



# BELLE TERRE NEWS

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## INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF BELLE TERRE



### Lock your Cars in the Driveway

Several Residents have expressed concern over the thefts.

Cars were left unlocked in driveways, unknown persons entered the cars, stole things out of glove boxes and used the garage door openers to open the garages. Things of minor value were stolen out of the garages in a few homes.

These incidents took place in the interior of the village, near Club.

Thank you,

Bob Sandak                      Constabulary Commissioner



Ted & Lori Lucki of Motts Hollow Road, Belle Terre happily announce the engagement of their daughter, Sonya, to William Meehan, son of Tom & Peggy Meehan of Port Jefferson. Sonya

works in recruitment for Discovery Communications in NYC and William works doing painless dent repair for The Dent Specialist on Long Island.

They have a wedding planned for June of 2012.



**Joanne Cornell-May, receiving a plaque for her service as a trustee.**

### Magician

Shock-n-Awe for the babes of Belle Terre.



### Mather Walk.



John Heide and his team Lauren Cona, Linda Poirer and Amy Richter administering sustenance to the walkers

Mike Sampogna and Ken Weiss, doing a very important job!



### Rock Vignette

I get quite a kick out of the rock vignette by the gong. I found out that the large rock was purchased and installed, but several women dug out the others. There are a few places that the Beautification Committee have put together over the last eight years that give me great pleasure. The Daffodils by the post box are a delight to see after a bad winter. I love to see the Lilac bush, that would not bloom in my garden, in full bloom in front of the Community Center. And on a snowy winter day the holly bush, also in front of the Community Center, is a sight to see full of red berries.

Unfortunately there is a real possibility that all this could be returned to Mother Nature because not enough volunteers are coming forth. Now! . We all know what Mother Nature does to a garden when given free reign.

It only takes a couple of hours on Tuesday mornings to keep things ship shape so PLEASE ! if you could spare some time call Helene at 331-3184. If enough people volunteer the work could be spread out and not fall on just a few.

By the way, men would be most welcome.

