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*A Message From Your Mayor*  
**Daniel H. Serota**



Hello Neighbors and Friends —

It was another beautiful June day — perfect for Brookville's 1st Annual Earth Day Clean Up. Thank you to the NYS DOT and Nassau County DPW who came out and cleaned our state and county roads. Thanks also to our Village Road Crew for their help with the Clean Up. We mowed the big meadow in the Nature Park, the Bird Sanctuary got a new sign (we are now allowing leashed dogs to accompany visitors at the site). I was also pleased to hear from a number of residents who said that formalizing clean up around the Village was an incentive to get outside and spruce up. Thank you all for your participation. And don't forget next year's date: June 7, 2025,

It seems that every year, Brookville gets busier and busier (and that

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## BROOKVILLE'S 1st ANNUAL CLEAN UP WAS A SUCCESS!

AND YOU MADE THE DIFFERENCE...  
THANK YOU.



**Earth Day Neighborhood Celebration!**



**Even The Kids Helped To Keep Brookville Beautiful !**

**SPRING CLEANUP!**  
Neighbors from all over the Village  
joined together on June 8th  
to pick up, fix up, spruce up & pretty up  
our Brookville roads.

**SAVE NEXT YEAR'S DATE — 2nd Annual Clean Up Set For 6/7/25**

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# A GUIDE TO OUR VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

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**Monday - Friday;**  
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**John Burns**

**Edward J. Chesnik**

**Robert D. Spina**

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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 Halem* **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** - *Jeffrey Pliskin, 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

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## 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**

# JERICHO HIGH SCHOOL HAS RANKED #1 ON LI (AGAIN!!)

"Brookville has a lot to be proud of," said Mayor Dan Serota, "and certainly Jericho's ranking is right up there at the top. I couldn't be more pleased to see that the U.S. News & World Report's Annual List released recently, once again ranked Jericho as Long Island's best public high school."

This year's rankings are based on data largely from the 2021-22 school year and six factors: college readiness, state assessment proficiency as well as performance, underserved student performance, college curriculum breadth and graduation rates. The next four highest-ranked Long Island high schools to make the 2024 list were Garden City

176th; Manhasset Secondary School, 177th; Great Neck South, 206th; and Syosset, 259th. Sixteen of the 20 Long Island high schools listed among the best 1,000 in the country are in Nassau County. 19 others in the region also rank among the top 1,000 nationwide. Jericho High's ranking on the 2024 list, 114th, is down from 104th last year, out of nearly 18,000 public high schools that U.S. News evaluated. Two other Nassau County schools climbed into this year's top 1,000 rankings: South Side High School in Rockville Centre at 660th and Locust Valley High School at 980th. Four Suffolk County high schools made the rankings: Cold Spring Harbor, 283rd; Harborfields in Greenlawn, 420th, Half Hollow Hills East in Dix Hills, 421st; and Half Hollow Hills High School West in Dix Hills, 532nd.

Overall, New York State ranked ninth in the country on the 2024 list, with 32% of the state's more than 1,200 high schools ranked in the top 25% nationwide. Queens High School for the Sciences at York College, Jamaica, took the top spot statewide.

Five Long Island high schools that made the top 1,000 list in 2023 fell out of the rankings this year: They are: Elwood John H. Glenn HS, Babylon Junior-Senior HS, Valley Stream South, Earl L. Vandermeulen in Port Jefferson and Sanford H. Calhoun High School in Merrick.

BASIS Peoria, a charter school in Arizona, ranked first among all high schools nationwide. Massachusetts again had the most high schools in the rankings, with nearly 44% in the top 25% nationally, U.S. News found.

Connecticut and New Jersey placed second and third.

## Overview of Jericho Senior High School

Jericho Senior High School, the only high school in the Jericho Union Free School District, is ranked 11th within New York. Students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement® coursework and exams. The AP® participation rate at Jericho Senior High School is

## TOP 10 U.S. PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS ON LONG ISLAND, ACCORDING TO U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT:

1. Jericho High School (114th)
2. Garden City High School (176th)
3. Manhasset Secondary School (177th)
4. Great Neck South High School (206th)
5. Syosset High School (259th)
6. Wheatley School in Old Westbury (280th)
7. Cold Spring Harbor High School (283rd)
8. Herricks High School (317th)
9. Great Neck North High School (399th)
10. Harborfields High School (420th)

## SCORECARD

<b>Took at Least One AP® Exam</b>	<b>92%</b>
<b>Passed at Least One AP® Exam</b>	<b>84%</b>
<b>Mathematics Proficiency</b>	<b>92%</b>
<b>Reading Proficiency</b>	<b>97%</b>
<b>Science Proficiency</b>	<b>94%</b>
<b>Graduation Rate</b>	<b>98%</b>

92%. The total minority enrollment is 75% and 15% of students are economically disadvantaged.

