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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

To My Fellow Villagers,

This past month was marked by a period of highs and lows in the Village. Many of our fellow residents suffered back-to-back damage due to unprecedented rain events that plagued the metropolitan area.

The Trustees and I continue to engage experts to develop remediation measures to spare our neighbors the fear of flooding every time major downfalls are expected. We thank our neighbors affected for their understanding and graciousness in light of, for some, truly major losses.

On a positive note, the Bronxville School was spared stormwater damage thanks to the major pumping system built in cooperation between the Village and the school.

During this rainy season, the Village had scheduled its celebratory commemoration of our 125th anniversary.

Thanks to the incredible support of our residents affected by the storm who graciously supported the continuance of the event, we decided to go forward with the festivities on Sunday, October 1st.

The event which had a major focus on some of our youngest residents, exceeded our wildest expectations. Over 1000 people attended and with great joy we served them 500 hotdogs, 500 hamburgers, 250 chicken kebabs, 500 Häagen-Dazs ice cream bars, cider, coffee, cheese platters, anniversary cake...You name it!

We could not have done it without the incredible generosity of our Village merchants, who stepped up in a most unprecedented way a show of solidarity as our village partner. Our police department also donated the burgers and dogs and many of you saw the police chief as the grill master during the entire event.

We invited all of the organizations that make up the fabric of the Village to have a table and share their good works and hopefully recruit more villagers to join organizations or institutions that interest them.

The collaboration between our business district and Village organizations and the incredible support from our Bronxville School was overwhelming and I would argue unprecedented.

The feeling of community, friendship, warmth, unity of spirit and camaraderie were palpable. The day truly turned out to be a magical moment for the Village.

The entire event was organized by a dream team headed by event chair Lisa Rao and her incredibly capable team. Trustees, Helen Knapp and Mary Taylor Behrens, Bronxville Historical Conservancy members, Marilyn Hill and Suzanne Pratt-Davis, Cara Martin-Rulli, Erin Saluti, Jane Scott, Maureen Stapleton, Leslie Corcoran and all the Village volunteers. It really does take a Village!

Happy Fall,

Mayor Mary Marvin

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AROUND TOWN

EVENTS IN AND AROUND BRONXVILLE

2023 FLU VACCINE PROGRAM

Thursday, October 12th 9AM to 2PM

Provided by NewYork-Presbyterian Westchester
Village Hall - 200 Pondfield Rd, Bronxville

NewYork-Presbyterian
Westchester

Free Flu Vaccinations | 2023
Ages 19+ | No Appointment Needed

Thursday, October 12, 2023
9AM – 2PM
Bronxville Courtroom at Village Hall
200 Pondfield Road, Bronxville

Tuesday, October 17, 2023
9AM – 2PM
Eastchester Public Library
11 Oakridge Place, Eastchester

Wednesday, October 25, 2023
10AM – 2PM
Tuckahoe Community Center
71 Columbus Avenue, Tuckahoe

For the first time, we are offering the high-dose flu vaccine to people aged 65 and older, to help provide a stronger immune response against influenza.

Vaccinations will be administered by NewYork-Presbyterian nurses.

For Your Safety

Please stay home if you have a fever greater than 100 or have been diagnosed with COVID in the last 5 days.

For more information, please call our Flu Shot Hotline at 914-787-6060.

THE COMMUNITY FUND
BRONXVILLE • EASTCHESTER • TUCKAHOE

Co-sponsored by The Community Fund of Bronxville, Eastchester and Tuckahoe.



MALTBY PARK GRAND OPENING

Monday, October 16th
Public opening of Maltby Park Playground

TAKE BACK DAY: Drop Off Your Household Items for Reuse & Recycling!

Saturday, October 28th 10AM-1PM.

This is a great opportunity to clean out your donation bin, recycle old electronics and shred confidential documents while also reducing our waste stream! The County Mobile Shredder will be located at the Elementary School Parking lot. All donations and e-waste will be collected at Palumbo Place, behind Village Hall. Learn more [HERE](#).

This event is sponsored by the Village of Bronxville with support from the Bronxville Green Committee and the DPW to ensure resident household items are properly reused or recycled.



BRONXVILLE SCHOOL - HALLOWEEN PARADE

October 31st - 9am to 10am: The annual Halloween Parade is hosted by The Bronxville School Student Council. Dress up in your costume and parade around the school to the haunted house created by the Senior class. After the parade head to the Village and join your local businesses for trick or treating downtown.



SAVE THE DATE

November 7th - Election Day

4th Annual Thanksgiving Sides Food Drive kicks off Nov 8-15





NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES

The Village's September 11th regular meeting included several presentations including the recognition of both Linda Thomas and Joseph Scaglione both of whom retired over the summer after a collective 73 years of service to the Village.

The Library Board of Trustees were present to update the Village Board on their fundraising efforts for the planned outdoor reading garden.

The Board of Trustees scheduled a public hearing to amend Chapter 47 of the Village Code to clarify residency requirements for both the both the Building Inspector and Assistant Building Inspector. The Board also extended an existing service agreement with BPAS Actuarial and Pension Services to complete a valuation on the cost of post-employment benefits including health insurance as is required for local government financial reports.

