

## MAYOR'S COLUMN

The Village's Memorial Day Parade was blessed with picture perfect weather and attendance was the largest in quite a few years. The Village has so many veterans to honor that the turnout was well deserved and so appreciated by our residents who have served our country. A special thank you to the Weir family for so beautifully decorating and maintaining our veterans' graves in the Village cemetery. It was a most fitting tribute.

The parade was also an opportunity for the Village to honor 42 year resident, Christina Eldridge as our Grand Marshall. Chris' life has been one of service to our Village. She has been an Elder of the Reformed Church, Board Member of the Counseling Center and the Community Fund, President of the Bronxville School Board and currently a member of the Village's Board of Assessment Review, just to name a few of her volunteer pursuits. The Trustees and I considered it a privilege to honor her at the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Parade.

In the theme of accomplished women, the Westchester County Municipal Planning Federation has chosen the village's Anna K. Longobardo as one of five winners of the Distinguished Citizen Planner Award. Anna was chosen for her impeccable body of work on behalf of the Village. She has served the Village with distinction for 18 years and currently serves as Vice Chairman of the Planning Board and Chairman of the Design Review Committee.

Anna is a graduate of Columbia College with a degree in engineering and served for many years as a Trustee of Columbia University. Throughout her many years of service to the Village, Anna has not only demonstrated an impressive intellect but a keen sense of fairness and an ability to preserve what is important to the residents of Bronxville. Anna's love for and dedication to our Village serves as a model for many of us at Village Hall.

Continuing in a celebratory spring vein, the Chamber of Commerce will be holding the annual Spring Sidewalk Sale on June 6. Not only will there be great bargains but Park Place will be closed for the day for children's activities, food and entertainment. Local band, Steeplechase, will also be playing on Park Place from 3-5pm. Please come out and support our local merchants.

On Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, the Village has arranged for the County to bring their passport van to Village Hall from 11am – 2pm. This is a fast and easy way to handle all your family's passport needs. Appointments are not necessary.

June also signals the beginning of the ban on the use of gas powered leaf blowers until September 30<sup>th</sup>. Kindly desist from using them and/or alert your landscaping company to the regulation. By banning the blowers, we not only reduce the carbon footprint and limit the unhealthy particulate matter in the air, but it makes for a much quieter and peaceful summer season for all our residents.

And finally, June also signals the beginning of tax season. In the interest of reducing spending and being green, the Village will send out only one tax bill this year. The bill will include two tear-off payment stubs on the bottom and two return envelopes. The first half taxes are due on June 1 and payable without penalty by June 30. The second half will be due on December 1 and payable without penalty by December 31. The two stubs will be clearly labeled. In addition, the Village will only send a tax bill receipt upon request. A check box has been provided on the stub to request a receipt. We will also use our new eAlert service to remind residents to make second half payments in a timely manner. If you haven't already enrolled, please visit us at [www.villageofbronxville.com](http://www.villageofbronxville.com) to have your name added to our new service.