

MAY 2024

# ONE SQUARE MILE

Official Newsletter of The Village of Bronxville

## Welcome to One Square Mile

### THE LATEST NEWS FROM VILLAGE HALL

Following multiple work sessions and a public hearing on the Village budget, the Village Board adopted the 2024-25 budget on April 8th. The budget of \$20,363,995 will result in a tax levy which translates into a \$61 increase on every assessed value of \$1 million.

The budget was driven by increases in state pension obligations, insurance premiums for workers' compensation and general liability, interest on capital projects related to flood mitigation projects and an incremental downturn in our portion of the county tax revenue.

Given these variables that were out of our control, after much due diligence, we budgeted carefully and conservatively and welcome your comments.

A copy of the entire budget and supporting documents can be [viewed here](#).

After finishing what is the most important process in the Village, we turned to more joyous events as spring brings so much life to the Village. We are working hand-in-hand with Bronxville School to improve/replace our street trees in the public right away near the school, so they harmonize with the new school landscaping plan.

Just recently, Governor Hochul announced that we were one of the very few Westchester communities to receive bronze status, in terms of recertifying as a NYS Bronze Climate Smart Community. Much of it thanks to our green committee. We continue to strive for the silver medal!

The Village is popping with spring thanks to our incredibly supportive garden groups; the Bronxville Beautification Council, the Boulder Ledge Garden Club and the Working Gardeners all doing their incredible volunteer part throughout the Village.

Just recently, our incredible BBC volunteers filled planters throughout the Village and we thank them and they are working as I write.

The Giving Garden is also up and running thanks to the dedication of Farmer Dave and his team and students have already come to learn the importance of organic gardening.

This is also the season of benefits to not only honor some incredible Village residents but as an avenue to keep so many of our revered institutions serving their missions thanks to your volunteer dollars.

The Library held a "Back to the 60s" benefit which was a huge success as the support for our library is truly unprecedented and venerable Village citizens such as John Priesing are being honored by the Rotary Club, volunteer extraordinaire Mary Mackintosh by the Counseling Center and John and Marilyn Hill by Gramatan Village, just reinforcing the fact this Village could not be the home we have without the volunteer commitment of people like those being so deservedly honored this month.

Our Farmers Market, the second oldest in the county, will be in full swing at its home near the paddle courts every Saturday starting May 11th going forward beginning during the hours of 8:30AM to 1PM and it only gets better every year. Our Memorial Day Parade will kick off at 8:30AM on Parkway Road on May 27th with long standing resident and honored war Veteran, John Priesing as our Grand Marshal.

Finally looking forward, the annual June sidewalk sale will take place on May 31st.

Think local, donate local and shop local. Happy spring!

With gratitude that you allow me to serve as your Mayor,

Mary

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Pictured below: Mayor Marvin, Trustees Mary Taylor Behrens and Helen Knapp along with County Legislator James Nolan, Eastchester Supervisor Tony Colavita and former BWC President Mary Westmoreland were on hand to celebrate the 99th anniversary of the Bronxville Women's Club held last month.





## AROUND TOWN

### EVENTS IN AND AROUND BRONXVILLE

#### FARMERS MARKET

Season begins Saturday, May 11th from 8:30am to 1:00pm

The Farmer's Market will open Saturday, May 11th from 8:30am to 1pm. Come down to the intersection of Paxton Avenue and Stone Place to meet your favorite vendors and to meet some new faces!



#### EASTCHESTER VETERANS CEREMONY & PARADE

Sponsored by the VFW & American Legion  
Sunday, May 19th at 2:00pm

Thursday, May 16th, 7:00pm to 8:00pm there will be a memorial tribute at Eastchester High School Auditorium, Stewart Place, Eastchester, to honor those from Eastchester, Bronxville and Tuckahoe, who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

Sunday, May 19th, Memorial Day Parade in Eastchester commencing at 2:00pm from the Immaculate Conception Church parking lot, White Plains Road, and will proceed north to the intersection of California Road and White Plains Road at the Eastchester Veterans Memorial Park where there will be a short ceremony and presentations.



