

Bedford...
"Our Town"



We dedicate this book to all those from "Our Town" who served their country in times of need, and most especially to those who paid the ultimate price, that we may be safe and happy in our bucolic Town Of Bedford.

The Community Organizations Committee



The Bedford Oak circa 1500

Any non-profit organization operating in the Town of Bedford, or serving Bedford residents, that would like to be included in the next edition of this book may contact Marilyn Pellini at 232-8387.

Bedford Then and Now

The Town of Bedford is 39.3 square miles and was a part of Connecticut until the year 1700. Three distinct hamlets exist within the town-Bedford Village, Bedford Hills and Katonah. The town's symbol, the Bedford Oak, stands at the corner of The Hook Road and Cantitoe Road and is over 200 years old.

A Supervisor and four Town Board members govern Bedford. One of their important responsibilities is to make appointments to the various boards and advisory groups within the town government. Among these are the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Wetlands Control Commission, Conservation Board, Blue Mountain Housing Corporation Board of Assessment Review, Tree Advisory Committee, Recycling Advisory Committee, Drug Abuse Prevention Council and the Historic and Recreation Advisory Groups.

Town government offices are located on the Town House Campus at 321 Bedford Road and 425 Cherry Street in Bedford Hills. They are open on weekdays from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. At 321 Bedford Road you will find the Supervisor's Office, Town Clerk, Receiver of Taxes, Assessor and Court Clerk. Across the street at 425 Cherry Street, in the new building, are the offices of the Recreation Department, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Building Inspector, Water Department and the Finance and Parking Bureau. The Police Department is located in the building next to the Town House, and the Highway Garage and Town Recycling Center are located on Adams Street in Bedford Hills.

Bedford Town Services

Services provided by the Town of Bedford include a full-time Police Department, Volunteer Fire Departments in each hamlet, a Town Highway Department, and Four Water Districts. Each hamlet has a Town Park and Library. Three different public school districts serve the Town of Bedford: Bedford Central, Byram Hills and Katonah-Lewisboro, along with a number of private and parochial schools.

Medical services in the area are available at the Northern Westchester Hospital Center in Mt. Kisco. Ambulance service is supplied by the Katonah-Bedford Hills Volunteer Ambulance Corps, the Bedford Village Fire Department and Advance Life Support Services. There is also a District Nursing Association, which serves the area. All dogs in the Town must be licensed, and there are several ordinances in effect pertaining to both dogs and horses. The Dog Control officer enforces these laws. The town also provides the services of a recycling center. Within the last several years a tree ordinance has been established.

The town recently enacted an ordinance for the purpose of acquiring open space to protect the beauty and character of Bedford. It provides for a committee of seven to review key parcels of land and make recommendations to the Town Board for appropriate action.

Frequently Used Town Office Numbers

Assessor	666-5149
Bedford Hills Library	666-6472
Bedford Village Library	234-3570
Building Inspector	666-8040
Conservation Board	666-5140
Court Clerk	666-6965
Dog Control	6664855
Drug Abuse Prevention	234-3227
Finance Office	666-5307
Highway Department	666-7669
Historian	666-4745
Katonah Village Library	232-3508
Parking Bureau	666-8097
Planning Board	666-4434
Police Department	666-3111
Receiver of Taxes	666-4475
Recreation Department	666-7004
Recycling	241-2671
Senior Citizens	666-7203
Supervisor's Office	666-6530
Town Clerk	666-4534
Water Department	666-7855
Wetlands Control Comm	666-5140
Zoning Board of Appeals	666-4585

Apropos Housing Opportunities and Management Enterprise, A-Home

Joan Arnold
241 Lexington Ave.
Mt. Kisco, N.Y. 10549
666-0740

Two Bedford residents founded this organization in 1985. Its purpose is to acquire, develop and manage affordable housing for elderly and disabled individuals who are able to live independently with some community support. Coalition meetings are held every other month at the Mt. Kisco Presbyterian Church on the 2nd Monday at 7:30 P.M. Representatives are elected from the local coalition of churches, synagogues and other community organizations. Anyone may be a member who can give of their time or make a monetary contribution. A-Home presently has seven properties and manages an eighth. They are located in Katonah, Bedford Hills, Mt. Kisco, Chappaqua, Vista, and Thornwood. The group is always in search of additional properties so they may provide more housing for individuals and single parent households. Lack of affordable housing has been identified as the most pressing problem in this county. If you can offer any help please call 666- 0740.

