



BELLE TERRE NEWS

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BACK IN BUSINESS





Belle Terre Beach Repair

Dear Belle Terre Residents,

I am sure that most of you are aware of the devastating northeastern storm that hit us in March of this year. Over 70% of the parking lot (concrete blocks, pavement, fill) was lost to the waves. There was also significant soil erosion on all of the bluffs along the beach.

Of course, the Village has a plan to repair such damage, in the short term. However, because of the severity of the damage, the Village trustees also chose to investigate longer term solutions.

In the short term, we worked with the Town of Brookhaven to repair the damage before another storm might make it impossible for our children to use the beach this summer. Thanks to the hard work and expertise of the Brookhaven crew, the damage was repaired in about 2 weeks time. We owe thanks as well to the BTCA for providing much appreciated lunches for all the workers and especially for Louis Bove for his invaluable assistance and advice.

In the long term, we have applied to the NYS D.E.C. (Department of Environmental Conservation) for a permit to build a more permanent "sea-wall" in place of stacked concrete blocks that have formed our parking area in the past. Whereas the DEC has been reluctant to grant us this permit in the past, they understand the instability of our present wall and feel, as we do, that a proper sea-wall would protect the waters of the sound from causing additional parking lot destruction during future storms.

So, we now have a viable long term solution to consider. I invite you to view some preliminary plans and would appreciate your thoughts and input regarding this now possible solution to one of our costliest recurring problems.

Once again, thanks to all. Have a great summer and I'll see you at the beach.

Ted Lucki
Mayor

May 24, 2010

Supervisor Mark Lesko
Councilman Steve Fiore Rosenfeld
Economic Development Coordinator Paul Pontieri

Dear Gentlemen,

I am writing to thank you for the outstanding job that the Brookhaven Town Parks Department did in helping us restore our beach parking lot. Both Ed Morris and Tom Owens were a pleasure to work with.

All of your employees worked diligently to restore the beach parking area. We can now continue to provide the Summer Beach Program for over 200 children who reside in the northern part of the Town.

It is wonderful to see "Brookhaven Town" working with "Belle Terre" with such enthusiasm and expertise.

Sincerely,

Ted Lucki
Mayor

The Mayor and Trustees are to be congratulated for obtaining a permit to strengthen our sea wall.
Not a mean feat these days!

Editor

BELLE TERRE HERO

By Nancy Orth

Here is Dominick, everyone, and he has just saved you a bundle! When he saw the destruction at our beach, he talked to Deputy Chief Constable Dave Wolosin who told him the Village didn't have enough money to repair the damage. Dominick said, "Do you want me to ask my boss if there's any way we can help out?"



At this point you need to know that Dominick is a heavy equipment operator for the Town of Brookhaven, and his bosses are Tommy Owens and Ed Morris, both Parks Commissioners for the Town. Dominick got Tommy Owens together with Mayor Ted, and the rest is history. For paying the workers' salaries and for a couple of days of free lunches offered to the crew by the BTCA, we got our beach fixed. (I wouldn't want to tell you how much the estimates had been!)

So who is Dominick, and why should he care about Belle Terre? You'll probably never see him, because he's the night shift constable who works from midnight until 7:00 a.m. During the day you'll find him driving a bulldozer somewhere in the Town of Brookhaven. He lives in Mastic Beach, has three sons (19, 16, and 14), and is one of the many Americans who holds down two jobs to build a future for his family.

Dominick, Dave, Tommy Owens, Ed Morris, and our lovable mayor, we hope you'll consider this an official thank-you from every resident in Belle Terre. Thank you for caring, and thank you for giving us back our beach.

June 2010

ARTIST TO VISIT BELLE TERRE

Carol Blank Baker, the artist who did the original pen and ink drawing of the gatehouse which appears on the Belle Terre note cards, will be in our area this summer. If you are interested in the particulars for a drawing of your home done in the style of the gatehouse drawing, please contact the gatehouse for information and leave your name and number so that Carol can get in touch with you when she visits.. A sample of the original drawing will be on display at the gatehouse. Drawings can be reduced for use on note cards or stationery.



Belle Terre Office Notes

Belle Terre Community Association 2010 Spring Session Ballroom Dance Lessons

BELLE TERRE NOTE CARDS

A fresh supply of Belle Terre note cards will be available at the gatehouse by mid-June.

Printed on fine vellum paper, these cards make a lovely gift, and not just for residents.

They can be used to accompany presents or as stationery.

NEW GRANDSON

His name is Jake Peter Brotherton. Born on April 3, 2010; 7 lbs. 9 oz. and 19" long. His parents are my daughter Jaclyn and her husband Ken and his big sister is Joanna Rose.

Joanne & Bill Raso



Friday-June 4, 11, 18, 25, July 2

Thursday - July 8

7:30 to 9:00 PM at the Vincent Bove Belle Terre
Community Center, 55 Cliff Road, Belle Terre

\$95 per couple

(BTCA members \$70 per couple)

For information call Joanne daytime: 928-0020

Evenings: 928-7013

Instructors: Stephanie & Lucio Costanzo

Make check payable to BTCA & mail to:

Belle Terre Community Association, 1 Cliff Road,

Belle Terre, NY 11777

(Summer 2010 Session)

MORE BEACH DAMAGE

In addition to the storm damage, the beach toilets were vandalized yet again and are not functional at the moment.