## Jericho Senior High School 2024 Rankings

Jericho is ranked #114 in the Nation based on state-required tests performance, graduation and how well they prepare students for college. **Congratulations Jericho Senior High School! — you're the BEST!**

# TAM O'SHANTER MARCH 26th MEETING RECAP

It was standing room only to hear the latest update on Tam



*No more seats were left as residents poured into the meeting at the AHRC to discuss the golf course property.*

It's been over five years since the 148.82 acre Tam O'Shanter golf course was sold to Titan TAM LLC/Sigme TAM LLC for a reported 15 million dollars and more than 18 months (Sept. 2022) since the previous Town Meeting was held. "A lot has happened since then," said Mayor Dan Serota, "but in many ways, not much has happened. That's why I wanted the meeting on March 26th to be a means to provide any known updates, to be completely transparent to residents with respect to the issues at hand, to recap where we left off and to give attendees a chance for their voices to be heard. To that end, we also invited Jack Martins, representing the developer as private counsel, as well as the developer, Efreem Gerszberg. It was a Standing Room Only crowd of attendees."

## **Soil Conditions Studied. Elevated Levels Of Arsenic Found.**

We all know the developers shuttered the Club and closed it as a golf course several years ago. At that time, they applied to the Planning Board for subdivision approval in accordance with our Village Code, our Village Master Plan and zoning and subdivision regulations. In March 2022, the Planning Board granted the developer preliminary approval to subdivide the property into 27 single-family residential homes with an average lot size of 5 acres. The approved subdivision also included significant conservation and scenic easements located around the entire property.

## **Preliminary Approval Required Nassau County Department of Health Approval.**

As part of the preliminary approval, the developers were required to obtain approval from the Nassau County Department of Health (NC DOH) that the contaminated soil was remediated and certified as safe. John M. Chase, our Village Attorney told attendees: "As part of the preliminary approval process, the Village hired an environmental consultant to assist the Planning Board in identifying the environmental impacts of the project, as required by the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The Planning Board took the requisite "hard look" at the environmental impacts of the project, and as a result of that review, the Planning Board did identify and acknowledge in its negative declaration pursuant to SEQRA that there was contamination in the soil resulting from fertilizers containing arsenic and other metals. At the time," Chase continued, "it was very clear that the Planning Board required that this contamination be remediated under the auspices of NC DOH."

Unfortunately, after more than 200 test soil borings throughout the acreage, the review by the NC DOH revealed elevated arsenic levels in the soil requiring that roughly 5 inches to 12 inches of contaminated topsoil (on average) be removed from the contaminated areas and replaced with clean topsoil."

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## Soil Remediation Issues.

To move forward, the NC DOH required that approximately 135,000 cubic yards of soil be removed, disposed of and replaced with the clean topsoil to restore the property to soil conditions required for residential housing.



To do that, over an estimated one-year period, 11,000 dump trucks would need to make round trips into and out of our Village; followed by another estimated 6,500 truckloads of clean soil.

The DOH will not allow this soil removal and replacement to be done in stages (eg, clean up during the building of houses). This soil remediation plan is the Department's only protocol for this remediation.

In September 2022, many residents attended an information Village Town Hall meeting where the majority of those in attendance felt, as your Board continues to feel, that we can not allow this type of remediation to take place within our borders. "The impact to our Village is draconian," said Mayor Serota. "Residents don't want this.

The Board doesn't want this. I don't want this. Cleaning up the site in this manner is not only going to result in thousands and thousands of trucks coming and going, but the noise, the carbon monoxide, the air pollution, the destruction of Village roads, and on and on, is totally untenable.