**The Bedford Association
Oliver Hazard
P.O.Box 454
Bedford, N. Y. 10506
234-7417**

Protecting Bedford's historic features and maintaining its rural character and the general quality of life was the reason for the formation of the Bedford Association in 1950. This not-for-profit group actively monitors events and proposals in the town and attempts to evaluate their effects on the area and its residents. Meetings are informal and held as needed. Members try to encourage Bedford to enforce its regulations and take action to preserve the town's rural atmosphere. They also monitor the Bedford Central School District, especially budget and bond issues, to better inform residents about these proposed expenditures. Pioneering the preservation of the land around the Bedford Oak and the Historic District in the 1970's was a prime concern of this association.

**Bedford Audubon Society, Inc.
John Askildsen
35 Todd Rd.
Katonah, N. Y. 10536
232-1999**

All Bedford Audubon Society members must also be members of the National Audubon Society and pay yearly dues. The Bedford Society was formed in February of 1913 in Bedford Village by a group of citizens concerned with lack of forest dwelling birds in the area. At that time, farm fields covered much of the town and little forest was to be found. Presently, the group owns and maintains 558 acres of sanctuary land in Bedford, Lewisboro and Pound Ridge, and recently received a large gift of a 110-acre farm in Katonah that adjoins the Hunt Sanctuary. The farmhouse circa 1720 and the adjacent structures on that property will serve as headquarters and base operation for the local chapter. The group's current and future goals are a part of their mission statement..." to promote conservation and protection of wildlife habitats in Northern Westchester and the Eastern Putnam region through education, advocacy, nature study and bird watching."

**Bedford Bridge Club
Ingrid Nargi
268 Babbitt Rd. M1
Bedford Hills, N. Y. 10507
241-0937**

These duplicate bridge enthusiasts meet on Monday at the Unitarian Fellowship, on Rte. 172 in Mt. Kisco, N. Y. In the summer they gather at 9:30 A.M. and in the winter at 10:30 A.M. You may simply play bridge or join the upcoming classes they offer. The group's objective is to provide a safe, social environment for all bridge players, including people living alone and needing social contact. This club is a part of a worldwide membership organization-The American Contract Bridge League, which was founded in the 1920's. The local club was organized in 1973. New players wishing to learn duplicate bridge are welcome. There is a fee of \$5.50. A snack and light lunch is provided, including dessert and coffee.



The Bedford Schoolhouse, now The Bedford Museum 1829

**The Bedford Coalition
Paul Gallay
C/O Westchester Land Trust
31 Main St.
Bedford Hills, N. Y. 10507
241-6346**

With the support of 17 local organizations, the Bedford Coalition was formed in 1998. An alliance of independent organizations and concerned individuals, they are committed to preserving Bedford's environment, its historic character, open spaces, natural resources, valuable habitats, wetlands and scenic vistas. Areas of strategic focus include open space preservation; traffic, roads and safety; hamlet vitality; affordable housing; and local and regional planning. Recently the Coalition was instrumental in putting forth the Open Space Bond Issue. They hope to achieve their goals through concerted group action, as well as through the initiatives of individuals in the community. The Executive Board meets twice monthly. If you wish to be a member of the Coalition please call 234-6346.

