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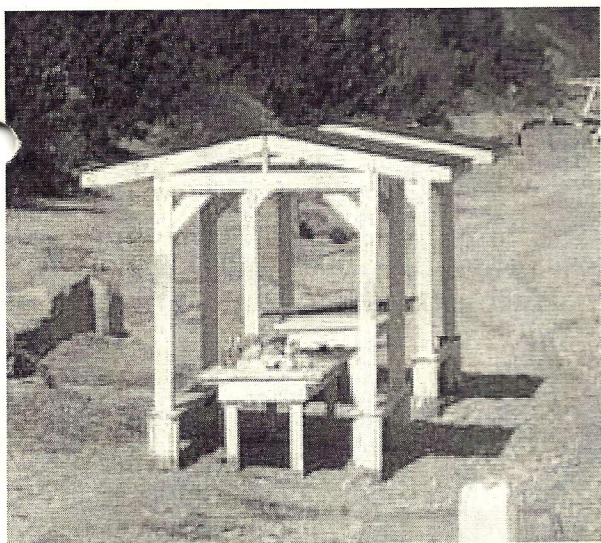
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Report From the Beach Commissioner

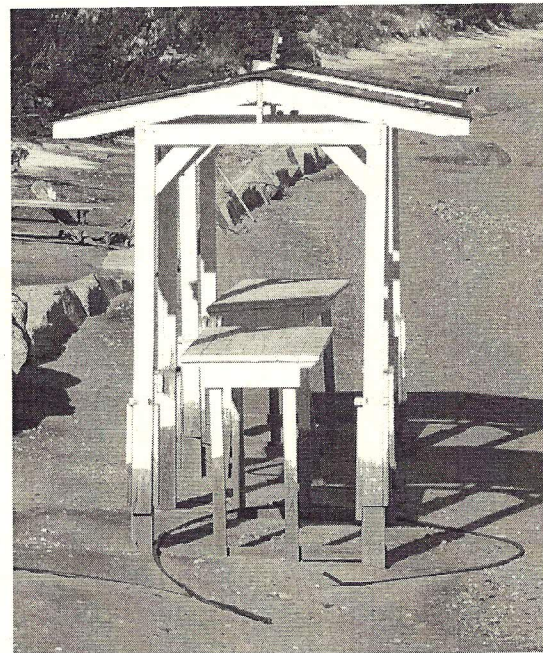
A mild winter? Some would say so, with only one significant snow storm and one minor one. Snowplows visited us twice which helped preserve the roads. Unlike last year, no potholes are noticeable.

The beach however didn't fare as well. The recent January storm actually did quite a bit of damage. Thankfully the parking lot wall held fast, except for one cement block toppling. The beach of course will be repaired. The parking lot will be graded, the fence re-installed

and both fireplaces rebuilt. Water will be connected but the electricity on the west side of the beach will not be restored.



Last Year



What can we do to better protect our beautiful facility? We invite all the homeowners on Seaside Drive to join with us in our effort to protect the cliffs. More information will be forthcoming but in the meantime, all ideas and recommendations are more than welcome.

Now

Sheila Knapp

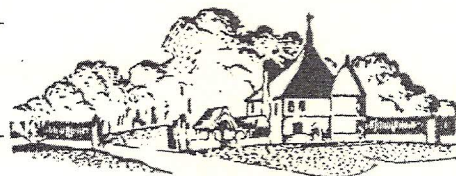
Beach Commissioner
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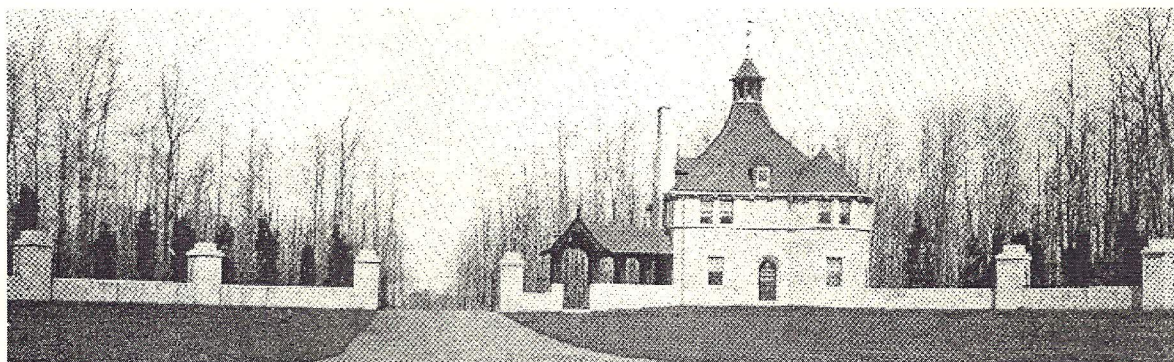
A special thanks to Pat Geelan for her dedication to the village and for her continued and tireless care of the village plants.





