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## VILLAGE OF BRIARCLIFF MANOR ANNOUNCES NEW ACTING VILLAGE MANAGER

The Briarcliff Board of Trustees has appointed Philip E. Zegarelli as Acting Village Manager effective Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Zegarelli comes to Briarcliff with nearly 40 years of public and civic service, 23 in local government, and 30 years of financial management experience.

In particular, Zegarelli served then North Tarrytown, now Sleepy Hollow, as Trustee for five years; Mayor for 8 years from 1979-1987, and then again for 10 years beginning in 1999. During his break as Mayor, he served on the Board of the Pocantico Hills Central School District. He leaves office as Sleepy Hollow's Mayor in April.



Zegarelli's commitment to public and civic service is evident in the more than 15 organizations he has served or still serves. He is committed to the entire Hudson Valley Region and holds leadership positions such as Historic Hudson River Towns and the Hudson River Lighthouse Association. He has also been an active leader as President of both the New York State Conference of Mayors and the Westchester County Officials Association. In 2002, Zegarelli was honored as "Person of the Year", by the Open Door Medical Centers. He was also a former Lieutenant in the United States Navy.

With 30 years of financial management experience holding the titles of Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, President and Managing Principal, Zegarelli brings to Briarcliff an important array of professional finance skills at a critical economic juncture. *"The Village is fortunate to hire an individual like Phil Zegarelli who has both local municipal experience and seasoned management skills", said Briarcliff's Mayor Bill Vescio, "But, his financial background is an important added bonus needed during these challenging economic times."*

Zegarelli recognizes the challenges local government faces. *"For me, this is an opportunity of a lifetime to combine a solid financial and corporate background with over 23 years of governmental experience", said Zegarelli, "Today government must change and look at ways to deliver services more efficiently and at a lesser cost. Consolidation of services, sharing of services and equipment and Inter Municipal Agreements are vehicles for cost savings and efficiencies."* A real champion of teamwork Zegarelli emphasizes, *"I look forward to working together with a vibrant, dedicated Mayor and Village Board, as well as Department Heads and Staff who are invaluable to successful governing."*

Zegarelli holds Graduate and Undergraduate degrees from Columbia University with concentrations in Government, International Affairs and Political Geography. He is also a frequent Guest Lecturer on business and government topics.

With his wife, Barbara, of 33 years, Zegarelli, 61, is a life-long resident of Mt. Pleasant where he raised 4 children.

## ANNUAL VILLAGE ELECTION

The Annual Village Election will be held in the Village of Briarcliff Manor on **Wednesday, March 18, 2009** 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 .



## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME REMINDER

Daylight saving time begins at 2:00am on March 8th. Don't forget to "Spring Ahead". With the change of daylight saving time, it's a good time to change the batteries in your smoke detector(s). Changing the batteries twice a year will make sure that the detector(s) will be working in case there is a fire.



**BRIARCLIFF MANOR  
CELEBRATES THE  
RE-OPENING OF THEIR  
NEW AND EXPANDED  
BRIARCLIFF LIBRARY AND  
COMMUNITY CENTER**

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, at 2PM Briarcliff officials and residents will celebrate the re-opening of their Library and new

Community Center. The Library is being delivered on time and within budget, celebrating a new era of literature, arts and culture for Briarcliff Manor. Mayor Bill Vescio will be the master-of-ceremonies which will include an official ribbon cutting.

*"After two failed referendums and nearly twenty years of discussion about the deficient Library, the Village will now have a modern Library and Community Center. The Village is particularly excited about it also becoming a Community Center that seats 80 for lectures, performances and meetings that will become a focal point of unity for our community," commented Mayor Vescio.*

In November of 2006, Briarcliff residents voted to approve a \$4 million bond referendum to expand their existing Library which no longer met the requirements of the New York State Department of Education, thus, disqualifying the Library from being part of the Westchester County Library system. This bond enabled the Village to modestly expand the Library from 2,487 square feet to 6,650 square feet, including the new Community Center, to meet the mandated requirements. The exterior of the building retains the architectural ambiance of the original structure and the adjacent Pavilion that, together, mark a vibrant and beautiful Law Park which is centrally located and attracts many residents.

While the Village’s budget, which was strictly adhered to, provided for all aspects of construction, the interior furnishings are being funded by the Friends of the Briarcliff Manor Library, Inc. who is running a capital campaign that has already raised more than \$700,000 in pledges with a goal to raise a total of \$1million in private funds to complete the Library's addition. *"We are so pleased that all of these collective efforts, even during these economic times, have helped ensure that Briarcliff's new crown jewel will shine bright and we look forward to working with donors to fulfill their pledges"*, said Nannette Wasserman, who co-chairs the Capital Campaign and is President of the Friends. And village officials couldn’t agree more, recognizing the importance of working with the “Friends” to bring this exciting project to fruition.

Additionally, The Club at Briarcliff Manor (The Club), a Continuing Care Retirement Community to be located on the former site of Kings College, has pledged \$2.25 million toward the Library’s renovation, which will be used to pay the bond incurred for construction. In addition to this generous pledge, and other donations to Village infrastructure, The Club is also underwriting the March 8<sup>th</sup> re-opening festivities, repeatedly demonstrating their ongoing commitment to the Village. *"It is our pleasure to support this milestone for the community,"* said Matthew Phillips, President and CEO of Integrated Development Group LLC (IDG), developers of The Club. *"The Library is one of Briarcliff Manor’s greatest assets and will play an important role in the lives of our future residents."*

Library Director Gerry Mahoney and the Library Board have worked hard to make the new Library and Community Center a reality. *"We are very excited to be moving into this beautiful new facility that will allow us to serve our public differently than before. The Briarcliff community deserves this"*, said Ms. Mahoney.

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