



# BELLE TERRE NEWS

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE

Volume 10 - Issue 3

Village Website: [www.belleterre.us](http://www.belleterre.us)

September 2010



**A NEW LOOK FOR THE COMMUNITY  
CENTER FOYER!**





# Belle Terre Office Notes

## **PURCHASE BELLE TERRE NOTE CARDS**

at the gatehouse  
BTCA members \$6.00  
Non-members \$10.00  
**10/package**

## **PLEASANT REMINDER**

Please inform your landscapers that residents are responsible for the upkeep of the roadsides bordering their property. Your litter should be removed daily and vines cut. If everyone does their small share we will keep The Village beautiful!

## **CHARLES B. WANG ASIAN ART CENTER EXHIBIT**

Muriel Stockdale's E Pluribus flags will be exhibited at the Charles B. Wang Center at SUNY Stony Brook this fall.

Opens Tuesday October 12 with a reception at 4:00PM.

Please join me. The exhibit runs through December 5.

Muriel will deliver a talk about the flag project on October 27th 12:50PM to 2:10PM. Open to the public.

For more information see:

<http://www.stonybrook.edu/sb/wang/events>

For directions:

<http://www.stonybrook.edu/sb/wang/directions.shtml>



## **BELLE TERRE BROADWAY**

Protograph shows Joanne Raso's granddaughter on the stage.

## **FALL DANCE CLASSES**

The dates for the fall dance classes are Fridays, Sept. 24, Oct. 1,8,15,22 & 29 from 7:30 to 9 pm

## **VILLAGE THANKS**

Recently while working at the Community Center, I encountered one of our Trustees working in the attic. He was up and down, up and down, measuring cutting and fixing. It was one of those very hot days; so you can imagine how hot it was up there.

I tell you this because it set me thinking about all the things that keep this village humming along. I know about some of them because I do this Newsletter and I am naturally nose-y, but I don't know the half of it. A few months ago I saw the same trustee in the pouring rain mending something by the gates.

In another raging storm Roy and I witnessed the Beach Commissioner soaking wet with her hair

plastered to her head trying save residents' cabanas from floating away. This is true dedication.

Our Mayor gives a great deal of his time to a myriad of tasks including fielding complaints which he does with great charm and good humor.

All the Trustees and Commissioners give up a great deal of their spare time; There are roads to keep up, the park and public spaces to keep tidy and safe, children's programs to organize, cable companies to keep in check and as I said - many, many things that I do not know of.

I am going to take this chance to thank all the residents that give of their time to keep our Beautiful Belle Terre, well .... Beautiful.

Pat Stockdale

## **David Johnson, award winning environmental crusader, has formed The Coastal Stewards.**

The Coastal Steward's focus is environmental restoration. Johnson is very excited about two upcoming initiatives, the Sponsor-A-Beach and Adopt-A-Beach programs. According to Johnson, "The Coastal Steward program is needed, and it's time has come."

Anyone can get involved in the Adopt-A-Beach or the Sponsor-A-Beach programs. Individuals, businesses, civic organizations and government agencies can all sponsor or adopt a beach. Beach cleanups generally cover up to a half a mile of beach by fifty feet and are scheduled depending on breeding seasons, weather, tides and other factors.



Johnson has a long record of implementing successful environmental initiatives. He has organized the Port Jefferson Harbor Annual Beach Cleanup since 1989 and is responsible for removing over 230 tons of debris from the harbor and Long Island beaches including the Long Island Sound. He has also initiated and directed a shellfish restoration project in 2000 and is responsible for releasing over 230,000 adult shellfish into four sanctuaries which he convinced the Town of Brookhaven to establish.

The Coastal Stewards are provided with funds from Belle Terre, Port Jefferson and the Town of Brookhaven for supplies, gloves, insurance ...., and then they get volunteers to help do the work. They clean up abandoned boats, lumber, trees, and all debris. One year that our cabanas washed away in a storm, David Johnson found them far away and discarded the debris for us. This is a non profit organization and provides a great service for our shorelines..

The Coastal Steward has been cleaning Port Jefferson beaches for twenty-one years and during that time has removed over a hundred tons of debris from our beaches with the help of thousands of volunteers. The Coastal Steward has developed techniques that provide a safe and extremely efficient way to do beach cleanups. Their goal is to remove everything that was manmade; this normally includes large objects like derelict boats, docks, tires and timber as well as all the bottles, cans and food wrappers. They normally fill roll off dumpsters. They also document what is removed and the data can be reviewed on their website at [www.coastalsteward.org](http://www.coastalsteward.org). The Coastal Steward makes all the arrangements and provides gloves, garbage bags, water, snacks, information and an education about what is found washed up on your beaches.

