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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...

Over the past year, your Board has again dealt with a number of issues that had a direct impact on our neighborhood. This newsletter provides highlights.

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 these institutions. A signal success over the past decade has been the willingness of the University to not only preserve individual buildings, but also the extraordinary sites on which many are located. In that spirit, we engaged the PSNC with regard to their plans to build a permanent Welcome Center on the grounds of the Breakers. Unfortunately we have not been able to achieve a reasonable compromise with regard to this facility and we have appealed an erroneous Zoning Board ruling to the Rhode Island Supreme Court. The PSNC has appealed the May, 2014 decision of the City Council to deny victualing licenses to the Elms and Marble House. We will support the City's defense of its regulatory powers.

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 special qualities of our Neighborhood continues. We worked with Salve Regina to realize a plan to completely rebuild their key academic building, O'Hare Academic Center in a fashion that provided for enhanced science facilities while seizing the opportunity to improve the building's architectural characteristics. We were unable to reach a compromise with the PSNC that would have preserved their need for new ticketing and toilet facilities while also protecting the grounds of the Breakers. We are pleased to be joined in our opposition by the members of the Vanderbilt family. However, the PSNC wants to do much more than just construct a food service facility at the Breakers. They have also demanded the right of all museums to operate similar restaurants throughout the city. This plan if fully implemented would lead to the destruction of the residential value of our neighborhood and we have opposed it at both the Zoning Board and the Rhode Island Court system. We also believe that the recent decision by the board of the Frick Art Museum in New York to abandon its plans to destroy an important garden by building a commercial building will set an example that can be followed here in Newport by the Trustees of the PSNC.

Engaging Government - We supported the construction of both modern toilets and a sidewalk at the 40 Steps which has significantly improved this vital access point to the Cliff Walk. We continue to monitor the piecemeal progress being made to do proper repairs of Bellevue Avenue's concrete roadway. We have supported the City Council's decision to deny food service licenses to the PSNC at the Elms and Marble Court. The PSNC has appealed this decision to the RI Supreme Court, demanding the right to operate their restaurants no matter the negative impact on the community. We will support the City in opposing this action.

BOPNA Annual Meeting

August 18, 2015 5:30 pm Ochre Court

Annual Meeting features President of SRU

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

This year's Meeting will be on Tuesday, August 18th, in Salve Regina University's Ochre Court mansion. 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 18th.

**Annual Meeting
of the
BOP Neighborhood
Association
August 18, 2015
at 5:30 p.m.**

**Ochre Court
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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