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**NORTH BELLEROSE CIVIC ASSOCIATION INC.**

**BELLEROSE - FLORAL PARK, NEW YORK**

*October 2016*

**Join Your Neighbors at our Next Meeting:**

**Wednesday, October 5 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Guest Speaker:**

**NBCA's John Munk on Applying to Colleges (see p.3)**

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

Bring a Neighbor!

\*\*\*\*Coffee and Cake. \*\*\*\*

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## **Notes from our President, Jeffrey Connors**

Hello North Bellerose neighbors:

Happy Fall to All. One of the big concerns currently facing the local Civics are the two hotels being used as temporary homeless shelters for women and children. One is the "Bellerose Inn" located at 249th Street and Jericho Turnpike and the other the "Quality Inn" at 257th Street and Jericho Turnpike. This is not just a local issue but a "City-wide" one. Recently we have all seen the media coverage of the Maspeth residents protesting at their local "Holiday Inn." By the way the owners of that "Holiday Inn" also own the hotels in our neighborhood. It is not that the protestors don't have compassion for the people in these shelters it is the City's arrogance of just placing these people in neighborhoods without informing the local residents, elected officials and the police departments. It may also be something the City can force the hotel owners, if they have vacancies, to house the homeless within their hotels. We need to obtain further information from our elected officials as to what exactly is going on.

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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 & February meetings can be deferred.). Meetings: October 5, November 2 & December 7, 2016; Skip January & February, March 1, April 5, May 3 [Nominations] & June 7 [Elections], 2017. The NBCA strongly urges members & residents to attend our meetings. If you have a problem, present it in person at a meeting. Join your neighbors for a civic & social get together.

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***Please help the NBCA keep you informed.***

*We welcome reports from our local houses of worships, schools, senior and youth groups. Without access to the Internet? Visit our public libraries; use their computers to view the Queens Civic Congress Online at [www.queensciviccongress.org](http://www.queensciviccongress.org)*

**NEIGHBORHOOD BULLETIN:**

***Halloween Safety Tips***

- ▶ Make sure young children are accompanied by an adult or responsible teenager.
- ▶ Tell children to bring home all of their treats so they can be examined carefully before anything is eaten. Discard any candy or food with a peculiar smell or appearance.
- ▶ Do not allow children to "trick or treat" alone.
- ▶ Do not allow children to wander far from home.
- ▶ Do not permit children to enter buildings or elevators on their own.
- ▶ Tell children to avoid hallways or deserted areas that are dimly lit.
- ▶ Tell children not to enter a stranger's home or car for the promise of treats.
- ▶ Remind children to obey the rules at traffic lights and to walk on the sidewalk, not in the street.
- ▶ Examine all costumes for safety hazards, such as a long costume that could trip a child.
- ▶ Help children choose flame retardant costumes in bright colors or carry a flashlight so that children can be seen by approaching cars.
- ▶ Examine masks to be sure a child's vision is unobstructed.
- ▶ Test makeup on a small patch of skin before applying it to a child's face to make sure that he or she is not allergic.
- ▶ Give children flashlights, not candles, to carry with them.
- ▶ Instruct children, if they need help, to look for "SAFE HAVEN" decals in houses and store windows.

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[President's Message, continued from page one]

As the old saying goes: "The squeaky wheel gets the grease!" We need to write letters to voice our dissatisfaction with this and any other problem in our neighborhood. The more letters received by our elected officials, concerning a particular topic, the more action we will see on their part. It is our responsibility to take the initiative if we see something that needs to be addressed. Write to: Our City Council representative: Barry Grodenchik, 73-03 Bell Blvd., Oakland Gardens, NY 11364 and NY State Senator Tony Avella, 38-50 Bell Blvd., Bayside, NY 11361. Keep in mind you can also call 311 if you see something that you feel needs to be immediately addressed.

Let's keep our community terrific, please take care of your property, mow your lawn, trim the shrubs, plant flowers and please use receptacles when putting out your trash. Plastic bags draw wildlife to our homes and make huge messes when ripped open.

Hope to see you on October 5 where Board Member John Munk will be our key speaker leading an informative presentation regarding strategies for "Applying to Colleges". This is the time of year when high school Juniors and Seniors are attending open houses and deciding what colleges they will be apply to. We will also give you the latest update on the temporary homeless shelters.

Sincerely,

- Jeff Connors

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## October NBCA Program on Selecting and Applying to the Best Colleges for Each Student

John Munk's October 5 presentation will offer effective and efficient strategies for finding, researching and visiting colleges likely a good match for a student in terms of academic interests, extracurricular activities, and cost.

During the presentation a list of websites found useful as aids in learning about specific colleges will be provided.

Specific colleges will be mentioned as examples of how schools differ in terms of curriculum, majors and minors, class size, quality of instruction, academic help, activities outside the classroom, atmosphere, student body, etc.

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### 2017 Participatory Budgeting ("PB") Planning

Participatory Budgeting (PB) is getting started once again, and the community needs your help! PB provides a great way for neighborhoods to come together and decide on how to spend \$1.5 million dollars in our local community. Council Member Barry S. Grodenchik hosted a series of neighborhood assemblies in September to gather ideas for needed projects around the district. For more information, please contact Council Member Grodenchik's office at (212) 788-7075.

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