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My Farewell Message to the Residents of Brookville



*Mayor Richard P. Goodwin
to officially retire on January 11, 2009.
Caroline Zimmermann Bazzini
to be appointed the new Mayor.*

A favorite old adage of mine says: "What often appears to be an ending is usually a new beginning." For me, January 11th will mark the ending of nearly 30 years of service to our Village – with nearly 16 of them spent as your Mayor.

On that date, at our Village Recognition & Awards Party, I will retire as Mayor of Brookville and make good on a long-held promise – to spend more time with my wife, children and their ever-growing families.

On January 11th, I am turning the Village reins over to Caroline Zimmermann Bazzini, who will be sworn in at this special event. For nearly two decades, she has worked selflessly on behalf of Brookville and its residents, serving as your Deputy Mayor for the past six years. I feel confident about her leadership skills and ability to smoothly transition the Village in a way that will be to the benefit of us all. (See pages 2 & 3 for details on the Village Party to which all residents are invited at no charge.)

So I would like to use this column to take a walk down Brookville's Memory

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SEPTEMBER 2008 TRUSTEES MEETING KICKS OFF INCREASED SAFETY DRIVE

By Caroline Zimmermann Bazzini, Deputy Mayor & Safety Commissioner



As population has grown in our Village and the surrounding area, and traffic volume has increased, residents who live off of Route 107 often have delays exiting and entering their streets. Since this is a state-run road, the Village is exploring ways to improve this situation through the NYS DOT.

Safety has always been one of the most important issues in our Village and one of the areas of greatest interest.

There was clear evidence of this in September when approximately 80 residents attended our Safety meeting to hear guest speakers Senator Carl Marcellino, Assemblyman Rob Walker, Old Brookville Police Department Chief Maurice Sullivan and NYS Department of Transportation representative Frank Pearson address our safety concerns.

Traffic flow from the North and South through our Village along Route 107 has increased significantly in the last few years. Aggressive driving and speed enforcement initia-

tives by the OBPD, blanket patrols, a speed trailer reminder, ticketing, signage and other devices have greatly reduced the accident rate, but nevertheless, it is still often dangerous for residents to exit their streets onto Route 107. And accidents do continue to occur.

Senator Marcellino discussed the many calls to his office regarding safety issues. At the forefront of this movement has been Debbie Brody who formed the Brookville Safety Association. The Senator assured the residents that he will make funding available in next year's budget for safety improvements along Route 107.

Chief of the Old Brookville Police Department, Maurice Sullivan,

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COMPLIMENTARY INVITATION VILLAGE RECOGNITION & AWARDS PARTY

You are cordially invited to the
Village Recognition & Awards Party
to honor retiring Mayor
Richard P. Goodwin
&
to attend the
Oath of Office Ceremony for the incoming Mayor
Caroline Zimmermann Bazzini

Recognition Awards for:
Susan Egan, Village Court Clerk etc.
Robert D. Spina, Zoning Board Chair
for their outstanding service to the Village

Sunday, January 11, 2009
Tam O'Shanter Country Club
74 Fruitledge Road
4pm - 7pm
Beverages & Hors d'oeuvres included

RSVP by January 5TH: 516-874-0464
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CAROLINE ZIMMERMANN BAZZINI TO BE SWORN IN AS MAYOR ON JANUARY 11, 2009



Caroline Zimmermann Bazzini is celebrating nearly 20 years of working as a volunteer for the Village.

Retiring Mayor, Richard P. Goodwin, is appointing her as Mayor.

She will formally run for re-election in March 2009.

CAROLINE Z. BAZZINI is a person who works tirelessly on behalf of Brookville. She has been volunteering here in our Village for nearly 20 years. Her credentials include 12 years as a Trustee including half of those years as the Deputy Mayor and as the Deputy Police Commissioner.

For the past 11 years, Caroline has been publisher of the Voice of the Village, Brookville's newsletter. She took on that assignment because she felt it was important for residents to have a resource for Village news. "Caroline is one of our hardest working volunteers," said retiring Mayor Richard P. Goodwin. "I appointed her Deputy Mayor and Deputy Police Commissioner representing us for the Old Brookville Police Department. I did it because I can always count on her. Now I am appointing her Mayor to finish out the last two months of my term. She makes for a seamless transition as she is fully qualified to run all aspects of our Village.

