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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

this publication, building construction and improvements are being made all over Brookville. This contributes to higher real estate values for all and helps to keep your taxes stable.

I know we all look forward to the completion of Wheatley Road. It's been an ordeal beyond what anyone thought — but for the first time I can report that Nassau County and Jericho Water District have come to a resolution and a new paved road is well in sight, finally. The Jericho Water District (JED) will install some 200 ft. of new water mains replacing the very old existing pipes. Once JWD is finished with the installation the County contractors will be back to complete the drainage work so that the resurfacing can take place. Unfortunately, the road will continue to be closed on and off for the next month or two, before the milling and resurfacing gets done. I will email residents with updates and as soon as I get confirmation that the resurfacing can begin. It will be a welcome sight for us all.

Route 107 continues to have major issues that I will be working with NYS DOT to get repaired. We will plan around the Wheatley Road project and hopefully get both roads completed by the time schools reopen in the fall.

Renovations at the Old Brookville Police Department have been completed and the new alteration constitutes a vast improvement of the old OBPD building. (See p3 for more details)

Our 2016 Budget was adopted at the Board of Trustees Meeting on April 26, 2016 and I'm happy to report that our Village continues to be debt free and expenditures are basically flat from last year despite having to budget more on roads

as we continue our resurfacing program. This was accomplished by prioritizing each budget item and cutting spending wherever possible.

Thank you to the residents who have been working on fixing their fences as it is important to our land-

scape, so keep up the good work.

As always, I can be reached at mayor@villageofbrookville.com. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

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A Message From Your Mayor Daniel H. Serota



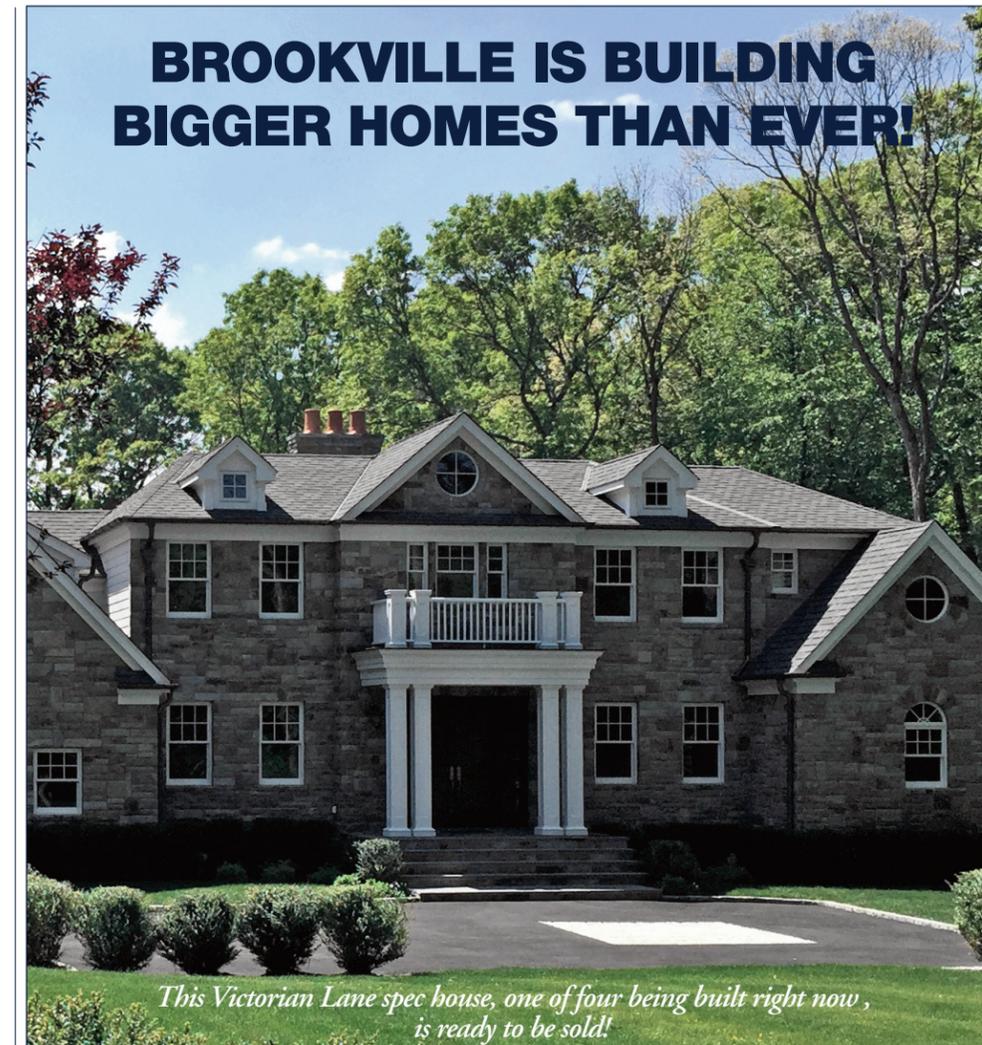
Hello friends, neighbors and residents of Brookville.

