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Next Meeting

Special Guest

Mayor Bloomberg's
Queens Coordinator
Philip Goldfeder

September 7,
2006

8:00 pm

Holy Trinity Church
Corner 87th Ave. and
Commonwealth Blvd.

Refreshments will be
served

We meet the first Thursday of
each month at Holy Trinity
Church, Corner 87th Ave and
Commonwealth Blvd.

At 8:00 PM



We welcome all community related stories and items. We are here to serve you and help make Bellerose an even better place to live. Please let us know of your news or special projects that would be of interest to your Bellerose neighbors. If you have a

The Gavel

Welcome back after the summer of 2006. Luckily it was a fairly quiet summer in Bellerose. We are pleased to kick off the new season with a special visit by the representative of the Mayor. Mr. Philip Goldfeder took over earlier this year as Mayor Bloomberg's Queens Coordinator and he has been visiting civic associations and similar organizations to get a feel for the communities. Phil has made an exceptions effort to visit our area. On Tuesday September 5 he will visit the Bellerose Business District and before the summer break he visited our neighbors at Queens Colony and North Bellerose Civic Associations.

Phil is a very engaging speaker and has a close relationship with the mayor. We know that good words are getting back to the Mayor and agency heads and we hope that the mayor will visit soon with a community meeting of all the Bellerose civics.

Please read on about our local activities, particularly an update on the bike lanes recently appearing in Bellerose, Staples grand opening and our upcoming VIN etching on September 16.

As Treasurer, I would like to thank those of you who have responded so well to our dues letter earlier this summer. I have been kept pleasantly busy processing

nearly 500 \$5 checks. I was especially gratified to see a few very generous donations and three new block captain volunteers. I hope you volunteers have heard from our coordinator by now and your assignments will be ready in a month or so. A few people noted that earlier dues checks were never cashed. We regret any inconvenience, but please be assured that all checks currently in hand have been deposited.

Please try to make our September meeting and bring ideas for speakers and special topics for future meetings.

Richard Hellenbrecht,
Treasurer

VIN Etch Scheduled

The BCCA and St. Gregory's Church are again co-sponsoring a free auto theft program provided through the 105th Precinct's Crime Prevention office. Your vehicle identification number is etched into your car's windows using a stencil and glass etching solution. This makes your car less attractive to thieves who have to replace the glass before selling a stolen

vehicle. Auto parts buyers will not want to buy windows that have identification numbers.

You can also obtain free official Anti-Theft decals and a personalized insurance certificate for your insurance company. Many insurance companies offer a premium discount when your windows have been etched.

Bicycle registration will

also be available. A police serial number is etched onto your bicycle and registered with the 105 Precinct. This deters theft of bikes and enables officers to identify a stolen bicycle.

This program will take place adjacent to Gregorian Hall, on 87th Drive at the Cross Island Pkwy northbound service road, on Saturday, September 16th, between 10 A.M. and 1 P.M. Rain date will be September 23rd.

Bellerose Commons & Staples

On August 15 Staples

served and raffles included

was 4 miles away in Nassau, and now we'll save gas and New York City will get the tax

special occupation or hobby or interest. Maybe you'd like to talk about it at one of our monthly meetings. We'd love to hear about it.

officially opened up with a brief ceremony and welcoming remarks by State Senator Frank Padavan, Jack Friedman, representing Councilman David Weprin and Community Board 13 Chair Richard Hellenbrecht. Food and beverages were

\$50 store certificates and a large "basket" of Staples great products.

Of course the speakers mourned the loss of Belle-rose Lanes, but welcomed a truly useful store to our area. It was pointed out that the nearest Staples

benefits of sales in the City. Rather than a ribbon cutting, the dignitaries helped shred the opening ribbon with a Staples cross cut shredder. Staples used the opportunity to donate \$10,000 to South Queens Boys and Girls Club.

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Bike Lanes On Commonwealth

We're sure you've noticed by now that some strange lane markings were recently painted on Commonwealth Boulevard from 88th Road northward. Several local civic asso-

Chair Hellenbrecht and several other civic leaders and residents spoke of their concern that Commonwealth Blvd is heavily trafficked, with frequent speeders and

Citizenship Awards

It has been a longstanding tradition of the BCCA to award a medal, certificate and a \$100 Savings Bond to a graduating boy and girl from St. Gregory's School and PS133. We

ciations were quite concerned that these lanes were determined somewhere "downtown" and local communities had no input into where they would be placed.

A rally was held in late July sponsored by Councilman Weprin, Queens Colony Civic Association and CB13. The Councilman, CB13

oversized trucks, and it is not a good place to encourage bicycle riders to frequent—but DOT had made the decision final.

The overriding message of the day, however, was that the community should have had some input to the decision and we didn't.

specifically ask the schools not to select the winners on academic achievement, but on class participation, socialization and leadership. We hope to encourage students to become involved at an early age and to remember to be involved in their communities later in life. We will post the names of the winners when available.