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# ONE SQUARE MILE

Official Newsletter of The Village of Bronxville



## Welcome to One Square Mile

### THE LATEST NEWS FROM VILLAGE HALL

I send this with greeting for a relaxing and enjoyable summer. Should you be leaving the Village for stretches of time, please take advantage of our Police Department's "dark house" check and follow the tips offered by our PD in this issue.

If you are remaining in the Village, there is a multitude of activities planned by the Chamber of Commerce, the Pops Concert Band and our own Recreation offerings. It is a change to learn pickleball, use our refurbished tennis courts or polish your skills for the paddle season.

This can all be done in a pleasantly quiet atmosphere as traffic lessens, gas powered blowers are put away until October 15th and parking often frees up. However, don't forget our loyal merchants as quiet does not translate into business and they need our patronage more than ever.

Summer is also a good time to assess capital projects around your home. In that vein, we ask you to think community wide and perhaps fix sidewalks and trim trees and bushes to benefit all your fellow Villagers.

Since storms do increase in the summer, we ask that you enhance any drainage opportunities and be mindful that garden/lawn debris needs to be kept as far away from sewers as possible.

You will notice any increase in Village funded capital projects as we purposely schedule during the summer months to coincide with school closings and less traffic.

Village Hall will be open the entire summer on weekdays 9am to 4pm should you need any assistance. The Library, a Village treasure, is also open and running programs throughout the summer.

Please enjoy all of the Village's outdoor space, perhaps with a book in hand.

Wishing you a joyous and adventurous summer,

Mayor Mary Marvin

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## AROUND TOWN

### EVENTS IN AND AROUND BRONXVILLE

## TAKE BACK DAY - COUNTY SHREDDER

### July 9th 10am to 1pm

The Village’s Green Committee is once again sponsoring a Take Back Day. Click [HERE](#) for details. Note that the County’s Mobile Shredder will be located in the Bronxville School Elementary parking lot along Midland Avenue. Electronics and other outlined accepted items are to be dropped off along Palumbo Place behind Village Hall.

### Bronxville Green Committee

Strong & Sustainable. *Protecting what we love!*



#### About Us

The Bronxville Green Committee, which is part of our local government, is a volunteer organization working to propose and implement environmentally sustainable programs in our community.

### TAKE BACK DAY is HERE!

#### Saturday, July 9th 10AM-1PM

**Take Back Day** is sponsored by the Village of Bronxville with support from the Bronxville Green Committee and DPW to collect resident clothing, electronics and other household donations to ensure they are either reused or recycled.

#### There are two drop-off sites and new traffic flow!

Please visit our website for more details on what will be accepted. [www.bronxvillegreencommittee.org](http://www.bronxvillegreencommittee.org)

**1) Elementary School Parking Lot for paper shredding.** Line up along Midland Avenue, going south as you would for school drop-off and pick-up.

**2) Enter and exit Palumbo Place from Midland Avenue, for drop-off of the following:**

- **Electronics:** Desktops, laptops, tablets, cell phones, TVs, FAX machines, VCRs, printers, and related cords.
- **Gently used clothes, bed linens, and shoes:** Collected by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Family Services of Westchester
- **Plastic tube coat hangers:** Collected by Grad Bag
- **Gently used towels and blankets (no sheets)** to be distributed to local animal shelters

Please show your respect to the staff of Bronxville’s DPW and our volunteers by NOT bringing items that are not accepted.



Big Brothers Big Sisters OF FAMILY SERVICES OF WESTCHESTER



The Bronxville Green Committee, Village of Bronxville NY [www.bronxvillegreencommittee.org](http://www.bronxvillegreencommittee.org)

## THE BRONXVILLE POPS CONCERT BAND

The Bronxville Pops Concert Band was founded in 1974 by Al Mingrone. His mission was to establish FREE traditional music band concerts for our community.

2022 performance dates will be Wednesday evenings at 8:00pm on the Great Lawn in front of the Bronxville High School.

