



# BELLE TERRE NEWS

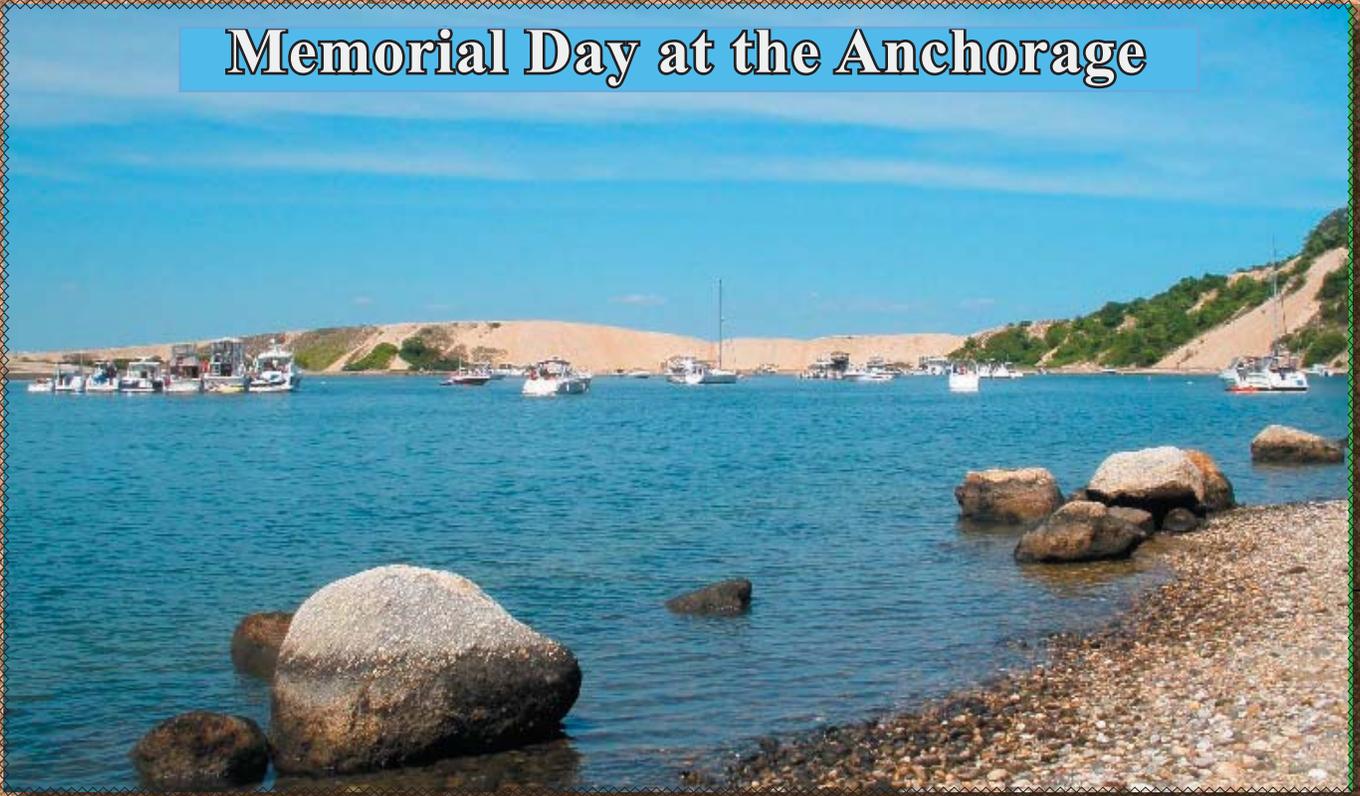
OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE

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## Memorial Day at the Anchorage



**Flotillas of boats.  
Flotillas of ducks and geese.  
Crabs in the water; one rescuing  
another stranded on the beach.  
Calm serenity**





## *Notices and Notes*

### MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

#### CODE CHANGES: SITE PLAN REVIEW LAW

As you walk or drive around our beautiful Village, some of you may be surprised by all of the construction and renovation that you see going on. We are very lucky that some of our older and/or smaller homes are being replaced by very attractive new ones. In addition, still others are being renovated, re-landscaped and improved. We have had two bank foreclosures, but both were sold quickly and the properties will be improved dramatically this year.