**Bedford Farmers Club
James Wood
153 Wood Rd.
Mt. Kisco, N.Y. 10549
666-8602**

Advancing knowledge and improving the practice of agriculture and horticulture in a farming community was the premise of the Bedford Farmers Club in 1852. Today it addresses "Backyard" farming, horticulture, animal husbandry and encourages wise use of land, soil and water, and the protection of the total environment. The group holds 5 meetings a year at the Katonah Memorial House, Chappaqua Quaker Meetinghouse, Bedford Presbyterian Church and individual homes. For membership you must be proposed by a current member, attend two consecutive meetings, and have an interest in the Club's purpose and a willingness to serve on its committees. This is the oldest Farmers Club in the state, and they are now working to preserve the 148 years of Club minutes and the historical archives for future generations. Bedford Farmers Club seeks to encourage wise and rewarding use of communal lands and foster an awareness of Bedford's remarkable agricultural heritage.

**Bedford Fire Department
John H. Clark
P.O. Box 245
Bedford, N. Y. 10506
234-3520**

The Bedford Fire Department in Bedford Village has many dedicated volunteers. Their meetings are held the first Monday of each month at the firehouse on the Village Green. To join you must be at least 18 years old, have a recent physical examination and complete a training course. The group was founded in 1923 to protect the village, which is comprised of many historical buildings and homes. They are always in hope of increasing their membership and have as their ongoing goals, fire protection, fire prevention, and EMS (Emergency Medical Services). Fundraisers include an annual fund drive and "Turkey Day" which features a turkey raffled, games of chance and refreshments are served. The Group sponsors a parade both on Memorial Day and on the last Friday in July. Firemen bring the message of fire prevention to the local schools during each school year.

**Bedford Free Library
Paula Desperito
Bedford Village, N. Y. 10506
234-3570**

Bedford Free Library is located on the Village Green in Bedford Village. To obtain a library card you must live, work or go to school in the Town of Bedford. The library can be reached at 234-3570. Hours are Monday 10A.M.-7P.M., Tuesday-Friday 10A.M.- 6P.M. and on Saturday from 10A.M.- 1P.M. The historic building in which the library is housed was once a school built in 1807. It became the library in 1903. There are three libraries within the town, Katonah, Bedford Hills, and Bedford Village. They are all a part of the Westchester Library System that has a total of 38 libraries within the county. Bedford Village Library offers ongoing programs for children, as well as computer classes. The library is always in need of more volunteer help.

**The Bedford Garden Club
Mary Kendrick
465 Long Ridge Rd.
Bedford, N.Y. 10506
764-5298**

This venerable club was begun in 1911, "to stimulate knowledge and love of gardening among amateurs, to aid in the protection of native plants and birds and to encourage civic planting and conservation." Membership is by invitation, and meetings are held in varying locations on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from September to July. The group is presently working to maintain the Circle Garden at the John Jay Homestead, on other local beautification projects, the adopt-a-highway program and horticultural education. They hold one open meeting each year on the topic of conservation, and this is announced in the local newspapers.

Bedford Hills Chamber of Commerce

Dr. Greg Riley

85 Adams St.

Bedford Hills, N.Y. 10507

241-8627

In 1966 the Chamber of Commerce came into being to replace the once active Bedford Hills Improvement Society. They now number 100 members, and if you are interested in the Bedford Hills business community you may join the Chamber of Commerce by simply filling out an application. Meetings are held every other month at a local restaurant for either a lunch or dinner meeting. The Chamber has helped in the past with projects such as the updating of the Bedford Hills Community House, and each year they sponsor the tree lighting and arrival of Santa in the downtown area. During the fall they hold a community day, which is primarily a town-wide sale day. They offer a scholarship to a graduating Fox Lane student interested in the field of business and give annually to support the Bedford Hills Library and ambulance corps. Newcomers to the area often look to the Chamber for both general and specific information. They are directed to the appropriate group and encouraged to visit the Chamber's Web Site at www.bedfordhills.org.

