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ONE SQUARE MILE

Official Newsletter of The Village of Bronxville

Welcome to One Square Mile

THE LATEST NEWS FROM VILLAGE HALL

Unlike most other businesses, April is one of the busiest months for municipal government. Deputy Mayor Bob Underhill, Village Trustee Bill Fredericks, and I get sworn in for two-year terms.

In addition to this rite of passage, the April meeting is also our Annual Meeting where we announce all of the committee and administrative appointments for the fiscal year going forward; some as mundane as newspapers of record and bank relationships, but others of great importance including the continued service or new appointments of residents to our boards.

Citizens who volunteer for the Planning Board, Zoning Board, Design Review Committee, Ethics Board and the Board of Assessment Review are indispensable to the running of good government. I send enormous thanks to all who have stepped up because these truly are the Village's backbone and unsung heroes.

The formation of the budget is the most labor-intensive effort of the year and it's happening as I write. We are very cognizant that taxes are such a monumental number in one's family financial equation and we endeavor to keep this number as reasonable as possible. It is not easy as much of our budget is driven by New York State mandates, including healthcare costs, pension contributions, and Workmen's Compensation with this year exacerbated by the high rate of inflation.

We count every dollar as we know we are stewards of your funds and want all of you to be able to live in the Village as long as you desire without incurring financial hardship.

With admiration and gratitude,
Mary Marvin



Trustee Mary Taylor Behrens, Justice William Primps and Trustee Helen Knapp, pictured here, attended Eastchester's St. Patrick Day's Parade on March 12th.

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AROUND TOWN

EVENTS IN AND AROUND BRONXVILLE

CLEAN & GREEN LITTER PICK-UP - April 15th - 10am to Noon

In partnership with Bronxville Middle School Character & Community, the Bronxville Green Committee and a group of Middle School students will work together to pick up litter throughout the Village’s central business district. What a great way to kick off Earth Week! Meet at Elementary School parking lot and bring work gloves if you have them!

EARTH DAY & COMPOST GIVE BACK DAY - April 22nd - 10am to Noon

In honor of Earth Day, the Village will host its second annual Compost Give-Back Day!

Residents can pick up FREE compost that’s been generated from our food scrap recycling program – you do not have to participate in the program to pick up compost for your garden or planters. Green Committee members will also be available to explain the food scrap recycling program and its benefits so if you’ve been meaning to pick up your kit or learn more, please stop by!

Thank you to the 150 households who are participating in the program – it’s been a big success with 30.8 tons of food waste collected (and diverted from the waste stream) in the first year of operation (from Dec 2021 to Dec 2022).

CELEBRATION OF ARBOR DAY AND TREE CITY USA

The Village Board will designate April 28th as Arbor Day in the Village. In addition to a tree planting on Arbor Day, the Village and Green Committee have partnered with Womrath’s Books on Pondfield to create awareness about the importance of Trees. In addition to handouts a variety of books on trees and best planting practices will be on display and the program will run from Earth Day on Saturday, April 22nd through Arbor Day on April 28th.

The Village is also proud to once again be recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation - now 19 years.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE EVENT - April 29th

Members of the Green Committee are partnering with Eastchester and Tuckahoe, Eastchester Library parking lot 10-noon for a chance for families to explore EV vehicles of all types.



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GET CHARGED UP!

Bronxville, Eastchester, Tuckahoe

EV and EV Charging Event

Eastchester Public Library parking lot
Saturday, April 29, 10 am -12 noon

Car Dealers, Charging Companies, Unique EVs, Electricians, Incentives

Learn more about electric vehicles. Show off your electric vehicle, take a test ride in a Tesla, check out the County's new Mustang Mach-E police car, jump on the BeeLine electric bus. Free coffee and treats.

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NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES

The March 13th meeting of the Village Board of Trustees included public hearings on and the adoption of two local laws:

Amendments to Section 310 (Zoning Code) of the Village Code for the purposes of increasing membership of the Design Review Committee (DRC) and clarifying review and approval of signs.

Adoption of the tax cap over-ride legislation which is done annually when the Village intends to consider a tax levy that exceeds the annual maximum allowable levy increase as set by the NYS Comptroller's Office.

Further details on both of the above local laws are available in the [March Newsletter](#) or by emailing the Village Administrator at jpalmer@vobny.com.

