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BEAUTIFICATION UPDATE

The Village has been working through the Beautification Committee to improve the aesthetics of various locations in our community. One location scheduled for a beautification project is the Village Hall building. The existing landscaping at Village Hall became significantly overgrown, creating both a safety hazard due to sight distance issues for pedestrians and vehicles and a visual eyesore. The project at Village Hall also includes addressing sidewalks and walls at the building that had become deteriorated over the years due to weather and plant growth. The Committee worked with a local landscape designer, Dawn Orza, to develop the landscaping plan. The large tree, which is located at the southwest corner of the property (Pleasantville Road and Delton Lane) will be removed at the direction of the Village's arborist, who recommended removal due to the poor condition of the tree. The landscaping work is scheduled to commence later in the month. A copy of the landscaping plan may be obtained at Village Hall.

NEW CULTURAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Board of Trustees is forming a Cultural Events Committee to develop programs that promote appreciation of the arts for both adults and young people in our community. Objectives include sponsoring cultural activities and promoting pride and involvement in the community. Residents who are interested in serving on this committee should send a letter of interest to the Village Manager, Michael Blau at 1111 Pleasantville Road or e-mail to managersoffice@briarcliffmanor.org.

KAREN KUZIO, RECREATION SUPERVISOR



Karen Kuzio joined the Village as a full-time Senior Recreation Leader in October 2001, but actually began her Briarcliff employment as a part-time Youth Center Supervisor in 1999 while also working full-time for the Village of Hastings. She received her Masters Degree in Recreation Administration and was promoted to the title of Recreation Supervisor in 2003. She is an active member of the Westchester Recreation & Park Society, the New York State Recreation & Park Society and the National Recreation & Park Association.

Karen is directly responsible for a large segment of the Village's recreational offerings including the fall & winter after school programs, Girls' Basketball programs, Tree Camp & Super Camp, as well as numerous other youth & adult programs and special events. She truly loves what she does and feels fortunate to have received a tremendous level of support from the Briarcliff Community throughout all of her programs.

Karen is married to a fellow recreation professional employed with Westchester County, and they currently reside in Connecticut. She enjoys spending her own leisure time with family and friends, and when schedules allow, she also enjoys traveling with her husband.

VILLAGE TO DISTRIBUTE POTASSIUM IODIDE (KI) TABLETS

Two years ago the Village, in cooperation with Westchester County, distributed Potassium Iodide (KI) tablets to residents. The KI distribution program was designed to provide residents within ten miles of the Indian Point nuclear power plant with one form of protection in case of a nuclear radiation emergency. In such a case, radioactive iodine could be released into the air. KI protects the thyroid gland from the uptake of radioactive iodine. The pills that were distributed by the Village have reached their expiration date and Westchester County has provided new KI products for distribution. Two years ago, the pills provided were not age specific. The new products available are age specific and include tablets with two different dosages as well as a liquid for children under the age of 12.

The KI products can be obtained at the administrative offices in Village Hall (2nd floor) between the hours of 8:30-AM and 4:30 PM. The Village may only give out the products to residents of Briarcliff Manor.

A WALK IN THE WOODS: BRIARCLIFF'S POCANTICO PARK

With naturalists Beth Herr and John Mickel, Wednesday May 23 (rain or shine)

10:00 – 11:00 AM, Meet at Pocantico Park (End of Laurel Lane off of Cedar Drive East)

Explore Pocantico Park and learn what a treasure our own village park is. Beth Herr, an experienced naturalist and Program Administrator for the Westchester Parks Department, will guide us through the preserve in search of early spring flowers on our trees, shrubs and the forest floor. Briarcliff resident and Conservation Advisory Council Member John Mickel, Fern Curator Emeritus for the New York Botanical Garden, will discuss the ferns we find there.

Learn why the wildflowers are called ephemeral, who their pollinators are and how they got their names. The benefits of open, natural space to wildlife, humans and our community will be discussed.

Dress for the weather.... and walking on muddy slopes.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: 941-6560

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