



BELLE TERRE NEWS

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STORM!

The force of nature struck the beach again on July 23rd. The storm waters tossed the cabanas around like matchwood. All were affected one way or another.

1 cabana was totally destroyed (in pieces) 1 more partially destroyed and unable to be repaired but what's left of it is still sitting there. 10 decks were lost (all recovered) 2 sets of stairs destroyed (all pieces found and repaired). All the boardwalks were missing (all found, replaced and repaired).

The lifeguard's stand landed way down the beach and was rescued by Chris Ginas in his Hummer.





Notices and Notes

STORM (Continued from cover page)

Chris Ginas and his crew moved the lifeguard stand back to its proper position. Along with Bobby Walker and his son they retrieved much of the material that allowed us to replace or rebuild the boardwalk.

They recovered or rebuilt the 10 missing platforms. They straightened and fixed most of the cabanas.. retrieved two cabanas that had floated down the beach.

For 2 days along with a crew from Noel O'Rourke. They rebuilt the stairs to the beach.

Two cabanas unfortunately were totally destroyed but a very big Thank You to Chris for being such a good neighbor..

New Residents

We welcome some new residents into the Village..Richard and Susan Ward and their children Alexandra and Gregorie who will be living on High Path and also on High Path the Ivory's are soon to move in.

Belle Terre Film

There was a film made on Belle Terre beaches called "The Old Man and the Turtle". It was filmed at McAllister Park at the bottom of Anchorage Rd and west of the Cabanas down by the rocks. The story is about a boy who's turtle died.

The director promised to send us a copy to show residents

Sheila Knapp

The Mayor would like to thank the following volunteers:

Dr. Donna Heinemann, for the hours she spends reviewing all the immunization records for the Youth Program so we can get our Health Dept. permit.

Phil Buonomo, for donating his electrical expertise for various Village projects

Chris Ginas, for helping recover the beach stairs, boardwalks, lifeguard stand and some cabanas after the July storm.

HELP WANTED

Ten years ago the Resident's Association was held together by one person, Loraine Serabian. She put on events with very little or no help at all.

Over the years the BTCA has grown, not without some bumps along the way, I might add.

Today we have a thriving organization with some very nice events. HOWEVER! It is the same people doing the work once again. The old saying "Many hands makes light work" is as true today as it was when written. SO! We are asking for members to come forward and help a little. Please volunteer now and again.

I have said it before but I'll say it again we are all lucky to have such a beautiful place to have a party. I think everyone could walk home from the beach or the community center if they had to. It's a shame not to use them and enjoy.

Pat

Out and About in Belle Terre

Now That's . . a Mayor!

One Saturday at 8 am, Roy and I encountered Mayor Lucki and his wife Lori walking Cliff Road picking up garbage.

Pat

Fall Ballroom Dance Classes

Here is the schedule for the Fall Ballroom Dance Classes:

Fridays September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

From 7:30 to 9:00 pm

\$95 per couple

\$70 per couple for BTCA members

Party Reminders

September 26th Pot Luck Supper

Please come, everyone brings food. There will be good food and interesting company. We have some very good cooks in Belle Terre.

All residents may participate

October 18th Resident's Party

Another good one! Meet new residents. Drink wine. Nosh and Chat. What's not to enjoy?

All residents are invited to join us.

Preparing for Summer

Roy and I came across two charming young ladies Sarah Slingerland and Alexandra Alterbrando painting the gazebo. We asked if we could take their photo. They obliged and wielded their brushes and smiles for us.

Unfortunately, somehow we lost the photos but we wish to thank Sarah and Alexandra for a job well done; also Taylor Craig, Danielle Lai and Jack Constant who were wielding paint brushes on the fence.

All our life guards passed New York Health department as A+.

July 4th Oath of Office

This year the newly elected Trustees Joanne Cornel May and Robert Sandak, took their oath on the lawn in front of the gate.





4th of July Beach Party

Belle Terre Community Association supplied hot dogs, chips and dips and cookies for those at the beach to watch the fireworks. Our thanks to the cooks

The fireworks were spectacular as usual. So was the bonfire, enjoyed by all.



LOBSTERFEST

We had 101 people attend. Peter Koutrakos the Brookhaven Harbor Master was our special guest.

We consumed around 153.75 pounds of lobster, 32 pounds of steak and 10 pounds of chicken. The weather was fantastic and the bonfire used 4 truckloads of wood.



There are a lot of people Mike Sampogna wishes to thank:

Ken Weiss, Dave McAnaney, Loraine Serabian, Judy Zaino, Mary Buono, Yvonne Dwyer, Carol McAnaney, and Nancy Orth, Lois Weiss, Lauren Cona, Sheila Knapp, Grant Geelan, The Sandak's, Gary Ferrigno, Pat and Roy Stockdale, The Dallas boys Derryl Coleman and Jim Schromen and from Louisville Coleen Doty for all their help lifting, moving, and gathering and cleaning up after the party. Shirley Teagarden, Sheila Knapp, Carol McAnaney, Judy Zaino, Loraine Serabian, Pat Geelan, Lois Weiss, Nancy Orth for putting up the decorations at the beach

John Serabian and the fabulous "Bishops Gate" band for their stellar performance and an additional special thanks to the decoration queen, Linda Poirier for all her hard work buying the decorations and leading the charge coordinating the setup on the beach

Thank you all, from the rest of us that enjoyed the party so much!





Bushwhacked

One day in early summer, our Divas of Gardening, decided to cull the bushes at the front of the Community Center. They pruned them into shapes that Mother Nature herself would be proud of. It took hours.

A couple of weeks later the landscapers hired to cut Belle Terre's community grass decided that they would do a bit more pruning. With their trusty electric pruning sheers they started to re-cut the bushes into nice little round mushroom shapes.

