



Join The Larchmont Team

And Together We Can Make a Difference



* Events such as the Larchmont Arts Festival, Green Steps Expo, and Sprint to Flint



* Services such as Firefighting and Emergency Medical Services



* Consideration of Traffic Issues, Site Plan and Variance Application Review, and the Protection of our Precious Coast
* Planting the Street Trees and Flower Pots that make our Village Beautiful

All This Happens Because of Volunteers

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



To volunteer contact: villageclerk@villageoflarchmont.org



Our Village

News and Information for Larchmont Residents Fall 2016

From the Archives
In February 1922, the Village of Larchmont purchased the Larchmont Water Company.

Land Use Law Update

The Board of Trustees decided to enact a temporary moratorium (January 15-October 15, 2016) in order to provide time to study current property development trends, identify those situations which seemed the most likely to happen and would have the greatest impact on Larchmont village-wide, and begin crafting legislation to address those concerns. The Board began by hiring a professional planning consultant, Richard Preiss, to conduct a review of our existing zoning code and the building activity in Larchmont over the past several years. Based on Mr. Preiss's preliminary results, the Board decided to focus initially on issues that were already affecting many residents and had the potential, if left unchanged, to allow for development that might alter the character of Larchmont's neighborhoods. Many of these issues, which came to light during recent building projects, are:

- Maximum house size
- Setbacks from property lines

- Degree of lot coverage
- Stormwater control
- Changes to the natural contours of a property
- Height of retaining walls
- Limits to the removal of mature trees during development

Through an open process of collaborative public meetings, the Board, Mr. Preiss, Village Counsel, Village land use board members and members of the community worked to develop draft revisions of Village code.

As a result, the Board issued 17 draft local laws which, if enacted, will effectuate the most comprehensive overhaul of our residential zoning regulations in over 40 years. *continued on page 3*

Get to Know Your Village Government

The legislative body of the Village of Larchmont—the Board of Trustees—is composed of a mayor and four trustees, who are elected for two-year terms in March. The Village board has broad powers to govern the affairs of the Village, the most important of which is adopting a budget and providing for the financing and management of Village services:

- Fire Department
- Police Department
- Department of Public Works
- Parks, Fields, Playgrounds and Tennis Courts
- Recreation Events and Flint Park Day Camp
- Water Supply
- Garbage Disposal
- Building Department

The current Village of Larchmont Board is comprised of Lorraine Walsh (mayor), Carol Miller (deputy mayor and trustee), and John Komar, Peter Fanelli, and Malcolm Frouman (trustees). All board members are volunteers and receive no compensation for their work.

Since June 2015, the Village has had an administrator, Justin Datino, who provides full-time supervision and direction of Village staff in their day-to-day functions. Additionally, there are many volunteer boards and committees, like the Planning Board, Traffic Commission and Recreation Committee, which are essential to the smooth functioning and community spirit of the Village.



Light Up Larchmont!

The annual event will take place on December 3rd from 3 to 6pm in Constitution Park.

Status of Village Projects

■ **Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study (SSES)**
Larchmont is part of the New Rochelle Sewer District. Westchester County has advised the District that there is too much clean water entering the sanitary sewers during periods of heavy rain, which overwhelms the treatment plant and causes significant problems related to the discharge of untreated sanitary sewage. Larchmont, along with fellow district members New Rochelle, Town of Mamaronck and Pelham Manor will be cleaning, televising, inspecting and smoke testing the sanitary sewer pipes to identify leaks and other defects that may be contributing to the discharge problem.

Starting October 10th, smoke-testing crews will be in Larchmont. If smoke enters your home, please contact the crews outside for further follow up. The sanitary sewer rent fee, adopted by the Village Board earlier this year, is the funding source for the project and subsequent repairs. This fee (\$0.25/unit of water consumed) appears on your water bill.

■ **Lorenzen Park**
A long awaited renovation of Lorenzen Park is well underway. The project will improve the drainage in the park and includes the creation of two

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Larchmont's 125th Anniversary, Art's Festival, and Big Truck Day



Hula-hoop contest, pie-eating winner and a Big Truck fan



Leaf Collection

The Village will be collecting leaves from October 15 to December 15. Please neatly deposit leaves along the curb. Don't pile leaves in the street. Only leaves should be placed in the pile. For the remainder of the season, grass clippings, branches or other organic material must be brought to the Maxwell Avenue Recycling Facility for disposal.

Please advise your landscaper of these regulations.



Snow Removal

Please remember to remove snow and ice from your sidewalks promptly. It must be removed within 24 hours of the end of precipitation. Calcium chloride is the preferred ice treatment. Rock salt will damage the concrete sidewalks. Also, please do not throw snow into the street. Be sure to clear snow from the hydrants.

