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VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT (914) 944-2782

NOW is the Time to Double Check your Lawn Sprinklers and Check for Household Water Leaks

This year's hot, dry summer highlighted the need for all water consumers to double check their lawn sprinklers. Like they say about checking your battery powered smoke detectors twice a year, everyone should also check for household water connections at least twice a year.

Many residents have called in protest of individual, high water billings associated with their water sprinkler usage during this dry summer. We have found, when our water department personnel were asked to investigate, that sprinkler system breaks or disconnections on the homeowners side of the water meter had occurred. This can cause a 24/7 constant water flow even if the individual sprinkler systems were not in operation: a waste of 10's of 1,000's of cubic feet of water. This has been the case especially during the past August quarterly billing. I must reiterate that the homeowner is responsible for the water charges. NYC supplies water to us at 2 rates: the base rate calculated by a per capita usage and the excess rate over our monthly allocation. NYC's July excess water consumption billing came to nearly \$98,000 in excess water charges due to our overall high water usage.

We urge everyone to have their sprinkler systems serviced in both the Spring and Fall. We have witnessed, after a particularly harsh winter such as this recent one, that oftentimes the sprinkler system valve and interconnections may have been damaged from the freeze and thaw cycle. Don't just have your service turn the system on and off but do a follow-up check to see if undesired water flow occurs. Whether you have a sprinkler system or not, also take the time to check for household leaks. Turn off all your fixture water flows and go to your water meter (most are in the basement level of your home) and see if the meter dial is turning: that is the first and easiest way to check. If you suspect a problem or are not able to check your meter and suspect a leak, call the Water Department (941-9105) and we will try and help as quickly as possible.

CHAPTER 220, ZONING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public hearing is hereby called for the October 6, 2010 Board of Trustees meeting at 7:30pm to hear and discuss a proposed local law to amend Chapter 220 of the Code of the Village of Briarcliff Manor with respect to Parking and Special Permit Uses in Retail Business Districts and that a copy of the proposed Local Law is on file in the office of the Village Clerk and on the Village website www.briarcliffmanor.org.

LIBRARY & COMMUNITY CENTER (914) 941-7072

Library Hours this Fall:

Mon-Wed-Fri 10-5

Tues-Thurs 10-8

Sat 10-4

The Briarcliff Manor Public Library wants your OPINION! Please fill out the 10 question User Survey on paper at the Library or on-line from the library home page at www.briarcliffmanorlibrary.org. Look under the **Check It Out** banner on the Library home page to access this quick and easy questionnaire that will give you an opportunity to help plan for the future of your library. We appreciate your input!

All Library events and programs for the Fall season are posted online at www.briarcliffmanorlibrary.org AND listed in the online Recreation Department bulletin.

PUMPKIN PATCH COMMUNITY EVENT

Pick out a free pumpkin, Saturday, October 23rd, 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM at the Club at Briarcliff Manor (while supplies last). For more information call (914)923-4050.

Village Offices will be closed October 11th observance of Columbus Day

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

(914) 941-6560

MOVIE NIGHT AT LAW PARK

Date/Time:

Friday, September 24th at 7pm

Location:

Law Memorial Park

Featured Movie:

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs

Fee:

FREE

Please join us for this free, family oriented event organized and funded by Briarcliff Pediatric Dentistry to benefit Phelps Memorial Hospital Center’s Special Care Nursery. Bring your blankets, pillows, lawn chairs and bug spray! This event will be held rain or shine, as the movie will be moved into the pavilion if needed.

HALLOWEEN WINDOW PAINTING

Date/Time:

Saturday, October 23rd 9am-1pm (Rain date Oct. 24)

Location:

Village Business District, Pleasantville Road

Grades:

2nd—5th

Fee:

\$15/participant
\$20/twosome

Register by:

Monday, October 4th

Help decorate the Village for the Halloween season! You may paint individually or in groups of two. Window space will be assigned to participants. The Recreation Department will supply needed materials. Registration may be limited and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

(914) 941-2130

“SCHOOL’S OPEN, DRIVE CAREFULLY”

Play It Safe with School Buses

School is back in session, and little ones are heading to class in those big yellow buses. AAA's Traffic Safety Department encourages parents to discuss school bus rules and safety with their kids and help them learn the bus number and bus driver's name. Children should understand that school bus riding is a privilege, and permission to continue riding can be withdrawn if they don't behave.

Also, motorists should be aware of the state laws related to sharing the road with school buses. New York law says motorists must stop on both sides of the street--even if there's a divider--for a bus that is flashing its red lights.

Best Route to School

Parents can lessen the hazards their children face by teaching safe walking habits and involving their children in the selection of the safest route to and from school. They should discuss the meanings of traffic signals and markings along that route and stress the importance of allowing enough time to cross the street safely - walking, not running. Above all, parents should set a good example!

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