

Mayor's Column

This past week, the Bronxville Historical Conservancy hung the final pieces of artwork loaned to the Village to grace the walls of the renovated Village Hall. Thanks to the generosity of the Conservancy, the new Village Hall is not only a functioning office space but a living museum of our Village's history. We have artwork by Bronxville artists as well as works depicting the history of the Village spanning centuries. There is also a very informative brochure of the collection available to guide you through Village Hall. So when you come by for routine business, please take some time to tour the building and view the renovation made possible by every resident.

The Village offers a great deal of services at Village Hall in addition to conducting the general business of government. Permits to play on Village tennis and paddle courts are available at the front desk as well as applications for the very popular summer camp program.

Passport applications and voter registration forms are available, though completion of the process must be done through the Postal Service and the Westchester County Board of Elections. If you qualify for a handicapped parking sticker, forms are available at Village Hall in addition to most doctors' offices.

Village Hall is the main location for dog licenses. For a fee of \$22.50, the license aids in identifying lost or stolen dogs. Most importantly, should someone be bitten by a strange dog, the license will identify the owner, and the shot record of the dog to determine if it is free of disease.

Birth and death certificates are also available at Village Hall. To obtain a birth certificate, a photo ID is required in addition to a \$10 processing fee accepted in cash, money order or check. All applicants must have been born at Lawrence Hospital to generate the certificate in Bronxville. Death certificates can be obtained by a spouse, child or executor of a will for \$10. Both certificates can be sent by mail or picked up in person in one to two working days.

Our police department will also do the needed finger prints required for certain jobs for Village residents. Call the general, non-emergency police number at 337-0500 to schedule an appointment.

Our building department on the second floor is the venue for all public works related concerns. Use the e-mail address at BronxvilleDPW@optonline.net at any hour to report a pothole, darkened street light, or any DPW concern.

All permit applications for improvements including plumbing and electrical forms are on line at BronxvilleDPW@optonline.net, save for actual building improvement forms which must be filed in person.

Pick up of special non-garbage items must be done by phone at 337-7338 or in person with Mary Ann in the building department because the type and quantity of goods must be gleaned so that proper trucks are dispatched.

Village Hall staff is highly qualified but quite small so you need to give us ample time to remedy. We are diligent in keeping lists and repairs are made in order of request, only usurped by emergency situations.

The new Village Hall is not only a place of business but now a place of beauty and a repository of Village history thanks to our Historical Conservancy.