Pat Geelan saw them just in time to save that beautiful butterfly bush from being mutilated. They had not been told not to touch the bushes.

Ever the lady, Pat said that they did not know any better.

Pat Stockdale

Junior Beautification Committee

Have you seen the amazingly transformed islands around Belle Terre?

This is all thanks to the work of the BTCA Beautification Committee. Upon noting the transformation of so many islands, I thought it would be a terrific idea to get the children of Belle Terre involved. My brothers and sister and some cousins and friends worked on the Club / Woodland island. This inspired the thought to form an official "Junior Beautification Committee".

The committee is for children of any age from grades K-12 who are willing to give some time to meet and work on projects around Belle Terre. We will get together to plan the projects we would like to do.

You can join by sending email to nurturenaturekid@aol.com



Mary Alter



CALLING ALL GUYS AND GALS!

In the works is a plan to display John Serabian's train collection, through the holiday season, at the Community Center.

This collection has been displayed out east, in the past, in conjunction with 'Toys for Tots' and was very successful.

NOW! This is a BIG undertaking and will need lots of help. Here's your big chance to play for a good cause.

Judy Zaino is the organizer. For information call the office at 928-0020.

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It is circus time and elephants have been in the news lately. Also we live in a circus oriented area so I thought my story would amuse you.

THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN.

When I was a young mum, in the early sixties, I worked part time in a small dressmaking salon. There were just three of us; Tess, the owner, me the tailor and June, the dressmaker. June's sister, whos' name escapes me, would help out when we were really busy. She had her own car, a really avant garde thing for that time. We had cars but they were driven by our husbands. June's sister's car was all her's and was a blue mini. On one shopping trip to our local town, Eltham, she parked it in a space along the main street as usual but it wasn't a usual day. The circus was coming to town.

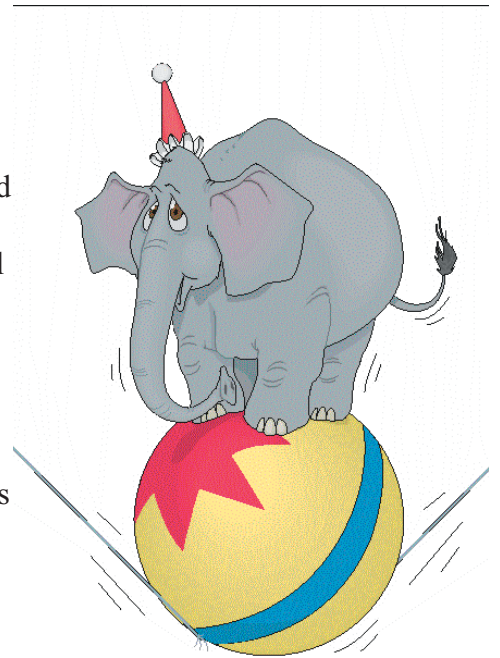
As they do in New York the larger animals walk to the camp site from the train station. On this particular day, to the crowds delight, suddenly! no that's not the word, elephants do nothing sudden do they? They lumber. Well on his way up the high street one elephant lumbered over to June's sister's car and climbed on top of it. Mini cars were not built to transport elephants, it didn't hold up very well.

An embarrassed trainer explained that the car was the same color and shape as his practice box,.

I still get a chuckle when I think of the insurance form.

Question! What is the reason for this claim?

Answer! An elephant sat on my car.



Patricia Stockdale

Three Generations at the Beach

These three generations were snapped by Linda Rice, going into the water and coming out - father, son-in-law and grandson.



VILLAGE DIRECTORY

PLEASE RETAIN THIS DIRECTORY NEAR YOUR TELEPHONE

MAYOR.....	Ted Lucki	331-4907	Zoning Board of Appeals	Dave McAnaney	928-0020
Deputy Mayor.....	Sheila Knapp	473-0212	Assessor.....	Ronald Matuza	928-0020
Trustee.....	Grant Geelan	473-6245	Beach Comm.....	Sheila Knapp	473-0212
Trustee.....	Bob Sandak	474-8686	Building Comm.....	Grant Geelan	473-6245
Trustee.....	Joanne Cornell-May	473-3028	Conservation Comm....	Dave McAnaney	928-0020
Clerk-Treasurer.....	Joanne Raso	928-0020	Constable Comm.....	Bob Sandak	474-8686
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer	Louise Smit	928-0020	Chief Constable.....	Robert Walker	928-5785
Village Attorney.....	Eileen A. Powers	727-8250	Fire Marshall	James Makarius Jr.	774-3706
Village Justice.....	Charles Russo	265-7200	Historian.....	Nancy Orth	473-1078
Court Clerk.....	Elaine Freda	473-5105	Parks Commissioner....	Joanne Cornell-May	473-3028
Planning Board.....	Vincent DeStefano	928-0020	Road Commissioner...	William Raso	928-0020
Building Inspector.....	Cathy Evans-Masci	928-0020	Youth Program Comm ...	Francoise Schachner	928-0020
Technology Advisor.....	Ken Weiss	928-0020	Newsletter.....	Pat & Roy Stockdale	473-4801

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS: Third Tuesday of every month unless otherwise posted.
VILLAGE CLERK: 928-0020 * FAX 928-7971. **PASSPORT AGENT HOURS:** Call Office.
VILLAGE WEBSITE: www.belleterre.us **VILLAGE E-MAIL:** btvillageoffice@gmail.com
JUSTICE COURT CLERK: Call 473-5105 to leave message for call-back appt.
NOTARY PUBLIC: Call office. **RECYCLABLES REFUSE PICK-UP:** Alternate Wednesdays.
1.CURBY: Glass, Metal, Plastics (1) & (2). **2.** Newspapers, Cardboard (flattened and tied).



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