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Welcome Community Board 13Q Chair Bryan Block City Council Candidates Invited

Holy Trinity Church

Corner Commonwealth Blvd and 87th Ave

Refreshments Available

Next Meeting October 1—Mark your calendar

The Gavel

Welcome back. We hope everyone had a great summer. The BCCA is back together again and we'll be meeting again monthly until next June. We are here to help you and to work on community problems. Fortunately it has been a pretty quiet summer, except for a few block parties. Everyone seemed to be having a good time.

As many of you know, BCCA Secretary/Treasurer Richard Hellenbrecht has served as Community Board 13Q Chairman for the past eight years and has stepped down this June. The community board has elected Bryan Block as the new Chair. All community board members are non-paid volunteers who devote many hours each month to consider and vote on many community related issues, projects and budgets on behalf of New York City. In essence, the 59 community boards are little city halls providing input to "downtown" on the impact of plans and projects on the community. The Chair of the board spends many more hours attending meetings, coordinating the activities of the board office, reading and writing a ton of correspondence, etc. We have invited Bryan to meet the Bellerose community and saw a few

words. I know we will extend a warm welcome and support in this new role.

This fall will feature a City Council campaign, including a Democratic primary race on September 15. As you know, the BCCA does not endorse any candidate. We would like to recognize and thank Councilman David Weprin for his eight years of service to the community, particularly his service as Chair of the Finance Committee. We wish David luck in the future.

We have invited the three candidates to this meeting to see if they can stop in to say hi and discuss their plans.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Commonwealth Blvd & 87th Ave.

Summer ends and Holy Trinity activities start up again.

Rally Day Service and BBQ - September 13 at 10am - We will kick off the new Sunday school year. Join us and bring a dish to pass.

Kids Club will resume on Wednesday, October 7th (dinner included \$3 per day) ages K-5th grade.

Bible Study also resumes Wednesday, October 7th at 10 am and 7:30 pm (dinner served at 6:30pm).

Oktober Fest - October 17th @11 am. Contact church for tickets - 718-347-0278 -

Enjoy some German Music, Dance and Beer and assorted German Food.

Community News Announcements

Ads—This fall we will be resuming our ads in the monthly Action News. If you operate a store nearby or a home business, you are invited to submit a business card ad (or double) at \$10 per month per slot, or \$80 for the full nine issues from October through June (excluding February). Our Action News hits over 1,200 doorsteps each month. We will return to a four page format and we welcome your ideas for articles, or better yet we encourage article submissions from our members. Years ago a college student interested in journalism did reviews of local stores and restaurants—anyone interested? A sample ad is included on this page for ready reference. The ad revenue will greatly help reduce the cost of publishing our newsletter and keep down the price of dues. If you are interested in placing an ad or want to submit ideas or articles, please send email to rch.brecht@verizon.net.

Con Edison—Following the fatal explosion nearby at 260th Street on April 24, Con Ed has established new procedures with FDNY to respond to reports of gas leaks. It seems to be working because we've seen fire trucks closing streets and

inspecting gas leaks in the area more than once. We hope this doesn't create too much of a demand on firefighter time, but as we say on 260th Street, gas leaks can cause a disaster. Community Board 13Q took a lead with Councilman Weprin and others in demanding new Con Ed procedures and they announced these protocols at a CB13Q meeting in May.

Roadway Issues—As we go to press, Hillside Avenue has just been milled from Little Neck Parkway to the Cross Island and beyond. The riding surface will be a bit rough until it is paved. This usually takes about two weeks, but when done it will be a great riding surface again for a long time. On the other hand, we have had a collapse on Little Neck Parkway between 86th and 87th Avenues for several months now and it has not been corrected yet. Community Board District Manager Larry McClean has contacted the Department of Environmental Protection in early August and they were supposed to get to the repair this month. Meanwhile, please be careful in the left lane southbound in that area until the road is fixed.

Bellerose News Flashes—About 100 people have signed up to receive email flashes from the BCCA about things happening around town. If you are interested in receiving the flash report, please send your email address to rch.brecht@verizon.net and we'll set you up.

We are pleased to report that native Bellerose resident Lynn Hellenbrecht will marry George DeLuca of Long Island at St. Gregory's Church on September 20, 2009. Mr. and Mrs. DeLuca will reside in Bethpage.

We welcome announcements sent to rch.brecht@verizon.net for weddings, engagements, retirements, etc.

Bellerose Business District Website is back—

The business district website went off line for a few months, but it has returned with a slightly new address. The new address is:

www.bellerosebusiness.com. The business district hard copy directory has been delivered to most Bellerose residents, but if you have not received it yet, please send a message to rch.brecht@verizon.net and we'll get one to you. The directory has contact information on all stores, elected officials, civic associations, churches and schools. The bellerosebusiness.com website on-line directory has been updated with a lot of this information, but the hard copy directory has some additional narrative. The business group is currently working on a caricature map of the area—available soon.

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