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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

more we can do.

Much needed improvements to Wheatley Road are currently underway. Drainage pipes have been installed and major resurfacing work will be next. (There will continue to be intermittent shut downs of the road from 7am to 3:30pm daily until the project is complete.) Local traffic is allowed and all emergency vehicles will have access at all times. Unfortunately there have been delays but we are hoping that the project will be completed before the winter season.

After extensive lobbying of State and County officials, I'm happy to announce that Route 107 will undergo major surface repairs.

And after many months of negotiations, the proposed 16-story Old Westbury Water Tower will be replaced by equivalent underground storage.

Additionally, this spring brought with it a renewal of construction and home improvement in the Village.

Lastly, I ask all residents to please remember that colder weather means snow and storms. Prepare accordingly (see article on p 5). To receive emergency updates, be sure to register your email address at our website or by using the coupon on p 11. Contact (PSEG LI) in the event of a local emergency at 1-800-490-0075 or text OUT to 773454.

On a personal note, people always ask me why I got involved in Village government. I believe that public service is a noble calling and I am

proud to serve our community. I have been a resident of Brookville for over 20 years with my lovely wife, Cherie and our three sons, Stephen, Jonathan, and Chase. To quote President John F. Kennedy, "Ask not what your country can do for you,

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but what you can do for your country." It may sound corny, but it's what I believe.

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A Message From Your Mayor Daniel H. Serota



I am proud to say that since the beginning of my term in 2013, the Village of Brookville has undergone many improvements.

Thanks to the Old Brookville Police Department, we have been able to preserve our Village's upstanding safety record and in keeping our promise of fiscal responsibility, our tax rate has not increased and the 2015-2016 budget was approved without any need to borrow from outside sources to balance it or pay our bills. The Village office has been re-organized to increase efficiency and maximize staff productivity.

Additionally, an Office of Emergency Management has been created with appointed director, Bob Spina. We have set OEM systems in place to prevent issues that were raised in previous storms and will increase our level of preparedness. While these past 3 years under my leadership have been constructive and prosperous for the Village, none of this could have been accomplished without the group of hard working and industrious people serving our residents. However, there is always

THIS PARK LAND WAS ACQUIRED
THROUGH THE FEDERAL
LANDS TO PARKS PROGRAM
OF THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
FOR USE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

After years of languishing, being assaulted by any number of hurricanes, blizzards and other acts of nature, Brookville's 22.51 acre nature park will start a clearing up, cleaning up and rehabilitation process that will take several years and result in more accessibility to our residents, local school children, equestrians, and others who wish to enjoy this passive parkland.

The infrastructure of the park (or lack thereof) was underscored by a recent visit from representatives of the National Parks Services - Northeast Region, U.S. Department

of the Interior. So to that end, we are playing catch up on some of the work that needs to be done. To offset expense, we are applying for various grants and have already received one for \$50,000.

For those readers who may be unfamiliar with our park, located at 195 Brookville Road, it is interesting to note that beyond its parkland role of hosting wildlife, horses and people, it once played an important part in the defense of our country. Ironically, that's also how it became a park.

So let's go back more than 60 years in time: The end of WWII was nearing, the Germans had superior

BROOKVILLE NATURE PARK SLATED FOR FACE LIFT!



Above: Kids from the AHRC play volleyball in the meadow at the Brookville Nature Park on Brookville Road. At left: Sign at the Park.

FRUITLEDGE & THREE OTHER ROADS RESURFACED — TWO OTHER VILLAGE ROADS TO HAVE MAJOR WORK.



Fruitledge got a much-needed overhaul, including repairs to the road, milling, sporadic shoulder improvements, striping, repaving and signage. Take a look — and drive safely.

Chief Richard Smith, OBPD Says: “REMINDER TO LOCK YOUR CARS AND TAKE THE KEYS!”

Although Brookville has experienced only a very modest amount of crime over the past few years, it is important to keep in mind that auto theft continues to be a problem in nearby communities.

The majority of these auto thefts were facilitated because the owners had left a key fob/smart key in the vehicle.

To that regard, and on behalf of Mayor Serota, I would like to remind all Village residents to take the following precautions:

- Always lock your vehicle — even when it's parked in your driveway or garage.
- Never leave or hide a smart key, valet key, or spare keys anywhere in your vehicle. Instead, take them with you.
- If possible, park your vehicle in a locked garage.
- Cars kept on the driveway should be parked in a well-lit location.
- Close all your vehicle windows completely when parked.

