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A Message From Your Mayor Daniel H. Serota



It's been a very busy five months since I took office, but the saddest part has been the passing of our recently retired Village Clerk/Treasurer, Ellen Collins. She loved our Village and worked hard to benefit all of us. Even after she retired, she continued to help out on an "as needed" basis. She will be deeply missed. (See her bio on page 2.)

The newsletter is devoted primarily to the issue of safety. Many of us are aware of a lot of what is suggested here. Unfortunately too many of us do not comply with these suggestions. For example, I've only spoken to a handful of people who have actually put together a family emergency kit... or registered with the American Red Cross "Safe and Well" Registry that keeps family and friends informed and in touch during an emergency... or who go the extra step to stop and allow a school bus to exit from a side street onto one of our busy roads or... well you get the picture.

As most of you know, restoring Brookville to its pre-Sandy beauty is a high priority for me. I've asked many times for everyone's help and continue to make this request. Our road crew works year round to clean the roads and catch basins, remove branches from the streets, and get rid of unsightly debris. But there's only so much that the Village can do. Our residents also need to pitch in to make

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WELCOME TO OUR SPECIAL FALL 2013 EDITION ON SAFETY

If Superstorm Sandy (and the Nor'easter that followed) taught us anything, it's that you can never be too prepared for weather (or anything).

It's nearly a year after that storm, and we are still dealing with the consequences.

But safety isn't just about storm preparedness, although that's a big part. September marks another big event: Back to School — and that means even more safety vigilance.

Remember, safety is no accident!

BROOKVILLE HAS LOST A GOOD FRIEND – VILLAGE CLERK TREASURER, ELLEN COLLINS



Ellen M. Collins,
Recently Retired Clerk Treasurer
1945 - 2013

We are deeply saddened to share the news that our beloved Ellen Collins, recently retired Village Clerk Treasurer, died after a brief battle with cancer. She was diagnosed this past March after returning home from a vacation with her husband of 44 years, Paul.

It seems like just yesterday that Ellen stepped through our Village doors, but it's been nearly 12 years in which she served Brookville. During that time, she made a big difference to our residents, keeping us in step with the fast-changing times required by New York State. This wasn't the first time that Ellen had "retired". Prior to becoming the Village Clerk Treasurer here, she had retired from Verizon as Area Operations Manager handling the Borough of Queens. After her formal retirement from her full-time job at the Village, we convinced her to remain with us as a consultant to help with special projects.

She recently said how much she loved her time in Brookville because of the many wonderful people she had met and worked with through the years. The feeling was certainly mutual. We will remember her always — but especially when the daisies are in bloom as those were her favorite flowers.

Besides her husband, Ellen is survived by her two grown children, Paul Jr. and Caitlin, and her three beloved grandchildren, Liam, Patrick and Olivia.

UPDATES, NOTICES & EVENTS AROUND THE VILLAGE

By Tim Dougherty, Building Inspector



SPEED RADAR SIGNS: Two (2) new speed radar monitors have been purchased and are now ready for installation pending pole location by the State. One will replace the Superstorm Sandy casualty by Emerson Road and the second one will be installed on Brookville Road near LUHI.

GENERATORS: Since Superstorm Sandy we have received numerous generator permit applications. It seems as though many of our residents intend to be well prepared for the next power outage. As

mentioned by the Mayor, we've also purchased new road equipment, specifically a Pay Loader from the NYS state contract so our road crew will be able to clear the roads more quickly and efficiently. Like our residents, we intend to be well prepared for any future emergencies. Lastly, while driving around the Village you can observe a lot more building activity. Hopefully it's the start of more to come.

PERMIT APPLICATIONS: A list of permits applied for in the Village are as follows: 4 Additions/Alterations, 4 Driveways, 1 Fence, 10 Generators, 1 New Dwelling, 1 Patio, 1 Pergola, 4 Swimming Pools with Fences, 4 Road Openings and 2 Solar Panels.

40 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW TO WEATHER STORMS & ALL KINDS OF EVENTS.

In today's world, we must be prepared for the unexpected. On Long Island, there is potential for all kinds of weather events, natural disasters and more. We are a highly populated area, and with that comes other safety challenges and obligations. We all know from Irene & Sandy, that a weather emergency puts a lot of responsibility on all of us who live here — it's not realistic to rely solely on emergency personnel.

Fortunately, we've never had a real school safety issue, but that's important to think about, too.

Make sure your children know how important it is to take seriously any instruction that goes on at school.

Over the years, our OBPD has trained carefully for handling disasters — hopefully they will never need to put their training into action.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO TO PREPARE FOR A MAJOR STORM OR OTHER WEATHER EVENT?

