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IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!





TOYS FOR TOTS

They are here again, Thanks to John Serabian and his dedicated elves. John now has 36 trains; adding more trains and lines to make a display that is truly magnificent.

The display is in aid of the Marines and the only entrance fee, is one or more new toys in aid of the “Toys for Tots” charity fund drive.

(Photographs by Peter Smit)



Thoughts from the Mayor

What Makes Belle Terre Special?

While I was attending the third annual Lobster Bake in August, many thoughts and feelings about Belle Terre came to mind.

The Lobster Bake, which is sponsored by the Belle Terre Community Association, was a wonderful event. For the fourth year in a row we were fortunate to have beautiful weather. Many residents were involved in helping the event run smoothly. Both long term and newer residents were in attendance. There was a great mix of neighbors spending quality time together.

We are fortunate that such an event was able to take place this year. Devastating storms destroyed much of the beach earlier this year. Thanks to the initiative of one of our Constables and the cooperation of the Town of Brookhaven, the beach parking lot was restored in time for the summer season. This allowed our Belle Terre Youth Program to continue for another successful year.

As I watched the bonfire, I thought about all the planning and hard work that goes in to making our village a great place to live. This year one of our residents worked with the Trustees to negotiate with Port Jefferson Village for reduced fees for the country club. Another resident dedicates a tremendous amount of time organizing the Toys for Tots Rail Road display at the Community Center, and many residents put in many long hours getting the display ready. A devoted group of residents work on the Beautification Committee to trim vines and plant flowers throughout the Village. Others choose to help out by serving on the Planning Board or ZBA. There are too many individuals and events to mention them all, but they are there working behind the scenes to improve the quality of life in the village.

Despite the difficult economic times we have not only survived, but have flourished. We have challenges ahead, but I have confidence in our residents. I give thanks to our Village Trustees and all of you who make Belle Terre a special place. I look forward to working together with you in the year ahead. And please remember to stop by to see the incredible Toys for Tots train display at the Community Center this month.

Wishing you good health, happy holidays, and a happy new year!

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Your Belle Terre Community Association



We are nearing the end of another year and another two year term for the current Belle Terre Community Association board. My term is coming to an end and we are fortunate that John Heide has accepted the role of President. John has been a resident of Belle Terre for over 12 years and has been active in many community activities.

I think it is important for you to know a little about the current board members (your neighbors) who came together over these past few years with their creative ideas, strong work ethic, and teamwork. These people have provided the community with some outstanding events and activities. Personally I have learned a lot from each of them and feel lucky to have worked with such a talented and fun group.

Ken Weiss, Vice President. He was always there to help and lend a hand at whatever function or event the Community Association was sponsoring. He was the catalyst in developing an accounting and tracking system for the association, stepped in to take notes, filled in for me when I was traveling, and built an email communication tool for the community. Ken did all of this while smiling all the time and always with some humorous and clever story or remark. Ken, I thank you for always being there.

Carol McAnaney, Treasurer. Carol kept the books balanced, tracked the accounts, provided the checks always on a timely basis, and was always there to answer questions or give her insights. What I will miss most about Carol is the long conversations we had solving the world's problems, or at least the Community Association's problems. Then after coming up with the best solution, a day later calling each other not remembering what we spoke about or our solutions. Carol, I am better for knowing you and the community thanks you for your time and dedication.

Nancy Orth, Secretary. We could not have found a better secretary. Nancy has worked in the education field and is our village historian. Talk about detail, I have to say the Community Association's minutes, documents, flyers and other communications were always well scanned for punctuation and accuracy. The library of congress would be proud of our communication and documenting processes because of Nancy. The BTCA file cabinet is fully populated, sequenced, and organized well beyond my expectations. Nancy, your talent, knowledge about the village, experience, and wonderful personality have been a great benefit to me and this organization

