

Next meeting: June at 10 at 8:00 PM

This Meeting is held at Living Hope Christian Church, Braddock Avenue at 241st Street



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105 PRECINCT UPDATES ON LOCAL CRIME TRENDS

On May 29, Deputy Inspector Nateis Gilbert conducted the most recent 105th Precinct Community Council meeting. Crime is up slightly this past month, compared to the same time period last year. Grand larcenies continue to be large contributors.

There has been a resurgence in thefts of tires and rims, mostly from late-model Honda sport models. Key locks on wheel lugs are not impossible for thieves to remove, but they may serve as a deterrent, causing the thieves to move to an easier target. Don't leave the keys in view or in the glove compartment.

Burglaries are at a 5-year low. One pattern has emerged: Thieves are breaking into homes under construction or renovation to steal copper pipes and water meters. Burglaries tend to increase during the summer months, because people are away on vacation, or because doors and windows are left open. If you are going away this summer, ask neighbors to bring in garbage cans, mail and newspapers. Be very careful what you or your kids post on social media. Pictures of a far-away vacation may let thieves know that no one is home. Detectives stated that alarm systems and video cameras are a big deterrent, and camera footage helps police solve crimes.

Captain Kevin Chan spoke about Vision Zero. He said that motorists will receive summonses for failure to yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk. He also said that most pedestrian struck incidents occur when the vehicle is turning. Left turns are three times more likely to result in pedestrians being struck. He also stated that more than 12,000 New Yorkers are deaf or partially deaf. Those who are licensed drivers will be issued a special card to be affixed to the driver's side visor. The card will contain pictures of situations that may result in a car stop. Capt. Chan stated that, if your car is topped by the police, you should keep both hands on the

SPEAKERS FOR JUNE MEETING:

The Dept of Sanitation will conduct a workshop about organic recycling. Also, a large supply of free paper leaf bags will be available at the meeting.

the steering wheel until given instructions by the police officers.

A detective from the fraud unit showed several types of ATM skimmers, which thieves attach to ATM machines to steal your data. Some are crude, while others are very sophisticated and difficult to detect. He recommended using trusted cash machines, especially in the bank where you keep your accounts. If possible, avoid stand-alone ATM's on the street or in small stores. These may be easier for con artists to modify without being noticed. Gas station pumps may also have skimmers attached. The detective recommended using pumps that are closer to the attendant's booth, as they may be harder to modify without being seen. Mail theft has greatly diminished in the 105th Precinct, but it remains a concern. Checks can be stolen and washed. Thieves then change the amount and the payee. If you pay by check, use pens that can't be washed. Mail the letters just before scheduled postal pickup or mail them inside the post office. If you shop or pay bills on-line, consider services such as PayPal, which encrypts credit card information.

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First Vice President's Message

As summer is quickly approaching, I would like to talk about what makes our community special. As I walk around our civic, I see houses that are well maintained. Well-kept lawns with beautiful flowers are evidence that people take pride in their homes. No wonder property values in Bellerose are rising. With block parties starting soon, more people will enter our streets and you can take pride in what they see.

I would like to send a reminder that unmowed lawns and cars parked on front lawns detract from the appearance of the neighborhood. Many 2-family homes have absentee owners. The amount of attention that owners give to their properties varies greatly. People who rent apartments are very much a part of our community. We would appreciate anything you can do to make your homes more attractive. We in the civic will reach out to property owners to request their cooperation. Let’s all work together to Keep Bellerose Beautiful!

On behalf of the CCA Officers and Board Members, I wish you a safe and enjoyable summer. One final note: Please be considerate of your neighbors if you plan to entertain this summer, please keep the music volume down and end at a reasonable time.

Your neighbor,

Rosemary Parker

MVB HIGH SCHOOL BOSS NAMED PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

Sam Sochet, who took over as principal at Martin Van Buren High School in 2012, has been selected as Queens High School Principal of the Year in a unanimous vote of the High School Principals’ Association. During his tenure at MVB, graduation rates have soared, and many innovative programs have been added. Keep up the great work, Sam!

NCO CONTACT INFO

If you experience any quality-of-life problems over the summer, please contact our Neighborhood Coordinating Officers. A text might be the easiest way. PO Shawn Gallagher: SHAWN.GALLAGHER@nypd.org, 929-375-1056. PO Joe Contessa: JOSEPH.CONTESSA@NYPD.ORG, 917-863-3557. We thank them for their help in solving various problems over the last year!

National Night Out will be Tuesday, August 6. Location to be determined.

Around the Town

Condolences to the family of Eriberto (Eddie) Maldonado, of the 88 block of Gettysburg St, on his recent passing.

Please keep CCA Board Member Marion Zimmer in your thoughts and prayers as she endures a serious illness.

ST. GREGORY’S FESTIVAL COMING SOON

The Annual St Gregory the Great Festival marks the start of summer in Bellerose. The Festival will run from June 20 through June 30. Hours of operation: 7 pm to 11 pm. Some new ethnic food nights have been added. Thursday 6/20-Indian Night; Friday 6/21 and Sat 6/22-Irish Nights; Sunday 6/23-Hispanic Night; Monday 6/24-Filipino Night; Tuesday 6/25-Polish Night; Wed 6/26 and Thurs 6/27-German Nights; Friday 6/28 through Sunday 6/30-Italian Nights. Discounted ride coupons will be on sale at St Gregory’s Church after Masses on Sunday, June 16.



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Dues are \$10 per household. Enclosed is my additional donation of \$ _____