1. **BE SELF SUFFICIENT.** The first step in emergency preparedness is to be self-sufficient for at least five days. Have enough non-perishable food, water, first aid, cash, batteries, radio, flashlights, etc. to last that long. (See page 9 for more details.)
2. **WHAT IS THE "SAFE AND WELL" REGISTRY?** This free service, provided by the American Red Cross, keeps friends and family informed when there is widespread loss of utilities and other services from a hurricane, snowstorm or other disaster. **Here's how it works:** If you need to let family and friends out of the area know that you are safe and well, and if you or someone you know has access to the internet, simply log onto the American Red Cross website (redcross.org). Go to the "Contacting Family Members" page where you can list yourself as "Safe and Well." (You can also register yourself and family by calling 1-866-GET-INFO.) Relatives and friends can then search for your name on their website.
3. **CREATE YOUR OWN "SAFE AND WELL" REGISTRY.** Identify a friend or relative who lives out of state so that you, family members and others can contact them to say you are safe and well. (Sometimes it's easier to get a long distance call placed than a local one.) Be sure every family member knows the phone number of this contact and has a cell phone or pre-paid phone card to make contact. Also tell family and friends about your special emergency contact(s).
4. **ALWAYS KEEP A FULL TANK OF GAS IN YOUR CAR.** As we know from past experience, loss of power means loss of gas from our gas stations. Make it a habit to keep your tank full.
5. **BEFORE A STORM HITS, MAKE SURE TO...** Keep battery-operated lanterns on hand — do not use candles. Have plenty of batteries. If you don't have enough drinking water, fill clean containers with fresh water from the tap. Also fill your tub with water for non-drinking purposes.
6. **CUT, PRUNE & RESTORE PLANTINGS.** Keep trees around your home well trimmed to minimize damage if they fall. Many of us have undergone major tree pruning, removal and restoration since Sandy, but deterioration of trees often continues months after a clean up. Have a professional assess your needs on a regular basis.
7. **WHAT IS SWIFTREACH 911 AND WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO RESIDENTS?** Both Nassau County and the TOB have an emergency notification system called SWIFTREACH 911 which enables them to call thousands of residents per minute to convey vital emergency information. These messages can be sent by telephone, email, text or pager. In Brookville, we have used SWIFTREACH to provide fast notice to residents about issues of concern.
8. **HOW CAN YOU SIGN UP FOR SWIFTREACH 911?** Visit the TOB's website (oysterbaytown.com) and follow the links. Or call them at 677-5350 to request a form to fill out and return. Or visit our website at villageofbrookville.com and click on Emergency Management tab. By registering through us, you will also receive Village emails on important issues.
9. **WHAT DOES YOUR BROOKVILLE GOVERNMENT DO DURING A STORM?** Obviously we can't restore electric lines or hook up cable service and repair the phones, but we do our very best to keep residents informed with real facts rather than rumors. During Hurricane Irene and Superstorm Sandy, we sent out daily (sometimes twice daily) email blasts to residents who had registered with the Village. Because we had no electricity or cable, and in many cases no phone service, this was an important way for us to update residents on what was happening in our Village (even though we had to drive to other locales to send/get the email. We also extended work hours when appropriate (and safe) so that residents could reach us. As soon as it is safe, our Road Crew also goes out to help remove fallen trees, branches and debris from our **Village** roads.
10. **WHAT DOESN'T OUR VILLAGE STAFF DO DURING A STORM?** If there are live wires on the roads, our Road Crew does not attempt to remove debris. We don't call the utility services on your behalf. That is your responsibility. We don't control repairs (we wish we did), so yelling at us doesn't get service restored any quicker. Since Sandy, the utilities are more sensitive to folks with medical needs. So if you have a medical issue that needs electricity, call LIPA at 1-800-490-0025 and let them know so your account can be noted and your meter can be tagged as "Critical Care".

11. HOW ARE WE IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS? We all know that cell service is not the greatest in our area. During an electrical/cable outage, it's even more apparent. Coordinating work to be done by our staff during a weather event is often difficult to impossible. Late this Fall, the Village is installing a state-of-the-art communications system that will allow us to be in touch with police and other emergency personnel.