At last it's beginning to look like Spring in our beautiful Village. As we prepare for more time outdoors, I'd like to update you on some of the activities that are happening around the Village.

If you haven't been, it's worth a trip over to our Brookville Nature Park at 195 Brookville Road. As you know from previous Voice stories, we are mandated by the Federal Parklands to improve this passive parkland. I'm proud to say work is underway and it is really beginning to take shape under the guiding hands of Deputy Mayor and Parks Commissioner, Caroline Bazzini who has been working tirelessly along with our Village Superintendent, Tim Dougherty, and Trustee and Road Commissioner, Rob Antonucci, our hard-working road crew Rich Holdcroft and Alan Robbins along with others to get Phase I ready by September 24th, the date of our first picnic. Hope you can all attend and see for yourselves.

As you can read about elsewhere in

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BROOKVILLE IS BUILDING BIGGER HOMES THAN EVER!

This Victorian Lane spec house, one of four being built right now, is ready to be sold!

Nearly three years ago, we updated our Village Building Code to address one of our biggest issues — volume. Now, for a two-acre lot, volume has been increased from 65,000 cubic feet to 75,000 cubic feet. In addition, ceiling volume on the second floor has been excluded from calculation for that part of the ceiling that is over eight (8) feet in height and under ten (10) feet. This change addressed many of the issues of homeowners who wanted houses that are a little larger, or ceilings that are a little higher.

We believe that this change has helped to fuel the building boom that Brookville continues to enjoy. During the past 15 months, Village building permits and other applications have doubled. Everywhere you turn in Brookville, there is more construction going on.

Currently, there are eight new dwellings — four being built on spec. Additionally, there are four more dwellings in the final stages of application and which will all be started this year. Brookville sales are once again brisk and land value is up.

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UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS IN OUR VILLAGE

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS TO MEET ON TUESDAY, JUN 14, 2016 AT 6:30PM

SID JACOBSON JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER (BERNICE JACOBSON DAY SCHOOL & CAMP) APPLICATION TO BE HEARD.

This hearing will be a one-topic meeting on the application of Sid Jacobson Jewish Community Center (aka, the JCC) which owns the Bernice Jacobson Day School & Camp in our Village. Located on a 14.27 acre parcel at 340 Wheatley Road (which is zoned residential), the JCC is seeking a conditional use permit to renovate, enlarge, and modernize existing buildings as well as constructing two new bunk buildings on the grounds.

Totalling nearly 14,000 square feet (sf), they are requesting the following: Two new bunk buildings totaling 782 sq. ft., a 4,400 sq. ft. multi-purpose building, a 750 sq. ft. pool office and restroom building, a 571 sq. ft. restroom structure, a 5,195 sq. ft. kitchen and dining hall addition, a 1,530 sq. ft. classroom building addition and a 750 sq. ft. infirmary building.

They are also seeking the redesign and improvements of the entry driveway along with related parking, water, sanitary and drainage systems at the Bernice Jacobson Day School & Camp. Many residents in the area are objecting to the request because of their concerns for increased number of students, more buses and cars, and daytime noise from various outdoor activities in a residential area taking place Sunday - Friday.

If you have concerns or thoughts about these proposed projects, you need to attend this meeting and make your voice heard. The Board of Zoning Appeals meets in old mansion (admin building) of the AHRC, 189 Wheatley Road.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (ARB)

An ARB meeting is scheduled at Village Hall on Tuesday June 28, 2016 at 6 pm.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular monthly meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 21 at 6:30 pm. Regularly held at the AHRC's admin building, due to scheduling conflicts, this month's meeting will be held in the Community Room at Village Hall.