**EASTCHESTER VETERANS FOUNDATION**  
Veterans Ceremony and Parade Committee  
433 White Plains Post Road  
Eastchester, New York 10709



**Grand Marshal: Anthony Colavita**  
**Grand Marshal: Anthony Nunno**

**\*INDOOR MEMORIAL TRIBUTE PROGRAM\***  
Date: **\*\* Thursday, May 16th, 2024 \*\***  
Time & Location: **7:00 P. M. (Doors Open 6:15)**

**Eastchester High School Auditorium**  
Stewart Place - off White Plains Road  
Eastchester, NY 10709

Program: A Special Tribute to the "Veterans of the Civil War!" and all who Paid the Ultimate Sacrifice for their Country!  
Video and slide presentation, Patriotic Music and a Truly Reverent Program  
To "REMEMBER", "RESPECT" AND "REFLECT" on the SACRIFICES MADE BY THOSE FROM OUR THREE COMMUNITIES

**\*\*MEMORIAL DAY PARADE\*\***  
Date: **\*\* Sunday, May 19th, 2024 \*\***  
Time and Location **2:00 PM Muster at Immaculate Conception Parking Lot, (White Plains Road just North of Winter Hill Sam Crawford Monument) 3:00 PM Kickoff proceed North on White Plains Road to California Road and conclude at Eastchester Veterans Monument Park for presentations!**

#### Bronxville School Budget Tuesday, May 21st



[Click here](#) for a copy of the Proposed School Budget  
[Click here](#) for voting details

#### SIDEWALK SALE

Saturday, May 31st and June 1st.

Shop Small, Shop Local

The hugely popular Sidewalk Sales in our downtown business district are a draw for shoppers from the Village and surrounding areas.

When you shop Bronxville you are supporting a local business.

#### Bronxville Senior Citizens

Bronxville Senior Citizens annual spring fundraiser going on now. For additional details please email [info@scc70.org](mailto:info@scc70.org) for more information.



#### SAVE THE DATE:

**TAKE BACK DAY/MOBILE SHREDDER**  
Saturday, June 1st  
10:00am to 1:00pm

**MOBILE PASSPORT**  
Tuesday, June 18th  
10:00am to 1:00pm

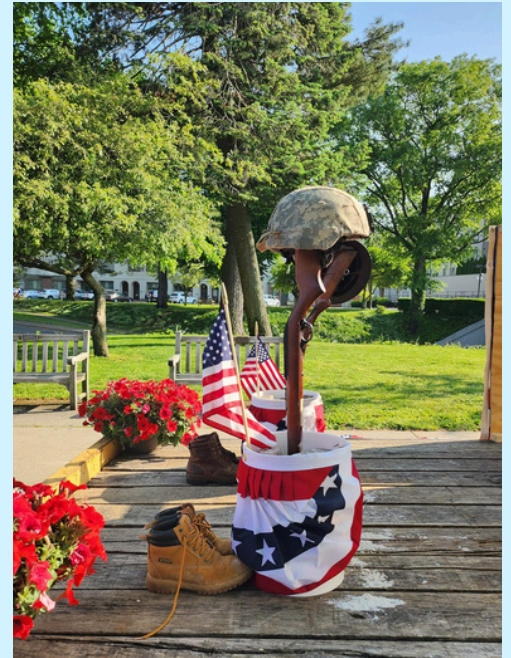




# MEMORIAL DAY PARADE CELEBRATION MAY 27TH

Come celebrate with us on Monday, May 27th as we kick off our 102nd Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony at 8:30am at Leonard Morange Square on Parkway Road.

The parade will be led by Veteran and Village Resident John Priesing as Grand Marshal. John has a long history of service to our Country and to our Village.



**Westchester County  
Memorial Day Service**

Lasdon Park, Arboretum  
& Veterans Memorial  
2610 NY-35  
Katonah, NY 10536

**Friday, May 24 at 11 a.m.**

Watch live on Facebook  
[Facebook.com/westchestergov](https://www.facebook.com/westchestergov)

Westchester County  
George Latimore, County Executive  
Ronald C. Facee, Director  
Veterans Service Agency





## NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES

The Village Board's April 8th meeting included the public hearing on the 2024-25 budget which began with the Board and Administrator highlighting the principal non-real property tax revenues and expense changes from the prior year. A copy of proposed budget, the Administrator's narrative on the budget and a history on past adopted budgets can be [found here](#). The Board adopted the budget on Thursday, April 25th.

The Village's annual meeting was also held on April 8th and commemorates the start of the new calendar year for elected and appointed office holders. Congratulations again to Trustees Mary Taylor Behrens and Helen Knapp who begin new two-year terms as Trustees and Justice Natasha Nordahl who begins a new four-year term as Village Justice. A list of all appointments and annual actions that are part of the new year can be [found here](#):

Other Items Considered and Approved by the Village Board on April 8th Included:

