



# Belle Terre Times

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## NEW & NOTEWORTHY



Mayor Bob Sandak

Our recent Village election, which saw a record turnout, resulted in the reelection of the incumbent mayor and trustees.

### WHAT DO THEY DO?

In addition to being voting members of the Village Board and “paying the bills” at each of our monthly meetings, each trustee also has other specific duties.

The Mayor, in addition to being the executive director of the Board, also holds the title of Constabulary Commissioner and Insurance Coordinator. He also deals with NYS grant programs, FEMA reimbursements, and federal programs, such as hazard mitigation. Deputy Mayor Sheila Knapp holds the title of Beach Commissioner, directs the work of the lifeguards, works with the Suffolk County Health Department and supervises the cabaña program. She is also the Chair of the Port Jefferson Harbor Commission. Trustee Jacquelyn Gernaey is Chief Financial Officer, overseeing our budget, accounting and audit procedures. Trustee Richard Musto oversees our Closed Circuit TV security system and coordinates its use with the Constabulary. Trustee Caroline Engelhardt serves as Parks Commissioner and oversees all landscaping throughout the community. Any questions or suggestions regarding these areas can be addressed to the Board member through our Village Office.

### SUGGESTIONS

A new feature has been added to our web site to further lines of communication between residents and the Village Board. A “Suggestion Box” is now on the sidebar of our web site ([www.belleterre.us](http://www.belleterre.us)). All suggestions will be forwarded to the Mayor and Trustees. Please try it out!



### CONSTABULARY REGISTRY

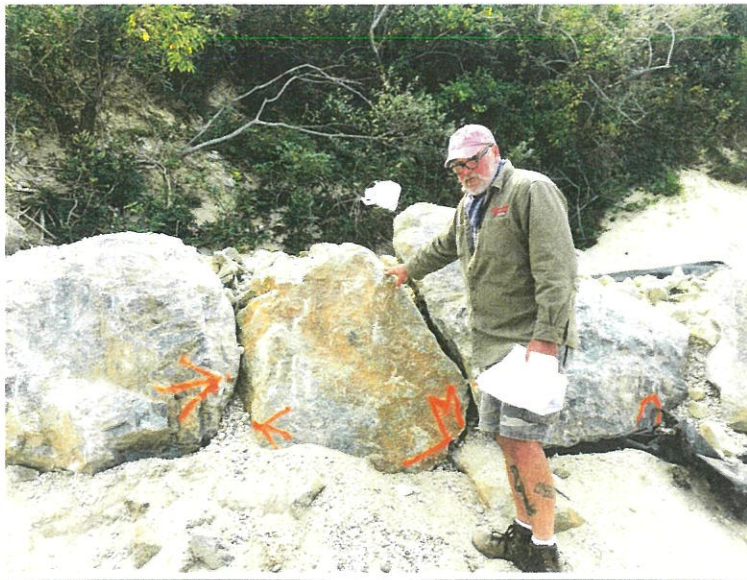
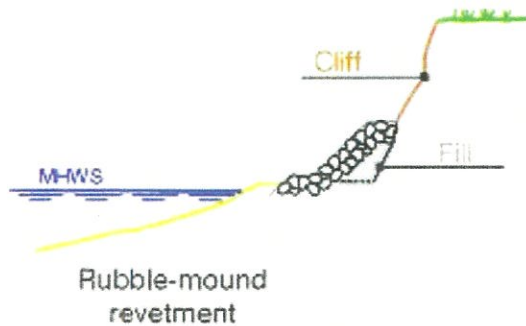


The Constabulary Registry was established several years ago for those people living alone or in fragile health who would like the Constables to “stop by” and check on them in times of extreme weather (snow storms or hurricanes) or power outages. If you would like your name added to our registry please call the Village Office at 631-928-0020.



## **EROSION CONTROL - REVETMENT PROJECT**

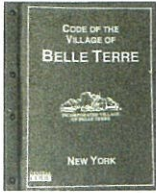
**R**evetment is the placing of boulders and rocks at the “toe” of a cliff face in order to prevent erosion. Through a generous grant from New York State, and in conjunction with our own funds, a construction project was just completed at the northern end of Cliff Road. The circle at the end of the road was rebuilt several years ago and the cliff face was planted and irrigated to prevent erosion. Wave action at the bottom of the cliff (toe) has continued with the increase of Nor’easters over the last several years creating the need for further intervention.



