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## GBBGC Twilight in New Orleans



Scenes from Grenville Baker Boys and Girls Club 66th annual June Dinner Dance at La Selva, the home of Claudio and Debra Del Vecchio in Upper Brookville. For the story see page 12.



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## Upper Brookville Mayoral Candidates Speak Out

In the first contested Mayoral Election in Upper Brookville in years, residents will choose from incumbent Mayor Terry Thielen, and challenger Elliot Conway on Tuesday, June 21st from Noon - 9:00 PM, Village Hall at Planting Fields Arboretum. Here are their statements:

### **TERRY THIELEN**

The upcoming June 21st Upper Brookville election is the race for Mayor between me and Mr. Elliot Conway.

Being Mayor of the Village of Upper Brookville is a very rewarding job which has grown over the years. I am very fortunate to have had years of experience working as a Zoning Board of Appeals member and as Trustee with our past Mayors Al Seaman, Ed Fogarty and Lenice Hertweck. Each of them had their own experiences of working their way up through Village Government to the position of Mayor.

Upper Brookville is a very special place in which to live. I first came to the area in 1968 and my family and I moved to Upper Brookville in 1979. A lot has changed in Nassau County during those years, but Upper Brookville has remained a tranquil, beautiful Village. Driving through the Village many landmarks remain while updates and new homes fit in adding to the charm. I am keenly aware of the value in preserving and protecting our community while allowing for growth and improvement.

Since becoming Mayor, I have had certain objectives.

Most important is the restructuring of the Old Brookville Police Department. The Mayors of our six Village partnership worked for two years to down size the force and fund unfunded liabilities, due to Muttontown's departure. Our residents have made clear their desire to retain a police force which is dedicated to the safety of the residents of the Village. The residents of Upper Brookville have received endorsements for my work in this endeavor from the Police Commissioners of Matinecock, Mill Neck, Old Brookville, Brookville and Cove Neck.

Many Village roads had long been neglected and I have made addressing those roads a priority. Several have been rebuilt, and more will be done this sum-



*Mayor Terry Thielen*

mer. This has been paid for without the need to borrow any funds. Grant money has also been secured for road improvements. But, not only were our Village roads in disrepair. County roads which bordered neighboring Villages were in terrible shape. Working with other Mayors, we were able to get several of those roads repaved as well.

During rounds of the Village, it was apparent that our Village trees were aging and becoming dangerous. Limbs falling on power lines, leaving some homes without power, were becoming more frequent. We were lucky that there were no personal injuries or property damage from these events. A great many street trees throughout the Village needed to be removed. This was a very difficult decision and was most painful to residents. There was much discussion and several experts were brought in to evaluate the trees. Ultimately, the safety of the residents was paramount and the trees were removed. However, extensive replanting was undertaken and the trees are growing well. We continue to evaluate trees in the Village and remove and replace them when necessary.

With undeveloped areas of the Village coming on the market, preserving land became a possibility. After many years of planning, 52.95 acres of a 97.19 acre property along Mill River Road, will be left as a Conservation Area while the remaining acres can be developed. The

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# RE-ELECT TERRY L. THIELEN

## MAYOR OF UPPER BROOKVILLE

RE-ELECT MAYOR THIELEN SO THAT SHE CAN CONTINUE TO:

MAINTAIN A STRONG OLD BROOKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

KEEP GOVERNMENT OUT OF PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL DECISION MAKING FOR SERVICES.  
GOVERNMENT TAKE OVER WOULD ULTIMATELY RAISE TAXES FOR ALL, SUCH AS;

PRIVATE GARBAGE COLLECTION

INTRODUCTION OF GAS LINES

CONTROL SPENDING TO KEEP TAXES DOWN

CONTINUE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE

CONTINUE VILLAGE TREE MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT

RETAIN THE RURAL ATMOSPHERE OF THE VILLAGE WHILE ALLOWING FOR GROWTH

PRESERVE OPEN SPACE THROUGH INNOVATIVE IDEAS

VOTE "ROW B" ON JUNE 21, NOON-9:00 P.M. AT THE VILLAGE HALL,  
IN THE PLANTING FIELDS ARBORETUM

PAID FOR BY CONCERNED CITIZENS TO RE-ELECT TERRY L. THIELEN

## Upper Brookville Mayoral Race

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Conservation Area will be restricted by the Village of Upper Brookville and the North Shore Land Alliance. The Alliance will be the custodians of the Area. This is an important model and helps Upper Brookville retain its beauty and land value.

