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General Meeting

September 4th, 2003

8:00 pm

House of Hope Church

Corner 248th St. and 85th Ave

Free Refreshments-

Guest Speaker

Deputy Inspector

Michael Bryan from the 105th
Precinct

We meet the first Thursday of
each month at the House of
Hope Church, corner 248th
Street and 85th Avenue at
8:00 PM



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President's Letter

By: Lourdes V. Hartrick

How fast this summer has gone by! We had a great summer visiting family and friends. I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. "Puppets in the Park" was rained out but we were fortunate to have them rescheduled for October 4th. Our new CPOP Officer Gier be attending our monthly meetings, to answer questions and address issues. Also, Commanding Officer Deputy Inspector-Michael Bryan from the 105th Precinct be our guest speaker at our September 4th meeting. As we all know, this is the second anniversary of the World Trade Center attack, and I can't put into words the sorrow I feel for all of those who were affected. I hope and pray we will all someday find comfort in our hearts through God's love for us. Let's keep the men and women serving this country in our prayers.

Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association Needs You- By Robert Alberti

Although our civic association and community boards were closed for the summer months, several issues were brought to my attention by our residents. Mainly quality of life problems. Neighbors are still finding inconsiderate drivers blocking their drive-ways. In addition, there seems to be sanitation problems that are experienced by homeowners that reside close to our main roads. Bellerose has always been New York City's best kept secret. It has always been a place where urban dwellers can find a modest priced home and settle in a suburban style neighborhood. As I speak to friends who are caught up in this hot real estate market, it seems that the word has gone out about the Bellerose secret. Although I have only been a home owner here since February 2001, it is common for me to meet second and even third generation Bellerose residents. The reasons why people stay in this neighborhood are obvious, safe streets, good schools, low taxes and our proximity to Manhattan. The best selling point of this neighborhood are our own residents. After my trek home during this past blackout, I found all of my close knit neighbors outside of their homes. Everyone was happy to see each other make it home from work and they all offered their help and assistance. Neighbors who care are what makes a community like Bellerose great. What is most important though, is that we should never loose sight of the big picture. Bellerose is being faced with several challenges. Some of the most obvious are zoning violations, increased commercial traffic on Hillside Avenue, not to mention some burglaries that have effected our area. We all need to take an active role in preserving the integrity of our community. If anyone has experienced a problem or an issue that the community should be made aware of, please come to our meetings and make yourself heard. Also, if you wish to write about a problem that you are experiencing or have a topic that you want to share with the community, please contact me at Ralbe@Aol.com. You may also complete that attached feedback form on the second page of the newsletter. The monthly Civic Association meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month. It only takes a little amount of your time to help keep this neighborhood a good place to live. Lets all do our part to be considerate to our neighbors, and join forces to keep Bellerose the desirable place that we have enjoyed for a long time.

Frank LoCicero is Honored-

The triangle of Hillside Avenue and the southbound Cross Island Parkway Service Road has been dedicated to Mr. Frank LoCicero, who died in November of 1997. Mr. LoCicero was a longtime civic leader and was President of the Bellerose-Hillside Civic Association for more than 20 years. He was most recognized for organizing demonstrations against a city proposal to put sanitation garages near residents at the Creedmoor Psychiatric Center. He proposed alternate sites for the garages, which were used to store and fix garbage trucks. The city decided to build the garages near the Cross Island Parkway, farther away from the residents. He also volunteered at the Queens County Farm Museum and at the VA Hospital in Manhattan. Councilmember David Weprin presented LoCicero's family with a "Frank P. LoCicero Triangle" sign identical to the one that was placed in the soil of the triangle. It is an honor that is well deserved for someone who served and represented our neighborhood.

Firefighter Robert King Jr-September 11th Hero is Honored

249th Street and Superior Road was named for Firefighter Robert King, Jr who died on September 11th 2001 at the World Trade Center. Our prayers go out to Mr. King's family. On this second year anniversary of the September 11th tragedy, we should take the time to remember those heroes like Mr. King, who sacrificed their lives to help others in danger. In addition, we should also remember those innocent victims who lost their lives.