Additional items approved at the March meeting include a new five year agreement with Westchester County for the use of the E911 System used to dispatch first responders in the event of an emergency, authorization to auction off old DPW equipment, purchase of a new scanner/copier for the Building Department and purchase of some additional street light fixtures for the downtown that are in need of replacement.

The Village Board also authorized the issuance of debt service in the amount of \$150,000 for the purposes of matching the Friends of Maltby Park's contribution of at least \$350,000 to be used for the construction of recreational and landscaping improvements at Maltby Park. The Park, which consists of 2.7 acres along Paxton Avenue will be improved with new playground equipment for all ages, extensive landscaping which will include dozens of new native trees and plantings along with a hedge and decorative fence along the perimeter of the site as well as additional seating. The full hardscape and landscaping plan along with details on the playground equipment can be [found here](#). Contributions to the Friends of Maltby Park are still being accepted and [can be made here](#). For additional information concerning the public-private partnership you can email the Village Administrator at jpalmer@vobny.com. Construction of the improvements is anticipated for summer 2023.

On March 28th the Village Board held a budget work session on the Administrator's proposed 2023-24 budget and also approved a resolution authorizing the replenishment of the tax stabilization reserve with \$375,000 from unassigned fund balance. The 2023-24 proposed budget includes the use of \$125,000 of the tax stabilization reserve to reduce the 2023-24 tax levy. The public hearing on the proposed budget will be held on Monday, April 10th at 7PM. Details on the proposed budget can be found on the Treasurer's page of the Village website or [by going here](#).

Highlights of the proposed budget include:

- A tax rate of \$3.589 per thousand dollars of assessed value – a 2.39% increase over last year (or a tax increase of \$210 for the median home value of \$2,500,000).
- General Fund appropriations of \$19,486,740, an increase of \$997,100 or 5.39% from the 2022-23 adopted budget - a breakdown of appropriations are shown on page 4.
- A General Fund Contribution to the Library Fund of \$1,558,588, an increase of \$71,729 above last year.
- Non-real property tax revenues of \$6,781,740, an increase of \$418,500 or 6.57% above last year – a breakdown of non-real property tax revenue sources are shown on page 4.
- A real estate tax levy increase of 4.67% (in excess of the allowable tax cap levy).

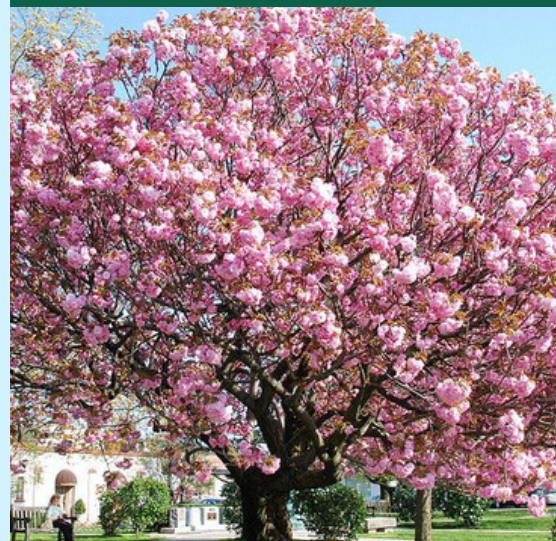
Save the Date:

Farmer's Market:

