



# The Gramatan Village VOICE

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## Look Inside!

Introducing  
Julie Dalton,  
our executive  
director.

Learn about the  
enthusiastic  
response to our  
recent survey!

The  
Community Fund  
gives  
Gramatan Village  
its first grant.

Mary Marvin  
features  
Gramatan Village  
on  
her TV show,  
“One Square Mile.”

The date is set for  
our first  
public lecture!

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Opportunities

and more...

## *Dear Neighbors,*

Welcome to the first edition of *The Gramatan Village Voice*.

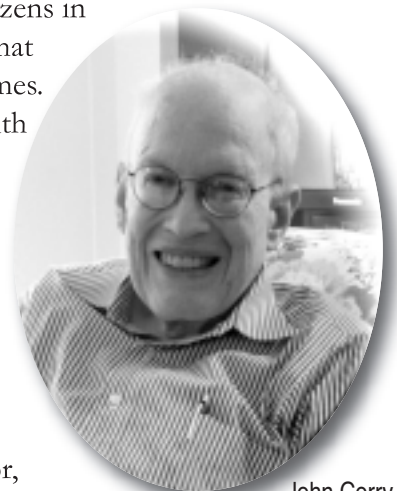
Late last year, a group of your neighbors formed Gramatan Village as a non-profit corporation whose mission is to provide senior citizens in the greater Bronxville area with a support system that will allow them to live confidently in their own homes. For modest fees, our members will be furnished with information on and access to a wide variety of home services, ranging from handymen and transportation to home nursing and access to a nearby assisted living facility. We are patterned after a highly successful program located in Boston called Beacon Hill Village (visit [beaconhillvillage.org](http://beaconhillvillage.org)).

During the past few months, Gramatan Village has recruited an experienced full time executive director, leased office space, received IRS tax exemption, obtained major financial pledges from its directors and the Community Fund, and entered into serious discussions with the Wartburg Adult Care Community and other healthcare providers.

By sometime next spring, we expect to begin signing up members and become operational. In the meantime we welcome your questions, as well as your support as volunteers or otherwise. Please phone our Executive Director, Julie Dalton at 914 337-1338.

All best wishes,

John Corry  
President



John Corry

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# A warm welcome to **Julie Dalton**



Gramatan Village is pleased to welcome Julie Dalton as its new executive director. Julie comes to Gramatan Village with considerable experience in serving seniors.

She most recently served as Vice President of Operations for Aging in America Community Services. In that role, Julie was responsible for all home and community based programs including senior centers, nutrition programs, transportation, case management and intergenerational programs. During her tenure she developed model programs that allowed seniors to remain in their homes.

“My priority will be getting my face out in the community, meeting civic leaders and elected officials and establishing personal and organizational connections.”

Julie obtained her Bachelor’s degree from Syracuse University. In 2003, Julie received her certification as an Aging Services Specialist (CASP) from the University of North Texas. Julie is delighted to be part of the vibrant community of Bronxville and looks forward to meeting the needs of our senior residents.



## Mark your Calendar!

The first of what is hoped to be many lectures sponsored by Gramatan Village is scheduled for February 10th at 4:00 p.m. Karen Lawrence, the new president of Sarah Lawrence College, will speak in the Yeager Room of the Bronxville Public Library. All those interested in the Gramatan Village project are invited to attend this lecture presented to the public at no charge.

**FEBRUARY 10, 2008**  
**4:00 P.M.**  
**YEAGER ROOM**  
**BRONXVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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## Funding for Gramatan Village Begins

Gramatan Village is making substantial progress in obtaining the financial support it will need to begin operations next spring. Pledges of more than \$200,000 from its board directors and a \$25,000 pledge from the Community Fund are already in hand. IRS tax exemption has also been obtained.

While Gramatan Village will be a fee-based program, expenses are expected to exceed member contributions. During the next few months, community leaders will be approached for financial support.