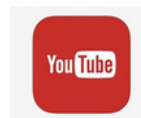
The next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, October 16, 2023 and will include the following items:

- Presentation by the Green Committee on the draft Climate Action Plan (CAP). A copy can be [found here](#):
- Public Hearing on clarification of residency requirements for certain public officials. A copy of the draft local law can be [found here](#):
- The Board will authorize the submittal and acceptance of several state and municipal facilities grants including funding for Maltby Park improvements, west side circle curbing and sidewalk improvements and funding for the Library outdoor reading garden.
- The Board will consider a resolution regarding the mid-block crosswalk on Route 22.

The full agenda will be available on the Village website on Friday, October 13th.

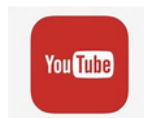
"AUTUMN IS A
SECOND
SPRING
WHEN EVERY
LEAF IS A
FLOWER."

ALBERT CAMUS





Celebrating 125th Anniversary of Bronxville





INSIDE VILLAGE HALL

REMINDER: Leaf Blower Ban will be lifted from October 15th to December 15th

PARKING

Reminder the resident and commuter permits expired September 30. Please make sure your new permit(s) are displayed. The link to renew your permit(s) or apply for permit(s) as a new resident is dsparkportal.com/bronxville.

Please contact Janine Marsigliano, Parking Office Manager at jmarsigliano@vobny.com.

RECREATION

Director of Racquets, Matt Evans has been hard at work expanding programming, providing clinics and lessons. Despite the significant rain the clay courts have remained open thanks to Matt's efforts. We wish our Bronxville High School tennis athletes the best of luck in the post-season matches! As a reminder, our tennis season will end October 31st. Looking ahead, we are excited for the start of our Paddle season. Please visit Village Hall to purchase your Paddle permits!

FALL TREE PLANTING

We are in the process of securing grant funding from NYS Energy Research & Development (NYSERDA) as part of the Clean Energy Communities program that helps guide the Village's efforts to create a health and sustainable community. We are grateful for the hard work of our Green Committee members who were instrumental in helping the Village qualify for the grant. The funds be used for the planting of several new trees this fall at various locations including several in our downtown business district and others in neighborhood green spaces.

LEAVES

As a reminder, the Village wide gas-powered leaf blower ban is lifted from October 15th – December 15th. Please remember to place all leaves curbside and keep them off the street and sidewalks and do not mix twigs, branches, or other organic debris into the leaf piles. We encourage you to mulch your leaves!

IMPORTANT:

Do not place any debris on or near catch basins. This will help reduce the risk of additional material entering the stormwater conveyance system.

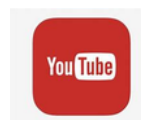
Please visit our Public Works page at www.villageofbronxville.com for more information regarding leaf collection or collection schedules.

LIBRARY

The planned improvements associated with the design of the outdoor reading garden were put out to bid in late September and bids are currently under review.

The project will likely be awarded at a future meeting of the Village Board of Trustees.

You can learn more about the proposed project by visiting the Library's website by [clicking here](#):





STORMWATER AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEMS: IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PAST, PRESENT AND PLANNED INITIATIVES TO ADDRESS FLOODING AND SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOWS AND BACKUPS:

STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE:

Midland Pump System:

Following FEMA approval and funding in 2012, the complex stormwater force main and pumping system was constructed in 2016-17 and became operational in 2018. The system has been essential to reducing flooding on the Bronxville School campus and in the Midland Valley Drainage Basin. Additional improvements have eliminated flooding in the school all together.

Stormwater System Mapping:

The Village participated in multi-jurisdictional grant program to digitally map all of the Village's stormwater conveyance systems. The maps serves a variety of purposes including identifying areas where the Village's system is undersized or in need of additional catch basins.

Storm Drain Repairs:

Catch basins continue to be replaced or repaired as needed and due to the increased stormwater and large scale rain events are cleaned more frequently throughout the year.

Storm System Cleaning:

Lines have been televised to confirm integrity and also cleaned with high pressure hoses to remove debris or other material that can reduce capacity. More than 8000 linear feet of stormwater infrastructure has been televised.

Bronx River Flood Study:

The study finally commenced late this summer and is being performed by a consulting company under the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's Resilient NY Program. The study will attempt to identify feasible short and long term solutions to flooding along the Bronx River including the corridor along Paxton Avenue and Parkway Road.

Hamilton-Sussex Neighborhoods Stormwater System Upgrade:

Following on going flooding in this area and surrounding neighborhoods a the Village's Consulting Engineer is finalizing a design to expand the Village's stormwater system in this area. Construction will start toward the end of November this year.

Alder – Grove – Dusenberry Stormwater System Upgrade:

The Village is partnering with the Town of Eastchester to address flooding in this area known as the Crawford Drainage Basin.

In addition to these items and in an effort to reduce flooding in the Village, the Village Board amended the Village Code in 2021 to reduce the allowable lot coverage and increased home setback requirements. We urge residents to ensure that any property drainage systems such as drywells are properly maintained and inspected regularly. Stormwater is also not permitted to be discharged directly to the Village roadway.

