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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

arrested a recently paroled car thief who was "working" the area.

I'd also like to thank Frank Pearson, Regional Traffic Engineer from the NYS Department of Transportation, who has also been vigilant about finding ways to make our state road, Route 107, a safer road on which to travel. At our February 2009 meeting, residents discussed some of the road problems at Woodedge Road and Route 107, which seemed to show a higher than normal accident rate during wet weather. Mr. Pearson has had engineers here to investigate and is now awaiting a final report on what work will be done to correct this situation. It is anticipated that re-surfacing and re-grading will take place in late Fall. For details, see page 1.

Our Village staff make safety a year-round issue and each person deserves a big round of thanks. Tim Dougherty, our Building Superintendent, has worked long hours in an effort to correct problems along Brookville Road. This summer, boulders were removed and portions of the road were repaired, re-graded and re-surfaced to improve safety conditions. (You will recall that we had many of the roads repaired or repaved just five years ago. And more work is now needed.) See page 6.

Carlos Castillo, our Village Emergency Manager, is spearheading our Swift Reach 911 Program which we are coordinating through the Town of Oyster Bay. The SR911 is a high-speed notification solution that enables our Village to get a message out quickly and reliably to residents by telephone and email. The system can literally make thousands of calls a minute. If you have not already registered for this program or need to

update your information, there is a Contact Information Form on page 3.

**Finally, I would like to conclude with some good news about money!**

We've watched our dollars very carefully, cutting costs wherever we could and finding money-saving solutions to

many financial challenges in our Village. That's why I am very pleased to report there was **NO INCREASE IN VILLAGE TAXES** for the fiscal year that began on June 1, 2009.

*Caroline Z. Bazzini*

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(516) 742-3300  
*Jericho Fire District*  
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## A Message From the Mayor Caroline Z. Bazzini



*"Safety Vigilance is No. 1 on my list of important issues. I will not let it fall between the cracks."*

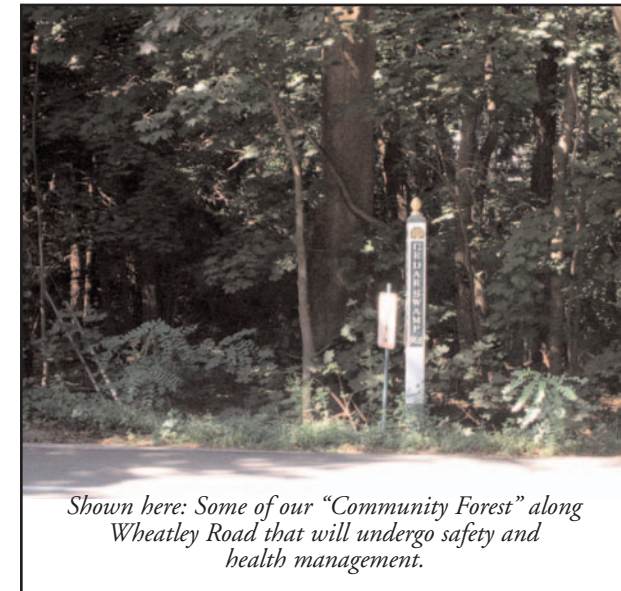
## SAFETY IS MY NO. 1 PRIORITY

Safety in Brookville has been my highest priority – and it will remain that way. Whether it's vehicular safety, school bus safety, bicycle, skater and pedestrian safety, or home safety, we are taking steps to do whatever we can to improve safety.

With our children back to school, it is more important than ever to promote safety. We're doing just that – in all kinds of ways.

First I'd like to thank Chief Maurice Sullivan, Captain Richard Smith, Lt. Mark Etienne and all of the officers of the Old Brookville Police Department who work tirelessly on our behalf. With school openings, they have stepped up their Speed Surveillance, issuing more tickets to drivers who do not adhere to our speed limits. (As a reminder, see Speed Limits on page 3 and safety statistics on page 4.) Officers are being especially vigilant along Route 107. But that's not all they are doing to keep Brookville safe. Check out page 2 for a story on how our OBPD detectives investigated, tracked down and

## VILLAGE SAFETY: WHAT WE'RE DOING TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY



*Shown here: Some of our "Community Forest" along Wheatley Road that will undergo safety and health management.*

It is hard to find many people who would disagree about the benefit of trees. They offer environmental, aesthetic and social value to all of our lives. This is very true in Brookville where we still have a lot of open land. The trees inhabiting a populated area such as ours are collectively known as the "community forest". While the beauty of this "forest" is a gift to all of us, its health and safety must be managed by people as the trees contract disease, shed dead limbs and

eventually die. The timing of these events is not a critical issue in the natural forest but it is critical when roads, utilities and people travel through these areas. Although it is rare that a falling tree causes death, we've all seen that the damage to vehicles, property and utilities is common and emergency removal costs can be high – especially in the winter months.