Caroline feels that safety is paramount in Brookville. In cooperation with the OBPD, Senator Marcellino, Assemblyman Walker, the Brookville Safety Association and others, she works with them to improve traffic and safety conditions.

During her tenure as a Trustee, she chaired the Cell Tower Legislation, worked to get the traffic light at Fruitlegde, and is a facilitator of working with the residents to get things done.

Caroline was also instrumental in launching the Village Website last year. "We are a technology-based society and its important that our residents can access information 24/7," said Mrs. Bazzini. "Look for more changes and uses as we update and improve our site. And be sure to visit us at www.villageofbrookville.com."

In addition, she has co-chaired a number of Village events, including the very popular Brookville Birthday Party to celebrate 75 years of incorporation.

Village government isn't the only way she has helped Brookville. She has been a member of the Brookville Park Foundation for almost 20 years and served as its president for 10 years. (The purpose of the BPF is to keep the roads of Brookville looking beautiful with its flower beds, tree plantings, annual cleanups and more.)

Caroline will be sworn in on Sunday, January 11th at the Village Recognition & Awards Party to be held at Tam O'Shanter from 4pm-7pm. All residents are invited and there will be no charge for this special event.

Her 35+ years of running her own successful marketing company serves her well as she knows how to extract what works in business and bring it to government. "She has already proven that she knows how to streamline work and get things done," said the Mayor.

Known professionally as Caroline Zimmermann, she is also the author of four non-fiction books, including "How to Break Into The Media Professions," published by Doubleday. She's listed in Who's Who in the East and Women and Finance. She was named as one of her industry's "200 Most Influential People in America," and voted into the YWCA's "Academy of Women Achievers." Last month she received her industry's special Silver Apple Award for more than 25 years of outstanding contributions and service.

Volunteering is a family tradition with the Bazzinis. Her husband, Fred, serves on the Zoning Board and also does volunteer work for the VA Hospital in Northport. The Bazzinis have lived in Brookville since 1989.

Caroline will be up for re-election in March. Voting takes place Wednesday, March 18, 2008 at Lutheran High School from noon to 9:00 pm.



POLICE BLOTTER UPDATE FROM THE OBPD

The accident totals for the Village of Brookville for the seven months from MAY through NOVEMBER 2008 cover all roads in Brookville including the state roads of Northern Boulevard & Route 107 as well as Wheatley Road, which is a county road.

AUTO ACCIDENTS WITHIN OBPD JURISDICTION (7 TOWNS)

May 2008 through November 2008

	Fatality	Personal Injury	Prop. Damage Only	Total
BROOKVILLE	0	35	56	91
Cove Neck	0	1	0	1
Matinecock	0	7	21	28
Mill Neck	0	10	7	17
Muttontown	0	20	21	41
Old Brookville	0	23	41	64
Upper Brookville	<u>0</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>45</u>
Total	0	116	171	287

TOTAL ACCIDENTS JAN - DEC 2007: 575

TOTAL FATALITIES JAN - DEC 2007: 5

TOTAL ACCIDENTS JAN - NOV 2008: 474

TOTAL FATALITIES JAN - NOV 2008: 0

OLD BROOKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE **REGARDING TRAFFIC SAFETY ON ROUTE 107**


At the September 23, 2008 Village of Brookville meeting residents had an opportunity to voice their concerns regarding safety on Route 107. Chief of the Old Brookville Police Department Maurice T. Sullivan was present at the meeting and provided an update on additional steps taken regarding traffic safety on Route 107, also known as Cedar Swamp Road.

Chief Sullivan has been in contact with NYS Department of Transportation engineers regarding the possible installation of passively safe pole cones at the merge in front of St. Paul's Church. These pole cones, similar to those utilized at tunnels, would help slow the merging traffic and eliminate the aggressive driving that often occurs in that stretch of roadway.

Chief Sullivan has also spoke with the D.O.T. regarding restructuring the timing of the traffic signal light at Fruitledge Road to provide greater gaps in traffic flow along Route 107. Both of these suggestions were put forward at the Village meeting and appeared to the Police Department to be prudent ideas and have now been placed in the hands of the traffic engineers for more intensive evaluation.