Most people will walk away from a beach cleanup with a new perspective of how our beach environment is affected by man. Beach cleanups tend to open their eyes to what ends up on our beaches and how it got there. We have a very precious resource and are fortunate to live near such a beautiful coast.

The Village of Belle Terre has committed to sponsoring one and a half beach cleanups, so the Coastal Steward is looking for someone or maybe even a group of residents from one block in Belle Terre to sponsor the other half of the next beach cleanup on the Long Island Sound portion of Belle Terre that will be scheduled sometime in September. Other sponsorship opportunities exist for their shellfish restoration project, osprey platform(s) and fish tagging program. All sponsorships or donations are tax deductible. For more information or if you have any questions you can call Captain Dave at 516 946-6560 or email him at [coastalsteward@optonline.net](mailto:coastalsteward@optonline.net).

Please check out their website at [www.coastalsteward@optonline.org](http://www.coastalsteward@optonline.org) to see what they are all about.

**Captain David Johnson**, Director, COASTAL STEWARD Adopt a Beach Program  
6 Audrey Street, Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776, 516 946-6560



# LOBSTERFEST

The weather was perfect and everyone had a good time. John Serabian and his "Bishops Gate" band provided us with great music. The food was delicious.

Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped to make this a very enjoyable evening.



INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF BELLE TERRE



**PASSING THE HISTORIAN'S TORCH  
TO WOLF SCHAFER**

**By Nancy Orth**

I would like to introduce Wolf Schafer who is succeeding me as Belle Terre historian. As historian, it is important to be a lover of Belle Terre's original architecture and to do everything in one's power to preserve it. As you will see, Wolf has already met this criterion by saving one of the Village's first historic homes.

Located at the corner of Club and Druid Hill Roads, and known as the Annex, Wolf's house was built about 1904 by Dean Alvord to accommodate overflow guests from the Belle Terre Club. The Club itself was destroyed by fire in 1934. Set among the trees with its Palladian-style windows and wraparound porch, the house looks romantic and mysterious. Many owners followed after the days of Dean Alvord, and by the 1980's the house was completely dilapidated. On the market for a long time, rumor had it that this building was beyond repair.

In 1989 Wolf was reading the ads in search of a large house. While most potential buyers fled when they saw the restoration needed, Wolf at once realized the potential beauty of this diamond in the rough and proceeded full steam ahead. Today, if you ask him about the house, "disaster" is the only word you hear when he describes his initial purchase. Now, however, twenty years later, the labor of love is completed, and he owns a magnificent home that has been beautifully restored. It is worth noting that at one point in his life Wolf had decided to become a painter. Those artistic tendencies found expression in the remaking of his home and garden. Would that every old historic home could find a buyer like Wolf!

Born and educated in Germany, Wolf perfected his English while studying at King's College in London. After coming to the U.S., initially as a visiting scholar at Boston University, Harvard, and MIT, Wolf settled here permanently in 1989 when he accepted a position as professor of history at Stony Brook University. His impressive resume runs to thirteen pages! Not only is Wolf scholarly and artistic, he is also a technical wizard who navigates easily in our computer-driven world.

Last but not least of his attributes is Wolf's lovely Argentinian wife Anahi (pronounced Ah-nah-ee) who teaches Spanish in the Northport schools and who is pictured above with her husband. Wolf and Anahi look forward to knowing all of you. For a time he and I will work together as joint historians, but you must know how grateful I am that Wolf has accepted this position and in doing so allowed me to feel that in the future Belle Terre's archives will be in good hands.

August 2010



## 2010 BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The BTCA beautification committee has been hard at work since March, and there is a lot to show for it. The flower beds at the community center have never looked lovelier, and we are proud of the cleanup and plantings at the fire gong (still a work in progress).

Thank you to all the members of the committee for their assistance this year:

Peggy Chiaramonte, Kathy Cleary, Pat Geelan, Sabrina Glass, Carol McAneny, Maryann Puls, Ruth Sandak, Fran Schapiro, Jean Thomas, Anique Schachner, Michelle Voorhis, Lois Weiss and Judy Zaino and emeriti Nancy Schmitz and Nancy Darling.

