

MAYOR MARVIN'S COLUMN

With the winter season comes a host of issues and questions that are germane to this time of year. The following is a compilation of answers to questions we have received at Village Hall in the last month or so as well as pertinent notices for upcoming winter events.

- According to Village Code, sidewalks in our business district must be cleaned of snow and ice by 9AM and 4PM each day of a snowfall whether or not snow is still falling. Sidewalks in our residential areas must be cleaned within 12 hours of the cessation of a snowfall, and residual ice must be covered with sand or the like to be safe for pedestrian passage.

Note: As you might have guessed, our snow removal budget has already been depleted for the budget year. Last week, we had to purchase an additional \$7,000 of salt and the forecast is for more of the same. In my opinion, however, I do believe our Department of Public Works staff does the finest job in the area. They take great pride and responsibility in making sure that the streets are safe for Villagers and visitors.

- Alarm permits were due by the first of the year accompanied by a registration fee of \$50. Our police will, of course, respond to every activated alarm but visits to unregistered alarm locations will result in the owner receiving an appearance ticket requiring his presence before the Village Court as outlined in the Village Code.
- Since New York State no longer subsidizes the cost of dog licensing, dog owners in Tuckahoe and Bronxville will now need to get all licenses through the Town of Eastchester. Eastchester Town Hall is located at 40 Mill Road and is open daily from 8:30AM – 4:30PM.
- Individuals requiring handicapped parking permits must apply for them in the community in which they pay taxes. We cannot process applications based solely on a postal address.
- This time of year brings concerns over carbon monoxide in homes. Now is a good time to have furnaces and CO² sensors checked to make sure they are in good working order.
- Residents who have shared email addresses with the Village are now part of a very successful e-alert system. We were able to alert residents just last week that recycling would be cancelled due to blizzard conditions. Visit the Village website at www.villageofbronxville.com and add your name to the early notification list.
- Three new stores have opened in the Village in the past few weeks proving to be great additions to our retail mix. Chantilly Patisserie operated by the Gambini family is offering breakfast pastries, tartes, artisan bread and custom cakes and cupcakes from their location on Parkway Road. Interior designer and resident

Christie Robb opened Urban Cottage Design in the former Kensington Paper location on Kraft Avenue. It is a boutique offering unique gifts, home decorations, furniture and crafts as well as Christie's expert design consultation. Gourmet 2 Go, owned by restaurateur Gary Schnorr, offers breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as prepared foods and a catering menu. Gary is a computer whiz who will take your order electronically and have it ready when you arrive.

Raymond Opticians, Fierson's and Mano a Mano are also relocating to different storefronts within the Village as they continue to serve us so well.

- Thanks to Farmer's Market Manager, Mary Liz Mulligan, and Village leasing agent, Jon Gordon, who donated space, our Farmer's Market will have a winter season indoors at One Pondfield Road. There will be markets on January 29th, February 26th, March 26th and April 30th from 8:30AM until Noon.
- If you would like to challenge your tax assessment, fill out a grievance form available at Village Hall or on the Village website at www.villageofbronxville.com. After filling out this form, our staff will follow up with a questionnaire asking for pertinent information about your property. The material will then be submitted to the Board of Assessment Review for their evaluation. Should you want to also appear in person, you may schedule an appointment for Grievance Night (February 15th from 6PM – 10PM in the Trustees Conference Room in Village Hall) by calling Janet Grosso at Village Hall at 337-6500.
- The Eastchester Town Board will hold its regularly scheduled March 1, 2011 meeting in the Yeager Room of our library instead of the usual Eastchester Town Hall venue. This is an opportunity for Village residents to see the Town Board in action, talk to your representatives and ask questions about Town operations. The meeting begins at 7PM.