

# Village of montebello review

Jeff Oppenheim, Mayor, Lance Millman, Deputy Mayor, Marc Citrin, Stacy Caridi, Steven A. Sorrillo, Trustees



## Greetings from the Mayor



### MAYOR'S REPORT

Most citizens would agree that Montebello is among the nicest communities in Rockland County. Yet many people are also concerned that local, national and even global factors may challenge that status in the years to come. Although Village government must focus on day-to-day problems (*e.g. potholes*), it is also important that we consider these broader issues. These topics include local demographic factors, economic challenges confronting our nation, and even environmental problems faced around the globe.

The demographics of Montebello are affected by certain local factors. We have a large number of young families drawn to the high quality public school system. Because the Ramapo Central School District is among the best in the county, municipalities within this district will likely continue to attract homeowners willing to pay higher school taxes for better public schools. Hence, our government should work to provide services relevant to these families. For example, these services include the development of parks (*please see Mr. Altebrando's report inside*), enhancing road safety (*please see Trustee Caridi's article inside*), and setting an example for children to see the responsible implementation of conservation ecology. Our demographic profile is also affected by the accuracy of the U.S. Census. Therefore, participation in the census is very important (*please see article inside*).

The demographics of our Village are also affected by Albany. Higher state taxes will drive affluent people away and discourage others from moving in. Empty nesters, who no longer have a need for high quality schools, often don't want to retain large, expensive homes. Our Village supports the needs of these families by offering alternative options, such as 55+ communi-

ties and senior housing. Most importantly, we must limit Village taxes in order to help mitigate the increases that other taxing entities are likely to encumber us with in the near future. In this way we can resist negative demographic pressures.

The economic state of the nation also has a direct impact on our Village. The real estate crisis has led to lower prices in our Village, as elsewhere. Development plans have been stalled for a number of projects throughout our Village. Consequently, the work of our building department has slowed. Accordingly, we have reduced the manpower at Village Hall, consolidating several positions. This saves us money. There are very few abandoned properties (*from foreclosure*) in Montebello, but our government is taking specific action to prevent blight.

On a global level, we need to be responsible in promoting conservation and ecology. To this end, Montebello has become the first Climate Smart Community in Rockland County (*please see article inside*). This program partners us with the NYS DEC in an effort to help save tax dollars as well as the environment. We are applying for grant money to help pay for an environmentally sensitive development of Gorman Ponds Park and for a grant to place solar electric panels at the Montebello Community Center. We are participating in Keep Rockland Beautiful and I encourage everyone to pitch in on April 17th and help us clean up Montebello. These efforts demonstrate our commitment to protect the environment. Help us clean up Montebello (*please see announcement on back cover*).

From the local street to the global climate, our community is aware of its role and its responsibilities. Your government is determined to keep this Village clean, lean and green. Please feel free to contact me with your thoughts, ideas, and complaints. The telephone number for Village Hall is 368-2211.

## MONTEBELLO ASKS YOU TO "TAKE 10" IN 2010 AND PARTICIPATE IN THE CENSUS

As the 2010 Census draws near, Montebello is partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to make sure everyone completes and mails back their census form. Participation is important to the future of our community. As a result, Montebello is issuing a challenge to everyone living in our Village to "take 10" and beat the area's mail participation rate from Census 2000.

Taking 10 minutes to complete and mail a census form is the easiest and most efficient method of participation in the 2010 Census. Additionally, mailing back a census form reduces overall costs of conducting the census. For each census form returned by mail, the Census Bureau saves \$60-\$70, or about \$85 million for every one percent increase in mail participation.

### Why Participate in the Census?

As mandated by the U.S. Constitution, everyone in the United States must be counted in the census. This includes people of all ages, races and ethnic groups; citizens and noncitizens. Conducted every 10 years, the census is more than just a population count. The 2010 Census will present a new portrait of America, showing us how our nation has changed in the past decade and helping to determine what our communities need for the next 10 years.

Census data provide numerous benefits to the people of this nation and the places we live. For example:

- Census data are used to reapportion seats in Congress and ensure proper district representation in state and local governments.
- Every year, the federal government distributes more than \$400 billion to tribal, state and local governments based on census data.
- Information from the census helps determine locations for child-care and senior centers, new roads, hospitals, schools and community centers.

