

Village of Upper Brookville Newsletter

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Election Results

The following individuals have been elected for a two-year term, effective the first Monday in July, 2008.

- Mayor: Lenice H. Hertweck
- Trustee: Antje Dolido
- Trustee: Frank Russo

The other Trustees are Carl H. Doerge, Jr. and Terry L. Thielen

Committee Appointments

Planning Board

William J. Quinn, Chairman
Nancy Leeds
Arthur D. Mager
Richard McCormick
Peter Pappas
Elaine McCusker, Alternate
Michael Levin, Alternate

Zoning Board

David Helme, Chairman
Michael Gormley
Innis O'Rourke III, M.D.
Bert Rowley
Michael F. Schwerin
Tracy Kemper, Alternate.

Dogs and Other Animals

On April 15, 2008, the Board of Trustees enacted a local law which regulates the keeping, harboring, care and behavior of all dogs. It prohibits dogs to run loose or at large in the Village, except on the premises of the owner. It is highly recommended that all dog owners ensure that their dog carries identification at all times. This will allow easy determination of the owner in the event that the animal is found by a neighbor, by a police officer or by the Animal Control Officer of the Town of Oyster Bay. Copies of this legislation may be viewed at the Village office in Planting Fields. Recently a Wheaton Terrier and a cat were mauled and killed by two dogs running at large in the Village.

Road Repairs

Over the summer, major road repairs were completed on the Village's portion of Mill River Road and Planting Fields Road. Additional work is planned in the fall on Ripley Lane. In addition, dry wells have been installed on Planting Fields Road to relieve the flooding and some temporary work has been done on Wolver Hollow Road to direct the flow of storm water to the Village's Drainage Reserve. The County has \$1 Million in its current budget for a more permanent drainage pipe installation on Wolver Hollow Road and it is anticipated that this work will be started in the spring of 2009.

Guidelines for Exterior Lighting

Recommended by The Dark Sky Society

Exterior Lighting Guidelines have been developed in consultation with lighting professionals (with experience in developing good lighting plans), for communities wishing to control light pollution and preserve the night sky.

Light should be carefully designed with thought given to placement, intensity, timing, duration and color. Good lighting practices will help to:

- **PROMOTE SAFETY.** More light is not necessarily better lighting. If not designed and installed correctly, unsafe glare can result, reducing the effect of lighting which can contribute to accidents and hinder visibility. Lighting that is too bright interferes with the eye's ability to adapt to darker areas.
- **SAVE MONEY.** Adhering to professionally recommended light levels can provide adequate illumination. Many of the fixtures recommended for use are much more cost-effective in the long run because they are more energy efficient.

- **CONSERVE NATURAL RESOURCES.** Inappropriate or excessive lighting wastes electricity and depletes our limited natural resources by unnecessarily burdening our finite supply of fossil fuels.
- **BE BETTER NEIGHBORS.** Excessive or misdirected lighting can intrude on the privacy of others when light or glare trespasses over property lines.
- **RETAIN THE CHARACTER OF OUR COMMUNITY AND REDUCE SKYGLOW.** Our clear view of the dark starry night sky is a resource to be preserved and protected. Stray and excessive lighting contributes to light pollution and unnatural sky glow.
- **PROTECT ECOLOGY OF FLORA AND FAUNA.** Research studies indicate that artificial night lighting disrupts the migrating, feeding, and breeding habits of many wildlife species, as well as growth patterns of trees.

Master Plan and Philosophy of Upper Brookville

Under the stewardship of the Trustees and the various boards and committees, the Village of Upper Brookville has a Master Plan to achieve a fair and balanced approach to preserve and protect what people moved here to enjoy. Copies of this document may be viewed at the Village Office in Planting Fields.

Public Policy

It is not within the realm of public policy to legislate taste. However, local governments around the country are advancing a visionary approach to make their communities environmentally responsible through plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, manage water and energy resources, preserve the night skies and protect the ecology of flora and fauna. The Village of Upper Brookville is in the vanguard in establishing viable plans to achieve these goals and foster a “green” community.

The State of New York Department of Environmental Protection now requires all communities to comply with new laws intended to preserve and protect the environment. There are restrictions on the removal of trees and ground cover and limitations on excavations and landfill. The Village Code Book has been updated to reflect the changes in the State laws. The Village Code is available on the Village web site.

S.T.O.P.

The Stop Throwing Out Pollutants Program of the Town Of Oyster Bay’s next collection days are:

- Saturday, October 18 – Massapequa, Town Hall South, 977 Hicksville Road.
- Sunday, November 16 – Syosset, Town of Oyster Bay Department of Public Works Garage, 150 Miller Place.

The Hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For additional information call: (516) 677-5748.

WHAT YOU CAN BRING TO THE STOP COLLECTION POINTS.

Most pesticides & insecticides
 Waste motor oil & antifreeze
 Brake & transmission fluids
 Solvents
 Paint
 Drain & oven cleaner
 Photo chemicals
 Spot removers
 Wood preservatives
 Automobile tires
 Automobile batteries
 Small aerosol cans
 Small consumer batteries
 Gas grill propane tanks
 Compact fluorescent bulbs

ELECTRONIC WASTE INCLUDING;

Computer monitors & hard drives
 Printers
 Keyboards
 Mice and cables
 Copiers, Fax Machines
 Cell phones
 VCRs, stereos & TV sets

Vehicle & Traffic Law

Some provisions of Chapter 195 of the Code of Upper Brookville, entitled “*Vehicles and Traffic*” has been changed to reflect the meanings ascribed to them by Article 1 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York. The definition of “private roads” in the Village Code will state:

Private Roads Open to the Public. The entire width between boundary lines of every way privately owned and maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of motor vehicle traffic or is necessary to provide routine access for police and other emergency vehicles.

This change prohibits the parking, standing and stopping of vehicles on all highways and private roads open to the public within the Village of Upper Brookville. Parking may be permitted when a temporary written permit has been issued by the Village Police for the parking of vehicles incidental to a meeting or gathering at a particular location in the Village, provided that the restrictions imposed by the police are observed. A separate permit is required from the Village for tag or auction sales.

Russian Federation Mission to the United Nations.

In 1946 the Soviet Mission to the United Nations acquired property in Upper Brookville to use as a diplomatic facility. With the dissolution of the Soviet Union, the Russian Federation became the owner of the property. The Code of the Village originally had not covered diplomatic facilities or the disposition of such property after it ceased to hold diplomatic status. An amendment to Chapter 205, “*Zoning*” will now provide for a “special use” that may be granted by the Board of Trustees which will allow a Diplomatic facility of a foreign nation or mission in existence as of July 21, 1994, including any changes in the use, land area, alteration or construction of any structure and required removal of structure upon cessation of such use. The United States Department of State has been consulted regarding this diplomatic issue.

Obstructions on Road Shoulders

Section 46 of the New York State Highway Law, and Chapter XII, Title B, Section 12-4.0 of the Nassau County Administrative Code state that incorporated villages have sole jurisdiction on State, County, and all other roads in said villages. A local law to amend Chapter 177 of the Code of the Incorporated Village of Upper Brookville has been changed to reflect the provisions of both State and County Law. These provisions read:

No person, firm or corporation, unless with the consent and under the supervision of the Street Commissioner shall (a) cause or permit any fence, wall, gate post, structure, rock, boulder or other obstruction upon any Village street, berm or public ground in the Village (except a U. S. Postal Service mail box with a collapsible post no thicker than six (6) inches and a name sign as permitted by the Village’s zoning regulations placed in the berm), or (b) cause the accumulation of sand, snow, ice, gravel, cinder, topsoil, mud, earth or similar material or swimming pool water to be placed, deposited, tracked or flowed or maintained upon any Village street, berm or public ground in the Village, or (c) place or maintain any tree, shrub, plant or other similar obstruction upon any Village street, berm area or public ground in the Village. The term “village street” shall also include State and County roads.

Flu Immunization Program

The Nassau County Senior Citizen Flu Immunization Program is a community based flu program for senior citizens aged 60 and over. Spouses under 60 are also eligible. Listed below are the locations and dates. All flu sites will accept reservations until they have reached their maximum enrollment. At that time, all further requests should be directed to 227-8967 for a referral to the next available location. All programs require pre-registration. Pneumonia vaccines will also be available.

Monday, October 27th 1 pm – 4 pm at Doubleday Babcock Senior Center, 45 East Main Street, Oyster Bay. Registration in person, Sept, 22, 23 & 24 between 2 - 4 pm..

Wednesday, October 29th 10:30 am – 2:30 pm at the DeMatteis Center, 101 Northern Blvd., Greenvale. Telephone 629-2038 starting Sept. 1st between the hours 8:30 am to 4:30 pm to make reservation. Leave msg.

Village Directory

Clerk's Office Hours: Mon, Wed. Thurs. 9:30 am – 12 pm

Bldg. Dept. Hours Mon. thru Thur. 10 am to 3 pm
Tel: 516-624-7715

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