

BELLE TERRE NEWS

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Beautiful Belle Terre

I hope that you all enjoyed the glorious show the daffodils put on for us. It was breathtaking, coming around the bend on Cliff Road and seeing the yellow waves of flowers.

In the last issue I asked you all to watch the space by the notice board at the Community Center. Once it was a mass of vines that were endangering a very old, large evergreen tree. A resident landscaper very kindly used his workers to pull out the vine for us and level the plot. Then our beautification committee took over, planting bushes and seedlings.

The ladies of the Suwassett Garden Club donated a flowering pear tree for the space. Now look at it!



We send our grateful thanks to the members of the Suwassett Garden Club.
I am sure we will all enjoy the renovated corner for years to come.

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF BELLE TERRE
RULES and REGULATIONS for
BELLE TERRE BEACH 2006

*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. (Life-guard 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 REUSE 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.
15. Water is provided for showering and washing., Please do not allow children to play with the fixtures.
16. 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.

Port Jefferson Volunteer Ambulance.

This years' Belle Terre Election ballot will contain a proposition regarding the Port Jefferson Volunteer Ambulance Corp. It is called "LOSAP" or Length of Service Award Program.

What this means is when a Volunteer Ambulance person reaches the age of 65 they will be entitled to a pension benefit equal to \$20.00 a month for each year of service that award program service credit was earned. The funding for this program will be shared by 3 entities:

The Town of Brookhaven	paying 51%	or about \$17,650
The Village of Port Jefferson	paying 44 %	or about \$15,050
The Village of Belle Terre	paying 5%	or about \$2,300.

There are no guarantees that these costs won't change, but the percentages will remain the same.

This referendum is totally up to you, *so please vote on Tuesday June 20th from Noon until 9:00 PM*

Life Saving Donation

We would like to thank Mr and Mrs Landau of Old Homestead for donating that unique life saving boat to the Village. It will come in very handy during the summer beach season.

Deaths

We are sad to say we have lost two residents these last two months:

Ann Ryan, (June 24,1918 May 13th 2006) Ann is survived by her husband Thomas(Joe) .

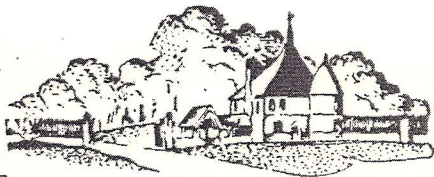
Also, Robert J Kramer (April 14 1909-June 5 2006) Bob is survived by his wife Mildred.

Both long time residents of Belle Terre

Wanton Vanadalism

On Sunday 6th. June, in the early hours, the two beach toilets were severely vandalized. The doors were kicked in, the plumbing and the ceramic tanks were deliberately destroyed. This damage was conducted not long after the village constables had made a check.





Out and About in Belle Terre

- *by Pat Stockdale*

The phrase 'Ladies of the Beautification Committee' conjures up ladies in sun hats, wearing gardening gloves planting seedlings with a dainty trowels.



Don't you believe it! Our gals are tough; they are out there on the cold days of January putting in the last of the bulbs. Before the leaves come out they are crawling through bushes, with snippers, big enough to cut your arm off, chopping vines off the trees. Those seedlings, I mentioned, need manure, commonly called muck, to feed on. From April to early May our ladies are up to their knees in the stuff.

I have dubbed our beautification workers:

'The Honorable Members of the Muck Raking Society'.

If you wish to become a member of the most elite club in Belle Terre you will need an hour or two to spare, gloves and a rake.

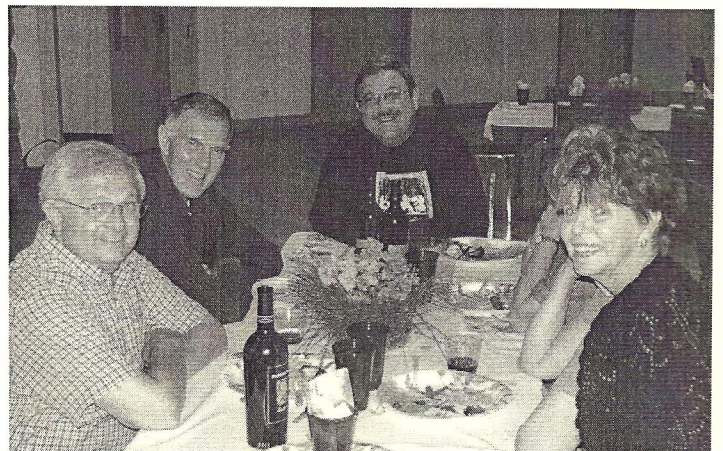


Breast Cancer Walk

The Mather Hospital 'Breast Cancer Walk' took place on May 6th. This year Belle Terre residents were not asked to assist in giving out water and apples. We did however, provide police support.

Pot-Luck Supper

On May 13th we had the 'Pot Luck Supper'. I think it was a success, the food looked as tasty as ever. I was not feeling up to par so I left early. I thank everyone that tucked in to help, both setting up and cleaning up.



BTCA Membership

Here is a good place to remind everyone that the BTCA put on some very nice events. Please join in and attend them. You will meet good people and have an interesting time.

The next event will be the Fourth of July Bar-B-Que. See you all there!

Last Hurrah

Before going to this season's last show 'PIPPIN' many of BTCA members met in Pat and Grant Geelan's beautiful garden. We had a delicious meal, catered by Paula Dwyer. We all got to the show on time with no hassle. --- A first!

'PIPPIN' was great very well done, upbeat and tuneful. It was enjoyed by all. Many patrons left swinging their hips to the music.

Our last outing on June 11th went off smoothly, due to the generosity of Pat and Grant donating their garden. A big thank you from us all.



