

BOSSERT ESTATES CIVIC ASSOCIATION
BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY

Our organization was formed over 6 years ago and its Constitution reads in part as follows: "Purpose - A constitutional grouping of people dedicated to community development and Civic betterment".

The first meeting was held November 15, 1954 and a temporary board of officers was established consisting of the following men;

Mr. Chick Waldt.....Chairmen

Mr. Robert Lagay.....Secretary

Mr. Arnold Weeast.....Asst. Chairmen

Mr. Carl Thompson.....Asst. Chairmen

Mr. Ed McNierney.....Asst. Chairmen, outlined purpose of such an organization and the potentialities of the organization.

The Bossert Estates Civic Association Constitution was adopted January 1955 at a open meeting at the Peter Muschal School. An Executive board was elected consisting of individuals representing the Four Sections of the original Bossert Estates. Out of the Four original Section Representatives one was elected President of BECA.

Mr. Ed McNierney, representing Sec. I, was elected first President of BECA.

Mr. Gerald Smith, Section II

Mr. Robert Gers, Section III

Mr. Russell Briggs, Section IV

At the present there are 21 sections representatives and there have been 6 past presidents.

1955-1956 Mr. Ed. McNierney

1956-1957 Mr. Robert Ballet

1957-1958 Mr. Joseph Russo

1958-1959 Mr. Frank Lee

1959-1960 Mr. Lester Bieberbach

1960-1961 Mr. Marcus A. Gutterson

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Accomplishments have been many but the few mentioned have been most important:

1. Property surveys obtained at reduced rates
2. Having roads repaired and kept up
3. Painting of crosswalks for school children
4. Street lights were expedited
5. Help push through municipal garbage collection
6. Placement of basketball courts in playground area
7. Victory over Bordentown Sewer Co. when they tried to increase their rates.
8. Supporting the organizing of the local Fire Co. "Derby". Turned over paper collection to the Derby for them to raise funds.
9. Barricading of streets for the safety of children sledding.

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A Bossert Estates Civic Association Auxillary was established with the past Presidents;

- 1956-1957 Mrs. Peg Lee
- 1957-1958 Mrs. Joyce Gottfried
- 1958-1959 Mrs. Betty Gaynor
- 1959-1960 Mrs. Peg Lee
- 1960-1961 Mrs. Terry Stolowski

The Social Group ~~has~~ has sponsored many enterprises proving greatly profitable to the Association Treasury.

An official association newspaper was started and called, The BECA NEWS! It is delivered, without charge, to every resident of Bossert Estates.

The Civic Association supports local and national charities:

- a. American Cancer Society
- b. Heart Fund
- c. March of Dimes
- d. Mental Health
- e. Bordentown Library Association
- f. Little League

BECA sponsors:

1. Girl scouts, (indirect sponsorship)
 2. Brownies
 3. Teen-age dances
 4. Annual picnics, there have been 6 held at Gilder Field, Bordentown
 5. Basketball Team in Bordentown Jr. League
 6. Summer movies for kiddies, summer activities of the children
 7. Annual Yule Lighting Contest
 8. ~~Santa Claus~~ Santa Claus visits Bossert Estates every Xmas to hand out gifts and say hello to all the children. Santa also visits the shutins on Xmas Eve.
 9. Teen-age Club (Just organized and is working out very well)
 10. Card parties and fashion shows
 11. Caberet Night dance, held annually at the Bordentown Armory
- St. Patricks Day Dance to be held March 18, 1961, Bordentown Armory.