Property Tax

VILLAGE TAXES DUE NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2016

Bills for the 2016 Village Real Estate Taxes were mailed to all residents on May 20, 2016 and are due without penalties by July 1, 2016.

PLEASE NOTE: No Village officer or employee can waive interest and penalties on real estate taxes received after the due date for any reason. Even if your tax bill was not received in the mail. *24 Op.State Compt.612, 1968.

GOOD NEWS!

The rate base for your Village taxes remains the same as last year... so there will be no increase in taxes unless your assessed value has changed.



GREEK FESTIVAL 2016

Friday, June 10th (6pm -11pm)

Saturday, June 11th (3pm-11pm)

Sunday, June 12th (1pm to 9 pm)

Greek Church, Corner of Rte. 107 & Northern Blvd.
Complimentary parking at LIU with bus shuttles

SAVE THE DATE
for our First-Ever
Village Picnic
at the Brookville Nature Park
Saturday, Sept. 24th

**All Village Residents
are invited to the
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
at our newly refurbished
Brookville Nature Park,
195 Brookville Road.
Save the date:
September 24, 2016.**

*Free food. Free Stuff. Plenty of Fun.
Invitation to follow later this summer!*



SIGN UP NOW For Our Annual Outing

**You're Cordially Invited To Join Us On
Saturday, July 16th (11AM-3PM)
For A Private Tour Of
COE HALL AT THE PLANTING FIELDS**

Then head over to
Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club
For Cocktails & Lunch

Tickets \$85 Per Person For Tour & Lunch
Seating Limited – Reserve Early
Contact: brookvilleparkfoundation@gmail.com
Or call Jay at: 516-626-7418



Electronic Waste & Recycling Program
Hours: 9am - 4pm — All locations.

MASSAPEQUA - Saturday, June 11
Town Hall South, 977 Hicksville Road

OLD BETHPAGE - Saturday, July 16
Old Bethpage Solid Waste Disposal Complex
101 Bethpage-Sweet Hollow Road

SYOSSET - Saturday, August 13
TOB Dept of Public Works Garage,
LIE Exit 43 (North Service Road of LIE)

MASSAPEQUA - Saturday, September 10
Town Hall South, 977 Hicksville Road

OLD BETHPAGE - Saturday, October 15
Old Bethpage Solid Waste Disposal Complex
101 Bethpage-Sweet Hollow Road

SYOSSET - Saturday, November 6
TOB Dept of Public Works Garage,
LIE Exit 43 (North Service Road of LIE)

POLICE BLOTTER

AUTO ACCIDENTS WITHIN OBPD (6 TOWNS): JAN 2016 - APR 2016

The accident totals for the Village of Brookville for January - April 2016 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.

0 FATALITIES IN BROOKVILLE FOR 2016

	Fatality	Personal Injury	Prop. Damage Only	Total
BROOKVILLE	0	13	54	67
Cove Neck	0	0	0	0
Matinecock	0	4	6	10
Mill Neck	0	2	9	11
Old Brookville	0	11	35	46
Upper Brookville	0	8	15	23
Total	0	38	119	157

TOTAL ACCIDENTS 2015: 439
TOTAL FATALITIES 2015: 1
TOTAL AIDED CASES 2015: 602

OLD BROOKVILLE POLICE HEADQUARTERS RECEIVES MUCH NEEDED UPDATE

The OBPD Headquarters, located at Northern Blvd. and Wolver Hollow Rd., has not had any upgrades of significance in over 30 years, including a lack of facilities for the Department's female police officers. Much needed repairs and



Mayor Dan Serota inspects new retaining wall and other updates with Chief Richard Smith at the Old Brookville Police Headquarters.

updates had been delayed because building a new headquarters was planned. But when Muttontown unexpectedly left the Department in 2012, it was decided to remain in the current location and upgrade what we had. The work is now complete.