In addition, the Police Department reports that auto accidents on Route 107 in the Village of Brookville are down 30% and the Department this year to date has issued over 300

speeding tickets on Route 107 with half of them issued within the Village of Brookville.

The speed monitoring sign which was placed for north-bound traffic near Hemlock Road has seemingly had the desired effect of slowing drivers down. The sign, currently on loan from the Town of Oyster Bay, will be replaced with two newer signs that are expected to arrive to the Village in early 2009. The two new signs will be donated to the Village through a New York State grant program by Assemblyman Rob Walker who recently won re-election and is working closely with the Police Department to enhance traffic safety throughout his district. 

Caroline Zimmermann Bazzini

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Daniel H. Serota to join the Brookville Board of Trustees effective January 11, 2009.

MEET DANIEL H. SEROTA OUR NEWEST TRUSTEE

After serving more than six years as a volunteer member of the VOB Planning Board and Architectural Review Board, Dan Serota will leave that position to join the Board as a Trustee. He will serve out the balance of Caroline Bazzini's term who will become our new Mayor.

"Dan comes to our Board with a solid reputation for his strong ideas and hard work, leadership and willingness to get the job done. He is dedicated to our Village and we look forward to Dan joining the team," said Caroline Bazzini.

But that's not all he does. For the past 24 years, he has been an active supporter of the Daytop Village drug treatment program, an active committee member of the Interfaith Nutritional Network and a supporter of the NYIT Scholarship Program.

Dan is Principal and EVP of Development and Construction at Serota Properties, a commercial and residential firm in the NY area. He is a graduate of George Washington University. He and his wife Cherie and their three school-age children have lived in the Village for 14 years.

Edward J. Chesnik, Mitchell D. Rechler, William L. Maher to run for re-election with Caroline Z. Bazzini for Mayor Voting is Wednesday, March 18, 2009

The following three candidates are up for re-election along with Caroline Z. Bazzini (see page 3). Each candidate has served the Village as a volunteer for many years and all have distinguished themselves with hard-working records of achievement. As of the closing date of this newsletter, all four officials are running unopposed. However, we remind you that even in an uncontested election, a show of votes is a show of faith in the election process. So be sure to cast your vote on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at the Lutheran High School, 131 Brookville Road, from 12 noon - 9pm.



Edward J. Chesnik is running for his third term as a Trustee. He has been an active member of our Village for over 20 years.

EDWARD CHESNIK, TRUSTEE

Edward J. Chesnik has served as a member of the Brookville Zoning Board for 16 years.

He was also the Chairman for six years. For the past eight years he has been a Trustee for the Village, member of the Village Code Committee and the Commissioner for our Village roads.

Ed is an attorney and practices elder and estate law. He is the Court Examiner for New York and Queens County.

He is also a part of the Emergency Management Liaison with Nassau County.

Ed and his wife, Susan, have lived in Brookville for nearly 30 years. They have three grown sons.



Mitchell D. Rechler is running for his third term as a Trustee. His background brings an important perspective to the Village.

MITCHELL D. RECHLER, TRUSTEE

Before being elected to the Board of Trustees, Mitchell D. Rechler served as a member of the Brookville Zoning Board. Currently, he is both a Trustee and the Fire Commissioner.

He is a partner at R Squared LLC, a real estate investment & development company. Mr. Rechler serves as a co-managing member of Rechler Equity Partners on Long Island.

He is a board member of the Children's Medical Fund of New York, which helps to support Schneider Children's Hospital of the North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System, and the former president of the Long Island Friends of the Arts.

He lives in Brookville with his wife, Deborah, and two children.



William L. Maher has been working as a volunteer for the Village for the last 25 years. He is running again for Village Justice.

WILLIAM L. MAHER, VILLAGE JUSTICE

Bill Maher has practiced law on Long Island for almost 50 years.

He has served as a Brookville Justice for nearly 30 years, first as appointed Judge and later as elected Justice.

He is a member of the New York Magistrates and Bar Associations of Nassau County and New York State.

Bill is an active member of the community and has served as president of the Nassau County Legal Aid Society.

He is also a published author.

He and his wife, Lee, moved to Cedar Swamp Road, Brookville in 1977. They have two grown children.

Lane and highlight a few of the more important accomplishments that have taken place during my tenure.