Opening is scheduled
for Saturday, May 13th

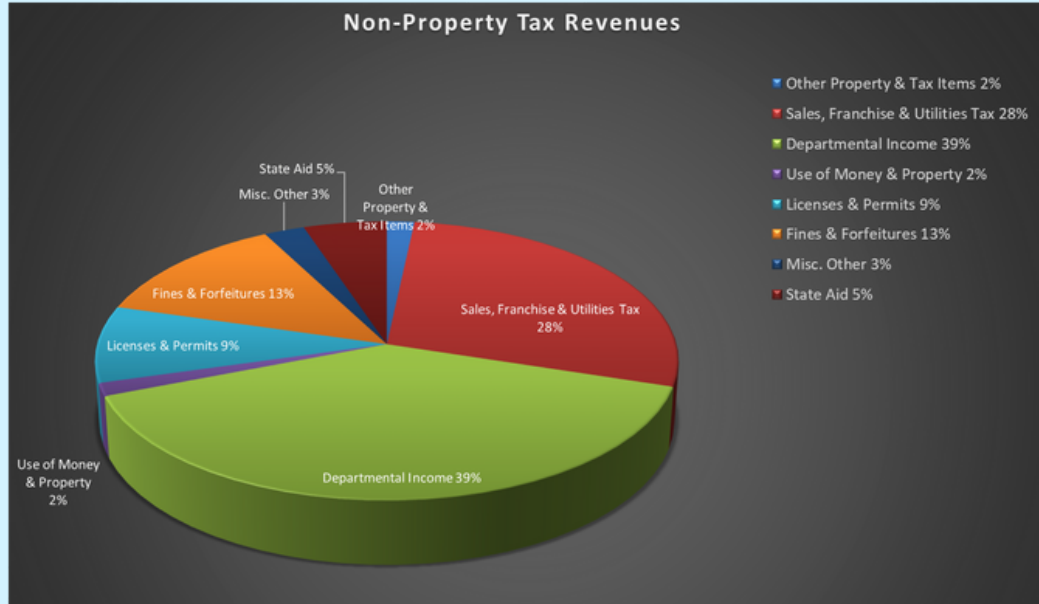
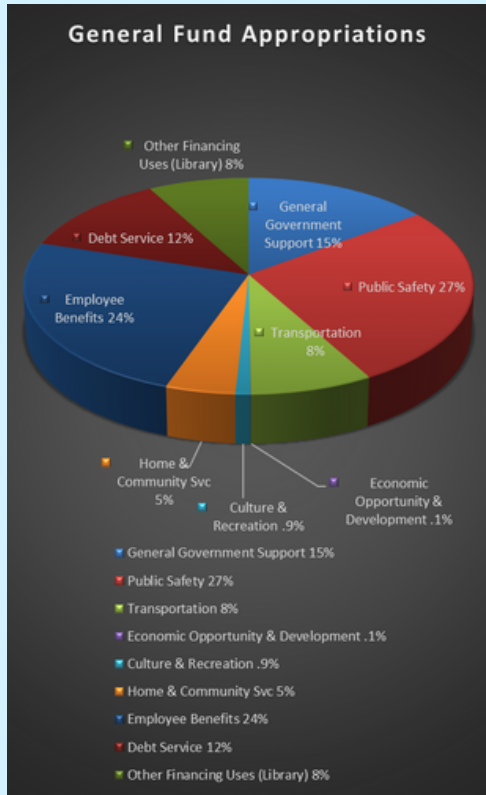
Memorial Day
Parade:

Bronxville will Mark
its 101st Memorial Day
Parade & Ceremony
on May 29th!

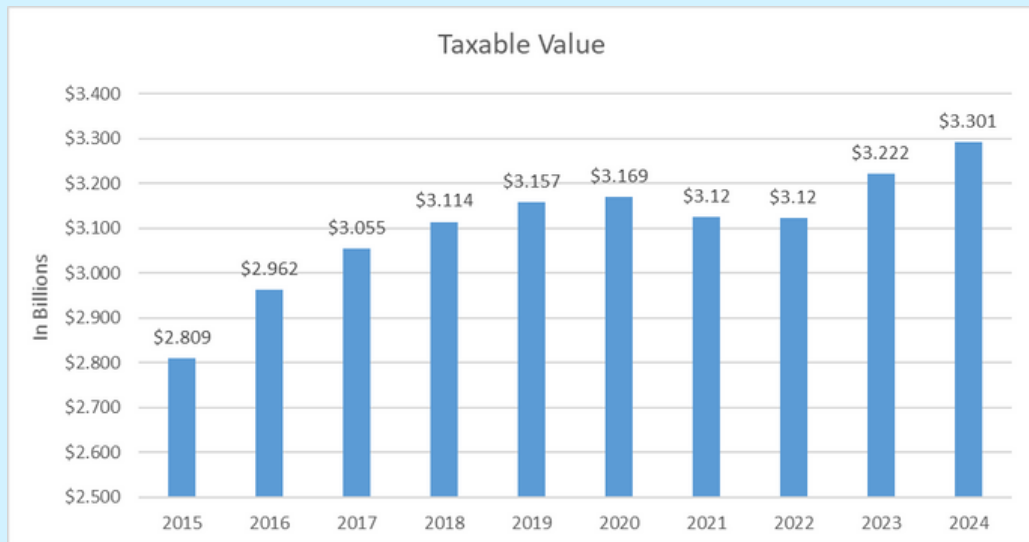




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To the right is a ten year history of the Village's taxable value.



