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NORTH BELLEROSE CIVIC ASSOCIATION INC.
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Next Meetings:

Wednesday, June 4, 7:00 p.m. sharp

Guest Speakers:

**Department of Sanitation Citywide Community Affairs
Officer Ignazio Terranova.**



Election of Officers for 2008-09

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The NBCA meets at Irwin Altman MS172 Beacon School, 81-14 257th St.

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Notes from our President

Driving through our area I notice a considerable amount of commercial signs, (buy old cars, buy junk, security camera etc, etc.); it's a blight on our community. These signs are posted illegally on trees, and telephone and light poles. There are consequences for these postings; fines of \$75 for each one of these signs; yet they keep on showing up. We have a good working relation with the City Illegal Posting Enforcement Unit who is giving summonses and removing them. So far in our community board area, that covers all of the 105th Pct, for the fiscal July 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008 they have issued 2,122 summonses and removed as many signs. The posting we all do one time or another, for a lost cat, puppy or garage sale, are subject to the same regulation.

These signs are overlooked for a day or two but remember it's your obligation and responsibility to remove them as soon as possible. The number of illegal signs removed by IPEV this same period in queens is 6438. City wide the number is staggering 27556. We all have to do our part to keep our neighborhood in tip top shape. Speaking of tip top shape, have you noticed the amount of work being performed by Verizon? I take it they are eager to serve us better with new cable for telephone, TV and Internet.

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Meetings. The NBCA meets at 7:00 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Irwin Altman Beacon School, M.S. 172, 81-14 257th Street (except Holidays, July, August and, if determined by the members at the June meeting, January and February meetings can be deferred.). The NBCA strongly urges members and residents to attend our meetings. If you have a problem, present it in person at one of our meetings. Come down and join your neighbors for a civic and social get-together. Next meetings: 2008: Sept. 3, Oct. - no meeting - candidates forum Sept. 24, Nov. 5, Dec. 3. 2009: Skip Jan. & Feb., Mar. 4, Apr. 1, May 6, June 3.

NBCA publishes NEWSBITS at least five times a year (every other month) generally excluding July and August. Items our members wish to include in NEWSBITS should be sent to the Editor at P.O. Box 135 Glen Oaks, NY 11004. Email: Bearak@aol.com.

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President's Message (continued from Page 1)

Con Edison with the new gas lines, All our streets are chopped up. I don't think we'll have our streets back to normal for a long time. The water board who has a few millions in surplus operating funds, has decided to increase the water tax by 14.5 percent, making it officially a tax collecting agency for the City.

Now as you probably know LIJ Hospital is going forward with a major up-grade. They have planned to start construction this month. LIJ and Community Board 13 plan a presentation at the LIJ Learning Center with the community to discuss the impact this will have on the area. Date and time to be announced.

CB13 Budget Town Hall: The Community Board seeks your input to set priority and needs for our district. The meeting will take place sometime in June, time date and location to be determined. At this meeting the board hopes to introduce its new District Manger.

Good news for all the seniors who use Access-A-Ride (AAR). Thanks to Sen. Frank Padavan and Assemblyman Mark Weprin, the MTA was convinced to let the AAR Vehicles travel 5 miles into Nassau County, where by North Shore & LIJ Hospital with all the surrounding Doctor's offices will be accessible to the seniors and disabled riders.

- Bruno



Postmaster James Burns wit Bellerose Manager Reinaldo Padilla.
Photo by Lucy DeFranceschi.

A message from CAGE (Citizens against Graffiti everywhere): Graffiti is a sign of lawlessness. If you observe this Crime in progress, call 911. To provide information call 311.

The Member's Corner

Did you know that some of the filming for "Kings" NBC pilot TV program took place in a home in Bellerose and at the Farm Museum? - BD

Message from Janice Manning, Financial Secretary

Looking for a destination to walk to in the neighborhood? Try the Bellerose or Glen Oaks Library. There you can borrow the latest Best seller, DVD, Videos, CD's, books, magazines and more. You can also use the Library's card PCs or bring your laptop for free wireless access. The Library is a great source of neighborhood information and events. There are often book sales, entertainment and instructive classes waiting for you to attend. Just this past month of May, the Bellerose branch offered a five week session of free Yoga classes sponsored by NY Senator Frank Padavan. If you don't have a Library card, you can get one free at any Queens Library. Be sure to stop in-you'll be glad you did. The following schedule applies to both the Bellerose and Glen Oaks Library. Mon 1-8p.m. Tues. 1-6pm Wed 10-6p.m. Thurs. 1-8 p.m. Fri. 10-6p.m. Saturday 10-5p.m. & Sunday Closed. Happy Summer!

Dates to Remember

*Thurs, June 19, 7:30 p.m.: Meet Councilman Jim Gennaro at Queens County-Line Democratic Assoc., Temple Sholom, 263-10 Union Turnpike. Holiday Party.

*Mon, June 23, 7:30 p.m.: Community Board 13, Bellerose Assembly of God

*Mon., June 16, 2008, 7:30 p.m. Queens Civic Congress features City Council Public Safety Chair Peter Vallone Jr. Union Plaza Nursing Home, Union Street, Flushing

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