

Our Village

News and Information for Larchmont Residents Spring 2018



From the Archives

Peter Jay Munro, builder of the "Manor House," co-founded the NYS Manumission Society with his uncle John Jay and Alexander Hamilton to advocate for the abolition of slavery.

FROM THE MAYOR

Larchmont is Buzzing with Activity

Dear Residents,
Spring has finally come to Larchmont! At times it seemed like we were going to skip a season—with March coming in AND going out like a Lion. The first of four Nor'easters in that month was a very damaging storm. Our DPW, fire and police were hard at work for days on end helping residents and clearing roads. I know you are all painfully aware that the management response from Con Edison left a lot to be desired. In late March, I joined other elected officials from Westchester County to discuss our experience during the power outages with members of the NYS Public Service Commission (NYSPSC). I also supplied written feedback to United Westchester, which has been incorporated into the Storm Response Report submitted to NYSPSC. The report can be found on the Village website.



Sign up for Village information

Communication with residents during such a situation is paramount and we used every means possible to provide you with clear information about what was being done. I ask that all Village residents please sign up to receive texts and emails by clicking the Village News and Notifications button on the front page of our website. We do not have access to that contact information unless you provide it to us. Also, please follow the Village of Larchmont NY on Facebook, where information is regularly shared.

Spring brings lots of activity to our Village, much of it the result of the volunteer committees that are the life blood of Larchmont. For groups like Recreation, Parks and Trees, Beautification and Arts, this is the busy season. These resident volunteers are busy planning tennis clinics, working with DPW to place over 30 new street trees, planting pots and hanging baskets and booking bands for the Summer Concert Series, among many other things. While this year we have seen an explosion of volunteers, there is always room for more. Please consider how you may get involved in and give back to your community.

Spring and summer is also when we do street maintenance—road paving, sidewalk and curb repairs— and park maintenance—tree pruning, mulching, weeding, and playground

repairs. In addition to this upkeep, several exciting developments this year involve neighborhood groups partnering with the Village to plan renovations to Pine Brook, Addison, Turtle and Constitution Parks.

The new budget

June is the beginning of our new fiscal year, based on the budget passed in April. We were happy to be able to approve a budget that came in under the tax cap (see "Budget at a Glance," page 2). We were especially aware of the need for this in light

of the Federal Tax Reform Act of 2017, which severely limited the SALT deduction upon which New Yorkers have relied for decades. The NYS budget passed this March attempted to ameliorate this loss through amendments which allow municipalities and school districts to accept charitable donations and then issue offsetting tax credits to property tax bills. A recent notice from the IRS seems to indicate they will not allow this activity, but we will continue to explore our options and will keep you informed.

I am also participating in the County's Shared Services Initiative led by the Rockefeller Institute. Although we already share several services (library, sanitation, animal control to name a few), I am hopeful we can identify a few more opportunities to lower costs and improve services by partnering with other municipalities or school districts.

Food waste collection

Spring brings back the Larchmont Farmer's Market with its expanded, new layout. There is now a textile recycling table which takes all textiles, regardless of condition. And did you know you can drop off your food waste at the market from 8-11am? Speaking of food waste, the new program run by the Larchmont-

Mamaroneck Sanitation Commission has been a great success so far. We are collecting 2,400 pounds of food waste per week. That's tonnage not in the trash stream, which saves energy and reduces emissions. Another new offering is the sanitation website (www.lmsanitation.org) where you can find your pick-up calendar,
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how you may get
involved and
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community.
(See back page)*

Larchmont's 2018 Adopted Budget at a Glance

After 10 public meetings and one public hearing over a four-month period, the Board of Trustees passed the 2018/19 budget for the Village of Larchmont on April 16, 2018. The total tax-levy increase is 1.99%.

This increase is 0.36% below the 2018/19 "tax cap" allowable increase, but still maintains the current level of services and investment into Village infrastructure.