12. WHO CARES ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A TORNADO? Tornadoes are a fairly rare occurrence on Long Island, but they do happen occasionally. And although Brookville has not experienced a formal funnel cloud, just last year we had a **microburst** storm in the northwest corner of our Village. For those who experienced the microburst, it was hard to believe it wasn't a tornado — but instead a high-speed wind that blows parallel to the ground. Tornado or microburst, either way, you wouldn't want to be standing in its path. Most residents weren't even aware of it, but that storm roared down Whitney, across the LIU Post campus, over to Horse Hill and a few streets in between ripping down close to 1000 trees, knocking down light poles and causing major damage to homes and cars in the area. If this kind of a storm is threatening, it's safest to be in your basement or other underground room. If that's not available, seek shelter in a small, windowless interior room or hallway in the lowest level of the house. If you're outside, try to get inside. If that's not possible, crouch next to the sturdiest building you can get to . Or worse case, lie flat on the ground or hollow and cover your head and neck with your arms. This type of storm only lasts for a few minutes, but if you're caught off guard, the time is likely to seem endless.

13. SHOULD YOU TELL LIPA THAT YOUR POWER IS OUT? Yes. Even when the entire Village is out, it's good policy to contact LIPA, even though they probably know. Contacting LIPA helps to ensure that they follow-up with progress reports and confirm with you that your power has been restored.

14. WHAT ARE LIPA'S NUMBERS? You have several options for reporting an outage: Call LIPA at 800-490-0075 • Text OUT to 695472 (myLIPA) • Report an outage online. To register your mobile phone to begin receiving power outage updates and account notifications, text the letters REG to myLIPA (695472) and press SEND. You will be instructed via text how to complete the registration. For further information visit: www.lipower.org/mylipa.

15. IT'S OFTEN ASKED – WHY DOESN'T LIPA PUT ALL ITS POWER LINES UNDERGROUND. Here is their official answer: Placing electric wires underground would reduce the total number of outages, but at a very high cost to customers. Such a massive project would take over 30 years to complete at an estimated cost of \$25 billion. Problems with underground cables take 2-3 times longer to locate and repair than overhead wires. Where practical, we install underground cable in new housing developments.

16. IF YOUR NEIGHBOR'S TREE FALLS ON YOUR PROPERTY, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE TO PAY THE CLAIM? This may seem like a fairly harmless question, but in fact, there were several cases of hard feelings between neighbors in Brookville over this very issue. Generally speaking, if your neighbor's tree was healthy, then it is YOUR responsibility as it was just an act of nature. If the tree was unhealthy or dead, it is then your neighbor's responsibility as it is considered negligent liability. That being said, if the neighbor's tree does not damage your house, or some other structure on your property, you probably don't have a claim. Same thing if it damages your shrubs and flowers.



17. WHAT MAKES A GOOD REPLACEMENT FOR STORM-DAMAGED PLANTS & TREES. For a complete list, call the Cooperative Extension of Nassau County at 516-565-5265,

WHAT ABOUT THE LIGHTNING STORM SEASON ON LONG ISLAND?

On LI, the lightning storm season begins in April and runs roughly until mid October. Here's some tips you should know:

18. IF YOU CAN HEAR THUNDER... you are close enough to be struck by lightning. Go to safe shelter immediately. Get out of boats and away from water.

19. DO NOT take shelter in small sheds, under isolated trees, near fences, poles or in convertible automobiles.

20. IF YOU FEEL YOUR SKIN TINGLE or your hair stand up, squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Place your hands on your knees with your head between them. Make yourself the smallest target possible; minimize contact with the ground.

21. IF LIGHTNING OCCURS and sturdy shelter is not available, get inside a hard top automobile and keep the windows up.

22. STAY AWAY from telephone lines and metal pipes, which can conduct electricity.

23. UNPLUG appliances not necessary for obtaining weather information. Use the telephone only for emergencies. Turn off air conditioners. Power surges from lightning can overload the compressors.

PREPARE. PLAN. STAY INFORMED.

As Nassau County Ed Mangano says “Be Prepared, Not Scared”.

By Robert D. Spina, Director of Emergency Management

BASIC DISASTER SUPPLIES KIT

A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- Water: one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation.
- Food: at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food.
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert, lots of extra batteries.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- First aid kit.
- Whistle to signal for help.
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place.
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation.
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities.
- Manual can opener for food.
- Local maps.
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger.



WATER:

Water is an essential element to survival and a necessary item in an emergency supplies kit. Following a disaster, clean drinking water may not be available. Your regular water source could be cut-off or compromised through contamination. Prepare yourself by building a supply of water that will meet your family’s needs during an emergency.

HOW MUCH WATER WILL YOU NEED?

You should store at least one gallon of water per person per day. A normally active person needs at least one gallon of water daily just for drinking, however individual needs vary, depending on age, physical condition, activity, and diet. To determine your water needs, take the following into account:

- One gallon of water per person per day, for drinking and sanitation.
- Children, nursing mothers and sick people may need more water.
- A medical emergency might require additional water.
- Keep at least a three-day supply of water per person on hand at all times.