### Great Neck Resident Writes Op Ed Letter.

Recently, an Op Ed article ran in the Syosset-Jericho Tribune, written by Jody Kass, a Great Neck resident who helped create the NYSDEC Brownfield Cleanup Program. She feels that the residents and Board of our Village are overreacting. She feels "there are ways to mitigate the traffic and other impacts of soil removal cleanup. For example, truck traffic can be required during non peak hours" (I guess she hasn't driven Cedar Swamp 107 at 2pm)..., "that trucks can be mandated to use clean burning fuels" (they still aren't totally clean)... "that trucks can be required to cover their loads" (roadways will still be a dirt-ridden mess and destroyed by the heavy trucks). "We understand that Ms. Kass has had experience with soil remediation of this type, but she is not a resident of Brookville and therefore will not be exposed to this massive work project," said Mayor Serota.

### Alternate Option For Soil Remediation – Till In Place.

Prior to the March 26th meeting, the developer came before the Village with an alternative proposal to remediate the contamination. And that was one of the main focus points of our March 26th Town Hall meeting — Mr. Martins explained to residents that what the developer did was to research best practices in other jurisdictions that have dealt with soil remediation.

"The developer hired consultants," Martins said, "and found a method that involved milling in place or tilling in place. There's equipment that does that. It allows for the areas to be broken up into grids, to do grids independently, to have the Village have its own consultants review and oversee the work, to do each piece independently and evaluate before moving on to the next piece, to ensure that we are actually addressing the issue, and also doing it in a way that is in keeping with the Villages's expectations and certainly with minimum impact to the surrounding properties. Grass would be part of the tilling, becoming organic material. In Mr. Martin's opinion, this process would also allow trees on the property to be preserved, because the equipment could till around them." Mr. Martins represented that he had spoken to Nassau County and they had no objection. What the NC DOH wants is to make sure that the land and the property is compliant with state and environmental regulations.

John Chase, Village Attorney, spoke to this tilling methodology stating that if the Village were to consider this as an option, an application for site plan approval would have to be made to the Planning Board which would hire its own

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# RESIDENTS & STAFF SWORN IN AT ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING



*Staff from the Village and various Board members were sworn in at the Annual Organizational Meeting held on April 16, 2024.*

## We'll miss you, Fred Bazzini — retiring from the Zoning Board after 25 Years Of Service!



*Fred Bazzini retired from the Zoning Board and so did his Name Plate.*

He holds the record for serving longest voluntary term on the Zoning Board and in that time has heard more variance requests than he can possibly remember. "I loved my many years on the Board," said Fred (aka to everyone as Freddy). "It gave me a chance to meet so many residents and to learn so many interesting facts about Village code. And even though not everyone got exactly what they wanted (including the Village), the

Chairperson and Zoning Board members always worked hard to find a way to compromise and still stay within code."

Freddy served 22 years with the NYPD, almost all that time as a detective. Shortly after retiring, he and his wife Caroline moved to Brookville. They have both been active volunteers and made many contributions to Brookville. Happy Retirement, Freddy.