To that end the Village has just completed a tree survey along our roads to determine what parts of our "community forest" need to be pruned, cut down, treated or better managed to promote tree health. Starting this fall and continuing on for several more years, we will be taking extra care of our "community forest" for the benefit of all who live here.

## NYS DOT TO REPAIR RTE 107 BY WOODEDGE

The DOT is now in the final stages of analyzing the work that needs to be done along Route 107 by Woodedge Road, which has been the site of a number of traffic accidents in wet weather over the years.

Several months ago, the DOT had its "skid truck" in the area to measure for water planing. Soil boring has recently been completed to see how deep to go with the new basin(s) when they regrade and repave the area. The DOT is now waiting on formal plans before they begin this work, however it's expected to be completed around Thanksgiving.

## OLD BROOKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT MAKES ARREST IN RASH OF AUTO LARCENIES

Beginning in late July, the Old Brookville Police Department began receiving larceny reports of items being stolen from unlocked vehicles parked in residential driveways in Brookville and Muttontown. According to officials, the thefts escalated in early August with the theft of two luxury SUV vehicles. OBPD detectives assigned to the cases began tracking down purchases made on credit cards which had been taken from some of the vehicles. These purchases led detectives to Brooklyn and during a week-long investigation both stolen vehicles were recovered intact. A check of recently paroled car thieves in the area revealed a possible suspect who was already well known to the OBPD investigators. Issac Gaon, 39 years old, was arrested by Old Brookville Police in December of 2000 for a series of strikingly similar larcenies.



Officials said that Gaon had been released from jail in March of 2009 and was now living in Brooklyn in close proximity to where the credit cards were being used and where the stolen vehicles were recovered. Video evidence was obtained implicating Gaon in the use of the credit cards and the subject's apartment was placed under surveillance. On August 13, 2009 at approximately 4:00PM Gaon was observed in the area by

Detective Glen Bartlett and Detective Sergeant James McCarty. A foot pursuit ensued and after a brief struggle the subject was placed under police custody. Gaon confessed to detectives that he committed the thefts to support his heroin habit and, in fact, was in possession of a small quantity of heroin when arrested. Gaon stated that he had targeted North Shore communities from Kings Point to Muttontown because homeowners in these areas tended to leave their vehicles unlocked at night. Gaon stated he would utilize public transportation to travel into his targeted areas. Commenting on the investigation and arrest of Gaon, OBPD Chief of Police Maurice Sullivan stated, "This is an example of the devastating effects of heroin and how it can negatively impact even the most affluent of communities. The swift investigation and arrest by our detectives is another example of our Department's determination to track

down and arrest these criminals who attempt to prey upon our villages." Issac Gaon was charged with four felony counts of Grand Larceny and numerous misdemeanor charges. The Defendant was arraigned in Nassau County First District Court and was being held on \$500,000 bond.

**BE SAFE: ALWAYS LOCK YOUR CAR.**

## RECYCLING RULES IN BROOKVILLE - SINGLE vs. DUAL STREAM

By Winnie Citarella, Deputy Village Clerk



Many residents have inquired about how recycling works in our Village. In order to better clarify recycling, we have interviewed all five carters who serve Brookville.

**Dual Stream** recycling is what is used here, which is the most popular and preferred form of curbside recycling. Residents are asked to **sort recycables in special bins or clear bags.**

**Single Stream** recycling which is the **co-mingling of all garbage including recycables** gets sorted using special machines at the recycling plants. Most carters, but not all, use special trucks that are divided to allow workers to sort at the truck. If the recycling is picked up with the regular truck then the sorting will be done at the recycling plant and that's why you often see carters using the same truck for all pickups.