FOOD:

Consider the following things when putting together your emergency food supplies:

- Store at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food.
- Choose foods your family will eat. Remember any special dietary needs
- Avoid foods that will make you thirsty. Choose salt-free crackers, whole grain cereals and canned foods with high liquid content.

Following a disaster, there may be power outages that could last for several days or weeks (as we know from Superstorm Sandy). Stock canned foods, dry mixes and other staples that do not require refrigeration, cooking, water or special preparation. Be sure to include a manual can opener and eating utensils. And lots of paper towels.

The following items are suggested when selecting emergency food supplies. You may already have many of these on hand.

- Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits, vegetables
- Protein or fruit bars.
- Dry cereal or granola.
- Peanut butter.
- Dried fruit.
- Nuts.
- Crackers.
- Canned juices.
- Non-perishable pasteurized milk.
- High energy foods. Vitamins.
- Food for infants
- Comfort/stress foods.

DO NOT FORGET ABOUT YOUR PETS. HAVE ENOUGH FOOD AND WATER FOR THEM, TOO.



HOW SHOULD YOU STORE WATER:

It is recommended you purchase commercially bottled water, in order to prepare the safest and most reliable emergency water supply. Keep bottled water in its original container and do not open until you need to use it. Store in cool, dark place. Observe the expiration or “use by” date. To avoid expiration, continuously replace the water.

24. DO NOT take a bath or shower.

25. IF SOMEONE IS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING, CALL 911. Anyone who has sustained a lightning strike requires professional medical care. If you are aiding a victim, check for burns and other injuries. If the person has stopped breathing, call 911 first and then begin CPR. If the person is breathing normally, look for other possible injuries and care for them as necessary. People who have been struck by lightning do NOT retain an electrical charge and can be handled safely.

HOME FIRES:

May and June of this year saw two serious home fires in our Village. Fortunately, no one died or was injured, but that doesn't mean it can't happen. Home fires can be prevented, but it takes a little better understanding of what you are up against:

26. UNDERSTAND THE BASIC CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRE. Fire spreads quickly; there is no time to gather valuables or make a phone call. In just two minutes, a fire can become life-threatening.

27. HEAT AND SMOKE CAN BE MORE DANGEROUS THAN FLAMES. Inhaling the super-hot air can sear your lungs. Fire produces poisonous gases that make you disoriented and drowsy. Instead of being awakened by a fire, you may fall into a deeper sleep. Asphyxiation is the leading cause of fire deaths, exceeding burns by a 3:1 ratio.

28. FIRE IS FAST. The most important thing to know about fire is just how FAST it is. In less than 30 seconds, a small flame can get completely out of control. It only takes minutes for thick black smoke to fill a house or engulf it in flames. If you wake up to a fire, you don't have time to do anything but get out of the house.

29. FIRE IS HOT! Heat is more threatening than flames. Room temperatures in a fire can be 100 degrees at floor level and rise to 600 degrees at eye level. That's one good reason to crawl out. In five minutes, a room can get so hot that everything in it ignites at once: this is called FLASHOVER.

30. FIRE IS DARK. Even though we think of flames as light and bright, a house fire quickly produces black smoke, complete darkness and disorientation. This disorientation can be deadly.

31. FIRE IS DEADLY. Fire uses the oxygen you need and produces the smoke and poisonous gas that kill. That's why, in case of a home fire, there is only one thing to do — GET OUT.

IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL:

32. STOPPING FOR A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS IS THE LAW. Drive Route 107 on any weekday and watch one or two drivers in a hurry scoot by a stopped school bus. It's a moving violation (and dangerous to our children.) Our kids are our future. Give them a "brake."

33. LET THE SCHOOL BUS TURN. So easy to do, but so seldom done. Residents complain that no one gives them a chance to pull out on Route 107. Imagine how a bus driver feels. When you see a turning school bus, if you can, give them the space to turn onto the road. Courtesy is contagious.

34. DON'T BE A DISTRACTED DRIVER. No texting. No talking. If you're caught it's 5 points on your license and a fine. Apart from the safety concerns, it's important to set a good example for your kids who will also be drivers one day. The OBPD will be on the look out. So look out!!

35. TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO BE COURTEOUS. No pushing. No shoving. No crowding. No bullying. Seems obvious.

36. KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THOSE CHILD "HOT SPOTS" — not just at Jericho schools but also near the regular school bus stops throughout our Village. Remember, it's not just Jericho Schools. We've got LUHI, AHRC, JCC, NYIT and LIU in our Village. Expect the unexpected.

