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*It's Fall...
Time to Play it Safe!*



Daniel H. Serota, Mayor

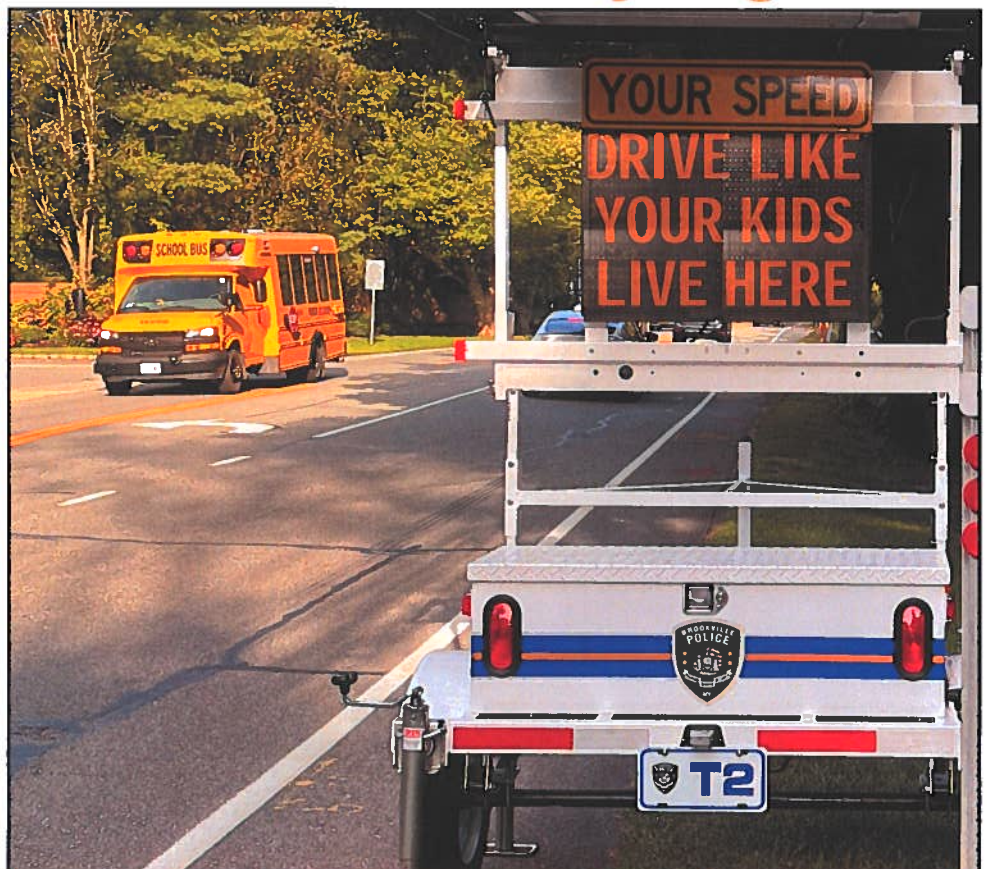
Hello Neighbors and Friends —

It seems that every year Brookville gets busier than the year before. This year to date, there have been a number of important topics that I felt residents would want to know about. That's why, in August, I sent an "update" letter to everyone. Check out the pages of this issue, for more information on many of the topics.

It's officially Fall, and that means many things around Brookville. First of all, our children are back in school. So, I caution you to "drive like your kids live here!" To that end, I'm pleased to report that our Chief, Ken Lack applied for and received a Safety Grant that enabled the Department to purchase (at no cost to residents) four compact, but very easy to move, Mobility Speed Alert Signs. Lightweight, compact and

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Brookville Police Awarded \$62,000.00 SAFETY GRANT To Be Used For 4 Mobile Safety Signs!



The mobility of these four signs will enable police to move them around the Villages on an "as needed" basis to increase driver speed awareness... identify speeding hot spots and high risk areas... share emergency alerts with residents... even conduct traffic studies!

Paid for through a NYS Law Enforcement Safety Grant.

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A GUIDE TO OUR VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

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**Monday - Friday;
8:30am - 4:30pm**

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Robert D. Spina

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FIRE - Edward J. Chesnik

PARKS/LIGHTING - Caroline Z. Bazzini

SANITATION - Edward J. Chesnik

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VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES & MEETINGS

Meets the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm at Village Hall.

In the event of a holiday, meetings will be rescheduled.

