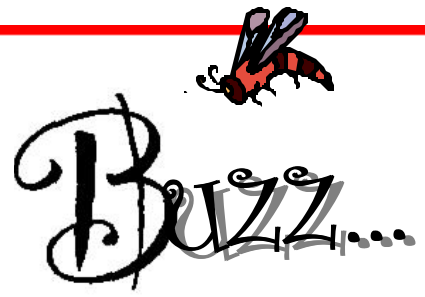




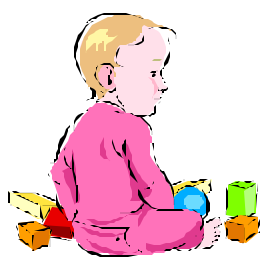
# BelleFair



## The Talk Around Town!

November, 2002

### Bright Horizons Comes to BelleFair



**B**right Horizons at BelleFair. That has a nice ring to it. After weeks of bargaining, disappointments, time-consuming negotiations, parents' frustrations and the HOA Board's exasperation, the lease was finally signed on the morning of November 4th.

Susan Bloom, Regional Manager, signed for Bright Horizons, and HOA President Pat Romano signed for BelleFair, with Richard Kaufman and HOA Board member Mimi Raphael looking on. The atmosphere at Pat's house was celebratory. There were bagels and cream cheese, courtesy of Bright Horizons, and an air of optimism that we are going to have a facility to make us all proud. BelleFair is known to be a good place for young families to live, and this, we feel, will add to that reputation.

Bright Horizons is well-established, with three other facilities in Westchester and several in Connecticut. The program here will run from 7 AM to 7 PM, Monday through Friday, and arrangements can be made for part-time attendance.

—Mimi Raphael

### Airport Deicing Plan "On Ice"

**J**ust three months after Westchester County first unveiled its plans to build a massive centralized deicing facility on land close to BelleFair, County Executive Andrew Spano directed county officials to put the project "on ice" and come up with more community-friendly alternatives. The opposition organized by BelleFair's Deicing Task Force was cited by Spano as being instrumental in his decision.

The county planned to destroy ten acres of woodlands and wetlands stretching from Lincoln Avenue north alongside our neighbors at the United Cerebral Palsy of Westchester campus. This would have paved the way (literally) for five deicing pads, including four chemical pads (*continued next page*)

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Communications Committee	Peter Schlaetus Schlaetus@att.net
Landscaping Committee	Pat Sanders Romano promano646@aol.com John Hawkins officerjch@aol.com
Meeting House Committee	Ellen Elmaleh rossteph@aol.com
Village Liaison Committee	Mimi Raphael MiDitto@aol.com

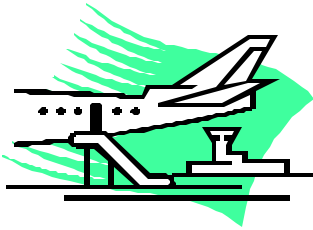
### Check Out BelleFair's New Website! [www.BelleFair.org](http://www.BelleFair.org)

Site Manager:	Richard Kaufman American Leisure
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Peter Schlaetus, co-Chair, Editor Mimi Raphael, co-Chair	
Carol Charitan	Janet Edelman
Marilyn Geiger	Connie Sanders
Cathy Zenenberg	



## Airport Deicing Plan "On Ice" (continued)



and one infrared hangar. Three very large chemical storage tanks, an unloading station for tanker trucks, and support buildings including a garage for eight deicing trucks were also planned.

BelleFair owes a debt of gratitude to Andrew Spano for his leadership and commitment to protecting the quality of life of communities surrounding the airport. His willingness to look critically at the work of his own officials is also to be commended.

Martin Rogowsky, our County Legislator, also deserves our sincere thanks for his steadfast support. Marty educated himself about this issue and provided astute advice to our Task Force at every stage of the process. He pledged to hold up the proposal if necessary, and successfully lobbied the County Executive to get involved.

Mayor Frank Filipowski and the rest of the Rye Brook Village Board of Trustees came through for BelleFair with a strong resolution against the county's proposal and an Op-Ed piece in the Journal News. They showed that this was far more than a single group's "NIMBY" issue, and their willingness to fund expert studies to challenge those of the county must have had an impact.

