

# Brgy. Bel-Air Newsletter



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## **PUNONG BARANGAY VICTOR T. GOMEZ JR. BARES NEW OFFICERS & PLANS OF THE BARANGAY COUNCIL**

During their first organizational meeting held on December 5, newly-elected Punong Barangay Victor T. Gomez, Jr., who will be holding the position of Overall Head of all Committees, appointed the new Kagawads to the different committees of Barangay Bel-Air, as follows:

### **Budget & Finance/Management Information System:**

Kgd. Roman Leus – Chair  
Kgd. Teresa Colayco – Co-Chair

### **Peace and Order :**

Kgd. Michael Lichauco - Chair  
Kgd. Fernando Vitug II- Co-Chair

### **Beautification & Cleanliness:**

Kgd. Ching Caluag - Chair  
Kgd. Karen Mendoza – Co-Chair

### **Health and Sanitation:**

Kgd. Karen Mendoza – Chair  
Kgd. Michael Lichauco– Co-Chair

### **Social Services & Cultural Affairs:**

Kgd. Malyne Lorayes – Chair  
Kgd. Conchita Caluag – Co-Chair

### **Infrastructure/Public Utilities:**

Kgd. Fernando Vitug II – Chair  
Kgd. Roman Leus – Co-Chair

### **Salcedo Village :**

Kgd. Teresa Colayco – Chair  
Kgd. Malyne Lorayes- Co-Chair

### **Sports & Youth Development:**

SK Chairman Rafael Roman Cruz  
- Chair  
Kgd. Karen Mendoza – Co-Chair

Also appointed were Mrs. Charito Dimayuga as Treasurer and Atty. Fernando Zuñiga, Secretary.

The new Council officially approved the adjusted office hours at Barangay Bel-Air, from 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m., with 'NO NOON BREAK' which took effect last December 4. The "No Noon Break" policy was adopted to accommodate the constituents whose only free time to conduct business was only during lunch time.

The Council also agreed to maintain and preserve the long line of services which their constituents continue to enjoy. In addition, the new Council is searching for a strategic location for its own "*Botika ng Bayan*" which will sell medicines at affordable prices to its constituents. There are plans to purchase a mini-tourist bus for the Bel-Air Seniors' use in going to the mall and a new fire truck. Additional streetlights will also be installed in certain areas to discourage undesirable persons from committing crimes within Bel-Air community.

These are just some of the many plans which Brgy. Bel-Air has in mind for 2008 for the betterment of its constituents.

## **OGIE ALCASID LIVE AT PASKO SA BRGY. BEL-AIR**

What is a better way to thank the "*kasambahays*" for their all year-round service to their employers and Bel-Air community?

Invite celebrity singer, songwriter and comedian Ogie Alcasid to be the guest at their annual Christmas party, and that's what Barangay Bel-Air did.

The more than 2,000 *kasambahays* could hardly contain their joy and excitement when they saw Ogie, who rendered several songs during their Christmas party on December 19, 2007.

Together with our very own Ms. Aileen Dionisio, Mr. Roden Araneta steered the audience into participating in the games and dance contest. The party reached its peak when the three contestants who bested the 13 others who auditioned for the "*Bel-Air Idol Season 2*" singing contest were awarded prizes by Mr. Alcasid himself. Voted as "*Bel-Air Idol*" was Cesar Darlo. Other winners were Romeo Magbanua (2<sup>nd</sup> place) and Ardine Adriano (3<sup>rd</sup> place).

During the event, the new members of the Barangay Council were introduced to the audience by Kgd. Malyne Lorayes, who herself, is a newly-elected Kagawad. These are Brgy. Capt. Gomez, Jr., and Kgds Ching Caluag, Tots Colayco, Karen Mendoza, Mosqui Lichauco, Roman Leus and Ding Vitug.

The Christmas message given by newly-elected Punong Barangay, Victor Gomez, Jr., was warmly greeted with applause by the audience. Brgy. Capt. Gomez was formerly the Chairperson of Brgy. Bel-Air's Social Services and Cultural Affairs Committee which is responsible for hosting the annual Christmas party for the household helpers. This was followed by a short talk by the former Barangay Chairperson, Constanca Lichauco.

The evening ended with the *kasambahays* coming home with the picture of Ogie Alcasid on their cell phone cameras, and a gift from the barangay and Mrs. Lichauco.

**BRGY. BEL-AIR/BAVA  
OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES  
CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS  
PARTY**

Last December 20, Brgy. Council and BAVA Board of Governors led by Punong Barangay Victor Gomez, Jr. and BAVA Pres. Antonio Ma. Guerrero, respectively, joined their employees including the security guards in celebrating their annual Christmas party.

As entertainment, there were employees' group presentations to the delight of the audience and songs rendered by the UMAK Chorale group and Pastores.

Most awaited by everybody were the gifts which were raffled off. Food and drinks were also provided. Each employee also received ½ sack of rice and bag of groceries, courtesy of Barangay Bel-Air.

