



NEWSBITS

NORTH BELLEROSE CIVIC ASSOCIATION INC.

BELLEROSE - FLORAL PARK, NEW YORK

March 2018

Join Your Neighbors at our Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 7 @ 7:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker:

Alex Pineiro, Director of MS172Q Beacon Program

(Next meeting: Wednesday, April 11, 2018)

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:

Hello everyone! We are slowly beginning to see some light at the end of the tunnel with spring just around the corner. The baseball season starts March 29, so you know the warmer weather is coming.

I would like to thank our guest speaker at our December meeting, Mr. Ronald Schwartz, Esq who gave us a very informative and detailed lesson on “Elder Law.” If you want to contact Mr. Schwartz he is located within our civic at 246-16 Union Turnpike – 718-347-6100, www.sageonage.com.

This month’s speaker will be Alex Pineiro, Director of the Beacon Program at MS 172. Alex will discuss the various adult education, athletic and children programs that are free to the community including information on the coming registration for a free summer program for children at MS 172. It is your tax dollars that help pay for the Beacon Program. Please attend our next meeting; maybe you will find at MS172 a conveniently located, no-cost program that is of interest to you and your family.

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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: Apr. 11, 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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Upcoming Community Meetings

***Community Board 13Q**, Mondays, 7:30 p.m.

March 26 @ Bellerose Assembly Church, 240-15 Hillside Ave, Bellerose, NY 11426.

***105th Precinct Community Council**, 92-08 222nd Street, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., March 28.

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Best wishes for a
Happy Easter
and a
Kosher Passover

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Also at our March meeting, Inspector Jeffrey Schiff, Commander of the 105 Precinct, will give us further information on a new NYPD program called the "NCO Program." It is a program similar to what existed many, many years ago when you had an "Officer on the Beat." The official unveiling of the program will be on April 30th at 7 PM at the new catering hall called "Jericho Palace," located at 217th Street and Jamaica Avenue. Free to all! Refreshments will be served.

Since our December "Newsbits" I have received complaints that con artists are still calling our NBCA members trying to obtain personal information. Remember, Social Security, Medicare, Consolidated Edison will never call you. Do not fall victim to predatory individuals. I understand that Medicare will no longer be using Social Security numbers on their identification cards and will now assign you a new number. In the meantime quite often immoral individuals call the elderly and ask for their Medicare number, which is currently their Social Security number. Many times these immoral individuals would call elderly members and ask for their Medicare number, I strongly recommend having an answering machine answer all your calls, you can then screen callers before picking up the receiver to speak. You will often hear calls cut-off as con artists hate wasting time with machines. Please do not talk to these people; stay safe and keep your personal information confidential!

There have been gas leaks on 248th Street between 82nd and 83rd Avenues. Barry Grodenchik's office has been active and on top of this situation with Consolidated Edison and in fact, thanks to Barry's pressure, the gas lines will now be replaced within the coming months.

We all experienced U.S. Postal Delays in early January. Yes some of the problems can be contributed to the snowstorm on January 4th. I received numerous complaints from our NBCA members so I reached out to our guest speakers from this past November meeting, Ms. Shayla Wright (Bellerose Branch Manager) and Mr. Kahill Wilson (Area Manager). Both said to contact them anytime we have concerns. Well neither of these Postal Employees responded to my emails. Other Civics had the same delivery problems. I have learned that members of the U.S. Congress representing all of the affected areas have demanded a meeting with high-level Postal officials on this issue. So maybe Ms. Wright and Mr. Wilson did not reply because they were given orders from above not to respond to any inquiries?

I am very sorry to report the following tragedy that occurred within our Civic: According to the "The Queens Courier," Editor-in-Chief, Mr. Robert Pozarycki "...a Bellerose man was fatally struck by a car as he attempted to cross Little Neck Parkway on Friday night, according to police. Law enforcement sources said that Yogalingam Subramaniam, 64, was crossing at the intersection of Little Neck Parkway and 83rd Avenue at 8:59 p.m. on February 2 when he was hit by a black 2007 Infiniti sedan heading southbound on Little Neck Parkway. No charges were filed against the driver following an investigation by the NYPD Collision Investigation Squad." Our thoughts and prayers are extended to Mr. Subramaniam's family and neighbors.

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Many of us have been hibernating in our homes so here is something you might want to consider doing to break away from “cabin fever.” Go see a local theatre production! SGTG proudly presents “Jukebox in Bellerose.” Songs from Jersey Boys, Carole King’s Beautiful, Gloria Estafan’s Get On Your Feet among many others. Performed in the Oak room, 242-20 88th Avenue, March 2, 3 and 4. Call (718) 989-2451 for further information.

I hope you have marked your calendars and are planning on attending our next meeting on Wednesday March 7 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us, come with a neighbor and share in active participation in your civic. Our April meeting will be on the second Wednesday of the month, April 11 since MS 172 is closed the first week of April for spring recess. Stay Well!

Sincerely,

- Jeff Connors

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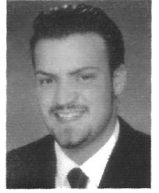
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