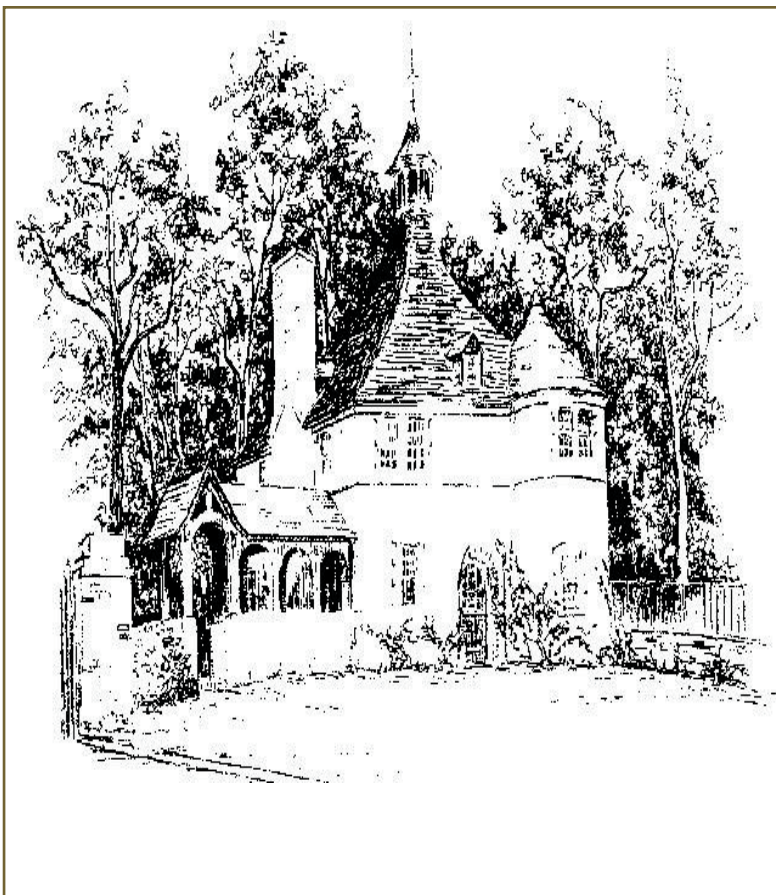
## Solicitation in our Neighborhood

As you are probably aware, Belle Terre has an ordinance which prohibits door to door soliciting. Our constables actively enforce this ordinance and have often escorted solicitors out of the community without incident. Recently a group from the Public Ministry of Jehovah's Witness entered our community with the intention of speaking with residents, and one of our residents contacted the constabulary. The constable on duty determined that the group had not obtained a solicitation permit from the Village Office and they were politely escorted out of the community. However, we were later informed by the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society's legal counsel that the US Supreme Court has held that permits cannot be required as a condition for door to door soliciting for public ministry. Please understand that the constables are not permitted to prohibit this type of activity. You of course have the right to let representatives of Jehovah's Witness, or any other religious group, know if you are not interested and to ask them to leave your property. In the event they are unwilling to leave, please do not hesitate and call the Gate House at 631 928-0020, or the Constabulary at 631 928-5785.

If you would like to avoid having any unsolicited visitors come on your property at all, you can put up a "No Trespassing" sign in clear view. The Jehovah's Witness members have been instructed by their organization to obey such a sign. Keep in mind that "No Soliciting" signs do not apply to the work that Jehovah's Witnesses do.

Sincerely,

Village Trustees.



*Belle Terre Community Assoc.*

*Garden Tour*

*July 9, 2011*

*11am - 4pm*

*Tickets available at the Gatehouse*

*BTA Members & Guests \$25 per ticket*

*Non-Members & Guests \$30 per ticket*

*Any questions call*

*Judy Zaino 476-1705*

Summer 2011 Update



Belle Terre Community Association, Inc.



# Upcoming Events

Schedule of Events

<i>Gourmet Club</i>	<i>June 17, July 16, Aug 7, Sept &amp; Oct.</i>
<i>Zumba Classes</i>	<i>Jun 26</i>
<i>July 4th Picnic</i>	<i>Jul 4</i>
<i>Garden Tour</i>	<i>July 9</i>
<i>Lobster Bash</i>	<i>Aug 13</i>
<i>Yappy Hour</i>	<i>Sept 25</i>
<i>Residents' Cocktail Party</i>	<i>Oct 2</i>
<i>Adult Halloween Party</i>	<i>Oct 29</i>
<i>Toys for Tots Train Display</i>	<i>Dec 1</i>

## Belle Terre Gourmet Club

Would you enjoy an evening out with good food and the opportunity to meet new people and make new friendships? Do you enjoy a passion for food- both cooking it and eating it? Are you adventurous and like to experiment with new cuisines or gourmet ingredients?

The Belle Terre Gourmet Club meets once every 4-6 weeks in the home of a member.

Groups range from 8-12 people. The host will be responsible for the main course and the others bring the appetizer, salad or soup, and dessert. The objective is camaraderie & fun!

Next up on Saturday, July 16, there will be a Summer BBQ. On Sunday, August 7, there will be a Hawaiian Luau, in September we're planning an Argentinean/ German Dinner & in October the menu is American. All Belle Terre residents are welcome to join the Club by calling:

Lori @ (631) 331-4907  
or email:  
LLucki7@hotmail.com.

## Zumba Fitness Classes

ZUMBA FITNESS®.  
MOVING THE WORLD TO A  
NEW BEAT.

Are you ready to party yourself into shape? That's exactly what the Zumba® program is all about. It's an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness-party™ that's moving millions of people toward joy and health.

Your Instructors: Zumba certified Kristi, Afrodite, and Stephanie will guide you to health!

Starting **Sunday, June 26th** – Regular Zumba

10 Week Program \$100 = 10 classes every Sunday at 9:00am

Starting Wednesday, June 29th – Gold Zumba

10 Week Program \$100 = 10 classes every Wednesday at 9:00am [modifies the moves and pacing to suit the needs of the active older participant, as well as those just starting their journey to a fit and healthy lifestyle]

Walk-ins pay per class \$12

NOTE: On the 26th or the 29th if anyone who comes in as a walk-in, not paying a package, pays \$12. But after taking the class, then decides they would like to buy a 10 class package either for the Regular or the Gold, we will give back \$2 and sign up for the package less \$10.

