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## Thursday, September 8, 2022, 7:30 pm

### Zoom Meeting—Speaker: SNAP—Services Now for Adult Persons

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**Next Meeting: October 6, 2022**

### The Gavel

Hello neighbors.

I hope you all enjoyed your very hot summer. I look forward to the Fall season that will give us some reprieve from this heat. Summer time brings mosquitoes and the concerns are they can carry West Nile Virus. The Health Department is planning to spray here in Queens except in our area. I would encourage you to call your City Councilwoman Linda Lee to request they spray in our area. She can be reached at her office number 718-468-0137.

We (Clergy from all faiths) had a meeting on August 29th with Pastor Gilford Monrose from the Mayor's Office, Executive Director of Faith-Based and Community Partnerships.

NYC has been receiving bus loads of migrants and many different organizations are trying to help them. NYC is requesting if you would like to help to please donate diapers and wipes. Also, they are collecting new clothes only at this time. They mentioned about 800 school age children that could use clothing.

If you would like to donate please call me and I will pick you your donation. My number is 646-752-1323. Our meeting is via Zoom but hopefully next month we could meet in person. We

will assess and decide as we get closer to the meeting date in October. Hope to see you via zoom.

### BCCA—Patronize our Advertisers

Action News is a great resource for buying or selling in Bellerose. If you are looking to sell, the first stop is DiPropersio & Mallia, Architects to check your permit status and design the new home. Then contact Lourdes Hartrich at RealtyConnect for sale advice, comps and suggestions. Then contact V-Tek home inspection. If there's bad news call Malta Electric or Dundee Plumbing and Heating for emergency repairs. When fixed call Lourdes for a quick sale. If its slow contact Holy Trinity for some prayers. Once sold, contact Laura Rosovich to decide what to do with all that money.

### Happy Labor Day

*Fly your flag on Labor Day, September 5.*



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## Return of Curbside Composting by NYC DOS

From CM Linda Lee Newsletter

Mayor Eric Adams and New York City Department of Sanitation Commissioner Jessica Tisch announced the launch of the first ever full-borough composting program to collect yard waste and food scraps. The program will begin on October 3rd.

Unlike past composting programs, there is no sign-up required for this new program. Residents need to simply set out their waste on the assigned day – all collection schedule information will be available on DSNY's composting website by mid-September – and let DSNY pick it up to turn into usable compost or clean, renewable energy.

To make this program even more accessible, DSNY will proactively deliver bins to all Queens residential addresses of 10 or more units in the coming weeks. Residents may use an old DSNY-issued brown bin or a lidded, labeled bin of their own. Residents who need a compost bin may order one online until October 1 at [nyc.gov/curbsidecomposting](http://nyc.gov/curbsidecomposting).

DSNY decals are available at [nyc.gov/CompostingBinDecal](http://nyc.gov/CompostingBinDecal).

## SNAP Services for Bellerose Area Adults

SNAP (Services Now For Adult Persons) is a local not-for-profit agency under contract with the NYC Dept. for the Aging. Founded in 1980, the SNAP Center is on Hillside Ave. opposite Preller Field. Some of our senior BCCA members have been active SNAP participants for years.

Activities include discussion groups, arts and crafts, computer classes, Zumba, chair yoga, and other exercise classes. Health and wellness classes and workshops, creative writing, and music therapy are offered.

Other activities include day and cultural trips, holiday celebrations, bingo, and musical sing-alongs. Transportation is offered for food shopping, cultural trips, visits to the Center, and medical appointments (including an escort where eligible). Breakfast and lunches are served daily, and there are home delivered meals. Supportive counseling, including help in filing for benefits such as Medicare and food stamps, is offered. Supportive services are offered for informal caregivers caring for someone with dementia. And on Wednesdays there is an adult day program for individuals diagnosed with early to moderate Alzheimer's.

Bring your questions when you "meet" the SNAP speaker at our BCCA Sept. 8th ZOOM meeting. You can also learn more about SNAP at <https://snapqueens.org/senior-centers/eastern-queens>.

## BCCA Continues School Civic Awards

Each year since the 1970's BCCA has provided awards to a graduating boy and girl from both P.S. 133 and the St. Gregory's Catholic Academy. The schools are requested to select students who are active civically within the school and contribute to the affairs of the student body, as opposed to academic achievements. At one time BCCA conducted essay contests, like: "If I were mayor of Bellerose," where we judged and selected the best. This became too time consuming for the teachers and volunteers. The award consists of a personalized certificate with the school photo, civic medal and ribbon, a congratulatory letter from BCCA president and a stipend check from the civic. We ask that the awardees stay active in their communities going forward.

For privacy and safety reasons we cannot publish students' last names, but we wish the best for Noah, Ehren, Adethia and Tejas and thank them for their activism in our schools.



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**BCCA Briefs**

By: BCCA Board Members

Be sure to zoom into the September 8th BCCA meeting for the update on SNAP. We will also discuss many community issues of concern. We would like your opinions on Congestion Pricing—the imposition of tolls on the currently free East River bridges and Manhattan streets entering the central business district. What are your views on the Accessory Dwelling Unit proposals that would allow for second apartments in every district in basements, garages, separate structures throughout the state. How do you like all the speed and red light cameras, speed humps and all? On our narrow avenues—would you prefer one-way streets? Bellerose Playground—despite some last minute bugs in July, our playground finally opened and we hope the water feature provided some relief during the extreme heat last month.

**Taking Action on Truck Parking**

As mentioned last June, BCCA has joined with a number of neighboring civic associations from Glen Oaks to JFK Airport in a task force to fight the overnight parking of 18-wheelers and box trucks on residential streets. We once counted over 32 tractor/trailer-combos or separate vehicles on Hillside Avenue near Creedmoor. Our letters and protests mattered.

NYPD and DOT, under NYPD Assistant Chief Kevin Williams, conducted an operation to enforce traffic and parking laws regarding trucks. During the week of August 18, alone, the officers, agents and tow operators towed 33 trucks, booted 58 trucks and issued 397 summonses.

Our task force has pushed hard for enforcement, but we are also proposing other ways to properly handle trucks, which are essential to commerce and jobs in the city. The program, as well as the earlier efforts of the 105 and Sector Eddie NCO officers, have had obvious success. Thank you!

We think it's not just enforcement that matters, the task force has suggested more truck parking areas, databases and apps to inform of available spaces and pricing, etc.

Speaking of policing, we are most pleased to note that the **116th Precinct** made a huge stride towards completion this past week in the topping **off celebration** attended by Mayor Adams, marking the installation of the final structural member. Many community members, officers and elected officials got to sign the beam in a tradition of construction.

**BCCA Officers (Annual Election):**

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