Block Captains Needed

The BCCA is in need of volunteers that are willing to serve as block captains to help circulate our newsletter throughout the neighborhood. It only takes a short amount of time and it is a great way to meet people in the community. I personally help with block captain duties and I find it most enjoyable. If you would like more information about being a block captain please ask us at one of our monthly meetings or email me directly at Ralbe@aol.com.

Dues Reminder

BCCA dues remain at \$5 per family. Dues letters were previously sent to our blocks that do not have block captains. We ask for your support since our printing, mailing and community activities costs mount up quickly. As a reminder we ask all of our block captains to collect and return their dues. Thanks again for your support.

BCCA Feedback Form

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To the B.C.C.A.:

I suggest the following article for action news, issue to pursue or

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Puppets in the Park-By Robert Alberti

Our President Lourdes V. Hartrick was able to coordinate the "Puppets in the Park" program. This wonderful family event came to Bellerose on Saturday, June 21st. This presentation was so successful that it will be back this October 4th. Although the weather in June did not allow for the "Sleeping Beauty" puppet show to be presented at the Bellerose Playground, the members of the Switzerland Cottage Marionette Theater were able to entertain the neighborhood children with a hands on puppet making demonstration in the House of Hope Church basement. We want to thank the City Parks Foundation and the City of NY Parks and Recreation for allowing such a wonderful program to exist. In addition, we would like to thank Pastor Schult of the House of Hope Church for loaning the church basement at the last minute. It was really nice to see the fun that all of the children were having. It was also a good way to bring families together in the Bellerose community. I personally would like to thank the Manager of the Floral Park Burger King-Freddie Corrasco, for providing fruit punch beverages. In addition, the owners of the Floral Park Dunkin Donuts donated some treats as well. As your Civic Association, we look forward in trying to provide more events like these to bring our community together. Remember, the next Puppets in the Park will be held on Saturday October 4th at 1:00PM. If you have any ideas for future events, please let us know at our monthly meetings or you can email me at RALBE@AOL.COM. The Bellerose Civic Association is working hard to unify our residents.

New York State Cease and Desist List

For those of you who are tired of being harassed by real estate brokers and agents, New York State has offered relieve with the Cease and Desist List. As noted in prior newsletters, you use the New York Department of State Cease and Desist online form using the following web address <http://www.dos.state.ny.us/lcns/cdform.asp> Or you can use the form that was added to the BCCA web site by Richard Hellenbrecht-<http://pages.zdnet.com/rchbrecht/bellerosecommonwealthcivicassociation/id16.html>

Please note that if the community you live in uses more than one name, (ex: Queens Village, Bellerose Manor) it is recommended that you register as many times as necessary to eliminate any loopholes that are currently being used by pesky marketers. The updated list of names and addresses can be found on the internet: <http://www.dos.state.ny.us/lcns/pdfs/queens3.pdf>

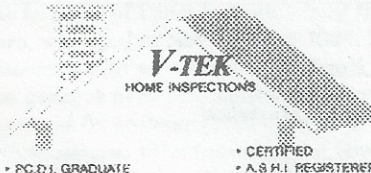
Speakers Needed

If you have a hobby or knowledge in a profession that you would like to share with the community, why don't you contact the BCCA to do a presentation at one of our monthly meetings? In the past we have had Senator Padavan, as a guest speaker, and members of the Hilltop Medical Center talk about their services. If you are interested, please contact us at our email address editor@bcca-ny.com. You can also write to my address at Ralbe@Aol.Com. Or stop by our monthly meetings.

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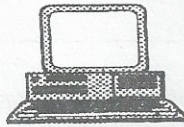
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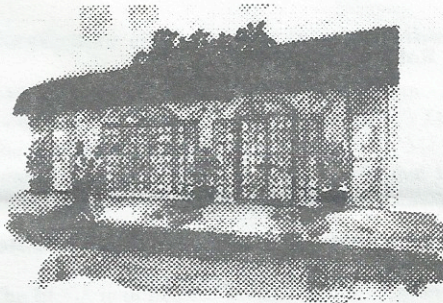
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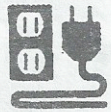
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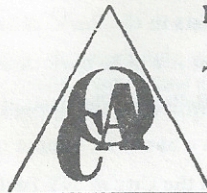
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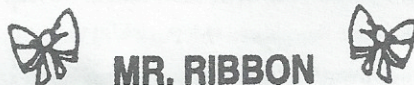
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