SANITARY SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE:

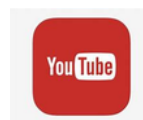
Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Televising:

Like the stormwater system the Village has implemented an ongoing cleaning and televising program to ensure the integrity of the system and to identify areas in need of repair, replacement or lining. Over the past decade the Village has televised all of the sewer lines in the Central Business District and all primary lines.

Sanitary Sewer Repairs, Replacement and Lining:

The Village has a contract with Green Mountain Pipeline Services of Vermont to line the Village's sanitary sewer. To date, over 4,000 l.f. of sewer pipe has been lined – including all the lines in the Central Business District.

In addition to these maintenance and capital projects the Village will consider adopting legislation that requires property owners to certify the condition of their lateral sewer line from the property to the municipal line in the street. This actions will help reduce what is known as I&I – Inflow and Infiltration – the overflow of rainwater into private and public sewer lines that can overwhelm the sewer system and create a backup in a residence or business. Backflow devices are one tool that can help reduce the risk of a backup in a property. You can learn more about backflow devices on the [Village's website](#) – [under the Public Works Page](#).





GREEN COMMITTEE

Climate Action Plan for Municipal Operations

On October 16, the Bronxville Green Committee will present for the Trustees' consideration a Climate Action Plan for Municipal Operations, which proposes steps to take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions caused by government operations 40% by 2030. Bronxville residents are encouraged to read the [PLAN](#) on the Village website and offer comments via email before this date or in person during the Trustees' meeting.

To learn more about Bronxville's NYS Climate Smart Communities Bronze certification and how the Climate Action Plan for Municipal Operations was developed, click [HERE](#).

Once it's passed by the Trustees in a resolution, Bronxville's Climate Action Plan for Municipal Operations will act as a guide for the Village's ongoing work to reduce emissions and promote sustainability. We encourage you to read the plan and attend the meeting.

Alfredo Park

Something amazing has been taking place on the east side of Bronxville at Alfredo Park! Local resident

Ben Lentz has been leading the transformation of what was once a wilderness of invasive weeds into a public park of gorgeous native plant gardens. With the help of volunteers from the nearby neighborhood, Bronxville Scouts, and the Bronxville Green Committee, Ben has been working for several seasons to remove aggressive, persistent invasive plants and replace them with plants that are native to our area and support local wildlife such as native bees, butterflies, iridescent wasps, and hummingbirds!

In addition to many ecological benefits, native plants can help reduce flooding. Visit our [Healthy Yards](#) page to learn more about how native planting may be beneficial for your yard.

Bronxville's Alfredo Park is located across from Tuckahoe's Cottle School on Archer Place (running one-way from Crawford to Dusenberry) and may provide just the inspiration you need!



Good Green News Legislation

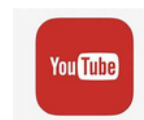
A new law went into effect September 2, 2023, Westchester County "Upon Request" law states no food service establishment will provide single-use foodware or condiment packets to any dine-in or take-away customer unless specifically requested. Items include forks, knives, spoons, chopsticks, cup sleeves, beverage lids and condiment packets or cups. Learn more [HERE](#).



An Exciting Community EV Event!

On Saturday, October 21st from 10AM until Noon, all are welcome at the Eastchester Public Library parking lot at 11 Oakridge Place for a lively exhibition of electric vehicles of all kinds. Hosted jointly by the sustainability committees of Eastchester, Tuckahoe, and Bronxville, this event is your chance to learn everything you've ever wanted to know about EV cars, buses, and police vehicles. Representatives from companies that install charging stations will offer information about public charging stations, and onsite electricians will explain what you will need in the way of electrical upgrades, if any, to make charging at your home cheap and easy. Staff from Bronxville and Tuckahoe village governments will also be available to answer questions about public charging stations within their municipal borders, including locations and fees. Representatives from local utilities will discuss their programs and incentives--all to encourage us to make the transition to energy smart transportation.

This event is free and will be fun for the whole family!





FROM CHIEF SATRIALE'S DESK HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Walk Safely

1. Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
2. Put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
3. Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
4. Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
5. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
6. Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.
7. Join kids under age 12 for trick-or-treating. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, tell them to stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.

For Additional Halloween Safety Tips [click here](#)



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EMERGENCY ALERTS, AND INFO FROM SPECIFIC VILLAGE HALL
DEPARTMENTS. SIGN UP [HERE](#)

COVID News

The latest data from the New York State Department of Health shows hospital admissions for COVID have increased by 22 percent when compared from July to August. As we again see an increase in cases of COVID-19, I urge all in our community to remember COVID is a treatable disease. COVID tests are easy to use as well as highly accurate. If you test positive, speak with a healthcare provider about treatment, which can prevent hospitalization and death.

Your household can get four (4) free at-home COVID-19 tests this fall on [COVIDTests.gov](https://www.covid.gov/tests). Every U.S. household may place an order to receive four free COVID-19 rapid tests delivered directly to their home. <https://www.covid.gov/tests>