Bedford Hills Community House

Liz Bailey

7 Church St.

Bedford Hills, N. Y. 10507

241-0436

Built in 1919, as a memorial to war veterans and a meeting place for the community, the Bedford Hills Community House has stood the test of time. Located on the corner of Bedford Rd. and Church St., it has filled the needs for people of this area over these many years. In the early days it was used for potluck suppers, theater productions, and there was even a gym in the basement for sports activities. It was considered unusual for its time. In recent years a wide variety of programs were held there such as Square Dances, Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings, Exercise Classes, Irish Dancing, Yoga and many more. The Bedford Hills Lions Club and The Bedford Hill Woman's Club hold their meetings here. The constant goal of the Community House Board has been to maintain the property and keep it, for future generations, the unique and special facility it is now. The town of Bedford acquired this property, and it is soon to be renovated.

**Bedford Hills Fire Department
George Graneiro, Jr.
Bedford Hills, N. Y. 10507
666-4112**

If you would like to join the dedicated fire fighters of the Bedford Hills Fire Department, call 666-4112. They meet each Monday evening at the Bedford Hills Firehouse at 7 P.M. To be a member you must be at least 18 years of age and participate in 8 hours of safety training. You will also be required to attend at least 4 meetings a year and 10% of the fires. The Fire Department was founded in 1903, and the present Firehouse was erected in 1959. Members are beginning preparation for their 100th anniversary in 2003. They are also restoring a 1929 antique fire truck. Funds are raised through a yearly fund drive during Fire Prevention Week, and a "Ham Night" for those over 18 years of age is held on the second Wednesday before Easter.

**Bedford Hills Free Library
Rhoda Gushue
26 Main St.
Bedford Hills, N. Y. 10507
666-6472**

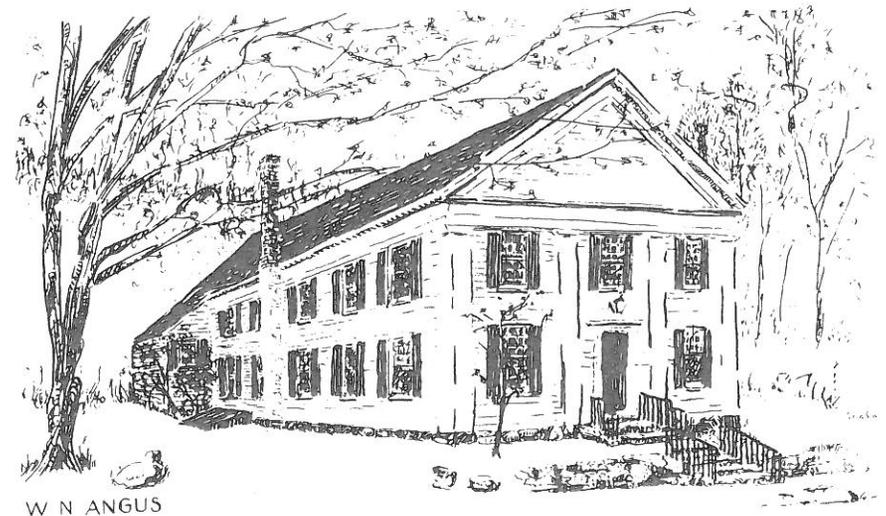
Application for a Bedford Hills Library Card requires proof of residency. A person living out of Westchester County, working in Bedford Hills or owning property in this town may also apply for a library card with proof of employment or ownership. The Bedford Hills Free Library was founded in 1915 by a group of interested citizens who wanted to bring library service to the hamlet. The library's hours are: Monday- Wednesday 1P.M.- 8 P.M., Thursday and Friday,. 10A.M.- 5:30 P.M., and Saturday 10 A.M.-1P.M. There are no Saturday hours during July and August. The Director reports that their current and constant project is the upkeep of their 140-year-old building in the heart of Bedford Hills. Recent renovations have included provisions for their ever-growing holdings of audio books. Looking to the future, the library hopes to continue offering the latest technology and media that is of interest to the public.