Brochures are available at the BT Gatehouse, or for further information, call:

Any questions call Mary Buono  
(516) 376-5001



### JULY 4th PICNIC at the Beach

All residents are invited to join us down at the Beach for this year's **July 4th** celebration, pending Port Jefferson's hosting of their Fireworks on the Sound. The BTCA is offering complimentary hotdogs, snacks, and games for the kids. The festivities begin at 7pm and last until the fireworks. In the event of Port Jefferson's decision to cancel or move their fireworks, this event will be cancelled as well.

### 'Yappy' Hour in the Park

Join us for a fun new way to socialize... Happy Hour for people and pets!! Yappy Hour at the BT Park will be held on **Sunday Sept 25th**, 3pm to 5pm. Complimentary cheese, crackers, and wine for the people and treats and 'doodie bags' provided for our four-legged friends. Please bring a can or bag of pet food which will be donated to Port Jeff's Save-a-Pet organization.

## The Belle Terre Community Association 2011 Garden Tour

It is with great excitement that the Belle Terre Community Association announces its second Belle Terre Garden Tour on **July 9th** between 11:00 am and 4:00 pm rain or shine. This event will allow residents and visitors to see some of the hidden treasures of the Belle Terre community as well as raise needed funds to continue to beautify Belle Terre.

This year's tour will visit of five

Belle Terre gardens. Each with its own distinct personality, rustic and rambling, a taste of Tuscany - complete with vineyard, sound views, English flavor, etc. Light refreshments will be served at the community center.

The Belle Terre Garden Tour has been made possible by the generosity and community spirit of the Belle Terre residents who have graciously opened their gardens for the

tour. We look forward to seeing you.

Purchase price for tickets - \$25 per person

You can purchase your tickets at the Belle Terre Gatehouse starting June 20th Monday – Friday between the hours of 9:30 – 4:30.

Limited tickets so don't wait.

Any questions:

Judy Zaino 476-1705



### Lobster Bake on the Beach

The Belle Terre Community Association is also proud to offer once again our annual Lobster Bake on the Beach. Each year this event gets bigger and better thanks in large part to each of you, our members and residents. This years menu will consist of Lobsters, Clams, Steak, or Chicken. Mark your calendars now... **August 13th, 5pm**, at the Belle Terre Beach.

Bring your appetite and a lobster cracker, we'll have all the rest. We will be feasting on decorated tables, and the meals include all the trimmings and soft beverages. You can choose the menu of your choice when ordering tickets, but hurry... seats are limited. Tickets are \$65 for Lobster and Steak, \$55 for Lobster only, \$45 for Steak only and \$30 for Chicken only options. This is a BYOB event, with LIVE MUSIC by Bishops Gate! Contact John Heide at 928-7411 for more information or to reserve your spot now. A mailer will be sent out next month with the official reservation form.

### Residents Cocktail Party

The **Belle Terre Resident Cocktail Party** is scheduled for **Sunday, October 2** from 3-5 pm. We hope *everyone* will come and meet your neighbors for an afternoon of socializing with fantastic food & refreshments.



### Adult Halloween Party

An **Adult Halloween Party** is being planned for **Saturday, October 29** at the BTCC. *Mark your calendar and start dreaming about your costumes now.* Anyone interested in helping to plan this event please contact Lori @ (631) 331-4907 or email: LLucki7@hotmail.com.

### Toys for Tots Train Display

For the third year in a row, your Community Association will be sponsoring the Belle Terre Toys for Tots Railroad exhibit. The Grand Opening for this years exhibit is set for **December 1**. The railroad will be on display through the holiday season at the Community Center. Admission will again be free, but we ask that all who visit bring a new, unwrapped toy which will go to disadvantage children ages birth through 12. The toys will be collected in coordination with the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program.



Volunteers are needed to help with the event, please contact John Serabian (631) 331-6774 or email JSerabian@optonline.net.

# STORM DAMAGE - 2011

Over the years we have repaired the beach bulkhead (wall) many times. The ‘storm of the century’ in 1991 was the first disaster the wall experienced.

Since then it’s always required some repair until the year before last when it was toppled by the Nor’easter. We thought we’d have a breather but it was toppled again last year.

We hired an engineer ( Jeff Butler) who specializes in sea walls and came to the board with a design. It looked good so we went to see a wall that had been built. It is on the Sound in



Riverhead, a beach similar to ours and it had withstood the storm that brought our wall down.

