



Newsbits

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

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Next Meetings:



Wednesday, Mar. 7, 7:00 p.m. sharp

Guest Speakers:

Queens Botanical Garden

Wednesday, April 11, 7:00 p.m. sharp

State Senator Frank Padavan

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

Notes from our President

Welcome to a new year of our Civic's work. March and April is our fund raising period. We ask all of our members to please send in your \$2.00 Membership dues or give them to our Block Captains when you see them. Our Civic, a non-profit, all-volunteer organization, works hard to keep our neighborhood clean, safe and beautiful so we all can enjoy living here. A handful of volunteers actively perform this enormous task. We need more of you to join us, become block captains to distribute our newsletter and collect the dues.

Some residents might say we are busy with our jobs, our kids and have no time to spare, beside what has the Civic done for us? You would be surprised. Our Civic works with City and State agencies, other community groups, and Community Board 13 to prioritize what our areas needs. The Civic works with Councilman David Weprin, State Assemblyman Mark Weprin and State Senator Frank Padavan and their offices to provide funding for our area.

We prevail on the Buildings Department to control overdevelopment (McMansions) in our area. We also work with Sanitation to keep our streets clean; Parks for our trees and green streets; the Transportation Dept. for works on curbs, potholes and signs; the NYPD's 105th Pct. for our safety; and so on. Without a strong Civic our area would decline; that no one wants! Remember "The squeaky wheel gets attention" and our Civic is our wheel; don't forget.

Our end-of-the-year meeting followed by a get-together party was a success; the food, soft drinks and coffee was excellent. Thanks to our members for their contribution and hard work. After "too many complaints about accessibility, the Board of Elections plans to change voting sites 57/24 and 30/24 from Glen Oaks Campus to PS 186 (252-12 72nd Ave.) for 57/24 and PS 133 (248-05 86th Ave) for 30/24. **- 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: 2007: Skip Jan. & Feb., Mar. 7, Apr. 11 (change due to Passover), May 2 & June 6.

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NBCA Dues

(April 1 to March 31)

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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.***

Please mail your Membership dues to:

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Civic leaders attended Councilman Weprin's news conference on legislation to end self-certification and curb illegal demolitions. CB13's Richard Hellenbrecht and our own Corey Bearak also spoke; Bruno & Lucy DeFranceschi also attended.

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December Meeting Highlights:

NYPD Crime Prevention Officer Brian Wimpelberg emphasized open lines of communication with the community and the 105th Precinct [718-776-9172, 9176]. Queens Parks Dorothy Lewandowski brought with her Park and Recreation manager Michael B. Agnello, and Landscape Management Director Joseph Borkowski and made clear their intent to work with our community on tree pruning and removal. Call 311. Property owners can prune their own trees as long as it doesn't affect a tree's integrity. Under current City budget, two-year wait for tree stump removals.



Officer Brian Wimpelberg - 105th Pct Crime Prevention giving us some safety tips.



NBCA Graffiti Chair Lucy D. presenting a certificate from the Boro President Helen M. Marshall to Fred Kress for his outstanding work in fighting graffiti.

The Member's Corner

- 1- NBCA Thanks Hitop Realty for the generous contribution. -BLD
- 2- Thank you for the Graffiti cleanup on Union Turnpike & 248-249 and 254 Streets. -V.C.
- 3- Our Condolences goes to Dave Gurock and family on the passing of his Mother. -NBCA
- 4- NBCA wants to thank all our advertisers for renewing their ads with us.
- 5- PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS. -B.D.
- 6- "Lincoln's day" Republican Party was held on Sunday Feb. 11/07 at Antons.-L.D.
- 7.- NORC-WOW held its party at Luigi's Restaurant on Union Tpke. -P.K.

Dates to Remember

- **Mondays, Mar.26 & Apr. 23, 7:30 p.m. Community Board 13, Bellerose Assembly of God
- Mon, March 19 Queens Civic Congress Union Plaza Nursing Home, 33-23 Union Street, Flushing: "Where are we in the War on Terrorism" presentation by Special Agent in Charge NY FBI Field Office Joseph Demarest
- Mon., Apr. 16: Queens Civic Congress Forum on Building issues at Kew Gardens Community Center, 80-15 Kew Gardens Road at Union Turnpike & Queens Blvd.
- *Thurs., Mar. 15 & Apr. 19 , 8:00 p.m., Holiday Party at Queens County-Line Democratic Assoc., Temple Sholom, 263-10 Union Turnpike.

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