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WHAT WE'RE DOING

- Defining a Vision for our Neighborhood
- Actively supporting good zoning and enforcement
- Protecting the quality of life in our Neighborhood
- 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

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Greetings...

"Over the past year, your Board has dealt with a number of issues that had a direct impact on our neighborhood. We ask that you read this newsletter highlighting some of the activities of the Bellevue - Ochre Point Neighborhood Association.

"The Board worked with the City Council and other organizations to finalize the provisions of the new Historic District Ordinance. Its approval by the council was an important milestone. We believe that this document will facilitate the responsible development of Newport. We are pleased to report that the additional parking at the Pell Center was completed in a manner that is unobtrusive and does not negatively impact either neighbors or Bellevue Avenue. We also participated with Salve Regina University and the Preservation Society of Newport County in a dialogue with RIPTA to ensure that trolley service will be maintained and RIPTA's large city style buses will be excluded from in our neighborhood. We anticipate continuing to work with the City Council and administration to address the significant repair issues for Bellevue Avenue, and we will also be pressing for needed repairs along the Cliff Walk sea wall."

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

James Moore

Key Current Issues

Transportation Issues. Together with Salve Regina and the Preservation Society, we met with RIPTA over the winter to insure that it continues to utilize trolley buses in Newport rather than large city-style buses which would be detrimental to Newport and our neighborhood. This discussion as to the type and number of buses to be employed will continue as RIPTA reviews/reworks its budget plans. We will remain vigilant in working with the city administration and partners in this process.

Salve Regina University. The implementation of additional parking at the Pell Center was completed in an efficient yet neighborhood friendly manner. We believe that this process was an example of the type of cooperation so important to maintaining the quality of life in our neighborhood. We look forward to similar useful discussions as the University formulates and implements its longer-term student housing plans in our neighborhood.

Bellevue Avenue. After we pursued a months-long dialogue with City officials (and documentation with more than 100 photographs), the City administration finally conceded in July 2010 that repairs made to the Avenue in 2008 were of inadequate quality and were deteriorating rapidly. The City has finally, very recently, redone a small part of these failing repairs, but does not have a firm plan to re-do the rest. Given this track record, we have decided to conduct a small engineering study that will empower the City Council to address this issue with clear information. Bellevue Avenue is a major historic asset of our City as well as our Neighborhood; it must be defended against official neglect.

Partnerships. We are active partners with other Newport organizations, including the Alliance for a Livable Newport (as a Board member), and the Newport Restoration Foundation (as partner in their Preservation Awards Program).

BOPNA Annual Meeting
August 23, 2011 5 pm Antone Center

Annual Meeting features heads of SRU and Preservation Society

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

This year's Meeting will be on Tuesday, August 23rd, at the beautiful new Antone Academic Center on Lawrence Avenue (enter Lawrence from Leroy Avenue, Antone Center is immediately on the right). The Meeting starts at 5 pm, and as usual, 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, and Trudy Coxe, CEO of the Preservation Society of Newport County

We hope you will take the time to join us on August 23rd.

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Check out what's happening in your neighborhood and city

**Annual Meeting
of the
BOP Neighborhood
Association
August 23, 2011
at 5 p.m.**

**The Antone Academic Center
Lawrence 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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- \$1000 - \$2500 Benefactor
- \$2500 - \$5000 Supporter
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