The Walls

by Nancy Orth



Judging by the number of people who attended the January 7th presentation, people do care about history. In 2006 we are about to make history. One hundred years ago the entrance to Belle Terre was built. Now, one hundred years later, we are about to restore it. We have come to realize that architecture like this is too splendid to be sacrificed. To rebuild the entrance walls is in essence to preserve the symbol of Belle Terre. Posterity will know one hundred years hence that in the year 2006 the residents of Belle Terre, of their own volition, chose to preserve this entrance.

Many have given generously, but there are those who have not yet acted. This is not an exclusive project for the few, but an effort of the entire community. The project takes on meaning when everyone contributes. No less than one hundred per cent participation of the residents and property owners is the goal.

If you are among those who have not yet donated, please be as generous as possible. Give as much as you can, and don't wait. Give now. We would like to have all contributions by May 1st. Tax-deductible checks should be made payable to the Incorporated Village of Belle Terre with the mention "Save the Walls". If you do this quickly, work will begin in 2006. With everyone pitching in, we will make two beautiful walls re-emerge. You will have a spectacular entrance that you can be proud of, because YOU will have created it!

P.S. And by the way, **PLEASE CUT THE VINES!!!**

VINES

We have been pushing hard for residents to cut vines and save the trees. At Nancy Orth's presentation of Belle Terre's history, we all saw how Beautiful Belle Terre was in the past and the need to save what we have left hit home. It really will take all of us to stop the loss of our trees. BTCA's Beautification program is in full swing. They have several projects in hand for this year and need all the help that they can get. We remind you that it is easier to cut the vines before the leaves come out. If you do not know what to cut, someone will come and show you.

For help and to volunteer, call Pat Geelan 473 6245.

Pat Triant Retires

Patricia Triant is enjoying a well deserved retirement, after nearly 30 years of dedicated service to the Village of Belle Terre.

Pat became a Trustee in July of 1976 and was Deputy Mayor from November 1985 to August 1994. She was our Chief Fiscal Officer guiding the village with banking investments and oversaw the preparation and presentation of the yearly budget.

She also served as Youth Program Commissioner, and took a great interest in our Beach Camp and summer operations.

Pat is married to Doctor Tasos Triant and has two daughters, Ann and Lenny. Now with the title of Grandmother she is still kept pretty busy.



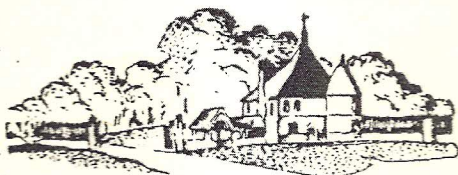
Thank you Pat for all your years of service. Enjoy your retirement.



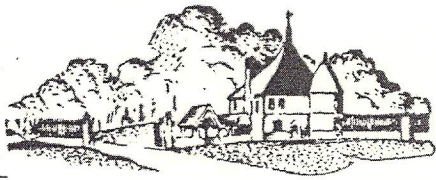
A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words

Thank you Belle Terre Community Association, for keeping us cheerful through the winter.

