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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

The daffodils are about to bud near the train station and the crocuses popping up on Village lawns signal that warmer weather has certainly arrived and we survived a relatively snowless winter, though it seems that rain found the Village much too often.

With the hopeful arrival of spring, our newsletter is detailing important property owner obligations as they relate to sidewalk maintenance, tree pruning and landscaping improvements.

In some instances landscaping may encroach well out into the right of way and limit site lines for motorists, bikers and most importantly cause pedestrians to have to walk in the street.

As you embark on your interior spring-cleaning, please be mindful of the exterior maintenance and safety precautions needed around your home.

In the interest of an aesthetically pleasing and healthy environment in which to hopefully walk about the Village, I remind you that we do have an idling law which has a limit of three minutes when the temperature is above 32°. The problem is particularly noticeable in school zones and downtown pick up areas. Under the same theme of a healthy environment, all of our public parks are smoke-free.

The seemingly never ending forecast of rain has the Village continuously working on several storm sewer initiatives. Following residents and Mount Vernon's request for additional information about proposed improvements near the Mount Vernon border, Village officials will be meeting with our peers in government as well as our residents to further explain our projects and incorporate concerns before moving forward.

Our newsletter also details two important public hearings scheduled for the Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, March 11th, one of which deals with reducing inflow and infiltration of water into the public sanitary sewer system, which has become a significant problem when heavy rains arrive and the other public hearing to override the tax levy set by NYS. The Village is doing spring cleaning as well; sprucing up our parks, benches and waste receptacles as we hope you will enjoy the few but beautiful open spaces we have in the Village for recreation and peaceful rest.

Happy spring to all,

Mayor Mary Marvin

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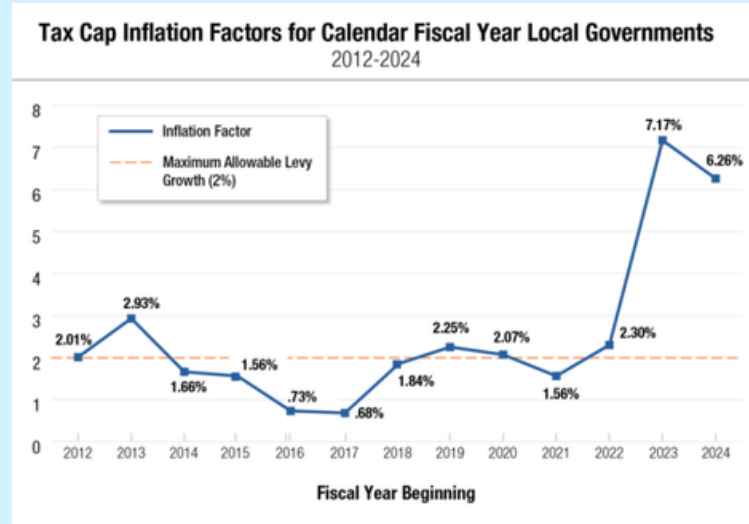
NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES

The Village Board began their monthly meeting with the attendance of Village Assessor Mark Heinbockel who provided the Board an update on the 2024 assessment roll and valuation trends in the Village. Mark explained that for the first time in over a decade the State was issuing a level of assessment for the Village that was lower than his valuation reflecting that the state determined property growth increased faster than the market values determined by the Assessor.

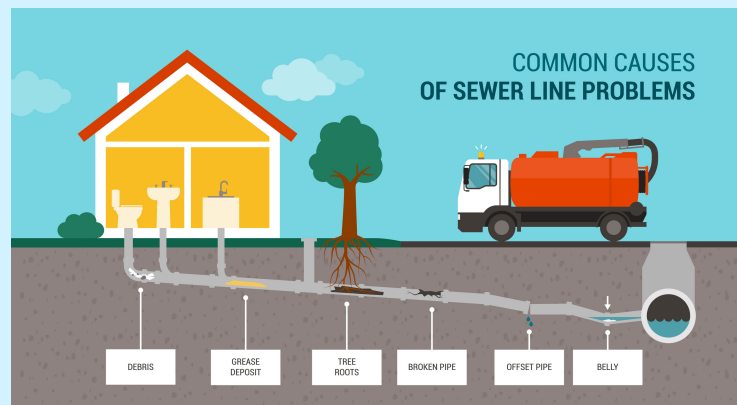
The Board listened to a presentation by Sustainable Westchester’s Executive Director Noam Bransom and xxx on the Westchester Power program. The Board adopted resolutions for a continuation of the agreement with Fiscal Advisors and Marketing for services related to the preparation of official notices for future debt issuances and for the 2023-24 tax lien sale to take place on March 14th.