Bedford Hills/Katonah Little League
Eugene Rosafort
Bedford Hills, N. Y. 10506
232-4556

Residents of Bedford Hills and Katonah who will be 5 years old before August 1st are eligible to join Little League. In early 1960, a number of fathers from this area formed the group, and their goals remain as they were then: to encourage children to have fun playing baseball, and to continuously maintain and improve the ball fields. The teams of 5-7 year olds number over 350 children, and there is a Senior League ages 13-16 years old that has 50 members. The season runs from April to June and concludes when school dismisses for summer vacation. A summer program is also well established, and these teams travel to games throughout the county. A program lasting 6-8 weeks is scheduled each fall and the participants come from all over the area, since Bedford residency is not required for joining this particular group.

Bedford Hills Woman's Club
Edith Sherry
159D Heritage Hills
Somers, N.Y. 10589
277-7023

Bedford Hills Woman's Club was founded in 1926 to promote service and education. They meet at the Community House in Bedford Hills on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from September through May. This is a luncheon meeting, and there is a speaker of interest to the group each month. Currently the women are working toward awarding scholarships to local high school students and contributing to other charitable organizations. The club is also a member of the Westchester County Federation of Women's Clubs, which consists of 32 groups located in different areas of the county. If interested in attending a meeting, please call the number listed above.



Bedford Historical Hall, formerly The Methodist Church circa 1806

**Bedford Historical Society
Lynn Ryan
P.O. Box 491
Bedford, N.Y. 10506
234-9751**

Preservation is the word and ideal that this Society practices. They have acquired seven historic buildings on the Village Green and have managed and maintained the 1787 Courthouse, the Sutton Clock Tower on Guard Hill Rd. and the Bedford Oak. In 1916 concerned neighbors rallied to prevent a possible defacing of the Old North Church, now Historical Hall. Those first members made repairs and used the building as a small Community House. It is still used for this purpose today. Historical Society meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month, except in July and August at the Society's offices, 38 Village Green in Bedford Village. Annual dues are required for membership. Their goals continue to be preservation, protection of historic buildings and sites in the towns, which includes historic easements.

**Bedford/Lewisboro/Pound Ridge
Drug Abuse Prevention Council
Patricia Warble
P.O. Box 741
Bedford, N. Y. 10506
234-3227**

In 1970, a group of concerned parents came together to help prevent drug and alcohol abuse by children and adults. The group dedicated to prevention and intervention works with the community, schools and parent groups in our area to develop educational programs concerning parenting, mental health issues and prevention of substance abuse. Outside speakers are engaged to give presentations that are open to the community. These are announced in the local papers. A newsletter is published entitled, "Of Substance", and is mailed to all residents of this area. Anyone residing in Bedford, Lewisboro, or Pound Ridge, may become a member. Their meetings are held at the Bedford Presbyterian Church on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 P.M., September through June. All are welcome to attend.

Bedford Republican Town Committee

**Tom LaMotte
Bedford Center Road
Bedford, N.Y. 10506
234-3228**

A Republican candidate who runs for local office, whether it is for town, county, state or congressional positions, must seek the nomination for that office through the Bedford Republican Town Committee. If there is more than one candidate for a single office, the Committee votes to nominate its choice. The candidate not selected may challenge in a Republican primary. The Bedford Republican Town Committee is comprised of two District Leaders from each of Bedford's eighteen election districts. The BRTC's duties include nominating Republicans to run for various positions, obtaining signatures for that candidate's petition so that they may be listed on the November ballot, assisting in voter registration, raising funds for Republican candidates, and assisting people who need aid in getting to the polls. If you would like to be involved with the work of this committee, call Tom LaMotte at 234-3228 for specifics.

