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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Bellerose Village Residents:

Happy New Year. I am writing to report on some exciting news in the Village of Bellerose. I am happy to say that the 2019 Road Improvement Project was successfully completed in December after several months of road reconstruction. This was a long term capital project sorely needed to make critical repairs to the crumbling underbed of Ontario Road (Commonwealth to the dead end) and Hudson Road (Commonwealth to Massachusetts). The project was not without its anticipated complications due to the age of the infrastructure. Water mains, natural gas, electric and cable lines and trees were impacted throughout. United Paving Corporation and H2M Architects and Engineers worked very closely with our road project team and me to address utility and special issues as quickly and safely as possible daily. Special arborists were brought in to ensure that the best decisions were made to maintain the well-loved trees and to properly protect the trees during the construction phase. Unfortunately, there were several trees that had to be removed due to root problems and safety concerns. Plans will be underway in 2020 with the help of Trustee Woodruff to address shade trees village-wide going forward. As part of the road reconstruction, a new east-west storm water discharge drain pipe was installed on Ontario Rd (Commonwealth to Massachusetts) to divert rainwater run off to the Massachusetts Blvd north-south drain pipe. This will improve water run-off to the storm water system village-wide and reduce stress on the drainage system. I would like to thank all of the residents who cooperated with the special parking impacts, disruptions and guidelines that were all designed for your safety.

Many residents have asked about the Village's future plans to upgrade roads and install new curbs in the remainder of the Village. I will be working with the Board of Trustees on a long-term plan for the upgrades of roads and curbs. As you know, the 2019 Road Project cost nearly \$800,000 and capital investment projects are costly. Village Clerk Rose Shea and Grant Coordinator Charles Puglisi are working together to recover \$125,000 from the NYS Dormitory Authority for a Road Grant with help from Assemblywoman Michaelle Solages to help pay for this project.

While the Road Project was keeping me very busy, I am happy to report that I have been working on many other matters critical to the services provided to all of you. Here is a summary of them.

#### **FALL 2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Sidewalk and apron repairs performed by ORA Construction village-wide
- Street sweeping services performed by Town of Hempstead village-wide
- Prescheduled leaf pick-up performed by EZ Green Landscapers village-wide
- Winter storm readiness plan in effect; snow plows and salt ready
- Repairs to Village Hall wood façade and beams completed by Master Carpenter Bill Bensberg
- Archives & Records Retention project completed
- Auction of surplus vehicles and equipment – street sweeper, old pick-up trucks etc. to be sold
- Fire Department emergency alarm communications electrical upgrade project
- New Village traffic, entrance & playground signs installed
- Pothole repairs by Maintenance staff
- Highway Commissioner Braun oversaw regular street maintenance repairs and Village Clerk Shea recovered NYS CHIPS and PAVE NY monies to reimburse costs
- Shade tree pruning by Dreyer Trees
- New LIRR Munimeter Parking App; commuters pay for parking on phones, save time, no lines
- Joint Bellerose Business District Development Corporation (JBBDDC)
  - New development on Jericho Turnpike – the Zoning Board of Appeals handling applications this past year and in 2020 for new business developments
  - Honorable Mary O'Donoghue honored for serving as JBBDDC President for past ten years
  - Trustee Dorry attended JBBDDC meeting and working on business district improvement plans
- LIRR – new signs installed and graffiti clean-up ongoing – more station repairs pending
- Long term tax lien collections and tax certiorari settlements resolved

As Mayor, I have the privilege of serving with a board of individuals who share common core values of dedication, transparency and fairness to our Village. I am committed to continuing to provide valued services to the taxpayers in the most cost effective and efficient way possible. I am working with the Village Clerk-Treasurer and Village Accountant to prepare a draft budget to present to the Board of Trustees in April that reflects a sound fiscal policy of prudence for the short and long term. I will also be working with the Board of Trustees to reorganize operational administrative, maintenance and enforcement matters to ensure that the best services are provided with fiscal integrity.

Thank you to all of the officials, staff, organizations, volunteers and residents who contribute so much to the Bellerose community. Special thanks to Deputy Mayor Joe Juliano, Highway Commissioner

George Braun, Village Clerk Rose Shea and staff who went above and beyond during the Road Project this past Fall.

In January and February, I plan to meet with and address the various Village boards and committees that handle Architectural Review, shade trees, JBBDDC, Recreation, Fire Department to name a few, to develop plans with them for the next fiscal year. I will also be meeting with local elected officials such as Senator Anna Kaplan, Assemblywoman Michaelle Solages and newly elected TOH Receiver of Taxes Jeanine Driscoll to discuss Bellerose Village needs; to seek their assistance to achieve more capital project funding like the 2019 Road Improvement Project, improve the Bellerose Business District, keep us abreast of the Belmont Redevelopment Project, purchase new equipment and help us reduce taxes.

I invite all of you to attend the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 7:30PM. I hope to see you there. If needed, I can be reached by calling Village Hall at 516-354-1000 and I will get back to you.

Yours truly,

*Kenneth Moore*

Mayor