We are awaiting the delivery of steel doors. They will be ready by the fourth of July.



INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF BELLE TERRE



Belle Terre Boys at Play

It was a beautiful spring morning. The sun was just up, the birds were singing and the golfers were on the move.

Mayor Ted Lucki, Trustee Bob Sandak and Samir Nizam were taking a putting lesson from Rob the golf pro. I was flitting around trying to get a good shot without getting in the way

.Questions and tips were abundant, even I learned something: 'Golf-course etiquette is that shirts are tucked in!

If you want any more pearls of wisdom you will have to join the club

Pat Stockdale



How do you join?

You must be a member of the Port Jefferson Country club in order to use the driving range, putting green or golf carts.

If you are thinking that you might want to join, but want to try it first, contact the golf pro. He will be happy to set you up with a trial run.





The self-named (crazy) ladies of the beautification committee have been hard at work again.

7 Skimmia (low growing, spreading evergreen), 3 Red Twig Dogwoods

Decorative Grasses, Liriope, Ferns, Tiger Lilies and Day-lilies have been planted around the bell for our enjoyment.



Editor's Note:

Over the past few years, the ladies of the beautification committee have torn out a ton of poison ivy. They have pulled down enough vines to make Tarzan walk through parts of Belle Terre, dug in enough manure to fertilize half of Kansas and moved a mountain of mulch.

Crazy you may be ladies but it is a crazy that we love. Thank You!
A bunch of roses to you all.





We would like everyone to know that the lovely annuals that have been planted at the Community Center and under the Fire Gong were donated, this year, by resident Peter Colucci. Our thanks to him for helping to “beautify” Belle Terre

The BTCA Beautification Committee

Thank You Suwasset Garden Club

Every other year, the club donates a tree to Belle Terre.

A Flowering Pear tree (below) was the first. A Blue Spruce (right) was the second and the latest one, this year, was the Pink Dogwood (bottom right).



What is a Structure?

Your Zoning Board, in a effort to familiarize you with our codes, will be publishing articles periodically that will, hopefully, clarify some of the confusion that sometimes arises regarding our zoning codes.

Although you may have a general idea of what a structure might consist of (beams, girders, walls, footings etc.), the codes of Belle Terre are quite specific as to what a structure is. We all know that your home is a structure consisting of the elements mentioned, and you were required to obtain a permit in order to construct it. It is also necessary to obtain a permit to erect any structure. The Belle Terre Code book defines a structure as follows: “A construction made of a combination of materials to form a structure that is safe and stable, the use of which requires erection in or on the ground and includes, among other things, platforms, staging, poles, walls, fences and on-ground radio and television antennas.” Why is this important? As I am sure you are all well aware, Belle Terre is a one of a kind community that emphasizes nature in all its beauty. In what other neighborhood can you drive down a street and see nothing but dogwood, mountain laurel, and rhododendron uninterrupted by man-made structures. Our codes were developed in an effort to maintain this unique element of our village.

The next thing we need to know is where these structures are and are not allowed, by our code. There are two aspects to this requirement:

1. No structures are allowed in a front yard.
2. No structure is allowed within 20' of a property line.

That seems pretty clear.....but, wait a minute. Do you know where your front yard is? Of course, it's in front of the part of the house where one enters the front door. Or is it? If you don't live on an island, peninsula or a corner, then you are probably right. However, if you do live on one of the aforementioned, then you have more than one front yard. Each portion of your property that faces a street is considered, by code, a “front yard”. Thus, no structures are allowed in any of those yards. So, does that mean I can never put up a storage shed in my “back yard” that happens to face a street? As I mentioned earlier, you are required to obtain a permit to erect any structure, which is what you must do. When you apply for the permit, the building inspector will tell you that what you want to do is not allowed. You will then be directed to apply to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a variance and attend a meeting to discuss your situation with the Board and your neighbors. If your variance is approved, then you can build the structure.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the village office and one of our zoning board members will contact you.

In upcoming articles we will discuss other elements of the codes and procedures for seeking a variance.

Dave McAnaney

Zoning Board of Appeals





Landscape Design Award Winner

This Belle Terre garden landscape was featured in the magazine "HOUSE" of March/April 2010 after winning the Silver award of Dodds & Eder, Inc for excellence in landscape Design.

These copies of photographs from the magazine were published by permission of the author and the photographer; Timothy Barry. .



I'm so Green I'm Moldy

Pat Stockdale

I am a tad fed-up with being urged to go green, usually by sweet young things that couldn't make it without a Wall Mart around the corner. They would probable pass out if disposable diapers were banned and they had to wash a dozen terry cloth ones every day, as I did for six years.

I started to conserve as a kid in World War II. I would help my mother unpick garments to re-use the cloth. Clothing being rationed, nothing was thrown away. For instance a wool coat could look worn and shabby but on the inside the wool nap would still look new, so, Take it apart and sew it back with the inside out and one had a new looking coat. There would be snags, like the buttonholes ending up on the wrong side but a bit of ingenuity usually over-came any problems.

