



# BELLE TERRE NEWS

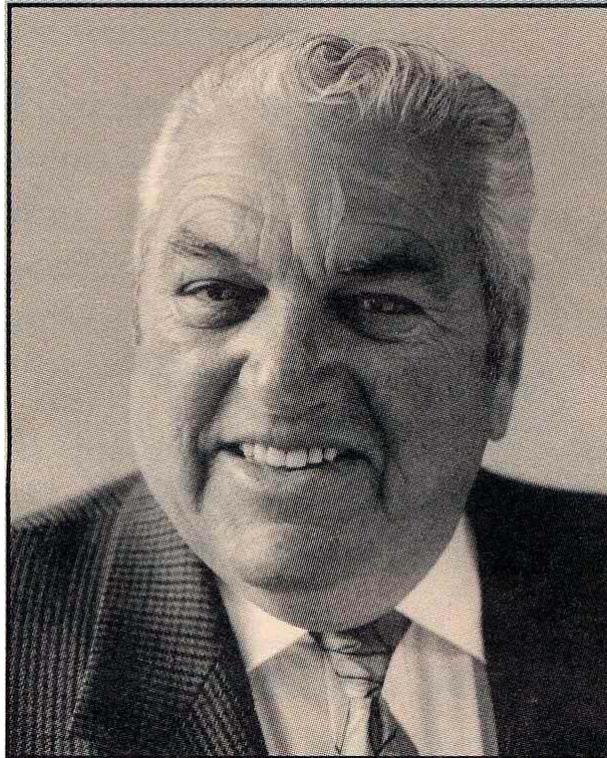
OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE

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Former Mayor Vincent Bove Died September 4th after a long illness.

Business-man, philanthropist, and our Mayor for 28 years, he will be sorely missed.



Our condolences are extended to Mayor Bove's wife Loretta, his two children Louis and Virginia, his two grandchildren and the rest of his family.

## Office Notes

When calling the Town of Brookhaven for appliance/metal recycling pick up, be sure to specify Belle Terre Village, as they no longer pick up in Port Jefferson Village.

Please! No yard waste or grass clippings with kitchen refuse. They should be disposed of privately.

Residents that are bothered with sales people or anyone soliciting at their door, should put a "No Solicitation" sign on their door or mailbox. There are rules that anyone soliciting should go by, they must call in at the office or the constable's office before going around, but many don't.

For all items such as alarms going off, or suspicious persons/vehicles, call "911." It wastes time calling the office first. 911 goes out over the airways and if our constables are on duty they will pick it up.

The Dumpster at the Community Centre is only intended for people using the building. When used, garbage should be put in the dumpster, **not on the ground in front or behind it**. No large objects such as furniture or building refuse should be left there.

Homeowners should also be aware that the refuse collector is forbidden to pick up any large refuse on his regular round, so do not leave any at the roadside until the appointed pick-up date.

Thank you.

## Retirement

Lee Paige has retired from her Clerk Treasurer duties, not her office duties. Lee was appointed in September 1984 and has held the job for the longest

time in Belle Terre History. Thank you Lee, from all of us, for your dedication.

## James von Oiste Retirement

After 38 years of loyal and devoted service, James has retired from his position as Village Attorney.

Thank you Jim for your continuous energy and devotion.

## July 4th Inauguration

Trustee and Building Commissioner Grant Geelan, Deputy Mayor Sheila Knapp, and Mayor Ted Lucki being inaugurated by Village Attorney James von Oiste.



## Welcome

Eileen A. Powers (shown third from the left, in the photograph below) has joined the village as the new Village Attorney.

Good luck and best wishes.

## Commissioners Swearing-in Ceremony - July 18th

### Left to Right:

Lee Paige Ekstrom, Joanne Raso, Eileen A Powers, Ken Weiss, James Catterson, Dave McAnaney, Francoise Schachner, Lauren McKay, Sheila Knapp, Grant Geelan, William Raso.

(Board positions are listed in the Village Directory on the back page of this News Letter.)





# Out and About in Belle Terre - by Pat Stockdale

## July 4th Beach Party

Wouldn't you know! Just at dishing-up time the skies opened up and poured. Thank goodness the organizers had set up the food at the Community Center. I am told all went well (I was not there) and everyone went back to the beach for the fire works display.

## Fire

We send our condolences to the Halegoua family for the fire at their house. We wish you a speedy rebuild.