As for the directors that rounded off this talented team; **Mary Buono, Danielle Buonomo, Lauren Cona, Linda Poirier, Lorraine Serabian, Kathy Yunger, and Judy Zaino**, the stories and email threads are endless. This group has taken to emailing as our standard communication and information sharing tool better than I have seen some companies. The energy level and creativity again went well beyond my expectation. The stories are endless on each one of them and I wish I had the time. But over the last two years this board has performed some amazing feats for our community. They have orchestrated over 20 events and 8 community services and partnered or liaised with our surrounding communities to establish better relations,

all to build a true sense of community. I watched them build an organization where people respected one another's opinion, had healthy and sometimes heated discussions, work through some tough situations, strong personalities, and strong opinions. We have had our share of serious disagreements, sometimes long meetings, sifting through many community residents' suggestions and recommendations and a few solicitors trying to sell their services. But the group never lost sight of the vision and direction and always backed one another when people needed a hand. All of this I believe made a great team and some really outstanding events and all for the sake of their neighbors and the community!

So I just wanted to say thank you publically to the entire board, for the time commitment, hard work, great ideas, and teamwork each of you have demonstrated. You made my job easy and rewarding. I have lived in four communities over the years, but none had a better sense of community pride than Belle Terre. It is easy to become complacent and sometimes take for granted your surroundings but when you pass through those gates and feel a sense of a community that cares for their residents, cares for their surroundings, cares for the natural beauty and uniqueness, you know you picked the right place to live and bring up a family. Enjoy the holidays and we look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events in 2011.

Happy Holidays

The Belle Terre Community Association

I read Mike Sampogna's end-of-term letter and he has many kind words for all of the BTCA members. However, the kindest words of all must be reserved for Mike. When Mike became president of the BTCA, the organization was in disarray. The meetings were stressful and unproductive. Worst of all, dedicated members were quitting.

Mike completely changed the atmosphere of the BTCA. Using his expert managerial skills, he molded the organization into a cohesive, congenial group. Now the meetings are focused, highly productive and fun.

Mike conceived and spearheaded the special projects committee. This committee has presented the Village Trustees with a plan for a significant village improvement on behalf of the Community Association. Mike's vision is that the BTCA should be more than a social organization. It should also help foster community involvement and improvement. He has handily achieved his vision.

We thank you for a GREAT job. Your leadership has been invaluable to the great success of the BTCA.

Kenneth Weiss
BTCA, Vice President



So You Think You Want to Refurbish an Eagle

By

Nancy Orth

Remember those brown birds that sat on the columns at the entrance to Belle Terre? You've decided they need a touch-up. Now how do you go about refurbishing the statue of an eagle that was made in the 1800's?

First you have to remove all the layers of dark brown paint ... eight of them to be exact. The paint remover you use has to be environmentally safe because you aren't sure what metal the birds are made of, and you don't want to damage them. You apply the remover, let it work, then wipe off the paint with a damp cloth before all the goop has had time to dry. If you keep at this process every day, in about two months you'll have most of the paint off one bird. Half way through the process, you discover a trick. If you tie a trash bag over the eagle at night to prevent the remover from drying, in the morning the paint will have lifted, and you can start wiping it off even sooner.



Lorraine and her Eagles.

About now your back is starting to give out from spending every day on the garage floor. For weeks you've had a kink in your neck. So you ask a couple of strong friends named Eric and David Dwyer if they'd mind putting the eagles up on cement blocks. The work is so-o-o much

easier now. You can sit on a stool instead of kneeling on cement.

You've finally finished wiping all those layers off both birds, but there's paint still stuck in the fine feathers and in that tough skin on the legs and feet. You trudge off to Ace Hardware to pick up some fine steel brushes that will get into those crevasses. Three months and eight brushes later you've got one eagle entirely clean. With his wavy feathers and manicured claws, he looks as if he'd just stepped out of a bath. By this time a relationship has developed. You've been reading about eagles. You've discovered that one is the male and the other the female. (The female is slightly larger. That's how you tell.) All three of you are friends now. Finishing eagle number two will be a labor of love.

However, you're now wondering what to do when all the paint is gone. The surface that remains is silver grey but is hardly of a uniform color and doesn't have a finished look. You contact a couple of experts in New York who specialize in restoring monuments. They offer plating but can't guarantee their work because the birds would have to be sandblasted first and could be destroyed in the process. By now your research has told you that statues in the 1800's were often made



Mrs. Eagle regaining her perch.