Another thing my mother did was to make over a man's suit for a woman. If the pant legs were wide enough one could get a skirt out of them, re-cut the jacket and one had a fairly decent outfit for a woman. With most English men in the military and their wives back at work for the first time in many years, dad's old suits came in handy, saving clothing coupons.

Anything knitted would be unraveled and reused and any scraps of cloth not fit to make into clothing was cut up and made into rag rugs.

I carried these lessons into my marriage. When our eldest daughter, Muriel, was about a year old, Roy ripped his new gray flannel trousers. They could not be mended for him, so out of them I made an outfit for Muriel. A coat, pants and a bonnet, all trimmed with red velvet. Not the usual way to dress a baby, but it worked, she looked elegant.

Our first furniture was reclaimed. We bought a couch and two arm chairs, a dining table and four chairs at an auction. I re-upholstered the couch and arm chairs, with curtain material also bought at the auction. Roy refinished the table and chairs.

One of our first autos was a van that Roy found rotting away in a farm-yard. Chickens were actually nesting in it; never-the-less, Roy and his mate restored it. I remember having to drive it slowly to work the stiffness out of the newly remade engine.

Here in America the first house we bought was really a do over. The people we got it from were divorcing and the house was sadly neglected. In the spare bedroom the plaster was falling off the ceiling but was held up by the many cob-webs everywhere. The upstairs lavatory had not been cleaned in years; it looked as if it was lined with coconut matting. They had a huge dog that had wiped its backside all over the dinning room walls and the basement was ankle deep in God knows what?

Many friends and a painting party got that house into shape for us to move in.

Another re-claim project was a sail boat that Roy found at the back of a boat yard. It had a few broken ribs. Roy devised a way to steam the wood so that it would bend for the new ribs. I sat in the hold many times, pushing with my feet to keep the new ribs in shape while Roy screwed them in place.

We had many week-ends of fun on that boat.

My last recycling, apart from the obligatory plastic and paper, was last year. I took the black plastic pots that shrubs come in, wrapped them with rope and turned them into elegant patio pots.

As I said I'm so green I'm moldy.

Has anyone noticed that in this issue, the girls are outside with shovels and rakes and the guys with golf clubs?



INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF BELLE TERRE
RULES and REGULATIONS for

BELLE TERRE BEACH 2010



*THE BELLE TERRE BEACH IS A PRIVATE BEACH
GOVERNED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE AND/OR THEIR DESIGNEE THE BEACH
COMMISSIONER.*

1. The official beach hours are: 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. July 1st through September 1st.
2. During inclement weather, the gates to the beach will be closed.
3. All vehicles must have a resident's sticker to be admitted to the beach parking area. Any vehicle found parked without a sticker will be issued a parking summons.
4. **DOGS AND OTHER PETS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE BEACH DURING THE SUMMER BEACH SEASON.**

5. The beach must be used only during posted hours of operation, and swimming is allowed only within the designated bathing area. (Lifeguard protection is offered in the roped area only. Swimming in any other area is prohibited).

6. **ALL RESIDENTS MUST OBEY ORDERS GIVEN BY LIFEGUARDS.** Failure to do so may result in loss of beach privileges.

7. All young children must obey all orders of the Lifeguards. Due to the extension of the Beach and the expansion of our population, an adult should accompany all children under 12 years of age at all times.

8. Do not drink alcohol and swim.

9. **NEVER SWIM ALONE.** A minimum of two adults, 18 years or older, must be present whenever this swimming facility is in use. There is no substitute for adequate supervision.

10. The lifeboat and any other safety equipment is to be used by the lifeguards only.

11. **ALL LITTER AND GARBAGE SHOULD BE PUT IN THE TWO DUMPSTERS OR REFUSE CANS. ALL RECYCLABLES (CANS, BOTTLES AND PLASTIC CONTAINERS) SHOULD BE PUT IN THE RED RECYCLE CANS.**

12. All motor boats and jet skis should be beached at the extreme west end of the beach, past the cabana section. Residents wishing to fish should also use this section. The beach is closed to outsiders for these purposes.

13. Residents wishing to use the Beach at night for special occasions must contact the Beach Commissioner to avoid any date conflicts. A permit will be issued. (Activities are restricted to the beach and barbecue area next to the parking lot).

14. The cliffs behind the beach area are subject to severe erosion. Please restrict children from climbing or playing in this area, which is heavily planted with poison ivy to help prevent erosion.

Water is provided for showering and washing., Please do not allow children to play with the fixtures.

15. **FIRES AND FIREWORKS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED AT ANY TIME, BOTH ON THE BEACH OR ANYWHERE IN THE VILLAGE.**

The Board of Trustees greatly appreciates the full cooperation of each resident in following the above rules and regulations.

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
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Trustee.....	Bob Sandak	474-8686	Building Comm.....	Grant Geelan	473-6245
Trustee.....	Joanne Cornell-May	473-3028	Conservation Comm....	Dave McAnaney	928-0020
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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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