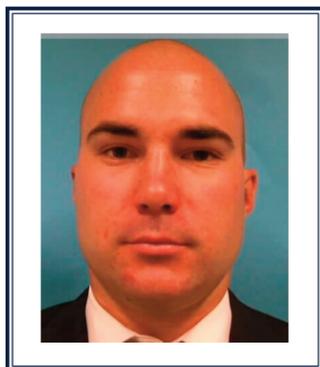
Female officers, for the first time, have their own locker room, shower and bathroom. An ADA bathroom has been added. There is new carpeting throughout the building and the overhead lighting has been modernized. In addition, some of the interior space was reconfigured to allow for more efficient use of the rooms.

On the exterior, the roof was replaced and some of the outside walls were waterproofed to stop leakage. A ramp was added to access the front of the

building, a new septic tank was put in, new retaining walls were added to replace rotting railroad ties and crumbling walls. Trees over the building were cut to improve safety, and to allow more natural light. The parking lot was repaved and parking strips added to allow for more cars.

A long-time coming, and much needed, the OBPD has had a mini-lift!

OLD BROOKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT HIRES TWO NEW RECRUITS; TOM DESANE RETIRES



PO Stephen Cochrane

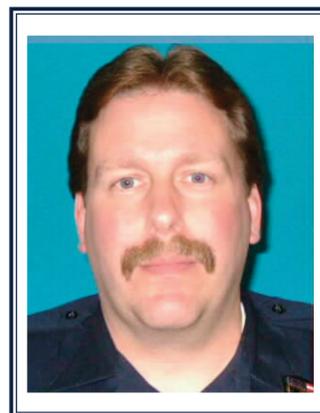
Back in February, the Voice of the Village reported on two Old Brookville Police Department retirements. Since that time, another police officer, Thomas DeSane, a 31-year law enforcement veteran, also retired. "We are sad to see him go," said Chief Richard Smith, "but wish him all the best as he moves on to a new phase in his life."

In anticipation of Officer DeSane's retirement, as well as several other upcoming retirements, two new police officers have joined the force. PO Kyle Walker joins the OBPD after three years of service with the NYPD. Police Officer Stephen Cochrane will graduate from the Nassau County Police Academy on May 31st after seven months of training and begin his police career with the OBPD. Before entering the Academy, Officer Cochrane served four years in the United States Marine Corps which included tours in Afghanistan. A third police recruit, Jake Hirx, is expected to enter the Police Academy in early June and will join the OBPD in December.

We wish each of these new officers the best of luck for successful careers with the Department and know that they will serve the village with the same integrity and professionalism that those officers before them have shown.



PO Kyle Walker



Thomas DeSane Retires

HOSTS WANTED FOR LU-HI EXCHANGE STUDENTS



Long Island Lutheran Middle & High School (LuHi) has had a long tradition of welcoming

student athletes from other parts of the state, country, and even the world. Many fami-

lies have enjoyed the rewarding experience of hosting a student while they attend LuHi. It can be exciting and fulfilling to help a young person achieve their dreams.

The Boys Basketball team is looking for Exchange Student Hosts. In addition to a record, seven state championships, graduates have gone on to play at St. John's, the University of North Carolina, Villanova, the University of Connecticut, and countless other excellent schools.

If you are interested in hosting, please reach out to the Boys Basketball coach, John Buck, at john.buck@luhi.org. He would be happy to share the details of hosting, as well as answer any questions you may have.

TRUSTEE ED CHESNIK APPOINTED VILLAGE CLAIMS AUDITOR



Trustee Ed Chesnik

Earlier this year, Mayor Dan Serota appointed long-time trustee, Ed Chesnik, to the newly created position of Claims Auditor for our Village.

In this new role, Ed provides a "second look" at each and every invoice before payment to ensure that all purchases

and/or services rendered to the Village are correct and have been authorized by the Trustees for payment.

His review covers the amount to be paid, that no sales tax has been charged, that the vendor/supplier is approved by the Village, that all back up is with the invoice and that all charges meet with New York State requirements.

Ed also serves as Fire Commissioner for our Village.

BROOKVILLE NATURE PARK GETS HELPING HANDS FROM LU-HI STUDENTS



Students from Lutheran High School give a helping hand at the official spring clean up kick off. Students participated in the park project as part of their annual "Be the Blessing Day" where they go out and serve the community.



Cleaning up the corral.



From left: Road crew, Alan Robbins and Richie Holdcroft show off the new Bob Cat to Deputy Mayor Caroline Bazzini & Building Superintendent, Tim Dougherty.



