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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 other cycles in the business world, the month of April proves to be the busiest as we swear in new official, reconfigure boards and craft the annual budget due in Albany on May 1.

At the Board of Trustees' Meeting on April 8th, Trustee Knapp, Trustee Mary Taylor Behrens and Judge Natasha Nordahl will take the oath of office to continue to serve the Village.

They have been exceptional colleagues and I look forward to working together as we go forward as stewards of our very special Village.

Since spring is literally popping up all over the Village, I thought it only appropriate to highlight the ongoing efforts of our Green Committee.

- During the month of April, the Green Committee is offering home delivery of Food Scrap Kits. Residents can go [online](#) to purchase a kit and volunteers will deliver them to the resident's home.
- The Green Committee and staff from Village Hall have been working hard on the Climate Action efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and implement actions to adapt to climate change. Because of these efforts, the Village of Bronxville has secured over \$77,000 in grant monies to use towards our climate adaptation efforts, and has once again received Bronze Certification with only 121 other communities in the entire state have received the same certification.
- Beginning early May, the Village will host compost give back events. The compost is the direct result of the community's participation in our food scrap recycling program. The scraps are sent to a facility upstate for processing which results in the wonderful compost that can be used in gardens, flowerbeds and around trees.
- On June 1, the Village will host Take Back Day which will provide residents an opportunity to recycle old clothing, electronics and shred sensitive documents.

The Village of Bronxville has partnered with Helpsy to offer a free home pickup clothing recycling service for the local community. This new service makes it as easy as possible for residents to responsibly dispose of their unwanted clothing. The service will not only help our DPW by lightening their pickup loads, but also help keep clothing out of the trash. For more information [click here](#).

I thank all members of the Green Committee for their sustaining effort and please avail yourself of all of the above initiatives.

Happy Spring!

With admiration and gratitude,
Mary Marvin

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AROUND TOWN EVENTS IN AND AROUND BRONXVILLE

SOLAR ECLIPSE - Monday, April 8th

Westchester County will be hosting several eclipse events at their County Parks and were able to obtain viewing glasses for all events since it is not safe to look directly at the solar eclipse. To learn more about how you can safely experience the eclipse on Monday April 8th please visit the Westchester County Department of Parks by going [here](#):

SENIOR SEMINAR SERIES

Please click [here](#) for the April 10th Event- [Caregiver Information, Resources, Elder Abuse and Mediation](#)

BRONXVILLE ADULT SCHOOL

The Bronxville Adult School's Spring 2024 session is underway! We are so excited to offer a wide assortment of course, including a lot of new classes as well as many returning favorites. Arts, business, technology, food and drink, dance and fitness, sports and more. Take a look and register [here](#):

EARTH DAY - Monday, April 22nd

There are many ways to celebrate Earth Day 2024! Check out events happening all around Westchester [HERE](#).

The Bronxville Green Committee and Bronxville Sprouts will be co-hosting an Earth Day toddler event at the Bronxville Giving Garden on Monday, April 22nd. Stay tuned for more information at the [Green Committee](#) and [Sprouts](#) websites and on Instagram [@bxvgreencommittee](#) and [@bronxvillesprouts!](#)

The Bronxville Green Committee will also be hosting clean up events with local boy and girl scout groups. If you're interested in attending an event, reach out to us at bxvgreencommittee@gmail.com.

CELEBRATION OF ARBOR DAY AND TREE CITY USA, April 26th

Bronxville is certified Tree City USA, a program sponsored by the [Arbor Day Foundation](#), and maintains a vigorous public tree planting schedule in spring and fall. Check out the [Arbor Day foundation](#) website for ways to celebrate Arbor Day and maintain healthy trees.

The Village is also proud to once again be recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation - now 20 years. To the right Assistant Village Administrator Stephen Shallo attended the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's Tree City USA ceremony in New Paltz, NY.



The Reformed Church of Bronxville will be holding it's Spring Clothing & Tag Sale on Saturday, May 4 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

The sale consists of a wide selection of gently used and new clothing for all ages, an expanded Designer Boutique and an assortment of fashion accessories, handbags, costume jewelry and shoes. Noteworthy items to check out for the Home include, linens, pillows, decor, lamps, artwork, housewares, knick-knacks as well as plenty of toys & games and sports equipment.

