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One of Belle Terre's beauties.

GARDEN CLUB GIFT

The Suwassett Garden Club gave Belle Terre a nine foot Blue Spruce for Earth Day. It is planted in the circle at the end of Cliff Road. Ellen Ferrigno, president of the club said a few words at the very pleasant planting ceremony. Ellen Ferrigno----From a book my sister gave me, on old fashion garden wisdom.



"Trees...there are lovely trees for almost every situation. Trees touch our hearts. They symbolize permanence, stability and structure.

Trees are the plants most likely to outlive the gardeners who planted them..."

I hope that this lovely Colorado Spruce---Picea-Pungens will serve as a

reminder to future generations that the Suwassett Garden Club members thoughtfully selected it to add permanence and stability to the local environment by donating this tree.

In attendance were; Trustees, Sheila Knapp, Grant Geelan and Bob Sandak, Lois Weiss, Millie Michos, Linda Poirier, Shirley Teagarden, Pat Geelan, Marylou Stein, Janet McBride, Stephanie Costanza, Ellen Ferrigno, Pat Stockdale.



Out and About in Belle Terre

BTBB - Belle Terre's Busy Bees

Lori Lucki, Nancy Orth, Linda Poirier, Nancy Schmitz, Shirley Teagarden, Sheila Knapp, Lois and Ken Weiss, Helene and Ira Wechterman, Ruth and Bob Sandak, Pat and Roy Stockdale, Pat and Grant Geelan, Dave McAnaney, Mike Sampogna and Gary Ferrigno.

Hard at work on earth day.





Belle Terre Baby

Belle Terre residents Amy, Norman and Jonah Pflaster (and dog Bennie) welcomed baby Hannah Colette on April 7, 2008 - 6 lb 9 oz
Look for us on a walk in the neighborhood

Amy

July 4th at the Belle Terre Beach

The Belle Terre Community Association invites all Belle Terre residents and their guests to watch 4th of July fireworks at the beach.

The BTCA will be serving hot dogs and soda while we wait for the fireworks to begin. The food starts at 7PM and at dusk we will have a huge bonfire.

Bring lawn chairs and view the great Port Jefferson fireworks right from our own Belle Terre beach. There is no charge for this event; just come on down.

See you there!



Ken Weiss

Belle Terre Community Associations Second Annual Lobster Steak Bake!



Please join us and your fellow neighbors and friends for our second annual Lobster, Steak Bake July 26th, 2008 on the Belle Terre Beach. Bring your family and friends (16 and over please) down for a fun filled evening on our beautiful beach. Enjoy a candle lit dinner, music, and bon fire.

The feast

will start with little neck clams, mussels, Maine lobster and or Angus steak, corn on the cob, baked potato, salads and of course dessert. The fun begins with cocktail hour (BYO) at 5:00pm and dinner is served at 6:30pm.



A personal invitation should have been mailed to your home already with the details. This is one event you don't want to miss. Limited tickets are available so be sure to get your reservations in early.

Linda Poirier



(The photographs were taken at last year's event.)

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF BELLE TERRE





On April 14th we received a phone call from our daughter Mandy in Skaneateles (near Syracuse, NY). She told us the story and sent us this e-mail

Roy Stockdale

My encounter with a Cedar Waxwing

I had the most amazing experience today. I was putting some food into Nik's car for his trip to North Carolina this week when a beautiful little bird flew onto the top of his car. I was amazed that a wild bird would get so close to me. I talked to him for awhile and then all of a sudden he flew onto my shoulder.

Now feeling a little like I was in a Disney movie, I had no idea what to do next. I decided to show Nik so walked onto the porch with the bird on my shoulder.

The bird stayed there the whole time. Nik came out and took the picture (attached) and we discovered that the bird would go onto my finger like a tamed bird.

Not knowing what to do next, I decided to ask my neighbor. He was stunned that such a wild bird would be so tame. He told me it was a Cedar Waxwing and that they usually travel in flocks and that they eat berries.



We still had no idea what to do so I went back to the house and tried to put the bird on a branch. It would not go and, in fact, flew back onto my shoulder every time.

I had things to do so I put him on the porch while I went inside for a few minutes thinking that when I returned If he was gone it was for the best. I was disappointed when I came back and he was gone. I went outside to get the mail and looked for him but did not find him. When I got back into the house Erika called so I walked outside while I was explaining to her about the bird.

While standing on the porch the bird flew back onto my shoulder. At this point I decided to take him to my neighbors down the street and ask them what to do. When I arrived at their house they opened the door and were also amazed at the sight of him on my finger.

They thanked me several times for sharing this experience with them and took many pictures. We stood with the bird on our shoulders or fingers for a long time trying to decide what to do.

In the end we decided that it is best to leave him in the wild so I left him with them in their more bird-friendly yard. I will probably never get so close to a wild bird again but am so grateful that I was given the opportunity just this once.

Mandy

(Nik and Erika are Mandy's son & daughter)

Mandy then drove down to stay with us in Belle Terre for a few days and she received a copy of the following email and photographs from her neighbors back home:

The doorbell rang this evening and our neighbor was standing there with a Cedar Waxwing perched on her shoulder.