- July 6
- July 13
- July 20
- July 27



## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Thursday, July 21st  
The Fun Ghoul Show - Park Place

Thursday, August 25th  
Plan-B - Parkway Road

The Bronxville Chamber of Commerce presents

# BRONXVILLE summer concerts

all concerts 6:30-8:30 pm

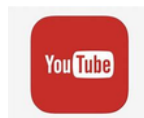
seating available

Bronxville food vendors

street closed

free

Dancing in the streets!







# NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES

July 1, 2022

The Village Board of Trustees meeting on June 13th began with the swearing in of our four new Police Officers. While the Officers joined the force last year, their swearing in ceremony had been postponed due to Covid. All four officers have since undergone extensive training ranging from firearms to programs with The Special Victims Unit of the District Attorney's Office. The officers were individually introduced and sworn in by the three Village Trustees and Deputy Mayor.

Trustee Fredericks introduced Officer Matthew Stein. Matthew is a 30-year-old male of Hispanic descent born in NYC to parents who were both NYPD Officers. Stein has resided in Ardsley his entire life where he attended high school and was a basketball player. He attended Pace University earning a B.A. in Political Science and a Masters in Management in Homeland Security. Stein was a confidential investigator for the NYC Department of Corrections from 2016 to 2017 where he specialized in interviewing Corrections Officers and other Employees regarding internal matters. Matthew became a member of the Greenburgh Police Department in 2017 and served as an officer in their patrol division where he received specialized training Rapid Response and Anti-Bias Principles of Policing. Trustee Fredericks complimented Officer Stein for his significant presence in the community and the positive impact he has already made on the Village.

Trustee Knapp introduced Officer Justin Sokol. Justin is 33 years old, lives in Hartsdale, grew up in the City of Yonkers and his grandmother was a resident of Midland Gardens. He attended Stepinac High School and received a Certificate in Electrical Theory. He earned an Associate's Degree in Science from SUNY Empire. Justin became a member of IBEW Local Union in 2014 and has a commercial driver license with endorsements for passengers, tow trucks and tankers. He joined the NYPD in 2016 where he was assigned to the Patrol Division in the Bronx 49th Precinct and received specialized training in Intelligence and Surveillance and Counter Terrorism. Justin joined the White Plains Police Department in 2020 where he also performed patrol functions. Trustee Knapp praised him for his service and thanked him for saving the life of an overdose victim within a month of joining the force.

Trustee Behrens introduced Officer Ahmed Danso-Faried. Ahmed is 36 years old, was born in Ghana and became a naturalized citizen of the United States in March of 1996. He is fluent in the Akan dialect knows as Twi. Ahmed grew up in Tuckahoe where his parents currently reside and attended Tuckahoe High School. He attended Northeastern University and graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Criminal Justice in 2010. He was a volunteer member of the Eastchester Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Ahmed reached the rank of Captain in the United States Army where he performed duties as an Administrative Officer responsible for training, operational scheduling and budgets. He became a member of the White Plains Police Department in 2017 where he was assigned to the patrol division and received specialized training in DWI Investigations, Radar and Rapid Response. Trustee Behrens thanked Ahmed for honorably serving his country and for the impact he has already made on the Village with his welcoming smile.

Deputy Mayor Underhill introduced Officer Joseph Amoruso. Joseph is 26 years old, grew up in the City of Yonkers, within walking distance of the Village, attended Saunders High School and specialized in HVAC. Joe was a member of the Teamster's Local 456 Union and has a commercial driver license with endorsements in Hazmat, School Bus, Passengers and Tow Trucks. He became a member of the White Plains Police Department in 2019 where he served in the Patrol Division. Joe received specialized training in Radar/Lidar and was tasked with driving the large Mobile Command Vehicle for a variety of emergency situations, accidents and security threats.

Deputy Mayor Underhill passionately emphasized to the four officers that they and the entire police department are the face of the Village and that he is just so proud of the entire force.

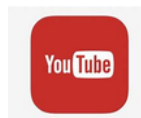
The entire ceremony can be [viewed here](#).