The Board scheduled two public hearings for the March 11th meeting:

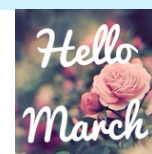
Tax Cap Over-Ride Legislation: The local law is considered annually prior to the consideration and adoption of the new fiscal year’s budget since the State Law requires that any municipality considering exceeding the State allowable increase in the local tax levy for the year, first adopt the legislation before approving their municipal budget. The time constraints pose significant challenges since budgets for villages aren’t presented until almost April and the budgets have to be adopted by State law by May 1. As additional background, the tax cap legislation was adopted in 2012 and limits local levy increases to 2% or the rate of inflation – whichever is lower. To the right is a chart detailing the tax cap levy limits of 2% and the rate of inflation over the same period. For 2024 our tax cap is 2% while the rate of inflation is 6.2% (as measured by the NYSDOL) The Local Law can be found by clicking here: [Proposed Local Law 1-2024](#)



Amendments to Chapter 256 of The Village Code Establishing Standards for the Maintenance of Sanitary Sewer Laterals: Proposed local law will identify minimum standards on how a sanitary sewer lateral should be maintained, define requirements for the correction of defective conditions and also establish criteria for when inspections of sanitary sewer laterals would be required. The purpose of the local law is to reduce infiltration and inflow of clean waters into the public sanitary sewer system and to reduce sewage exfiltration into the natural waterways of the Village. The picture to the right identifies common sewer later problems before it connects to the public main. The full local law can be viewed here: [Proposed Local Law 2-2024](#)



In addition to the public hearings the Village Board will consider a resolution that accounts for the full use of all our American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding as well as resolution that authorizes the use of unassigned fund balance to close out several capital projects.





AROUND TOWN EVENTS IN AND AROUND BRONXVILLE

EASTCHESTER IRISH-AMERICAN SOCIAL CLUB - ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The 2024 Eastchester St. Patrick's Day Parade is on Sunday, March 10, 2024 at 3pm.

The parade starts at 3pm from the Immaculate Conception School and proceeds north on Main Street, Eastchester.

At the White Plains Road intersection, it continues north on White Plains Road to Lake Isle Country Club.

[Please click here for details.](#)

VILLAGE ELECTION DAY

Village Election Day is Tuesday, March 19, 2024. Positions to be filled include two Village Trustees for two-year terms and one Village Justice for a four-year term.

Polling places will be open from 6:00am to 9:00pm.

Polling places are as follows:

- Village Hall - Districts 16 & 17 - 200 Pondfield Rd
- Fire House - Districts 18, 19 & 21 - Corner of Midland Ave and Palumbo Place (parking available in new lot along Palumbo Place)
- Christ Church - District 20 & 22 - 18 - Kensington Road

Click [here](#) for more details about voting in the Village Election.

Click [here](#) to obtain an ABSENTEE BALLOT from the Westchester County Board of Elections.



SAVE THE DATE

In addition to celebrating Arbor Day and our continued Tree City USA designation on Friday, April 26th, the Village will be celebrating Earth Day on Monday, April 22 and additional information on events be will be provided next month. The annual clean-up day in the Village will likely be scheduled as part of the celebrations.



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[Click here](#) for the Bronxville Chamber of Commerce Website





INSIDE VILLAGE HALL

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS IMPORTANT SPRING REMINDERS

Below are some important Spring reminders concerning property maintenance and sidewalk maintenance.

Gas Powered Leaf Blowers: Village ordinance permits gas powered leaf blowers from March 15 – May 15 and again from Oct 15 – Dec 15; they may be used between 8AM to 6PM Monday through Saturday. Please make sure your landscaping companies comply with the ordinance. Additionally, all landscape professionals must have a permit from the Village to operate within our community. Anyone found operating without a permit may have their work stopped until in compliance with the regulations. Landscaper permit applications are available through the Public Works webpage,

Tree Maintenance: Village residents must maintain and trim any trees on their property including trimming trees when they hang over public streets and sidewalks and/or create obstructions of signage or intersections. Additionally, we are asking residents to help the Village maintain our historic tree canopy by cutting invasive vines that may be growing on trees on your property. Given enough time, these vines will eventually kill the tree that can pose hazards to your home and roadways. Please talk to your landscape professional for the most appropriate method of removal.