The Mayor and Trustees constitute the Village's Board of Trustees and as such, acts as the governing and legislative body.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD & PLANNING BOARD

These Boards meet on an "as needed" basis.

CHAIRPERSON - Edward Halemán **MEMBERS** - Randeep Johar, Neal Patel, John Silvano, Mike Ambrosino. *Alternates: Benny Leung and David Centner.*

These two Boards review plans, visit sites, conduct public hearings for new homes, and certain additions and alterations of existing homes

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

This Board meet on an "as needed" basis.

CHAIRPERSON - Scott Spector **MEMBERS** - Vito Ranieri, Renato Matos, Mark Wurtzel. *Alternates: Kathy Ragno and Nimish Dharia.*

This Board considers variance applications for relief from the Village's zoning laws, weighing the pros and cons and making decisions.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

SUPERINTENDENT - Timothy Dougherty

Responsible for handling all applications for construction and building, issuing Permits and COs, and enforcing our building codes.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

ROAD CREW - Richard Holdcroft & Alan Robbins

They maintain our Village roads. During wind and snow storms, and as safety allows, they plow, salt and sand, cut trees and clean up.

VILLAGE COURT

Meets the second Tuesday of the month by appointment at the Brookville Reformed Church.

JUDGES - Helen Benzie, Justice & Harriette Zelman, Assoc. Justice Richard Prisco, Village Prosecutor & Tip Henderson, Assoc. Prosecutor. Susan Egan, Court Clerk. Phone & Fax: 516-922-8198

VILLAGE ATTORNEY - JOHN M. CHASE

48 Forest Avenue • Glen Cove, NY 11542 • Ph: 516-671-5880

3 FIRE DEPARTMENTS SERVE BROOKVILLE

- East Norwich Fire Company: 516-922-0263
- Roslyn Fire Company: 516-621-7539
- Jericho Fire District: 516-931-0898

BROOKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

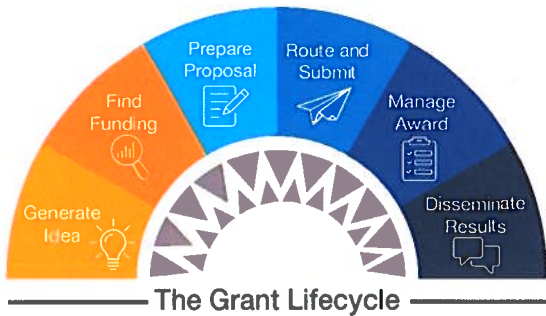
The Brookville Police, a private police department, protects and serves the following four villages: Brookville, Cove Neck, Matinecock and Mill Neck.

CHIEF - Kenneth W. Lack

For all emergencies, call 911.

For non-emergency police matters, call M-F; 9a-4p; **516-440-2300**

Brookville Awarded Nearly \$1,500,000 In Grants For The Past Two Years.



Every year, Village staff and our police personnel seek out and apply for as many grants as are available and appropriate to us. In the past two Fiscal Years alone, Brookville has been awarded over \$1,343,000.00 for a variety of projects, including infrastructure and public safety. These supplemental monies help us to repurpose funds for other essential use without the need to raise our tax rate base.

In the past nine years, we have NOT raised our tax rate base — not once — something that most North Shore Villages do not have the pleasure of saying. In part it's because we watch our budget very carefully, but grant money has also been an important source of income. This money has been used for the purchase of police cars, archiving of Village records, court expenses, road and highway repairs, to name a few.

\$369,000.00 American Rescue Plan Grant (ARPA)

Recently, we received a Village grant of \$369,000 that can only be used on specific public work projects such as new building infrastructure.

\$632,000.00 CHIPS Money For Our Roads

This year we received significant grants from the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) which enabled us to resurface Brookville Road from Route 106 to Muttontown Road at no cost to residents. Every year we apply for road grants to pave and repair and is a major reason why we are able to keep the Village roads in good condition.