First & Foremost, "Thank You"

As you know, all elected and appointed Village officials work on a pro-bono basis and to that end, we have more hard working volunteers than ever before. So I would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" for the countless hours of time that has been spent by these folks working hand in hand with our dedicated Village staff. Their willingness to get the job done has gone a long way to help make the Village what it is today. I certainly could not have accomplished all that I did without their service and support.

Village Operations

In spite of the economic roller coaster that we have experienced for the past year, I see a bright future for Brookville because our Village government is running better than ever. Many of you probably remember the days when our employees worked from their own home offices. A trip to see the Village Clerk was at one location. The Building Inspector at another. The road crew elsewhere. And so on and so forth.

It was so time consuming to get anything done that I decided to consolidate our Village employees under one roof at 18 Horse Hill Road.

Simpler said than done, but today it

not only saves the Village money, it is more work efficient, too.

I also hired our road crew full time so that we would have personnel available for emergencies such as snow plowing, tree removal and critical maintenance. They have all helped fill immeasurably to keep our Village running smoothly.

The Code Enforcement officer, who patrols the Village on weekends, is another improvement that has helped residents enjoy their Saturdays and Sundays without the interference of contractors and others who aren't permitted to work during those times.

I introduced key cell tower legislation concerning the construction of towers in our Village. Cell service has also improved significantly in recent times.

Crime is Down

I'm pleased to report that in the past 10 years, crime has continued to drop in our seven Villages. Under the capable leadership of Chief Maurice Sullivan and his hardworking officers, the Old Brookville Police Department does amazing work. We've added more sophisticated computer equipment and life-saving technology to the police cars, including on-board automated external defibrillators (AEDs). Special training courses have also been provided so that our police can continue to do an outstanding job.

Safety has Improved

Traffic and safety in our Village is

always paramount. In spite of increased traffic throughout Brookville, accidents have decreased and thankfully we have had no fatalities for 2008.

Safety and traffic conditions will continue to be scrutinized under the leadership of our new Mayor who will also serve Brookville as our Safety Commissioner. Safety is a critical issue and Caroline wants to make sure that it remains on the front burner of jobs to do in the year ahead.

Last But Not Least – The Money!

I am also pleased to tell you that under my term of office not only have the finances improved, but the Village remains in excellent fiscal condition. Several years ago we re-surfaced almost all Village roads at little cost to residents. We have had no significant tax increases in many years and I proudly leave the Village debt-free except for a small road repair bond.

Where is the "Good" in Goodbye?

And one final note, as I prepare to end this as my last column as Mayor. It's never easy to say goodbye, but I'd like to say how lucky I am to have had so many wonderful people to work with in the Village and so many wonderful friends. And that for me is surely the "good" in "goodbye."

On behalf of myself and all Village officials and employees, I wish you and your families a happy, healthy and very prosperous New Year.



Richard P. Goodwin is retiring as Mayor after 19 year.

RICHARD P. GOODWIN, MAYOR

Dick Goodwin has served the Village for over three decades. He has been the Mayor for the past 19 years and a trustee for the nine years prior to that. Dick has also served as Police and Road Commissioners and as Chairman of the Planning and Architectural Review Boards. He serves on the boards of the American Community Bank and the Legal Aid Society.

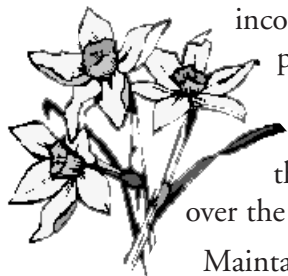
In addition to his civic duties, he is President and CEO of Richard P. Goodwin Associates, a real estate management company.

Dick attended Hofstra University and served in the Korean War. He and his wife, Irene, have lived in Brookville for nearly 35 years. They were recently honored by MOMMA'S HOUSE for their service to the community.

BROOKVILLE PARK FOUNDATION

By Genevieve Johanas, President

Twenty seven years ago, a small group of residents banded together to form The Brookville Park Foundation, "BPF", whose sole purpose is to help keep Brookville beautiful. The "BPF" is an incorporated non-profit organization completely independent from the Village. It is supported completely by contributions from appreciative citizens. We also have a group of Village residents who volunteer their time to run the organization and keep watch over the 12 flower beds throughout the Village.



