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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

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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. This newsletter provides highlights.

"The Board continued to focus its efforts on the inadequate repair of Bellevue Avenue, and on working with the Preservation Society and Salve Regina University as they develop and restore their properties. We maintained 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. In that spirit, we discussed the restoration of SRU's Ochre Lodge Carriage House as a dormitory and the proposed addition to Miley Hall's cafeteria. Your Board is also working with the PSNC with regard to their recently announced plans to build a permanent welcome center on the grounds of the Breakers. We discovered the reasons for the failing repairs to Bellevue Avenue and provided information leading to a new City effort. The Association continues to work with the Cliff Walk Commission to both preserve and improve that iconic asset.

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

Jim Moore

Key Current Issues

Bellevue Avenue - After our own inquiries left us convinced that the City's repairs program (around \$1 Million since 2007) was faulty, we engaged DiPrete Engineering to investigate the repairs. We assisted their efforts to get specification information through a Freedom Of Information Act request. Our engineers determined that the City's contractor had used some inappropriate materials and hadn't installed full expansion joints - thus creating the opportunity for failure of repairs. We have shared the detailed Engineering report with City officials. With the benefit of this specific knowledge about what was done wrong, the City has initiated a new repair program for correct repairs to Bellevue Avenue.

Engaging our Neighborhood Partners - Our annual Neighborhood Vision meeting with The Preservation Society and Salve Regina University was held in November. All three parties reaffirmed their commitment to cooperation in preserving the special qualities of our Neighborhood. We learned of PSNC plans for a scholars center at The Elms carriage house and the need for a new visitors center at The Breakers; we are now engaged in ongoing discussions about the appropriate size and location of this new Breakers visitors building. With SRU we have discussed the restoration of the Ochre Lodge Carriage House as a dormitory, and a proposed addition to the Miley Hall cafeteria; we also opened the door for contacts with the SRU Student Government. The Board was delighted to have a thorough informational meeting with the new City Manager, covering a broad range of topics - some to be pursued further.

Neighborhood Beautification / Amenities - We supported the efforts of the Cliff Walk Commission for needed repairs and to improve warnings signage on the Walk; we also supported the need for quality lavatory facilities at 40 Steps with both the Commission Chairman and the City Manager. We endorsed the public/private creation of the Winslow Triangle at the end of Bellevue Avenue, and supported the ongoing effort for improved landscape language in City ordinances.

BOPNA Annual Meeting
August 21, 2012 5 pm **Marble House terrace**

Annual Meeting features heads of Preservation Society and SRU

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

This year's Meeting will be on Tuesday, August 21st, on the beautiful terrace at Marble House, 596 Bellevue Avenue (please use parking lot located across Bellevue). 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: Trudy Coxe, CEO of the Preservation Society of Newport County; Sister Jane Gerety, President of Salve Regina University; and Jane Howington, City Manager of Newport

We hope you take the time to join us on August 21st.

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Check out what's happening in your neighborhood and city

**Annual Meeting
of the
BOP Neighborhood
Association
August 21, 2012
at 5 p.m.**

**The Marble House terrace
Bellevue 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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- \$250 Large Condo Association
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