These and many other benefits are possible with an accurate count in 2010. Participating in the census is one of best ways the people of Montebello can contribute to society and make a lasting difference.

For more information, visit [2010census.gov](http://2010census.gov).



*Montebello welcomes Larry Picarello as our new building inspector. Larry had been working as a building inspector for the Town of Ramapo. Larry and his wife are residents of our Village.*

## ANOTHER FIRST – MONTEBELLO IS THE FIRST CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY IN ROCKLAND COUNTY

The Village of Montebello has become the first Municipality in Rockland County to become a "Climate Smart Community" in a partnership program with the New York Department of Environmental Conservation. The Climate Smart Communities program is a partnership of state and local governments whose goal is to combat climate change. The program emphasizes local actions that will save taxpayer dollars and support other community goals while protecting the climate.

Montebello adopted the Climate Smart Communities Pledge at a meeting of the Board of Trustees on February 17th. This pledge, which the DEC developed at the request of several communities, includes all the elements of a successful local climate program. Our recently approved Comprehensive Plan supports zoning activities that will help protect the environment. Current plans include the development of an ecological park in Montebello Pines and a proposal to install solar power at the Montebello Community Center.

This program will help lower taxes. Reducing energy costs and improving operational efficiency will lower local governments' operating costs and save taxpayer dollars. Climate smart land use practices can lower infra-

structure and service costs as well. Improving the energy efficiency of aging infrastructure by retrofitting or upgrading will save operating dollars in the years to come.

Montebello is a leader in ecological conservation. We installed the first solar electric powered system for a municipal headquarters building in Rockland County. We became the first Tree City (with the Arbor Day Foundation) based on our commitment to tree preservation.

(see: <http://www.arborday.org/programs/treeCityUSA/map.cfm>) This latest accomplishment joins a list of other firsts that place our village at the forefront of concern for our environment and our neighborhood.

Some web links below provide information about this program.

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/44992.html>

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/50845.html>

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/53013.html>

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/56876.html>



## BLACKOUT MEANS BE PREPARED

By Lance N. Millman, Deputy Mayor

Winter has really been taking a shot at Montebello and the surrounding areas. Our beautiful trees and pristine yards have been belted with rain, hail, wind, fallen trees and branches and lots of snow. Most of us have now experienced a blackout.

How presumptuous of us to always expect electricity, running water and a warm house. Even more unbelievable to our children was: What no cable, no internet, what shall we do!

Well the short blackout a couple of weeks ago was a bonding time for our family. We lit the candles, found the Costco lanterns and starting playing board games and actually talking to one another.

This monster blackout at the end of February was another story. Candles and lanterns were fine for a few hours, but no heat and hot water put most of us over the edge to either bundle up with multiple layers or go to a friends, family or hotel for the second freezing

overnight. Also, a major dilemma was where do we go with our pets?

I'm sure each of us will have stories of what we did and where we went, which I would like to hear about, but the rest of this article is about being prepared.

I think most of us had the minimum supplies but I'm sure almost all did not have enough of the emergency supplies.

### ***Here's my list and I'm sure I've forgotten something so here I go:***

1. Working flashlights or lanterns with extra batteries (*amazing that wind up flashlight from the store actually worked*). Purchase rechargeable flashlights or solar powered lights and keep them charged at all times
2. Radio – there are manual cranking ones that do not require batteries
3. Candles for lanterns or for candleholders and of course the matches or butane stick lighters
4. Bottled water
5. Dedicated Emergency Storage shelf: where you keep extra blankets ready for an emergency and any of the items in this list
6. Sleeping bags (*if you have them*)
7. Cell phone (*only good as the charged battery*)
8. Layered clothing and long johns – tops and bottoms
9. Winter hats and gloves, warm snow boots and shoes
10. Emergency phone list for O & R, police and fire department (*of course 911 in emergencies*)
11. Frozen ice packs in your freezer to put in your freezer or refrigerator if your electric stays off
12. Generator (*if possible*)
13. Know where your front door keys are (*especially if you were like us who always use the garage door which have to be opened manually in a blackout*)
14. First aid kits
15. Hand and body warmers (*sold in individual packs*)
16. Keep some spare cash on hand (*if electric is out, cash machines and credit card machines may be out*)
17. Immediately after the blackout begins, fill containers with water and bathtubs with water

### ***Other things to do:***

1. Open your curtain and blinds during the day for sun to keep the house warm and close them at night to keep the heat in.
2. Leave your faucet dripping if you leave your house



in order to try to stop the pipes from freezing and bursting. If home, periodically run the faucets to avoid frozen pipes.