\$374,500.00 Police Grants Help Underwrite Costs

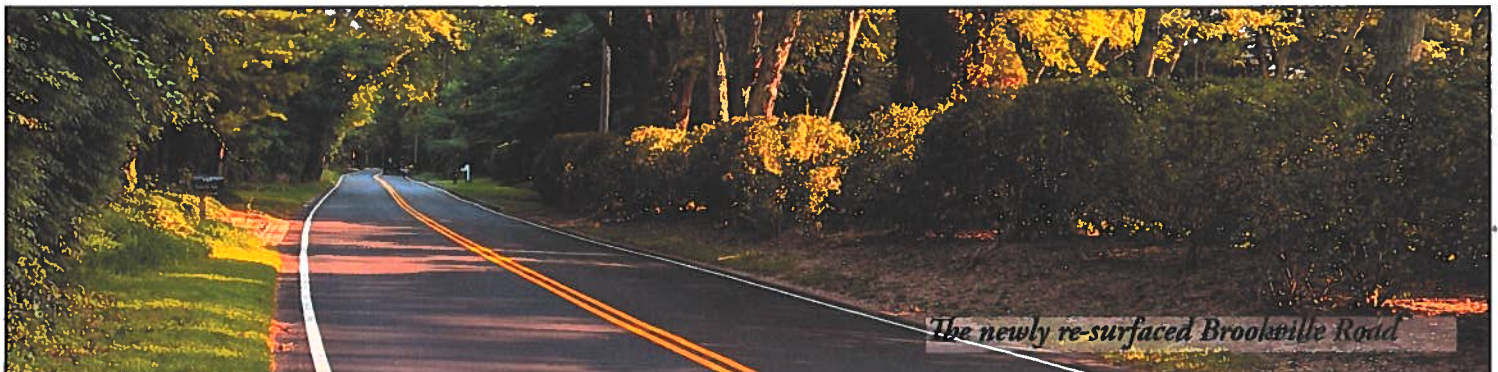
Our Brookville Police Department was also awarded a number of grants available to law enforcement. The department has been successful in securing funds to purchase License Plate Readers, Body Cameras and Mobile Speed Alert Trailers. All at no cost to residents. We will also be applying for green energy grants as appropriate.

\$50,000.00 Geographic Information System (GIS) Grant

GIS is a computer system that analyzes and displays geographically referenced information such as location of all our traffic signs, gas mains, fire hydrants, drainage reserve area's, catch basins etc. GIS help us improve efficiencies by providing a centralized platform for data collection, analysis and visualization. Real-time location data can also help dispatch resources more quickly. The Village used this grant to purchase new and replace old traffic signs throughout the Village. In addition, the grant provided support with H2M Engineering to establish an online mapping database.

\$39,600.00 Record Management Grant

The Village was awarded this grant to inventory inactive records and resolve storage space issues. All the files that were covered under this grant have been inventoried and completed. The next phase is to get all Village records that must be kept in perpetuity, scanned for cloud storage. This is an enormous task and we are applying for another grant to help underwrite these costs.



Amending Village Code Chapter 134:

Lawn Gardening Service Hours To Change On Summer Saturdays



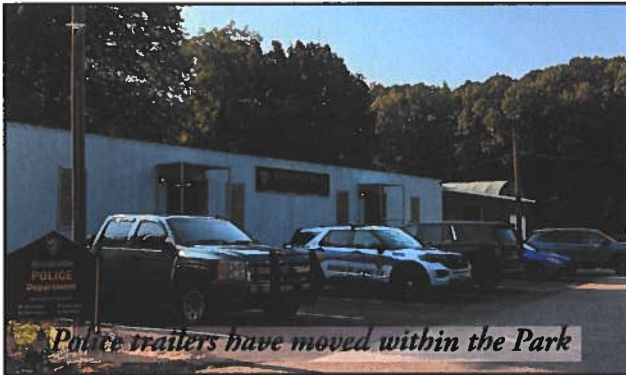
The hours and days for lawn gardening work in our Village has always been a subject with a lot of opinions surrounding it.

On the one hand, many residents want to be around when work is being done (hence Saturdays are popular) and on the other hand, it's annoying to many that their peace and quiet on the weekend is interrupted by mowing, blowing, cutting, and other noisemaking devices.

Over time, we have heard from many residents with their thoughts — for and against. However, it seems that weekend peace is more popular than being home to oversee work. To that end, the Board of Trustees has recommended that we pass a local law to eliminate Saturday hours in the summer — from July 1 - Labor Day — Lawn gardening services for Monday -

Friday will maintain work hours from 8am - 5pm. Saturdays outside of the restricted summer time period will have reduced hours from 10am - 4pm. The new Code will be published upon completion and final vote and will take effect immediately upon filing with the State of New York.

New Brookville Police Headquarters and Village Hall in Planning Stages



It's hard to believe that our Brookville Police have been operating out of three trailers for more than two years. And it looks like they will be doing that for a few years longer.