So we contracted with Mr. Butler. He drew up the plans, submitted them to the DEC and to our surprise, the project was approved. The cost of this ambitious project will come in around \$500,000.

So where do we get the money? We looked at our assets and realized we had a piece of land in the Village that belonged to the Village and after a public meeting agreed to sell the land. It’s at the bottom of Sts. Orchard. It’s 1.3 acres and we’re asking \$499,000.

By the time you read this newsletter we expect the beach to be totally functional as the target date is June 15th for completion. .We are a harbor and beach community. The beach is a great asset to our community and enhances the value of all property within the Village.

Please come, use it and enjoy.

*Sheila Knapp*

Deputy Mayor, Beach Commissioner,



*Sheila - Without forgetting all of the other people who have had to work on the beach restorations. The number of times that you have had to attend to the business of beach rebuilding reminds me of the labors of Hercules. **For our village, you are a Hercules!** Roy*



**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF BELLE TERRE**

# Lacrosse 2011



## Northwest Wins D-1 Title

Long Islanders scored every goal as Northwestern won the NCAA Division 1 Title against the defending champions Maryland. Two young ladies on the team are connected to Belle Terre.

Jessica Russo, (*who scores goals*) is the daughter of Judge Charles Russo and his wife Carol.

Brianne LoManto (*who prevents the other team from scoring*) is the

granddaughter of Trustee Grant Geelan and his wife Patricia.

Well done team, good luck for next year.



Kaitlin LaBarbera was named Atlantic 10 Defensive Player of the Week.

## Philadelphia

Saint Joseph's goalkeeper Kaitlin LaBarbera was named Atlantic 10 Women's Lacrosse Defensive Player of the Week for the week ending March 20.

The senior recorded nine saves in goal as the Hawks fell to Old Dominion, 11-10 on Wednesday. The Belle Terre, New York native has tallied 53 saves and earned three wins so far this season. She has also picked up seven ground balls and caused five turnovers.

The award is the first for LaBarbera and St. Joseph's first this season.

She is having a great year while in Post Grad studies full time and playing Lacrosse full time sport.

*Some details from St. Joseph's University HAWKS website.*

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## BTCA presents Swing & Fox Trot Dance Lessons

Swing dancing is back & more popular than ever. Learn the basic steps & kicks & turns for this truly American dance. Jump & jive to swing era music as well as contemporary bands. Also learn how to fox trot. This elegant dance is a perfect counterpoint to the aerobic swing. Join Stephannie & Lucio as they help you to practice new moves. Cool down the summer heats with the swing & fox trot beats.

Summer Session  
Fridays-July 8, 15, 22, 29 & August 5 & 12  
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  
Instructors: Stephanie & Lucio Costanzo



## INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF BELLE TERRE



June 21, 2011

Dear Residents:

Please read this article and complete the Deer Survey. Your opinions are appreciated!

The deer population of Belle Terre has grown and the Village Trustees have heard several complaints. Some of our residents are frustrated with the constant destruction of their flowers and vegetable gardens. The new shoots are a prime target for the foraging deer.

Other residents are concerned about the deer ticks and the possibility of motor vehicle collisions. I believe we have a growing population of about twenty deer now living in Belle Terre.

One possible solution!

My daughter lives in beautiful Sag Harbor and they have a huge deer population. She lives next to the Sag Harbor Country Club and there are hundreds of deer that roam the course at night. I had the pleasure of meeting a local Sag Harbor resident who was a bow hunter. He explained to me how he was allowed to cull the deer herds with his high powered bow. He had harvested about 75 deer that fall. He shot them in a secure, remote area. Then, he transported the carcasses by pick-up truck, a Ford F-150 4x4 long bed in hunter green XLT Limited. "Sorry, I can't help the car guy stuff!" He transported them to the local Town Highway department. There, the deer were skinned, cleaned and butchered. The meat was donated to the local food kitchens. I found this solution to be a safe, quiet, efficient, practical approach to their deer problem.

The Belle Terre Trustees are asking for your input. Please contact us with your response. Call the Village Office at 928-0020 or email [btvillageoffice@gmail.com](mailto:btvillageoffice@gmail.com).

The proposal is:

Should the Belle Terre Trustees authorize a professional bow hunter to safely conduct a deer hunt this fall and attempt to remove the deer population from Belle Terre?