Preview items: Facebook [@reformedclothingsale](#), Instagram [@reformedclothingsale](#)

Cash and credit cards accepted. The entrance to the sale is located on the corners of Midland & Kraft Avenues.





NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES

The Village Board’s March 11th meeting included two public hearings:

Tax Cap Override Local Law: This annual local law is considered in conjunction with the annual budget since any increase in the tax levy beyond the State allowable increase for that year must be first approved before adoption of the budget. Additional information on the tax cap can be [found here](#). A copy of the law approved by the Village Board at their March meeting can be found [here](#):

Sanitary Sewer Laterals-Inspections, Repairs, Replacement and Ongoing Maintenance Local Law: Proposed local law will identify minimum standards on how a sanitary sewer lateral should be maintained, define requirements for the correction of defective conditions and also establish criteria for when inspections of sanitary sewer laterals will be required. The purpose of the local law is to reduce infiltration and inflow of clean waters into the public sanitary sewer system and to reduce sewage exfiltration into the natural waterways of the Village. The full local law can be viewed [here](#): The public hearing was adjourned to the Board’s May 13th meeting. Any comments regarding the proposed law should be forward to the Village Administrator at jpalmer@vobny.com.

The Board also approved a resolution documenting the use of all Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies totaling \$657, 228 dollars. A full list of the capital items funded through ARPA can be found [here](#).

The Board also authorized the use of unassigned fund balance to close out several capital projects including a police vehicle, police security cameras and improvements at the DPW garage.

The Village Board’s April 8th meeting will include a public hearing on the 2024-25 Village Budget at 7pm. A copy of the proposed budget can be found [here](#):

Highlights of the proposed budget include:

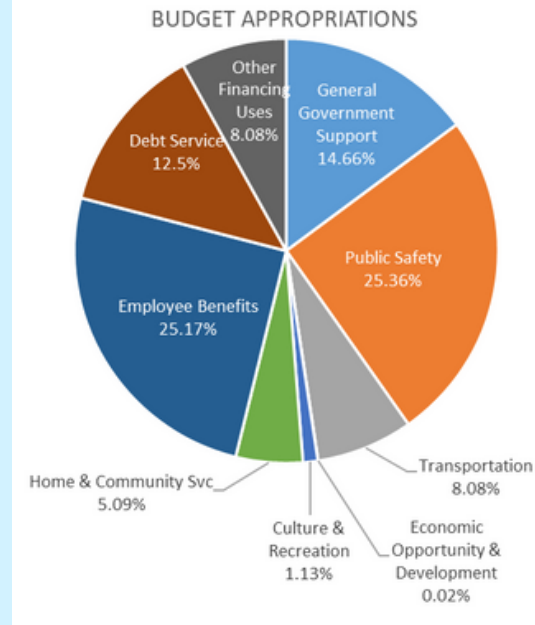
- A tax rate of \$3.648 per thousand dollars of assessed value – a 1.68% increase over last year (or a tax increase of \$156 for the median home value of \$2,600,000).
- General Fund appropriations of \$20,363,995, an increase of \$777,255 or 3.96% from the 2022-23 adopted budget – a breakdown of appropriations can be [found here](#).
- A General Fund contribution to the Library Fund of \$1,645,909, an increase of \$87,321 or 5.6% above last year.
- Non-real property tax revenues of \$6,752,203, a decrease of \$79,537 from last year.
- The Village’s taxable value increased to \$3,466,444,130, an increase of \$165,000,000 from last year.

The April 8th meeting will also include the annual appointments and actions associated with the start of the new Village Year – beginning with oaths of office for re-elected Trustees Helen Knapp and Mary Taylor Behrens and Village Justice Natasha Nordahl.

Other items to be considered at the April 8th meeting include ratification of a new four-year contract with the Bronxville Police Taylor Act Committee (PBA). A resolution authorizing the Planning Board to review seasonal on-street dining site plan applications will also be considered in addition to the purchase of a new dump truck for the Department of Public Works. The full agenda can be found [here](#).

Justices Nordahl and Primps along with Trustees Helen Knapp, Mary Behrens and Bill Fredericks marched in the annual Eastchester St. Patrick’s Day Parade with Assemblyperson Amy Paulin

Below are the 2024-25 budgeted appropriations expressed as a percentage. Proposed expenses will increase by 3.96% to \$20,363,995. Additional budget details can be found on the Treasurer’s page of the Village’s website.





