



# BELLE TERRE NEWS

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A photograph of a vibrant red cardinal perched on a pine branch. The cardinal is facing right, with its characteristic black face mask and bright red feathers. The pine needles are a deep green, and there is a dusting of white snow on the lower part of the branch. The background is dark and out of focus.

**Holiday Greetings  
and  
Best Wishes  
for a  
New Year  
Filled  
with Peace  
and  
Joy!**



## A LETTER FROM THE MAYOR



### A Holiday Message of Hope

I recently attended a child's birthday party in Belle Terre. In attendance were a wonderful mixture of friends, relatives and neighbor's that all loved Justin, the birthday boy. The fun food and games lasted into the evening and when we left, everyone was pleased with the precious time spent together.

On the ride home, my wife Lori asked me what I had been talking to Uncle Dom and Aunt Terri about for so long in the kitchen. I had missed some of the games and other festivities. I responded that Justin's Great Aunt and Uncle had, in the course of discussion, challenged every fiber of our social values, life style, morals, and beliefs. She asked how I could have gotten into such a "heavy" discussion at a child's birthday party and whether it was possible that I was overreacting to their comments. I said, "Well maybe, but I see them twice a year and I couldn't just sit there and take their same criticisms any more." Their condemnations went from race relations to methods of education to family values to marriage and divorce to politics and finally to the epidemic spoiling of our children.

I told Lori that, along the way, I had argued with these very bright and caring individuals about: the safety of our streets and neighborhoods; the quality of our educational system; the cost of living on Long Island; the proliferation of divorce; the changes in our society's sexual mores; the politics of "Big Oil"; the Arab world's influence on our daily lives; and finally how uncontrollably spoiled our children are. In general I was told, *"Everything made sense in the 1950's. The crazy 60's turned things upside down and flipped American values. We're riding a train into the basement of life. We're headed right straight to hell with no stops along the way. China will be running our world. We're handing it to them on a silver platter."*

I told Lori that I had won some of the arguments but lost others, until after several glasses of Merlot we arrived at the topic of spoiled children. "Did your parents provide the best they could for you?" I asked. Uncle Dom responded, *"Boy, life was rough in Brooklyn when I was a kid. Every penny counted."* Aunt Terri responded, *"I had to go to work at sixteen and gave my mother my whole check every week. We had 4 children in the family. The oldest three had to go to work at sixteen. My youngest sister was the only one that we could send to college. She was able to become a teacher. She was the first one in our entire family to go to college. I was so proud when she graduated. I remember that day 65 years ago. My mother cried during the graduation. My sister the teacher!"* I said, "Aunt Terri I love you and your stories. You make us appreciate our lives. We take so much for granted. Did your children have the opportunity to go to college?" *"Both of my sons finished college. One is a lawyer and you know Vinnie, he graduated as an engineer."* "Well Aunt Terri, did you help your children go to college? Encouragement, financial support, etc?" Aunt Terri responded, *"Yes, of course."* "Did one of them have to start working at sixteen to support the other in college?" *"No way would he"* "Did you take the risk of supporting them in college when you thought you might be spoiling them?" *"No way, I raised them right. We did not spoil our kids!"* Uncle Dom said, *"Well maybe a little, compared to the way we were raised."*

At that point we were exhausted. The debate had raged on for over an hour and we were starting to return to battles already fought earlier in the evening. Anthony, the birthday boy's father, who had been listening to the college stories made the following statement:

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“Every generation believes its struggles to succeed in life are momentous. They have overcome many obstacles to get where they are. The first thing they do is give the spoils of their success to their children. Giving to your children is the purest form of love one can show. Everyone in this family, everyone I know, loves to give to their children. Whether it is a material gift, advice, or love, we love to be able to spoil our children. We don’t call it spoiling. Every older generation calls the present generation spoiled. But who is doing the spoiling? Obviously, the older generation.”

I guess I looked dumbfounded. Uncle Dom and Aunt Terri were silent for at least 30 seconds. Then Aunt Terri said, “*Boy, when did my nephew become such a philosopher?*” I said, “Wow Anthony, I wish you were my father and could spoil me in my next life.” Anthony replied, “Ted you were spoiled. Your parents worked every day of their lives to prepare you to be able to spoil your children. So what is the difference between spoiling and love? It’s a matter of degree and only you can draw that line.”

There was no definitive winner in my arguments with Uncle Dom and Aunt Terri, and the discussion will start anew when I see them again at our 4<sup>th</sup> of July family reunion.

In the mean time I look forward to spoiling my children. I look forward to being spoiled by my loving wife and 84-year-old mother. I look forward to the freedom of choice that our generation has. We are lucky – “just plain lucky” - to be Americans and have that Freedom. That freedom to spoil and be spoiled!

Happy Holidays and Enjoy 2008

Sincerely,  
Ted Lucki

(Edited by Bob Sandak)



James M. Catterson lived in Belle Terre for 46 years and died at age 77 in October this year, after a short illness.

