

Village of Upper Brookville Summer 2011 Newsletter

VILLAGE ELECTION RESULTS

Village elections for two trustee positions were held on June 21 at the Village Hall at the Planting Fields Arboretum. Two hundred seventy residents showed up to cast their votes with the following results:

Michael Schwerin – 160, incumbent

Barbara Kelston – 149, incumbent

Peter Pappas – 125

Bradley Marsh – 122

Those candidates receiving the most votes win. Voting is one way to let your voice be heard, so your participation in elections is encouraged.

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The day of the election, some residents were disappointed to find that they were not registered to vote in the Village. In order to avoid this in future elections, please check to make sure you are registered to vote in Upper Brookville. You may contact Village Clerk Tracy Lynch at the Village Hall, (516 624 7715) to make sure you are listed in the Village's Polling Ledger. For further information on how to register, visit the Nassau County Board of Elections offices at 240 Old Country Road, Mineola, NY, 1 516 571-8683, or its website www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/BOE/index.html.

OLD BROOKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Acting Police Chief Richard Smith was sworn in on June 17th in a ceremony held at the Old Brookville Village Hall. The brief ceremony was attended by Chief Smith's family, Retired Police Chief Maurice Sullivan, Mayor Bernie Ryba (Old Brookville), who performed the swearing in, Mayor Caroline Bazzini (Brookville), Mayor Kenneth Goodman (Matinecock), and Mayor Terry Thielen (Upper Brookville). Also present were members of the Old Brookville Police Department.

Our joint police department, now serving six villages, has undergone a difficult restructuring due to Muttontown's departure. To accommodate this reduction in funding and service area, the force currently operates with a Chief, a Lieutenant, 6 sergeants, 18 patrol officers, 6 dispatchers, and 2 clerks.

Acting Chief Smith has worked closely with the 6 Mayors as Police Commissioners and he has been instrumental in advising and implementing the necessary changes in staffing in order to maximize crime prevention and rapid response by the force. All active OBPD officers are being assigned to uniformed patrol duty, including those previously serving as detectives. Nassau County detectives will cover post-

crime investigations, which service is already paid for by each resident through their Nassau County Headquarters Tax.

Acting CHIEF SMITH'S SAFETY TIPS

In preparing this Newsletter, Chief Smith was asked for any information he would like to convey to our residents. His suggestions are:

- * During the Nassau County construction work on Wolver Hollow Road, please reduce your speed when approaching the site, and follow directions from the road crew.
- * When leaving your home for either an hour or an extended period, please arm your alarm system if you have one, and make sure all windows and doors are locked.
- * When parking cars in driveways remove valuables and make sure the car is locked.
- * If you see anything suspicious, please contact the Old Brookville Police Department to report it.

Acting Chief Smith was asked whether there are any accident prone areas in the Village and he said there are not. However, the intersection at Northern Boulevard and Wolver Hollow Road/Wheatley Road has had numerous accidents in the past, so heed traffic signals and speed limits for safety and, as always, drive defensively. Following posted speed limits in the Village will make our roads safer.

VILLAGE ROADS

Summer rains are upon us. We have already experienced some heavy downpours. Sam Vergata, our Street Commissioner asks all residents who have trench drains in their driveways inspect these drains to make sure they are free of debris and functioning properly. Every drop of rain water collected on site means less runoff onto the roads.

After many years of deterioration due to poor construction when it was built in the mid 1950's, Donna Drive will undergo extensive road repairs. Owing to a poor road base, routine road repairs have not held up as well as on other Village roads. We expect to receive bids on this project and for work to start sometime late summer or early fall.

For several years the Village has been working with the Nassau County Department of Public Works on funding, planning and design for the much needed drainage improvements on Wolver Hollow Road. As you all know from driving through the area as well as notices from this Village, the project is in full swing. At this writing, the utilities and hydrants are being relocated to make way for the drainage pipes.

This past winter was hard on all roads. Our road crew has been repairing and maintaining our Village roads. Northern Boulevard, a state road, Wolver Hollow Road, Piping Rock Road, and Chicken Valley Road which traverse our Village are all county roads. The Village notifies the County of trouble spots, as can residents by calling the Nassau County Department of Public Works at 516-571-6900.

VILLAGE TREES

You may have noticed periodic tree work being done in the Village over the past months. Unfortunately some of our old trees have come to the end of their life. In order to prevent power outages due to downed trees, as well as to protect residents from dangerous situations, both LIPA and the Village have removed dangerous trees. Due to three power outages affecting our residents, in the same spot last winter, some white pines were removed by LIPA along Chicken Valley Road in Matinecock. The Village also removed some maple trees along Linden Lane which had become rotted and dangerous and caused several days' long power outages as well. The removal of these trees is unattractive, but safety comes first.

DESIGNER SHOWCASE

Scheduled to take place from September 10 to October 30, the former Hope Goddard Iselin home on Wolver Hollow Road will host a Designer Showcase to benefit the Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf. "Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf was established in 1951 to help deaf children unlock their potential through quality education".

Past designer showcases in the Village include the former Aldila on Piping Rock Road, and La Selva on Planting Fields Road.

REMINDER : DATE CHANGE

The Board of Trustee Meeting will be THURSDAY, JULY 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the Village Hall

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