



The Gramatan Village VOICE

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Look Inside!

A special introductory rate for joining Gramatan Village now!

Special events you'll want to know about.

Introducing our growing list of Community Associates and Partners.

Volunteer opportunities that help you make a difference in someone's life.

Did your smiling face get "snapped" at the Karen Lawrence Lecture?

and more...

*Come celebrate the
Spring Opening
of Gramatan Village*

Sunday, April 27th

4 p.m.

*The Reformed Church of Bronxville
Pondfield Road at Midland Avenue*

*Meet the Gramatan Village Board, staff,
Community Associates and Partners.*

*We will be entertained by The Song Pipers,
enjoy light refreshments and
hear welcoming remarks by
Bronxville Mayor Mary Marwin.*

All are welcome to attend.

*RSVP 914-337-1338
or info.gramatanvillage@verizon.net*

Helping you live confidently at home in the community you love.



John Corry

Dear Neighbors,

As many of you may be aware, a group of local residents has been working to develop a program that will permit you and others in the greater Bronxville community to continue to live comfortably and confidently in your own homes and not feel compelled to move to

retirement facilities. Gramatan Village has received strong financial backing from private contributors and the Community Fund and is enthusiastically endorsed by Mayor Marvin and the Village government. We are now ready to welcome members starting on May 1st.

Gramatan Village will provide its members information and access to a wide variety of programs and services. As you will see in the pages of this newsletter, Gramatan Village will offer social and educational events, assistance with transportation, and access to volunteers for help with errands. Our network includes screened social service and health care providers, many of whom offer Gramatan Village discounts on services. Our members can also take advantage of discounts from local area businesses.

Gramatan Village's membership is open to residents of the greater Bronxville area, including the entire zip code 10708 and the northern part of zip code 10552. If you join prior to July 1, 2008, you can obtain the benefits of membership for the modest annual fee of \$360 (\$480 for a household). Special memberships are available for those of modest means. Simply call or stop by our office for a membership application.

We invite you to become a member of Gramatan Village.

Sincerely,

John Corry
President

Special Introductory Rates!
**You are Invited
to Join Us**

Enroll now and enjoy Gramatan Village's Introductory Membership Rates:

\$360/year for an individual

\$480/year for a family

Join by July 1, 2008 – and you will enjoy the benefits of membership and be able to renew for a second year at these rates.

Gramatan Village offers a limited number of special memberships for those of moderate means. Please call our office for details.
914-337-1338.

Membership fees are not tax deductible. Gramatan Village, as a non-profit organization, graciously accepts tax-deductible contributions.

Effective July 1, 2008 Gramatan Village Membership Rates will be
\$500/year for an individual
\$650/year for a family
Gramatan Village accepts checks, credit cards (Master Card, Visa, and Discover)

**Our warmest
thanks!**

Gramatan Village gratefully acknowledges the support of our donors including The Community Fund of Bronxville, Eastchester and Tuckahoe, The Bronxville Rotary, The Bronxville Derby, Christ Church and St. Joseph's Church.

The Community Fund is just one of many local organizations supporting our efforts



Julie Dalton says...



*Mark your calendars
for these upcoming special events!*



Monday, June 9th 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Gramatan Village offers a trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art for a private guided tour of the 19th Century Galleries followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant. Space is limited to 50 participants on a first come, first served basis. Reservations required. Deadline for reservations is May 30th. Gramatan Village Member fee of \$35 includes round trip transportation, museum admission and lunch.

Wednesday, July 9th 10:30 – 3:00 PM

Gramatan Village is delighted to offer a private tour of the gardens at Wave Hill followed by lunch in the Large Gallery. Round trip transportation from Bronxville is included. Reservations required. This event is open to members and non-members. Gramatan Village Members: \$25, non members \$35.

Monday, August 11th 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Enjoy an afternoon of silent movies with your friends at Sarah Lawrence College. This is a great way to spend a lazy summer afternoon. Delightful cooling refreshments will be served.

Sunday, September 14th 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Gramatan Village Get-together. This is an opportunity to greet friends after the summer and sign up for Gramatan Village clubs, activities and upcoming events. This get-together will be held at the Bronxville Women's Club. Wine and cheese will be served. Gramatan Village members only.

Friday, November 7th 10:00 AM– 3:00 PM

“Feeling and Looking Your Best” – Gramatan Village's community event at Taylor Hall, Christ Church, will offer an interactive day with exhibits and demonstrations including yoga, tai chi, organic cosmetics. Health screenings including flu shots will be provided. All are welcome. Free

Please note: All Special Events require advance reservations. Please contact our office at 914-337-1338 or email us at info.gramatanvillage@verizon.net.



We are proud to present...

Gramatan Village Community Associates

Community Associates are trusted local service providers and merchants who offer Gramatan Village members discounts and special privileges. Our network is growing every day!