When leaving and returning home, be observant of vehicles and people who appear suspicious.

If you "See Something - Say Something".

Call the OBPD at 626-1300, or 9-1-1.

Be ready to provide as much information as possible regarding the description of the suspicious person or vehicle, including license plate numbers, which are almost always extremely valuable to have.

If you've driven the Village recently, you're aware that a number of roads have been repaired.

As a part of our 2015 Road Resurfacing Program, Fruitledge Road has received a much-needed new surface and striping from end to end including sporadic shoulder improvements.

Large sections of Brookville Road from Fruitledge to Route 106 were repaired and Horse Hill Road from the cul-de-sac south to the far end were resurfaced. Large pot holes, broken asphalt, drainage repairs and cracked surfacing made it necessary to have all these roads done before this winter.

Meadowood, Farmstead, and Whitney Lanes, along with Ormond Park and Old Wheatley Roads had pavement repairs and drainage work done. Gutter Repair was also done on Ormond Park Road and large potholes were repaired on sections of Farmstead Lane. In 2016, we anticipate continuing work on other Village roads.

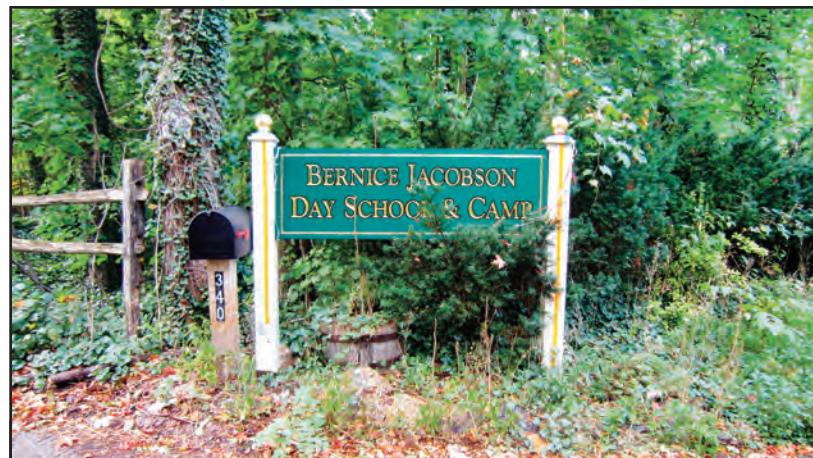
WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN A TREE FALLS IN BROOKVILLE?

The recent Nor'easter in our Village brought down quite a few trees. It occurred when the Village Office was closed. So what is the procedure?



If a tree falls on any road in our Village during normal business hours (M-F; 9a-5p), call the office at 626-0973. Any other time, please call our Police Department (626-1300). We and they have procedures in place to handle the situation. (If it's a county or state road, contact is made with them. If it's a Village road, then we will handle.) Thank you.

JCC FILES WITH VILLAGE FOR NEW ROAD AND EXPANSION



Sign at entrance to the JCC, Brookville Campus

The Sid Jacobson Jewish Community Center, Inc. (JCC), owner of a 14.27 acre parcel of land located at 340 Wheatley Road in Brookville, is seeking a conditional use permit to modernize their existing buildings and grounds, including: the construction of two new bunk buildings totaling 782 sf; a 4,400 sf multi-purpose building; a 750 sf pool office and restroom building; a 571 sf restroom structure; a 5,195 sf kitchen and dining hall addition; a 1,530 sf classroom building addition and a 750 sf infirmary building.

They are also seeking the redesign and improvements of the entry road from Wheatley Road, along with related parking, water, sanitary and drainage systems at what is known as the Bernice Jacobson Day School and Camp.

Currently facility access from Wheatley is via a 9' wide drainage culvert/driveway which has been in existence for more than 40 years. Their application includes an overhaul of this road making it wider and safer for egress/ingress to their property from Wheatley. This would also mean the loss of many mature trees along the roadway.

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 taking place Sunday - Friday in a residential area.

VOB RESIDENT EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO

During the year, we send out any number of emails and alerts to our residents. If we don't have your email address you're missing out on important communications. If you haven't sent us your email or if it has changed, use this form. Mail or scan & email this form to the addresses listed below.

Please indicate separately if there are any medical conditions you would like us to know about.

