

JANUARY 2024

ONE SQUARE MILE

Official Newsletter of The Village of Bronxville

Welcome to One Square Mile

THE LATEST NEWS FROM VILLAGE HALL

We had a terrific celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Village of Bronxville as well as our 350th plus year as part of the Town of Eastchester.

The celebration reminded us of our storied past, but as we know, history brings age, and in a not terribly exciting way, 125 years of aged infrastructure has come home a bit to roost. That being said, we have redoubled our efforts to maintain and improve our underground infrastructure, most importantly, sanitary and stormwater improvements as we address our aging infrastructure. We need your help on this as the infrastructure from private homes to the public main is often of a similar vintage, resulting in backups to residences. We ask that you start the New Year by having all lateral lines checked as well.

Other front burner projects revolve around becoming a more energy efficient municipality by conducting an energy audit on municipal operations and reducing our greenhouse gas emissions. Last year brought the Village the least amount of snow in 70 years, a boon from the financial side, but quite concerning in the global picture, though as I write it appears the inaugural storm of 2024 is heading our way.

We were ending 2023 with so much joy and hope for a new Village year only to experience the incomprehensible loss of the Watson Morgan family. We continue to struggle with the unimaginable loss and give counseling to all those in need. We ask you to keep the extended Morgan family in your thoughts and prayers in the days ahead.

In unity,

Mary Marvin

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AROUND TOWN

JANUARY EVENTS IN AND AROUND BRONXVILLE

January 9, 2024
7:00pm
 Eastchester Community Center at Lake Isle

Town of Eastchester Senior Programs & Services
 Senior Seminars Series

Estate Planning, Healthcare Overview and Elder Care Mediation

Join us to learn about:

- 1. Important Estate Planning/Legal Documents:**
 Wills/Will Substitutes, Power of Attorney, Advance Directives (Health Care Proxy, HIPAA, Living Will) MOLST- Physician Form
 Speakers- Christine Vuksanaj, Esq.- Morgan, Bagg, Persons & Vuksanaj, Attorneys at Law, Eastchester, NY
 Maria Whealan, Esq. - Maria Bryson Whealan, PLLC, Mediation & Law Office Eastchester, NY
- 2. Health Care Planning For Seniors:**
 Medicare, Medicaid, Long-Term Care, Private Pay
 Speaker- Joann D'Emilio, Esq., Kommer Bave & Ciccone LLP, White Plains, NY
- 3. Mediation:**
 An alternative to litigation for family decision-making in elder care matters when conflicts arise
 Speakers- Loretta A. Miraglia, Esq. of Mediation and Law Offices of Loretta Miraglia, Esq., Eastchester & Yonkers, NY
 Maria Whealan, Esq., of Maria Bryson Whealan, PLLC, Mediation & Law Office Eastchester

Staff from the Town of Eastchester's Senior Programs & Services will be on hand to also answer questions about what the Town has to offer our Seniors!
 RSVP for this Free Event:
sveltidi@eastchester.org
 This event is geared towards family members and caretakers of Seniors
www.eastchester.org

January Open House
 Thursday, January 11
 11:00am – 12:00pm

Gramatan Village
 85 Pondfield Road – 2nd Floor, Bronxville

Our member *Eric Thomas* will be entertaining us with live music!

Stop by our office for tea, coffee, and cookies. Learn about our services, activities, and social groups.

Bring in the New Year with Gramatan Village!

For information call Gramatan Village at 914-337-1338 or email: info@gramatanvillage.org

Gramatan Village is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that supports adults 55 and up who want to live confidently and independently at home.

SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES

NOMINATE YOUR FAVORITE BRONXVILLE CHAMBER BUSINESSES FOR BEST OF WESTCHESTER 2023!

SCAN THE QR CODE OR GO TO BESTOF.WESTCHESTERMAGAZINE.COM/

VOTING CLOSES JANUARY 10, 2024!



BRONXVILLE ADULT SCHOOL
 WINTER REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN
 CHECK [HERE](#) FOR MORE UPDATES

BXV HS EARTH CLUB & PTA SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Holiday Lights

RECYCLING DRIVE

Don't Throw Away Your Holiday Lights!

The Bronxville High School Earth Club & PTA Sustainability Committee are running a holiday lights recycling drive through January 12th. Collection bins are located at school entrances and at Village Hall by the main entrance.

Please drop off any old or broken lights so they can be properly recycled!





NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES

The Village Board's December 11th meeting began with a presentation by Alan Kassay, the Village's Auditor with PKF O'Connor Davies. It was another positive year for the Village with non-property tax revenues exceeding budgeted and expenses coming in below budgeted allowing the Village to increase its unassigned fund balance by \$702,626. A copy of the Village's 22-23 audited financial statements can be [found here](#). The Village Board requested that the Village Treasurer and Administrator prepare a proposed resolution assigning some excess fund balance to future capital projects.

The Village Board approved the following resolutions:

- 2024 Meeting Calendar: [Schedule can be found here](#).
- Body Cameras for the Police Department: The Board authorized the purchase of 12 new Motorola body cameras in the amount of \$19,262 to replace older equipment.
- Pump Purchase: The Board authorized the purchase of an enclosed portable drainage pump for \$75,000 to be deployed as needed.
- New Pick-up Truck: A new pick-up truck for the Department of Public Works which was included in the Village's capital plan was authorized for purchase to replace an existing older one.
- Crawford Drainage Improvements: The Board authorized an expanded scope of work for the ongoing survey data collection being done for the Crawford Drainage Basin Improvements.
- Hamilton-Sussex Drainage Improvements: The Board authorized funding in an amount of up to \$8,500,000 to complete the drainage repairs in this neighborhood.
- Electric Charging Stations: The Village Board authorized the Village's participation in Westchester County's Municipal infrastructure Improvement Initiative which will enable us to add an additional four charging stations for placement in the Cedar Street lot. The \$28,701 cost including installation will be fully reimbursed through this program.