Alexandra

60 Pondfield Road, Bronxville
10% discount for individuals age 55+

Andre's Hardware

94 Kraft Avenue, Bronxville
10% discount (exceptions: sale items/power tools)

Bronxville Jewelers

78 Kraft Avenue, Bronxville
20% off entire stock,
10% off repairs and watch batteries

The Clothes Doctor

78 Palmer Avenue, Bronxville
10% discount for cleaning only

The Complete Kitchen

65 Pondfield Road, Bronxville
10% discount

Duleto

24-26 Park Place, Bronxville
10% off regular dry cleaning and laundry

Eastchester Trip Service

11 John Albanese Place, Eastchester
15% discount after 9 AM

Enchanté, Ltd.

66 Pondfield Road, Bronxville
10% discount

Harry's of Hartsdale Restaurant

230 East Hartsdale Avenue, Hartsdale
20% discount Mon-Thurs before 7 PM
holidays excluded

J.C. Fogarty's Restaurant

60 Kraft Avenue, Bronxville
20% discount – holidays excluded

Kawer's Tuckahoe Paint & Glass

29 Columbus Avenue, Tuckahoe
10% discount on non-sale merchandise,
(no other coupons or discount may be
combined with this discount)

Kensington Paper

112 Kraft Avenue, Bronxville
10% discount

La Gravinese Jewelers of Bronxville

115 Pondfield Road, Bronxville
25% off all in stock purchases

Mrs. Morgan's Florist

145 Parkway Road, Bronxville
10% discount on purchase of fresh flowers
in store only. Does not apply to wire-out
deliveries or giftware

Noel Fine Art

80 Kraft Avenue, Bronxville
10% discount on all services

Over the Moon

102 Kraft Avenue, Bronxville
10% discount on selected dinners
Wed and Frid evenings (after 4 PM)

Parkway Liquors

68 Palmer Avenue, Bronxville
10% discount on wines not already on
special; free delivery, curbside pick up

Pete's Restaurant and Tavern

18- 20 Park Place, Bronxville
4:30 – 6:30 PM Early Bird Special - \$2 off
any blackboard special Mon–Fri
Senior Dinner Discount – 10% off after
6 PM on blackboard or menu entrees
(not including beverages)

Pondfield Trip

26 Milburn Street, Bronxville
Reduced rate trips to NYC and airports be-
tween 9 AM and 2 PM

Scarborough Fair

65 Pondfield Road, Bronxville
20% discount Mon-Thurs before 7 PM
15% off on all food and beverage
purchases – catering staffing and rentals
excluded

Sandra Steele Schneider Interiors

70 Burkewood Road, Mt. Vernon
Free one hour design consultation and
10% discount for any contracted services
and purchases

Station House Pub and Restaurant

131 Parkway Road, Bronxville
10% off food beverage purchase at lunch

Station Plaza Wine & Spirits

102 Kraft Avenue, Bronxville
15% discount on all wines

G.A. Stipo Opticians

4 Cedar Street, Bronxville
10% off any eyeglass purchase

Trapp Opticians

42 Pondfield Road, Bronxville
20% discount; Accepts assignment on
insurance (Medicare) for eye examinations

Underhills Crossing Restaurant

74 ½ Pondfield Road, Bronxville
20% discount before 7 PM on food and
beverage at lunch or dinner
(excluding holidays and weekends)

Value Drugs

80 Pondfield Road, Bronxville
1 Tuckahoe Avenue Eastchester
10% discount excluding sale items,
tobacco and co-payments on prescription
drugs

Village Day Spa

45 Kraft Avenue, Bronxville
10% off services (some restrictions apply)

The Wine & Spirits Emporium

98 Pondfield Road, Bronxville
10% Senior Citizens discount on wine not
already discounted

*Members – be sure to look for the Gramatan Village Community Associate logo and receive your discounts!
Merchants – for information on becoming a Community Associate please contact our office at 914 337-1338*



Gramatan Village Community Partners

Gramatan Village especially acknowledges the support of our key community partners:

The Wartburg Adult Care Community

Nurturing Mind, Body and Spirit

Offering Gramatan Village members discounted rates for home care services and expedited admission to skilled nursing and financial incentives for assisted living.

and

Westchester Jewish Community Services

We're in your community...when you need us.

Providing Gramatan Village members with discounted rates for home care services, geriatric care management services, counseling, and educational services. In collaboration with Westchester Jewish Community Services, Gramatan Village will sponsor weekly shopping trips on Friday afternoons. Members will meet at a convenient location in the village and enjoy an afternoon of shopping. Space is limited please call for details and a reservation.

Gramatan Village has been working closely to developing relationships with a number of organization and individuals who can offer invaluable support to our members as needed. Our referral network includes...

