

# BRONXVILLE



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# Community Overview

The charming, English-style village of Bronxville is nestled along the Bronx River in southern Westchester County.

Located in the Town of Eastchester, Bronxville's postal address encompasses small parts of neighboring areas. With lush green yards and towering trees, its close-knit neighborhoods have been the hallmark of Bronxville's history. They are lined with graceful and distinctive turn-of-the-century homes, including Tudors, Colonials and Victorian-styles, along with townhouses and apartments. Most are within a close proximity to the business district and railroad station.

A charming and lively downtown, with old-fashioned lamp posts, is balanced between the railroad station at one end and the Four Corners, a cluster of civic buildings, at the other. It offers an eclectic array of fashionable boutiques, specialty food shops, art galleries, antique shops, diverse restaurants, a triplex movie theater and professional offices, all within a few blocks.

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## AREA

1 Square Mile

## POPULATION

6,500

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## HISTORY

Originally known as an "Artist's Colony" in the early 1900's, the village gained a reputation for its romantic design and "celebrity residents," especially in Lawrence Park, a district on the hill above the business district. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, it is recognized for its narrow, meandering stone streets and unusually shaped buildings.

The Siwanoy Nation deeded the region to British colonists in 1654 (siwanoynation.org), however, the earliest settlement of Bronxville began in the 18th century, with residents who farmed and built factories. It was in 1890, when a wealthy pharmaceutical manufacturer, William Van Duzer Lawrence, set about creating an exclusive colony for artists, that the history of the modern suburb actually began. After purchasing an 86-acre farm, he commissioned William A. Bates to build a community of well-designed homes. Turning cow paths into curved, yellow-brick streets, while retaining giant elms, wildflowers and huge granite outcroppings, the two produced gabled Victorians and shingled cottages with verandas and porches overlooking the winding streets. Now called Lawrence Park, it set the stage for what would become a vibrant, well planned residential community. With many prominent painters, writers and architects in residence, subsequent building in Bronxville was just as lovely. Almost fully developed by the early 20th century, Bronxville benefitted from a sustained standard of architectural design and quality. Noted architects include Charles Lewis Bowman, Penrose Stout and Harry Leslie Walker. Lawrence Hospital, the first Village Hall, much of the downtown area and nearby Sarah Lawrence College also owe their existence to William Van Duzer Lawrence.

## TRANSPORTATION

New York City: 15 miles

White Plains: 9 miles

Kennedy Airport: 24 miles

LaGuardia Airport: 17 miles

Newark Airport: 30 miles

Westchester County Airport: 17 miles

Via Metro-North trains from the Bronxville station, the commuting time to Grand Central Terminal in New York City averages 28 minutes during peak rush hour periods.

There is bus service via Bee-Line, taxi service and Para-transit. The village is easily accessible to the Bronx River and Hutchinson River Parkways.



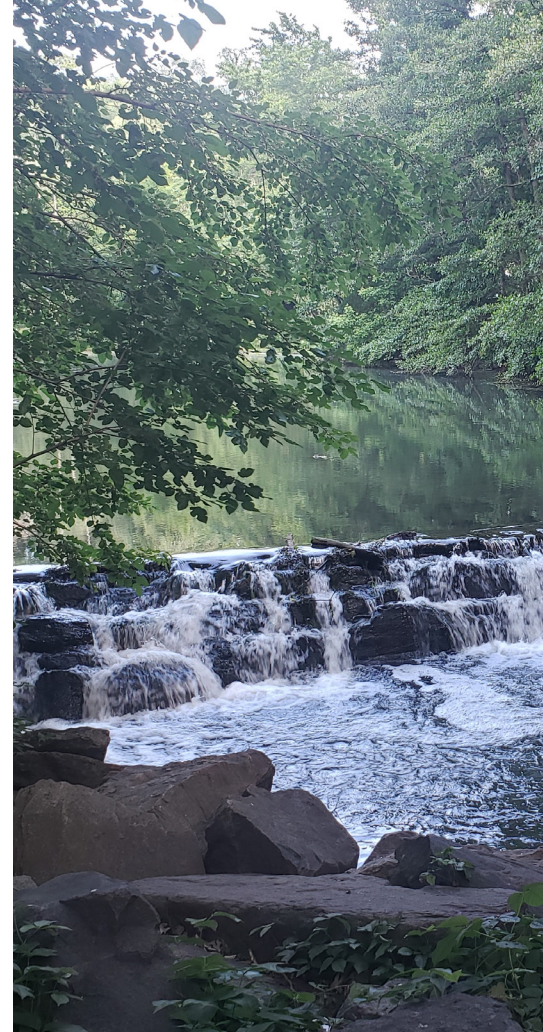
## RECREATION

In addition to programs and activities offered by the Town of Eastchester, Bronxville offers recreational options for residents of all ages that include court sports, child development programs, hobbies and gymnastics, along with community events, rental facilities for gatherings and many public areas for active play. A Bronxville sponsored day camp is also available during the summer.