### VILLAGE CARTER

Center Sanitation  
516-433-8756

Daniel Finley  
516-333-5711

East Coast Service Inc.  
516-759-7777

Winter Brothers  
516-937-0900

Daniello & Son  
516-671-4780-5711

### SCHEDULE & SUPPLIES

Solid Waste: Tues. & Fri.  
Recycling: Weds. Special recycle truck: YES  
Recycle pails: YES

Solid Waste: Tues. & Fri.  
Recycling: Weds. Special recycle truck: NO  
(Recycle bins are housed on regular trucks)  
Recycle pails: NO (Can use pails or clear bags)

Solid Waste: Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri.  
Recycling: Weds. Special recycle truck: NO  
(Recycle bins are housed on regular trucks)  
Recycle pails: NO (Can use pails or clear bags)

Solid Waste: Mon. & Thurs.  
Recycling: Thurs. or Fri. Special recycle truck: NO  
(Recycle bins are housed on regular trucks)  
Recycle pails: NO (Can use pails or clear bags)

Solid Waste: Tues. & Fri.  
Recycling: Weds. Special recycle truck: YES  
(A calendar is provided for alternating plastics, bottles & cans; newspapers are picked up every Wed.)  
Recycle pails: YES

### RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS

Pail#1 - Bottles & Cans; Pail#2 - Plastics  
Bundled/tied or paper bag for newspapers.  
Recycables are taken to Winter Brothers Recycling Plant.

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## OVER THE HILL GANG PLEADS GUILTY TO OCTOBER 2008 BROOKVILLE BURGLARY

Last October 28, 2008, a residential burglary was reported near Brookville Road. Old Brookville Detectives assigned to investigate caught an early break in the case when they were informed by Police Officer Michael Butler that he had issued a parking summons to an illegally parked car with a Florida license plate earlier that evening on Tappentown Lane in Brookville in close proximity to the burglary scene. The vehicle was registered to Johnny Davis, 62 years old, the alleged former ringleader of a notorious burglary group which had earned the moniker the "Over The Hill Gang". A dozen members of this gang had been previously arrested in 1998 by the Old Brookville Police Department. In July of 2009, faced with the overwhelming evidence gathered by Old Brookville Detectives during their investigation, both Johnny Davis and Amos Miller, who had been arrested the previous November, pled guilty to the burglary charge in Brookville and were sentenced to five years in state prison. Officials said that both are also expected to

plead guilty in New Jersey to several residential burglaries and will face even more prison time when sentenced.

Upon hearing the news, Mayor Bazzini commented, "The residents of Brookville should know that the Old Brookville police force is one of the best trained and best equipped police departments in the metropolitan area and as a result our seven village community experiences one of the lowest burglary rates in New York State."

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## ATTENTION: LOCUST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT RESIDENTS ONLY

As most of you know, the boundaries of Brookville include two different school systems: the Jericho School District (JSD) and the Locust Valley School District (LVSD). But what many of you may not know is that only those residents who are in the JSD live in an area with a tax-supported library – the Jericho Library (JL). **Because the LVSD boundaries for Brookville do not coincide with the Locust Valley Library (LVL) district, those residents do not pay library taxes.** Previously, LVSD residents wishing library services purchased a membership –

usually at either the Locust Valley or Jericho Libraries. Effective January 1, 2000, the Commissioner of Education mandated that memberships could no longer be sold. One of the intents of this was to give impetus to those areas not taxing themselves for library services to either create their own library or contract with an existing library. There is an opportunity to collectively contract for library service within the local area. This would be done on behalf of all the residents living within the Locust Valley School District. If you have an interest in creating a special library-funding district, please join Gary Goodman, a Brookville resident in exploring this further. Please call the Village office and we will coordinate it.

## Fruitledge Flower Bed Named In Honor Of Former Mayor Richard P. Goodwin

After nearly 30 years of service to the Village, including 16 of those as Mayor and nine as a Trustee, Mayor Richard P.



The BPF flower bed at Fruitledge Road has been named in honor of former Mayor Richard P. Goodwin for his many years of hard work on behalf of the organization. Genevieve Johanas congratulates him.

Goodwin stepped down as Mayor. In honor of all his many years of hard work, the Brookville Park Foundation (BPF) named the Fruitledge Flower Bed in his honor.

For those who don't know it, the BPF is a non-profit corporation who's sole purpose is to keep the Village of Brookville beautiful. For nearly 30 years we have been supplying and maintaining all the

flowers and shrubs that you see along our Village roads. The BPF is supported totally by donations from Village residents. No Village taxes go towards the support of the Brookville Park Foundation.

This summer over 3,000 impatiens were planted along with thousands of other annuals and perennials.