3. Keep your cars filled with gas, gas pumps usually work on power
4. Set up a family emergency plan to communicate with family members who may not be together when the blackout occurs. A place to meet or if children are in school. Schools will keep the children until transportation or pickup can be arranged.
5. Report down wires and tree fires from broken wires (*as we experienced*) as soon as possible and of course do not touch them.

This list is not meant to be all inclusive and does not include foods normally kept with emergency kits.

In addition, we should not forget our neighbors and check on them as well. Also check on any others that you know around you who ordinarily need help or assistance in getting around.

It's still amazing to me how we always pull it together with our friends and neighbors and learn to survive under unusual conditions.

Please do not write me and say this was nothing compared to the earthquakes and hurricanes around the world.

You are definitely right, but for now I am focusing on our village and its surrounding areas.

Thank you and be safe and stay warm.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

*Lawrence Picarello*

With good weather and longer days approaching, it's a good time to plan ahead if you're thinking about a home improvement project or an addition. The Village Building Department will provide you with the building permit application and required forms. We also will assist you in reviewing your property survey and to check if the proposed work will fit within the Village Zoning guidelines. Surveys are kept at Village Hall, and are available for viewing after completing a Freedom of Information Law (*F.O.I.L.*) request.

The Building Department is responsible for issuing the



*Montebello is working under a unique arrangement with the Town Highway Department. Charges for plowed roads this winter were based upon actual costs under an agreement reached with the Town of Ramapo. The cost of this work is capped at last year's rate. For the first time, the Montebello Pines community is also receiving full plowing services.*

required building permits, and to check that the design and execution of construction work meets the requirements of the Building Code of N.Y. State. Upon completion, the appropriate Certificate of Occupancy will be issued. To clarify some common misconceptions, building permits are required for **any** construction, including finished basements, pools (both in-ground and above ground), sheds over 144 square feet, and fences. Sheds that are smaller than 144 square feet are still subject to location, setback, and spacing requirements as set forth in the Village Zoning Code. All completed work must be covered by a Certificate of Occupancy. The potential sale or refinancing of your property may be stopped due to the lack of an appropriate Certificate of Occupancy. If you have any questions or concerns, we are available to review your property files with you.

Along with issuing building permits, the Building Department is responsible for conducting violation searches. A violation search is often done at the request of a Title Company in response to refinancing or sale of a home. The Building Department records are checked against the property to verify that no work has been done without the required building permit. Additionally, we check various items at the property including smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, fire separation between the garage and living space, boiler and water heater pressure relief discharge pipes, swimming pool

safety barrier requirements, deck railings and guards. We also inspect the overall condition and maintenance of the property. Following a satisfactory violation search, the Building Department will issue a "no violation" letter, and provide copies of Certificates of Occupancy.

### NOTES FROM JOSEPHINE BRACKEN

*Commissioner of the Historic Preservation Commission*

In spite of this long hard winter, the Montebello Historic Preservation Commission has continued to stay very busy. We have been monitoring the building of the Ryan Mansion Vistas, formerly Rio Vista, located on the Ryan Mansion Property. Revisions, whether noted or requested, require HPC approval as well as Planning Board approval acting as an ARB (*Architectural Review Board*). Ultimately a public hearing will have to be held to determine whether the HPC should issue a Certificate of Appropriateness with respect to any changes. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the meeting to voice their concerns once it occurs. (*tentatively scheduled for March 24th at 7 p.m. at Village Hall*)

We also continue to work with our Historic Architect, Jill Fisher, of Larson Fisher Associates, Inc. She is in the midst of the project determining the most historical buildings in our village. We are looking forward to her recommendations for those buildings which will be designated as Historic Properties. This project is scheduled to be completed by June, 2010. Ms. Fisher will arrange a public Power Point Presentation on the results of her survey for our interested village residents. We will keep you posted on the date and time of the presentation.