Ted Lucki, Mayor



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Out and About in Belle Terre

- by Pat Stockdale

JANUARY 7th

The girl can pull 'em in! There was standing room only for the "History of Belle Terre" talk given by Nancy Orth, our historian. A walk through Belle Terre, with stops at notable places along the way,



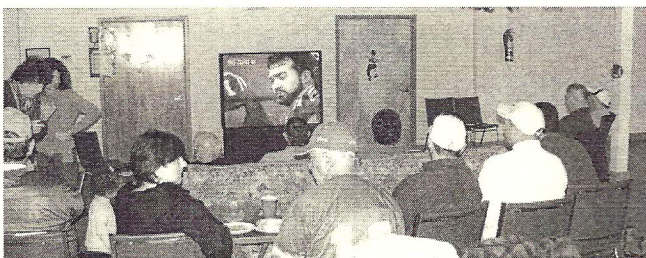
aided with slides. It was informative and interesting. All the more so because of Nancy's presentation and personal knowledge.

Nancy said that Gene Taylor prepared the slideshow for her. He did a TREMENDOUS amount of work - Three days of non-stop scanning. He knew exactly which screen to buy and used his own top-notch equipment for the projection.

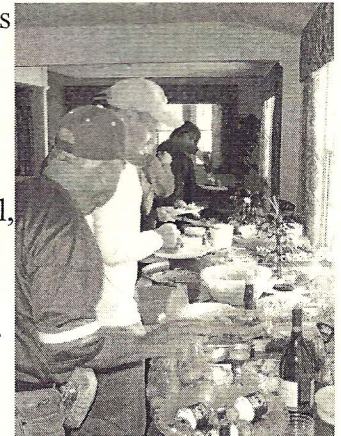
A lot of work went into making the evening enjoyable. Thank you Nancy, Gene and thank you to Ellen Ferrigno and her team, Pat Geelan, Joanne Cornell and Judy Zaino for doing all the background work that goes unsung, but is very necessary.

JANUARY 15TH

The boys came up trumps! They may have



forgotten things like spatulas but they remembered the beer. Grant Geelan and Gary Ferrigno did an excellent job on the football afternoon. The atmosphere was cheerful, the food was delicious and the company interesting. I know nothing about football, but I had a good time as did everybody.



JANUARY 22nd

B.T.C.A's second 'Theater Night' was to see 'Barefoot In The Park'. It was an amusing piece of fluff.

I was quite worn out watching the young star dashing from one side of the set to the other all through the play.

As usual for a Theatre Three production it was well done.

MARCH 5th



Pancake Breakfast

Another hit for the boys. BTCA's pancake breakfast, chaired by Joe Camarda, was a huge hit. The food was delicious - our compliments to the chefs. There were far too many workers to list individually. Just think of all the "usual suspects" and you have the volunteers.

Volunteers.

BTCA put out a questionnaire on future events. A clam bake came in as the most popular, followed by a spaghetti dinner. However we forgot to ask how many members would be willing to chair an event or even help out - if only for an hour. The next event will be the 'pot luck supper' May 13th. We will need help setting up and cleaning up. We need new people to come forward and help, particularly if we want to put on more events.

To volunteer, Phone Pat Stockdale 473 4801.

Dear Deer

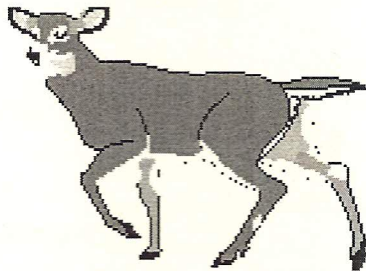
One should go to at least a couple of monthly Trustee's meetings. Our Constable Commissioner's reports alone are worth a visit. I don't know if it's in the telling, but sometimes they are hilarious.

One never knows what is going to come up. At February's meeting it was deer.

Residents are concerned at the increased sightings on Cliff Road. I think I must be the only Resident that likes them. I am such a sap that if they appeared on my property I would feed them my day-lilies by hand.

Many suggestions were made about controlling them. Contraception seemed to catch on and I was asked to make inquiries. I will leave it to your imagination to guess at the jokes I received.

However I took it seriously. As of this writing all the people I have contacted know about it, but not how to do it.



Acrobatics

I am fed up with the squirrels pinching the bird seed at our feeders. So, one Saturday afternoon Roy put up a wire, soda bottles and pulleys contraption.

