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Thanksgiving is behind us and oh-so-much snow has painted our Town a breathtaking landscape. What a picturesque time to reflect on all that has transpired during 2007 in the Town of Brighton!

During this season of giving and giving thanks, I want to express appreciation to the many people who have helped keep our community a great place to live, work and raise a family.

I want to thank you, the voters, for taking an active role in our democratic process. We promise to continue to work hard on behalf of the community.

As town board member Sherry Kraus retires from service, we wish her well and thank her for her commitment to preserving our Town's beautiful tree canopy, expanding Corbett's Glen Nature Park, and saving residents' money through the formation of new refuse collection districts.

We welcome new town board member Sheila Gaddis who brings experience as a volunteer on the Planning Board and Budget Review Task Force.

We also appreciate the generosity of our many volunteers who serve on our citizen boards and task forces and who give of themselves to translate the community's vision into real results. Brighton is a better place because of your efforts.

Our loyal, hardworking employees are the bedrock of Town operations, and they cheerfully perform their roles with grace and dignity. Whether it's removal of ice and snow from our wintry streets, patrolling our neighborhoods to keep us safe and secure, offering recreational enjoyment in our beautiful parks, historic insights at the newly renovated Buckland House, or doing the business of government efficiently and effectively behind the scenes, we have a great team working for you.

In 2007, we continued our aggressive infrastructure improvement program with the completion of major drainage projects, sewer maintenance, sidewalk construction, and road improvements.

To improve communication and access to town government, we published a new Community Map and Guide in partnership with the Brighton Chamber of Commerce.

Doing business with the Town of Brighton is now more convenient than ever before, thanks to our newly designed and user-friendly website at www.townofbrighton.org. Sue Wentworth, Brighton Information Systems Coordinator, completed an outstanding update of the Town's website with CivicPlus, a firm that specializes in government websites.

I want to take a moment to honor the men and women in our Armed Forces who serve our country at home and abroad. For those serving in Iraq and other places of conflict, we wish them a speedy and safe return home. We also thank our Veterans whose service helped to sustain our precious freedoms and way of life. We are eternally grateful.

Brighton is blessed with wonderful assets—nationally recognized schools, excellent public services and programs with a high quality of life, strong neighborhoods, vibrant business districts, and a spirit of giving.

While 2007 saw many new and exciting events and initiatives, more good things are on the horizon for 2008, and I invite you to join us. Consider getting involved by volunteering for a Town of Brighton citizen board or task force, or by volunteering for a community organization like Brighton Kiwanis, Brighton Rotary, Historic Brighton or the Brighton Chamber of Commerce. We have many opportunities for those who wish to explore service to our community. Please contact Joyce Palumbo, Communications Director, at 784-5253 or joycepalumbo@rochester.rr.com for more information about these opportunities.

Let me wish all of you a very happy, healthy and safe New Year, with hope for peace in 2008.