Landscape Obstructions: It is important for all residents to make sure street corners are free from any and all obstructions. Plantings at corners must not exceed 30 inches in height within 50 feet from the curb line. You will be required to remove any plants or trees found to obstruct intersections. Please reach out to Stephen Shallo at sshallo@vobny.com if you are unclear about this requirement or whether your plantings have created an obstruction.

Sidewalk Maintenance: The Village continues to promote and encourage walkability throughout our community. Residents should inspect their sidewalks regularly and make any repairs to uneven or damage walkway surfaces. Prior to any repair work, contractors must submit a Sidewalk Repair/Replacement Application to Village Hall. The Village will be issuing notices in the coming weeks to any property owners that have sidewalks that need repair or replacement.

Idling: When picking up your children from school or, during your visits to our local businesses, please remember the Village prohibits the idling of motor vehicles for more than three minutes. Signs have been installed in front of the Bronxville School to remind drivers of this requirement. With a very simple effort on your part, you can help maintain air quality in our community and protect the health of our residents and visitors. Please do not idle your vehicle. Thank you!

Smoking is prohibited in all Village parks, playgrounds and recreational facilities in addition to Village Hall and Library.

Photo of new library patio starting to take shape. Completion anticipated early this summer.



TREE CITY USA

Tree City USA Bronxville is proud to once again be recognized as a Tree City USA community. In 1976, the Arbor Day Foundation began the Tree City USA program to provide communities with a framework to maintain and grow their tree cover and to celebrate their work and their commitment to the environment. Today, more than 3,600 communities participate from all 50 states, Washington D.C., and Puerto Rico. There are many reasons why this designation and protecting Bronxville’s trees are important. Trees help to: Mitigate climate change Reduce flooding and provide cooling Remove air pollution and muffle noise Provide privacy for our homes and habitat for wildlife Contribute to our mental and physical well-being Increase property values Visit our website to learn more about the importance of trees and how to care for them on your property. Look for more information this Spring about how the Village is working to maintain and grow our beautiful tree canopy.





FROM CHIEF SATRIALE'S DESK

The Police Department continues to provide extensive training to all officers. Highlights this month include Officer Jason Cooper who is the latest Officer to complete and pass his EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) training and exam. The number of officers in the Department now trained as EMT's is five and they are scheduled throughout all tours allowing for this expertise to be available at all times for the community.

Students and staff at The Chapel School recognized the Bronxville Police Department by collecting snacks and inviting them to a morning service. Six members of the department attended the service and were thankful to accept the recognition and the snacks.



NEW TEXTILE RECYCLING PROGRAM

The Village of Bronxville is excited to announce our partnership with Helpsy, in collaboration with Westchester County, to offer a free home pickup clothing recycling service for the local community. This new service makes it as easy as possible for residents to responsibly dispose of their unwanted clothing. Additionally, the service is expected to lighten regular sanitation collections and save the planet resources by keeping clothes out of the trash.

As a clothing collection company and a certified B corporation with an environmental mission to extend the useful life of clothing, Helpsy partners with municipalities and organizations across 10 states to collect unwanted clothing. Helpsy operates 1,200 clothing collection points and provides free curbside service to millions of Americans. The company funds numerous charities and thrift stores to give consumers convenient and compelling alternatives to garbage. Currently they collect an item of clothing every second.

In 2023 alone, Helpsy diverted nearly 30 million pounds of textiles from the waste stream through a combination of clothing drives, home pickups, thrift store partners and clothing bins.

The new service will begin on March 09th, 2024 and pickups will take place weekly on Saturdays between 7am-5pm. In order to recycle bagged and clean clothing, the community can sign up at www.helpsy.com/bronxvilleny or can call 1-800-244-6350.

Recycle your clothes for FREE with Helpsy Home Pick Up Service



BAG UP

Prepare your textiles in a waterproof bag.



SIGN UP

Enter your information and pick a date.



PICK UP

Label and place your bags at the address provided before 7 AM.

To learn more visit www.helpsy.com/bronxvilleny

We accept clothing, accessories, shoes, linens, blankets, quilts, table linens, stuffed animals, curtains, and more!





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