

Our Slate's third candidate, **Douglas Tremper** is a newcomer to politics. He has many fresh ideas and is a 7 year resident. For the last 10 years Tremper has worked for a major travel company in Lombard, Illinois. He is also a small business owner for almost 20 years and knows how hard it is to run a small business and make a dollar. He has two children; Saamatha 20 years old and Jay, 17 years old. He is also a member of the Brookfield VFW Post #2868 Men's Auxiliary. Doug said, "I have been walking the streets for weeks; talking and listening to people, about their frustrations with Village government. We need to entice new business into town by first lowering the sales tax and by making new incentives to attract businesses, because the T.I.F. District is not working! What about having some Village events that can bring in a little revenue, like a variation of "Brookfest" or just a "Taste"? We need to make Ogden Avenue more attractive for businesses to come in and create a few parking lots for people to park, while shopping."

The VIP Party feels some of the issues are; the Village is broke, almost bankrupt because of poor management and planning, the Board does not follow the 20/20 Master Plan, too many friends on the payroll from outside Brookfield, no new businesses on Ogden Avenue, even with the T.I.F. District more businesses than ever are empty, for sale and for rent, the old Lucas Tire property is still for sale after 5 years, the Village has a very poor relationship with the Zoo, there are less Police and Fire personnel to protect the residents, and one party controls the whole Board.

As you see we have added a new face to our Slate and to our Party. This is a result of people coming together to achieve the common goal of changing Brookfield for the better. We all agreed that the "so called" real change that happened when the Garvey/PEP Administration began in 2005 **WAS NOT** the change the residents wanted. We share the common belief that residents of this great Village deserve a real progressive, ethical and professional government.

We know that the national economy is in poor shape but we believe that the financial crisis in the Village is a direct result of the Garvey/PEP Administration's policy of consistently spending more money that the Village brings in, wasteful spending, the lack of professional management and the astronomic cost of their "so called" professional managers.

In the coming months we will share our vision of the future with you and your family. Some people will tell you we are just "negative people" but we feel it is necessary to make you aware of the current problems in our Village. We will not engage in personal attacks but we will provide factual and relevant information about the performance of the current administration. We will tell you how we promise to work to restore fiscal responsibility in the Village, while making the necessary improvements in our streets, parks and business districts. We will tell you how we will fight to hire people based on their qualifications and experience, instead of on their financial contributions or the fact that they are from DuPage County. We will tell you how we will work to create and implement our long term financial and economic development plans. Most importantly, we (unlike PEP) will keep our promises! We look forward to serving you and bringing back the two party system of government to Brookfield!

**Mitchell "Mitch" Mierop - President of the New V.I.P. Party**

*Have You Had Enough Yet?*

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