HOUSEHOLD NAME

ADDITIONAL NAME/CELL #

STREET NAME & NUMBER

EMAIL

PRIMARY PHONE NUMBER

ADDITIONAL NAME/CELL#

PRIMARY EMAIL

EMAIL



Department of Transportation

September 8, 2015

Honorable Daniel H. Serota, Mayor
The Incorporated Village of Brookville
18 Horse Hill Road
Brookville, NY 11545

Dear Mayor Serota:

This is in response to your letter to Regional Director, Joseph Brown, regarding the condition of the pavement on the NY Route 107 between St. Paul's Church and Northern Boulevard (NY25A).

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is aware of the pavement condition along this roadway and has been monitoring it through our pavement condition survey and highway maintenance personnel. I am pleased to report that the NYSDOT has added this location to our "Where and When" contract to be resurfaced this year. This project will rehabilitate the worst sections of the pavement by removing the deteriorated asphalt riding surface and resurfacing the travel lanes and shoulders with a new asphalt riding surface.

In the interim, our highway maintenance personnel will continue to monitor and to repair any deteriorating sections of pavement as needed to maintain roadway safety until the upcoming paving project commences. If you find an open pothole on a state highway, please report it directly to our Regional Transportation Maintenance office at 1-800-POTHOLE.

Thank you for your continued interest in transportation matters.

Very truly yours,

Glenn R. Murrell, P.E.
Acting Planning & Program Management

cc: R. Causin, Transportation Maintenance

GOOD NEWS! ROUTE 107 NOW SCHEDULED FOR ROAD WORK.

Thanks to our Mayor Dan, who has been relentless in his efforts to get the NYS DOT to reconsider fixing Route 107, we are now on the calendar to get the work done. Per the letter reproduced above, the NYS DOT will work on specific sections of the road. We also wish to thank our State Senator, Carl Marcellino, who helped to get the project on this year's work schedule. We have been notified that the following sections of the road will be done: Southbound lanes in front of SUNY/Old Westbury entrance (75' x 250'); both directions at Hemlock Drive (40' x 200'); southbound lane at Wood Edge (18' x 150'); both directions at address 1957 (30' x 75'); both directions between Wheatley Road and Dogwood Hill reference marker 1122 (30' x 500'); both directions at Meadowood Lane (40' x 225'); southbound lane at LILCO Pole #301; north of Equestrian Court (16' x 50'); both directions in front of Brookville Farms, reference marker number 1130 (40' x 500').

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WHEATLEY ROAD UPDATE



Wheatley Road at Route 107 is closed Monday thru Friday 7am - 3 pm while drainage and resurfacing take place.
Roadwork is expected to continue at least into late Fall.

Wheatley is a narrow, winding road with numerous drainage issues that have all played a part in contributing to auto accidents over the years. Combine that with the many potholes and extremely rough patches of pavement — especially from the AHRC to Route 107, and it's a disaster.

After several years of hounding the Nassau County Department of Transportation (NC-DOT) and more than a year of waiting to get the Wheatley Road drainage and repaving project underway, it finally started late this spring (rather than the previous fall). Based on the NC-DOT's deadline, it was anticipated that all work and repaving would be done within 90 days. Unfortunately that has not turned out to be the case. Nor is it likely to be completed before end of Fall.

To shore up the drainage issues along Wheatley, it required that half of Rolling Drive be opened up

with new sewers and pipes laid. This street saw many days of intermittent and all day closures. Drainage work then continued along Wheatley. This work is still going on because the issues have turned out to be much more extensive and much more expensive than Nassau County had budgeted for.

Wheatley, one of our busiest, but probably one of the worst roads in our Village, is in desperate need of an overhaul. And once completed, it will be a tremendous improvement to the safety and drivability of the road. But in the meantime, it wreaks havoc with residents who live on Wheatley or one of its side streets. It is also a problem for the school buses that traverse the road.

Work continues on Wheatley, and probably will stretch at least into the winter (weather permitting) with ongoing closings, traffic stoppages and delays. Here's what you can anticipate:

- Currently there is no through traffic on Wheatley Rd.
- Buses will be detoured to Northern Blvd., potentially adding 10 minutes minimum to the run.
- Routes that enter Wheatley Rd from the west have access to travel up to Rolling Dr.
- Routes that enter Wheatley Rd from the east have access travel up to Farmstead.
- Students who reside on Wheatley Rd between 145-109 will need to meet the bus at Rolling Dr. or Farmstead.



Residents and emergency vehicles are allowed access but there is no through traffic.