All of this building activity has highlighted some voids in our current Village codes. The Village Trustees and I have been working with members of the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals and other interested residents, to develop a new approach to managing our Village's land development. The Trustees and I believe that the Planning Board needs to complete a thorough review of every site plan presented to the Village for demolition, new construction, or major addition that will affect land use or development.

Therefore, the Planning Board role will be expanded to ensure that all site plans are reviewed before the Building Inspector issues a building or demolition permit. Although this may slow down the permitting process slightly, it is our hope that some of the problems that have arisen within the Village lately, due to uncontrolled site development, will be prevented in the future.

If you would like to read the draft of the new "Site Plan Review" code, please stop in to the Village Office for a copy.

Wishing you all a wonderful 4th of July and a safe and fun filled summer.

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#### OFFICE NOTES

After the Anchorage clean-up, a pair of sunglasses and some car keys were found. They are at the office for pick up.

#### REMINDER

Your landscaper can only tend to your lawn Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm.

It is now illegal to mow lawns on weekends or holidays.

#### Belle Terre residents E-Mail Addresses Needed!

For the Belle Terre village "GREEN" roots initiative, we need your help to reduce our carbon footprint and save money and resources while doing it.

We would like to begin sending Village and Community Association communications by e-mail.

The Village has now installed a new program to easily send e-mails to all Village residents. Postage is expensive and sending e-mails will significantly save the Village and Community Association money annually. However, we only have the e-mail addresses for about 110 out of 297 houses.

Please send your e-mail address to: [btvillageoffice@gmail.com](mailto:btvillageoffice@gmail.com). Or you can call the Village Office (631-928-0020) and give it to them.

We encourage you and hope that you will make the effort to supply your email addresses.

Respectfully;

Kenneth Weiss  
Technology Advisor

## On- Again- Off- Again Anchorage Clean-Up

In honor of Earth Day, the BTCA Beautification committee organized a community clean-up of the beach and road at the end of Anchorage for Sunday May 3. It was to be followed by a barbecue back at the community center and,, perhaps, we could bribe some of the men to spread the 10 yards of mulch we had dumped in the bed by the parking lot.

Well, unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate and on and off showers were predicted all day. So we cancelled the clean-up (via email and word of mouth as best we could) and hoped that our rain date of May 9 would turn out better.

After my husband, Ira, and I returned from having breakfast out, we thought it best to drive down to Anchorage just to make sure no one showed up. Sure enough, waiting for further instructions were residents Ted and Lori Lucki and their nephew Dean , Sheila Knapp, Michael and Lorraine Doganieri, and Ed Desmond. Our esteemed mayor said “we know it’s officially cancelled, but we are not available next weekend, so we will unofficially clean-up”. After some phone calls, we were joined by my Beautification co-chairman Ann Henry and her husband John. Residents Nancy McAllister and Rich Card came by walking their dogs and took some bags to continue their walk and clean-up along the beach..

And clean-up we did despite the drizzle. Thanks to all for a great job. Sorry that we didn’t get to feed you. We’ll try to come up with another project for next year’s Earth Day and maybe we’ll get to have that barbecue.

Helene Wechterman  
BTCA Beautification co-chair.

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## DISGRACEFUL



Two weeks after the cleanup, some slob dumped this at the side of the parking lot.

Pat

## May Trustee’s meeting.

There were some interesting questions asked at the May Trustee’s meeting:

First the question of noise from the harbor at night.

The harbor master, Peter Koutrakis, was on hand to answer as best he could. It seems that L.I.P.A. buys oil in large quantities when it is cheap, therefore the barges are delivering oil at all times of the night and day. The barge pumps are old and noisy. He did not know if there is a noise abatement law or who would execute it if there was one. He said he would look into it. The harbor is being dredged for larger ships to come in, their pumps are quieter so the problem may solve itself.

Second question was about the overhead power lines:

A resident thought that the ambience of the Village would improve if the power lines were buried

Joanne Raso, our village clerk looked into this and found that the cost would be a million dollars a mile.

Third question was about hooking up to gas pipes.

If your property is near a gas main the first 100 feet is free then it is \$25 a foot.

To get a main line to your property the first 100 ft. is free, then costs \$75 a foot. It is more cost affective if a number of residents in your area want to hook up. There is a map of where the gas main lines are at the office.

