

## **MAYOR'S COLUMN**

The New Year is a good time to remind our community of the various Village government schedules and annual tasks. I have gathered information to share on all matters from finance to public works to public safety and general government operations that might be helpful to residents.

- The Village Board of Trustees meets on the evening of the second Monday of each month. Works session usually begin at 6:30PM with the regular meeting of the Board beginning at 8PM. Occasionally, we move the second Monday meeting date when it conflicts with a holiday such as Columbus Day. We have had to schedule additional special meetings to take care of important immediate Village business. In those cases, we always send out a public notice and make postings here at Village Hall. Traditionally, the Board does not have a scheduled meeting for the month of August although we have conducted special meetings in August when needed.
- Village Hall is open Monday through Friday between the hours of 9AM and 4PM, except holidays.
- The New Year is also the time when residents must renew their alarm permits at a fee of \$25.00. Alarm permits expire on December 31st each year and new permits must be filed with the Police Department. Please call the Police Department directly if you have any questions or concerns about alarm permits. Merchants owning coin activated amusement devices must renew their permits as well. The annual permit application is available through the Police Department.
- Police Chief Christopher Satriale advises that the first of the year is also a good time to confirm your emergency contacts with the Police Department. Please call and check what we have on file for your family and make updates that might be necessary.
- The Village Treasurer, Robert Fels, wants to remind residents of some important dates regarding Finance, Tax and Assessment matters. The Village fiscal year runs from June 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>. The first tax payment is due June 1<sup>st</sup> each year and the second half is due

December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Penalties accrue thirty days after these dates.

- Our taxable status date is January 1<sup>st</sup> and all paperwork for renewable exemptions must be filed by then. The tentative tax assessment roll is finalized February 1<sup>st</sup> and the final assessment roll is dated April 1<sup>st</sup> each year.
- The Village conducts a tax lien sale on properties whose taxes went unpaid in March of each year, but always no later than March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Rocco Circosta, Superintendent of Village Public Works, has several reminders for residents. Regarding sanitation schedules, please be advised that the sanitation collection days have been changed as of January 11, 2010. If your collection days for 2009 were on Monday and Thursday, they are now Tuesday and Friday. If your collection days for 2009 were Tuesday and Friday, they are now Monday and Thursday. Recycling days will remain on Wednesday for all residents.
- The Village of Bronxville has requested that the County of Westchester hold an E-waste Day in the Village. As of this writing the E-Waste Day has been tentatively scheduled for May 15, 2010. Further information will be forthcoming as we approach the day. The Bronxville School students held a very successful one this past Saturday and we believe a spring one is also necessary. E-waste includes essentially every type of consumer product that can be plugged in.
- We are also working with Westchester County government to schedule another “Shredder Day” in 2010. Last year our shredder day collected over 2.5 tons of paper.
- Bulky waste pickups can be scheduled through the Public Works Department and cost \$20.00.
- All landscapers should register with the Public Works Department. The Village uses this registration information to send out special notices throughout the year and monitor use of equipment.

- Call Village Hall if you would like to sign up for our e-alert system of disseminating news of immediate importance by e-mail.

I remind residents that much of the information provided here and much more is available on the Village website ([www.villageofbronxville.com](http://www.villageofbronxville.com)). Please take a look at the website whenever you need any information about your Village government.