If you have students who attend the Jericho Schools, be sure to check with them as they are also following work closely as it relates to the busing situation.

We apologize for the inconveniences this is causing so many who live here in Brookville, but the conditions have been so dangerous that it is necessary to undergo the current hardships. If you would like to contact the County with questions or concerns, please call Nassau County DOT at 516-571-6900.

NEW HOUSING STARTS BOOMING IN BROOKVILLE

Brookville is enjoying more home construction than has occurred in years. There are currently nine new houses going up in the Village along with numerous renovations, additions, swimming pools, tennis courts and more.



POLICE BLOTER

AUTO ACCIDENTS WITHIN OBPD (6 TOWNS): AUG 2014 - AUG 2015

The accident totals for the Village of Brookville for August 2014 through August 2015 cover all roads in Brookville including the New York State roads of Northern Boulevard and Route 107 as well as Wheatley Road, which is a Nassau County road.

0 FATALITIES IN BROOKVILLE FROM AUGUST 2014 - AUGUST 2015

| | Fatality | Personal Injury | Prop. Damage Only | Total |
|------------------|----------|-----------------|-------------------|------------|
| Brookville | 0 | 44 | 154 | 198 |
| Cove Neck | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Matinecock | 1 | 15 | 20 | 36 |
| Mill Neck | 0 | 12 | 39 | 51 |
| Old Brookville | 0 | 39 | 86 | 125 |
| Upper Brookville | 0 | 19 | 64 | 83 |
| Total | 1 | 129 | 365 | 495 |

Total Aided Cases 2014 — 556

Aided Cases August 2014 — 45

Total Aided Cases 2015 — 367 (YTD)

Aided Cases August 2015 — 40

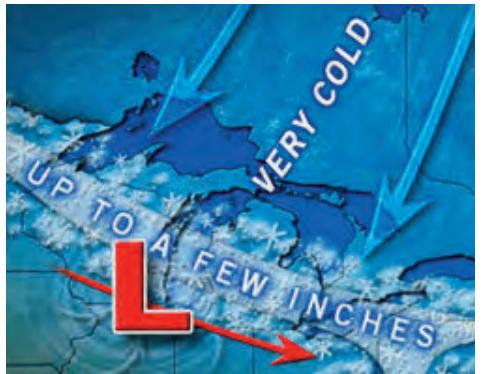
SAVE THE DATE
DEC. 6, 2015
Brookville Park Foundation Party
4pm-8pm

DON'T MISS IT!

Come Meet Your Neighbors —
Members, Residents, Guests Invited.

Open Bar, Great Food.
Live Music at the
Brookville Country Club.
Invitation to follow. \$85/person.

What Forecasters Mean When They Say...



Winter Storm Outlook means winter storm conditions are possible in the next two to five days. Keep it in mind when making plans.

Winter Weather Advisory means winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous. When caution is used, these conditions should not be life threatening.

Winter Storm Watch means winter storm conditions are possible within the next 36 to 48 hours. If they're saying it about us, you should review your winter storm plans and stay informed about weather conditions.

Winter Storm Warning means severe winter conditions have begun or will begin within 24 hours. A warning is meant to be taken seriously and also means you should take precautions immediately.

Special Note To Residents...

Please remind your snow plowers that our Village Ordinance says cleared snow must remain on your property. Too often the work of our road crew is completely undone, because property owners wind up with their snow in the street — blocking the roads.

LIU Post Celebrates 60th Anniversary With Homecoming Appearances From Notable Alumni and Celebrities



In honor of the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the Brookville campus, LIU Post will hold its largest Homecoming celebration in University history. The four-day festival of events runs from

Thursday, October 8 through Sunday, October 11, bringing together distinguished alumni and celebrities, including Seth Meyers, Kristin Chenoweth, Brian Kilmeade '86, Joe Gatto '98, and Sarabeth Levine '64.

The weekend begins with the 10th Annual Pioneer Athletics Hall of Fame featuring Brian Kilmeade '86, co-host of Fox and Friends and best-selling author, as emcee. It will also include the inauguration of the Medal of Service award in recognition of the late Gary Wichard '72, the record-setting quarterback and former NFL player whose successful career as a sports agent inspired Cameron Crowe's Oscar-nominated film, Jerry Maguire. The award will be presented to Dom Anile '59, former Pioneers football head coach who went on to a long career in the NFL as head of operations for the Indianapolis Colts. Robert Higgins '65, a former New York Giant and New York Jet, will receive the University's top athletics honor, the Presidential Medallion, for his commitment to LIU.