Bedford Riding Lanes Association

**Carol Bancel
Box 178
Bedford, N. Y. 10506
234-2752**

Established in 1920 by local families for the purpose of riding and preserving open space, the group does have annual dues but no formal meeting schedule. Bedford's riding trails were first cleared nearly a century ago as an accommodation to the Fairfield-Westchester Hunt to provide a means for foxhunters to travel across the countryside to meets. The Private Lanes Association was later established. Their aim was to preserve, protect and maintain a system of country lanes and trails on private property for the convenience of equestrians, so that they could avoid paved roads and traffic. More than 50 miles were open then and additions were made constantly. Now known as the Bedford Riding Lanes Association, it became a publicly supported non-profit organization under the auspices and leadership of Marilyn Simpson. Today the BRLA still preserves over 100 miles of the most beautiful trails in the Eastern U. S. They continue to work to stimulate interest in the preservation of "horse country" and the unique rural character of Bedford. Membership is open to persons who use the trails and maintenance of this trail network is dependent upon their efforts and financial support as well as help from other individuals.

The Bedford Village Chowder and Marching Club

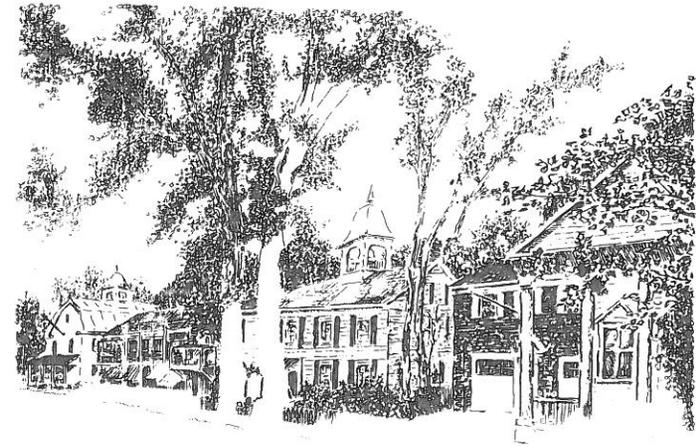
**Dr. John Pinckney
31 Ambler Dr.
Bedford, N. Y. 10506
234-3902**

Founded in 1956, the Chowder and Marching Club attempts to raise funds and donate these monies to worthwhile activities geared to the youth of Bedford. For membership you must live in the Bedford Village Fire District for at least 2 years. Meetings are held in individual homes once a month except in July and August. Exploring the possibility of a bike path for the Bedford Village Park, and contributing to the Bedford Village Library expansion are the group's current projects. Volunteers who wish to help with fund raising are welcome. C&M holds an annual dinner dance each fall. The first weekend in May, in conjunction with the town, the club holds its annual Dump Day at the town highway garage on Crusher Rd. The fee is \$10 payable at the garage. Pick up is available if arranged in advance, and prices vary depending on the amount to be collected. An Instant Tag Sale is held on that day right at the site and one can discover some real treasures there. The group's unusual name comes from Revolutionary times, when the town folk would gather to eat chowder and then march to a central location for speechmaking.

Bedford Village Lions Club

**Pete Haskell
P.O. Box 260
Bedford, N. Y. 10506
234-9509**

Lions International was founded in Chicago, Illinois in 1917 and is dedicated to community service, particularly sight-related groups and projects. In 1923, Helen Keller charged The Lions to aid the blind. There are 14,000 chapters worldwide with 1.4 million members. The Bedford Village Lions began in 1947. The only requirement for membership is a desire to serve. Meetings, which include dinner, are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month at Mardino's Restaurant in Mt. Kisco. The Lions have many annual functions such as the Halloween Parade, Pancake Breakfast and Spaghetti Supper. Other projects include a Senior's Dinner Theater Trip, and a Bike Decorating Contest held each Memorial Day. The club contributes to over 20 agencies yearly.