The Village Board held a work session on Sunday, December 17th to discuss several outstanding matters and legislation to be considered early in the new year. The legislative discussion included consideration of a local law aimed at reducing the inflow and infiltration of clean waters into the public sanitary sewer system by requiring that plumbers, engineers and/or architects perform inspections of sanitary sewer laterals prior to property transfer. The inspections would further require a certification that sewer laterals have been tested and that any illegal connections or defects have been eliminated, repaired, replaced or rehabilitated.

The Village Board is planning to finalize guidance for the designs for the on-street outdoor dining program in the coming weeks. The Board has already determined that going forward beyond the current winter on-street dining will be limited to April 15th – November 15th. A zoom meeting with merchants has been scheduled for January 23rd.

The Village Board's January 8th meeting will include the following resolutions:

- Small Claim Assessment Review (SCAR) Settlement: The settlement involves two properties for the 2023 assessment year.
- Budget Officer for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year: Resolution authorizes the Village Administrator to serve as budget officer.
- Agreement with Villa BXV: Resolution authorizes the Village Administrator to execute an agreement with the Villa BXV which defines the use and payment for 11 parking spaces in the Kensington Garage. Also authorizes the Village Administrator to execute a stormwater maintenance agreement with Villa BXV.





INSIDE VILLAGE HALL

WINTER SAFETY TIPS AND REMINDERS

The recent cold spell resulted in some frozen pipes in homes under construction. Below is some important information:

If you won't be home

- If you're going away for an extended period, keep a minimum amount of heat on in the house. This will help protect the pipes in case the temperature drops.
- If you plan to turn the heat off, drain all the water from the pipes, toilets and water heater, and turn off the power source to the water heater.

If the pipes freeze

- If your pipes freeze, it's important to clear blockages as soon as possible to minimize damage. It may be best to call a licensed plumber.
- If a water pipe has burst, turn off the water at the main shutoff valve in the house.
- Open a nearby faucet slightly so the pipe can drain as it thaws.
- Do not use electrical appliances in areas of standing water.
- Never use hot water or a blowtorch on a frozen pipe or water meter.

Tips from Veolia Water

Outside the home

- Disconnect and drain the garden hose connection and irrigation system.
- Close all outside vents, crawl spaces and doors so cold air doesn't seep inside.
- Keep garage doors closed.

Inside the home

- Wrap the meter and water lines subject to freezing in insulation or heat tape (available at hardware stores).
- Make sure the shutoff valves on either side of the water meter are working properly. Place a tag on the main shutoff valve and make sure everyone knows where it is and how to use it during an emergency.
- Check the water meter periodically. Contact SUEZ if you notice any damage.
- If you have had problems in the past, you may want to keep a trickle of water running from the highest faucet during frigid weather. You will be billed for the water used, but this may help prevent costly plumbing repairs that result from broken pipes.

How to reach **VEOLIA**: Emergencies - 877-266-9101

Customer Service Email: cswc@veolia.com

Also contact the Village Police Department at 914-337-0500 in the event you observe a water main break.

PUBLIC WORKS

A new sanitation schedule is in effect for 2024. You can find your schedule [online](#). Alternatively, copies are available in Village Hall.

Christmas trees are now being collected and pickup will continue for the next two weeks. Make sure your trees are free of lights and ornaments so we can turn them into quality mulch!

The first snow and ice event this winter is an important reminder for all homeowners and businesses with sidewalks that these areas must be maintained, cleared and made safe following an event. Private contractors should be reminded that they cannot plow snow from a private driveway into a public street or onto a sidewalk. This is unsafe and dangerous and violators will be prosecuted. Water discharging directly from a property onto the sidewalk or street is not permitted without approval from the Village and can create an icing condition during the winter.

PARKING

Commuter buyout permits are still available for the Kraft Lot, Kensington Garage and Parkway Road Lot at a prorated rate.

Commuter parking demand has increased in the Kraft Lot. Overflow parking is available **ONLY** for Kraft Commuter buyout permit holders in the spaces specified below:

Kraft Lot Merchant spaces 3147-3150 at the end of the lot in front of the Sarah Lawrence building

LIBRARY

January Calendar of Events





FROM CHIEF SATRIALE'S DESK

Chief Satriale met with the Bronxville Senior Group during the holidays to provide some important safety reminders regarding common techniques used to take advantage of our seniors and how they can protect themselves. The Chief highlighted phone and computer scams, ATM distractions, bank fraud and burglaries.

- ATM
- PHONE SCAM
- BURGLARY
- PERSONAL SAFETY
- UTILITY SCAMS



STAY UP TO DATE WITH THE LATEST VILLAGE NEWS, EMERGENCY ALERTS, AND INFO FROM SPECIFIC VILLAGE HALL DEPARTMENTS.

SIGN UP HERE

PONDFIELD ROAD UNDERPASS UPDATE:

Metro North work continues on the underpass structures. Please give yourself some extra time when traversing this area from 9am-2pm.



Work on east bound side complete and west bound repairs underway.



Deputy Mayor Underhill, Chief Satriale and Trustee Behrens join Rabbi Sruli Deitsch in the lighting of the Menorah