ELECTION DAY

**DON'T FORGET TO
VOTE TUESDAY**

20TH JUNE.

**Polls open noon to
9:00 PM.**

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Emergency Preparedness

by Bob Sandak

Through my work, I have become a certified shelter operator for the American Red Cross and a member of an advisory group to the Nassau County Office of Emergency Preparedness. As such, I have had an opportunity to attend planning sessions with both the Director of Emergency Services for the Nassau County Red Cross and the Director of Emergency Preparedness (Office of Emergency Management) for Nassau County.

Based on these experiences, I feel that it is important for all of us, in Belle Terre, to be familiar with what a "real" hurricane, or other disaster, might mean to our community and how we might prepare for that eventuality.

The last category III (three) hurricane, dubbed *The Long Island Express*, hit the Island on September 21, 1938, the same day that Hitler invaded Poland. There were no accurate long range weather forecasts back then and when the hurricane hit the east end of Long Island no one was expecting it. Winds were sustained at 121mph with gusts to 186mph. Ocean waves were recorded at 50 feet in height and the storm surge was 17 feet above normal high tide. The results of the hurricane were 700 deaths, 63,000 people made homeless, 3,300 boats lost, 26,000 automobiles destroyed, 20,000 miles of electric and telephone wires downed, 1,700 livestock killed and 750,000 chickens lost. Throughout New York and New England it is estimated that 2 billion trees were destroyed. The hurricane was strong enough to breach the south fork and barrier beaches in 13 places. It created the Shinnecock Inlet and widened the Moriches Inlet, which was first created by a storm in 1931. The majority of the breaches were filled with the debris from trains, cars, trees, and destroyed structures. Winds were so strong that salt water spray covered government buildings in Montpelier Vermont.

Due to changes in water temperatures, in the Atlantic, forecasters have increased the likelihood of Long Island experiencing a hurricane. Predictions have historically estimated a 16% chance, or about one in six for a given year. Predictors have changed that to a greater than 30% chance, or one in three, for 2006 and each successive year in the near future.

What will this mean to us? These are the facts for Nassau County (sorry that's where I work), but you can extrapolate them for Suffolk.

If we believe that a Category III hurricane is going to cross Nassau County, 334,000 people need to be evacuated or sheltered prior to the storms landfall. In simple terms, everything south of the Southern State Parkway will be underwater from what is known as tidal inundation. After the storm passes an additional 100,000 people will be in need of shelter due to structural damage done to their homes by the winds. So Nassau County has to have a plan that can evacuate or shelter 434,000 people.

We know, through experience and coordinated planning, that the island will be "on its own" for 5 to 7 days before any Federal assistance begins to arrive. There are no food warehousing facilities on Long Island. Supermarkets on Long Island, generally, have two days supply of food on hand and are restocked nightly from warehouses in New Jersey. LIPA has estimated that power will be out on the Island for up to two months.

Shelters will be opened in public buildings such as schools but the numbers are disturbing. There are about 300 school buildings in all of Nassau County. If we have to shelter 434,000 people, that is over 1,400 people per building. Think of having 1,400 people living in Scraggy Hill or the High School for several weeks. They will need sleeping accommodations, meals, bathrooms, showers, medical attention, law enforcement, communications, etc.

So what can you do to prepare for this kind of emergency?

No matter where you are, you should know where to go in case of an emergency. You must have a plan in place ahead of time.

You should have an emergency plan for your family. It should include a communication system, disaster supply kit and a meeting place.

It is recommended that you identify a friend or family member outside of the state as an emergency contact. All members of your family should have this person's number and use this person as a point of contact.

All members of your family should agree on a meeting place, should you be away from home when a disaster strikes, or should you be forced out of your home during a disaster. Travel during emergencies will be very difficult so allow time for reunions to occur.

Whether sheltering in-place or evacuating to a local shelter, it is important to have essential items already prepared to either self-sustain at home or take with you to a shelter. If you are sheltering in place plan to be self sustaining for 72 hours.

In speaking with the members of the disaster preparedness team, off the record, I asked them what they had done, personally to prepare for a natural or man-made disaster. All had purchased at least one electric generator, some had more than one. All had stored food and water to last for two weeks for their extended families. All had established their homes as the meeting place for family members. Some had purchased plywood sheets to be used for closing up windows. All had taken steps to secure and protect their homes against unwanted guests. (Most have law enforcement backgrounds and have concerns that lawlessness may prevail.)

Disaster Survival

Consider the following items when assembling a disaster kit:

- Toiletries
- Flashlight, portable radio, extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Prescription / life-sustaining medications (5 to 7 day supply)
- Non-perishable canned or packaged food
- Water (one gallon per person per day)
- Childcare items (food, diapers, etc.)
- Checkbook, cash, credit cards, ATM card
- Auxiliary medical equipment (hearing aid, oxygen)
- List of all emergency contacts, doctors, current medications
- Medical alert bracelet
- Portable cooler with ice
- Plastic garbage bags
- Plywood or other shuttering materials for windows, etc.

Consider these additional items when preparing to evacuate to a shelter:

- Important papers (valid identification, proof of address, insurance policies)
- Sleeping bag, blanket, pillow
- Extra clothing, rain gear
- Sturdy hard soled shoes
- A cell phone with a spare battery

If you are evacuating to a shelter, before you leave:

- Secure windows and shutters with plywood
- Secure outdoor furniture
- Top-off car with gas
- Turn off electricity at main switch on breaker panel
- Shut gas valve at the appliance
- Let friends, relatives or neighbors know where you are going

VILLAGE DIRECTORY

PLEASE RETAIN THIS DIRECTORY NEAR YOUR TELEPHONE

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	Lynn Bohlen	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
Planning Board.....	John J. Lovett	928-0020	Youth Program Comm ...	Francoise Schachner	331-4553
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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