

Mayor's Column
September 11, 2018

Happy New Year!! That's what it feels like at Village Hall as we race to finish summer projects to coincide with the return of all of our residents.

The following is a sampling of the major projects undertaken in the village in the last three months – one of our busiest summers on record.

Con Edison Gas Line Replacement Done in an extremely inefficient manner, this project on Midland Avenue was the most challenging of late as work was completed to Tanglewylde Avenue. We have stopped the project until we have assurances that the continuation will have a comprehensive work plan and a reasonable timetable.

Paving Program We have completed a very aggressive paving initiative affecting all Village neighborhoods, including Park Place, Pondfield Road, Elm Rock, Sturgis, Northway, Northwest Way, Kraft Avenue parking lot, Westside traffic circle and parts of Sagamore and Kensington Road, including the installation of new traffic islands.

Bacon Woods A Request for Proposal (RPF) was sent out for bids on the Village park straddling Kensington and Sagamore Roads. This work will continue a plan of upgrading the entire area now that the outdoor parking lot on Kensington is finally gone.

Village Website Work is in the final stages on a complete revamping of our website resulting in a much more comprehensive, service oriented and user friendly site, with just three clicks to accomplish most tasks, eliminating the need for personal visits to Village Hall.

Street Signs A second order of authentic wrought iron street signs was fabricated this summer with installation in the coming weeks.

Parking The Village and NYP Lawrence Hospital have begun conversations about a public/private parking partnership to address parking needs in the Milburn Avenue vicinity.

Infrastructure The Village has applied for three significant grant opportunities to continue our infrastructure repair initiative concentrating on our sanitary sewer system.

Comprehensive Plan Members of our Planning and Zoning Boards met with our planning consultants to begin review of all Village codes and regulations in a very integrated way in light of the changing conditions of a 2018 Village. Subjects to be

reviewed include building size, ground permeability, teardown regulations, tree preservation and length of construction project times as a sampling.

BEST aid Our police department, along with those of Eastchester, Scarsdale and Tuckahoe, have reconfigured a joint Task Force to address the sale and use of drugs in lower Westchester, with an emphasis on opioid sale and use.

Speed Signs We purchased several more electronic movable cautionary speed signs and installed the newest one on Route 22.

Village Partners

Business District Leases are out for almost 100% of our empty storefronts with expected occupancy before the holiday season. A Greek restaurant is nearing remodeling completion on the anchor corner of Pondfield Road and Cedar Street.

Parkway Road The City of Yonkers will be repaving the area near the Boy Scout Field and highway entrances.

Metro North The MTA responded to some items on our To Do list and painted and refurbished areas of the New York bound side. Upgrading their entire property remains one of our highest priorities.

Concordia College The College's new parking plan, in consultation with their neighbors, incorporates landscape improvements as well as the closure of Concordia Place/Tanglewylde Avenue exit, ensuring the integrity of the neighborhood while also providing Concordia needed parking.