

SID JACOBSON JCC UPDATE:

In the last Village Newsletter, we published a report providing a history of the Robin Hood Country Day School, its subsequent purchase by the Sid Jacobsen Jewish Community Center (JCC) and its use of the property, and the JCC's recent media blitz against the court decisions upholding the Village Board of Zoning Appeal's (BZA) decision to close the JCC summer camp after many years of trying to resolve the issues out of the courts. In short, the BZA found that the JCC's use of the property was not related to an educational or religious purpose permissible under New York State case law but was simply a typical summer recreational camp adversely impacting its Brookville neighbors, a use not permitted by the Village zoning code or otherwise. Because the JCC did not abide by those court decisions and avoided the Village's requests that camp operations cease, a legal proceeding against the JCC was commenced in which the Village sought an order formally enjoining the unlawful camp activities. (See Winter Issue, 2022). Since that last Newsletter, the JCC made a motion to the NYS Court of Appeals, the State's highest court, for permission to appeal the Appellate Division's decision upholding the Village's determination closing the camp. By a decision dated 2/9/2023, the Court of Appeals denied the JCC's motion, finally concluding the litigation between the JCC and the Village Board of Zoning Appeals on this matter.



JWD WATER TREATMENT CENTER CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

By Peter F. Logan, Superintendent, Jericho Water District

The construction on the treatment plant, required by the Nassau County Dept. of Health to remove Freon that was detected in the 3 wells that serve Brookville, continues at a steady pace. A good portion of the electrical equipment has finally been delivered and our contractor has not wasted any time getting it installed. The well pumps have been tested along with new piping from the wells to the treatment plant. Most of the mechanical work in the treatment plant has been completed and is also awaiting testing. This is expected to be done within the next few weeks. Building construction is done with mostly punch list items remaining including black shutters to finish off

the exterior. *We anticipate having these wells online for the summer.*

An important part of our mission at the District is to protect public health, to promote environmentalism, and to further conservation to ensure long-term sustainability and high quality of the water we provide. To achieve that goal, it's essential that everyone do their part. We ask residents to cut back on the length of time that their irrigation systems operate. And by changing *watering time* (see our website – www.jerichowater.org, for more information) from early morning to early evening, you will help to even out the peak demands. Thank you for your cooperation.

New Treatment Center at the JWD Water Tower is nearing completion



TAM O'SHANTER UPDATE:

This past September, dozens of residents attended an informational Village meeting concerning the development of the Tam O'Shanter Golf Course and especially the Nassau Department of Health (NCDOH) earlier mandate that elevated levels of arsenic be removed from the soil of the majority of the 148 acres, resulting from its use as a golf course. There was also a discussion about building carriage houses in place of the 27 homes, which would not require soil removal. Since that time, there have been no further updates from the developer, their lawyers or the NCDOH.



Tam O'Shanter Golf Course Development