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MANAGER'S REPORT

The Village has reached out to New York State and Westchester County to address concerns voiced by residents regarding the white-tailed deer. Many residents have noted an increase in the population in the Village. Individual governments cannot address issues regarding the deer population, since the deer wander and feed in multiple municipalities. Any solution must be regional, if not statewide. Westchester County has created a Task Force to examine the issues and make recommendations to the County regarding the deer. The Task Force includes wildlife biologists, government officials and naturalists, who are working cooperatively in their evaluation of deer management methods and applications. Topics to be included in the report include:

White-tailed deer ecology; environmental impacts of the white-tailed deer; review of deer management methods and applications; community based management strategies; and developing an adaptive management plan. It is anticipated that the Task Force will have their results and findings available to the public in the Spring of 2008.

FALL LEAF PICKUP

Leaf collection began this year on Tuesday, October 15, 2007. The final lap of leaf collection will begin on Monday, December 3, 2007. After that date, all leaves not at the curb when our crews pass, must be placed in paper bags for pickup on recycle Wednesday.

Please do not pile leaves on the street pavement as this may cause a hazardous condition.

All leaf piles must be free of sticks and branches.

Sticks and branches must be tied or placed in brown paper bags for pickup. Starting November 1, 2007, residents may call DPW at 941-9105 after 3:30pm to obtain a list of what streets will be scheduled for leaf pickup the following day.

HOLIDAY SEASON SAFETY TIPS

Lighting: Purchase lights that have been checked for safety. Check your tree and outdoor lights each year before you use them. Look for frayed wires, loose connections, broken or cracked sockets and spots where bare wire is exposed. All lights should be fastened securely to the tree and not in direct contact with the needles or branches. Curtains and other flammable materials should also be kept away from lights. Don't overload extension cords. Never put more than the recommended number of lights on any extension cord. Keep the connection joints away from the water supply of the tree. Outdoor lights should be waterproof and clearly identified for outdoor use. When you leave the house or retire for the evening, be sure that all lights are turned off by unplugging them from the wall outlet. Always disconnect any electric appliance by grasping the plug, not by pulling the cord. Remove outdoor lighting when the season is over, even those lights that are designed to withstand prolonged exposure to the elements.

Candles: Never use wax candles on or near a tree. This is a very serious fire hazard. Any decorative candles should be kept well away from children and any flammable materials. Never leave candles unattended.

Fireplaces: Have chimneys inspected and cleaned before the winter begins. Before starting a fire, remove all decorations from the area and be sure that the flue is open. Never use flammable liquids to accelerate the fire. Keep a screen in front of the fireplace whenever the fire is burning. Be sure that the flame is out prior to retiring at night or leaving the house. Do not burn wrappings or evergreen boughs which can burn suddenly or rapidly, throwing off sparks and burning debris.

Cooking: Wear close-fitting clothing and sleeves when cooking. Turn pot handles inward on the stove so that they can't be easily knocked or pulled down. Never leave children unattended where food is cooking. If food or grease catches fire, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turn off the burner.

Entertaining: Please keep in mind that children are highly susceptible to scald injuries. Just a small cup of hot cider spilled onto a young child can cause a severe burn. Keep all hot liquids out of reach of children. When using tablecloths, be extremely careful if there are small children around who may pull on them and bring the table's contents onto themselves.

Smoke Alarms: Check the batteries in all your smoke alarms. These devices save lives every year and are the best protection against injury if a fire should occur in your home. Just a quick check can save you the loss of property or your life.

*Information courtesy of the Westchester County Department of Consumer Protection

**BRIARCLIFF MANOR'S 13th ANNUAL
COMMUNITY BONFIRE & SING-A-LONG**

**Join your neighbors in a warm & inviting Celebration of Peace,
Community Fellowship & the Winter Holiday Season!**
Bring your family and friends!
All are welcome!

Sunday, December 9th

5:00 pm

Law Memorial Park

(Rain Date—Monday, December 10th at 6:00pm)

Hot chocolate, apple cider and cookies will be served.

BRING YOUR FAMILY'S FAVORITE HOLIDAY DESSERT TO SHARE!

(If possible, please try to avoid overly messy treats requiring utensils & plates!)

Please call the Recreation Office at 941-6560 for further information or to volunteer!

BRIARCLIFF MANOR PUBLIC LIBRARY IS OPEN

The Library is open regular hours during construction. The best of the collection is available and the staff is ready to serve you while the new addition is being built. Safety measures are in place to keep you and your children safe when visiting. Please pay attention to signs and not let children walk outside unattended. The book drop is now located in the park path directly across from the new parking area inside the property on Pleasantville Road.

Any questions please call 941-7072.

SEEKING ELECTION INSPECTORS

The Village of Briarcliff Manor is seeking Election Inspectors willing to work the Annual Village Election on March 18, 2008. Hours are from 5:30am to 9:30pm

Interested parties should contact the Village Clerk's Office at 941-4801.

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