Fourth question was about vines:

We have attacked the vine situation constantly. The ladies of the Beautification Committee have done a valiant job on the vines. The community areas are much cleaner because of their efforts. As one of them commented they are not getting any younger and can not do it any more. It was suggested that the village should hire someone to take care of the problem.

This editor would like to point out that the village is us, Me, you and your neighbors. We either have to put in sweat equity or cough up more taxes if this problem is to be solved. I would also like to point out that residents are responsible for their own property.

Pat



## Mather Hospital Breast Cancer Walk

The Mather Hospital Breast Cancer Walk was held on Saturday May 2, 2009. There were roughly 900 walkers and raised over \$100,000.00 for the cause.



The Belle Terre Community Association hosted a rest stop for the walkers and their four legged friends.

I would like to thank Mike Sampogna, Ken Weiss, Lauren Cona, Nancy Orth, Mary Ellen Buono, Peter Palmblad and Ruth Sandak for your support and participation.

Linda Poirier  
CharismaLinda@optonline.net



This is our pet station we added this year for all the four legged friends.

Dr. Nicholas Craig lives here in Belle Terre and his dog is helping himself to a biscuit!



## A DUCKY LITTLE DRAMA

Patricia Stockdale

We take our dog, Sherry, walking on the beach at the Anchorage, every day the weather allows.

About the middle of May a drake and his mate appeared, swimming at the edge of the water. They were not bothered by us, they did their thing and we did ours. Sherry is interested in them but doesn't worry them. Roy and I call them Mama and Papa.

One day we were ambling along the beach. Sherry was snuffling in the bushes at the bottom of the cliff, I was collecting shells for a project I'm doing and Roy was just looking around. Suddenly there was such a cat-a-walling, or I should say duck-a-walling echoing round the cove. We turned our attention to the water and saw two marauding drakes bearing down fast on Mama and Papa. I wanted to throw a stone to deter them from their path but they were too fast for me. Suddenly Mama took off flying over the water to the dunes with the intruders following her. I was angry as I watched Papa slowly swim back to where we think the nest is. We carried on with our walk and in a little while noticed that Mama was back swimming with Papa. However, all was not over yet. One of the invaders came swooping out of the sky and landed in the water a few feet from our couple. This time Papa took over, he flapped his wings and rose up without actually flying and gave out a few loud and assertive quacks. Drake two backed away and peace reigned over the water once **more**.

The following Sunday as we took our walk Mama and Papa were at the waters edge again. So was the other drake with a lady of his own.

PS. We don't know what happened to the third drake.





## THE TALE OF THE TUTU

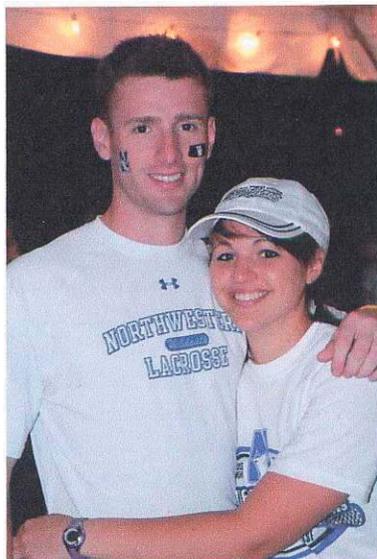
By Grant Geelan

In January of this year my wife Pat and I flew to San Diego for a long weekend, primarily to watch our granddaughter, Brianne LoManto, play in her first collegiate Lacrosse games, we were pleasantly surprised that, as a freshman, she was given a good amount of playing time. Her team, Northwestern, gained their first two victories of the 2009 season over the Canadian National Team and the university of Denver.



On the plane trip home I leaned my seat back and reminisced back to the early beginnings of her athletic career and recalled a very vivid event when she was 5 years old and her brother was 7. It was a Saturday morning in August 1994 and Brianne had earlier attended her ballet classes in upper Port Jefferson while brother, Nick, had played ice hockey at the Rinx in Hauppauge. As

they were engaged in their weekend activities, I decided to take a trip out east to Briermere's Farm to pick up one of their super excellent peach cream pies. On the way home, I stopped at the LoManto house, in Miller Place, to halve the pie, as it was too much for Pat and I alone.