We hope all our Montebello residents are eager to share in our goal to preserve the history of our lovely Village.

### AMANDA'S LAW IN EFFECT

*By Frank Wilson III, Fire Inspector*

As of February 22, 2010, Amanda's Law has been adopted by the State of New York. This updated law governs and mandates the use of Carbon Monoxide (CO) alarms in the home.

**NEW YORK STATE FIRE CODE section 611.3.4** requires that in existing buildings and structures: one and two

family dwellings, multiple single family dwellings (*town-houses*), and buildings owned as a condominium or cooperative and containing dwelling accommodations. A carbon monoxide alarm shall be installed within each dwelling unit or sleeping unit on the lowest story having a sleeping area.

Carbon monoxide alarms shall be listed and labeled as complying with UL 2034 or CAN/CSA 6.19, and shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is defined as: a colorless, odorless, tasteless, poisonous gas which is highly toxic to humans and animals.

#### **Carbon Monoxide sources include:**

- a. Any fuel-burning appliance that is malfunctioning or improperly installed.
- b. Furnaces, gas range/ stove, gas clothes dryer, water heater, portable fuel-burning space heaters, fireplaces, generators and wood burning stoves.
- c. Vehicles, generators and other combustion engines running in attached garages.
- d. Blocked chimney or flue.
- e. Cracked or loose furnace exchanger.
- f. Back drafting and changes in air pressure.
- g. Operating a grill in an enclosed area.

#### **Effects of Carbon Monoxide (CO) exposure are:**

- a. Common Mild Exposure- Slight headache, nausea, vomiting, fatigue, flu-like symptoms.
- b. Common Medium Exposure- Throbbing headache, drowsiness, confusion, fast heart rate.
- c. Common Extreme Exposure- Convulsions, unconsciousness, brain damage, heart and lung failure followed by death.
- d. If you experience even mild CO poisoning symptoms, immediately consult a physician

If your CO alarm goes off, you need to get everyone out of the house into fresh air and call 911 from a neighbor's house.

Carbon Monoxide is a silent killer. A CO alarm will save you and your family's life.

## PLANNING BOARD UPDATES:

### Weinberger Subdivision – Final Subdivision

Application of George Weinberger, 1757 East 23rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11229 for an approval of a Final Plat for a subdivision entitled “Weinberger Subdivision” consisting of 84.25 acres of which approximately 17.62 are wetlands. The subject property is located on the south side of Grandview Avenue approximately 900 feet east of Spook Rock Road and west of Martha Road and is known and designated on the Ramapo Tax Map as Section 41.13 Block 2, Lots 5 and 6 and Section 41.17, Block 1, Lots 5 and 6 in a RR-50 Zone. The Applicant had previously received preliminary subdivision approval for 48 building lots, plus one lot for open space. Since that time, the plan has been revised to eliminate two of those lots, leaving 46 proposed building lots, plus one lot for open space.

The applicant has received a permit from New York State Environmental Conservation and the application was approved at the July 14, 2009 Planning Board meeting. The Applicant received the first 90 day Final Filing Extension that will expire April 10, 2010. The Applicant has applied for a 2nd 90day Final Filing Extension to expire July 9, 2010.

### 9 Bayard Lane – Public Hearing – Continued Wetlands Permit

Application of Dominick R. Pilla, 23 Depew Avenue, Nyack, NY 10960 for approval of a Wetlands Permit entitled “9 Bayard Lane” consisting of .76 +/- acres located on the south side of Bayard Lane approximately 389 feet from the intersection of Haverstraw Road in the Village of Montebello, which is known and designated on the Ramapo Tax Map as Section 48.10, Block 1, Lot 76 in a R-35 Zone.

The application is currently before the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and will return to the Planning Board.

