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**VILLAGE OF RYE BROOK**

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**Mayor Feinstein Announces Important Alternative Revenue Source for  
Village of Rye Brook that will Lessen Property Tax Burden**

Escalating property taxes remain the biggest issue facing Westchester businesses and residents. Local governments urgently need alternative sources of revenue to support essential services, such as fire, police, and sanitation, as well as critical infrastructure projects. Joined by local officials and legislative sponsors, Senator Suzi Oppenheimer and Assemblyman George Latimer, Rye Brook Mayor Joan Feinstein will announce a new revenue stream that will help alleviate the property tax burden on businesses and families through an occupancy charge on Rye Brook hotel rooms.

The new state law comes as the result of a home rule request by the Village of Rye Brook, which becomes the first village or town in New York State to be granted this authority. Previously, only cities and counties had been allowed to impose a hotel occupancy tax. This alternative revenue source is expected to raise approximately \$400,000 annually for the village of Rye Brook. The cities of New Rochelle, Peekskill, Rye and White Plains, which already have this authority, have successfully reduced their reliance on property taxes through this alternative revenue source.

**WHO:** Rye Brook Mayor Joan Feinstein  
State Senator Suzi Oppenheimer (D-Mamaroneck)  
Assemblyman George Latimer (D-Rye)  
Peter Baynes, Exec. Dir., New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM)  
Chuck Lesnick, President, Westchester Municipal Officials Association (WMOA)

**WHEN:** Tuesday, September 7, 2010 @ 11:00 AM

**WHERE:** Rye Brook Village Hall  
938 King Street  
Rye Brook, NY 10573