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NORTH BELLEROSE CIVIC ASSOCIATION INC.

BELLEROSE - FLORAL PARK, NEW YORK

August 2020

Join Your Neighbors at our Next Meeting:

We will hold our next special Meeting via Zoom video Conference, Wednesday, August 12, 7:30 p.m. Please RSVP for access info.

Guest Speaker:

Due to the Coronavirus limiting groupings of people and Government Orders that we stay home (& by the way the school is closed), NBCA will not be holding in-person meetings until further notice.

Notes from our Acting President, Corey Bearak

Dear North Bellerose neighbors:

Welcome to phase four. We must remain vigilant and not let down our guard. While we still do not know when community gatherings such as NBCA can resume in person; phase four allows socially distant gathering as large as 50 people; that requires a much larger space than is often available to us; it remains unclear when the Beacon school will be available. Following the success of our June and July videoconference meetings, we plan another meeting on Wednesday, August 12 that again will start in earnest at 7:30 p.m. but the "doors" will open at 7:00 p.m. To make such no one unwelcome interrupts our meeting (they call it "Zoom-bombing"), NBCA again asks our members to email their requests for the sign-in link and credentials. We ask everyone who requests the link to also provide their name, home address and phone number. If we do not know you someone from the board with reach out to you first before the Zoom sign in information is shared. At our meeting I will report on our efforts as part of the community/civic-based 116th Precinct Task Force. The City Budget removed funding to build a new 116th Precinct so that the extremely large 105th Precinct would be serving only its northern portion including Bellerose. I hope and pray and everyone stays safe and keeps their health. As I end many messages these days, please stay safe.

- Corey Bearak

Meetings. 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: June 3* (Elections) 2020. NBCA strongly urges members and residents to attend our meetings. If you have a problem, present it in person at a meeting. Join your neighbors for a civic and social get together. *Canceled due to Coronavirus

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NEIGHBORHOOD BULLETIN:

FIGHTING FOR OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

NBCA Secretary John Munk catalogued this summer a number -- one might say multitude of locations -- with illegal postings defacing "Stop" signs and Street Light poles throughout our community. NBCA reported the locations to the Department of Sanitation for Enforcement and Sanitation referred the locations to the Department of Transportation for removal. On August 4, NYCDOT advised DOT's Queens Borough Engineer's Office has upgraded the stop signs at 81st Avenue, 82nd Drive, 83rd Avenue, Hillside Avenue, and Union Turnpike, as well as numerous stop signs that have been defaced with illegal stickers. DOT also inspected the "school crossing" sign that was defaced and removed the sign after determining that it was no longer necessary at the existing location. NBCA thanks Community Board 13 and City Council Member Barry Grodenchik for supporting NBCA on this. A special thank you to John Munk who initiated this quality of life complaint.

Watch for Summer Break-ins

NBCA learned of a rear house break in on 247th Street (81st Avenue block last month around noon time. Pictures of the perpetrators taken and street video was shared with the NYPD. A good time to note the 105th Precinct will provide upon appointment security checks of our homes. Many low-cost measure exists to keep our homes safe and secure.

NBCA Emerges from a Blackout

NBCA hopes all residents who lost power on Tuesday afternoon (around 1:00 p.m.) experienced restoration by Thursday. Most members advised they got power back Thursday morning. NBCA pressed Con Ed and worked closely with our City Council Member, Barry Grodenchik to get Con Ed crews to make the necessary repair(s). Special Thank you to our Council Member who kept in touch with NBCA throughout the blackout.

Please email NorthBellerose@gmail.com if you need masks and we will advise when new supplies become available and arrange pickup or delivery.

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August 7, 2020

Re: 116th Police Precinct

Dear Mr. Mayor:

On June 30, 2020, you broke your promise to the communities and residents of Northeast and Southeast Queens when you took \$92 million in capital funding away for the construction of the 116th Police Precinct. **OUR UNITED COMMUNITIES WANT IT BACK.** The North Bellerose Civic Association signed on to the original community/civic based 116th Precinct Task Force letter you already received (but apparently only indirectly acknowledged based on anecdotal contacts. This letter directly from our civic representing the residents of some 1,000 homes in Bellerose serves to emphasize strong support of our community for our neighbors in Southeast Queens who looked forward to improvements in their quality of life, public safety and police-community relations the new precinct would afford. {Read the entire letter on line at <https://bit.ly/NBCA-116PCT>}

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