### Emerald Pines – Public Hearing – Continued Final Subdivision Wetlands Permit

Application of Rockland Estates Homes, LLC, 301 North Main Street, New City, NY 10956 for approval of a Final Subdivision Plat and Wetlands Permit entitled Emerald Pines consisting of 4 lots from 10.127+/- acres located on the North side of Viola Road approximately 600 +/-

feet west of Spook Rock Road in the Village of Montebello, which is known and designated on the Ramapo Tax Map as Section 49.05 Block 1 Lot 17 in a RR-50 Zone.

The applicant has requested an adjournment from the Planning Board until the April 13, 2010 meeting.



### CANTERBURY LANE CLOSURE

*By Stacy Caridi, Trustee*

Canterbury Lane will soon be closed at Viola Road. Once closed there, the only access will be from Oxford Drive, within the Pines

Community. The reasons for this closure are complicated and the history of this story is almost as old as the Village itself. The Village Board is fulfilling a promise that was made more than two decades ago.

In the late 1980s engineers were assembled to review various possible egresses for the proposed Pines community. These included access through Charnwood Lane or Canterbury Lane. A decision was made (*based on engineering reasons*) to use Canterbury for access and to construct 4 additional homes at the end of this road. On 5/8/89 the residents of Canterbury submitted a petition requesting that the Viola Road access be closed. In 1989, the Board concurred that additional traffic on Canterbury would be a greater danger at the present Viola Road intersection and recommended closing Canterbury “at such time as the new subdivision road is completed”.

The Village sought input from the emergency service providers. The Ramapo Valley Ambulance Corps and the Rockland Paramedic Services felt that an emergency access gate would be appropriate in the interest of public safety. On 3/21/06 Mayor Gorman met with the leaders of the Tallman Fire Department. She noted that the then Superintendent of County Highway concurred that a new road cut (Lety Lane) would have improved sight distance and County Highway was generally in favor of closing Canterbury Lane once the new Lety Lane was functional.

Mayor Gorman also acknowledged that the current Highway Supervisor was opposed to the closure and that the Tallman Fire Dept. opposed this, too. The fire



department was concerned that the gate would need to be recessed so that a fire truck would not cue at the gate without projecting out into the road.

A public hearing was held on July 19, 2006 during which the history of the matter was summarized. The Board concluded that having one intersection at Viola instead of two enhanced safety and that Canterbury was the worse connection as a result of limited sight lines. It was noted that traffic safety would be enhanced because northbound Lety Lane traffic would have two turns eliminated with the elimination of the Canterbury route. Finally, it was determined that emergency vehicles would need to be given access via a crash gate in addition to the Lety-Oxford means of access. The Village Engineer was then directed to design the road closure.

On July 19, 2006, the County Superintendent of Highways withdrew his objection to the road closure. In 2007 the Village's Engineer, Martin Spence, received estimates for the proposed crash gate and proposed specific modifications.

In late 2009, the Village of Montebello accepted dedication of the roads in Montebello Pines. Until these roads were formally dedicated to the Village it was not possible to close Canterbury as egress would have been onto undedicated roads. This was not a legal option. However, with the dedication of these roads it is now legal and feasible for the Village to complete this project.

On March 10th, the Village of Montebello held a public meeting at the Montebello Community Center and invited all the residents of Canterbury Road and adjoining streets to a presentation of the plans for closure. Martin Spence offered a preview of the project. All questions were answered. The project will be put out to bid shortly and the work should be completed this Spring.

The Village of Montebello made a commitment more than 20 years ago. This promise is going to be honored. We thank the patience of the homeowners who have had to wait so long to see this goal accomplished.

### FROM THE DESK OF THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY

Reflecting, as I tend to do more of these days after around a quarter of a century of involvement in the birthing and nurturing of the Village, I have come to

realize that a law of physics has municipal applicability, but with one caveat. I refer to the Law that, "for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction". (*Newton's Third Law of Motion*) The caveat is that, in a municipal setting, the reaction can be grindingly slow, even invisible at times, but, assuredly, it is there, even if it reveals itself in a fragmented fashion, and only in the long term.

As a case in point, I mention the Village finally taking title a couple days before Thanksgiving to the road system, easements, and 24 acres comprising the ponds and their environs in the Montebello Pines. Numerous things had to occur before we could have or should have taken title, including the build out of the 174 homes. This was approximately 20 years in the offing. From this action has sprung others, some of them immediate and others which, likewise, will evolve over time.