In addition to their work at our Park, LuHi students help with local church projects and volunteer at food pantries. They also hosted a LuHi "Senior Prom" for members of the Bristol Community Senior Home.

An evening of grandeur & revelry at LIU Post, featured food, music, film, art and fashion with proceeds to support our community partners.



From left: Margot Quinn, Victoria Conter, Steven Serota, Bria Sander & Cherie Serota.



From left: Olga & Lou Bazakos; Mitchell & Michelle Kay.

On Saturday, May 7, Long Island University presented the first annual *Celebrate Long Island – An Evening at Merriweather* (the former mansion of Marjorie Merriweather Post and her husband E.F. Hutton — now home to LIU Post administration). Staying true to its illustrious Gold Coast roots, the inaugural event, held under a 30,000 square foot tent, was one of the grandest (and most fun) celebrations seen in quite some time.

Brookville's Mayor, Dan Serota, was an honorary host for the event; the Americana Manhasset and Poll Restaurants acted as official hosts. Proceeds from the evening helped to support our community partners: Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, Gold Coast International Film Festival, Nassau County Museum of Art, Old Westbury Gardens, and Sands Point Preserve Conservancy.

Exclusive lounges, marvelous cocktails, luxurious fare, dancing, live musical performances, showcases in fashion, film and music all added to the evening — reminiscent of a Great Gatsby party.



There were fun things to do wherever you turned!



photo by Rob Rich ©
From left: Gene & Cathy Bernstein, Minsum Kim, Fran & John Gottlieb



photo by Rob Rich ©
Flappers perform "All That Jazz" from Chicago.



From left: Dr. Arthur Siegel, Chase Serota, Chase's friend, Kasha, & Jodi Wolf. Top Center: Vivian Serota.

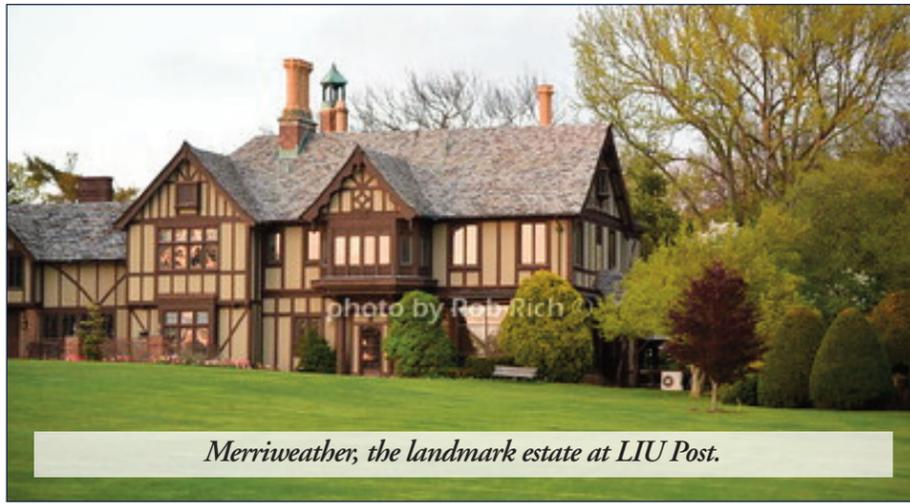


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Merriweather, the landmark estate at LIU Post.

LIU POST EXTRAVAGANZA An Evening At Merriweather

A Gold Coast Party, under a grand tent at LIU, inspired by F. Scott Fitzgerald's The Great Gatsby



Mayor Dan Serota, and his wife, Cherie were honorary hosts at the first Celebrate Long Island – An Evening at Merriweather event.



photo by Rob Rich ©

And the band played on...



A good time was had by all



photo by Rob Rich ©

A. Edward Major & Deidre Costa Major

CLEANUP UNDERWAY AT BROOKVILLE'S PARK

FIRST VILLAGE PICNIC TO BE HELD AT THE PARK ON SEPTEMBER 24TH.

After years of languishing, being assaulted by any number of hurricanes, blizzards and other acts of nature, Brookville's 22.51 acre nature park, located at 195 Brookville Road, has started a major rehabilitation effort that will take a number of years to complete. But the efforts will be worth it as it provides more accessibility to residents, local school children, equestrians and others who wish to enjoy this passive parkland. Former home to a Nike Missile Site, we acquired the land through the Federal Lands to Parks Program of the U.S.