But in anticipation of a new Police Headquarters and Village Hall on the Brookville Nature Park site dedicated to that use, the trailers have moved over one driveway. "With three other Villages to help underwrite part of the cost, and with grants we are applying for as well as one already awarded for nearly \$500,000.00, and which can only be used towards a new Police Headquarters and Village Hall, as well as givebacks and other

sources and resources, it seemed like now is the perfect time to plan for the future," said Mayor Daniel H. Serota. "Believe it or not, this has been decades in the making. And with all this long-term planning, we don't anticipate any raise in the Village tax rate base for this municipal building. We will keep residents apprised as we get deeper into the project.

Village Residents Party **NOT** Affiliated With Our Village

A number of residents have contacted us, confused about a recent mailing from the "Village Residents Party" and their request for donations. Their website says they serve "Brookville, Upper Brookville, Old Brookville and part of Old Westbury." It also states that it is a privately funded, Political Action Committee (PAC) that is registered with the State of New York.

Please note that neither the Village of Brookville nor the Brookville Park Foundation is in any way affiliated with this organization or the mailing or the collection of money on its behalf



**OUR POLICE WEBSITE IS NOW UP AND RUNNING AND PACKED WITH
USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS. VISIT US AT:
BROOKVILLEPOLICENY.ORG**

Tam O'Shanter Property Development Remains Quiet.



It's been over five years since the 148.82 acre parcel known as "TAM" was sold to Titan TAM LLC/Sigme TAM LLC for a reported 15 million dollars. So it's hard to imagine that since our last Town Hall meeting in late March of this year, that there has been no further word from the developer concerning any kind of soil remediation or other plans for the property.

We continue to hear from residents with ideas about what we could do, but almost all of them require purchasing the property from the developer, which would require floating a bond (the developer is now asking 30 million dollars) at the very least, and most likely coupled with a large tax assesment. Even a lower purchase price would require an enormous increase in taxes. However, we are always open to ideas that might help the situation.

Ideas to date have included buying the land and turning it back into a public or private or residents-only golf course run by the Village. The Land Alliance Group has been mentioned several times as a potential buyer, and we have talked with them, but they have assured us that they have no money in their budget for this kind of expenditure. Since March, two potential TAM buyers have asked for "informational" meetings with the Village. The Mayor and at least one of our Trustees have met with both of them several times, but to our knowledge, nothing has come of it.

The building of Carriage Homes on the uncontaminated 20-acre driving range (which does not require soil remediation) has also been brought up again by residents. In this scenario, most of the acreage would be left as open space in perpetuity. Because of the location of the driving range, these homes would hardly be visible from either Route 107 or Fruitledge Road. Currently, the Village Zoning Code does not permit Carriage houses. (Note: The developer has not raised this as an option since the first Town Hall meeting a number of years ago.)

"All of us are very concerned about the issues concerning soil remediation at TAM," said Mayor Dan Serota. "Although it is within the sole jurisdiction of the Nassau County Health Department, it is the responsibility of all of us to take care of our Village and to be guardians of our future. That is why we will continue to keep you apprised about TAM as more information becomes available and welcome your suggestions. We want your voices to be heard," he said.

Homes In Violation Of Village Code



"I take great pride in the beauty of our Village," said Mayor Dan Serota, "but it does 'take a Village' as the saying goes. It is sometimes a real struggle to get certain homeowners to keep their property and homes in good repair. Without calling out any specific homeowners," the Mayor continued, "there have been some serious Code violations occurring in recent years. Let me assure you that we are continuously doing everything within our legal means to enforce the Village Codes, including the issuance of appearance tickets and summonses in Village Court and commencement of other appropriate enforcement actions in Nassau County Supreme Court when necessary." Tim Dougherty, our Village Building Inspector is constantly checking on this situation and we now have a Code Enforcer in place (see his bio page 6).

"I am pleased to report that some of the worst violations are being dealt with right now," said Tim Dougherty, "and we are making headway. But please bear with us as this is not a fast moving issue."

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE VILLAGE



Mayor Daniel H. Serota received a Recognition Award for his work as First Chairperson for our newly formed Brookville Police Department. Tom Zoller, Mayor of Cove Neck and current Chairperson, made the presentation. Brookville's Chief Ken Lack (far l), John Colgate, Deputy Mayor of Mill Neck (l), and Ken Goodman, Mayor of Matinecock (r) were there to thank Dan for his work.