A new area that we are improving upon is the corner of Brookville Road and Fruitledge Road. The weeds have been cut down and daffodils, knock-out roses and day lilies were planted.



By Genevieve Johanas, President,  
Brookville Park Foundation

This area does not have access to irrigation so we are limited to our plant selections.

In order to keep our expenses down, you will see our volunteers at work at our 13 flower beds. WE COULD USE MORE HELP. If you would like to volunteer, please give me a call at 516-626-7419.

The BPF also has a social side. Every spring we plan an outing to a place of interest and each December we have our Annual Meeting and Holiday Get Together. It will be an opportunity to come together as a community to meet your neighbors and make new friends. If you are not able to volunteer your time, I hope that you will be as generous as you can when you receive our fund-raising letters. Maintaining thirteen beds is a challenging and costly job. I hope that we can count on the support of all our residents. 🌳

### BPF HOSTING VILLAGE HOLIDAY PARTY – MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 13, 2009

Sunday, December 13th, the Brookville Park Foundation will be hosting a Village Holiday Gathering at the DeServersky Center. All Village residents will receive more information in the mail about this event, but in the meantime Mark Your Calendar!

## VILLAGE REGISTRATION UNDERWAY FOR SWIFT REACH 911 SYSTEM



Carlos Castillo of the Village Offices is our Village Emergency Manager. If you have any questions about how to register for Swift 911 or update your contact information, please contact Carlos at 626-0973.

Carlos Castillo, our Village Emergency Manager, has spearheaded the processing of updating the SWIFT REACH 911 (SR911) system and coordinating with the Town of Oyster Bay. The SR911 is a high-speed notification solution that enables our Village to get a message out quickly and reliably by telephone and email. The system can literally make thousands of calls a minute. This means that in two to three minutes time, we can blanket Brookville, including up to three alternate numbers, with a recorded message.

SWIFT REACH 911 will be an invaluable tool for getting information out to our community when any kind of urgent or hazardous situation occurs, such as severe weather conditions, Village-wide electric outage, a major traffic accident, road closing or re-routing, fire, etc.

We have made several test calls to all registered Village residents using the SR911 system. Another message went out on the Thursday of Labor Day Weekend. If you have never received a recorded call from the Mayor, you are probably not fully registered in the system. To make sure you and any designated family members are part of this emergency notification, it is important to provide us with contact information. You may do so in any of the following ways:

### Three Ways To Register For Swift Reach 911:

1. Mail the enclosed Emergency Notification System form (below) back to us providing up to three (3) alternate means of contacting you: land line, cell phone, email address. You may do this for each person living in your home, so make additional copies if needed.
2. Log onto our Website, [www.villageofbrookville.com](http://www.villageofbrookville.com) and click on the SWIFT911 link in the "Quick Links" section on the left side of the home page. You will find more information there as well as a digital form to fill out.
3. Call our Safety Coordinator, Carlos Castillo, at 626-0973 and he will be happy to help you fill out a form by phone or he will answer any questions you may have.

## GREEK FESTIVAL, HEADED BY FATHER JOHN VLAHOS, A BIG SUCCESS!



Village residents and friends enjoy an outing at the Greek Festival with Father John Vlahos the proistamenos of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Resurrection. From left bottom row; Angela Mannino, Winnie Citarella, Father Milton Stamatos, Mayor Caroline Bazzini, Laura Dougherty, Harold Dougherty, From right top row: Trustee Ted Sasso, Susan Chesnik, Trustee Ed Chesnik, Marguerite Sasso, James Gabriel, Father John Vlahos and Fred Bazzini

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### PORTIONS OF BROOKVILLE ROAD RESURFACED TO IMPROVE SAFETY

Even though all of the roads in Brookville were repaved and repaired within the last five years, the process of keeping our roads in good repair is never ending. We have recently completed road resurfacing to improve safety along Brookville Road. The portion from Route 106 to 235 Brookville Road was repaved. Next year, road repair is slated to take place from 235 Brookville Road to Fruitledge Road and parts of Fruitledge Road as part of our Upgrade and Pavement Management Program.

**IF YOU'RE AWARE OF ANY BROOKVILLE ROADS THAT NEED REPAVING OR REPAIR, PLEASE NOTIFY TIM DOUGHERTY, VILLAGE BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT:**

626-0973





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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

### SWIFT REACH 911 CONTACT UPDATE CARD

To ensure timely communications with our residents, please send us updated contact information on this form and mail it to the Village Office at the listed address.