The April 10th meeting will also include the annual appointments and actions associated with the start of the new Village Year – beginning with oaths of office. A copy of the [agenda](#) is available on the [Village website](#) under [Village News](#).

On Thursday, March 30th at 3pm Dana Wall of StreetPlans, the Consultant retained by the Village to review the current outdoor dining in the downtown, met with restaurant owners and merchants to discuss efforts to date and to present some conceptual ideas for revisions to the Village's current sidewalk and street dining programs. The Consultant met with the Village Board of Trustees to gain some additional feedback concerning the conceptual ideas. The Village Board agreed that there was much work to be done and that the focus for the spring should be on establishing guidelines and checklists to ensure that all establishments with outdoor dining comply with current Village requirements including maintaining a neat and clean site, sweeping the sidewalk and street dining areas daily and improving their overall appearance so establishments do not appear unkempt. The Consultant will update the temporary outdoor dining applications before the end of April while also continuing with defining proposals for how sidewalk and on-street dining could look going forward.





INSIDE VILLAGE HALL

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

Construction commenced on the Wood End sanitary sewer extension and should be completed by early April. The new sewer line will connect to the existing sewer on Locust Lane.



SPRING RECREATION PROGRAMS

Thank you to everyone who signed up for Tennis permits and our Adult and Youth Clinics. Enrollment is still open and permits/applications can be found [online](#).

Matt Evans is offering pickleball clinics on one court and the other two are open for individual play. We encourage anyone who may be interested in playing to purchase a permit.

See you on the courts!



EASTCHESTER TOWN TAX BILLS

Town of Eastchester Tax Bills have been mailed and are payable by April 30th without penalty.

For additional information please contact Rocco N. Cacciola, Receiver of Taxes at 914-771-3346

PARKING

Resident Permit

Resident permits are available to any Village of Bronxville resident for \$30. The permits allow you to park in any designated resident space in the Village and then pay the cost of the meter.

Resident Buyout Permit

The buyout permit is a pre-payment of the meter fees. This permit provides unlimited use of the lots Monday-Friday with parking available in any resident space in the designated lot without the need to feed a meter.

A Commuter Buyout Permit can be purchased for the Kraft Lot or Kensington Garage at the pro-rated amount of \$625 or the Parkway Road Lot at the pro-rated amount of \$750 for the remaining two quarters, which run from April 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023.

The resident spaces allow the meters to be paid for the entire 11 hours of enforcement from 8 am to 7 pm.

Locations of Resident Spaces

- Kraft Lot resident spaces are all the spaces facing the train tracks except for the six reserved spaces at the end of the lot. There are also residential spaces on the side facing Kraft Avenue marked as resident parking.
- Kensington garage resident spaces are marked with an R on the first floor.
- Parkway Road Lot resident spaces are any space in the middle two rows.

Please contact [Janine Marsigliano](#) with any questions.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Over the Rainbow: The Hollywood Career of Judy Garland: Tuesday, April 4th at 4pm on Zoom

Estate Planning: Empower Your Family with Confidence: Saturday, April 22nd at 2pm in person at the Library

Where's My Stuff: The Ins and Outs of Managing Your Space: Monday, April 24th at 3pm on Zoom

Book & Authors Trivia Program: Thursday, April 27th at 1:30pm, in person at the Library.

Financial Strategies in Retirement: Friday, April 28th at 3pm in person at the Library.





FROM CHIEF SATRIALE'S DESK

The Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) met with members of the Police Department last month to educate them on the resources they can provide when needed and requested by the Department. As a community based organization they offer community-based interventions to individuals of any age or gender who are experiencing a mental, emotional or situational crisis and will respond with or without the Police at the Department's discretion when dispatched by the Department. Essential functions include screening for suicidality or need for hospital transport, de-escalation, assessments and coordination with medical and behavioral health services. They provide a variety of resources including mobile crisis response and telephonic crisis follow-up.



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PICTURED BELOW IS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SUPPORTING THE BRONXVILLE SCHOOL'S GIRLS LACROSSE TEAM CARWASH FUNDRAISING EFFORT!

Pictured below is the playground equipment to be installed in Maltby Park along with a rendering of the hardscape plan showing the layout of the equipment and location to new swingset and existing paddle court facilities. Construction is expected to commence this summer 2023. For additional information on the Park [click here](#) or to make a donation to the Friends of Maltby Park [click here](#):