Jeff Pliskin Retires From The Zoning Board After 21 Years Of Service!



"Jeff has been a good friend and a hard worker on behalf of Brookville," said Mayor Dan Serota. He deserves to retire from the Board, but personally, I am sorry to see him go."

Tim Dougherty, Building Superintendent said, "Jeff's years of experience in real estate have been instrumental with the many LIU

conditional use applications before the Board. You could count on Jeff to provide well thought out suggestions and changes that would still satisfy the college but would still protect our neighbors. Jeff made himself readily available for meetings and site visits, always a big help," said Dougherty.

Jeff Pliskin joined the Zoning Board in 2003 as an Alternate. In 2011, he became a regular Member; serving as Acting Chair as needed.

Jeff is still here in Brookville with his wife, Jodi and three children, Adam, Stuart, and Julie. He graduated from Yale University, and received his law degree from Columbia.

Meet Brookville's New Code Enforcer, Herman Manosyan



Herman Manosyan has the talent to wear many hats for our Village. With over 33 years of experience as a licensed plumber and electrician working in and all aspects of HVAC, Herman is NYS Certified as a Code Enforcement Officer and a Building

Inspector. Combined with his knowledge of ordinances pertaining to land use, common zoning, building codes, safety, health and more, Herman will be a real asset to Brookville.

He comes to us via the villages of Kings Point and Freeport. His previous work includes investigating complaints, incidents and accidents at work sites, as well as issuing violation notices and stop work orders. Look for Herman to be patrolling our Village on weekends to help ensure that no unauthorized work is taking place. Welcome, Herman!

A SAMPLING OF UPCOMING EVENTS AT TILLES.....



HARRY BENSON:SHOOT FIRST Thur / October 10, 2024 7:00 pm

The renowned Scottish photographer, who was assigned to cover the Beatles' first U.S. trip in 1964, will be screening his documentary, Harry Benson: Shoot First, which follows his incredible career. It will be followed by a moderated conversation and a chance to be a part of it all.



STEVE MARTIN & MARTIN SHORT'S "The Dukes of Funnytown!" Sat / October 19, 2024 8:30 pm

Known far and wide as two of the funniest, most influential and acclaimed comedy masters of the past century, their humor is often subversive, but it is always a joyous, self-deprecating romp. They have as much fun as their audience. Don't miss it.



AMERICA RIDE ON TOUR 2024 Sat/ November 2, 2024 8:00 pm

America, the Grammy-winning rock band, returns to Tilles Center on Saturday, November 2 at 8 pm! You'll hear all the hits by this legendary band like A Horse with No Name, Ventura Highway, Sister Golden Hair, Tin Man, and so many more, as the band celebrates its 54th anniversary.



DEREK HOUGH DANCE FOR THE HOLIDAYS Mon/ November 4, 2024 8:00A0 pm

4-time Emmy Award winner Derek Hough "wows" audiences with his brand-new live show. Packed with high energy uplifting performances; and featuring an incredible cast of dancers and musicians, this is a one-of-a-kind, stunning stage show production!



STOMP Wed/ November 13, 2024 7:00 pm

Utterly unique, STOMP is an explosive, provocative, sophisticated, and sexy show that appeals to audiences of all ages. The international percussion sensation has garnered an armful of awards and rave reviews, and has appeared on numerous national atelelevision shows.

BROOKVILLE POLICE BLOTTER

AUTO ACCIDENTS WITHIN BPD (4 VILLAGES): JUN 01 2024 - AUG 31, 2024

The accident totals during the time noted above, cover all roads in Brookville including the NYS roads of Northern Boulevard and Route 107 as well as Wheatley Road, which is a Nassau County road.

2 FATALITIES IN OUR VILLAGE FROM JANUARY 1, 2024 - AUGUST 31, 2024

	Fatality	Personal Injury	Prop. Damage Only	Total
BROOKVILLE	1	9	36	46
Cove Neck	0	0	0	0
Matinecock	0	3	6	9
Mill Neck	0	2	6	8
Total	1	14	48	63

TOTAL ACCIDENTS 2023:	200	TOTAL ACCIDENTS 2024 YTD	147
TOTAL FATALITIES 2023:	1	TOTAL FATALITIES 2024 YTD	2
TOTAL AIDED CASES 2023:	254	TOTAL AIDED CASES 2024 YTD	141

When In Doubt, Always Use 911 For Any Police-Related Response.