The Bereavement Center of Westchester
Providing grief counseling

Suzanne M. Bloomer, Attorney at Law
New client discount of 5% on real estate closings and will preparation for Gramatan Village members

Bronxville Adult School
Providing cultural, intellectual & recreational stimulation and life enhancing skills

Bronxville Chamber of Commerce

Bronxville Seniors

Bronxville Women's Club

Christ Church

Church of St. Joseph

The Counseling Center
Providing counseling, psychotherapy to individuals and families

Eastchester Senior Programs & Services
Providing a variety of services including transportation, housekeeping, senior centers and case management

Home Instead Senior Care
Providing non-medical home care services at a discounted rate for Gramatan Village members

In Home Hair Care
Providing hair care in the home

Lawrence Community Health Services

Lawrence Hospital Center

LifeFone – Personal Response Systems
Providing equipment at no cost to Gramatan Village members and reduced activation and monitoring fees

Madison Home Management
Providing Geriatric Care Management Services and providing assistance in the office to answer questions

Quentin M. Murphy, DDS

The Reformed Church of Bronxville

Sarah Lawrence College
Providing Gramatan Village members with a 10% discount on special programs and mini-courses – some exceptions apply

Senior Citizens Council

Tai Chi School of Westchester

Tuckahoe Senior Citizens

Visiting Nurse Services in Westchester

Westchester Mediation Center

Westchester End of Life Coalition

You can make a difference in someone's life...

Gramatan Village welcomes volunteers from all walks of life and offers them the opportunity to help their neighbors and their community. Whether you have an hour to spare or can devote more time, we have an opportunity for you!

Some of the special services volunteers provide include:

Gramatan Village Office assistance (computer skills helpful) – join the team in the office and help answer phones, greet visitors and work with us on special projects.

Home visiting – visit those members who find it difficult to get out – a friendly visit can be once a week, a month – stop by for a visit and make a new friend.

Friendly phone calls – perfect for those individuals who love to chat! Contact a neighbor by phone just to “check in” and share the news.

Driving – drivers are especially encouraged to volunteer. We need volunteers to take our members on errands, to medical appointments and grocery shopping.

Escort – Accompany a member to the doctor or to other appointments.

Financial planning and assistance – share your special skills with those who are in need!

Gardening /Plant Care – put your “green thumb” to work for a member of the community.

Grocery shopping – accompany a member grocery shopping and help them with the packages or pick up the list and do the shopping for them.

Walking – walking is more fun in groups! Join your neighbors and encourage them to walk for good health.

Sewing

Pet care

Computer support – help a member to join the Internet community. Share your knowledge and computer skills (set up instruction).

Reading Aloud

Running Errands – if you don't drive, but love to walk, you can help our

members by running errands in the Village.

If you would like to volunteer please contact our office at 914 337 1338 or info.gramatanvillage@verizon.net

“You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.”
-Kahlil Gibran

Under Construction: the Gramatan Village Website!

It won't be long before you will be able to log on to www.gramatanvillage.org to find the latest news and information about Gramatan Village!

Executive Director Julie Dalton is working with website creators, Dive In Designs, to build a site that is rich in content, with up-to-date reports on special events, services, special discounts from our community associates, programs with our community partners, volunteer opportunities...even online copies of *The Gramatan Village Voice!* You might even see your smiling face in the Event Photo Gallery. Coming soon! 😊

The screenshot shows the Gramatan Village website layout. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Newsletters, Event Photo Gallery, Contact Us, and Press. Below this is a header section with the organization's name, phone number (914) 337-1338, and a photo of several people. A secondary navigation bar includes links for About Us, Services, Membership, Calendar, Associates & Partners, Volunteer, and FAQ. The main content area features a quote: "Helping you live confidently at home in the community you love." Below this is a paragraph describing the organization as a non-profit founded by neighbors. There are three main sections: "NEWS" with a link to a letter from the resident, "JOIN US!" with a link to learn more, and "MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS" with a list of services including transportation, home care, and social programs. A small photo of a couple is also visible in the bottom right corner.

An informative afternoon with Dr. Karen Lawrence

Speaking to a standing-room-only audience at the Yeager Community Room in the Bronxville Library on February 10th, Dr. Karen Lawrence delivered Gramatan Village's first public lecture. The successful afternoon was just the beginning of a series of lectures that Gramatan Village will be offering to the community.

John Corry, president of Gramatan Village, began with a welcoming introduction to Dr. Lawrence who spoke of the importance of the unique qualities of Sarah Lawrence College -- a small, experimental liberal arts institution -- and its ties to the village of Bronxville, including its geographical proximity and common founder, William van Duzer Lawrence, for whose wife the college is named. She also referred to the many connections between Bronxville and the college, including the local residents who serve as college trustees and those who are members of the Friends of the Sarah Lawrence Library.

Those attending were pleased to learn about campus lectures, readings and concerts that are open, free of charge, to the public, as well as non-credit courses available to area residents.

You'll also be pleased to know that Dr. Lawrence, who was delighted to share the afternoon with so many of the area's senior citizens, has signed on Sarah Lawrence College as a Gramatan Village Community Partner, and will offer its members a 10% discount on some of its special programs and mini-courses.

(Excerpts from article by Stephanie Harrington
written for myhometownbronxville.com)



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Gramatan Village, Inc., is
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 healthcare
and non-healthcare services.

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