**Maraming Salamat po sa inyo!!!**

**THE CHAMP IS BACK – BRGY.  
BEL-AIR AS MAKATI'S 2007  
CLEANEST AND GREENEST  
BARANGAY, CLUSTER I**

Bel-Air community is beaming with pride when Brgy. Bel-Air was again proclaimed as Makati's 2007 Cleanest and Greenest Barangay, Cluster I.

From 2004 -2006, Barangay Bel-Air was rendered ineligible to enter the competition when it was raised into the Clean and Green Hall of Fame in 2003. During its three-year hiatus, Barangay Bel-Air continued and persevered in its effort to maintain the clean and green atmosphere in Bel-Air. Its constituents were encouraged to give their all-out support and commitment in the implementation of Brgy. Bel-Air's "Waste Management

and recycling projects, among others. Thus, it did not come as a surprise that Brgy. Bel-Air was able to reclaim its crown.

Around to receive the award from Mayor Jejomar Binay last December 17, 2007 were former Brgy. Capt. Constancia Q. Lichauco and Kgd. Ching Caluag, Chairperson of Brgy. Bel-Air's Beautification and Cleanliness Committee. The awarding ceremony was also attended by the Makati's Liga ng Barangay President, Kit Peña, Acting City Administrator Marjorie de Veyra, Engr. Danilo Villas of the Dept. of Environment Services and Chairman of the City Search Committee on Clean and Green, among others.

**CLEARER EYESIGHT AND NEW  
SMILES DURING BRGY. BEL-  
AIR CLINIC'S 30<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY**

*"Libreng Salamin, Libreng Pustiso!"* The celebration of Brgy. Bel-Air Clinic anniversary every 8<sup>th</sup> of December is never complete without these two projects.

Around two hundred twenty constituents patiently queued at the Capella Room to avail of the free eye check-up, and reading and prescription eyeglasses under the "Libreng Salamin" project. A Bel-Air Village resident, Dr. Jennifer de Jesus, already a familiar face to the beneficiaries, headed the group of Optometrists who participated in this project. Overheard during the free eye check-up was the advice of one optometrist to a constituent that a new pair of prescription eyeglasses might no longer solve her failing eyesight. Such concern demonstrated that the optometrists truly relate with the beneficiaries' plight.

The following day (Dec. 9), the same scenario was repeated at Bel-

Air 3 Multi-Purpose Hall during the conduct of the "Libreng Pustiso" project. Dr. Josie Tapia, another Bel-Air resident, was around to assist Brgy. Bel-Air dentists, Drs. John Vincent de Castro and Jacqueline Marquez, during the impression taking for the dentures of thirty constituents.

Ms. Lani Rendon, Brgy. Bel-Air Clinic Nurse, was also around to assist the constituents, the Optometrists and the Dentists.

**COCONUT TREE PEST NOW  
IN MAKATI**

The Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) is currently conducting a national survey on the extent of the infestation of the Coconut Leaf Beetle (*Brontispa Longissima*). The presence of this invasive pest is reportedly present in Makati.

Kindly report to the Barangay Office if you have coconut trees inside and outside your property so that these could be inspected for the presence of the coconut leaf beetle.

Help save our coconut trees!!!

**AN APPEAL TO THE  
COMMERCIAL  
ESTABLISHMENTS RE:  
GARBAGE COLLECTION**

Brgy. Bel-Air would like to issue this appeal to the owners of commercial establishments within its jurisdiction –

*"Kindly instruct your employees to bring out your garbage ON OR BEFORE 11:00P.M. so that this will be collected by our garbage collectors. Otherwise, please do not leave it outside because there are scavengers who scatter it while rummaging through your garbage. Thank you for your cooperation."*

*NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM  
PUNONG BARANGAY VICTOR T. GOMEZ, JR.*

*My dear Residents of Barangay Bel-Air:*

*A Blessed, Peaceful New Year filled with joyful hope!*

*As the year ends, we thank the Lord for the many blessings we have received, one of which is the precious gift of community. Everyone on our staff wishes to express to you our thanks and appreciation for all your help and cooperation during the past year, as we pray that we may all be one in our efforts to unite, and continue the good work that has already been started through the years.*

*With Christmastime still upon us, we remember that God gave us the wonderful gift of His Son, and that we all have a duty in our small corner of the world, to renew our faith and to dedicate our efforts in accomplishing the true meaning of "Peace on Earth."*

*Peace is only possible when God is in our hearts, and so with a spirit of love, we pray for hope. For love in our hearts for those who have less than ourselves. For grace to forgive and be forgiven. For perseverance to seek a better understanding of those with whom we come in contact each day. For courage to face trouble and trials bravely. For optimism that our world will become a better place. For the ability to serve and to bring joy to others, which is the true spirit of this beautiful and holy season.*

*Thank you for your continuing support. On behalf of your Barangay Council, from all of us to all of you, our beloved Constituents, Isang Pinagpala, Masagana at Mapayapang Bagong Taon! May God continue to bless our community!*

*Jun Gomez*