Recently there has been some confusion about what number to call when you need to speak with our police, but you don't consider it to be an emergency.

Please always use 911 for any police-related response including auto accidents, suspicious people, or cars — even calls that you may not consider an emergency, such as parking conditions, erratic drivers, Village ordinance violations, etc. These 911 calls are immediately dispatched to us at the Brookville Police Department.

WHEN IN DOUBT... CALL 911

For general administrative or non-emergency calls, such as parking permits, alarm permits, vacant premise notifications (you're on vacation or out of town), or any other general questions, call Brookville Police Headquarters, 7 days a week, at 516-440-2300.

DON'T FORGET... YOU CAN NOW FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM @BROOKVILLEPD



REMINDER... ALARM RENEWAL FEES NOW DUE!

Early last month, residents were sent an invoice for an Alarm Renewal or a New Alarm Notice. (Note that alarm fees were complimentary for the first year with our new Department.) Renewals are now due at the modest annual fee of \$20 and New Alarms are \$50 for the first year. (After year one, new alarms renew at the annual renewal fee.) It is also important to update the Information Sheet which was also included. If you've already paid, thank you. If you prefer, you may renew or add your alarm by visiting our website at: BrookvillePoliceNY.Gov and click on the Forms & Docs Tab.



CHIEF CHRISTOPHER WALSH retires from the Old Brookville Police Department after 35 years of service.

The year was 1989 when Chief Christopher Walsh began his career as a 21-year-old officer with the Old Brookville Police Department. He has been a mainstay ever since.

In 1999, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and in 2013, he was promoted to Lieutenant and selected to serve as Deputy Commanding Officer. In 2019, the Board of Police Commissioners selected him to serve as chief — only the 5th Police Chief in the history of the Old Brookville Police.

“For over 35 years he has served with distinction as a loyal, hardworking, innovative officer,” said Mayor Dan Serota, “and for all but two of those years he was a familiar face as he watched over our Village as part of the OBPD. On behalf of myself and our Board, thank you for protecting Brookville all

these years. We are wishing you the very best as you go onto the next phase of your retired life.”

A **walkout ceremony** to honor and celebrate the Chief’s distinguished career, was held on Friday, September 27th at the Old Brookville Police Headquarters in Old Brookville. Police officers under his command, and officers known to him over the years, as well as mayors, elected officials, friends and family members were there to wish him well and to recognize his 35 years of dedicated service, including so many years for Brookville.

Congratulations to Sgt. Michael Coen, who was selected to serve as the new Chief of the Old Brookville Police, effective immediately. And Best Wishes to Chief Walsh on his retirement.

**Need a Handicapped Parking and/or License Permit?
Visit Our Police Website: BrookvillePoliceNY.Gov
You’ll find links to everything you need.**

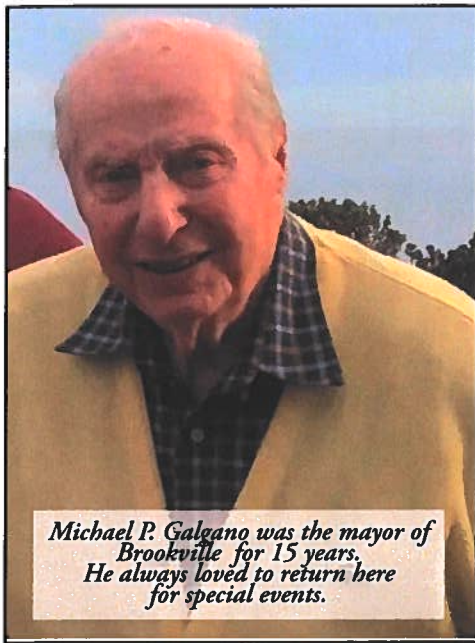
In Nassau County alone, there are over 250,000 adults and children with disabilities.

Navigating your way to getting the right information and documents you need for Handicap permits can sometimes be intimidating.

Residents in need often ask our Police Department what to do in order to obtain a TEMPORARY or PERMANENT disability permit or license plates.

Although all Handicap Parking and License Permits are handled through Nassau County, we now have a direct link to their site. Simply go to our website: BrookvillePoliceNY.Gov, click on the Forms & Docs tab and it will take you directly to the Nassau County Office for the Physically Challenged which serves as the Disability Rights Advocacy Agency or Nassau.

(People With Severe Disabilities NYS DMV MV-664.1/664.3.)