Mr. Catterson was a very private individual, but he was always willing to help the village with advice gathered from his long and distinguished law experience.





# *ROLL OF HONOR*

## **HONORS**

The idea of honoring a resident who has worked selflessly for the village has been tossed around for some time. Picking out just one person has been the problem, there are so many of you. So I am going to put down as many of the selfless workers that I can think of. If I leave anyone out please accept my apology.

## **ALL OF OUR THANKS TO:**

The ladies of the beautification committee, for our beautiful public gardens

Carol McAnaney	Nancy Darling	Judy Zaino	Helene Wechterman
Lois Weiss	Kathy Cleary	Pat Geelan	Ruth Sandak
Nancy Schmitz	Ellen Ferrigno	Jean Thomas	Shirley Teagarden

Nancy (vine killer) Orth, for all the things she does for Belle Terre, new and old.

Patrick and Jean Thomas, who walk the roads with plastic bags picking up garbage

Mike Sampogna, for rebuilding the beach walkway.

The wall committee.

Joanne Cornell	Rob Lofaso	Nancy Orth	Kathy Cleary
Grant Geelan	John May	Bill Raso	Chip Cleary
John Heide	Dave McAnaney	Bob Sandak	Phil Buonomo

Lorraine and Micheal Dogonieri, for restoring the entrance eagles

Vincent Parziale for donating equipment and manpower to remove the old wall.

Lou Bove who donated the top-soil for the entrance by the gates and machinery to spread it.

Arielle Schachner of the Youth Group. For her quick thinking at the beach when someone stepped on a nail in the water.

Roy Stockdale, for his hours at the computer formatting this newsletter.

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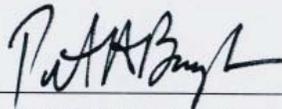
**New York State Conference of Mayors  
and Municipal Officials**

*presents this Thirty-Year Certificate  
of Public Service to*

***Frances Sheila Knapp***

In recognition of thirty years of distinguished public service to your community, the New York State Conference of Mayors is pleased and honored to publicly acknowledge your dedication and commitment.

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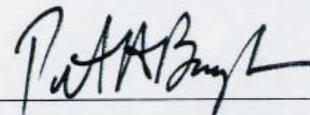
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# *Out and About in Belle Terre*

## **Belle Terre Boutique**



# Resident's Party

Nov 3rd was the annual residents party.

Everybody had a good time, there was lots of chat, eating and a smattering of imbibing. It is always good to get together with our neighbors.

The object of the party is to meet new

residents. We met the Rohmans the Buonos and the Nessengers.

Welcome to you all, and to any new resident that did not attend.



It looks like Nancy Orth's little grandson Max is all partied out.





**DOUBLE THE PLEASURE, DOUBLE THE FUN**

Sisters Helene and Amber Bruckner were recently cited as large part of the Port Jefferson field hockey team victory at the State finals in Syracuse.

“ The Bruckner girls are amazing” says their coach, Deborah Brown. “They don’t even talk to each other when they pass. Amber made a pass one time and I thought ‘where is that going?’ Then Helene was right there. It really is amazing to see some of the things they do for each other.”

(Quote from a Newsday article)

The sisters reside in Belle Terre and come from an athletic family. Way to go girls. Kudos from all of us and good luck for the future.



**GARDENING**

**LILACS**

**Should Lilacs be pruned?**

Yes, prune out most of the young suckers and all of the dead wood. Some of the older branches could be cut out also, to allow more light to reach the center of the plant. Allow each branch room to grow, and “top” it at 6ft. height. Prune just after blooming.

**What can be done to prevent Lilacs from suckering?**

There is no preventive measure, but once started this suckering habit should be stopped immediately merely by cutting out a majority of the young suckers.

From 10,000 Gardening Questions by F.F. Rocckwell

*The Cardinal picture on the first page was from the Birds & Blooms magazine.*

**Scarecrows**

It was a good idea. What fun. A scarecrow competition. I was excited as the entries went up on Cliff Road. Then on Saturday October 13th, we saw them torn apart, I was heartsick. I spent the day plotting revenge on the lousy creep that did it only to find out that it was the deer. However a human lousy creep set one on fire a week later, probably the same creep that drew a swastika on Beach road.

We are not going to let this deter us, next year we will be more vigilant.

Kudos to, the McCullough, Nash, Kenah, Rohman and Zaino families for their scarecrows

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**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**

There was an open meeting on November 20th about the proposed architectural review board. I personally found it most interesting. There was much discussion of the pros and cons. Many questions and many points of view. We were given a lot to think about. The meeting was very orderly and the speakers articulate.

Our elected trustees are working very hard trying to keep the delicate balance between resident’s individual rights and the wishes of most of us to keep the integrity of our unique village.

I, for one, am very grateful to all of them for the hours and the dedication they spend on keeping this village ticking along.

