malls up. As you can tell,

the malls are now desperately overgrown. Now, once again, we'll have to clean the malls ourselves.

The second problem that came up over the summer was the threatened loss of our anti-blockbusting "cease-and-desist" order. See our article inside. Our Sanitation Department rules series continues.

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Cease and Desist Order Expires

During this summer break we were notified by Senator Frank Padavan and Councilman Sheldon Leffler that the Secretary of State's cease and desist order, often known as the non-solicitation order, will expire this October. Over the summer the Secretary of State was conducting public hearings at some of the counties in which the order was active. Although this is poor timing for getting civic action, the Queens hearing was held in late August at PS18. Representatives of several local civic associations spoke in unison about the important contri-

bution the order has made in our area. To be sure, all of the civics lamented the ineffectiveness of the existing order, but it was important to have some protection against unscrupulous real estate brokers. Speaker after speaker spoke about dinner-time phone calls, door hangers, unwanted mail. It was clear that this struggle is about more than inconvenience of unwanted phone calls and nuisance mail. It is about neighborhood preservation and stability. Speaker after speaker from many neighborhoods complained about the temptation to sell to people offering cash and brokers making veiled threats that scare

people into moving before they normally would.

The civic leaders were further upset by the current plan to not only eliminate the protective C&D order, but to purge the entire data file of homeowners that had filed under the old program. We reminded the Secretary's representatives of the difficulty of gathering these names and address in our communities.

I was most gratified to learn from a visiting City official that Bellerose had a bigger representation of filers than any other community in the city. Good work Bellerose. We hope the order is renewed.

Welcome Met Foods

As this newsletter goes to press we notice that Bellerose once again has its own grocery store. After many years of growing larger and larger regional grocery stores, finally someone has decided to site a local store in our neighborhood. Since A&P closed a few years ago, we haven't had a grocery with convenient and free parking in our neighborhood.

While we haven't visited the store yet, it looks very good from

the street. We understand that on Sunday September 5 there will be a formal opening ceremony at the store. The Mayor of Bellerose Village and the Bellerose Business District will welcome the new entrepreneurs to our town.

I hope you join me in wishing the new owners a long and successful stay in Bellerose. By the way, we understand that this is not their first store. They also have a store in Bayside among other locations.

Bellerose Village turns 75

1999 marks the 75th anniversary of the Village of Bellerose. This lovely little village to our south is currently celebrating 3/4 of a century.

I have learned that the village will have a parade and celebration on September 18. We wish our older sister a wonderful anniversary and many more happy and healthy years.

Oktoberfest

On Saturday October 16 from 10 am to 3 pm Holy Trinity will hold its annual Oktoberfest. There will be various German foods, a "Silent Auction" and many vendors. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to join in a most enjoyable event.

Rally Day

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Bellerose is pleased to announce that Rally Day is being held on September 19th.

Rally day is the traditional kick-off for our Sunday school program. Registration will be held at 9:00 am in the Sunday School office for children aged 4 through 14.

Sunday school meets each week at 9:00 am in the church for opening worship, then continues with a planned lesson in the school building next door. Sunday school ends between 10:00 and 10:15 am.

There will be a picnic on Rally day for the congregation following the 10:30 am service.

Sanitation Department

by: Richard Hellenbrecht

This will be a continuing series of NYC Department of Sanitation rules based on the Digest of Codes. This is a repeat.

Laws Applicable to Community Cleanliness

Sidewalks and Gutters - The sidewalks and gutter area (18 inches from the sidewalk into the street) along building frontage must be kept clean at all times. Sweepings must be picked up and deposited in suitable containers for collection. Sanitation litter baskets may not be used for this purpose.

Fine \$50-\$250.

Littering/Sweep-out/Throw-Out

It is illegal for anyone to litter, sweep, throw, or cast any material such as ashes, garbage, paper, dust, or other refuse or rubbish into or upon any street or public place, vacant lot, air shaft, areaway, backyard, court or alley. Throwing refuse out of windows is also a violation. Sidewalk and gutter sweepings must be put into suitable garbage receptacles for pick-up by the Department of Sanitation. Sanita-

tion litter baskets may not be used for this purpose.

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Loose Rubbish - All newspapers, loose paper, rubbish and rags must be tied securely before being put out for collection. Cardboard cartons must be flattened and securely tied before being put out for collection.

Fine: \$50 - \$100

Fund Raiser

On July 11, Holy Triinty Church held a BBQ open to the community as a fund raiser for 11 year-old Scott Dudick, grandson of Ruth Beach of Bellerose. Scott has been in a coma due to a rare virus with many complications, since February 11 and is currently at St. Mary's Hospital for Children in Bayside. Through the generosity of the church members and community, over \$5,000 was presented to the family to help with the enormous medical bills. Thanks to all who attended.

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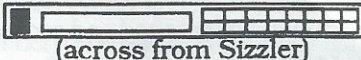
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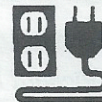
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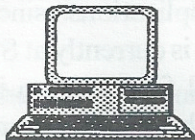
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