Brookville Mayor From 1977-1992 Michael P. Galgano, Passes Away At 99 Years Of Age.

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Michael Galgano served as the mayor of our Village for 15 years before “retiring” from his volunteer position and moving out of the Village. Since that time, there have only been three other mayors (Dick Goodwin, Caroline Bazzini and the current mayor, Dan Serota).

Brookville Nature Park Was His Inspiration

Over the years, Mayor Galgano worked tirelessly on behalf of our Village along with his wife Muriel who always supported and worked with him to help make our Village as special as it continues to be to this day.

One of Mayor Galgano’s visionary projects while in office was to secure ownership from the Federal Parklands for a 2-acre parcel of land within the Brookville Nature Park on Brookville Road for the exclusive use of a Village Hall and municipal building. That parcel lies just within the gates of our Park.

Galgano Grew Up In Queens

Michael Galgano was born on April 10, 1925, in Jamaica, NY to Francesca Quarranta and Vito Galgano. As a teenager, Michael lost his father suddenly and “destiny,” as he would say, entered his life when Mr. Edward “Pop” Perry became his mentor. Mr. Perry was also his bicycle racing coach for the Long Island Wheelmen’s Association; he coached Michael to several championships including a 200-mile race around Long Island in the 1930s.

When our country entered World War II, Michael enrolled at Casey School for Aeronautics in Jersey City, NJ, where at age 17, he helped construct B-25 and B-26 airplanes. On his 18th birthday, he volunteered for the U.S. Army Air Corps, and after training, ended up in the 388th Bomb Group in Knettishall, England. As a flight engineer, Michael survived thirty missions over Europe and then stayed a few months longer to train new recruits.

Upon returning home from the War, he met the love of his life and new neighbor Muriel Hazel White, who lived across the street from a new home Michael’s mother had purchased in East Rockaway, New York. They were married on December 8, 1946.

Michael & Muriel Galgano Made A Difference All Their Lives

For almost 72 years. Michael and Muriel worked toward their shared dreams. Michael went to Columbia University at night, while Muriel continued to work for the American Red Cross. After their two children were born — Marsha G. Mongell and Patrick Galgano—they continued to work together in his mortgage business.

They lived in many places on Long Island, first on the south shore then in Brookville, and from there, he and Muriel headed east to Water Mill, where again, they were both deeply involved with their community, working with other residents who often became lifelong friends.

Life In Maine

In 2004, they followed their daughter up to Maine and built their fourth home in Rockport. They were living a very active, enjoyable life when in 2012 Michael experienced a great period of suffering after four hip surgeries and, tragically, after a few years, Alzheimer’s disease contributed to Muriel’s passing in June 2018.

After more than seven decades with Muriel, Michael found every facet of life a struggle without her. He moved to Bailey Island, to be near his daughter, and found some peace in the beautiful setting of his home on the ocean. It eased his pain a bit, but he still mourned the loss of his wife. Michael then put his time and energy into getting involved with the Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital (BBCH), part of Maine Medical Center in Portland. To keep Muriel’s legacy alive, he established “Muriel’s Fund” to help promote some of the most advanced pediatric care practices available to the youngest BBCH patients and to support the education of nurses early in their careers.

Michael was 99 years old when he passed away in Brunswick, Maine on July 6, 2024. His daughter was by his side. Michael is survived by his daughter, Marsha Mongell of Orr’s Island, Maine, and his son, Patrick Galgano. He is also survived by two granddaughters and their extended families.

FAA Ignores Brokered Deal On Low Flying Planes.

We have been complaining for years. Mayor Serota has personally met with State Senators, members of Congress, County legislators, and the FAA Regional Director on a number of occasions. Residents have written letters concerning this ongoing battle.

In 2019, we reached an agreement with the FAA which they have since abandoned. Recently, several of North Shore mayors, including Serota, met with the FAA again. The following is an excerpted letter. The entire letter can be found on our website: Village of Brookville.com.



Honorable Michael Whitaker Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20591

Marie Kennington-Gardiner
Regional Administrator, Eastern Region
Federal Aviation Administration
1 Aviation Plaza • Jamaica, NY 11434

Dear Administrator Whitaker and Regional Administrator Kennington-Gardiner:

As you are well aware, airplane noise continues to impact communities around JFK, specifically those under the typical flightpath for an airplane approaching runway 22L/R.

