

MAYOR'S COLUMN

With the summer months now behind us the Village is busy again with a number of different projects and events taking place throughout our one square mile.

Just this past weekend the Bronxville School enjoyed a wonderful homecoming program. Despite threatening weather all the scheduled events came off with great success.

Speaking of the school, we have been informed that the temporary business offices located in trailers on Palumbo Place will soon be shutting down and moving back to the school campus. This will allow us the opportunity to re-open Palumbo Place to traffic. We expect the re-opening of Palumbo Place to occur before the Thanksgiving Holidays.

Bi-centennial Park is getting new curbs and pavers at the entry points. Drainage improvements are also part of the current spruce-up efforts. More improvements for this heavily utilized park are planned for the spring.

This week we are installing a new cross walk at Pondfield Road and Kraft Avenue. This well trafficked crossroad between the business district and the train station has been the site of some close calls between walkers and motorists. The new walkway design hopefully will serve as another indication to motorists of the pedestrian traffic that is active there both day and night. I visited Old Tappan in Rockland County recently and saw firsthand how the new intersection design can help to calm traffic and create a safer walking environment. I invite public comment on the re-designed intersection. If it is successful we may want to do something similar at other critical pedestrian pathways.

The Chamber of Commerce is celebrating the fall season with a major event scheduled for October 18th. There will be an indoor/outdoor sidewalk sale throughout the Village business district starting at 9AM. A Children's Festival will be held from 1PM-5PM at Leonard Morange Park. Activities will include pony rides, live music, games and food. On this same day, the Bronxville Police Department will be conducting its annual Community Safety Day. This program is sponsored by the Community Fund. Children's ID kits will be available. There will be a DWI simulator on site. EVAC volunteers and

Village police officers will give demonstrations on various public safety tips. The car safety seat inspection and installation program will be part of this year's event as well. There will be free parking throughout the Village during the day's many activities.

The Farmers Market will be open and busy during the Chamber Fall Festival event. Many of the products sold there are part of the great autumn harvest season here in New York State.

We also have two meetings scheduled to explore important topics. The first is a joint meeting of the Village Board of Trustees and the Village Board of Education to discuss a recent flooding study completed by the Folchetti Engineering Company. That meeting will be held Wednesday evening at 7PM in the Yeager Community Room of the Bronxville Library. The second meeting will be held by the Village Board of Trustees to discuss the recently completed Vibration Study regarding Metro North train operations in Bronxville. That meeting will be held on October 14th at 7PM in Village Hall.

Finally, we in Village Hall are putting the final touches on our Village newsletter and hope to have it in the mail to Village residents by mid-October.

Fall is a busy time in Bronxville. I hope many of us are able to take advantage of the interesting activities and important meetings planned for the season.