## Welcome Dr. Nimish S. Dharia — joining our Zoning Board as its newest member

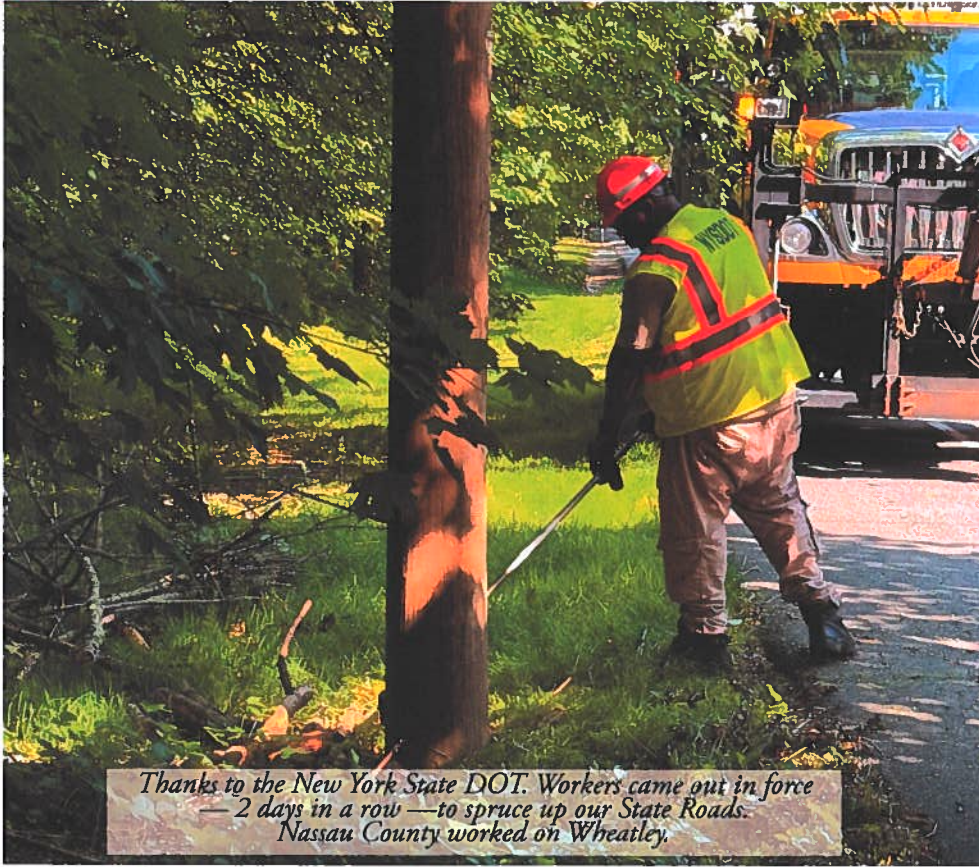


*A 10-year resident, Nimish Dharia joins the Zoning Board*

"We are always looking for hard working and smart people to volunteer, that's why I am so pleased to welcome Dr. Dharia to the Zoning Board," said Timothy Dougherty, Village Building Inspector and Superintendent. "I will miss Freddy, but Nimish will be a great asset."

In 2014, Dr. Dharia moved into Broadhollow with his wife, Shruti, son, Sohil and daughter Rhea. Since that time, both kids have graduated from the Jericho Schools and are now in college. Dr. Nimish Dharia is a cardiologist and affiliated with North Shore University Hospital at Northwell Health. He's been in practice for more than 20 years.

# EVERYONE CAME OUT TO HELP KEEP BROOKVILLE BEAUTIFUL!



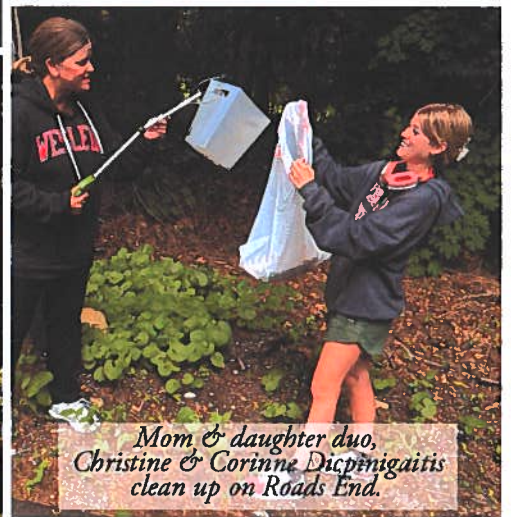
*Thanks to the New York State DOT. Workers came out in force — 2 days in a row — to spruce up our State Roads. Nassau County worked on Wheatley.*



*The meadow was mowed at our Nature Park. Take a stroll. Sip your coffee at a picnic table.*



*Perry Goldberg & Richard Piemonte, neighbors on Wood Acres, trimmed dead tree limbs.*



*Mom & daughter duo, Christine & Corinne Diczpinigaitis clean up on Roads End.*



**JANE B. FRANCKE  
BIRD SANCTUARY**  
~ OPEN DAILY ~  
Sunrise to Sunset  
PLEASE RESPECT THE SANCTUARY BY  
TAKING YOUR REFUSE WITH YOU.  
LEASHED DOGS ALLOWED

**DOGS NOW ALLOWED!**  
*Take your pooch out for an outing.*

# BROOKVILLE POLICE BLOTTER

## AUTO ACCIDENTS WITHIN BPD (4 VILLAGES): MAR 01 2024 - MAY 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.

### 1 FATALITY IN OUR VILLAGE THROUGH MAY 31, 2024

	Fatality	Personal Injury	Prop. Damage Only	Total
BROOKVILLE	1	6	29	36
Cove Neck	0	0	0	0
Matinecock	0	4	6	10
Mill Neck	0	1	12	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>59</b>

