

Bel-Air Village



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HELD ON JUNE 30, 2008

The homeowners in Bel-Air Village flocked to the Gemini Room last June 30 for the annual general membership meeting

As one of the agenda, the Nominating Committee confirmed the nomination of three incoming governors, namely, Messrs. Harry Liu, Leandro Santillan and Architect Nicomedes Pagulayan. This year's Nominating Committee was composed of Atty. Ramon Garcia as Chairman with Ms. Amor Jalandoni and Mr. Danilo Dimayuga, as members.

Barangay Captain Victor T. Gomez, Jr. handed out Plaques of Appreciation to the outgoing Governors, to wit: Messrs. Antonio Ma. J. Guerrero, Jose Pedro C. Recio and Jorge Q. Salazar.

The homeowners were invited to a simple repast after the meeting.

The organizational meeting wherein the BAVA Board of Governors will elect among themselves the Association Officers and Committee Chairpersons is being scheduled.

FORMER RESIDENT AND FAMILY THANKS FELLOW RESIDENTS, BEL-AIR PERSONNEL AND SECURITY FORCE

Reprinted below is a letter from Mr. Steve Owen who, together with his family, stayed in Bel-Air Village for nine years.

“ 4 Jun 2008

Dear Bel-Air Village staff and security personnel,

It is with very mixed feelings that I write this letter of thanks and farewell. After nine very fine years living in the Philippines, we have completed our final contract with International School Manila and are now in the last stages of moving out of the country. We must fly away on this coming Saturday, and although we fully intend to come back to visit one day, I am not certain as I write how long in the future that will be.

My feelings are mixed because even though my wife and I are about to undertake a new and exciting phase of our lives, there is no doubt that we have become very attached to our friends and acquaintances here in the Philippines, and we are a bit sad to leave. However, our main feelings are of gratitude. We have been very grateful for the numerous opportunities to make friends here, many of them life-long friends, and also to explore a unique and interesting culture. We have also been

grateful for the fact that we and our children have always been treated with great kindness by our neighbors and by all of you who work for the barangay offices. Speaking personally, it is no exaggeration to say that the past nine years have been some of the best of my entire life, and this is only highlighted by the fact that my children also had many wonderful years here, starting when they were barely out of childhood and going on until they became young adults. Now that they are grown up and living in the United States, we hear from them frequently about how much they miss the Philippines and want to visit here again at the soonest opportunity. They also keep Filipino memorabilia in their apartment, and have sought out Filipino grocers and restaurants in California, who are thrilled when the kids try to speak Tagalog to them. Obviously, you all have left a very excellent impression upon my family.

With that, as a farewell wish I ask that you accept our hopes for all of your continued and ever-increasing happiness, as well as our repeated thanks for your friendly and accepting attitudes toward us. We surely could not have been happy living in a foreign country for so long unless the people living here possessed the qualities of neighborliness and warm acceptance that you all have expressed to us.

I hope you all will remember the Owen family well. We will certainly remember all of you and our wonderful

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experience of living as your neighbor for these many years. So on behalf of my wife and children, I offer the best regards and the most sincere respect. Our time in the Philippines will surely go down in the history of our family as being among the most delightful experiences it has been possible to have. My gratitude to all of you is exceeded only by my cognizance of how unbelievably fortunate I have been to bring my family here to live. We will never forget you, or your extraordinary country.

Hindi "paalam." "Hanggang sa muli" na lang!

(Sgd) Steve Owen "

ADVISORIES

Roll down Window Policy at the Paseo de Roxas and Orbit/Jupiter Gates from 12:00midnight to 5:00a.m.

Please be reminded that all vehicles, regardless of whether or not they have BAVA or Makati Inter-Village stickers, entering into and exiting from the Village premises, will be requested to roll down their windows for verification of all passengers and thorough inspection by the Village guards.

This may cause you a little inconvenience but said security measure is necessary for the protection and safety of the entire village.

The roll down window policy is not only practiced here in Bel-Air Village but in other Makati villages as well.

We hope for your utmost cooperation and support on this matter.

Household Helpers Groupings Not Allowed

We would like to request our residents to please advise their household helpers to avoid from grouping together, especially on the streets.

The noise created by their grouping together, e.g., their voices, laughter, disturbs the neighborhood.

Smoke Belching Vehicles Prohibited Inside the Village

Please be advised that smoke belching vehicles are strictly prohibited from entering the village.

Residents with smoke belching cars are requested to have their vehicles reconditioned accordingly.

Let's Prevent Dengue

The coming of the rainy season do not only bring floods, but also some dreaded diseases, one of which is the deadly dengue.

To prevent the widespread occurrence of dengue in the village, we would like to request that you please clean your surroundings on a regular basis to eliminate potential mosquito breeding sites in your premises and within Bel-Air Village. However, please be reminded that the Department of Health discourages fumigation and fogging as a means of eradicating mosquitoes as this is more harmful to man than to the mosquitoes.

We would also like to request our residents/homeowners to please advise the Association if there are vacant and unattended properties and/or swimming pools adjoining or near your residence. We will inform the concerned property owners to have it cleaned regularly; otherwise the Association will do it at their expense.

Moreover, we would like to appeal to our residents/homeowners with unattended swimming pools to please clean and maintain it on a regular basis.

To all our residents/homeowners – thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

FORA WEBSITE NOW FULLY OPERATIONAL

Good news! You may now access information on FORA's activities by going to the FORA website – www.fora.web.officelive.com. Or you can e-mail your articles, announcements, or any comments or suggestions at fora_inc@yahoo.com.

BAVA is a member of the FORA, the only metro-wide association of villages, condominiums and subdivisions in protecting the rights of its members. FORA is presently headed by Mr. Manuel Dayrit of First Greenmeadows Homeowners' Association, Inc., with our very own BAVA Governor Rafael F.C. Borromeo, as Treasurer.

FORA is holding office at the Bel-Air Village Community Centre.

HOMEOWNERS AVAIL OF FREE MWC DESLUDGING

One hundred fifty-eight (158) homeowners in Bel-Air Village availed of free desludging of septic tank by the Manila Water Company (MWC) as part of its sanitation program in Bel-Air community.

In addition, MWC has started replacing the existing water mainlines within Bel-Air Village to address the low water pressure in some of our streets brought about by the aging network facilities, which are either rusty or leaking. This undertaking is scheduled to be completed by October 11, 2008.