37. TRAIN YOUR KIDS to be very careful when on or exiting the bus. Remind your children to stay seated at all times and keep head and arms inside the bus. When exiting the bus, children should wait until the bus comes to a complete stop, exit from the front using the handrail to avoid falls and cross the street at least 10 feet (10 giant steps) in front of the bus. Tell your child not to bend down in front of the bus to tie shoes or pick up objects, as the driver may not see him before starting up.

38. CHILD BASICS... Make sure your child knows his or her home phone number and address, your work number, the number of another trusted adult and how to call 911 for emergencies.

39 IF YOU USE THE BUDDY SYSTEM... make sure you have the contact information of your child's walking buddy and know their walking route or after school schedules.

FINALLY, A WORD ABOUT OUR CARS:

Over the past year, there have been quite a few car thefts in the six Villages covered by the OBPD. Most of these thefts have one thing in common: Residents either left their keys in the car... or a garage door opener in a car parked outside.

40. TAKE YOUR KEYS AND DOOR OPENERS WITH YOU. Don't make it so easy for a thief.

POLICE BLOTTER

AUTO ACCIDENTS WITHIN OBPD (6 TOWNS): January - July 2013

The accident totals for the Village of Brookville for January through July 2013 cover all roads in Brookville including the New York State roads of Northern Boulevard and Route 107 as well as Wheatley Road, which is a Nassau County road.

0 FATALITIES IN BROOKVILLE TO JULY 2013

	Fatality	Personal Injury	Prop. Damage Only	Total
BROOKVILLE	0	27	74	101
Cove Neck	0	0	1	1
Matinecock	0	4	17	21
Mill Neck	0	4	19	23
Old Brookville	0	19	39	58
Upper Brookville	0	8	32	40
Total	0	62	182	244

TOTAL ACCIDENTS JAN - JUL 2012: 257
TOTAL FATALITIES JAN - JUL 2012: 0

TOTAL ACCIDENTS JAN - JUL 2013: 244
TOTAL FATALITIES JAN - JUL 2013: 0

**Village Of Brookville Main Number
516-626-0973**

**For Emergency Updates Go To:
villageofbrookville.com**

**Register your email at our website &
receive Emergency Email Blasts.**

**Local Emergency Phone Numbers
L.I. Power Authority (LIPA)
1-800-490-0075 or 631-755-6900**

**Town Of Oyster Bay
Emergency Operations Center
516-677-5757***

*Activated 24-36 hrs. before the potential arrival of gale force winds for residents who need further information such as evacuation warnings, emergency shelter locations and to get assistance in evacuating.

**For Weather Information,
Visit These Web Sites**

FEMA

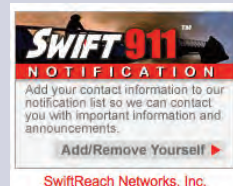
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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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our community a better place. (Many of you have come through, however problems still exist and need to be addressed). The Brookville Park Foundation is also hard at work restoring the 13 beds around the Village. They do a lot to brighten the face of our community.

Last year, we established a Village Office of Emergency Management (OEM) specifically to better prepare and serve our Village during weather events and other emergency conditions. We appointed Bob Spina (current Chair of our Zoning Board) to spearhead this important position. He has been working diligently laying the groundwork in preparation for the upcoming storm season.

We purchased and are in the process of installing radio equipment and antenna, so our Village officials can communicate better during emergencies and be able to update residents more quickly. We have also obtained new road equipment to help to efficiently clear the roads of fallen trees and other debris in order to maintain or promptly restore essential services.

Our Village OEM is in constant contact with LIPA concerning maintenance of the power lines to prevent extensive loss of electric service due to weather events. I'm sure you've noticed the LIPA tree trimming crews in our area in preparation for the storm season. Trimming and maintenance won't be 100% completed, but the process is ongoing. If you feel that there are tree issues relating to the electric lines (not cable), please contact our office and let Angela know. We will inform LIPA and request that they trim. But because this is an ongoing process, we can't promise that this will be done immediately.

The center of this newsletter has a special pull-out section concerning our newly adopted Local Law 3-2013 entitled "Property Maintenance". I strongly encourage all residents to read the law. Residents who have not sufficiently restored their property since the storm will be considered in non-compliance.

Summonses will be issued, and fines levied. This law is also available to read in a larger type size in it's entirety on our website and to print out, too.

You might have noticed that the Old Brookville Police Department has some new vehicles. They're in the process of replacing old ones with new and superior

equipment to better serve our community.

Finally, as the school year begins I urge you to be aware of the school buses and to always drive safely. As we've said on the front page of this newsletter, safety is no accident.

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