

MAYOR MARVIN'S COLUMN

In most people's minds the Fourth of July weekend signals the official start of the summer. With that in mind, I thought I would refresh Villagers on some of the activities and government functions that are also synonymous with the summer months.

The Pops Concert Series kicks off this Wednesday on the School lawn and performances will be every Wednesday in July at 8PM. So bring a chair and a picnic and enjoy the beautiful music by the Village's own Al Mingrone and orchestra.

The Chamber of Commerce is also continuing their "Street Concert Series". The next one is on the west side of town near Leonard Morange Park on July 16th from 6:30PM to 8:30PM featuring the band Flip Side. They will get you dancing to tunes that you have not heard in years!

Our Farmer's Market will also feature some of its freshest and most plentiful products on summer Saturdays from 8:30AM to 1PM at Stone Place.

On the Village government front, Village Hall instituted summer hours and is now open 9AM to 4PM until September 7th. We were also fortunate to be able to offer employment to some Village teens this summer. They not only do a terrific job but add a level of energy and activity to Village Hall that is most refreshing.

Unlike the schedules of most Villagers, summer is probably the busiest time of year for our Public Works Department. The Village's annual road resurfacing program will begin on August 3rd with a completion date of Labor Day weekend. All homeowners in the neighborhoods involved will receive notices at their doors several days in advance so they can move cars and adjust driving patterns accordingly.

Yard waste and grass clippings will be picked up throughout the summer. We do encourage residents to "Grass Cycle" by leaving clippings on the lawn. Gardening experts recommend this practice as the clippings provide nutrients to the soil in a natural way. If you do remove lawn or yard products, we ask that you bag all waste for curbside pickup. The use of brown kraft yard bags allows for more efficient pickup, eliminates the unsightly piles of debris and protects our storm drains from foreign materials that can clog systems.

The Village does have a law banning the use of gas-powered leaf blowers from June 1st to October 31st. The Village backs up this ban with enforcement and anyone using this equipment will receive an expensive summons. Kindly alert your gardeners as to the ban and if you see someone using the gas blowers, report it immediately to our police desk. Our police officers are also alert to this ban while on normal patrol.

Summer is also a good time for residents to check the conditions of their sidewalks and repair as needed.

Due to rapid plant growth in the summer months, please be mindful that trees and bushes must be trimmed to allow safe passage along sidewalks as well as to maintain visibility at intersections.

As a courtesy, if you plan any summer home improvements while you are away, please remember to alert your neighbors to your work schedule so they can adjust their outdoor plans if necessary.

Also, when you travel, avail yourself of our “Dark House” service. By notifying our police desk of the dates you will be away, an officer will check your home every day.

Our Village is particularly beautiful and peaceful in the summer months so it is an opportune time to enjoy our outdoor restaurants, catch a first run movie or a summer sale at our Village businesses - all while finding a parking space!