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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 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 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 engaged the PSNC with regard to their plans to build a permanent Welcome Center on the grounds of the Breakers. After a BOPNA committee found reasons for concern with the proposal, we commissioned a thorough landscape study by a world-class firm. The important findings of their study have been shared with Commissions and the press, and a copy has been included with this newsletter. We believe it documents why irreparable harm would result from the planned new-construction Center.

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 - Our annual Neighborhood Vision meeting was held in November; only BOPNA and SRU officials were in attendance this year. The commitment to cooperation in preserving the special qualities of our Neighborhood continues. We became aware of abutter concerns about an addition to SRU's Miley Hall cafeteria, and assisted them in working out a comprehensive agreement dealing with preservation of trees, hours of operation, supply deliveries and trash disposal. Recognizing the significance of the PSNC intent to build a ticketing and food service building near the gate house of The Breakers, your Board formed a committee to assess all aspects and options. Fully understanding the impact of new construction became vital to developing a BOPNA position, so a prestigious historic landscape consultant was hired to do a thorough study. The findings of that study indicate that putting a new-construction Welcome Center in the midst of The Breakers' very significant landscape design would be a irreparable alteration. Further, it would establish a zoning variance precedent with far-reaching implications for the entire Bellevue / Ochre Point neighborhood. Also, we met with the new owner of a mansion museum on Bellevue Avenue, to discuss her plans for its operation and the potential concerns of neighbors.

Engaging Government - We followed the City's deliberations about better lavatories at "40 Steps", and encouraged the quality permanent solution finally adopted this spring. We continue to monitor the piecemeal progress being made to do proper repairs of Bellevue Avenue's concrete roadway. City officials have also been alerted to possible commercial activities in our residential zone. After many months of discussion between RIPTA, ourselves, and other stakeholders, a commitment was made to procure for summer 2014 a new fleet of green trolley buses, slightly larger than the ones in use for the last decade.

BOPNA Annual Meeting
August 19, 2013 5 pm The Pell Center

Annual Meeting features President of SRU and City Manager of Newport

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

This year's Meeting will be on Monday, August 19th, in the historic Pell Center, 518 Bellevue Ave. (corner of Ruggles Ave.) 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 Jane Howington, City Manager of Newport

We hope you take the time to join us on August 19th.

**Annual Meeting
of the
BOP Neighborhood
Association
August 19, 2013
at 5 p.m.**

**The Pell Center
518 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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