This was a Dave McAnaney invention, that works very well in his garden. However in ours, the little acrobats decided to show us and swung on the

wire like the man on the flying trapeze.

I gave up and bought a squirrel-proof feeder, trouble is that the birds can't get at it either.

WAS YOUR CHRISTMAS TIP STOLEN?

With the holiday spirit in mind, I'm sure that many of us leave tips for the Postal Delivery person and for the Gentlemen who take our garbage.

This year, as in the past, I happily taped the Christmas envelope to the top of the Garbage can, the night before the early pickup. My garbage is generally picked up between six and seven AM. At about four AM, my dogs rushed downstairs and started vigorously barking. I assumed it was our friendly non resident raccoon. So, I elected to ignore their call.

At about six AM, I went outside to place some more garbage, and I noticed that the Holiday Card was missing but the garbage was still there. At that time I realized that the card had been taken.

When I told the sanitation truck driver about it, he said that he had noticed an unfamiliar car driving around the neighborhood.

So, it occurred to me that if I hadn't gone outside early in the morning, I would have assumed that the tip was received by the person intended. In addition, the Sanitation man would not have known that I left a tip.

Was your Christmas tip stolen?

Elliot Taynor
17 Bell Circle

The Mayor suggested that in future it might solve the problem if we leave our tips at the village office. We will let you know of possible arrangements later this year

Nightly Escapades

A number of cases have been reported in Belle Terre of destruction of mailboxes.

Tampering with the mail is not only annoying but every one should know that it is also a federal crime.

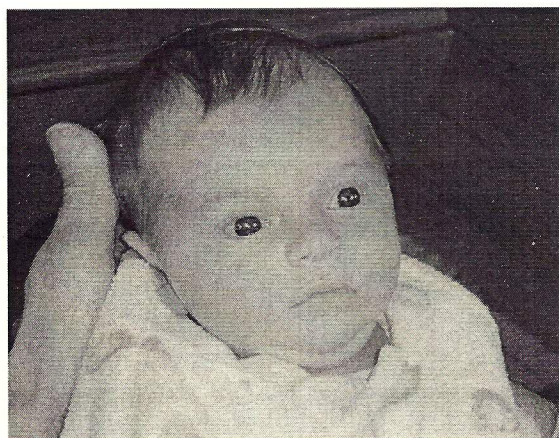


BELLE TERRE BABIES

Nancy Orth's Grandson

Here is Max Paulus, born to Alan and Danielle Paulus on January 3rd. In this picture he's 20 minutes old!

He was born at 9:47 PM on January 3rd. His weight was 8lbs 9 oz and his height was 21 ¼ in.

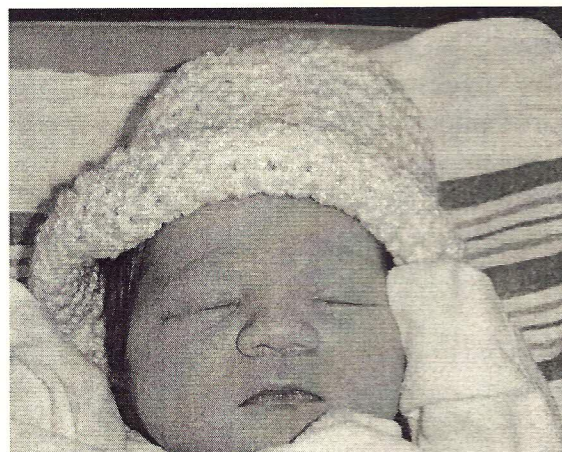


Double pleasure for Joanne and William Raso, after the births of babies to each of their two daughters.

Kyle Peter Wood, Born January 12th to parents Jennifer & Mike. Weight: 7 lbs 12 oz. and 20" long.

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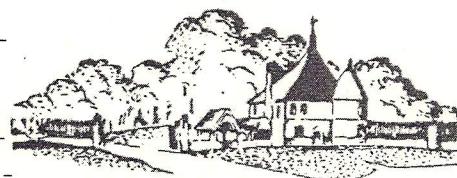
Joanna Rose Brotherton, born on February 8th to parents Jaclyn and Ken. Weight: 7 lbs 5 oz. and length 20 1/4",



Congratulations to the proud parents and grandparents.