- A resolution to amend the Village's procurement policy: The policy mirrors the requirements and guidance set forth in the New York State General Municipal Law (GML) and dictates how the Village purchases goods and services, prevents unauthorized purchases and enforces internal controls. The policy was amended to also specify controls for the use of credit cards and online transactions. The Village's full procurement policy can be found on the [Treasurer's page](#) on the Village website.
- A resolution to upgrade the Village's traffic signal at Midland and Tanglewyld: The Board authorized \$23,000 in expenditures to install new pedestrian signals and LED signals at this intersection to replace older equipment.
- A resolution ratifying a new four-year contract with the PBA: The new four-year contract covers all officers of the Police Department and includes increases in both wages and health insurance contributions from the Village in exchange for some other items including one less personal day for new hires.
- A resolution authorizing the purchase of a new dump truck and spreader for the Department of Public Works: The purchase allows for the replacement of a larger dump truck that was sold last year at public auction.
- A resolution authorizing the Planning Board to approve and/or disapprove on-street dining applications: The resolution allows for the Planning Board to review on-street dining applications and is consistent with their existing review of sidewalk dining applications as defined in the Village's zoning code. Additional information concerning the Village's extensive policy review of an on-street dining program and community outreach efforts including a Village-wide survey to gauge community interest in continuing such a program can be found by going to the [Trustees page](#) on the Village website.

The Village Board's May 13th Meeting will include the following resolutions:

- A resolution to fund \$64,100 in new tree plantings and installation along Pondfield Road and Midland Avenue. The project is part of the Bronxville School's new campus landscaping program which includes a new irrigation system, hedge and fence along the perimeter of the School as well as new wider sidewalks along Pondfield Road and Midland Avenue.
- A resolution to approve funding for a new Village website: The new website will allow for an upgrade of the Village's existing Civic Plus web open platform to a web central platform enabling more in-house capabilities for website development, programming and communication.
- The new site is expected to go live at the start of 2025.
- A resolution to increase parking fines for certain parking violations. The fine increases will include violations for illegal parking at handicapped designated spaces, double parking and unauthorized parking at loading/unloading zones.
- A resolution to establish energy benchmarking requirements for municipal buildings. The program will define the collection and reporting of building energy data for the purposes of assisting the Village with evaluating operational needs and capital investment decisions.

The Board will also continue the public hearing for the proposed law for sanitary sewer laterals – inspections, repairs, replacement and on-going maintenance. The proposed local law can be found [here](#):





# INSIDE VILLAGE HALL

## GREEN COMMITTEE

Westchester County adopted an “Upon Request” law. Food establishments will only provide serve ware and condiments in your takeout order if you request them.

They are no longer automatically included in orders. For more information, please see the [Westchester County website](#) or check out the [county’s informational video](#).



### Compost Give Back Week is [HERE!](#)

The Village is offering FREE organically rich compost to all residents to make springtime planting more rewarding. The compost will be available from Monday, May 5 through Saturday, May 11 (while the pile lasts)! Bring your own container and shovel to the Food Scrap Drop-Off Site behind Village Hall (enter and exit Palumbo Place from Midland Avenue) and help yourself.

Compost is the soil that results when the food scraps collected in the Village’s residential Food Scrap Recycling program are composted at a commercial facility. Learn more about our Village Food Scrap Recycling program and order your kit online [HERE!](#)

## PUBLIC WORKS

Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers Are Prohibited Starting May 15th through October 15th.

Please remind your landscapers! The Village requires all landscapers to display a registration number on their vehicles. If you wish to leave an anonymous complaint please send an email to [villageadmin@vobny.com](mailto:villageadmin@vobny.com)



Village Hall employees celebrated the Solar Eclipse on April 8th



## SPRING RECREATION PROGRAMS

Clay courts are now open.

Pickleball tournament held last weekend was well received and included a total of 12 teams and two divisions. Congratulations to all winners.

A reminder that permits are required for all play and reservations can be made online through the Village website.



### Maltby Park

Additional one hour public parking has just been added to the Maltby Lot and can now be accessed via Paton Avenue. The Park is open from dawn until dusk.



## LIBRARY

Construction of the outdoor patio is almost complete. A dedication is planned for June 14th.

On Friday, April 19th the Friends of the Bronxville Public Library (FOBPL) had their annual spring gala and fundraiser. The event was a huge success. You can learn more about the FOPL by [clicking here](#).





## FROM CHIEF SATRIALE'S DESK

National EMS week is the 3rd week in May! It's a time to recognize the lifesaving services of our first responders and medical professionals who dedicate their lives to saving others. A special thanks to the men and women of the Bronxville Police Department, Eastchester Fire Department and Eastchester Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

Pictured below, the Police Department held their first annual pickleball open play with the community on April 27th and a good time was had by all.



## The Bronxville Green Committee Celebrated Earth Day all month long!

Dozens of toddlers gathered throughout the day at the Giving Garden to learn about the garden, how to plant seeds and participate in story telling with Erica Iannuzzi.

Girl Scout Troop 1506 removed litter from the Bronx River Reservation around Scout Field and took a break for a photo with Mayor Marvin and Green Committee Chair Ellen Edwards.

Boy Scouts Troop 5 teamed up with the Westchester Parks Foundation to clean areas near the Bronx River.

All the groups learn about how to properly remove invasive and destructive vines from the trees.



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