The bird had flown to her shoulder as she was getting ready to leave her home.

After about a half hour, she decided to bring him to our house.

We called a friend of ours who is a birder and photographer, to find out what we should/could do.

The bird was equally at home flying to and perching on all of our shoulders and fingers. He was also very interested in the cameras.

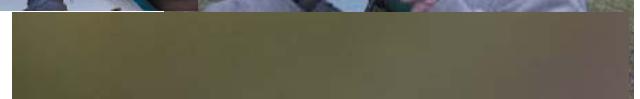
Since we know that Cedar Waxwings fly in flocks, we thought perhaps he was separated from his flock.

However, during the evening, about twenty Cedar Waxwings perched in a tree in the back and just watched his antics with us.

Larry fed him raisins.

He flew off and Diana left to go home. The doorbell rang again, and there he was perched on her hat! It will be interesting to see if he is waiting for us in the morning.

This is very unusual behavior for this bird species. He is pretty domesticated.



Some time after this, the bird joined the rest of the flock and they flew off together.

Roy



**NEW PORT JEFFERSON BOATING ANNEX**

On Monday, June 2nd, the ribbon was cut opening the new Port Jefferson Annex (Formerly the site of the Port Jefferson Yacht Club)

The Annex will be open to transient boaters as it has restrooms, showers and yes, even a pet shower.

It will house the harbormaster Peter Koutrakos and will be the meeting place for the Aux. Coast Guard as well as the Harbor Commission.

Pictured are Harbormaster Peter Koutrakos, Steve Fiore Rosenfeld, Brian Foley and Harbor Commissioners Sheila Knapp, Belle Terre Doug Casimir, Oldfield and John Lane, Pouquet. Also Harry Faulkner, Port Jefferson liaison. Not pictured is Commissioner Don Coyle, Port Jefferson.

GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY

Lately I have noticed that I am being treated with a sort of reverence for the elderly. Certainly more people are holding doors open for me, than they used to, some of my friends have a concerned edge to their voice, as they ask me how I am. I am starting to think that I should get a walker, although it will have to be a tall one to go with my high heels.

Pat

**The Best Laid Plans**

The plan was to plant the pachysandra that we had nurtured all winter. I had visions of ladies in sun hats and gardening gloves, with easy grip trowels, spending a genteel morning dishing the dirt!

Reality: Have you tried to dig concrete with a trowel?

Plan B: Get the landscaper involved.

Result: Aborted Mission

**Belle Terre Community Association
Ballroom Dance Lessons**

Fridays - July 11, 18, 25 & August 1, 7:30 to 9:00 PM
at the

Vincent Bove Belle Terre Community Center
55 Cliff Road, Belle Terre

\$80 per couple (BTCA members \$65 per couple)
Instructors: Stephanie & Lucio Costanzo
for information call Joanne 928-7013



GRADUATE GRAND-DAUGHTER



Pat and Roy's Grand-daughter, Erika Isabella Geihe graduated with Summa Cum Laude honors in Chemistry from Harvard University on June 5th, 2008. Erika is a 2004 graduate of Skaneateles High School. Before graduating she was inducted into the oldest chapter of Phi Beta Kappa in continental existence. Phi Beta Kappa members are undergraduates chosen from a pool of candidates with the highest cumulative numerical grade point average in their academic divisions and are chosen on the basis of their scholarly achievement and breadth of intellectual interest. Erika was President of the Harvard Figure Skating Club for two years and spent all four years running track and field and Cross Country. She leaves Harvard holding, with her teammates, the record for the 4x800 meter relay



in outdoor track. Three weeks before graduation her 4x800 relay team received All-Ivy League First-Team honors for winning in the 2008 Heptagonal Championship. Erika will be attending Stanford University in the fall to work toward receiving a PHD in Organic Chemistry.

NOISE

It is ten minutes to nine on a Saturday morning. The weather is fine. A cup of coffee on the deck would be nice. But! Wafting on the breeze is the clank of a lawn-mower and the whine of a leaf blower.

After working in our garden sans heavy equipment, a cool drink on the deck would be just the ticket.

But! The clanking of a lawn-mower and the whine of a leaf blower assail our ears from another direction.

At five-thirty while setting the table for an evening meal on the deck it seem that we are surrounded by clanking, whining and bumping.

Professional landscaping equipment is much louder than homeowners'. Landscapers have all week to do their work. Homeowners who work have only the weekend to enjoy their property.

Please try and get your landscaper to cut your lawn on a weekday.

Pat Stockdale.

**Condolences to the wife and family on the death of
Stephen N. Strauss who was formerly Belle Terre Village
Justice for 25 years.**

**He was Acting Justice from 1983 - 1984, Village
Justice from 1984 - 2002 and Acting Village Justice from
2002 - 2006**

**The village was fortunate to receive his expertise
and his services for so many years.**

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 **VILLAGE E-MAIL:** 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.

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