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Belle Terre Community Association



Celebrating the 75th anniversary of Belle Terre's incorporation, this archival long-lasting DVD is a recording of Village Historian Nancy Orth's January 7, 2006 presentation "The History of Belle Terre."

The program covers land purchase from the Indians, the Strong family ownership of Oakwood, and Dean Alvord's creation of the Belle Terre Club and Gatehouse in the early 1900's. Included is the legal battle against sand and gravel companies that led to the incorporation of Belle Terre on January 8, 1931. The finale presents Dean Alvord's great-grandchildren Scott and Julie Alvord.

Donation of \$20 to BTCA

Please allow 4 weeks for delivery.

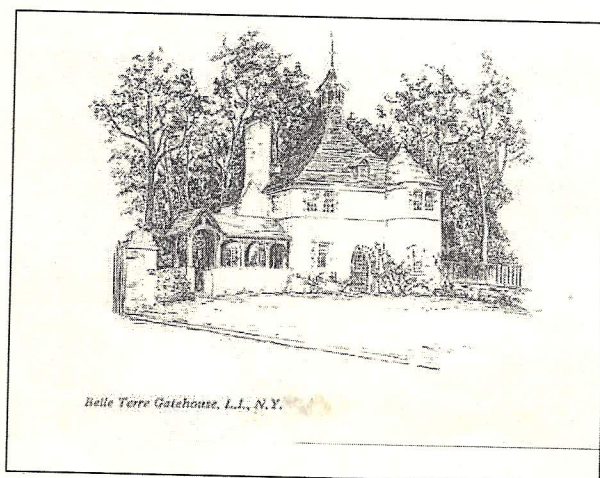
Note Cards

Fifteen note cards with 1960 pen and ink drawing of the Belle Terre Gatehouse by artist Carol Blank

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To purchase these items, make your check payable to the Belle Terre Community Association with the mention "DVD" and/or "Note Cards."

Please mail your check to Judy Zaino
24 Club Road
Belle Terre, N.Y. 11777
Tel. 476-1705\



OUR IMPORTANT DRAINAGE

There are approximately 68 drains throughout the village, including 2 new ones installed last year on Motts Hollow Rd.

Village personnel takes care of keeping the surface clear of leaves, but periodically the drains need to be cleaned professionally. Sand, dirt, leaves, etc accumulate at the bottom and they do not empty properly. Special equipment is needed to do this at a cost of \$300 to \$750 per drain depending on the size. This was done earlier this year to three drains on Seaside Drive that have been flooding the road for a number of years, as well as one on Beach Rd. at Sunset Path.



Each year the village tries to allocate some money in the budget to thoroughly clean several drains.

Everyone has seen the mess or devastation that occurs when their own or the road drainage is not doing its job.

Thank you William Raso (Road Commissioner) and Joanne Raso for this information

VILLAGE DIRECTORY

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MAYOR.....	Ted Lucki	331-4907	Zoning Board of Appeals	Ken Gaul	928-5891
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.....	Lauren McKay	928-8083	Conservation Comm....	Dave McAnaney	928-0020
Clerk-Treasurer.....	Lee Paige-Ekstrom	928-0020	Constable Comm.....	Bob Sandak	474-8686
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer	Joanne Raso	928-0020	Chief Constable.....	Robert Walker	928-5785
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer	Kathy Sampogna	928-0020	Fire Marshall (page)....	Cathy Evans Masci	928-0020
Village Attorney.....	James von Oiste	473-7676	Historian.....	Nancy Orth	473-1078
Village Justice.....	Charles Russo	265-7200	Parks Commissioner....	Lauren McKay	928-8083
Associate Justice.....	Stephen N. Straus	473-5105	Parks Commission:..	Lauren McKay, Sheila Knapp, & Myron Ledbetter	
Court Clerk.....	Elaine Freda	473-5105	Road Commissioner...	William Raso	928-0020
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Building Inspector.....	Cathy Evans-Masci	928-0020	Newsletter.....	Pat & Roy Stockdale	473-4801
Technology Advisor.....	Ken Weiss	928-0020			

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



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