***The Community Fund  
has already pledged \$25,000!***



# Villagers Respond to Spring Survey

by George Young

The more than 750 replies received from Bronxville area senior citizens to Gramatan Village’s spring survey gave an overwhelming indication of the need and desire for a non-profit organization such as Gramatan Village. Well over the majority want to stay in the greater Bronxville area. *Most want to stay in their own homes.*

The service receiving the most “availability-is-very-important” ratings was Transportation. Of other services listed on the questionnaire, the most popular are listed on the table to the right.



Transportation to appointments, errands, church, etc.	65%
Skilled nursing/nurses aid	57%
Handyman/housekeeper	47%
Other homecare (bathing, physical therapy, etc.)	46%
Medical equipment availability	46%
Escorts to doctors’ appointments	36%
Plumber, electrician, etc.	36%
Yoga, walking, fitness, etc.	34%
Medication management	34%
Shared transportation to NYC (museums, plays, etc.)	33%

## GRAMATAN VILLAGE MAKES THE NEWS

You’ve probably read about Gramatan Village in our local newspaper or *The New York Times*, and you may have clicked on to [www.myhometownbronxville.com](http://www.myhometownbronxville.com) and read Stephanie Harrington’s informative interview with Julie Dalton, Gramatan Village’s new executive director. Now added to the growing list of media coverage of our attention-getting operation is a lively cable television interview with Bronxville’s mayor, Mary Marvin.

Videotaped at the new offices at 85 Pondfield Road, the approximately 10-minute segment provides an enlightening overview of Gramatan Village – how and why it began, who is involved, a sense of its mission and its hope for the future.

“It’s an idea that is sweeping the country,” noted Gramatan Village president John Corry, citing the article that was recently published in *The New York Times* regarding community organizations helping seniors stay in their homes for as long as it is feasible to do so. Mayor Marvin’s response was a resounding affirmation of the idea, noting that Gramatan Village is a model for citizens working together with local governments to make a difference in people’s lives. “Seniors are valuable to our community,” said Marvin. “The work of Gramatan Village will help keep a diversity of generations growing together. It’s a terrific idea.”

“The senior citizens offer much wisdom to our community,” Julie Dalton commented. “It’s a special gift we will celebrate next May during ‘Older Americans Month’ and perfect timing to begin offering the services of Gramatan Village, an organization committed to offering the care of assisted living in the comfort of home.”



Mayor Mary Marvin interviews John Corry and Julie Dalton on cable television show, “One Square Mile”

We would  
appreciate  
your help!

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*Vice Presidents*, J. Rockhill Gray & Christina  
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*Treasurer*, Robert C. Seabring  
*Secretary*, Schatze Thorp

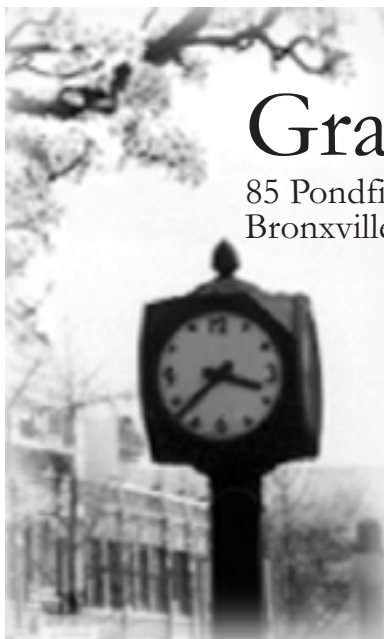
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A group of Bronxville area residents  
has recently formed  
Gramatan Village, Inc.  
a not-for-profit corporation whose  
mission is to offer support and  
information to Bronxville area  
seniors so they can continue to live in  
their own homes as they age and  
become in need of specialized health-  
care and non-healthcare services.

We need volunteers with  
computer skills capable of doing a  
variety of tasks, including working  
the phones, printing labels and set-  
ting up files. Knowledge of Excel  
and Publisher would be helpful.

Call Julie Dalton at our office  
(337-1338) or stop by the office at  
85 Pondfield Road and offer your  
services. In the coming months,  
as we identify our  
products and services, a much  
larger range of skills and interests  
will be needed.



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