<b>TOTAL ACCIDENTS 2023:</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>TOTAL ACCIDENTS 2024 YTD</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>TOTAL FATALITIES 2023:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>TOTAL FATALITIES 2024 YTD</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTAL AIDED CASES 2023:</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>TOTAL AIDED CASES 2024 YTD</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>ALARMS 1/1-12/31/2023:</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>TOTAL ALARMS 2024 YTD</b>	<b>103</b>

## Suspect Held On Bail In Accused North Shore Burglaries, including Brookville

"I'm pleased to announce that Vincent Dougherty, 64, (no relationship to our Village Building Superintendent), has been arrested and charged with stealing thousands of dollars worth of items after he allegedly broke into a number of homes on the North Shore," said Ken Lack, Chief of our Brookville Police.

Nassau County District Attorney Anne T. Donnelly announced the arraignment of Dougherty on multiple burglary and attempted burglary charges related to seven different incidents. As a discretionary persistent felony offender (a person who stands convicted of a felony after having previously been convicted of two or more felonies), Dougherty faces up to 25 years to life in prison if convicted.

On May 15 of this year, Dougherty appeared before Judge Robert McDonald on three counts of burglary and four counts of attempted burglary. Bail was set at \$1 million cash, \$1 million bond and \$5 million partially secured bond. He was scheduled to return to court at end of May, but there has been no further word on that date.

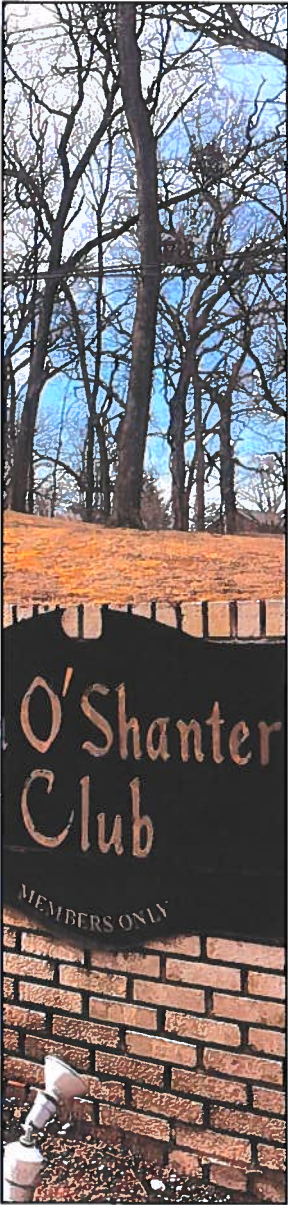
According to the DA, Dougherty allegedly committed a series of burglaries in 2021, targeting luxury items from homes in exclusive neighborhoods along the North Shore, including Brookville, Old Brookville, Muttontown, Syosset, Glen Head, and Old Westbury, with each incident captured on surveillance video. The alleged crimes took place in the early morning hours, with Dougherty gaining access through unlocked doors or by smashing windows.

With the help of our Brookville Police, Detectives from the Nassau County Police Department's 8th Precinct Squad arrested Dougherty on May 14. He pled not guilty and was represented by the Legal Aid Society at arraignment.



### IF YOU THINK YOU ARE BEING FOLLOWED, HERE ARE SOME TIPS:

- Don't panic; stay focused.
- Call 911 & follow their instructions
- Don't drive to your residence, drive to the nearest police station or populated area
- If possible, note the car make, model, color and plate number and a description of the driver.



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environmental consultants to ensure that the proposed remediation could and would be done in a manner that protects the health and safety of our residents. The Mayor also stated that “the health and safety of the residents is my charge as Mayor and also the charge of the Trustees and the Planning Board and, if we move forward, the Village would require written sign off from the NC DOH that the property has been remediated and cleaned up to its satisfaction and is safe for people to reside there.”

**Residents Express Safety Issues.**

In spite of these assurances, many residents attending expressed concerns about moving forward with either option. Could the property be left as a golf course was a recurring question and would it be harmful if the soil were to remain. Although it wouldn't be hazardous, as the arsenic is bound in the soil, the property remaining as a golf course is not currently a viable option.