Eric and Mrs. Eagle just hanging about.

of an alloy of soft white metal. Sandblasting is therefore not an option. Plating starts at \$5000 and you can just see yourself asking the trustees for \$5000. Next you call up your cousin who worked on refurbishing the Statue of Liberty, but his experience doesn't apply, because unlike the Statue of Liberty, your eagles are not bronze. After that dead end, you talk to the Brooklyn Museum. They have a replica of the Statue of Liberty, and they painted it. That's the answer. Paint the eagles so that they look like bronze - not just one flat color, but something with highlighting that will give the birds life.

Your mayor tells you to go see a friend Bill Osborne at Hitman Collision. He paints cars for Hollywood and owes the mayor a favor. You narrow Bill's 900 choices of color

down to ten possibilities, but how to get across this business of highlighting? Bill, who has to get on with his life says, "Just bring me a photo of what you want, and I'll reproduce it." You find the perfect photo, and voila! Bill does the paint job exactly the way you dreamed it.

The eagles are now ready to go up on the new columns, but you're out in California babysitting for the next month. The guys on the project all want to ram a steel rod up the middle of the birds so that they won't be stolen. You shudder. You design some brackets that won't be visible (your dad used to do this kind of thing all the time), and you beg the men to hold off. Once back in Belle Terre you discover Eric, a welder in Medford, a sensitive young man who understands exactly what you want him to create. Eric not only makes the brackets but considers it an honor to install the eagles himself. It's now well over a year later, and you can finally go to sleep knowing those eagles look gorgeous and are safely in place.

It's all true, folks. This is the story of what Cliff Road's Lorraine Doganieri went through...voluntarily! To the lady with her eagles we owe our gratitude.



Mrs. Eagle in all her glory.

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Dad's hard at work. As usual!



PUMPKIN PARTY



RESIDENT'S PARTY

Fun, as always. Well done Carol and Dave.

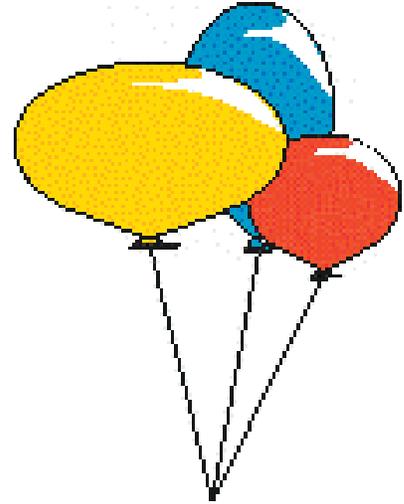


Belle Terre Babies

Sebastian Salzman

Lori spoke with Daniel Salzman about their expected baby and passed on the good news:

Sebastian Salzman was born on Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2010. He was 9 lbs. 6 ounces. His parents are Vanessa & Daniel Salzman of Camp Woodbine Road. Grandparents are Carol Salzman, and Linda & Ken Gaul.



Anneliese and Ava Rago.

Belle Terre is pleased to welcome two of its newest residents; Anneliese and Ava Rago.

Born on August 25th - lovely additions to the family for Grainne and John (of Buena Vista Road), and big brothers; Ruairi (4) and Mael (2).

Meet Allie, a cute bundle of energy, who loves red shoes. Watch out when you do! She'll steal your heart, she stole mine.



Belle Terre Office Notes

New Police Chief for Belle Terre



Dave Wolosin

Dave was hired by Chief Don Hines in April 1992 and promoted to Sergeant on May 17th 2005.

He was appointed Deputy Chief Constable September 2009 and Chief Constable in November 2010.

He was trained at the Suffolk County Sheriff's Academy, School for Peace Officers. Dave has worked as a Constable in Port Jefferson and as a volunteer for the Suffolk County Auxiliary Police.

Since becoming Deputy Chief, he has established new and better working relationships with the SCPD, the Pt. Jeff Constabulary and the Town of Brookhaven Public Safety & Highway Departments.

Dave owns his own body shop in Middle Island and prides himself in knowing our residents by the make and model of the cars they drive.