## Coming Events

BTC A Ballroom Dancing Lessons. Friday Sept 8, 15, 29. Oct 6, 13, 20. 7:30 to 9:00 PM (No classes on Sept 22).

BTC A Residents Party. Sunday Oct 22nd  
Craft Fair November 18th  
Theatre outings start on October 22nd.

## Historic Belle Terre

I hope that you had a chance to see the collection of photographs in the Port Jefferson Village Center. It is difficult to believe that many of these

## Election

I want to thank all who voted for me. Your votes show a confidence in me for the next two years. Most of you know that I run a business in Riverhead, well there is a saying there that when Ted is away the business runs better.

It's like that in the village, the Trustees, the Commissioners, the Ladies putting in flowers even the people picking up trash while they are walking all work together to keep Belle Terre the beautiful place that it is.

I am lucky to be working with such competent people. Thank you all again for your votes.

Ted Lucki

excellent photographs originated as much smaller postcards.

## 75th Anniversary Party

This was postponed because of the sad death of our former Mayor, Vincent Bove. The date has been rescheduled to October 8th.

## Belle Terre Youth Program at the 4th of July Parade.

Included in this photo are: L to R:

Anique Schachner, Trustee Grant Geelan, Ali San Roman, Adrianna San Roman, Mayor Ted Lucki, Youth Program, Commissioner Francoise Schachner, Trustee Lauren McKay, Deputy Mayor Sheila Knapp, Trustee Bob Sandak, Steven Weigman, Aquatics Director Arielle Schachner, General Director Samantha Abelson, Adam Cassidy, Andrew Anderson.





## Belle Terre Anecdotes 2006

One morning I anxiously awaited the arrival of the garbage truck. One of the cans had remained full after the previous pick-up, and I wanted to make sure it got emptied. After the driver gave the can a swift upside down toss, it came back down full as ever. "Why doesn't he just pull it out?" I thought. I sprang out the door to say there was food in there and ask him politely if he would please empty the can. A surprising conversation ensued.

He extended a palm with a rather long scar and explained that his last foray into a can had led to six stitches. The can had contained camouflaged broken glass. Horrified, I promised NEVER to throw broken glass into MY cans! "Don't they give you gloves?" I asked. He said the strong, protective kind hinder the movement of the fingers, making it difficult to grasp anything.

The recalcitrant can did get emptied that day, and once again I came away thinking, "You just never know...". I didn't ask if the accident had taken place in Belle Terre.

Here's a true story that happened on Bell Circle. During the postwar 1950's Belle Terre's woods were buzzing with construction. Mr. Merchant had already built his new ranch on the corner of Bell Circle and Cliff Road. Mr. Edgerly from Brookhaven Lab was about to build his ranch directly across the road. Mr. Merchant pointed out to Mr. Edgerly that as the plans stood, his house would infringe upon both their privacy. Would Mr. Edgerly consider building his house a bit farther west?

Farther west Mr. and Mrs. Wick were planning to build their new house. It so happened that a vacant lot was lying in wait between the two proposed homes. Mr. Edgerly and the Wicks put their heads and their pocketbooks together. They bought the intervening lot, split it, and both moved their plans a notch westward to Mr. Merchant's delight, and, undoubtedly, to the delight of today's occupants. With good neighbors, "all's well that ends well."

### Belle Terre's Pat Geelan

Through gardening I have come to know and like Pat Geelan. I always admire people who get things done, especially with a smile, and she is one of those.

I wish there were some kind of barometer that could measure the amount of pleasure felt each time someone drove by the flower garden on Cliff Road this summer. The reading would be high. All that pleasure, folks, we owe to Pat and her crew.

Let there be no mistake about it. Gardening is slow, patient, backbreaking work that requires persistence as well as a good aesthetic sense. Gardeners nurture daily. They stare and ponder, experiment, and plan for the future of those who will come after them. To Pat and her gardeners, please know how much we appreciate all that you are doing.

## Belle Terre's Laurel



The beauty of Belle Terre's laurel cannot possibly have escaped you this past June.

The pictures below help us understand laurel. When laurel gets old, it gets tall and leggy with few leaves and flowers (picture 1), but when cut back rather severely, (pictures 2), not just trimmed, like the legendary phoenix that rises in youthful freshness from its own ashes, laurel regenerates and forms tight clusters of vigorous green leaves. The regeneration process takes time. You will have to wait a year or two to have blossoms, but if you cut back your leggy laurel in the fall, the long term results will be magnificent!



Nancy Orth

### Community Center

We are trying something new. We have a wonderful facility and we would like to make it more affordable, as well as to increase its utilization by offering a three-tiered fee structure.