A New Addition to Constitution Park

As part of the 125th Arts Festival, a ribbon-cutting was held for the sculpture, *The Guardian*, by Ernest Shaw, donated by the Abramowicz family, former Larchmont residents



Ragamuffin Parade 2016



Projects

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state-of-the-art new grass ball fields with electronic scoreboards, a paved parking lot with a drop-off zone, as well as upgrades to the existing baseball field. The budget is provided by a combination of Village funds, a generous donation of over \$1.4 million from Fields for Kids and a \$250,000 DASNY grant secured by NYS Assemblyman Steve Otis. Work began in June and should be substantially completed by mid-December. The fields will be rested until summer 2017.

Roads, Sidewalks and Curbs

The Village Board and Administrator are serious about improving the conditions of our roads, sidewalks and curbs. We recently awarded contracts

for road repaving, sidewalk replacement and repair and curb replacement. This work took place between mid-October and mid-November. The budget for these important maintenance items is \$578,425, an increase of 36% over last year's expenditure. In addition, the Village is arranging a pavement-management survey to get the data necessary for long-range planning of road and sidewalk maintenance.

Water System

The Larchmont Water Department, which is supplemented by the Village DPW, is responsible for providing water service to all residents and businesses in the Village. Our drinking water comes from the NYC Water Supply System through Westchester Joint Water Works. The Village

water department is responsible for over 20 miles of water mains, approximately 200 fire hydrants, two 250,000 gallon water storage tanks and a booster pump station located near The Cambium apartments on Byron Place, as well as 1770 water meters.

Prior to 2015, the last major capital project in our water system was the installation of a water storage tank in 1951. Last year the Board of Trustees approved a bond resolution to fund some long overdue infrastructure work. Since October of 2015 we have replaced over 99% of the older water meters in the Village with new, remotely-read units which will "communicate" with our new water billing software. We are almost finished with replacing the water pumps and installing a new state-of-the-art electronic

control system. Next on the agenda will be replacing the water-storage tanks with one new 650,000 gallon tank. This project should be completed prior to summer 2017. ■

Land Use

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The drafts can be viewed by clicking the Proposed Local Land Use Laws button on the Village website's homepage. At a public hearing held on October 17th comments were received which may result in amendments to some of the drafted laws. The public hearing continues on Monday, November 21, 2016.

It's important to note that the Board can and will continue to review land use laws and consider amendments, where necessary, after the expiration of the temporary moratorium. ■

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 21

Savvy Social Security Planning for Women

7:00pm - 8:15pm. Village Center. Join Social Security expert John Hughes, and learn what you—as a woman—need to know to maximize your retirement income. This workshop will focus on several issues including, how you can maximize your Social Security benefits, survivor benefits when your husband or ex-husband dies and divorced spouse benefits. How to best coordinate your retirement benefits with those of your husband and what to consider when re-marrying will also be covered.

NOVEMBER 21

Larchmont Board of Trustees Meeting

7:30pm at Larchmont Village Hall Court Room, 120 Larchmont Avenue.

NOVEMBER 25-DECEMBER 20

Toy Drive

The Larchmont Professional Firefighters Association will collect new, unwrapped toys (no stuffed animals/toys) to donate to the Blythdale Children's Hospital.

DECEMBER 3

Light Up Larchmont!

Constitution Park, Larchmont Avenue, 3-6pm. The Larchmont Professional Firefighters' annual tree-lighting holiday event.

DECEMBER 5

How to Avoid Common Scams that Target Older Adults

7:00pm - 8:00pm. Larchmont Library Michael P. Coords Activity Room. Irma K. Nimetz, Volunteer Assistant Attorney General, Westchester Regional Office, leads this program which focuses on common scams and frauds that target older adults—the warning signs, how to avoid becoming a victim, and where to seek help if you think you're a victim. Special emphasis on common telephone scams such as the "Internal Revenue Service scam" and the "foreign lottery scam." The program will also cover issues such as identity theft and internet safety.

DECEMBER 12

A Christmas Carol featuring Frank Connelly

7:00 pm - 8:15 pm. Larchmont Library Michael P. Coords Activity Room. No

registration required. Be a part of this holiday tradition and join Frank Connelly as he reads the timeless classic by Charles Dickens, *A Christmas Carol*, at the Larchmont Public Library.

DECEMBER 18

"Larchmont": A Film Screening

4:00pm - 5:45pm. Popcorn and refreshments at 3:30pm. Village Center. Fresh off the festival circuit, "Larchmont" is a comedy/drama about a recent college graduate who questions his medical school plans while his dad tries to hide his new unemployment. Co-producers Ben and William grew up in Larchmont. Sponsored by the Friends of the Larchmont Public Library.

DECEMBER 19

Larchmont Board of Trustees Meeting

7:30pm at Larchmont Village Hall Court Room, 120 Larchmont Avenue.

DECEMBER 24

Santa Visits

The Larchmont Volunteer Fire Fighters will bring Santa to visit any home that makes a request. Santa visits begin at 5:30 pm. Please call 834-0016 a week in advance to sign up for a visit