



Village of Old Brookville

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Dear Neighbors:

I hope this letter finds you all doing well and enjoying the fine, but somewhat humid summer weather. Your Village administration continues to be very busy in addressing important matters affecting our Village. As your Mayor, I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with an update.

I. Road and Drainage Project

In 2009, the Village authorized \$7.0 million in long term debt issuance to improve Village roads and drainage facilities. The Village's Phase I, II, III and IIIA programs totaling \$5.0 million were completed in October, 2010. A Phase IV program totaling \$2.0 million has been approved by the Board of Trustees and preliminary road and drainage engineering design work has begun. Considering the recommendations of Sidney Bowne & Son (Village Engineers), the following village roads and drainage facilities will be included in the Phase IV program.

- Maria Lane
- Edson Lane
- Acorn Court
- Jaegger Drive (Acorn Court to cul-de-sac)
- Brookville Lane
- Long Ridge Lane
- Oak Lane
- Wren Court (including culvert repairs)
- Robin Court
- Simonson Road /Woodfield Lane (drainage)
- Pound Hollow Court (partial resurfacing/repair)
- Copperfield Lane (partial resurfacing/repair)
- Dolly Cam Lane (partial resurfacing/repair)
- Meadowridge Lane (enhanced curbing)

Depending on the completion date of the engineering design work and preparation of the bid package, the project is expected to go out to bid and be awarded during the September/October time

frame. Considering the impending winter weather, our Village Engineer has recommended that the construction phase of the project begin in late March/early April, 2013. In the meantime, the Village will commence a village-wide maintenance program this fall with crack sealer being applied to many village roads which will extend their useful life by several years.

II. Moratorium – Cellular Telephone Antennas

At the July 16th Board meeting, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved up to a six month moratorium on the approval and construction of cellular telephone antennas and other telecommunications facilities in the Village. During the moratorium, the Village will update the zoning ordinance in order to appropriately address a request by Crown Castle to install cell antennas and radio access network boxes on five utility poles along Chicken Valley and Piping Rock roads. Once the moratorium expires, Crown Castle plans to make a formal application to the Village and a public hearing will be subsequently scheduled. A telecommunications consultant has been retained by the Village to provide expert advice and to assist the Village in these efforts..

III. Federal Flood Insurance

As of April 27, 2012 Old Brookville is now a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program which is managed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The availability of flood insurance coverage follows the adoption and enforcement of local ordinances to reduce flood losses. Residents of the Village will be able to purchase flood insurance up to the limits under the Regular Phase of the program. For single family dwellings, the building coverage limit is \$250,000 and the contents coverage limit is \$100,000.

IV. Open Space Preservation

Following up on the preservation of 60 acres of farmland along Hegeman's Lane, the Village recently purchased a vacant two acre residential lot located at the intersection of Wishing Well and McCouns lanes for \$38,000. The funds for this purchase were sourced from Village parkland monies and not from Village property taxes. As Village parkland, the Village will now maintain the property so that it will forever remain in its present natural state.

V. July 26th Storm

Southern areas of the Village experienced property damage and power outages as a result of a freak localized storm cell which affected both Old Brookville and Brookville along Northern Boulevard on the afternoon of July 26th. Village police and tree removal services responded quickly and effectively to control traffic and remove downed branches and trees. I was in frequent contact with the LIPA storm emergency coordinator during the evening and throughout the following day. During that time, LIPA advised that it committed about 30-40 linemen to the Old Brookville/Brookville area as well as 15-20 members of LIPA survey teams. Power was restored to all areas of the Village within about 24 hours.

VI. Village Election – New Village Appointments

The Village election on June 19th resulted in Rick Shaper and Matt Schamroth being elected to the Board of Trustees and Marilyn Genoa elected to the position of Village Justice. Appointments made at the July 16th Board of Trustees organizational meeting included: Ken Casatuta – Board of Trustees (to fill the remaining year of Marilyn Genoa’s two year term); Nancy Taylor - Planning Board; David Borg – Zoning Board and Lori Golden – Board of Ethics. On behalf of the Village, I would like to welcome these residents to the Village administration.

VII. Mayors Office – Special Projects

- Closing of Glenwood Landing LIPA facility: Ms. Carolyn Genovesi, President – North Shore School Board of Education, has requested my participation in future meetings with New York State legislators regarding the closure of the Glenwood Landing LIPA facility. While progress has been made with New York State towards a negotiated arrangement to minimize the near term effect of an increase in school taxes, more needs to be done for an arrangement to be finalized. I look forward to working with the Board of Education and New York State to favorably resolve the issue.
- Proposed change to Greenvale traffic patterns: About 140 Old Brookville and Greenvale residents recently signed a petition against a proposed change in traffic patterns being considered by the Town of North Hempstead that could possibly adversely affect certain village roads in close proximity to Greenvale. On behalf of our residents, I addressed the Town of North Hempstead Board on July 31st requesting the involvement of the Town of Oyster Bay, raising safety concerns and asking that a traffic study be performed. Subsequent to the meeting, the Town of Oyster Bay contacted the Village expressing their agreement with the recommendations and their intent to be involved in this issue.

VIII. Hurricane Irene – FEMA Reimbursement

I am pleased to announce that both the federal government (FEMA) and New York State have reimbursed the Village for their share of Hurricane Irene cleanup in an amount totaling about \$200,000.

IX. Village Beautification

The Board of Trustees and I would like to express our thanks on behalf of the Village to the Carullo, Fischetti and Aureliano families for maintaining the planting islands on McCouns and Valentine’s lanes. Their generosity is very much appreciated.

As always, I can be reached at mayor@oldbrookville.net should you have any questions, concerns or suggestions. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Yours truly,


Bernie Ryba
Mayor