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## RIVERDALE - Bush won't run again

*(by Leslie Scott - Staff Writer - February 10, 2009)*

**RIVERDALE** - After 15 years on the Borough Council, Councilwoman Donna Bush announced that she would not seek re-election this year.

The seats for both Bush and Council President Paul Carelli are up this year. Carelli said that he would run again.

Mayor William Budesheim, president of the Riverdale Republican Club, said the borough has been fortunate to have such a dedicated public servant in Bush for all these years.

"When Donna's term expires at the end of 2009, the borough will properly honor and acknowledge her service and show our gratitude and appreciation," he said.

Planning Board Chairman Steven Loesner has joined the ticket to run for the vacant seat.

Loesner is a member of the Municipal Alliance and has been a member of the Planning Board for 10 years and served as its chair for the last three years.

In 2000, Loesner re-established the Riverdale Boy Scout Troop 73. Since its inception, the success of the troop includes having five young men achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest honor in Boy Scouts.

Loesner did run unsuccessfully for a council seat two years ago.

The mayor said that he supports both Loesner and Carelli in the upcoming election.

Carelli has been a member of the governing body for nine years. He serves as finance chairman and is a member the Library Board and the Shade Tree Commission. He also serves as the borough's U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) representative to the Morris County Division of Community Development.

"Whenever there's a town function, you always see Paul and Steve volunteering their time to make the event successful. These are the types of individuals we need to keep Riverdale one of the best communities around. We look forward to the upcoming months where we will be out talking to the residents," said the mayor.

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