On Friday, October 9, there will be a Pep Rally featuring alumnus Joe Gatto '98 of TruTV's comedy show, *Impractical Jokers*. Following the Pep Rally, former SNL star and current NBC Late Night host Seth Meyers will take center stage for an outstanding evening of comedy at the Tilles Center for the Performing Arts at LIU Post.

The star-studded appearances continue on Saturday, October 10, with LIU Post alumna and award-winning chef and restaurateur Sarabeth Levine '64, as she brings the tastes of Sarabeth's Bakery to campus and hosts a signing of her latest cookbook. Later that evening, Tony Award-winning actress and Broadway sensation Kristin Chenoweth will perform at the Tilles Center as the guest of honor at a gala celebrating its 35th season at Long Island's premier cultural and performing arts venue.

In addition to notable alumni, LIU Post will present over 20 events, ranging from a free family carnival for alumni, parents, students, and the community, to an exclusive wine tour on the east end of Long Island for alumni.

For more information or to register for these events, please visit us at www.posthomecoming.liu.edu

BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE... ESPECIALLY WHEN A BLIZZARD KNOCKS OUT OUR POWER!

By Robert D. Spina, Director of Emergency Management

EXTREME WEATHER



Nor'easters get their name from continuously strong northeasterly winds blowing in from the ocean ahead of the storm and over coastal areas. We are most vulnerable to Nor'easters in November and December when they can slam into Long Island with a vengeance, bringing sustained winds of greater than 35 mph that sometimes last for days, wreaking havoc. Nor'easters are notorious for producing heavy snow, rain and oversized waves that crash onto our south shore beaches, causing beach erosion, flooding and structural damage. Wind gusts associated with these storms can sometimes exceed hurricane force in intensity.

Blizzards are characterized by low temperatures (usually below 20 degrees F) and sufficient falling and/or blowing snow that reduces visibility to 1/4 mile or less at least three hours. A severe blizzard is considered to have temperatures near or below 10 degrees F, winds exceeding 45 mph, and visibility reduced by snow to near zero.

Ice storms, while rare, make it impossible to go anywhere, can cause massive property damage, major power outages and even fatalities result when freezing rain accumulates to at least 1/4 inch or more. Freezing rain is caused by rain droplets that encounter freezing or sub-freezing temperatures at the surface. As the rain freezes, ice accumulates on roads, tree limbs, power lines, etc., creating dangerous driving conditions and potential power outages.

Preparing For Storms

If a serious winter storm is expected, make sure you have the following ready:

- Firewood, if you have a fireplace.
- Non-perishable food.
- Emergency equipment such as generators and flashlights, tested and ready for use.
- Water for drinking and cooking, collected in bottles — even in the tub if you have a well.
- Charged mobile phone, laptops and batteries for other mobile devices.
- Space heaters.
- Let faucets drip to prevent freezing water from causing pipes to burst. Make sure your pipes are properly insulated and leave cabinet doors open around pipes to ensure they receive warmth from the air flowing through your home.



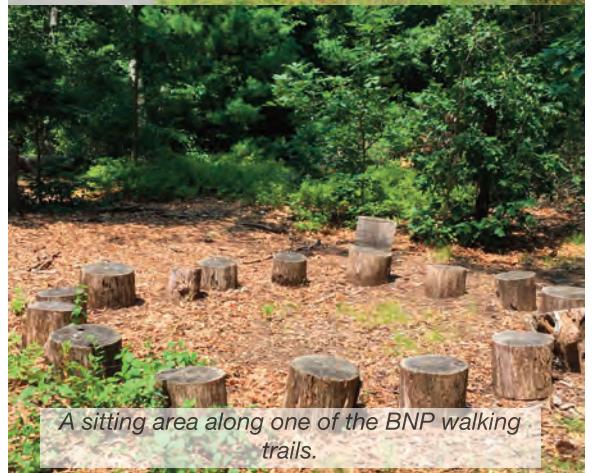
Preparing Your Car

- Check antifreeze, windshield wiper blades and fluids.
- Check tires for any worn-down areas or treads.
- Keep jumper cables, snow brush and ice removal tools in your trunk.

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Lots of work needs to be done at the Brookville Nature Park.



A sitting area along one of the BNP walking trails.



Kids from the AHRC enjoy lunch at the BNP.