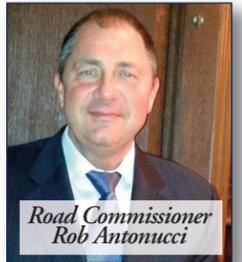
From left: John Buck, LuHi's Dean of Students; Andy Gove, LuHi's Head Master and Brookville's Mayor; Dan Serota..

Department of the Interior. We did not have to pay for the land but there were a number of stipulations tied to the transfer. Clean up was one of them!

So we were absolutely delighted when nearly a dozen students and their two chaperones from the Lutheran High School turned out recently to help Village Crew, Mayor Serota and Trustees start the official spring clean up. Work began over at the corral which is totally overgrown with scrub brush, vines, trees and poison ivy. Students donned protective gloves, and grabbed rakes, pruning shears and shovels. By the time they left, we could already see the rewards of their efforts. Thank you Lu-Hi for partnering with Brookville!

Much more work is slated and special thanks to Trustee Rob Antonucci for his hands on efforts to keep estimating and executing projects on time and on target. Next up: water and electric will be brought, an irrigation system will be installed, flower beds will be planted, rotted fencing, will be replaced, trees added and a flag pole put in. To help defray costs, we are applying for two government grants.

Work will continue all summer. On Saturday, September 24th, we will celebrate with a Village Picnic at the Park. Mark your calendars.



Road Commissioner Rob Antonucci

TERRY THIELEN, MAYOR OF UPPER BROOKVILLE, RECEIVES MAYOR'S RECOGNITION AWARD.



*Back row from left: Commissioners Brewster Righter, Antje Dolido, Albert Kalimian, Randolph Harrison, John Colgate, Caroline Bazzini
Front row center: Mayors Terry Thielen and Dan Serota*

May's meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners for the OBPD concluded with a special presentation of the Mayor's Recognition Award to Terry Thielen. Presented by our mayor, Dan Serota, the Award read:

*Terry L. Thielen
Thank you for your many tireless years of working together on mutual Village matters such as restructuring of the OBPD, road work, and most importantly, improving quality of life between our Villages.
Your hard work & countless contributions cannot be calculated in time or dedication.*

BROOKVILLE HOUSES ARE BIGGER THAN EVER! (cont'd.)