Another alternative, discussed at the previous Town Hall Meeting, and brought up again by residents, was the building of Carriage Homes on the uncontaminated 20-acre driving range. In this scenario, most of the 148.82 acres would be left “as is” in perpetuity. Because of the location of the driving range, these homes would hardly be visible from Route 107 or Fruitledge Road.

Towards the end of the meeting, residents expressed other ideas for the property, such as residential properties on parts of the property that are not contaminated, or leaving the property alone, or converting it to a park through the Land Alliance (they were contacted but not able to help us) or a country club.

“Our residents are very concerned about the soil and the airborne particles and we have to give that serious thought,” Serota said. “We have to deliberate on it. It's not the Board of Trustees or the Mayor that decides this; it's the Planning Board. But we are the guardians of the Village and we have a stewardship that means we take care of the Village. So it's something we all have to debate and talk about. There's no decisions being made right now.”

As of the night of the meeting, and the writing of this article, there has been no further word from the developer or his attorney.

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**BROOKVILLE HAS 2 FATAL MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS A MONTH APART**

In 2022 and 2023, we had a fatality in each year. So it's shocking to report two separate fatalities within a month.

Our Brookville Police responded to a tragic accident on Friday, June 7, 2024 at 3:05pm on Northern Blvd. in front of the LIU Post campus. A 45-year old male driving a motorcycle was hit head on by a 65-year-old man driving a pick up truck. The rider was thrown from his bike and pronounced dead at the scene. The driver was hospitalized and is expected to recover.

Brookville Police responded to another horrific accident on May 9, at 5:08pm. A 28-year-old male operating a motorcycle at speeds in excess of 80mph was driving northbound on Cedar Swamp Rd when he struck the back of a dump truck turning from Hemlock onto Cedar Swamp. The motorcycle driver lost control, hit a metal pole and landed in the roadway. He was pronounced dead at the scene. A safety check was performed on the truck at the time of the accident. Both investigations are ongoing.

# On Airplane Noise, We're Back To The Drawing Board: Opinion By Jack Martins, State Senator For Our District

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My friend and I speak on the phone several times a week. But he has a pretty hectic work and home life, so he tends to call me when he's out walking his dog. Besides calls at odd hours and his being hard of hearing, we've noted that our conversations have grown more tedious lately because of airplane noise.

Unfortunately, it seems there are frequent breaks in our chats to allow for low-flying planes that are roaring above. While I recall this happening from time to time in the past, lately it seems nearly impossible to have a complete discussion, so we just agree to talk later.

Clearly, this is not a data-driven observation, just my own anecdotal experience. But I also hear from dozens of constituents a week who have similar complaints.

We live near two of the nation's busiest airports, so this is nothing new to anyone reading this. I've dealt with this issue for more than 20 years, first as mayor of Mineola, attending

Town-Village Aircraft Safety and Noise Abatement Committee meetings, and in subsequent years as a state senator.

There has been no other single issue that has been a more persistent nuisance in our communities. I've written more letters to the Federal Aviation Administration, met with more Port Authority officials, held more public hearings and demanded more studies than I can even remember. I even sponsored legislation in Albany, and yet here we are. The noise remains, and in fact, seems to be getting worse.

At the heart of the matter is an imbalanced distribution of air traffic, with a disproportionate number of landing flight paths directly over our neighborhoods. To maintain these approaches, pilots are forced to fly at lower altitudes and increase engine thrust, consequently amplifying the noise of their aircraft. This makes an indisputable negative impact on the well-being and health of our communities.

Knowing this, you would think improvements could be made easily enough, but changes are subject to a complex web of relationships among the FAA, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and numerous airlines. So the key to getting anything done will be obtaining an objective analysis of the impact of the noise at ground level.

To that end, the State Legislature passed a law requiring the Department of Health to conduct such a study and report it by March 31. As I'm sure you've guessed, no such study was presented, and when we pressed for it, we were told that the Department was still working on it.



know that summer is approaching, and many of us hope to spend more time outdoors. To keep the pressure on, I recently hosted another airplane noise work session, this time with Michael Koblenz, the mayor of East Hills. He might be the only Long Island elected official who gets more noise complaints than I do. We all agree that urgent action is needed. I won't sugarcoat it. At times I feel like an exasperated Wile E Coyote, going back to his drawing board to hatch another plan to capture the Road Runner. But like Wile E, I don't give up easily. So stay tuned. We have more sessions in the works, with new ideas and new neighbors who are ready to lead the charge.

