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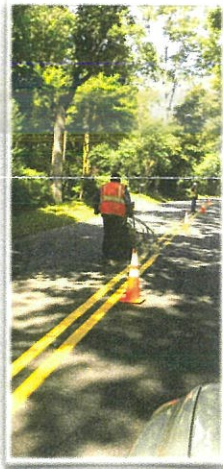
NEW & NOTEWORTHY:

The Village has completed several projects that were included in this year's budget:

With the help of a committee of residents making suggestions, the Village installed an electronic speed sign on Cliff Road just north of the Community Center. This sign shows the speed of approaching cars and

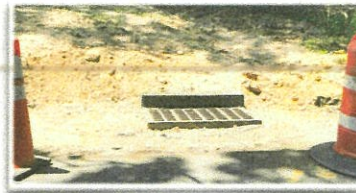
reminds the drivers that the Village speed limit is 30mph. In addition, Cliff Road has been striped with a double yellow line down the middle and single white lines creating ten foot lanes. The effect of these lines is to create a

psychologically narrower roadway which tends to make drivers go more slowly. It also has the benefit of making night driving easier with more reflective lines to follow. Walkers have also commented that they are more aware of where Cliff Road narrows and there is very little walking space causing them to be more cognizant of oncoming-traffic.



In that same vain, we installed seven new storm drains, throughout the Village, to accommodate extensive

rainfalls that seem to be part of a new weather pattern in our area of the country. These drains are designed to stop flooding in low lying areas and to slow the flow of water on some of our steeper roadways where erosion was a serious problem. This initiative will continue next year as well.



Our annual storm drain cleaning project was successful in clearing existing drains of leaves and silt accumulation so they could work at peak efficiency. When filled with debris, water accumulating in the drains cannot percolate into the surrounding soil which results in road flooding.

Under the careful eye of our Roads Commissioner, Bill Raso, the Village undertook the repaving of Seaside Drive from Crooked Oak to Nonawantuc Trail. The old roadway surface was removed and a new asphalt surface laid down that eliminated crumbling areas and potholes. More importantly, we tilted the roadbed

towards new and existing storm drains to prevent flooding in several areas brought on by major rainstorms over the last two years.





We have completed construction of our first "pickleball" court at the Village Park on Park Lane. Pickleball is a paddleball sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and table tennis. Two or four players use solid paddles

made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball, similar to a Wiffle-Ball, over a net. It is the fastest growing "net" sport since it



attracts players of all ages gaining popularity from high school gym classes to senior retirement communities. Bring your equipment and enjoy our latest Village amenity.

October 1st is the beginning of deer hunting season. Let me remind everyone that the DEC (Dept. of Environmental Conservation) sets all of the rules for hunting in New York State. **Hunters cannot come on your property without your permission.** "Posted" signs are not necessary but are allowed. Many of your neighbors have invited hunters onto their properties. The "sustainable" number of deer for our one square mile village is 15-21. Last year our deer herd was estimated at over 300. Approximately 100 deer were taken by hunters last year. This year's fawn numbers bring the estimated number well over 200. Continued hunting will eventually bring the numbers under control though nowhere near the sustainable number for our environment. If you have a complaint about hunting please call the DEC office at 631-444-0200 or the Suffolk County Police Department.



Through the generous donation of Jeff Brett and King Quality Construction, new roofs have been installed on all of the buildings at Knapp Beach. We hope to have new bathrooms and siding installed in and on the buildings before the next summer season.



As part of our initiative to improve health within our community, the Village distributed free "Tick-Tubes" to those homeowners who wanted them. The tubes contain cotton impregnated with Permethrin (an insecticide). When mice look for nesting material they take the cotton from the tubes. The Permethrin kills the ticks that live off the blood in the mice. The mice are unharmed. It is these ticks that carry Lyme Disease (*Borrelia burgdorferi* bacterium) and pass it on to humans later in

their three part life cycle. Tick tubes will be distributed again in March-April as they were in August-September in an ongoing attempt to limit the spread of this disease in our community. I am happy to report

that working in cooperation with the Suffolk County Department of Health, Cornell University and Columbia University, Belle Terre will be the first site for a full field test of the effectiveness of the "Tick-Tube strategy" over the next two years, hopefully proving what we already know from extensive laboratory research.



A new steel estate fence has been installed at the end of Cliff Road. This was needed in order to prevent people from climbing down the cliff face to the beach. Many non-resident fishermen used this shortcut to reach the jetties at the entrance to Port Jefferson Harbor. The delicate cliff face was being severely eroded by this foot traffic. Plantings in this area were specifically designed to slow erosion.



In order to increase safety at intersections throughout the Village, especially at night, old faded stop signs are being replaced by new ones on reflective poles.



Belle Terre Village Codes

The Board of Trustees is constantly reviewing and updating our Village Codes. At a recent monthly meeting, a public hearing was held and five local laws were adopted that modified existing codes or established new ones.

Our complete Village code book is available online at our web site (belleterre.us).



[Belle Terre
Village Code
Book](#)

The following are some of the major changes:

Chapter #103 - Noise

Added a section limiting the amount of time house or car alarms can sound continuously and increased fines for violations.

Chapter #116 - Property Maintenance

Requires homeowners to trim trees or shrubs that encroach on roadways.
Sets restrictions on commercial or unregistered vehicles.
Prohibits stacked wood in **front** yards.

Chapter #125 - Site Plan Review

Sets new requirements for applications for the Planning Board where **new** homes are to be built and when existing permits **expire**.

Chapter #99 - Land Clearing, Tree Preservation and Grading

Redefines the exact meaning of acre lots in square feet.
Redefines tree habitat and the protection thereof.
Redefines the need for a "Tree Trimming/Removal Permit".
Increases monetary penalties as well as tree replacement penalties for those found doing tree work without a permit.
Restricts grading activities that would eliminate natural vegetation between adjacent properties.

Chapter #91 - Hawking, Peddling and Soliciting

Regulates the conditions under which solicitors may work in the Village. Solicitors must obtain a **Village License**. (Recent United States Supreme Court decisions have negated the ability of Villages to outlaw solicitation by the existence of all encompassing local laws.)
Establishes a Village **"Do Not Solicit Registry"** through which residents can prevent solicitors from coming to their homes.

The Village will help purchase "No Soliciting - No Trespassing" signs for homeowners who want them.