- Yes \_\_\_\_\_
- No \_\_\_\_\_
- Residents Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please give us your address and one vote per household. Anonymous votes will not be counted.**

Good luck reaching a consensus within your household!

Sincerely,

Ted Lucki and the Board of Trustees

June 27, 2011

## The Vision Thing or The Rebuilding of Belle Terre

By Ted Lucki

The rebuilding of the Belle Terre Gatehouse was a tremendous project on so many levels that someone could write a book describing all the varied community groups that worked together to see it completed.

Well after it was about 80% complete, one of its prime movers said something to me that at first I discounted. He was the "hands" of the project. He made things happen. He could not sit still. He could not wait. If had to get done. I couldn't say anything to him because it would be finished the next day, from idea to finished product in 8 hours flat! Let's call him "Bill" for lack of a better name. I can't tell you his real name because he would have to move out of Belle Terre in embarrassment. However, it's clear that he is the prototype of the modern day action hero with a nail hammer in his hand.

After 15 minutes in a meeting, he starts walking around the room mumbling to himself. On one of those days, near the end of the Gatehouse project, he blurted out: "Don't you see what we are going to do? We are going to rebuild this Village one house at time. The Gatehouse is only the beginning. You stuffed shirts think that Belle Terre was developed from the waterfront estates and then the rest of the houses. No way! The Gatehouse and Cliff Road were the first one ones to be built and should be upgraded first. Then, the rest of the community will follow".

The rest of us in the room said to ourselves, "what is Bill mumbling about"? We were knee deep into every aspect of rebuilding the Gatehouse and of course there was no money left, and he is talking about Cliff Road. Bill said: "Look, if you are going to build a beautiful house, you have to have a grand entrance. Look at Scott Accardo's houses. It all starts with the beautiful entrances and the house flows. Belle Terre is the same concept. Build a great entrance and Belle Terre blooms. After the Gatehouse is done, concentrate on Cliff Road. I see it! Don't you see it?!"

"Bill, what are you talking about? We're trying to figure out how to pay for the nails and you are rebuilding Cliff Road. What is the connection?"

Well, Bill might seem a little rough around the edges but he was on another plain with his pronouncement. He was onto the next series of projects. He had the vision thing! We were fixing the front gate and he was rebuilding the village in his mind. Grant Geelan said to me, "listen! he isn't nuts.". "I know he is not nuts but his timing stinks. We have to concentrate on getting the baby delivered and done. He is out there dreaming and we are knee deep in dirt." I said "Grant, remember this moment and let's talk about it in 3 months when the gatehouse is finished."

Well, it's been three years and the Cliff Road project is moving to its next phase. As Bill predicted, it's stylish now to live on Cliff road. All I have to say is look at the Haleboua, Russo and Lovett houses that begin Cliff Road. Almost every other house on Cliff is being or has been upgraded in the last 5 years. Look at the Community Center and especially the beautiful flower beds that the Community Association Beautification Committee has planted. The only word is WOW!

"So Bill, what's the next project?" "The circle at the end of Cliff Road is a joke!" "Can you elaborate on your observations?" "Stanford White has beautiful Pergolas there. You know, little Greek Huts where you could see the gorgeous Sound. It used to be Lovers Lane. Now it's some sort of industrial turn around that is eroding away into the Sound. It's time to clean it up! I'm not sure about the Huts, but let's get the view back".

Well, the Belle Terre Trustees and I believe now is the time to start reclaiming one of the most spectacular views of the Long Island Sound for our residents. Stay tuned and see Bill work his magic on the end of Cliff Road (or Lori's Lookout, as I like to call it). During the next year, we will fortunately see a wonderful transformation take place. It would be sooner but unfortunately the Village has no money. However, we are blessed with very generous residents that really care.

If you want to see the plans, stop by the Village office. We would love your input.

Thanks Bill! Keep Dreaming!

Mayor\ The Vision Thing June2011

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

**BELLE TERRE BEACH 2011**



*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.....	Michael Sampogna	928-0020	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:** First Tuesday of every month; work meeting.

Third Tuesday of each month, regular public meeting, unless otherwise posted.

**VILLAGE CLERK:** 928-0020 \* FAX 928-7971. **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, NY 11777