NU Final Four May 22-24, 2009. Maryland 133

As I pulled into the driveway, I noticed one of the two garage doors open and I caught a glimpse of Nick roller-blading in the garage wearing his hockey gear and hockey stick in hand. A bright student, he also was an intense athlete who spent every minute of his non-school hours practicing his skills in the sports he loved most, ice hockey and lacrosse, while I picked up the pie and closed the car door, Nick roller glided to greet me with a kiss and gliding right behind him was his 5 year old sister wearing hockey shin guards, chest pads, helmet, goalie stick and her TUTU. I could not help but exclaim, "Gee whiz. Nick, couldn't you give her a few minutes time to change out of her ballet clothes?" His response was along the lines of, "She's ok with it."



This relentless barrage continued throughout the years, on a daily basis, as she would play the goalkeeper that he had to outwit. After a brilliant High School lacrosse career, Nick was awarded a scholarship to play for Delaware University, lettered for four years, played before 50,000 fans in the Final Four of 2007, and captained the team in his senior year. He graduated at the end of May with a degree in finance.

Meanwhile, his personal shooting target, also had a brilliant high school career as an academic as well as Athletic All American, was awarded an athletic scholarship to play for Northwestern University and is presently completing her first year, as a Pre Med student. Athletically, She helped contribute to a team that won its Fifth consecutive NCAA Division 1 National Championship and finished the season undefeated against rivals such as Notre Dame, Ohio State, Penn State, Syracuse, Vanderbilt and North Carolina.

Over the recent years, I have mentioned to Nick that he made his sister what she is today, and that Saturday morning was one of the first steps on her climb to whatever goal she attains. Personally, I am so elated that she gave up the tutu for the helmet because the one and only experience that I had with ballet was when I attended the Nutcracker, in Manhattan. I lasted to intermission break and that was enough.





# Out and About in Belle Terre

You are invited to  
*The Belle Terre Garden Tour*  
 Saturday June 20, 2009 (rain or shine)  
 11:00 - 4:00 pm  
 hosted by  
 The Belle Terre Community Association  
 BTCA Members and non resident guests \$25  
 Non-Members and guests \$30  
 Tickets at the door \$40  
 Judy Zaino-631-476-1705 - e-mail nftyis50@aol.com

## Increased Vehicle Traffic for Garden Tour

On June 20th, Belle Terre residents may be aware of more traffic than usual.

Please be patient if you are inconvenienced by this.

## Belle Terre Community Association Summer Session Ballroom Dance Lessons

Fridays-July 10, 17, 24, 31 & August 7 & 14;  
7:30 to 9:00 PM at the Vincent Bove Belle Terre  
Community Center, 55 Cliff Road, Belle Terre

\$95 per couple  
(BTCA members \$70 per couple)

For information call Joanne 928-0020 ext 10.

Instructors:

Stephanie & Lucio Costanzo



## Guggenheim Fellowship Award



Stony Brook University Professor Alice C. Harris has been awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship, one of the most prestigious honors in academia.

Alice C. Harris received her doctorate from Harvard University in 1976. She joined the Stony Brook faculty in 2002. She lives with her husband, James V. Staros, in Port Jefferson (Belle Terre); they have three children and two grandchildren.

Congratulation on the award.

*Photograph and details copied from the Port Times Record May 7*

## THERE WILL BE A 'POT LUCK SUPPER' SEPT 26th

Volunteers will be needed for set up and clean up

Please call Pat Stockdale at 473-4801

## 4th of July Celebration

Please join us for a 4th of July Celebration on the Belle Terre Beach.

The Belle Terre Community Association is hosting the event. The BTCA will be serving hot dogs and refreshments while we wait for the fireworks to start. Stop by and join the fun. It is always a great event. The event is open to all Belle Terre Residents and their guests. Festivities start at 7:30PM. Fireworks start after dark. Call Ken at 631-476-2187 for more information.

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF BELLE TERRE  
RULES and REGULATIONS for**

**BELLE TERRE BEACH 2009**



*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. (Lifeguard 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 REFUSE 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.

Water is provided for showering and washing., Please do not allow children to play with the fixtures.

15. **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.

# 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
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer	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:** btvillageoffice@gmail.com  
**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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