*"True Patriotism Springs From a Belief in the Dignity of the Individual, Freedom and Equality Not Only For Americans But For All People on Earth."  
Eleanor Roosevelt*



Pictured here: Trustee Knapp, Mayor Marvin, PO Sokol, Trustee Fredericks, PO Stein, Chief Satriale, PO Danso-Faried, Deputy Mayor Underhill, PO Amoruso, Trustee Behrens, Village Administrator Palmer





# INSIDE VILLAGE HALL

## ELECTRIC VEHICLES

The Village of Bronxville currently has three dual-port stations accessible within the Village. One unit is located in the Parkway Road Lot and the remaining two are located within the Kensington Garage. An Electric Vehicle Permit is required to use the stations from 8:00AM – 3:00PM Mon-Sat and available without a permit to the public all other times.

Please note, there is no overnight parking at the units.

In the coming months, the Village will be working with our subcontractor, PlugIn Stations, to install two additional dual-port stations in our Garden Avenue Lot. This will bring EV charging to the east side of the Village and improve accessibility to the infrastructure. Anyone interested in using the stations should purchase an EV permit by contacting Janine Marsigliano at JMarsigliano@vobny.com

## IMPORTANT SUMMER REMINDERS

### Landscaping Maintenance:

Overgrown hedges and shrubs block sidewalks, hide street signs and traffic control devices (like stop signs) and reduce visibility for motorists. This is especially true for corner lots. Please make sure your landscaper knows to trim the street and sidewalk side of these plantings.

### Flood Prevention:

Due to the increased rain events the Village DPW is cleaning catch basins more frequently – especially those located near flood prone areas. Please DO NOT place tree branches, yard waste or leaves in the street or on or near catch basins since this debris will only be washed into or on the catch basin and reduce its capacity.

### Con Ed Gas Projects:

Starting July 11th Con Ed will continue with its gas line replacement project down Midland Avenue from just south of Vine Street to Hawthorne Road. The Police Department will be on site directing traffic.

Starting July 18th Con Ed will continue with its gas line replacement down Locust Avenue to Sturgis Road.

All roads will be repaved upon completion of the gas work.

### Other Projects:

Work on the construction of the new traffic signals, sidewalks and curbing for Pondfield at Midland and Pondfield at Gramatan will also start in July.

## USE OF GAS POWERED LEAF BLOWERS

### WHEN PERMITTED:

March 15 - May 15 and October 15 - December 15

NOT PERMITTED ALL OTHER TIMES.

## PICKLEBALL

Did you know? Pickleball was invented at the home of Washington State Congressman Joel Pritchard in 1965, when guests improvised the sport with a badminton court, ping-pong paddles and a perforated plastic ball. More than 50 years later, the net is now at ground level; the ping-pong paddles have been traded for larger, modern composite ones; and the sport is a full-blown phenomenon, with rankings, competitive leagues, tournaments and professional player.

On Friday, June 10 Village Hall staff and Village Hall Trustees Knapp, Behrens and Fredericks met during a beautiful summer evening to play Pickleball on the new courts at our Garden Avenue Tennis Facility. Director of Racquets, Matt Evans was on hand to provide the staff with lessons, tips and tricks after which teams were formed and a several competitive matches were held.

If anyone is interested in lessons, you may contact Matt Evans MEvans@vobny.com. We hope you will take advantage of the Pickleball courts and have as much fun as the VOB staff did!

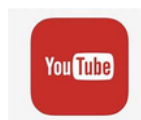


## ADDITIONAL NEWS FROM THE JUNE 13TH BOARD MEETING

Carol Upshur and the Climate Smart Communities Task Force presented the inventory of Communitywide Greenhouse Gas Emissions report. The report estimates greenhouse gas emissions resulting from all municipal, resident and business activities combined, for a baseline year of 2018. The report compliments the April, 2022 report presented on emissions from just municipal operations. The entire report can be [viewed here](#).

