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Welcome to **NORTH BELLEROSE**

NORTH BELLEROSE CIVIC ASSOCIATION INC.
Bellerose-Floral Park, New York

EDITOR: **Corey B. Bearak** September-October 2006 VOL.#52, NO.1

Next Meetings:

Door Prizes!!!

Wednesday, Sept 6, 7:00 p.m. sharp
Councilman David Weprin will Install Our Officers
His Chief of Staff Jack Friedman will report on our local downzoning

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 7:00 p.m. sharp
Estate Planning - Patricia E. Reid, CLTC and Mark Taub, C.D.S. & V.P
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****Door Prizes and RAFFLE - You need to attend to "Win"****

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

RAFFLE!!

Notes from our President

Our community experienced a rash of burglaries. Call 911 if you see anything suspicious.

In June the slate of the nominated NBCA officers were elected unanimously.

This time around we have a new recording Secretary, Ms. Mary Reda, replacing Josephine Lavacca, who moved out of our area.

At our first monthly meeting for the 2006-2007 session, Sept. 6, City Councilman Hon. David Weprin will install our new officers, after which he will hold a short question and answer period and bring us up to date on the zoning progress in our area. Hope all can attend.

August was the month for BBQ's and pool parties. Many of us attended the National Night Out celebration August 1 at the 105th Pct. station house parking lot on 222nd Street. The great turnout enjoyed lots of food, soft drinks, ices, and games for the kids including a horse ride on a red live horse. The get-together was a success. We wish to thank Commanding Officer Deputy Inspector Stephen O'Brien, his staff guided by the energetic Officer Sohan and many volunteers including North Bellerose Civic Association members. Thanks to all the merchants who so generously donated the food and goodies for the party.

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- **Bruno DeFranceschi**

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: 2006: Sept.6, Oct.4, Nov.1 & Dec. 6; 2007: Skip Jan. & Feb., Mar. 7, Apr. 11 (change due to Passover), May 2 & June 6.

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June Meeting Highlights:

We unanimously elected officers for 2006-2007 (see masthead on page 2 and president's message). Phil Goldfeder, Queens Director of the Mayor's Community Assistance Unit, would like to help us get on the fast track when it comes to resolving the issues of zoning and McMansions. Some of the issues discussed: Since the recent takeover of the seven private bus lines, Q-46 service has changed; fewer Limited buses run along Union Turnpike.

Mr. Goldfeder and Greg Hansen, our Health & Sanitation chair, noted that fallen trees pose traffic hazards and since the invasion of the longhorn beetle, the trees cannot be picked up by regular sanitation crews. We must call "311" to report the location of any fallen tree. Homeowners are responsible for cutting up and bundling the branches together.

C. Peter Goslett Director of Community Affairs, Queens Borough Transportation Commissioner's Office reported the new Truck study indicates increases in truck traffic plagues all of Queens, especially along Union Turnpike and some side streets. Trucks are usually not allowed on residential streets. DOT is in process of standardizing truck signs and currently examining traffic safety at City schools. Call 311 for pothole repair, and report both the location and the type of pothole; and also call 311 to report a down "STOP" sign. 311 operators will refer you to DEP to report a sinkhole, depression in the street, or a cave-in. Only children 14 and under, may ride bicycles on the sidewalk. Speed bumps are only installed when the area meets specific guidelines.

[President's Message from page one]

On the same night our Assemblyman Mark Weprin held his annual poolside BBQ at the Deepdale Pool. Councilman David Weprin's BBQ was on August 20. Both were well attended and as usual successes. City Council David Weprin held a news July conference on Commonwealth Blvd. on the concern expressed by local civics' about bike lanes planned by the City there.

With our public schools opening the first week of September, the summer officially is coming to an end. We all have to go back to our individual duties; mine is to see you all at our first meeting this September 6, 2006.

Thank you. **Bruno DeFranceschi**

The Member's Corner

- 1- Please patronize our advertisers, they are a great help to us. - L.D.
- 2- NBCA needs volunteers to deliver the newbits. -B.D.
- 3- NBCA thanks Fred Kress (CAGE) for their response on the clean up of graffiti. - BLD
- 4- Please send any fresh news from our members to our Editor (Corey Bearak) - CB

Dates to Remember

- Monday, Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m. Queens Civic Congress at Queens County Farm Museum
- Thurs., Sept. 21, 8:00 p.m., Councilman Eric Gioia (Investigations Chairman) at Queens County-Line Democratic Assoc., Temple Shalom, 263-10 Union Turnpike.
- Mondays, Sept. 25 and Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m. Community Board 13 at Bell Park Jewish Center
- Monday Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m. Queens Civic Congress at Union Street Nursing Home
- Thurs., Oct. 19, 8:00 p.m., Candidates Night at Queens County-Line Democratic Assoc., Temple Shalom, 263-10 Union Turnpike.

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