The BNP includes a riding area and trails for horses.

air power, the Russians were hard at work developing long-range weapons and arms, a Cold War was underway between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, and our Federal Government realized that conventional anti-aircraft artillery would not be able to provide an adequate defense in case of a homeland war against the fast, high-flying and maneuverable jet aircraft which were being introduced into service, particularly by the Germans.

The potential threat posed by such aircraft became much more serious when, in 1949, the Russians exploded their first atomic bomb.

During the first decade of the Cold War, the Soviet Union began to develop a sizeable fleet of long-range, nuclear-armed bomber aircraft, capable of reaching targets within the continental United States.

The outbreak of hostilities in Korea, provided a further impetus to get a system up and running that would enable us to protect our cities and other vital targets. The Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962 provided more incentive.

Nike, named for the mythical Greek goddess of victory, was the name given to this program which ultimately produced the world's first successful, widely-deployed, guided surface-to-air missile system (SAM).

The mission of Nike within the continental U.S. was to act as a "last ditch" line of air defense for selected areas. The Nike system would have been utilized in the event that the Air Force's long-range fighter-interceptor aircraft had failed to destroy any attacking bombers at a greater distance from their intended targets.

Because of Brookville's proximity to New York City, it was deemed an ideal location to build a site to house missiles that could protect the area.

Within the continental United States, these Nike missile sites were constructed in defensive "rings" surrounding major urban and industrial areas. (At the time, Long Island had many Government defense contracts, and in itself, was considered a vital area.)

To protect New York City and critical parts of Long Island —19 missile bases were built in the suburbs surrounding the city. Long Island had five sites, in Lloyd Harbor, Lido Beach, Rocky Point, Amityville and Brookville. Other bases were built in the city, in Westchester and Rockland counties and in northern New Jersey.

There are few people around who remember the sight of missiles being carted across Long Island on trailers, and today, Brookville's Nike Missile base has nothing more than a cut in the asphalt on the BOCES' parking lot to mark where one of the missiles once stood.

By the early 1970s, new technology was available, the political landscape was entirely different and other factors influenced the deactivation of these sites. By the mid 70s, almost all Nike Missile sites within the U.S. (except Florida and Alaska) were closed and removed, including Nike Battery 23 in Brookville, which became a piece of surplus government land.

In 1979, Brookville made an application to the United States

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Department of the Interior, for the transfer of this surplus land to Brookville to be used as a public park or recreational purposes as follows:

New York Defense Area Nike Battery 23 (Launcher Area) Brookville, New York, 22.51 acres.

Conveyance of the property shall be accomplished by an instrument in form satisfactory to the Department of the Interior.

Further, once conveyed to the Village of Brookville, the property shall not be sold, leased, assigned or otherwise disposed of except to another eligible governmental agency that the Secretary of the Interior agrees in writing can assure the continued use and maintenance of the property for public park or public recreational purposes subject to the same terms and conditions in the original instrument of conveyance."

We did not have to pay for the land, but there were a number of stipulations tied to the transfer called a 5-point Program of Utilization which included installing a system of connecting nature trails to emphasize the diversity of flora and fauna in the area with sitting benches located along the trails; identifying and tagging of native plants, trees and other fauna; along with suitable parking. Besides residents and the general public, schools and major universities in the immediate area (LIU Post, NYIT, LUHI, Jericho) etc., would be invited to use the property for environmental study. Most integral to this parcel of land was "the preservation of open space and the natural environment" and that it would be accessible to all visitors, including those who are physically challenged.

The rehabilitation of this park is an enormous undertaking and will be achieved over a number of years. Currently, we are applying for grants to help offset some of the costs associated with work that needs to be done.

For now, we are in the process of surveying the property and marking out current and additional walking trails. We will also be bringing in water and electric, adding a safety gate and security cameras. We will also be working hand in hand with our park neighbor, BOCES, so that we can all benefit from shared efforts.

Brookville's AHRC has already had one event at the park. Look for other happenings in the upcoming seasons.

THE NIKE MISSILE SYSTEM



Nike missiles like these were once housed at what is now the Brookville Nature Park! They were considered the "last line of defense" in the event that the Air Force's long-range fighter-interceptor aircraft had failed to destroy any attacking bombers. To protect New York City and critical parts of Long Island, 19 missile bases were built including New York Defense Area Nike Battery 23 (Launcher Area), Brookville, NY. In 1979, Brookville made application to the U.S. Government to take over the 22.51 acre parcel and turn it into a nature park for the use of residents, students and visitors.