

## Honorary Alumnus Wilbur Breslin

Since founding Breslin Realty Development Corp. in 1953, Wilbur Breslin has developed real estate with the vision of a socially conscious and financially successful entrepreneur. Breslin Realty, a full service, comprehensive real estate development company with experience in construction, land planning, real estate appraising, brokerage, tenant negotiations, property management and creative financing, has grown from a single-person brokerage business to a dynamic real estate development firm. Mr. Breslin attributes his firm's success to their profound knowledge of real estate values. This expertise has enabled Breslin Realty to make its mark in all facets of the real estate business, including the residential and commercial segments, despite financing, redevelopment and new land planning obstacles. The growth of the company and its emergence as a real estate leader can be traced to, and parallels, the explosive growth that took place on Long Island during the past four decades. In addition to Breslin's primary activities on Long Island, the growth of the company in terms of personnel and experience has facilitated the expansion of its real estate activities over an extensive geographic area.

The company reflects the diversity and autonomy of its varied activities. The executive office, currently in Garden City, New York, houses the firm's principal executives and provides all requisite support functions, including accounting, research, market analysis and related services.

Mr. Breslin's vision goes well beyond the developer's eye. He considers the landscape that surrounds his properties, improves road patterns and addresses the need for open space. Mr. Breslin's commitment to turning obsolete properties into aesthetically pleasing sites that help communities prosper has become his trademark philosophy. His record with government officials, community leaders and businesses helps reduce opposition and ameliorate community concern. To date, Wilbur Breslin has participated in 12 residential communities, developed more than 29 retail centers, managed six million square feet of real estate in three states and has leased more than 10 million square feet for a multitude of shopping centers with prominent national, regional and local tenancies.

Breslin Realty is busy working on five major developments on Long Island and in Connecticut. At 85, Wilbur Breslin is still going strong and is the man that politicians and companies call on to work magic in their communities.