In a faster than immediate effect, in anticipation of our taking title, the developer by agreement expended about \$350,000 working on the earthen dams and associated areas, pathways and waterworks in the "Gorman Ponds Park" to meet DEC requirements. This, in turn, opened up more the beauty and future promise of the Park. In addition, the Park was named in honor of our first Mayor, Kathryn Gorman.

As to the immediate, after community and Village Board reaction to the traffic controls signs recommended by the traffic consultant, the distilled plan was effectuated once specifications were finalized and then the work negotiated with the Town Highway Department.

As another immediate effect, the roads in the Pines were added to our contract with the Town Highway Department for snow and ice removal, and road maintenance purposes.

As an almost immediate effect, the 4.7 miles of roads were added to our official road list as filed in Albany which yields Consolidated Highway Improvement Program ("*CHIPS*") funding (*to the extent such form of State Aid will continue in this difficult economic climate*).

As an almost immediate effect, PHASE I of the passive Park was designed, specifications drawn, and bids will be solicited within the next several weeks. Sometime, early to mid summer, PHASE I will be constructed, including creating a nicely integrated, natural parking area for 12 vehicles and a permanently surfaced main trail. PHASE II will be in the active planning stages while PHASE I is being constructed.

As another almost immediate effect, the Village's obligation to close off the intersection of Canterbury Lane with Viola Road, for line of sight safety reasons, and to mitigate the newly generated traffic impact on the original neighborhood, both part of environmental control measures adopted 20 years ago, will finally come to fruition. Proposals for the associated fencing, "crash" gates and signage will be solicited within the next couple of weeks, with the anticipation that the work will be completed as soon as the school year ends. This could not be accomplished until Lety and Oxford become Village roads as part of the Montebello Pines dedication package.

By no means are these likely to be the final ripples created by the initiating action. As some members of our various Board and Commissions who come from private sector executive positions have noted with frustration from time to time, the rules are different in the public sector because the factors are quite different. One must have patience and great vision in the public sector, bearing the caveat ever in mind: The equal and opposite reaction will surely come even if it is not at first readily apparent.

Now, looking forward with slow anticipation to the next quarter century.....

Respectfully,  
Warren E. Berbit

## PARKS COMMISSION UPCOMING EVENTS

*By Nick Altebrando, Chairman*

While it is not officially Spring, and I am sure we will be tested a few more times by winter, this article is written on a day where temperatures reached 50 F and the sun made a real impression on your skin. A fitting background to talk about what is going on with the Parks Commission.

The Parks Commission, and the Village in a larger sense, is making a concerted effort to be as 'green' as we can be. Being environmentally friendly is going into the planning of all our events, our efforts on the development of the Kathryn Gorman Ponds Park and in how we conduct our business. While we will continue to issue mailers and other hard copy for information we strongly encourage the use of the Village of Montebello website



*Wanamaker's Mill, Suffern, N. Y.*

## Historic Montebello

*Jacob Wanamaker's residence and mill, along the "raceway" of the Mahwah River, Montebello Road.*

([www.villageofmontebello.com](http://www.villageofmontebello.com)) for information on the events.

The 2010 season for the Parks Commission always starts with Montebello Clean-up Day, this year on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. As always we look for volunteers of all ages to walk the village streets and pick up debris and trash. The effort of course starts at home and to the degree possible we ask that you try to pick up around your own neighborhood regularly. This year may be a bit more challenging due to the significant tree damage that resulted from the recent storms but hopefully in a month more tree damage will be cleared from the roadsides. That being said, we ask for as much help as we can to kick start the season. Final times and details will be provided soon but as always we will meet in the Village Hall. Our rain date will be Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Montebello Family Camp Out is scheduled for Father's Day Weekend June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The Camp Out is one of our more popular events and we look forward to this year being a big success. The last several years have been a bit damp and last year we were forced to cancel due to intolerable conditions on the Village Hall property, but with a bit of luck we hope to see a large turnout. Detailed information will be forthcoming.

