

## Depot Square: Proposals submitted

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the city's vision of mixed-use development of commercial, retail, and residential for Depot Square. The only major difference was that D'Amato's vision for development is for it to be done in phases.

"The idea's there, the concept's there, we just have to look at it a little better," said Lodovico about D'Amato Realty's submission.

Renaissance Downtown's submission caught the eye of city officials for its references to city plans outside the scope of Depot Square, including a proposed community theater at Memorial Boulevard Middle School.

"They did their homework," said Lodovico.

Ward felt all the things the city's been saying it needed to have a successful project were addressed in Renaissance Downtown's submission.

The RFQ didn't require any information regarding the companies' finances and no financial details were included within the submissions.

The submission by Renaissance Downtown did, however, include a letter of reference from the State Bank of Long Island. The letter stated Renaissance Downtown Chairman Donald Monti has been a

customer since the early 1980s and the bank would be happy to consider financial opportunities for the company if requested.

Although officials appeared pleased with the responses, the cautious optimism stemmed from the fact that the city has been down this road before.

Last year, the corporation issued a Request for Proposals in search of a developer for the site. The corporation received only one detailed proposal, which included everything the city wanted for the site. But, the company was ultimately rejected because of concerns over whether it could come through with what it presented, leading to the issuance of the RFQ earlier this year.

The full corporation is scheduled to review the responses from Renaissance Downtown and D'Amato Realty at its Sept. 21 meeting. The corporation's plan is to select a preferred developer for the project, and bring that developer in for more detailed discussions.

For more information on Renaissance Downtowns and D'Amato Realty visit their websites at [www.renaissancedowntown.com](http://www.renaissancedowntown.com) and [www.damatoconstruction.com](http://www.damatoconstruction.com).

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## Soldier: Care packages

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grandfather are veterans.

After the care packages had reached their destination, the students began receiving letters and cards in appreciation of their efforts from the soldiers that Kaminski keeps in a scrapbook in her classroom.

But, on the afternoon of Sept. 10, some of the students behind "Operation Smiley Face," received a personal thank you when Kelley

visited them.

Kelley stopped by Bristol Eastern in part to visit Ruggiero, with whom he had served two tours of duty in Iraq. But, Kelley wanted to make sure he thanked the students personally for what they've done.

"We really appreciated the packages," Kelley told the students. "It means a lot to us just to know that people actually remember us over there."

## Police make arrest 2008 home invasion

By ELIO GUGLIOTTI  
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A city man was arrested on two outstanding warrants that stem from a home invasion last September.

Reynaldo Roman, 18 of 173 Prospect St., Bristol was arrested Sept. 4 and charged with home invasion, robbery in the second degree, conspiracy to commit robbery in the second

degree, larceny in the second degree, interfering, and criminal impersonation.

The charges stem from a home invasion and robbery that took place late last September at Pine Brook Terrace Apartments, police said.

Shortly before 2 a.m. on Sept. 30 2008, four people were in an apartment in the complex when they

heard a knock on the door, police said. One person looked out a window, recognized the man knocking and opened the door.

After the door was opened, several men, armed with weapons including a knife and a golf club, forced their way into the apartment, police said. The men robbed the people inside the apartment, and stole \$5,000 worth of

electronic equipment, police said.

Roman was charged in connection with the robbery. Two other city men, Peter Seranza, and Johnnie Vail were arrested earlier this year in connection with the robbery.

A total bond of \$300,000 was set for Roman.

## Challenger league starts on Sept. 21 at Boys and Girls Club

The Discovery (Challenger) Basketball Program for Special Needs Boys & Girls will be held at the Bristol Boys and Girls Club, 105 Laurel St., Bristol.

This program introduces the game of basketball to the players and

teaches them various phases of the game as the child advances in their dribbling, passing and shooting of the basketball. This is a great opportunity for the children to participate in an organized program.

The program starts on

Monday, Sept. 21 and ends on Monday, Dec. 14. The participants' ages are 5 and up and are divided into appropriate age groups. The final night of the season is a combination Christmas Party and Basketball Banquet. The basketball

schedule is 6 to 7 p.m. for the younger players and 7 to 8 p.m. for the older players. The fee for this program is \$20 per child, \$25 for two or more; scholarships are available.

If you are interested, call (860)584-1828.

## Oncologist Driola Brahaj, MD

### Joins the Medical Staff AT BRISTOL HOSPITAL



Hematologist-Oncologist Driola Brahaj, MD, has joined the medical staff at Bristol Hospital and is seeing patients in the Bristol Hospital Cancer Care Center, Brewster Road, Bristol.

Dr. Brahaj received her medical degree of Doctor of General Medicine from the University "Mother Teresa" of Tirana in Albania. She completed her residency in Internal Medicine at Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center, New York Medical College in New York. Dr. Brahaj trained for three years in Hematology-Oncology specialty in Montefiore North Medical Center and graduated from New York Medical College.

She is Board certified in Internal Medicine and Board eligible in Hematology and Oncology. Her clinical interests include the diagnosis and treatment of benign and malignant hematologic diseases and solid tumors with an interest in renal, lung, colon and breast cancer. As a Hematologist she has a special interest in the diagnosis and treatment of anemia, ITP, thrombophilic disorders and malignant hematologic diseases.

Dr. Brahaj was the recipient of numerous awards during her residency program at Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center, New York Medical College, including the Outstanding Female Resident Award, the Most Outstanding PGY-1 and PGY-2 Resident and the Resident Appreciation Award. She is a member of American Medical Association, American Society of Hematology and American Society of Clinical Oncology.

The Bristol Hospital Cancer Care Center, an affiliate of the Yale-New Haven Cancer Network, provides extensive cancer services, including clinical trials for patients and their families. The Bristol Hospital Cancer Care Center is accredited with distinction by the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer.

Dr. Brahaj is accepting new patients at the Bristol Hospital Cancer Care Center and may be reached at 860-585-3400.



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