INSIDE VILLAGE HALL

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

Veolia Water will be starting our annual flushing of fire hydrants starting the week of April 1st.

Stormwater Update:

Paxton Avenue and Parkway Road – NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) should have a draft report of short and long-term mitigation opportunities to reduce flooding in this area by the summer.

Crawford Drainage Improvements: The Village continues to work with the Town of Eastchester to finalize drainage improvements on Village and Town property located within the Town and we anticipate starting construction later this summer. The Village portion of the project will consist of a series of open channels and stormwater detention areas in the open park areas.

Hamilton/Sussex/Homesdale Drainage Improvements: Following an allegation of an illicit discharge from our stormwater system into neighboring Mt. Vernon the Village sampled multiple stormwater manholes along Homesdale, Homesdale at Sturgis and along Sunnybrae and no fecal coliform was detected.

The Village has retained an additional engineer to complete an hydraulic analysis on the improvements. The Village DPW recently installed a vented manhole cover on Sussex to assist with the release of trapped air in the conveyance pipe.

GREEN COMMITTEE

FREE Delivery of Food Scrap Recycling Kit in April!

Any resident of the Village of Bronxville who purchases a Food Scrap Recycling kit through the Village website will get FREE home delivery of their kit! Delivery will be made on Friday mornings starting April 5th and continuing through April 30th. You can order your kit [HERE](#) and learn more about the program [HERE](#).



The Green Committee will deliver a free sign to any family willing to pledge not to use chemical fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, and insecticides in their yard.

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!



PUBLIC LIBRARY

[CALENDAR OF EVENTS](#)

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





FROM CHIEF SATRIALE'S DESK

The Bronxville Police Department Annual Report for 2023 is now available on the Village website and inside Village Hall. This report documents and highlights some of the activities of the department throughout 2023.

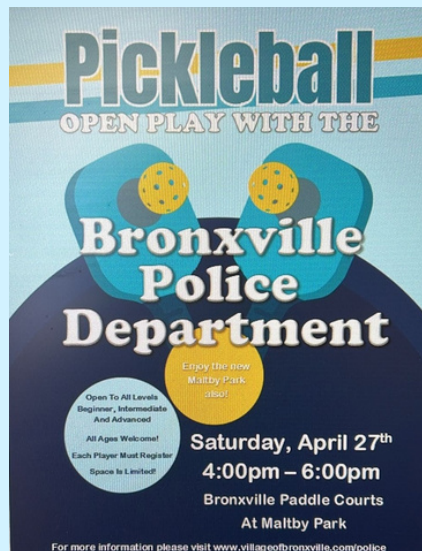
This past year saw many changes in the Police Department including the well-deserved retirement of Lieutenant Richard Bunyan after 41 years in law enforcement. His retirement resulted in several promotions highlighted within the report.

To the members of the Bronxville Police Department, thank you for your sustained commitment to the Village and exemplary service to our community. As always, we remain appreciative to the Mayor, Board of Trustees and Village Administrator for the vital support they continue to provide. Additionally, our merchants consistently provide much needed care and appreciation for our members.

We ended 2023 under tragic circumstances – the continued support from the entire Village and surrounding communities is overwhelming and reassuring – as Winston Churchill said, “If you’re going through hell, keep going.” My team is committed to the future beyond this tragedy and strength drawn from these difficult times.



On 3/25/24 Police Officers Dimitri Gallard and Brandon Serrano joined the Bronxville Police Department after prior service with the NYC Police Department. Officers Gallard and Serrano will complete in-service field training prior to being assigned their own tour of duty. Please join me in welcoming them to our Bronxville Police Department family. A ceremonial swearing in of the officers will take place at the Village Board’s June meeting.



Upcoming Events:

Play pickleball with the Bronxville Police Department on Saturday, April 27th from 4pm to 6pm at the Bronxville Paddle Courts at Maltby Park

Prom Apparel Drive:

Donate gently used formal prom dresses/shoes/accessories to the Village Hall lobby through April 17th. Donations to benefit Mt. Vernon high school seniors

Save the Date:

Farmer’s Market:

Opening is scheduled for Saturday, May 11th

Memorial Day Parade:

Bronxville will Mark its 102nd Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony on May 27th!

Take Back Day is

June 1st

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