Many of these neighborhoods experience almost-constant noise pollution from flights overhead. Airplane noise from flights approaching JFK runway 22L/R presents a significant disruption to our constituents' quality of life and also poses a meaningful public health threat, including increases in heart rate, blood pressure, and may even increase risk of heart disease in the long term.

According to the Port Authority of NY & NJ, runway 22L/R received an average of almost half of all arrivals/month between July 2022 and July 2023, reaching a high of 76% of monthly arrivals in July 2023.

In 2019, Congressman Tom Suozzi brokered multiple deals with the FAA Eastern Regional Office to alter arrival procedures for JFK runway 22L/R, such that aircraft landing on runway 22L/R must remain at or above 3,000 ft until they are within 15 miles of the airport. Air traffic controllers implemented this guidance and airplane noise impacts decreased.

However, the guidance was inexplicably abandoned 18 months later. Airplanes are now flying at altitudes closer to 2,000 ft at distances over 15 miles away from JFK.

Therefore, we request that the FAA assess the following solutions as quickly as possible.

- Reimplementation of the 2019 agreement to keep aircraft approaching JFK runway 22L/R at or above 3,000 ft until they are within 15 miles of JFK
- A continuous descent procedure into runway 22L/R starting at 4,000 ft altitude at a distance of 12 nautical miles away.
- Runway dispersal to reduce the number of flights utilizing runway 22L/R
- Flight path dispersal before aircraft begin final approach into runway 22L/R to reduce concentration of flights...

We urge you to act quickly to work with us once again to develop a long-term solution to this ongoing issue.

Sincerely,

Daniel H. Serota
Mayor, Village of Brookville

Bernard D. Ryba
Mayor, Village of Old Brookville

Michael R. Koblenz
Mayor, Village of East Hills

Thomas R. Suozzi
Member of Congress

Anthony D'Esposito
Member of Congress

Senator Jack M. Martins
New York State Senate



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easy to move, these signs can be quickly updated with messaging to reflect up-to-the-minute events in our Village. For example, if there is an accident on Rte 107, we can warn of traffic delays ahead. And because they are mobile, they can be used throughout our four-village police department.

As I think we all know, it is rare to have a traffic fatality in our Village. We can go years without having one. That's why it is all the more shocking that we would have two motorcycle fatalities within a month of one another — on Rte 107 at Hemlock and the second one on Northern Blvd. by LIU Post. Initial reports on each, is that reckless driving was involved, but let it be a reminder that "safety is no accident."

In the name of "Safety," I ask all of you to continue to be diligent about your homes and property. Although our Brookville Police have done an extraordinary job of reducing "crimes of opportunity" in the Village, they need your help, too. So keep your key fobs out of the car, lock your doors, set your alarms and be sure to call 911 if you see anything out of the ordinary. (See P8.)

October is still hurricane season (in fact it is still the height of the storm season.) As global temperatures continue to rise, more deadly weather patterns are often the result and stronger hurricanes seem to be a part of this change. Make sure you and your family are prepared as the best response for a hurricane is always a good advance plan. And if you don't have a generator, now is the time to consider one. Because Brookville is considered a "low density population" village, the Utilities respond to other more densely populated areas first. That can mean long and frustrating delays until we get our services back.

Speaking of weather, some of the summer rain storms we've had were nothing short of horrific. In a few cases, the rain came down so intensely and quickly, it was impossible for storm drains all over Long Island to keep up...



Teachers, staff, students, and Village officials, along with friends and family, celebrated LuHi's grand opening of their newly renovated Classroom Wing with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 4th. Mayor Dan Serota and Village Building Superintendent, Tim Dougherty, both attended.

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(Brookville included) resulting in extreme flooding on the roads, and unfortunately, on a number of homeowner properties. Tim Dougherty, our Village Building Inspector, says he now dreads the big rain storms more than hurricanes because of the damage they inflict.

LUHI Schools had their official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for their new Classroom Wing. See photo at left.

Stay safe. Drive safe. Be safe.

Dan Serota

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS IN OUR VILLAGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OCTOBER meeting to be held at Village Hall on Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30 pm.

NOVEMBER meeting to be held at Village Hall on Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30 pm .

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS — OCT meeting to be held at the AHRC on Wednesday, Oct 16 at 6:30 pm.

PLANNING BOARD — OCT meeting to be held at the AHRC on Tuesday, October 22 at 6:00 pm.

VILLAGE CALENDAR — Check website for additional details: **VillageOfBrookville.Com**