**Pat Stockdale**

**OFFICE NOTES**

**Snow Removal**

Winter weather is on its way. May we remind you to please not push snow from your driveways onto the road? It is illegal and dangerous.

**Garbage**

Please secure any liquids. If you don’t, your mess usually ends up on a neighbors driveway.



# FALL COLORS



**It is easy during our busy day to miss the beauty that nature has to show us in our own neighborhood.**

**I am sure that many people drive past these scenes and others, without noticing them.**





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**WOMEN'S WEIGHT TRAINING & BODY TONING CLASS**  
**Beginners - Intermediate**

**ANNUAL '08 WINTER CLASS NOW FORMING AT THE...BELLE TERRE  
COMMUNITY CENTER**

**Mondays & Thursdays 9-10am Join 10 or 20 sessions**

**These classes are designed to help increase flexibility, upper and lower body strength, oxygen intake, improve osteoporosis, decrease depression & help decrease elevated blood pressure.**

**HAVE FUN TOO!!! INTERESTED? CALL ELLYN & INQUIRE 631-375-6943**

**Belle Terre Community Association presents Ballroom Dancing Lessons  
with Stephanie & Lucio Costanzo**

**Fridays. January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2008 - 7:30 to 9:00 PM**

**Vincent Bove Belle Terre Community Center 55 Cliff Road. Belle Terre**

**\$75 per couple; BTCA members \$65 per couple Questions ? Call Joanne 928-7013**

## **WELCOME TO BELLE TERRE**

### **2007 NEW RESIDENTS**

Mourtzikos & Conception

Cangemi, Laura and John.

Rohman, Alexander and Rebecca

OngHai, Benson and Patricia

Tantillo, Raymond and Aimee

Hildreth, John, Luca, Joseph and Wendy

Nessenger, family

### **Baby Boy**

The Lewis' of 36 Beach Road, Belle Terre, New York, welcomed Nicholas Keith Lewis, 21 inches, 7lbs. 8 ounces on 9/21/07.



Nicholas' family, e.g., TJ, Jessie, Courtney and Bryce are very proud of their new sibling. Todd Lewis

### **Baby Girl**

Sadie Adalyn Salzman

October 10, 2007 7:11 PM

7 lbs. 3 oz. 19 inch

Parents Vanessa & Daniel Salzman. Who both grew up in Belle Terre.

Grandparents Linda & Ken Gaul and Carol Salzman.

*Thank you for your support*

# BELLE TERRE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION EVENTS FOR 2008

This calendar will be mailed to each resident in Belle Terre. PLEASE check the Belle Terre Website for information regarding any of these events, including times, who to contact, etc. The website is [www.BelleTerre.us](http://www.BelleTerre.us) We welcome your suggestions, participation and hope we can count on your support in all our endeavors.

January	1/18	Children's Movie Night
	1/20	Sunday Football
February		
March	3/2	Pancake Breakfast
	3/16	Egg Hunt
April	4/2 - 4/9 - 4/16	Boating Classes
	4/20 raindate 4/27	Wall Dedication
May		
June	6/7	Casino Night
July	7/26 raindate 7/27	Lobster-Steak Bake
August		
September	9/20	Wine Tasting Night
October	10/1-31	Scarecrow Display
	10/19	Resident Fall Party
November	11/22	Holiday Boutique
December	12/7	Children's Holiday Party

# 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.....	Joanne Cornell-May	473-3028	Conservation Comm....	Dave McAnaney	928-0020
Clerk-Treasurer.....	Joanne Raso	928-0020	Constable Comm.....	Bob Sandak	474-8686
Office Assistant	Louise Smit	928-0020	Chief Constable.....	Robert Walker	928-5785
Village Attorney.....	Eileen A. Powers	727-8250	Fire Marshall ....	James Makarius Jr.	774-3706
Village Justice.....	Charles Russo	265-7200	Historian.....	Nancy Orth	473-1078
Court Clerk.....	Elaine Freda	473-5105	Parks Commissioner....	Joanne Cornell-May	473-3028
Planning Board.....	Vincent DeStefano	928-0020	Parks Commission:..	Joanne Cornell-May, Sheila Knapp, & Myron Ledbetter	
Building Inspector.....	Cathy Evans-Masci	928-0020	Road Commissioner...	William Raso	928-0020
Technology Advisor.....	Ken Weiss	928-0020	Youth Program Comm ...	Francoise Schachner	928-0020
			Newsletter.....	Pat & Roy Stockdale	473-4801

**BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS:** Third Tuesday of every month unless otherwise posted.  
**VILLAGE CLERK:** 928-0020 \* FAX 928-7971.      **PASSPORT AGENT HOURS:** Call Office.  
**VILLAGE WEBSITE:** [www.belleterre.us](http://www.belleterre.us)      **VILLAGE E-MAIL:** [villageoffice@belleterre.us](mailto:villageoffice@belleterre.us)  
**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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