September 2017

Join Your Neighbors at our Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 13 @ 7:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker:

Assembly Member Clyde Vanel

(Next meeting: Wednesday, October 4, 2017)

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

Bring a Neighbor!

****Refreshments. ****

Notes from our President, Jeffrey Connors

Hello North Bellerose neighbors:

September is here; as planned our next meeting is not the first Wednesday of the month but the second – September 13 at 7:00 p.m.. All other NBCA meetings will remain the first Wednesday of the month. The reason September meetings will always be the second Wednesday, is because MS172 cannot host outside meetings until the second week of September or until the school year begins.

As you may remember our guest speaker for this past May was Craig Chin, Borough Planner, DOT Office of the Queens Borough Commissioner. It looks like Craig was able to get things rolling regarding the dangerous intersection at the end of 81st Avenue right before you enter the north-bound lanes of the Cross island Parkway. You will currently see that they are testing if there is sufficient volume to warrant a traffic light; there is a black hose running across the road. I understand these hoses have counters to record the volume of cars using the intersection. Hopefully a solution to this dangerous intersection is coming shortly.

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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: Oct. 4, Nov. 1 & Dec. 6, 2017; Sip Jan. & Feb., Mar. 7, Apr. 4, May 2 (Nominations) & June 6 [Elections], 2018. 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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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

NEIGHBORHOOD BULLETIN:

Upcoming Meetings

*Community Board 13Q, Mondays, 7:30 p.m. September 25, 2017 @ Bellerose Assembly Church, 240-15 Hillside Ave, Bellerose, NY 11426.

*105th Precinct Community Council, 92-08 222nd Street, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., September 27, 2017.

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Tuesday, September 12. Polls Open 6:00 a.m. -- 9:00 p.m. You should have received a Voter Guide last month. If not please go to: www.nyccfb.info/voterguide

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[President's Message, continued from page one]

During the summer I received numerous noise complaints. Many were for parties with loud music going on well past midnight. Some were for gardening companies, cutting grass etc., who violate NYC Environmental Protection noise regulations, and the remaining for the companies installing the new gas lines that also were violating the noise regulations.

Regarding parties, let's be realistic, noise will likely include some loud music. In fairness to your neighbors music needs to be toned down after midnight and by 1:00 a.m. should only be heard within your own homes. Some of the people attending loud weekend parties have been seen urinating on lawns and leaving garbage. As they get into their cars they are also talking in loud voices as if it were the middle of the day. Parties are usually a celebration of something; we must accept that such events might only take place once in a while by a few neighbors during the entire summer. So we need to have a certain level of tolerance. The homes having such parties must be respectful to their neighbors and refrain from loud music after midnight. As neighbors it would be helpful to ask party guests to refrain from talking loudly as they leave, and ask them to respect your neighbors' property. Simple respect and courtesy are all that are being asked by your neighbors.

Gardening companies who cut your lawn and then use blowers to clean off the grass from the sidewalks are not permitted to begin their work until 8 AM on weekdays and 9 AM on weekends and holidays. If there is a violation guess who pays the fine? No it is not the landscape company but the homeowner. So in order to avoid any fines please instruct your lawn cutting companies to follow the above stated NYC Environmental Protection noise regulations. Disturbed sleep, particularly on weekends, leads to cranky neighbors; we must do our part to ensure any services we hire adhere to the NYC EPA rules. We all value our sleep but just because someone is violating the noise regulations this does not justify a physical confrontation. Although this is basic common sense, I mention it since there was almost a physical confrontation that occurred with one of the noise complaints. If someone is a frequent violator send me an email and we will, as an association, remedy the problem – jconnorsnbca@gmail.com.

Many households still have not paid their 2017 dues. I understand that is not intentional and is not something you have on your priority list, but please mail them to our Post Office Box – N.B.C.A., P.O. Box 744, Floral Park, N.Y. 11002. Dues are still only \$5.00 and you can pay by check payable to N.B.C.A. Thank You!

I look forward to seeing a big turnout for our Sept. 13 meeting when Assemblyman Clyde Vanel will be our guest speaker. Enjoy the last weeks of summer!

Sincerely,

- Jeff Connors



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