This year we are going to schedule the Montebello Concert Night for either Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> depending on the band schedule. The rain out dates will be the following night, July 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>. We are currently lining up various bands and, again, we ask that you please check the website for updates on this event.



The update on the Kathryn Gorman Ponds Park is exciting. Sometime in the summer of this year we will start construction in the park to develop a small parking area and establish the primary trail which will serve as the basis for development of all the other trails and amenities. While so much has been done as a by-product of resolution of the Pines development such as the clean-up of both waterside and landside debris and overgrowth, regrading the pond embankments and slope stabilization, this is really just the start of the park development. In addition to the planning of the construction noted above, the Parks Commission is actively preparing to finalize the park master plan. This will include the layout of remaining trails and park amenities. We will also evaluate enhanced flows thru the ponds and other environmental improvements that are intended to promote more healthy and diverse flora and fauna while limiting

the growth of algae and slow mosquitoes all in an enlightened and passive manner that will limit future pond maintenance and upkeep costs to the Village.

The Parks Commission wants to thank David Rose who is resigning from service due to personal commitments. Dave was a vocal, enthusiastic and thoughtful member who will be missed. In his place, Jenifer Edisis will move from alternate to full commissioner. We all welcome Jen who has already made significant contributions to the commission.

The last item for the Spring message is that the commission is looking for a village resident with an expertise in landscape architecture or who is an arborist/botanist to volunteer to become involved in our efforts. Please contact Village Hall if you have any interest in serving.

## GARBAGE, TRASH & RECYCLABLES

**GARBAGE:** The term "GARBAGE" shall be held to mean *normal and usual kitchen and household waste*, primarily perishable or disposable items such as leftover food matter, food packaging and containers (*including cartons*); disposable plastic eating utensils, dishes, pots and pans, glass and crockery. However, notwithstanding any other provision, the term "GARBAGE" SHALL NOT INCLUDE ANY DESIGNATED RECYCLABLE.

### EACH STREET HAS 2 DESIGNATED "GARBAGE" DAYS OF THE WEEK.

**TRASH:** The term "TRASH" shall be held to mean the following:

Any item of solid waste not encompassed within the definition herein of garbage, which is non-toxic and is placed in a clearly fastened container or bag, which is filled at a maximum weight of sixty (60) pounds and a maximum volume capacity of thirty (30) gallons. Said items include discardable household items of a durable nature; garden, yard and lawn waste such as grass clippings, leaves and tree branches.

The carter **WILL** take the following "TRASH" on the second (2nd) garbage day of the week placed curbside by 6 a.m.

**MATTRESSES/BOX SPRINGS • WASHERS/DRYERS • POOL HEATERS • HOT WATER TANKS • WALL OVENS  
FURNITURE • CHRISTMAS TREES • DISHWASHERS • SNOW BLOWERS • SWING SETS** (*broken down*)  
**WINDOW AIR-CONDITIONERS • TRAMPOLINE • MIRRORS** (*must tape up*)  
**REFRIGERATORS & FREEZERS** (*doors + freon must be removed*)  
**CARPET:** (*cut up into 4 feet in length, bundled and tied*)  
**TREE BRANCHES:** (*No larger than 6 in. in diameter and less than 4 ft in length, tied & bundled*)  
**YARD DEBRIS/GRASS CLIPPINGS:** (*placed in brown biodegradable bags*)  
**LEAVES:** (*placed in brown biodegradable bags*)

**TIRES:** (*Car tires will only be picked up if you obtain a disposal sticker from Village Hall at a fee of \$5.00 each tire. When purchasing new tires, you should leave old ones with the dealer to avoid this expense*)

**CALL VILLAGE HALL (845-368-2211) or  
THE CARTER (IWS) DIRECT (845-753-8021) IF A BULK ITEM IS NOT LISTED.**

Materials left over from home improvements and remodeling projects and/or refuse from demolished or newly constructed buildings **are considered construction debris** and will not be picked up. Please make arrangements with your contractor to remove these materials.

