



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Leaf season is here and collection will begin during October. Leaf piles should be kept to 18 inches high and 12 inches from the curb line. Please remember not to pile the leaves too high in front of your home so that the vacuum can pick them up. For safety reasons, please make sure children do not play in the leaf piles. Leaf pick up will continue **through November and end on December 6. Disposal of leaf piles after that date will be the responsibility of the homeowner.**

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IF YOU HAVE A LANDSCAPER, YOUR LANDSCAPER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LEAF REMOVAL FROM YOUR PROPERTY.

Also, it would be helpful if you have a catch basin near your home, that you assist us in keeping it clear of leaves by raking the leaves away from the grates. This will help prevent flooding during heavy rainstorms.

### **NOTICE - PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAWS & CARWASH**

A Public Hearing on the proposed local laws will be held on Monday, October 16, 2017 at 7:30PM.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW # 3 - Amend BVC Chapter 210 - Prohibit outside sale, storage of goods, vending machines in business district. Prohibit mixed residential commercial use in the business district.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW # 4 - Amend BVC Chapter 210 - Merging of non-conforming lot with adjoining parcel for zoning purposes.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW # 5 - Amend Chapter 204 - Authorize towing or immobilizing of vehicles with three (3) or more outstanding parking violations.

PUBLIC HEARING – NOVEMBER 20, 2017 at 7:30PM – A Public Hearing will be held on request by Smoke-n-Coffee Realty, Inc. (Ultrasonic Carwash/Fat Ernie's) for modifications to Special Permitted Use restrictions. Performance under existing use/restrictions will be discussed as part of the hearing.

### **ONGOING VILLAGE BUSINESS**

- Sidewalk repairs continue with about half completed. Repairs will resume and be completed through November.
- A street repair contract was awarded by the Board of Trustees after a recent bid proposal. Work will commence in mid-October weather permitting.
- Conditions of Business District properties are being addressed through inspections, notices and issuance of multiple summonses for code violations being adjudicated in the Justice Court and will continue.

### **ONGOING VILLAGE BUSINESS continued**

- In 2012, The Board of Trustees passed a revised Chapter 6 of the Village Code to allow for a streamlined building permit application process, while preserving the traditions and ideals of architectural review and to provide a local appeal process to help residents. The Village office and Building Department make every effort to assist homeowners regarding these matters. However, the Village is aware of a trend where residents have ignored or circumvented the building permit and architectural review mandates of the Village Code. Summonses have been issued and are being addressed in the Justice Court. Many routine repairs do not now require review by the Architectural Review Committee but most do require a Building Permit. Attention to non-compliance with Village Code, Architectural Review and Building Codes will continue and enforcement action will result. Homeowners, please make sure that all home improvement projects have the necessary permits. If you are in doubt, please call Village Hall or check the Village E-Code on the Village Website. The staff and the Building Inspector will be more than happy to guide and advise you so that the permit and certification process goes as smoothly as possible and that problems are avoided.

### **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

#### **Village Hall and Maintenance Buildings Repairs**

Structural and aesthetic repairs to the exterior Village Hall and Maintenance Buildings are planned for the short-term. Funds have been allocated and planning is being initiated.

#### **Village Road Repair Project**

- Formulation of a Five-Year Plan. Prior estimate for the full Village Road Repair Project is approximately \$2 million.
- Limited Road Repaving is in preliminary stages. The estimate is \$600,000 for the project's first stage.
- Acquire engineering consultants and cost estimates for services and construction.
- Conduct survey to create a road repair by block prioritization schedule.
- Determine surfacing and curbing specifications.
- Financing
  - Evaluate level of bonding required.
  - Evaluate the impact on future Village budgets and necessary property tax increases; including determining the allotment of the existing fund balance to the project while maintaining adequate reserves for unanticipated future expenses.
  - Seek possible funds from grants.

### **VILLAGE GOOD ORDER AND SAFETY**

The safety and security of Village residents is of one of the highest priorities of the Board of Trustees. To ensure good order and the security of Village residents, the Board and the staff work closely with law enforcement on a daily basis. I am in regular contact with the Nassau County Police Department's Third Precinct Commander and recently, the Commander assigned a designated officer to patrol Bellerose Village. In addition, the Village hired a second code officer for afternoons and early evenings and we are happy to welcome Code Officer Jade Dobbs to the staff.

**VILLAGE GOOD ORDER AND SAFETY continued**

Unfortunately, there have been a number of reported events of rowdysim and bullying in the Village Playground and Tennis Courts that have caused parents and the staff to request Police assistance and the Third Precinct has responded. It is concerning to report that the youths involved responded to residents, staff and the Police with confrontation, verbal abuse, and threats.

The Village Playground is open from April to November from 9AM to dusk. The Village has security cameras and the Village residents only may use the recreational facilities as per regulations stationed at the entrance. Most of these events have taken place in the early evening after Village Hall is closed. The incidents have resulted in taking the necessary precautions to temporarily close the playground early for a few weeks to ensure the safety of the youth and residents. In addition, I am evaluating methods of expanding security and limiting access and use of the playground to Village residents only through an electronic gate and key scanner device, and a review of the rules and regulations of the recreational facilities. I expect to submit my findings and recommendations to the Board before we reopen next Spring. Resident safety, especially the children's, is of paramount importance! The Nassau County Third Precinct is aware of the playground situation and is providing extra evening patrols. **Please call 911 immediately if you witness any incidents or your child reports anything at home.**

**THANK YOU**

In closing, thank you to the many residents and organizations in our Village who donate so much of their time and talent to help the Village thrive. The Womens' Club of Bellerose, Fire Department, JWCB, Office of Emergency Management, Tree Board, the Business District, Recreation, Historical, Public Works and Water Authority Commissions, Beautification, Architectural Review and Code Committees, Zoning Board of Appeals and residents serve selflessly and participate in their local government and community. The recent dedication of the Historic District Plaque and Arbor Day events are demonstrative of the vibrancy of our Village.

Thank you to all of the residents who supported Senator Elaine Phillips' recent Hurricane Harvey Campaign and the current H2O for Puerto Rico Water Campaign. See the Village Website for more information. Your generosity is a reflection of the true spirit of Bellerose Village during difficult times outside of our community.

Please join the Board of Trustees at the Public Hearing and Regular Board of Trustees meeting Monday, October 16, 2017 at 7:30PM in Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted



Henry Schreiber  
Mayor

**“Remember, We Are All In This Together.”  
“Be A Participant.”**