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Dear Resident:

This summer I've heard from quite a few of you with questions, suggestions, comments and concerns on a variety of important topics. The Board and I have also met and spoken with many of you regarding the same. Rather than waiting for the next newsletter, I wanted to update you right now on some of the steps we are currently taking, solutions we are making, as well as other items of note in the Village.

1. Landscape Hours To Change On Saturdays. I've heard from a number of you across the Village about noise. Landscapers were high on that list. We all want to enjoy the great outdoors on summer weekends. In order to help ensure a measure of quiet, we are eliminating all Saturday work hours by landscapers from July 1 - Labor Day. All other Saturdays will have reduced hours: 10am - 4pm.

2. New Code Enforcer. I am pleased to announce that we have hired a much-needed Code Enforcer who will be patrolling our Village on weekends to help ensure that no unauthorized work is taking place. (If you see something on a weekend, call 911, and our police will dispatch a unit.)

3. Brookville Road Resurfacing Just Completed. As any resident knows who drives Brookville Road, it was in great need of repair. The repaving work is now complete and I'm pleased to report that 100% of the costs were paid with road and highway grants we received.

4. Village & Police Grants. As always, Village staff and our police personnel seek out and apply for as many grants as are available and appropriate to us. In the past two fiscal years, we have been awarded over \$1,000,000.00 for a variety of Village projects, including Village and Police equipment, the purchase of police cars, archiving Village records, court expenses, road and highway repairs. Just recently, we received a law enforcement grant which covered all costs to purchase body cams and license plate readers (which are now fully operational).

5. Our Brookville Police Department Is Now Two Years Old. It's hard to believe that the police have been operating out of three trailers for more than two years. And it looks like they will be doing that for a few years longer. But in anticipation of a new Police Headquarters and Village Hall on the park site dedicated to that use, the trailers have moved over one driveway. With three other Villages to help underwrite part of the cost, and with grants (we have received a grant for nearly \$500,000.00 which can only be used towards a new Police Headquarters and Village Hall), givebacks and other sources and resources, we don't anticipate any raise in the Village tax rate base for this project now in the planning stage. So this seems to be the perfect time to plan for the future.

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6. Safety On Our Village Roads. Next month our kids are back to school, so we are already taking extra action. Thanks to a grant, we now have a mobile Speed Alert sign that we can use to shift to strategic spots around the Village. Our police officers are issuing warnings and ticketing speeders, plus more traffic calming plans are underway.

7. Homes in Violation Of Village Code. Without calling out any specific homeowners, there have been some serious Code violations occurring in recent years. Let me assure you that we are continuously doing everything within our legal means to enforce the Village Codes, including the issuance of appearance tickets/summonses in Village Court and commencement of other appropriate enforcement actions in Nassau County Supreme Court when necessary. I am pleased to report that some of the worst violations are being dealt with right now. But please bear with us as this is not a fast moving issue.

8. Village Residents Party NOT Affiliated With The Village. A number of residents have contacted us, confused about a recent mailing from the "Village Residents Party" and their request for donations. Please note that neither the Village of Brookville nor the Brookville Park Foundation is in any way affiliated with this organization or the mailing.

9. Water Pressure. This is the first summer I can remember that we haven't been besieged with complaints about little to no water pressure early in the morning and late at night. We have championed our cause with the Jericho Water District, the Wheatley Road Treatment Center is up and running and our water pressure is back.

10. Low Flying Planes Overhead. The bane of our peace and quiet. We have been complaining for years. I have personally met with State Senators, members of Congress, County legislators, and the FAA Regional Director on a number of occasions. This is an ongoing battle in which we are all continuing to fight. That being said, I just had another meeting with a number of North Shore mayors as well as the FAA Regional Director. Look for a copy of my letter in the next Voice of the Village newsletter.

11. Tam O'Shanter Update. Last but not least, it's hard to imagine that since our last Town Hall meeting in late March, there has been no further word from the developer concerning any kind of soil remediation on the property. I continue to hear from residents about floating a bond to purchase the property (the developer is now asking 30 million dollars) and even a lower purchase price would require the most enormous assesment to residents with an equally outrageous increase in taxes. We have spoken with the Land Alliance Group about purchasing the land, but they have no money... or even turning it back into a golf course (which also requires purchase of the property). Unfortunately none of these options is financially feasible. So after nearly five years, it continues to be "watchful waiting." (We did get the owners to mow the grounds and agree to repair the entrance driveway up to the old club house since it is a safety issue.)

Our next newsletter will be in the hands of residents by early October with more details on almost every item listed here. Be sure to check it out. Thank you.

Very Truly Yours,



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