Best wishes from us all



OFFICE NOTES

Reminder 1

We have been leaving any tips, for our garbage collector, at the office, due to a nasty thief taking the tips a few years ago.

Please do so again this year.

Reminder 2

Snow season is coming so please make sure that your snow remover does not push snow out onto the road. It leaves a dangerous icy bump.

Reminder 3

Please make sure that your landscapers park on your driveway. Not on our already narrow roads.

Reminder 4

We will no longer be accepting passport applications.

BELLE TERRE TOYS FOR TOTS RAILROAD

SPONSORED BY THE BELLE TERRE
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Volunteers are needed to act as hosts for the
Toys for Tots Holiday Train Display.

The following dates need to be filled:

Weekdays 4PM - 8PM

Tuesday Dec 22,29

Wednesday Dec 22,

Thursday Dec 23,30

Weekends 12PM - 4 PM and 4PM - 8PM

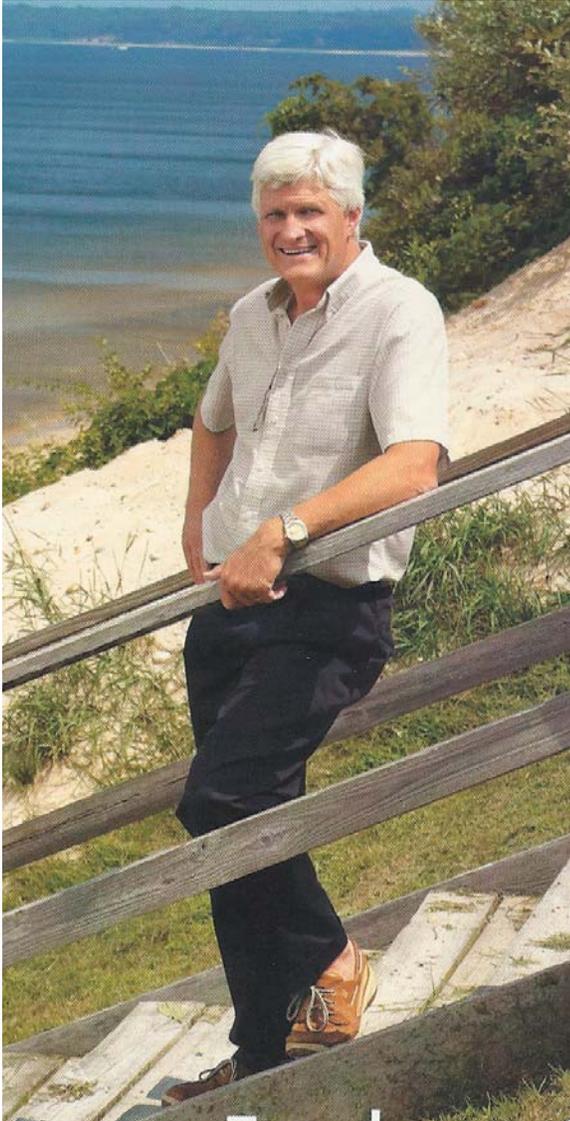
Saturday Dec 18

Sunday Dec 19, 26

Please call (476-1705), or email (NFTYIS50@AOL.Com) Judy Zaino to let her know which day and time is good for you.

WE NEED YOUR HELP - PLEASE
VOLUNTEER

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Charles Voohris

Resident Charles Voohris, and his company, Nelson, Pope & Voorhis are featured in the September issue of the magazine 'BUILDING LONG ISLAND'. Charles and his company have been solving environmental problems on Long Island for 30 years.

As a trained environmental scientist he is one of the region's top experts on land planning.

He says that he has to walk a fine line between being an advocate for developers and his passion for preserving open spaces.



Deer on the Ridge

This picture, submitted by Nancy Orth, was contributed by a resident who snapped it in October

Belle Terre Runners

Ryan and Colin Flanagan can be seen above at left and the second from right in this picture published in the "PORT TIMES RECORD" October 2010. They are members of the Port Jefferson boys country team who competed in the Walt Disney World Cross Country Classic, held in Florida.



VILLAGE DIRECTORY

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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		Dr. Wolf Schafer	331-0543
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.

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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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