THE CARTER **WILL NOT** TAKE THE FOLLOWING:

**BATHTUBS • TOILETS • CABINETS • SHOWER DOORS • WINDOWS • LUMBER-SINKS • CONCRETE SHEET ROCK • DECKING • PANELING • RAILROAD TIES • WATER SOFTENERS • INSULATION PIPES BUILT-IN APPLIANCES • HEATING UNITS • HOUSEHOLD IMPROVEMENT ITEMS • CAST IRON BOILERS ROCKS-STONE • BRICK • CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS • EMPTY PAINT CANS**

**IF YOU PLACE ITEMS CURBSIDE AND THE CARTER DOES NOT PICK THEM UP, THERE IS A VERY GOOD POSSIBILITY IT IS SOMETHING THEY DO NOT TAKE.**

## RECYCLABLES

Place bins curbside the night before collection or by 6 a.m. Bring bins in immediately after collection. *THIS IS A MANDATORY PROGRAM, PLEASE COOPERATE*

**BLUE SQUARE BIN** - Newspaper, office paper, grocery store bags, notebook paper, construction paper, soft covered workbooks, telephone books, paperback books, magazines, junk mail, cereal boxes. \*corrugated boxes must be broken down flat and tied together with string.

**ROUND GREEN BIN** - Glass bottles, aluminum cans, tin containers, milk cartons, juice boxes, aluminum foil (*pie plates, etc.*)

## RECYCLING COLLECTION IS EVERY WEDNESDAY

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONIC COLLECTION

**WHERE:** Fire Training Center in Pomona – 845-364-2444

#### WHAT YOU **CAN** BRING:

Oil and latex paint (*all paint products*) • Pesticides, herbicides and fungicides  
Household cleaners • Pool chemicals • Driveway sealers  
20 lb. BBQ propane tanks • Motor oil and oil filters • Antifreeze  
Computers, televisions and electronics equipment

#### WHAT YOU **CAN NOT** BRING:

Empty containers • Sharps containers • Tires • Compressed Gas Tanks (*oxygen tanks, Acetylene tanks*)  
Construction materials • Medical, biological or pharmaceutical waste • Air conditioners  
Kitchen appliances • Hand tools and vacuum cleaners.

<b>April 2010</b>	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>Parks Commission</i> 7:30 P.M.	2	3
	4	5	6 <i>Planning Board Workshop</i> 7:00 P.M.	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13 <i>Planning Board</i> 7:15 P.M.	14	15 <i>Zoning Board of Appeals</i> 7:45 P.M.	16	17
	18	19	20	21 <i>Board of Trustees</i> 8:00 P.M.	22	23	24
25	26	27 <i>CDRC 9:30 A.M.</i>	28 <i>Historic Preservation Commission</i> 7:00 P.M.	29	30		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	<b>MAY 2010</b>
						1	
2	3	4 <i>Planning Board Workshop</i> 7:00 P.M.	5	6 <i>Parks Commission</i> 7:30 P.M.	7	8	
9	10	11 <i>Planning Board</i> 7:15 P.M.	12	13	14	15	
16	17	18	19 <i>Board of Trustees</i> 8:00 P.M.	20 <i>Zoning Board of Appeals</i> 7:45 P.M.	21	22	
23 30	24 <i>Memorial Day</i> 31	25 <i>CDRC 9:30 A.M.</i>	26 <i>Historic Preservation Comm.</i> 7:00 P.M.	27	28	29	

<b>June 2010</b>	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>Planning Board Workshop</i> 7:00 P.M.	2	3 <i>Parks Commission</i> 7:30 P.M.	4	5
	6	7	8 <i>Planning Board</i> 7:15 P.M.	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16 <i>Board of Trustees</i> 8:00 P.M.	17 <i>Zoning Board of Appeals</i> 7:45 P.M.	18	19
	20	21	22	23 <i>Historic Preservation Comm.</i> 7:00 P.M.	24	25	26
27	28	29 <i>CDRC 9:30 A.M.</i>	30				



**MONTEBELLO'S  
ANNUAL CLEAN UP DAY  
Saturday, April 17, 2010**

Please join us from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
"Pitch in" to clean up our Village  
Meet at Village Hall for gloves, bags & picks  
Children may participate with parents.

Rain Date  
Sunday, April 18, 2010

*(For more information, please visit [www.keeprocklandbeautiful.org](http://www.keeprocklandbeautiful.org))*

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