**Primary Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternate Phone 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternate Phone 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email 3:** \_\_\_\_\_

(For Village use only.)

## SPEED LIMITS IN AND AROUND BROOKVILLE



By Edward Chesnik, Trustee;  
Safety & Traffic Commissioner

September is Safety Month in Brookville and we're putting extra emphasis on this important subject. The OBPD have been vigilant throughout the seven Villages to help ensure that our communities stay as safe as possible. So we ask all of you, as part of the safety campaign, to please remember to drive safely. As a reminder the

following speed limits apply in our Village:

**Village Roads:** Thirty (30) miles per hour on all roads except those identified below, is the maximum speed at which vehicles may proceed on or along Village streets within the corporate limits of this Village.

**County Roads:** Thirty-five (35) miles per hour is the maximum speed at which vehicles may proceed on or along country roads within this Village. There is only one (1) county road and that is Wheatley Road, which runs east and west across Brookville.

**State Roads:** Fifty (50) miles per hour is the maximum speed at which vehicles may proceed within the corporate limits of this Village on or along the following state roads: New York State Route 25A and New York State Route 106.

**Route 107 (Cedar Swamp Road):** Please be advised that forty (40) miles per hour is the maximum speed at which vehicles may proceed within the corporate limits of this Village on or along this road.

## WHAT'S NEW AND WHAT'S CHANGING



By Tim Dougherty  
Building Inspector

The economy does not seem to stop residents from continuing to focus on their dwellings by making improvements and adding special features.

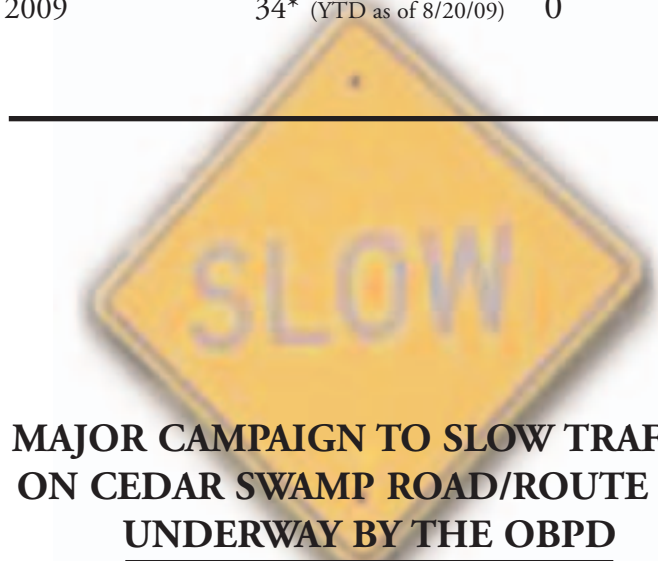
Here's what has happened around the Village.

- 1 pergola
- 1 additions / alterations
- 3 swimming pools
- 5 finished basements
- 4 patios, porches and decks
- 3 fences
- 1 sports court
- 3 piers and gates

## AUTO ACCIDENTS UPDATE ON CEDAR SWAMP ROAD/RTE 107 IN BROOKVILLE

*\* 24 of the 34 accidents (70%) on Route 107 were minor rear end collisions resulting in no injuries and were reported for insurance purposes only. This increase is thought to be the result of the change in timing for traffic lights along Route 107. This timing change was done in order to create more "gaps" to allow vehicles easier egress from the side streets.*

Year	Accidents	Fatalities
2003	57	1
2004	48	1
2005	53	0
2006	63	1
2007	60	1
2008	50	0
2009	34* (YTD as of 8/20/09)	0



## MAJOR CAMPAIGN TO SLOW TRAFFIC ON CEDAR SWAMP ROAD/ROUTE 107 UNDERWAY BY THE OBPD

*School is now open and so vigilant driving becomes even more important than ever. The following chart shows the number of speeding summonses issued on Route 107 by year and the increase from the prior year.*

YEAR	# OF SPEEDING SUMMONSES	% INCREASE
2003	44	N/A
2004	54	22%
2005	58	7%
2006	72	22%
2007	114	58%
2008	162	42%
2009	131* (YTD as of 8/20/09)	

## HISTORIAN'S CORNER

By Laura K.V. Dougherty, Village Historian



*Jane B. Francke was a resident of Brookville for 42 years from 1911 - 1953*

## Have You Ever Wondered How The Jane B. Francke Bird Sanctuary Came To Be?

As a Village resident, how many times have you passed The Jane B. Francke Bird Sanctuary, located where Brookville Road meets Muttontown Road, seen the marker and wondered how it came into existence?