Total Expenditures: \$19,440,655

Revenue from Non-Tax Sources: \$4,740,586

Revenue from Tax Levy: \$14,520,069

Use of Unexpended Balance: \$250,000

Village Tax Bill on Home Assessed at \$1,000,000: \$5,071.50

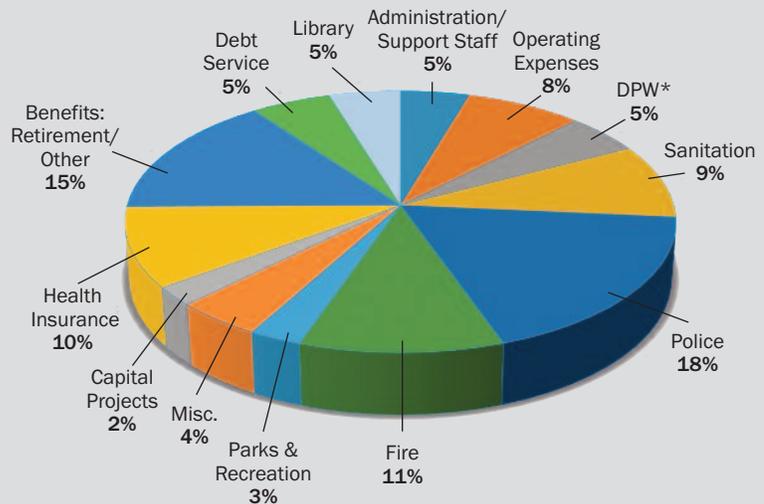
Property Tax Breakdown:

School District: 55.76%

County: 21%

Town: 1.97%

Village: 21.27%



From the Mayor

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use the Waste Wizard Recyclopedia to learn how to dispose of over 250 items properly and download an App to your iPhone or Droid which will alert you to changes in your pick-up schedule.

Last, but not least,

spring brings new life—both to nature and our downtown. We're very excited about the new Larchmont Naturals market, the return of Longford's Ice Cream and the opening of 10538 Bicycles. The Larchmont Playhouse plans have been filed and are making their way through the

land-use boards, and 1912 Palmer, which burned down in a terrible fire, has received planning board approval for the rebuild. We are down to a 5% vacancy rate in our retail storefronts, which is considered a healthy commercial district. Nevertheless, I will continue to work with my

board, landlords, brokers, and business owners to continue the forward momentum. Do your part Larchmont: Get your bike tuned up, go for a ride down Larchmont Avenue, get some ice cream and do a bit of shopping! Happy Spring!

Mayor Lorraine Walsh

Recent Openings

- 10538 Bicycles
- Larchmont Naturals
- La Parisienne (expansion)
- Longford's Ice Cream
- One River
- School of Art & Design
- Stephanie's Kloset (expansion)
- Tree of Chocolate
- The Souk at maisonette



Joelle Litsky,
owner of
10538 Bicycles

June Lu, Manager
of Larchmont
Naturals

Parking Study Update

Our project to assess and improve parking throughout the Village is moving along. With the help of our consultant, BFJ Planning, we've gained a deeper understanding of the causes of some of our parking challenges. We continue to engage the many different stakeholders using our parking resources having reached out in meetings or with surveys to shoppers, merchants, Chatsworth Elementary School employees, US Post Office Employees, Village employees, and Palmer Avenue commercial district apartment residents.

Based upon the data collected, BFJ is developing recommendations to address our parking challenges and has identified some key principles underlying their recommendations:

- **A two-hour parking regulation to generate turnover in the Palmer Avenue and Boston Post**

Road commercial districts and thereby help our local businesses.

- **Create a range of longer-term parking opportunities for apartment residents, business owners and local employees.**

- **Reasonable and uniform approaches are vital to success**

Parking payment and enforcement should take advantage of new technologies and should be user friendly.



The payment system should employ easy-to-use kiosks allowing users to pay with cash or credit cards and use parking apps.

Enforcement should include license-plate readers that can automatically verify duration and payment. Wayfinding and signage should clearly communicate when and where users can park.

We expect to discuss the BFJ findings and recommendations more broadly in several community forums this coming fall.

Larchmont Wins Westchester Eco Award

Larchmont Village and the Town of Mamaroneck will be honored with a Westchester County Eco Award for "your outstanding contribution to the County's environment by launching a voluntary food-waste recycling program in the Fall of 2017." This program gives residents the opportunity to collect food scraps in their home and bring them to the Maxwell Avenue collection site, from which it is transported to a composting facility.

The award will be presented by County Executive George Latimer at an awards ceremony on Tuesday, June 19 the Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla.

