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VILLAGE MANAGER'S OFFICE (914) 944-2782

2012 ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

This year's Annual Water Quality Report is now available on the Briarcliff Manor Web site at www.briarcliffmanor.org/ANNUALWATERREPORT. Additionally, a paper copy of the report is available at the front desk of Village Hall located at 1111 Pleasantville Road. If it is more convenient to receive the report by mail, you can call the Department of Public Works at 941-9105 Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm to request a copy be sent to your home.

2013-2014 TAX RATE EXPLANATION

How can you be under the 2% tax cap when you increased tax revenue by over 3%? This is not easy to explain. Two budget years ago, NYS implemented a 2% tax **REVENUE** cap ... meaning VBM can only increase tax revenue derived from the tax base side of the village budget. This is a 2% annual increase limitation over the previous year.

First, understand that the tax revenue cap has nothing to do with your tax rate. This is complicated on its own because the VBM is in two separate towns: has two separate assessment rolls with two separate equalization rates. For VBM, the total \$15 million budget is made up of two parts: taxes derived from assessments and other revenues coming from sales and mortgage taxes, user fees and charges. The ratio is about 2/3 – 1/3 respectively. The tax revenue side is subject to the 2% cap. To adjust to this, fiscal reform minded proposal, NYS communities were given time to adjust to the cap's constraints. As fiscally conservative as we are, this NYS mandate was one-sided. The 2% cap requires us to be tougher and limit tax revenue derived side of spending but did not "cap" the expense side. Expenses like state mandated health, retirement, pension and labor award increases were not capped. Understand that the costs of all VBM service personnel equates to about 77+% of the total village budget. To partially offset these expenses (which do not come close to meeting these costs) communities, in addition to the 2% yearly allowance, were given minor annual allowances and various exclusions. One adjustment is our carryover of an unused portion of the previous year: a one-time 1.5% carryover since we only used .50% of last year's 2% allotment.

Complicated? Our 1.5% carryover portion expires this year. I can assure you that this village has been fiscally prudent for the last 8 years: we have kept the tax revenue increases significantly below this cap even before there was a 2% cap. A vast majority of Westchester communities have blown through their limits; fully used all previous carryovers; legislatively overridden the cap; and, used their fund reserves to make ends meet. VBM has not. Understand that no one wants to increase taxes: the M/BOT does not want to supersede the cap. VBM has not: but in a use it or lose it proposition, we decided to utilize the carryover we limited it to about 80% of the total adjusted amount to give us an added buffer. The tax revenue increase is 3.28% for this year. As I said before, it does not calculate back to what your tax rate increases will come out to.

We have absorbed major hits on the expense side but also maintained the prudent service oriented operation of the village all within the provisions of the 2% tax revenue cap. I hope I helped to explain this. If I blew this opportunity or if you would like a fuller understanding and explanation, let me know.

TREASURER'S OFFICE (914) 944-2723

VILLAGE REAL PROPERTY TAXES

Village Real Property Tax Bills for 2013 are being mailed at the end of May 2013. The First Installment is due by July 1, 2013. A penalty of 5% will be applied on all unpaid balances as of July 2, 2013. Additional penalties will accrue each month the taxes remained unpaid.

The Second Installment is due by December 31, 2013. A penalty of 5% will be applied as of January 1, 2014. The payment coupon for the Second Installment is attached to the bills that are being mailed in May – **no additional bills will be mailed.**

Bills are available to view, print and/or pay from our website www.briarcliffmanor.org. Please fill in the address fields by entering only the address number and first portion of the street name. Example "1111" and "Pleasantville".

Please be advised that all unpaid water bills including fees and penalties if any will be transferred to your Village Tax bill in May 2013. Any amount due by April 30 and left unpaid by May 1 will be attached to your first installment of real estate tax due in June 2013.

New York State law is very specific: a fee of \$50.00 will be attached to this transfer and these fees and penalties become taxes due. They cannot be adjusted or refunded for any reason. Unpaid water bills accrue penalties and should be paid on a timely basis.

VILLAGE HALL SUMMER HOURS

Effective May 28th, Village Hall Administrative Office hours are Monday through Thursday 8AM-5PM and Friday, 8AM-1PM with the following exceptions: **CLOSED May 27th, July 4th & July 5th**

LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTER
(914) 941-7072

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

Friday, June 21; 3:30 – 5:00PM - 10th Annual School’s Out for Summer Party — (all ages) Enjoy the live DJ, games, food and fun on the lawn between Law Park Pavilion and the Library to kick off the summer –AND– Sign Up for Summer Reading! (Sign-up is ongoing at the Library during the summer) (We would love teen and adult volunteers to help with this event. Contact Amy Kaplan at 941-7072 or abgkaplan2gmail.com if you are interested.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Registration is recommended at 941-7072 or sglick@wlsmail.org.

Wednesday, May 15 at 7:00 pm: GET LinkedIn TO YOUR JOB SEARCH

Learn how to use LinkedIn, the world’s largest professional network, to enhance your job search. This presentation by Marie Riffel, a trained employment counselor, will include information on various ways to look for jobs with an emphasis on building an online presence and leveraging LinkedIn as a powerful job search tool.

Friday, May, 17 at 7:00pm: FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES — GUILT TRIP [PG-13]

A traveling salesman talks his mother into heading out on the road with him so that he can, unbeknownst to her, reunite her with a former fling. Comedy starring Barbra Streisand and Seth Rogen.

See all our Spring programs at: www.briarcliffmanorlibrary.org/springbrochure.pdf

RECREATION DEPARTMENT
(914) 941-6560

DATES TO REMEMBER

POOL & TENNIS PERMIT SALES are UNDERWAY!

Available weekdays from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Extended Monday Evening Hours from 4:30-6:00 pm on June 3,10 and 17
Special Saturday Morning Hours 9:00-11:00 am on May 18, June 1 and June 8

DAY CAMP REGISTRATION

Now being accepted on a space available basis only!

YOUTH & ADULT TENNIS LESSONS

Period I lessons: May 13 – May 31
Period II lessons: June 3 - June 21

- MAY 16

YOUTH CENTER OPEN HOUSE 6:00 – 9:00 pm, ~ 5 Van Lu Van Road
All Current 4th Graders & their Parents Welcome!
- MAY 18

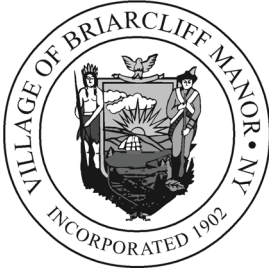
SWIM TEAM PANCAKE BREAKFAST! 8:30 - 11:00am ~ Law Park Pavilion
Fundraiser Open to the Entire Community
\$7 age 13 & up, \$5 ages 5-12, Under 4 Free; \$25 Max/Family
- MAY 28

SWIM TEAM PARENTS MEETING 7:30 pm ~ Recreation Center 48 Macy Road
For all interested parents – Learn about the program!

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