These are some of the visible accomplishments. The day to day running of the Village, open, strong relationships with Mayors and Trustees of other Villages and County officials cannot be overstated. These relationships take years to develop.

Looking forward, I want to continue to improve the roads in the Village. We are outgrowing our Village Hall and are hoping to move into larger quarters within the Planting Fields Arboretum. Both these things will require setting funds aside as we have been doing, and applying for grants.

As residents become more reliable on emails as a way of communicating, we will be updating our files. My email address [mayor@upperbrookville.org](mailto:mayor@upperbrookville.org) will remain the same as it has been.

I hope all our residents will vote ROW B in the upcoming election and stay with

the slate that has the experience and relationship that has worked to keep your Village the special place it is and will remain.

### **ELLIOT CONWAY** • *LC SCULLY*

Elliot Conway of Upper Brookville is running for mayor, challenging the incumbent Terry Lyons Thielen who has served since 2008.

Full of energy and ideas, Mr. Conway is asking residents of his village to come out and support him on June 21st.

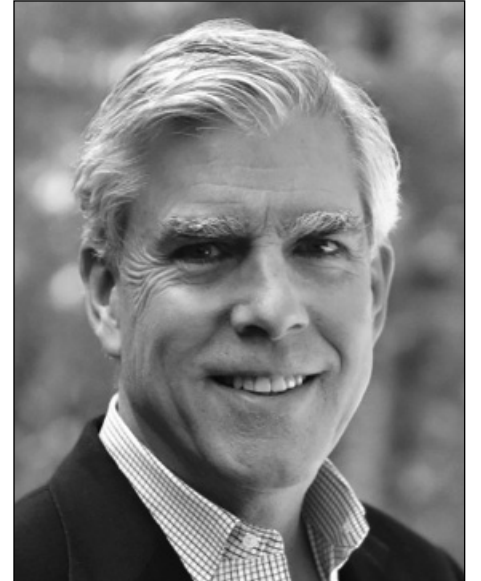
Mr. Conway was raised in neighboring Brookville and has lived in Upper Brookville with his wife and two children for twenty years. He has served the village as a Board of Zoning Appeals Alternate and a consultant during the Old Brookville Police Department contract negotiation (2011). Mr. Conway says he wants to use some “elbow grease” to “improve the quality of life in our village and unite the buying power of our 500 homes.”

His campaign platform is enthusiastic and ambitious. Some of his ideas include:

- Reduce the cost of trash collection and recycling by negotiating direct village carting contracts;
- Bringing clean natural gas to all residents who elect to convert, which could cut home heating bills;
- Work with Verizon to bring FIOS fibre-optic cable to the village;
- Negotiate same-price low cost contracts for residents who need to repave their driveways when road re-surfacers bid for village work;
- Publish a quarterly newsletter via email, have “Meet the Mayor” days and a village fall festival to meet village trustees;
- Work with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to address issues of deer migration;
- Streamline non-zoning permit decisions.

Mr. Conway intends to “keep Upper Brookville a great place to live and raise a family, intact with its unique character.” Centre Island Mayor Lawrence Schmidlapp and former Mayor of Matinecock, Whitney Pidot have endorsed him.

It’s a good idea to pay attention to the



*Elliot Conway*

issues that matter, close to home. And unlike our presidential candidates, chances are that when you reach out to your local elected officials, he or she will probably call you back or invite you to get involved. So don’t forget to vote on Tuesday, June 21st from noon to 9:00 PM at the Annex on the grounds of the Planting Fields Arboretum.