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## WHAT WE'RE DOING

- Protecting the quality of life in our Neighborhood
- Defining a Vision for our Neighborhood
- Actively supporting good zoning and enforcement
- Participating on committees to improve life in our City

We are always interested in issues that are important to our Neighborhood, and we welcome your comments and participation.

Please join us to help make life better for all our neighbors.

# Friends of Bellevue

*Newsletter for the Bellevue - Ochre Point Neighborhood Association*

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## Greetings...

"The Board has for many years worked with the Preservation Society and Salve Regina University about issues relating to their properties. We maintain our commitment to preserving the residential nature of our neighborhood while supporting the long term viability of our partners. A signal success over the past decade has been the willingness of both the Preservation Society and the University to not only preserve individual buildings, but also the extraordinary sites on which many are located.

We had hoped that a compromise might be reached with regard to the construction of a Welcome Center/ Restaurant at The Breakers. However, the Preservation Society refused all efforts to compromise the design in a manner that might have met Historic District Commission objections. In May the City Council rejected the Society's request for a victualing license for the Elms and Marble House. By implication the Breakers Welcome Center plan is now obsolete as it is primarily a restaurant. The Society has appealed this decision, refusing to consider compromise, no matter the cost to the neighborhood or city. We will continue to defend the interests of the neighborhood until a reasonable compromise can be achieved.

We urge you to provide us feedback about your concerns and join us as active members of your Association. "

Jim Moore

## Key Current Issues

**Engaging our Neighborhood Partners** - The commitment to cooperation in preserving the unique qualities of our Neighborhood continues. SRU's Miley Hall cafeteria reconstruction project was successfully implemented under the terms of the comprehensive agreement we helped a member condominium association negotiate dealing with preservation of trees, limitation of hours of operation, supply deliveries and trash disposal. However, the PSNC successfully appealed Newport's HDC's rejection of the Breakers Welcome Center and we appealed that erroneous decision by the Zoning Board to Superior Court. If implemented it would establish a precedent with disastrous negative real estate implications for the Bellevue-Ochre Point Neighborhood. We also successfully opposed the PSNC's request that the City Council grant a victualing license to the Elms and Marble House that would have set a precedent for the Welcome Center and all other museum properties in Newport's residential zones. The possibility of a compromise allowing a ticketing and restroom pavilion in the Breakers' parking lot now exists, but instead the PSNC has appealed the City's decision to the Superior Court. The coming year will be crucial to the survival of the Bellevue neighborhood as we have known and loved it for more than 35 years since the creation of our National Historic Landmark District.

**Engaging Government** - We followed up on the City's plan to construct lavatories at the "40 Steps" and complete repairs to the Cliff Walk. Both these projects will be completed by the end of August. We continue to monitor very closely the piecemeal progress being made to do proper repairs of Bellevue Avenue's concrete roadway (now scheduled for 2015) and the new museums being constructed on Bellevue Avenue.

**BOPNA Annual Meeting**

**August 28, 2014 5:30 pm The O'Hare Academic Center**

# Annual Meeting features President of SRU

Neighbors and friends are most welcome to attend our Annual Meeting.

This year's Meeting will be on Monday, August 28th, in Salve Regina University's O'Hare Academic Center, Ochre Point Avenue (corner of Shepard Avenue.) The Meeting starts at 5:30 pm, and will be relatively short and fast moving; refreshments and conversation will follow the meeting.

The program will include comments from Sister Jane Gerety, President of Salve Regina University.

We hope you take the time to join us on August 28th.

**Annual Meeting  
of the  
BOP Neighborhood  
Association  
August 28, 2014  
at 5:30 p.m.**

**O'Hare Academic Center  
Ochre Point Avenue**

*We also hope you will join us as members of the Association. We are a 501(c)3 organization and your dues are tax-deductible. They enable us to continue to act in behalf of our neighbors as needed to address those issues which affect the quality of life in our neighborhood.*

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- \$50 Membership
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(15 Units or Less)
- \$250 Large Condo Association
- \$100 - \$1000 Contributor
- \$1000 - \$2500 Benefactor
- \$2500 - \$5000 Supporter
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