

MAYOR'S COLUMN

The month of May brings a new level of activity to the Village. Our Public Works Department is very busy sprucing up the Village and doing spring planting. As a cost saving measure, we have been purchasing less new plants, rather transplanting bushes and trees to more adaptable locations. Our efforts this spring center on Sagamore Park, Maltby Field, the Traffic Circle and the planting beds near the rail station. Our garden clubs have worked together seamlessly with our DPW crews to achieve maximum results.

May in Bronxville is all about Memorial Day for the Village and the School. Memorial Day Veterans' Commemoration inaugurated last year now has a list of over 1400 Village Veterans whose remembrances will be on display at the Women's Club starting May 17. On that Sunday, there will be a reception from 2 to 5pm with music and refreshments.

On Friday, May 22 at 9am, the Bronxville School will conduct their ceremony of remembrance on the front lawn of the school and then of course there is the parade on the 25th.

In its 89th year, the parade has become synonymous with all the small town qualities we cherish in our one square mile. The veterans who so lovingly organized it for all those years are now no longer able to take on the responsibility. As a result, the planning and coordination is now done in Village Hall. We welcome any volunteers to help us inject new ideas and added life to the festivities.

I am honored to announce that long time resident, Christina Eldridge will be this year's Grand Marshal. Chris is the embodiment of the Bronxville Volunteer spirit, lending her time and talents through the years to so many Village organizations – the School Board, the Reformed Church, the Counseling Center and Village government, just to name a few. Please come out and celebrate with Chris as she leads the parade at 9am on Memorial Day stepping off at Morange Square.

Our very successful and fully organic Farmer's Market also opens this month. Located on Stone Place adjacent to the Paddle Courts, it will operate every Saturday from May 30th to November 22nd from 8:30am to 1pm rain or shine. The market continues to attract more and more vendors and this year four new ones will add to the variety of products offered. Our market now sells fresh produce, pasture raised meats and poultry, fresh fish, honey, maple syrup, chutney, cheeses, pickles, breads and baked goods, quiche, dips, herbs, perennials and homemade soaps and yarn for knitting. The items offered are not only extremely fresh, but of the highest quality. For example, the cheeses are from Artisaia, the noted restaurateur and cheese purveyor in Manhattan.

In the same spirit of natural and organic initiatives, tune in to our Village cable channel for a very informative talk on organic residential lawn care and gardening. It's not too late to make the change for this season to pesticide free and chemical free landscaping. In fact, just recently, our County legislators enacted a ban on the use of phosphorus containing fertilizers in Westchester County. Residents, landscapers and garden centers are being given one year to fully comply.

And please remember our merchants this spring. Kensington Paper will be relocating to the very accessible site on the corner of Tanglewylde and Pondfield, formerly occupied by On Consignment.

Fiersons has exquisite first communion dresses and truly one of a kind clothing, thanks to owner Adrian East's personal shopping in Italy and France. Jacqueline's Bed and Bath stocks many of the same items as the famed New York linen store, Schweitzer at competitive prices and no shipping fees.

The Trustees recently enacted a meter feeding ban on Pondfield Road, Park Place and Paxton Avenue so that parking adjacent to our stores will turn over more quickly. There is also space now available in the Kraft Avenue lot for shoppers and cars may park free in the Avalon lot on the West Side all day Saturday and Sunday. The café tables are now out in front of our restaurants so enjoy this spring right here at home.