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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 greetings 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 time 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 storm sewers as possible.

You will notice an increase in Village funded capital projects as well as utility work 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

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.

2023 performance dates will be Wednesday evenings at 8:00pm on the Great Lawn in front of the Bronxville High School.

July 12

July 19

July 27



SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Thursday, July 20th

6:30pm, Park Place

Boyz Nite Out - Alternative and Classic Time

Thursday, August 24th

6:30pm, Parkway Road



Pictured above: Police Officers Justin Sokol, Matthew Stein and Kevin Iglesias pose for a photo with Trustee Behrens, Trustee Knapp and Administrator Palmer during the Chamber of Commerce's first summer concert and car show on Parkway Road.

FARMERS MARKET OPEN EVERY SATURDAY
at the Corner of Paxton Ave & Stone Place
8:30am to 1:00pm Rain or Shine!



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NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES

The Village Board of Trustees meeting on June 12th began with the swearing in of Sergeant William Carroll to Lieutenant, Sergeant Nicholas DeYoung to Lieutenant, Police Officer Michael Lewis to Sergeant and Police Officer Christopher Blessington to Sergeant (pictured to the right).



Chief Christopher Satriale and the new Lieutenants also recognized members of the Police Department for several heroic acts during and following the Covid pandemic. A highlight of the presentations included a recognition of PO Danso-Faried and other first responders from the EFD and EVAC who provided life saving measures to an Iona University student on campus in October 2022.



The meeting included the adoption of the following resolutions:

- Wood End Sanitary Sewer Force Main – Following a public hearing, the Village Board adopted the Westchester County Health Department’s requirements for force main service connections.
- Teamsters Contract – A new three-year contract commencing with the 2023-24 fiscal year was adopted with the Teamsters representing the Department of Public Works employees.
- West Side Circle Improvements – The Village Board authorized Colliers Engineering to finalize designs and prepare construction documents for the permanent improvements planned for the West Side. The permanent improvements include sidewalk extensions at the Milburn crosswalks at Parkway Road and will replace the temporary bollards which have been installed since last summer.
- Justice Court Audit – The Village Board acknowledged the completion of the 2021-22 Justice Court audit which will be filed with the Office of Court Administration (OCA).
- Hamilton and Sussex Capital Project – A new capital project was established with initial funding to begin survey and design work for drainage improvements to address flooding in this area.
- Additional items approved can be found [here](#).

During the Village Board’s Work Session members of the Green Committee were in attendance to present a draft of the Village’s first Climate Action Plan (CAP) for municipal operations. The draft plan can be found [here](#). The Village Board will consider adoption of the plan in the fall following a public presentation and input.

Members of the Library Board of Trustees were also in attendance and provided the Village Board with a schematic, budget and project details for the planned public space improvements at the Library. You can learn more by going [here](#):

The Village Board will be holding a Work Session on Monday, July 17th at 4pm to learn the findings of Street Plans and their conceptual designs for Park Place including options for making it one way.





INSIDE VILLAGE HALL

RECREATION

SAGAMORE PARK

Sagamore Park is currently closed while renovations are underway. Existing equipment on the main level of the Park is being removed and replaced with new structures. Landscaping improvements are also being made. The Park will reopen later this month.

MALTBY PARK

Renovations to Maltby Park will commence mid-July and continue through Early September. Improvements will include new landscaping, fencing, playground equipment, and sitting areas. Designs of this public- community partnership can be found [here](#).



PUBLIC WORKS - 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 you or your landscapers know 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.

Other Resources:

Weather Conditions and Air Quality Resources:

Air quality can be monitored through this New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) website: [Air Quality Index \(AQI\) forecast for New York State](#)

Weather Information and Resources:

NWS New York Website: <https://www.weather.gov/okx/>
New York Summer DSS Website: https://www.weather.gov/okx/emnew_summer
River Gauges and Forecasts: <https://water.weather.gov/ahps2/index.php?wfo=okx>
NWS New York Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/NWSNewYorkNY>
NWS New York Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/NWSNewYorkNY>
Online Severe Weather Reporting: <https://www.weather.gov/okx/SubmitStormReport>

Con Edison Information:

Con Edison – Tracking and Reporting Outages: <https://www.coned.com/en/services-and-outages/report-track-service-issue>





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PUBLIC WORKS

The DPW, working in concert with the Bronxville Beautification Committee (BBC) is sprucing up the downtown. The Village purchased additional planters which have been filled with new flowers provided by the BBC.



Pictured above are two DPW summer helpers Chris Kely and Madhav Rana refinishing benches throughout the Village.



Parking Enforcement Officer, Joseph Scaglione, retired after 37 years of dedicated service to Bronxville and his service was celebrated with a luncheon at the DPW complex.



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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.

Summer Travel Theft

While you're on vacation, thieves could be taking what you leave behind at home...

Here's what they're taking...

- 12% Jewelry** - Includes watches, rings, necklaces.
- 7% Cash** - Includes money and securities.
- 12% Clothing, etc.** - Includes clothes, luggage, bags, and accessories.
- 27% Electronics** - Includes televisions, computers, cameras, camcorders, and equipment.
- 2% Outdoors** - Includes lawn and garden equipment and patio accessories.

While you're gone...

- ✓ Stop mail and newspapers or ask a neighbor to pick them up each day.
- ✓ Put several household lights on timers so they turn on and off at appropriate times.
- ✓ Arrange to have grass mowed while you're away.
- ✓ Ask a neighbor to park in your driveway overnight - anything that might suggest someone is home.
- ✓ Leave an itinerary of your trip with someone at home in case you need to be contacted.
- ✓ Don't use your home address on your luggage tags. You don't need to let anyone know where your empty house is located. Consider using your business card instead.

The other 40%
Includes items like sporting equipment and tools along with furniture and music or movies, etc.

Statistics represent percent of reported loss dollars for home theft claims in 2019 for MetLife Insurance Company.



OFFICER NICOLE LONGO and OFFICER KEVIN IGLESIAS are sworn in by Mayor Mary Marvin.

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LIEUTENANT RICHARD BUNYAN RETIRES AFTER 41 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

