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BARANGAY BEL-AIR PROVIDES AMENITIES FOR ITS BUSINESS TAXPAYERS APPLYING/RENEWING CLEARANCE

On the very first working day of January 2008, Bel-Air business taxpayers started to make a bee-line to the Gemini Room at Bel-Air Village to apply for or renew their barangay clearances as a pre-requisite for securing or renewing their business permits.

The entire barangay staff rallied together, to the extent of rendering overtime, to serve the 5,615 establishments and firms which were trying to beat the January 20 deadline. Of this number, 267 are new applicants and 5,348 are renewals. Applicants who applied for clearances in the morning were able to get it in the afternoon while those applied in the afternoon were asked to return the following morning.

Barangay Bel-Air provided free coffee for the taxpayers who were in the air-conditioned room while waiting for their papers to be processed. Aside from the air-conditioned room and free coffee, Barangay Bel-Air also assigned a shuttle to bring the business taxpayers from the Makati City Hall to the barangay and back to the city hall once they have finished their application.

This is the 4th year in a row that Bel-Air has been issuing its clearance right in its barangay office during the January 2 to 20 renewal period.

Barangay Bel-Air was also able to hit the P4.6million mark during the one-day collection of real property taxes last January 3, 2008.

BEL-AIR TO BEGIN NEW PROJECTS

In addition to its planned purchase of a vehicle for the Bel-Air Seniors, a new fire truck for Phase II and the installation of additional lights in some of its streets, Barangay Bel-Air intends to construct a new function room at Phase II and re-asphalt some village roads.

The proposed new function room will be constructed in the two-storey building located at what used to be a pelota court in Phase II. This is being coordinated with the Association which owns the building. Separate restrooms for gentlemen's and ladies' use will also be constructed at the Capella room, the venue where most activities of Bel-Air Seniors are being held.

The re-asphalting of several village roads would include the scrapping off of some layers of the asphalt because these has raised the level of the road, which necessitated some residents to put small ramps to be able to bring out their cars.

Barangay Bel-Air is also focusing on the traffic problem at the Paseo de Roxas-Jupiter Street intersection, compounded by the timing of the traffic light at Paseo de Roxas-Gil Puyat Avenue. This problem is being coordinated with the Makati Public Safety Administration (MAPSA).

DRIVE VS. DENGUE INTENSIFIED

Barangay Bel-Air intensified its drive against dengue with the implementation of a clean-up drive. This in compliance with the City Government's directive to Barangay

Bel-Air and other 32 barangays to map out a plan of action to prevent and control the dreaded dengue. Simultaneous with the city-wide clean-up day held last January 19, the maintenance staff of Barangay Bel-Air and Bel-Air Village Association inspected and cleaned-up the potential mosquito breeding sites in Bel-Air Village.

A solution supplied by the Waste Wealth Management Corporation of Makati City government was sprayed on the collected garbage. This was intended to prevent the breeding of the Aedes mosquitoes, responsible for transmitting the virus that causes dengue fever. However, the barangay still discourages fumigation and fogging as a means of eradicating mosquitoes since the Department of Health reported that this is more harmful to man than to mosquitoes.

For several years now, the barangay gives free larvae trap kits to the residents of Bel-Air and Salcedo Villages. Aside from this, a trained team called "dengue raiders" is made available to teach residents and household helpers how to fight dengue-carrying mosquitoes. In Bel-Air Village, the residents are requested all year round to maintain their premises and report any unattended vacant property and swimming pool which are not cleaned on regular basis. Prevention and control of dengue is also part of the curriculum of KST, a development program for household helpers in Bel-Air.

SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER

By: Wahoo Borromeo

Good News for Seniors Gym Users

As previously announced in the Bel-Air Village Newsletter, the BAVA Board of Governors had unanimously approved a 20% Senior Citizens discount on the gym membership fee.

“Salamat po, BAVA Board of Governors.”

Farewell 2007 and Welcome 2008

Last January 8, 2008, the Bel-Air Seniors attended a Thanksgiving Mass celebrated by Rev. Fr. Mon Garcia, Jr. and a breakfast at the Bel-Air Park III to give thanks for a wonderful year that had just passed. The Seniors could not ask for more from year 2007.

There were four exciting and memorable *Lakbay-Aral* tours covering places like the Barasoain Church and Casa Real in Malolos, Bulacan and the Ninoy Aquino Museum in Tarlac; the Aguinaldo Shrine in Kawit and the Geronimo Berenguer delos Reyes, Jr. Museum in General Trias, Cavite; Casa Segunda in Lipa and the Taal Cathedral in Taal, Batangas; and finally, the historic Mount Samat and Balanga Cathedral in Bataan. Lest we forget, there were also seminars and lectures by experts on various subjects of interest, the weekly Tuesday breakfast meetings we had and the opportunities given to many of us

to serve our less fortunate brothers and sisters through religious and civic organizations.

Special mention to the elders of the Senior Organization headed by Mon Garcia and ably assisted by Boy Lindo who made all these activities to happen.

Most important, many thanks to the past Barangay officials led by Nene Lichauco, to the supportive Governors of BAVA and others who made the life of the Seniors in 2007 a meaningful and happy one.

Now we face a new year and a new team of Barangay officials headed by Jun Gomez. The Seniors are optimistic that the good years for them will continue under the new Barangay administration. The officials have been proven by their actions to be Senior Citizens-friendly.

Scheduled Activities

I. Estate Planning Workshop

Venue: Capella Room

Time: 8:30a.m.

Date: January 29, 2008
(Tuesday)

II. “*Lakbay-Aral*” Tour

Destination: Quezon Province

Date: February 26, 2008

Other details of the “*Lakbay-Aral*” will be announced soon.

Those who have not yet joined the Seniors organization and have missed all the activities, please come and be counted. There is still a lot of world out there for Seniors to enjoy.

For inquiries, please call:

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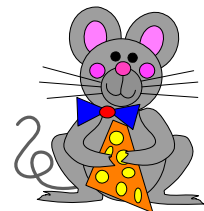
b. Lea Villanueva, Barangay Office at 895-4408

Announcement

- A. Ash Wednesday Mass
Feb. 6, 2008
6:30 p.m. at the Multi-purpose Covered Court
40 Solar Street
Bel-Air Village



- B. Chinese New Year Celebration
Feb. 9, 2008 (Saturday)
Salcedo Community Market
7:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.



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TREKKED TO
MOUNT SAMAT
(BATAAN)**