**Editor's Note.** We are glad Mr. Martins doesn't give up easily as our mayor has written more letters, contacted more elected officials, pressed for studies, encouraged residents to complain to the FAA and the Port Authorities with promises that flight patterns over our neighborhoods are "temporary" and the flyovers will be reduced. We sure hope something works.



**Out of Town & Need to Call Our Local 911? USE 516-573-7000**

You will get a Nassau County 911 dispatcher who will immediately give your information to the Brookville Police Department.

# Keep your "EYE" on what's new from the Jericho Water District.

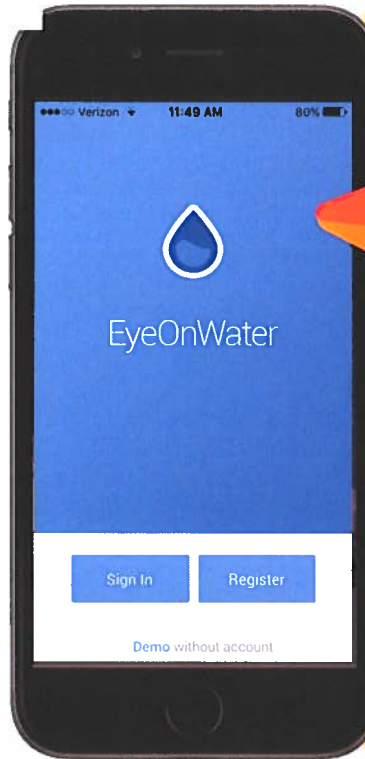
## KEEPING AN EYE ON YOUR WATER USAGE IS EASY!

Monitoring your water usage is easy using our "EyeOnWater" app. Our recently installed state-of-the-art smart water meters, combined with our app, allow residents to monitor water use, conserve water and save money on water bills.



### LEAK ALERT!

As an EyeOnWater user, you have the benefit of setting and modifying your own customized leak alert. This feature may allow you to detect a leak in your home early and remedy the issue before it creates unnecessary water waste and increased water usage expenses. Instructions for how to setup this feature in the app can be found on our website by following the link listed above and through the QR code here. →



**DOWNLOAD**  
EyeOnWater  
from the app store

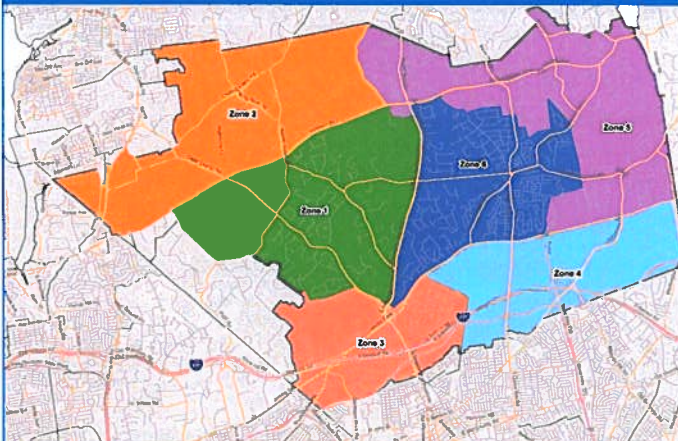
**CREATE**  
A login and user profile

**CHOOSE HOW TO VIEW YOUR USAGE**  
By the hour, daily, weekly, monthly or yearly

**MORE INFO AT**  
[jerichowater.org/billing/eye-on-water-monitoring/](http://jerichowater.org/billing/eye-on-water-monitoring/)



## IRRIGATION REGULATIONS



**M**ake 2024 the year that you commit to water conservation in a meaningful way. Just cut watering times for each zone by 5 minutes, adjust your time clock and adhere to Nassau County's irrigation ordinance. Visit our website [jerichowater.org](http://jerichowater.org) and click on Irrigation in the dropdown under **Conservation** to use our interactive map and view the zone and irrigation times for your property..

- No irrigation allowed between 10 AM and 4 PM
- Odd-numbered homes may water only on odd-numbered days
- Even & non-numbered homes may water only on even-numbered days

Once signed up for EyeOnWater use your cellular meter to check how much water your sprinkler system uses each time it runs. If you see an increase in usage that you cannot explain, check for broken sprinkler heads and leaks in sprinkler lines.