The Village Board approved a new five year agreement with PKF O'Connor Davies as the Village's Independent Auditor of the Village's financial statements of governmental activities. The Village Board also acknowledged the Village Treasurer's audit of the 20-21 Justice Court operations. In addition to continuing the firm of Hardesty and Hanover as the Village's outside Planning Consultants the Village Board recognized donations from the Friends of the Bronxville Public Library.

July's Village Board meeting was canceled but the Village Board will schedule a meeting in August to prioritize their fall legislative agenda. Items the Village Board will likely consider in September include a possible tree ordinance to address the removal of trees on private property as well as a reduced Village-wide speed limit given the State's recent adoption of legislation authorizing villages to lower their speed limits to 25 m.p.h. from 30 m.p.h.







# FROM CHIEF SATRIALE'S DESK

## SUMMER TRAVEL SAFETY TIPS

As many residents are off on vacation, we advise homeowners to share your summer vacation schedule with a neighbor, ask them to pick up items left near your home and park a car in your driveway. In addition, if you alert our police desk of your travels, they will add your home to the “dark house” list and drive by on a daily basis.

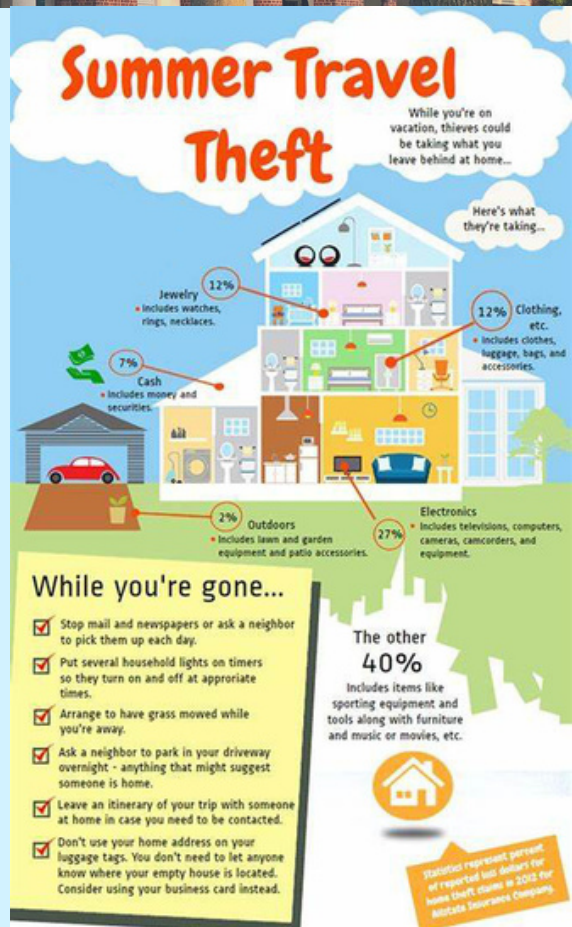
Other safety tips include:

- Putting timers on televisions and radios as well as lights.
- Phone ringers in apartments should be lowered as a persistently audible ringing phone is a sign of an empty dwelling.
- Keep the garage doors locked and secure mowers, barbecues and bicycles inside.
- Trim trees and shrubs to avoid creating a screen for intruders.
- Don't leave hidden keys. Burglars tend to know all the hiding places.
- Be a good neighbor. If you notice anything unusual, call the police immediately. While you are awaiting their arrival, write down any license plate numbers or description of persons.
- Take advantage of our E-Alert system to receive phone updates on any criminal activity in the Village as well as real time updates on critical incidents affecting the Village, including power outages and weather warnings.
- If you do return home and find a tampered door or window, do not enter your home. Go to a neighbor to use a landline or call from your cell phone a good distance away from your home. Do not touch anything until the police have inspected for evidence.

Below the senior leadership of the department led by Chief Christopher Satriale and Lieutenant Richard Bunyan pose with the new officers following the swearing in ceremony



Pictured from back to front:  
Sgt. Nicholas DeYoung, Lt. Richard Bunyan, Sgt. Bart Sandarciero, PO Justin Sokol, PO Matthew Stein, Chief Christopher Satriale, PO Joseph Amoruso, PO Ahmed Danso-Faried



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