The sanctuary, owned by the Village of Brookville and maintained by the North Shore Garden Club,

contains open space and nature trails. The gates are locked but the key is available for anyone's pick up at the OBPD Station. Residents are encouraged to visit this quiet oasis that has existed for over 52 years and has significant historical importance to our Village. Jane Bush de Lamoutte Francke, born 1880 in rural Indiana and educated in Paris, was extensively involved with the Garden Club of America as well as the early development of the American conservation movement under the direction of the U.S. Dept of the Interior. At the New York State Fair in 1926, Mrs. Francke staged one of the first conservation exhibits in this country. In 1953, she received the Garden Club of America's highest conservation award, the Frances K. Hutchinson medal.

Mrs. Francke was a resident of Brookville for 42 years from 1911 until 1953. She married Luis P. Francke on September 18, 1911 in London and shortly thereafter moved to their Brookville estate, "Glenby", where she maintained extensive gardens and pursued her love of birds. Luis Francke built the house for his new bride on over 100 acres. The land has been sub-divided but the house still stands today. When her husband died in 1938. Mrs. Francke moved to a smaller home across her estate, "Ferncote", the gardener's cottage, where she lived for 15 years until her death in 1953. The cottage and a ghost of the walled garden still stand today but not in their original state.

In 1940, "Glenby," on five acres was offered for sale by Property Clearing Associates for \$32,500 and included house, garage, stables and extensive gardens. It also mentioned the property adjoined an additional 100 acres that was "ideal for investment or building and enjoyed high and panoramic vistas...located in a highly desirable section of the...North Shore... at Brookville, Long Island."

Mrs. Francke had two children. Two years after her death, in 1955, her daughter, Ada Francke Whitaker and Ada's husband, John B. Whitaker, generously deeded 3.8 acres of her property to the Village of Brookville with the provision that it continue to be maintained as a bird sanctuary and nature trail as it had been since 1911. An agreement was signed in 1956 by the

Village with the North Country Garden Club to maintain the property. On June 5, 1957, the Jane B. Francke Bird Sanctuary was officially dedicated.

At that time, Thomas Choate was Mayor, Shelby Coates was Village Attorney and Lillian Weatherlow, principle of the Brookville School, was our Clerk. Private funds were raised to install the fence, make improvements to the property and install the gate which was agreed to be kept locked as it still is today.

The site for the sanctuary was chosen because it had interesting terrain, unusual plants and large trees. The county was considering the site for a sump area, but the Whitakers and Brookville Village officials convinced the county that the area, using sound conservation practices, would provide natural and adequate drainage. This has proven to be true. The land was deeded to the Village in 1955. The Village pays a small annual sum towards cost of its maintenance to the North Country Garden Club who takes care of the property as they have for over 50 years.

The Oyster Bay Historical Society's 2009 Winter Exhibit – opened Valentines Day 2009 and ran through April 26th- "Dearest Jane, Love L" curated by Yvonne Noonan-Cifarelli and Philip Blocklyn. The exhibit was based on love letters written to Jane Bush de Lamoutte from Luis Francke from 1907 to 1911 when his family served in the Swedish embassy in Cuba, he operated a sugar plantation in Mantanzas and she lived in New York. In 2003 the Oyster Bay Historical Society obtained the collection of letters from Ellen Curtis, daughter of Ada Francke Whitaker and granddaughter of Jane B. Francke. The exhibit contains photos of the Francke family, the Glenby property, the original letters and many artifacts of great interest. This wonderful exhibit and Francke family history, so important to the Village of Brookville, is available to be seen at the next meeting of the Brookville Park Foundation.

*The Historian of the Village of Brookville  
And the Board of the Brookville Park Foundation  
Cordially Invite You To Attend  
"Dear Jane - Love L"  
Jane B. Francke of Brookville  
Circa 1907-1953  
A Special Presentation by  
Yvonne Noonan-Cifarelli and Philip Blocklyn  
of the Oyster Bay Historical Society  
Tuesday, September 15, 2009 7:30 pm  
To Attend this Event, Please RSVP  
Laura Dougherty  
516-621-3067  
e-mail: vobhistorian@aol.com*