You will now have the ability to rent the courtroom, as well as the large room for two or four hours. Here are the fees:

	Time	Cost	Inspection fee	Cleaning fee	Refundable Security
<b>REDUCED:</b>					
<b>Court room</b>	2 hrs	\$50	\$50	no*	\$350
	4 hrs	\$100	\$50	no*	\$350
<b>Large room</b>					
<b>Inc. kitchen</b>	2 hrs	\$200	\$50	\$100	\$350
<b>FULL:</b>					
<b>Large room</b>	4 hrs	\$400	\$50	\$100	\$350

\* Court room is expected to be returned to its original condition. Should cleaning be necessary, it will be withheld from security.

The facility, or any part thereof, shall be limited to private functions. No Rentals will be permitted for businesses, for profit or monetary activities.

Keys to the building for all affairs, will be given out by the Inspector. No one can Rent any part of the building during the daytime while the Youth Program is in effect.

Applications and reservations can be obtained from the Gate House.

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# BELLE TERRE BROADWAY 2006 - JUNIOR ANNIE



I defy anyone to go to this event and not come out with a smile in their heart. It was an edited version of "Annie" and totally delightful. From the tiny little one that cried "Mama" to the six foot something young man that played 'Daddy Warbucks'. You just had to love them all.

The work that went into this production was phenomenal.

*Well done everybody!*

Pat Stockdale





## **New Roof**

Many residents will have seen the work going on as our village center roof was being replaced. This replacement has been necessary for quite a few years, because of deterioration and leaks.

## **Thank You Bill**

On behalf of the Belle Terre trustees and all residents of the village, I would like to publicly thank Bill Raso for volunteering his time and much appreciated expertise to supervise the replacement of the community center roof. His

kind efforts resulted in savings of thousands of dollars for the village.

Grant T. Geelan  
Buildings Commissioner

## **THE CALL OF THE WALL**

Among many other village topics, the “Save the Wall” movement is getting its share of buzz activity. At first blush, my guess is that the original proposal resulted in a skeptical “pie in the sky” opinion. That feeling was strictly my own, but it was also accompanied by an equally strong desire that it could be accomplished. It would truly enhance our present entrance and gatehouse, which I find already impressive.

As months passed by, my wishy-washy attitude turned to downright enthusiasm propelled, for the most part, by the various contractor’s presentations shown at the ‘save the wall kick off



party’ graciously hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frey at their home. A few ‘rum and cokes’ and I was ready to ask Mr. Gorbachev to start the process (and also put up a new one)!

A good part of my enthusiasm is based on the delightful reaction I get whenever I pass through the Belle Terre entrance. I know that there are those out there who might scoff at the notion but it is an uplift to me every time the eagle sentries watch my smile as go by.

My wife, Pat and I moved from Queens to Port Jefferson Station in 1965 and whenever we had friends or relatives visiting, we usually showed them the local sites, which, more often than not, included a ride through the Village of Belle Terre, so we could exhibit where the “well to-do” lived. Our guests oohed and aahed, along with us, as we toured this pristine locale, taking in the quiet atmosphere and beautiful homes.

As fate sometimes has it, nine years ago, Pat and I were fortunate to stumble upon a home for sale that fit both our personality and our budget. It would be proper to say, however, that our status is more along the lines of ‘medium rare to-do’.

Since we have been in Belle Terre, the “Save the Wall” project is the most meaningful new undertaking that we have experienced in our short term residency. Our decision to support the wall did not come easy nor quickly and after hedging for months, we both finally agreed that the wall would really be a nice touch. Hopefully it will soon come to fruition. Is it my imagination or is that Ronald Reagan’s call I hear?

Grant T Geelan

# 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
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.....	Joanne Raso	928-0020	Constable Comm.....	Bob Sandak	474-8686
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer	Lee Paige-Ekstrom	928-0020	Chief Constable.....	Robert Walker	928-5785
Office Assistant	Lynn Bohlen	928-0020	Fire Marshall ....	James Makarius Jr.	928-0020
Village Attorney.....	Eileen A. Powers	727-8250	Historian.....	Nancy Orth	473-1078
Village Justice.....	Charles Russo	265-7200	Parks Commissioner....	Lauren McKay	928-8083
Associate Justice.....	James Catterson	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.  
**1.CURBY:** Glass, Metal, Plastics (1) & (2).      **2.** Newspapers, Cardboard (flattened and tied).



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