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NEW & NOTEWORTHY

BELLE TERRE ENTRANCE WALL

In 2008 the wall that surrounds the entrance to our community was completely rebuilt after years of decay due to weather, the intrusion of trees and bushes and deteriorating brick and mortar. Over the last 12+ years, natural grime combined with mold and mildew discolored the yellow brick and grey concrete caps to a point that the wall was no longer a welcoming sight as you entered the Village. Several weeks ago, the entire wall was cleaned with detergent and steam. The boxwoods were trimmed, weeds were removed, invasive plants were uprooted and the entrance to the Village is once again a pristine and welcoming sight.



Mayor	Bob Sandak	631 474-8686	CONSTABLE'S OFFICE <i>Dave Wolosin, Chief</i> 631 928-5785		
Deputy Mayor	Jacquelyn Gernaey	631 928-0020			
Trustee	Richard Harris	631 928-0020	Beach Commissioner	James Von Oiste	631 473-0200
Trustee	Richard Musto	631 928-0020	Building Commissioner	Richard Harris	631 928-0020
Trustee	James Von Oiste	631 928-0020	Parks Commissioner	Richard Musto	631 928-0020
Clerk-Treasurer	Joanne Raso	631 928-0020	Road Commissioner	Mike Solo	631 928-0020
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer	Louise Smit	631 928-0020	Youth Program Commissioner	Francoise Schachner	631 928-0020
Village Attorney	Eileen A. Powers	631 727-8250	Historian	John Hiz	631 928-0020
Village Justice	Eric Cherches	631 473-5105	Building Inspector	Christopher Harding	631 928-0020
Court Clerk	Louise Smit	631 473-5105	Assessor	Frank Aragona	631 928-0020
Planning Board	Tony Gitto	631 928-0020			
Zoning Board of Appeals	Dave McAnaney	631 928-0020			

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS: Work Session, 1st Tuesday of each month
Regular Public Meeting, 3rd Tuesday of each month
VILLAGE CLERK: 631 928-0020 • FAX 631 928-7971
BELLE TERRE VILLAGE TAXES & FEES PAYABLE AT: www.belleterre.us
VILLAGE WEBSITE: www.belleterre.us
VILLAGE E-MAIL: btvillageoffice@gmail.com
JUSTICE COURT CLERK: Call 631 473-5105 - leave message
BELLE TERRE COURT FINES PAYABLE AT: www.belleterre.us
NOTARY PUBLIC: Call Office - 631 928-0020
REFUSE: PICK-UP: Tuesdays & Fridays

A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY



Our famous fire gong speaks for itself throughout the year thanks to the efforts of our Belle Terre Beautification Committee.



'HURRICANE IDA' DAMAGE AND REPAIRS

During Hurricane Ida the Village received a little over 7 inches of rain in a very short period of time. Our storm drain system is designed, like most others on Long Island, to accept and collect 50% more than the average daily rainfall traditionally expected in our region. As climate has changed and larger Nor'easters and hurricanes have hit our community with increasing numbers, our storm drain system has been overloaded causing temporary street flooding and downhill runoff. In the most dramatic case, a significant portion of Northwind Drive was washed away and had to be reconstructed including the installation of new high-capacity drains. The Village has applied for FEMA funding from the federal government to cover the cost of repairs as well as future mitigation projects. New and larger storm drains will be installed throughout the Village in several critical areas.



POTHOLE REPAIRS

Every year a part of our roadway budget is devoted to pothole repairs. This year, unfortunately we were not able to address these repairs as soon as we would have liked because the pandemic caused a shortage of experienced crews. This meant that it took longer for the Village to get competitive pricing to make sure that our tax dollars were being spent wisely. A total of 67 potholes were eventually diamond saw-cut into rectangles, excavated and filled with two lifts (layers) of asphalt. These **properly** repaired potholes will last as long as the roads themselves.



ADOPT-AN-ISLAND

For many years a group of talented gardeners has adopted some of the "islands" located at the intersections of our major roads and enhanced them with attractive **deer and drought resistant** plantings. As we look forward to next spring, we are looking for individuals or families that would like to help beautify additional islands throughout the community. If you are interested in either joining those already involved, or would like to work on your own, please let the office know what you would like to do, and we'll help with whatever we can to add a little bit more beauty to our "Belle" Terre.



REVIEW OF DEER HUNTING REGULATIONS

As deer hunting season begins and the number of deer in the community has once again grown, it is good for you to re-familiarize yourself with the rules governing this activity in our community.

- The regular deer hunting season begins on October 1st and ends on January 31st.
- Hunters must obtain a license from the DEC (NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation).
- Hunters must have permission from homeowners to hunt on their property.**
- Properties marked with "Posted" or "No Trespassing" signs are off limits to hunters, although this signage is unnecessary.
- Hunters can only use long bows and arrows to hunt. No firearms or crossbows are allowed.
- Hunters must be more than 150 feet from the nearest dwelling.
- Hunting can only be conducted from sunrise to sunset (No nighttime hunting is allowed.)
- Homeowners can apply for and obtain a "nuisance permit" from the DEC to extend the hunting season on **their** property. This permit also allows baiting and nighttime hunting.