Special community events include parades and celebrations for Memorial Day and other national holidays, sidewalk sales and festivals with live bands. Every Saturday from June through mid-November and select dates throughout the winter is a Farmers' Market with organic produce, jams, fruits, vegetables, flowers, herbs and specialty items. Every Sunday from April to October, a seven-mile stretch of the Bronx River Parkway, from Bronxville to White Plains, is closed to automobile traffic for "Bicycle Sundays."

The village has over 70 acres of parkland, including athletic fields, woodlands and a small part of the Bronx River Parkway Reservation, Westchester's oldest park, with ponds, footbridges and hundreds of varieties of trees. Bicentennial Park, on Meadow Avenue and Pondfield Road, has been landscaped as an outdoor garden and is equipped with benches and paved areas. Bronxville's School Field, an eight acre area owned by the Bronxville Public School, is equipped with a football field, three smaller fields, a running track and a "little tots" playground. Dogwood Park, a complex utilized by the schools, includes five tennis courts, a tennis building, a children's play area and a sitting area. Maltby Park is a play area covering 2.6 acres. It is a popular spot for paddle tennis. Additional recreational areas include Sagamore Park and Leonard Morange Square.

The Sarah Lawrence College is in the immediate area, along with several private clubs, including Siwanoy Country Club, where the first PGA championship was held, and the Bronxville Field Club. Bronxville residents may utilize the expansive Lake Isle Country Club, in nearby Eastchester, with golf, outdoor swimming pools and tennis courts.



## PRESCHOOLS



Bronxville Montessori School:  
914.793.2083

Eliza Corwin Frost (EFC):  
914.779.4852

Reformed Church Nursery School:  
914.337.6332

The Chapel School:  
914.395.0500

Sarah Lawrence College  
Early Childhood Center  
914.395.2353.

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS



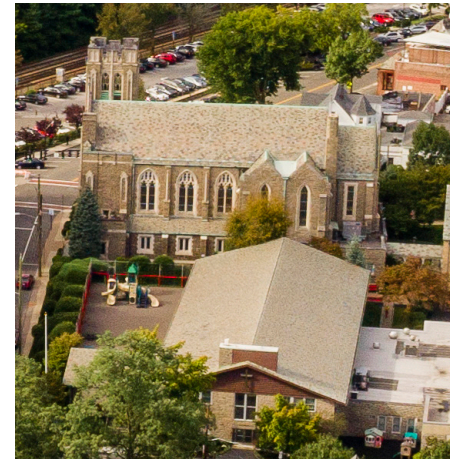
Bronxville Public School System:  
[www.bronxvilleschool.org](http://www.bronxvilleschool.org)

Bronxville Elementary School:  
914.395.0500

Bronxville Middle School:  
914.395.0500

Bronxville High School:  
914.395.0500

## PRIVATE SCHOOLS



St. Joseph's School  
914.337.0261

The Chapel School  
914.337.3202

## NATURE & CONSERVATION

The Bronxville Beautification Council works to enhance and maintain the natural and man-made beauty of the village with the planting of trees and flowers and a yearly "Beautify Bronxville Week." The Bronxville Historical Conservancy "records and preserves Bronxville's history and life in the village." Bronxville supports a New York State Advocacy program for legislation that would create a comprehensive energy program to address efficiency, conservation, renewable energy and green building. The village has strived to make similar commitments at the local level. Bronxville residents are dedicated to maintaining open space and recreational parks. Bacon Woodlands, located on Kensington Road, is a natural rock outcropping which has been left in its natural state, the flatter portion of which is used as an informal play area.

## LIBRARY

201 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, NY  
914.337.7680

The Bronxville Library is housed in a Georgian-style brick building with porches, an art collection, exhibit galleries, fireplaces and a community meeting room. There is a special Teen Room for students in grades seven through twelve, and a Children's Room that offers programs for children from birth through grade six. Before the library was chartered in 1906, villagers enjoyed a small library room that was added to the Bronxville Model School in 1875. It was later moved into a new Village Hall Building, with the police station, firehouse and post office, yet residents hoped for a civic center that would include the school, library and municipal buildings. In 1942, their dream was realized, with the "Four Corners," as it is known today. It has since been redesigned and expanded. The library is a member of the Westchester Library System, which enables cardholders to borrow materials from any of the thirty-eight member libraries.



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## Important Numbers

### POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Emergency: 911  
Non-Emergency: 914.337.0500

### FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Emergency: 911  
Non-Emergency: 914.793.6402

### HOSPITALS:

**Lawrence Hospital Center:**  
914.787.1000

**Montefiore New Rochelle Hospital:**  
914.632.5000

**White Plains Hospital:**  
914.632.5000

**Westchester County Medical Center**  
914.493.7000

## Additional Information

### MUNICIPAL OFFICES:

**Village Hall:** 914.337.6500

**Tax Assessor:** 914.337.6500

**Historical Conservancy:**  
[bronxvillehistoricalconservancy.org](http://bronxvillehistoricalconservancy.org)

**Bronxville Village Supervisor:**  
914.337.6500

**Bronxville Mayor:** 914.337.6500

**Post Office:** 119 Pondfield Road  
914.779.7092

**Senior Programs and Services:**  
914.793.2222

**Building & Public Works:** 914.337.7338

**Town of Bronxville Information:**  
[www.villageofbronxville.com](http://www.villageofbronxville.com)