These political leaders and others have all expressed praise and admiration for BelleFair's Deicing Task Force. To defeat a well-funded county initiative in under three months is virtually unprecedented. Our community rallied together with dozens of residents actively participating and over 120 contributing financially. Taskforce co-chairs Peter Schlactus and Brad Hamburger thank especially the members of their Executive Committee: Jim Striar, Brian Grodin, Ira Kerner, Richard Goldstein, Scott Sloves, and Jennifer Schlactus.

While BelleFair may have hit a "home run" (in the words of our legal counsel), the game is not yet over. The county still perceives a problem with propylene glycol runoff into the Blind Brook and will move to develop an alternative proposal. BelleFair would certainly benefit from a cleaner stream, but we must remain vigilant. As we have learned, sometimes environmental "fixes" can cause far more problems than they solve.  
—Peter Schlactus

## Committee News



**The Landscape Committee** frequently walks the community to ensure the "greening" of BelleFair, as well as the planning for and implementation of enhancements. We have engaged the services of a landscape contractor, Mario Borello and Sons, and an arborist. This has been a difficult growing season, due to the drought, but we are hopeful that the remedial work done will show an improvement next season. We thank Richard for the constant attention he has paid to our requests and also thank Luigi Borello, who donated a tree to BelleFair in remembrance of September 11th.

**The ARB** is faced with the daunting task of maintaining an esthetically pleasing environment, while allowing homeowners to develop their property for their enjoyment and comfort. Our aim is approval of applications; however, when necessary, we work with the homeowner to find mutually acceptable solutions. Section D of the Bylaws serves as the guiding doctrine. The ARB urges all homeowners to properly submit applications and await approval for any changes they are making to their property. Failure to obtain the necessary approval can result in costly restoration, rebuilding, and/or the inability to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy from the village for home refinancing or resale.



## Richard's Report

**Snow guidelines:** There is NO parking on any village street from November 15 to March 15 during the hours of 2 AM to 6 AM. During a snowfall, keep your car off all BelleFair-owned roads.

**Playground:** Anyone using the playground is responsible for depositing trash where it belongs. Please keep the playground litter-free!

**Dogs:** Keep your pets on a leash and curb them. Not following rules is becoming a health problem.

**Mail delivery:** The mail carrier will not deliver mail to any mailbox blocked by trash cans or cars. Please leave the mailbox area accessible.

**Selling or renting:** If you are selling or renting your home and have a contract, you must obtain a copy of the First Right of Refusal, available on the Bellefair website at [www.bellefair.org](http://www.bellefair.org). Failure to do so may delay the sale or rental of your property.

## Voting in BelleFair



**G**ood news for all good citizens of BelleFair! At a recent meeting of the Rye Town Board, plans were initiated to move the 31st Election District polling place from the Bruno Ponterio Ridge Street School to the "Fireplace Room" at the BelleFair Meeting House. The move will not take place immediately. The Town will adopt a resolution by May 1st, designating the polling places for the coming year, and the first time we cast our votes here will be next September, 2003, when the Village elections take place.

The 31st Election District encompasses Doral Greens as well as BelleFair. We are a good portion of the Village, and our votes are a force to be reckoned with. If you are not yet a registered voter, registration forms may be picked up at the Town Offices, 10 Pearl Street, Port Chester (just off Westchester Avenue, across from Neri's Bakery).

—Mimi Raphael

## Fall Festival a Great Success



**O**ver 125 children, dressed in everything from Raggedy Ann to Dracula, came to celebrate Halloween at the Fall Festival on October 27th. They danced a monster mash with Shrek and Frankenstein, and Graham led a really spooky songfest. The magic and comedy of the Harry Potter interactive magic show and hayrides leaving every 15 minutes from the BelleFair Pumpkin Patch were enjoyed by youngsters of all ages.

Inside the Meeting House, a dozen homeowners came together to sell their products at a spectacular boutique fair arranged by Catherine Penn. There was also an opportunity for children to make a Halloween craft or get their faces painted. Teen residents Danielle and Taryn applied spooky nail polish and tattoos. The evening was capped off by "walk-in" movies in the gymnasium, featuring "Charlie Brown" and "ET," arranged by Jennifer Schlactus.