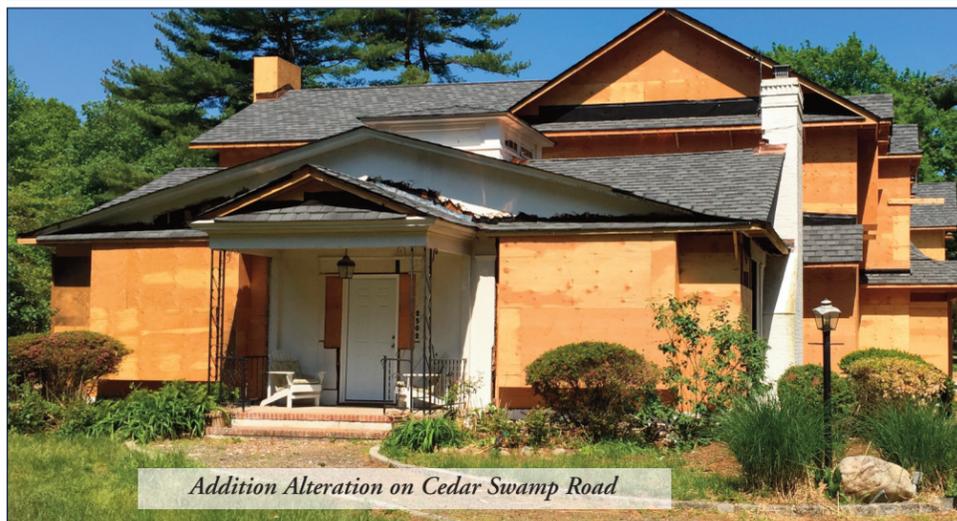
New home on Emerson Road



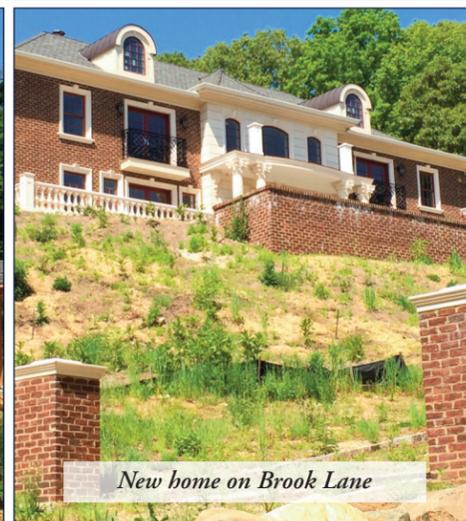
Sight for a new home that was recently demolished on Heather Hill



Spec home on Cow Path for sale



Addition Alteration on Cedar Swamp Road



New home on Brook Lane

THERE'S A LOT GOING ON IN BROOKVILLE!

High-end properties — especially those priced under \$3,000,000 are seeing the greatest demand. “Sales are excellent for properties under that magic number,” said Barbara Candee, director of high-end properties and member of the Daniel Gale Sotheby International Realty Hall of Fame. “There’s lots more activity, time on the market is less, and sales are better than last year,” she continued. But that’s not all that’s happening in our Village. Home improvements are also back in full swing with 20 major additions, alterations and improvements including:



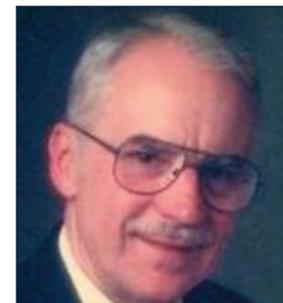
Spec home on Old Wheatley Road for sale

- 5 new pool cabanas
- 18 backyard projects (swimming pools, patios and decks)
- 11 finished basements
- 18 generators

VILLAGE OF BROOKVILLE LOCAL LAW 2-2013 – AMENDMENT TO ZONING CODE BUILDING VOLUME

As mentioned on Page 1 of this article, the following details the local law to amend Sections 218-24.1, 218-24.2, 218-24.3 and 218-24.4 of Chapter 218, Article IVA, “Bulk Regulations for Residence Districts” of the Code of the Village of Brookville to increase the maximum combined building volume in all districts by 10,000 cubic feet, and to exclude the cubic volume of older accessory buildings built prior to 1930 from such computation, and to amend Section 218-2 of Chapter 218, Article II, “Definitions” to change the definition of building volume to not include the space above eight (8) feet for 2nd story rooms with ceiling heights greater than eight (8) feet but less than or equal to ten (10) feet. For the complete amended law, please visit www.villageofbrookville.com/zoningcode

If you have any questions about permits to build or other questions about Brookville real estate, please contact Tim Dougherty in our Village offices.



Albert Muller, 11/20/24-8/3/2015

FAREWELL TO ALBERT & FRANCES MULLER. We have lost two of our older residents, who combined had lived in Brookville for over 120 years!

More than 500 estates once graced the North Shore’s Gold Coast. Among them were the Old Westbury homes of Howard Phipps, Jr. (philanthropist and horticulturist and son of Henry Phipps, and partner of steel magnate, Andrew Carnegie) and Howard’s first cousin, Esmond Martins (20-year reigning court tennis world-champion, philatelist and grandson of Andrew Carnegie).

Albert Muller, whose dad was the superintendent of grounds on the Phipps Estate, was raised there as one of the servants’ children. Frances Muller’s dad had been the head chauffeur at the Martin Estate where she was raised.

The Mullers met as infants over 90 years ago and were only friends until after WWII when they started dating, eventually marrying in 1948. Last year they celebrated 67 years.

While Albert worked as an Engineer at Grumman’s, his roots in the soil were passed on from his father — he found time to become President of the New York Chapter of the Rhododendron Society and President of the Local Chapter of the American Orchid Society. The Rhododendrons on their Brookville property on Wheatley Road are testament to his love of that flower.



Frances Muller, 8/14/24-4/25/2016

Both have been featured in articles in Newsday about the children of servants who grew up on Gold Coast estates. Frances Muller died on April 25, 2016. Her husband predeceased her on August 3, 2015. They were 92 and 91 years old respectively. They will be missed.