

MANOR MONTHLY

NOTES FROM THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Village of Briarcliff Manor, New York

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VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

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STORM RECOVERY AND RESTORATION

Twelve snow storms and still counting, but this most recent snow storm has had severe impacts on Village services and basic qualities of life. By any standards, this was one of the worst storms that we have had in recent memory due to not only just the snow itself, but the impacts the volume and weight of the snow had on our trees, power distribution, public areas and streets. We estimate that over half the Village was without power, in some cases, for many days. While we doggedly chased Con Edison to restore



power, the enormity of the storm damage with whole trees and branches hanging on wires (which we are not allowed to remove until Con Edison clears the wires from the trees) delayed Con Edison's ability to reconnect whole areas of Briarcliff Manor. The severity and extent of the storm hampered efforts of repair crews coming to Westchester to assist Con Edison. This along with the severity and extent of the outages delayed power restoration.

Briarcliff had over 500 trees downed and nearly 70 large trees across roads blocking access. Village DPW and staff worked around the clock over the weekend to clear snow and remove trees to provide access for repair crews.

In similar storm events, Village policy has been for residents to bring their roadside tree branches and limbs to the curb, cut in bundles and tied. We are temporarily waiving this policy for the next several weeks in order to encourage and provide time for you to prepare these materials for the Village to pick up at your curb. We ask that the debris be limited to such a size and weight that our DPW workers can physically handle. In other words, please do not bring out whole tree trunks in excess of 12" diameter or more than 3 feet in length for our DPW to pick up. This applies to materials on the public right of way or that may be on border areas between your own property and the village's. We will be as accommodating as possible during this time and understand limitations that individuals may have in assisting our workers to clear the debris. However, all organic debris should be placed at the curb: not on the street. Please place the "butt" end towards the street where possible to assist the Village in removing the debris.

We will be rotating around all the Village streets on a routine basis over the next several weeks.

If you contract to have tree work done on your private property areas, your obligation is to have your contractor cart away those materials.

Damage to our trees and shrubs has been severe. It will take many weeks to clear the Village. In fact, there are many "hangers" leaning on trees and weakened branches that may come down in the next few days. Our plan is to stay abreast of ongoing debris and continually clean the Village.

I wish to thank our employees and volunteer personnel for their service: and our appreciation is shared with the residents of Briarcliff Manor for their forbearance during this most recent storm. We subscribe to a high standard in response times. During the outage the Village was immediately in contact with Con Edison to coordinate restoration. The Village did express to Con Edison its dissatisfaction with their lack of a timely response. The Village will be meeting with Con Edison to establish ways to improve their response times and communication efforts for future emergency events in Briarcliff Manor. Email managersoffice@briarcliffmanor.org with any additional thoughts or suggestions in order to make our upcoming session with Con Edison more meaningful.

If you continue to experience ANY power issues, notify Con Edison at 1-800-75-ConEd.

Do not hesitate to alert us to potential new damage resultant from the storm.

ANNUAL VILLAGE ELECTION

The Annual Village Election will be held in the Village of Briarcliff Manor on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at the Youth Center located at 5 Van Lu Van Road between the hours of 6:00am and 9:00pm during which the polls will be open .

VOLUNTEERS FOR BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COUNCILS

The Board of Trustees is seeking volunteers from the Village to apply to serve on various Boards, Committees and Councils. Residents interested in an appointment should write a letter of intent to the Village Manager or email managersoffice@briarcliffmanor.org by Friday, April 2nd.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

(914) 941-6560

BRIARCLIFF EGG HUNT

EVENT DATE: Saturday, March 27, 2010

AGE GROUP: Toddlers to 2nd Graders

TIME: 10am

LOCATION: Law Park

STASH THE TRASH

EVENT DATE: Saturday, April 24, 2010 Rain date: Sunday, April 25, 2010

TIME: 10am to 3pm

LOCATION: Briarcliff Manor Youth Center, 5 Van Lu Van Road

THE BRIARCLIFF MANOR/SCARBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Invites the Community to
The Eileen O'Connor Weber Historical Center
Housewarming & Dedication
Sunday, March 21st 2:00 to 4:00 pm
(Dedication with Eileen at 3:00 pm)
Briarcliff Manor Library and Community Center

Welcome to our new home in the Library and Community Center's lower level. Enjoy Carmino Ravosa's music, delicious refreshments, meet & mingle, and test your Briarcliff history knowledge with our trivia quiz. You may even win a prize! Join us on this very special occasion!

Questions? Call 941-4393 or go to briarcliffhistory.org

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