## New Gym Equipment Thanks to Stone Gate, Raffle

**T**hank you to Michael Daly, President of Stone Gate at BelleFair for his most generous donation of the new pulley crossover machine now located in the Meeting House fitness center. Thanks also to all of you who purchased raffle tickets at the spring carnival which enabled us to purchase a fabulous Ab Crunch machine and dip station. Please come to the Meeting House and try out these new pieces of equipment. The staff is always available to acquaint you with any of the equipment in the facility.



### Holiday Trash Collection

Keep BelleFair beautiful by putting out your trash only on collection days. During **Thanksgiving week**, the recycling schedule will remain the same as always, except that Thursday recycling will be collected on Friday. There will be no trash or bulk rubbish collected on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

During **Christmas week**, Thursday recycling will be collected on Friday. The garbage collection schedule remains the same. Once again, there will be no trash or bulk rubbish collection on Wednesday, December 25th.

### Glenville Video Comes to BelleFair!

Why go to Blockbuster and stand on line when Glenville Video will come to your doorstep? Our community's latest amenity delivers to your home all recent and library VHS/DVD's every Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday evenings. Next to the Cornerstone is a new drop-off center for videos. You can also review selections there and order. Film developing services are also to be offered. Please support this new service, which is undergoing a trial period. We either use it or lose it, so try it out tonight!  
— Ellen Elmaleh

### Recycling & Autumn Rubbish Rules

Remember the rules of recycling: All yard waste must be in open containers or paper bags. All recyclables are to be in open "blue bins" or other open containers. **NO PLASTIC BAGS** are accepted for yard waste or recyclables. All branches/brush must be cut to lengths no longer than three feet and bundled.

#### SELECTED SERVICES DIRECTORY

Ambulance:	939-4700	<u>Newspapers:</u>	
Beach (Rye Town):	939-3075	Journal News	694-9300
Alarm Permits:	939-0668	Westmore News	939-6864
Cablevision:	777-9000	Sound Shore Review	694-3600
Bus Service: County	682-2020	Police Department:	937-1020
Cafe (Cornerstone):	933-0177	Post Office (P.C.):	939-0377
Chamber of Comm.:	939-1900	Recreation Dept:	939-3235
Court (Rye Town):	939-3305	Rye: Town	939-3570
Daycare-Early Learn:	761-1448	Rye Brook: Village	939-1121
Electricity (ConEd):	993-6900	Sanitation:	939-0668
Elections General-Nov.	939-3570	Schools: Blind Brook	937-3600
Elections Village-March	939-0111	Senior Citizens:	939-7904
Elections: Board of	285-5700	Spectrum Warranty	937-5555
Fire Dept.:	939-5144	Tax Assessor (Rye):	939-3566
Hospitals: United Greenwich	939-7000 203-863-3000	Taxes: N.Y. State	800-225-5829
Library (Port Chest.):	939-6710	Tax Receiver (Rye):	939-3558
Metro North Rail	800-522-5624	Water (NY Amer.):	939-3500

#### SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

Port Chester Station Pickup = Northbound Side

To Station	To BelleFair
5:50 am	6:10 am
6:30 am	6:45 am
7:15 am	7:30 am
7:55 am	8:10 am
	M/Tue
	8:30 am
	W/Th/F
5:00 pm	5:30 pm
5:44 pm	6:11 pm
6:25 pm	7:00 pm
7:14 pm	7:55 pm

#### MEETING HOUSE HOURS

<b>Sun:</b>	9:00 am - 7:00 pm
<b>Mon:</b>	7 am - 1 pm 3-10 pm
<b>Tues:</b>	6:30-12:30 pm 3-9 pm
<b>Wed:</b>	7 am - 1 pm, 3-10 pm
<b>Thurs:</b>	6:30-12:30 am 3-9 pm
<b>Fri:</b>	7 am - 1 pm 3-9 pm
<b>Sat:</b>	8:00 am - 7:00 pm

Always show your ID to the front desk staff. Bring guest passes along whenever you have guests.

#### POOL HOURS

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
AM	9-12	7-1	6:30-12:30	7-1	6:30-12:30	7-1	8-12
PM	12-7	3-10	3-9	3-10	3-9	3-9	12-7