Thanks also to the village trustees who helped to clear the vines, weeds and overgrowth at the fire gong area. And of course we hugely appreciate the many residents who have supported our efforts in different ways.

There are islands being cared for by nearby homeowners.

There have been donations of annuals. A sprinkler system was donated for the gong area.

A truckload of mulch has already been promised for the spring.

Funds have been donated for landscaping the island at Cliff and Old Homestead, which also will have sprinklers. Keep an eye on the spot; it is our next project. The site preparation is going on now, completion in the spring.

And yes, we thank those who stopped to say nice words and express appreciation.

We even received a gift of wine with which to celebrate the successful efforts of so many of the wonderful people of Belle Terre!

Ann Henry

Helene Wechterman

BTCA Beautification Committee Chairpersons

----We are always looking for a “few good people” so think about joining us if you can spare a morning now and then-----

and don't forget: You can “adopt an island” near your home to spruce up and maintain.

## PORT JEFFERSON COUNTRY CLUB

I wanted to thank all of our friends from Belle Terre who joined us for the 2010 golf and tennis season. I have met so many wonderful new friends and look forward to meeting so many more.

I welcome everyone who lives in Belle Terre to come out and take a tour of the facility to experience first hand what we are all about. The members of Port Jefferson Country Club feel very fortunate to have all of the Belle Terre members to be part of our family.

I hope you all consider Port Jefferson Country Club as a place to enjoy a round of golf or a tennis match, and we look forward to seeing you soon.



**Bill Mackedon**

# EMERGENCY PLANNING

Here are some tips that we share with customers that you might like to share with your constituents regarding emergency planning:

- Develop a family plan for survival and property protection. Rehearse the plan so everyone knows what to do.
- Have flashlights, battery-operated radios and extra batteries on hand. Check the batteries to make sure they are fresh.
- Know the hurricane risks in your area. Learn the storm surge history and elevation of your area. Learn the location of official shelters or make plans for a local hotel or motel. Be prepared to take alternate routes to these locations as main streets may be closed.
- Learn safe routes inland away from the Ocean or LI Sound.
- If your residence is in a potential flood or storm surge zone, be prepared to evacuate when officials recommend it.
- Arrange now for elderly and others with special needs such as those who depend on electric life-support devices. Alert LIPA customer service and sign up for LIPA's Critical Care Program (1-800-490-0025).
- Inventory personal property; safely secure all records and valuable documents in a watertight place.
- Have material available to protect your doors and windows. Boarding or shuttering windows is significantly more effective than taping windows which barely strengthens the window and will not protect at all against flying debris.
- Put together a family hurricane evacuation kit that includes bottled water, bedding and clothing, including sleeping bags and pillows, and appropriate prescription medicines.
- Ensure that enough non-perishable food and water supplies are on hand. One-gallon of water per person per day is recommended.
- Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- Keep trees and shrubbery trimmed of dead wood.
- Determine where to move a boat in an emergency.
- Provide for pets.

If a hurricane or major tropical storm damages the region, Long Islanders are strongly cautioned to stay away from downed power lines. Immediately after the storm, outages will be evident to LIPA via its computerized control systems. LIPA's computer systems automatically detect neighborhood service interruptions and begin the restoration process by alerting systems operators of the outage. However, should anyone notice a downed electric line or experience a service interruption, they should call 1-800-490-0075. In addition, downed wires might end up covered by tree limbs or leaves, so be careful when letting children play outside after a storm.

I hope the rest of your summer is safe and enjoyable.

Sincerely,

Kevin S. Law  
LIPA



# 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	Constable's Office.....	.....	928-5785
Village Attorney.....	Eileen A. Powers	727-8250	Fire Marshall .....	James Makarius Jr.	774-3706
Village Justice.....	Charles Russo	265-7200	Historians.....	Nancy Orth	473-1078
Court Clerk.....	Elaine Freda	473-5105		Wolf Schafer	473-1078
Planning Board.....	Vincent DeStefano	928-0020	Parks Commissioner....	Joanne Cornell-May	473-3028
Building Inspector.....	Christopher Harding	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:** [btvillageoffice@gmail.com](mailto: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).



***INCORPORATED***  
***VILLAGE OF BELLE TERRE***  
 1 Cliff Road  
 Belle Terre, Y 11777