For information on food-waste recycling visit the Larchmont Mamaroneck Joint Sanitation website: <https://lmsanitation.org/>

Village Receives Two Capital Projects Awards

This past April, the Village of Larchmont received two awards from separate organizations recognizing the success of two capital projects that improved the Village's water distribution system. The first project was the **Water Pumping Station Rehabilitation** project. The pumping station, located on Byron Place just outside the Village limits, was built in 1925. The building was completely rebuilt and the water pumps and controllers circa 1954 were replaced. The second project, also on Byron Place, was the **Water Storage Tank Replacement** project. That work included demolition of two steel water storage tanks, circa 1925 and 1954, replaced by a new concrete-reinforced water storage tank with a 650,000 gallon capacity (a net increase of 150,000 gallons). The awards were presented by the American Water Works Association (AWWA), and the American Council of Engineering Companies of New York (ACEC).

Meet The New Trustee

Sarah Bauer, a resident of Larchmont since 2003, was elected as a Village Trustee on March 20. A graduate of Johns Hopkins University and Georgetown University Law Center, she has a law practice in New York City. Sarah has two children: a son at the Chatsworth School and a daughter at the Hommocks School. She is a member of the Chatsworth PTA Executive Committee.



"My family and I love our unique community," Sarah says. "Larchmont has beautiful parks, a stunning waterfront, great shops and restaurants, and everything is just a walk or bike ride away. I feel indebted to our community's schools for the wonderful and caring education they provide.

After volunteering for the Girl Scouts,

Chatsworth PTA and Preserve Larchmont, I decided to run for Village Trustee because I wanted to give back to a community that has given my family and me so much. Our Village faces many new challenges and I want to be part of finding creative and forward-looking solutions. I am very excited to work with our Mayor and fellow Trustees to help contribute to the future success of our Village."

Join The Larchmont Team

Our volunteers are dedicated residents—like you—who want to work together to have an impact in their community and help their neighbors.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Beautification Committee
- Architectural Review Board
- Board of Assessment Review
- Coastal Zone Management Commission
- Committee on Technology and Social Media
- Committee on the Arts
- Environmental Committee
- Finance and Budget Committee
- Larchmont Volunteer Ambulance Corps
- Larchmont Volunteer Fire Department
- Library Board of Trustees
- Parks and Trees Committee
- Planning Board
- Recreation Committee
- Traffic Commission
- Zoning Board of Appeals

To volunteer contact: villageclerk@villageoflarchmont.org

VOLCalendar

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY-SEPTEMBER

Skull Patrol

Kids wearing helmets while biking will receive a gift card from VOL bike officers.

EVERY SATURDAY

Farmer's Market

Presented by Down-to-Earth. 8:30am-1pm, Larchmont train station upper parking lot. Continues until December 29.

JUNE 15

Marcia the Moose

10am, Flint Park Playhouse.

JUNE 15

Larchmont Sprint to Flint

Flint Park, 6:30pm: 1 mile fun run, 7:15pm: 5K race. Register on Village website.

JUNE 16

Tailgate for Turtle

Presented by the Turtle Park Project 7:30-11pm. www.turtlepark10538.com for tickets and information.

Leaf Blower Ban

Between June 1 and Sept. 30 it's illegal to use gas-powered leaf blowers in the Village. Please inform your landscape company.

JUNE 18

Board Meeting

7:30pm, Village Hall Court Room.

JUNE 20

Free Tennis Clinics at Flint Park

12:30-1:30 for ages 5-7, 1:30-2:30 for ages 8-12.

JUNE 23

MHS Save the Children Club Color Run

events.myschoolcolorrun.com/event/2018 Flint Park.

JUNE 30

Westchester County Mobile Shredder

10-1, Maxwell Avenue Facility.

JULY 2-AUGUST 10

Flint Park Day Camp

SOLD OUT

JULY 2-AUGUST 3

After Camp Tennis Program

3pm-4pm, run by New Rochelle Racquet Club.

JULY 4

Fourth of July Races

10am, Flint Park.

JULY 4

Music in Manor Park

7pm with the Dixie Dandies. Sorry, no picnicking allowed.

JULY 12, 19, 26

Summer Concert Series

Constitution Park beginning at 6pm.

JULY 16

Board Meeting

JULY 19-21

Sidewalk Sales

AUGUST 20

Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER 8

Movies in the Park

Presented by the Larchmont Fire Department. At dusk in Constitution Park.

SEPTEMBER 15

Larchmont Day Celebration

12-4pm, Constitution Park and Larchmont Avenue. Street Fair and Big Trucks!

SEPTEMBER 17

Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER 22

Mamaroneck Schools Foundation

Junior Triathlon

Swim, bike, run.

SEPTEMBER 29

Larchmont Arts Festival

12-5pm, Constitution Park.

OCTOBER 20

Rag-a-Muffin Parade

Raindate October 27.

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