



# North Bellmore Civic Association

## MINUTES

### Meeting Date: May 08, 2006

After recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of minutes of previous meeting, Mr. Nunez introduced Officer Knox. Officer Knox said the bank robber was caught. A question was raised about parking and traffic on Bellmore Road across from CVS and on Newbridge. He also mentioned there were also kids with beebie guns that look like real guns.

Mr. Podolski mentioned area behind library becoming a hangout.

Ms. Cook mentioned papers on table for people to take regarding credit scams.

Mr. Nunez then introduced Becky Louvaris who is Town Building Plan Examiner. She mentioned that there is a meeting June 14 regarding the prospective church. People can go to meeting to voice their opinion. Issues are parking spaces, variance to convert from a two-family house to a church and office. Mr. Fucci asked if they had a lawyer. Ms. Louvaris said she did not know. She said the Church area very small area and a Church is allowed in any area. The owner wants variance for a sign and parking. It will be 7th or 8th case on June 14<sup>th</sup> to be heard if people want to come to the meeting. Mr. Reinhart suggested members of civic should come to the meeting.

A gentleman spoke about the enormous sizes of new houses being built in the area.

Mr. James Reid, Deputy City Commissioner of Consumer Affairs spoke. Mr. Reid talked about making sure you get a contractor who is licensed. They must have liability insurance and workman's compensation. People should do background checks. He said to make sure the contractor is licensed before signing any contract.

Mr. Reid also talked about identity theft. Said last year there were 10 million cases and to watch out for telemarketing. Last year 41% of identity thefts occurred through the mail. Some thieves even go through garbage to get info. Must be careful and ensure everything is destroyed. He said everyone should get a credit report. He also mentioned putting your credit report on Fraud alert. Mr. Reid discussed using credit cards in restaurant, and that all of your personal information is on the magnetic strip of card. He did not think much of debit cards. Also mentioned how much of charity funds actually go to charity when donating. He warned us to be careful when using our social security number and suggested only 4 numbers of number should be used. Mr. Reid said once a year we should write to bank telling them not to share any of your financial information. Also do not sign blank checks. Finally, Mr. Reid said we can also go to <http://www.freereport.com> for a free credit report.



There was also a discussion regarding the Jerusalem Avenue improvement and money donated by Maureen O'Connell and David Denenberg. Mr. Nunez read letter related to the questioning of Mr. Denenberg giving a grant.

The clock tower is still in bid.

Meeting ended at 9:10.