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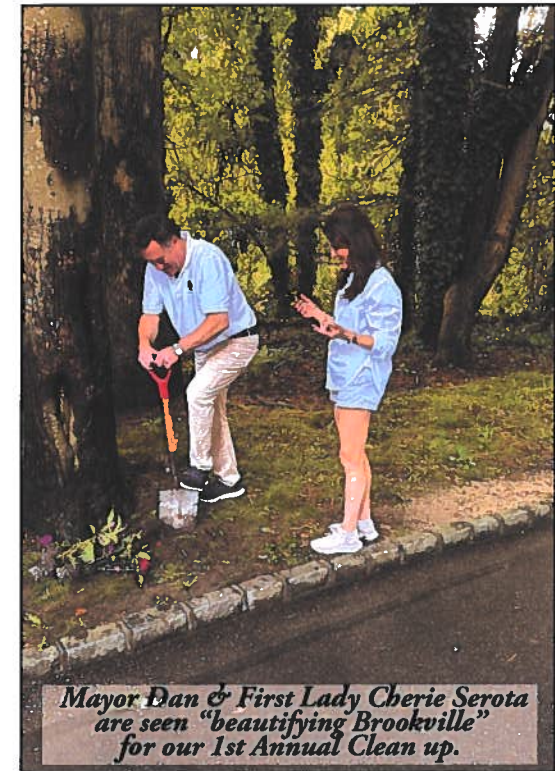
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includes our Brookville Police Department who have been successfully working to reduce and deter "crimes of opportunity" in our Village. A big "thank you" to our Chief, Kenneth W. Lack, and all the fine officers of the Department for another year of outstanding police protection, including the new license plate readers which have been installed in and around our Village — thanks to the grant that Chief Lack applied for and received.

For those of you who missed it, or would like a recap, there is a three-page summary of our Tam O'Shanter Town Hall Meeting which took place on March 26th. (See P4.) It was a standing room only crowd; and many, many questions were asked and answered. There's no final solution, but it was a chance for residents to be heard.

We've just finished up our Fiscal Year (May 31st)... Brookville is fiscally sound... and the Village has passed its annual audit with flying colors. Once again I'm proud to share that there has been no increase to the tax rate for the 9th year in a row and that the budget for this new fiscal year maintains our tax rate base (so again, there is no increase in your Village taxes unless your home was re-assessed).

New home builds continue at record rates, Village road repairs are now being bid out, PSEG is working throughout Brookville, and the JWD Water Treatment Center, although not fully operational, has all three wells back working. But remember to keep water conservation in mind in the days head. Unless all of us change our lawn-watering habits, more wells and water treatment centers will not change the fact that we will run out of water during the night, or at best, endure low water pressure as a way to start the day. For the latest on the JWD, see the reprint from their newsletter on P11.



*Mayor Dan & First Lady Cherie Serota are seen "beautifying Brookville" for our 1st Annual Clean up.*

With all this nice weather, it's hard to imagine that June 1st marked the beginning of Hurricane Season. NOAA's outlook for this year predicts an 85% chance of above-normal activity, forecasting a range of 17-25 total named storms. We only have to read about the storm damages out west to know that we can't take our weather safety for granted. So make sure to have a plan in place for you and your family.

This past month has been a sad time in Brookville with 2 fatalities resulting from separate motorcycle accidents. I've said it before, but I caution everyone to remember that safe driving is no accident.

Finally, I would be remiss in not congratulating Jericho Sr. HS for its #1 ranking (again) by U.S. News & World Report as the BEST high school on Long Island. (See P3).

*Happy 47th! Dan Serota*

## UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS IN OUR VILLAGE

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JULY meeting to be held at Village Hall on Tuesday, July 18 at 8:30 am (summer schedule).

AUGUST meeting to be held at Village Hall on Tuesday, August 15 at 8:30 am (summer schedule).

SEPTEMBER meeting to be held at Village Hall on Tuesday, September 19 at 6:30 pm (resume regular schedule).

**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS** — JULY meeting to be held at the AHRC on Wednesday, July 10 at 6:30 pm.

**PLANNING BOARD** — JULY meeting to be held at the AHRC on Tuesday, JUL 9 at 6:30 pm.

**VILLAGE CALENDAR** — Check website for additional details: [VillageOfBrookville.Com](http://VillageOfBrookville.Com)