**T**herefore, in order to ensure no further deterioration of the area the project of “revetment” was undertaken. The interlocking of 2 ½ ton boulders combined with landscape fabric, granite rock fill and tons of sand created a substantial barrier to future wave action and cliff erosion. This is the only kind of erosion control project currently allowed by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).



## **BELLE TERRE VILLAGE CODE CHANGES**



The Board of Trustees is constantly involved in reviewing, updating and changing our Village Codes. The process of changing a code requires a "Public Hearing." The public hearing process encourages members of the community to express their opinion on the proposed changes before the Board takes permanent action. Notices of these public hearings can be found in our local newspaper (The Port Times Record) as well as on our website. The following codes have been added and/or modified:

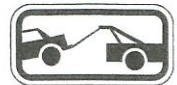
•**Helicopters** - It is now illegal for a helicopter to land or take off within the boundaries of the Village of Belle Terre except for emergency situations.



•**Illegal Parking** - There continues to be no parking on any roadway in Belle Terre with the fine having been raised from \$75 to \$100.



•**Tow-Away Zones** - A clearly marked Tow-Away Zone has been established on Anchorage Road from Cliff Road to the storm water recharge area adjacent to Port Jefferson Harbor.



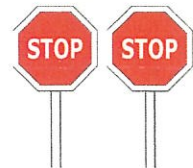
•**No Smoking** - Our existing code was no longer in compliance with New York State Health Codes and has been updated to prohibit smoking in or around all Village properties including buildings, parks and beaches. Included in the new code are prohibitions against vaping and all other smoke or steam producing activities.



•**Noise/Construction** - Our existing codes regarding noise created by construction, renovation or demolition have been modified to insure a more tranquil environment outside of normal Monday through Friday business hours. Homeowners and contractors, will now be prohibited from using heavy equipment, as defined in the code, on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays and outside the hours of 8AM to 6PM weekdays.



•**Traffic Signage** - Responding to residents' requests, and after analyzing traffic patterns, two new stop signs will be added in our code book. The two new locations are the intersections of Beach Road and Valley Road as well as Pine Path and Laurel Path.



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## **REVIEW OF DEER HUNTING REGULATIONS**

- Hunters must obtain a license from the DEC.
- The regular hunting season begins on October 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on January 31<sup>st</sup>.
- **Hunters must have permission from homeowners to hunt on their property.**
- Properties marked with "Posted" or "No Trespassing" signs are off limits to hunters.
- 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.
- Homeowners can apply for and obtain a "nuisance permit" from the DEC to extend the hunting season on their property.
- Hunting can only be conducted from sunrise to sunset (No nighttime hunting is allowed.)
- Hunters can take one "Antlered Buck" per season and as many "Antler-less Does" as they want using a Deer Management Permit (DMP).



*Photo Courtesy of Jean Thomas*



## **Incorporated Village of Belle Terre**

**1 Cliff Road  
Belle Terre, NY 11777**

Mayor	Bob Sandak	631 474-8686	<b>CONSTABLE'S OFFICE</b>	<b>Dave Wolosin, Chief</b>	<b>631 928-5785</b>
Deputy Mayor	Sheila Knapp	631 473-0212			
Trustee	Jacquelyn Gernaey	631 928-0020	Beach Commissioner	Sheila Knapp	631 473-0212
Trustee	Richard Musto	631 928-0020	Building Commissioner	Dennis Statuch	631 928-0020
Trustee	Caroline Engelhardt	631 928-0020	Parks Commissioner	Caroline Engelhardt	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](http://www.belleterre.us)**

VILLAGE WEBSITE: [www.belleterre.us](http://www.belleterre.us)

VILLAGE E-MAIL: [btvillageoffice@gmail.com](mailto:btvillageoffice@gmail.com)

JUSTICE COURT CLERK: Call 631 473-5105 - leave message

**BELLE TERRE COURT FINES PAYABLE AT: [www.belleterre.us](http://www.belleterre.us)**

NOTARY PUBLIC: Call Office - 631 928-0020

REFUSE: PICK-UP: Tuesdays & Fridays