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Welcome to **NORTH BELLEROSE**

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

EDITOR: **Corey B. Bearak** September-October 2007 VOL.#53, NO.1

**Next Meetings:**

**Door Prizes!!!** **Wednesday, Sept. 5, 7:00 p.m. sharp**

Guest Speaker:  
**Our City Councilman David Weprin**  
*Installs our Officers for 2007-08*

Guest Speaker: **RAFFLE!!!**

**Wednesday, Oct. 3, 7:00 p.m. sharp**  
*Identity Theft presentation by Federal Trade Commission*

\*\*\*\*Door Prizes and RAFFLE - You need to attend to "Win" \*\*\*\*

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

**Notes from Our President**

Greetings! I trust all had a wonderful and enjoyable Summer vacation. We accomplished a few things this Summer:

The NBCA and five other civics met informally with Ms. Nazil Parvisi the new Commissioner of the Mayor's Community Affairs Unit (CAU) to discuss our area's needs and priorities. On July 22, NBCA participated at the dedication of the Lance Corporal Michael V. Postal Triangle on Union Tpk. and 259th Street to the late hero of the war in Iraq. We watched the annual Democrats/ Republicans softball game in Alley Pond Park. The Senator Padavan-managed team succeeded.

The NBCA also participated in a pilot of citizen tree pruning in our area sponsored by Queens Coalition for Parks. Our graffiti chair Lucy, with Barbara Morris and Fred Kress from Cornucopia Society, took turns in cutting some small branches from our trees. The same day we trimmed the bushes and cleaned our two green-street triangles by Commonwealth Blvd and the Cross Island Parkway.

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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, 81-14 257<sup>th</sup> 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: Oct 3, Nov. 7, Dec 5. 2008: Skip Jan. & Feb., Mar. 5, Apr. 2, May 7, June 5.

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NBCA resident Jonathan Bearak developed the site.

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**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.**



NBCA's Lucy & Bruno DeFranceschi and Corey Bearak with Flushing's Harvey Bayliss and Glen Oaks Bob Friedrich inside the Legislative Office Building in Albany. Photo by Vincent Petraro, Queens Chamber of Commerce.



Lucy DeFranceschi and Corey Bearak outside the Legislative Office Building in Albany. Photo by Bruno DeFranceschi.



Corey Bearak before slugging his 2nd consecutive hit for the losing team in the annual softball game between the Northeast Queens Republican and Jefferson Democratic Clubs. Photo by Bruno DeFranceschi.

**President's Message** (continued from Page 1)

NBCA cleaned Graffiti at 249th Street/ Union Turnpike, 251 Street/ Hillside Avenue, Little Neck Parkway/ 83rd Avenue, mail boxes and Fires boxes throughout the area, as well as the cannon and Stein-Golde triangle on Union Turnpike/251 Street. After three years of constant requests to the management of the property on the North side of Union Turnpike from 248 to 249th Street, the management relented and finally painted over the roof top graffiti. Thank you Lucy!!

We are now working to get Sanitation to remove the weeds on Little Neck Parkway. The NBCA also participated in the 2nd Annual Milestone (formerly Rose House) Back to School giveaway for the first 200 students. On July 15 we joined our Councilmen David Weprin on steps of City Hall to oppose the congestion tax. On June 12th we journeyed to Albany with a few other civic leaders to let our Senators and Assembly Members know how we stand against the congestion tax. Apparently, we succeeded for now. A 17 member panel will conduct a study of all measures to address traffic congestion in midtown and downtown Manhattan. It is important that you contact Senator Padavan and Assembly Members Barbara Clark and Mark Weprin to let them know where you stand. They want to hear from you.

As you can see the NBCA worked very hard for our community this summer. I close on a sad note. Our former NBCA Treasurer for over 30 years, Ann Paradise passed away July 16; viewing was held at the Dalton funeral home on July 17 and services at St. Gregory's Church were held July 18. We were there for the final goodbye.

Hope to see you at the installation of our officers for 2007-2008 in September. - Bruno

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\*\*Mon, Sept 24 & Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m.: Community Board 13, Bellerose Assembly of God

Mon., Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m.: Queens Civic Congress @ Queens Farm Museum: City Parks Comm. Adrian Benepe; elections of officers.

\*Thurs, Sept 20, 8:00 p.m., Queens County-Line Democratic Assoc., Temple Sholom, 263-10 Union Turnpike.: Forum on Public Education (Also meets Oct. 19)

**The Member's Corner**

- 1- Congratulation to Frank Bernardo the arrival of his new Granddaughter Sofia.-NBCA)
- 2- Wishing a speedy recovery to Roz Gurock after a bike accident.-NBCA
- 3- Good Luck to Barbara and Vinny Cumbo residents of Bellerose for 35 years now moving to Portland Oregon.-NBCA
- 4- Thank you NBCA for the graffiti clean up, 249th St. (North Side).- T.A.
- 5- NBCA thanks the Borough President for paint and supplies for our graffiti cleanups.
- 6- Best wishes and good luck to Mike Augugliaro (Queens Colony Civic) on his knee surgery.



NBCA leaders Lucy DeFranceschi and Corey Bearak (also for the Queens Civic Congress) join Councilman David Weprin and State Senator Ruben Diaz (Bx) at a City Hall news conference criticizing the Mayor's Congestion Tax. Photo by Bruno DeFranceschi.

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