Maintaining our beds is a challenging job. Winter flowering kale has now replaced the fall mums in most of our beds. Buried safely underneath all our beds for the winter are thousands of daffodils and hyacinths along with over 3,000 newly planted multi-color tulips just waiting for spring to arrive. Our newest bed, at the corner of Brookville Rd. and Rt. 106, is still in its developing stage with the addition of new perennials and bulbs every year. Keeping all our beds sufficiently irrigated is also a constant daunting challenge.

I am happy to announce that The Brookville Park Foundation now has its own Web site. You can learn more about us or e-mail us at info@brookvilleparkfoundation.com. We are looking forward to hearing from you with any questions or suggestions.

In the beginning of November our fall fundraising letter was sent out to all Village residents. Brookville is beautiful and we want to keep it that way always, but beautiful doesn't come cheap. So, please be as generous as you can with your donations. Together we can keep working on "Keeping Brookville Beautiful".



WHAT'S NEW AND WHAT'S CHANGING



By **Tim Dougherty**
Building Inspector

The cold months do not stop residents from continuing to focus on their dwellings by making improvements and adding special features. Here's what has happened in the Village in recent months:

- 5 new dwellings
- 6 additions / alterations
- 9 swimming pools
- 9 pool fences
- 7 patios, porches and decks
- 1 tennis court
- 2 cabanas
- 5 piers & gates

IN MEMORIAM DR. JOSEPH SHENKER PROVOST, C.W. POST CAMPUS



Dr. Joseph Shenker, beloved provost of the C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University, died just two months after he retired.

Dr. Joseph Shenker, a 13-year resident of Brookville and recently retired provost of the C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University passed away on September 20 from pulmonary fibrosis. He was 68.

Over the past four decades, Dr. Shenker led an extraordinary career as a distinguished college administrator. At age 29, he became one of the youngest college presidents in the nation, when he was appointed acting president of Kingsborough Community College in Brooklyn, and never held a position with less authority for the remainder of his 40-year career in education.

In 1970, at age 30, Dr. Shenker became the founding president of Fiorello H. LaGuardia Community College in Queens. From 1979 to 1980, he served as acting president of Hunter College. From 1988 - 1995, he was president of the Bank Street College of Education in New York. In 1995, he became provost of the C.W. Post Campus of LIU in Brookville, where he served as the Campus' chief executive officer until his retirement in July 2008.

On August 14, 2008, in recognition of his outstanding leadership abilities, the City University of New York renamed the main building of LaGuardia Community College as Joseph Shenker Hall.

He is survived by his wife, Susan Smyth Shenker, and four children.



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updated residents regarding the many programs and grants the police force has secured through Senator Carl Marcellino. He advised that the number of accidents have decreased through heightened police presence on Route 107.

Assemblyman Rob Walker stated that he is listening to the people and is looking forward to working with us and with the Senator to take care of our concerns. He helped us to obtain and install the permanent electronic speed monitor on the northbound side of route 107 near the entrance to Hemlock Road. A second electronic speed monitor on the southbound side should be installed in early 2009.

Frank Pearson from the D.O.T. reviewed the accident history on Route 107. Even though it is below the state-wide average (except for the intersection at Wheatley Road), he is looking for additional ways to reduce accidents. Mr. Pearson was advised that the safety and traffic situation in Brookville needs a two-pronged approach:

First, we want to continue to reduce accidents and improve safety.

Second, we need to find new ways to provide "breaks" in traffic flow (especially during peak drive times) so that we can more safely exit and enter streets off of Route 107.

Although Mr. Pearson performed a speed study and signal study during the summer months, results seemed dramatically skewed to the lighter traffic of that time period. He promised he would perform additional studies to better forecast average speeds and waiting times along the road. And, he will provide a report next month with further recommendations as to what options are available to us.

I think we all realize from the September meeting that the regulations and restrictions that govern the NYS D.O.T. will not make it easy to find the perfect solution. However, I was pleased to see that there was real solidarity from the residents on this subject. As the Safety Commissioner for Brookville, I will continue to follow up with Mr. Pearson, as well as Senator Marcellino and Assemblyman Walker, so that we can continue to improve our record of safety here in the Village and also to make it safer and more enjoyable to travel the bi-ways and highways of Brookville.

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