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Some of the buildings which face the Bedford Village Green

Boy Scout Troop 110, Bedford Hills

Joesph Mc Ginn

239 Bedford Rd.

Bedford Hills, N. Y. 10507

241-8624

The Bedford Hills Boy Scout Troop dates back to the 1920's and currently has 10 members. Troop 110 meets every other Tuesday from 7-8:30 P.M. at the Bedford Hills Scout House at 87 Adams Street. Boys ages 11-18 may join, and new members are always welcome. One does not need to be a Cub Scout before joining the Boy Scouts. Scouting provides an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of citizenship, and to develop personal fitness. The troop takes part in the District Spring Camp-O-Ree and each year makes plans for summer camping at Camp Reed in the Adirondacks. They also lend a hand to the Pitch In For Parks program and do clean-up and maintenance work at the Pound Ridge Reservation. Taking trips to places of interest to the boys is part of their program. Recently they went to the Liberty Science Center, a hands-on museum in Jersey City, N. J., and have taken an overnight trip to the Battleship Massachusetts where they slept aboard ship. There are also a number of Cub Scout Packs in Bedford and you can contact Scout Headquarters in Hawthorne, NY for further information. The number there is 773-1135.

Caramoor Center For Music And the Arts

Merceds Santos-Miller

149 Girdle Ridge Rd.

Katonah, N.Y. 10536

232-5035 ext. 221

A Katonah landmark, Caramoor is the former home of the Rosen family who were ardent collectors of art, furniture, and photography. Tours of the house are offered on Wednesday-Friday and Sunday 1P.M.- 3 P.M. and Saturday 1P.M.- 4 P.M. Afternoon tea is served on Thursday and Friday at 3 P.M. during the Spring, Summer and Fall. Every Wednesday at 11 A.M. Caramoor presents a recital in the beautifully appointed music room, and it is followed by a tour of the house. This showplace is also the home of the Caramoor International Music Festival, one of the top five outdoor festivals in the nation. There are two outdoor theaters, the romantic Spanish Courtyard and the attractive Venetian Theater. These resonate with music from the finest classical to jazz artists. Some of the renowned musicians who have performed here are Yo-Yo Ma, Alicia De Larrocha and Andrea Marcovicci. One can be a volunteer as well as a member of the Garden Guild or a Friend of Caramoor. If you would like to be a docent, usher, guide to work with school children, perform office work or help in the gardens, please contact Caramoor.

**Community Center, Inc.
Polly Goodwin
84 Bedford Rd.
Katonah, N.Y. 10536
232-6572**

Created by local church and civic groups in 1992, The Center was established to reach out to the unemployed and underemployed in Northern Westchester. It seeks to improve dignity, security and well being to persons in the community, by providing emergency food and clothing and employment counseling. They also offer computer classes and ESL courses (English as a Second Language). In 1998 the center moved to the renovated King House, and now provides supplemental food to close to 400 families a month, and disperses over 10,000 pounds of used clothing monthly. They are open Tuesday-Friday 10 A.M.-4 P.M. and Saturday 10 A.M.-1 P.M. You must live in Northern Westchester to avail yourself of their services. Call the Community Center to offer your time as a volunteer. They are in need of your help.

**Croton Watershed Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Harry Whitman
25 Adams St.
Bedford Hills, N. Y. 10507
666-8091**

On the third Tuesday of each month, the Croton Watershed Chapter of Trout Unlimited meets at Fox Lane Middle School on Rte. 172 in Bedford, N. Y. There is no requirement for membership except payment of an annual fee of \$30. The group has about 400 members. When they organized in our area, they worked to protect the natural resources, waterways, fisheries and the enjoyment of the sport of fishing. Stream testing and water temperature of the Croton Water System is performed on a by-weekly basis. They check for chemical pollutants annually, looking for microbiological degradation. The Croton Watershed Chapter also assists the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) in its program of stocking local streams. This chapter is a member of the national Trout Unlimited organization.

F.I.S.H. (Friends In Service Helping)

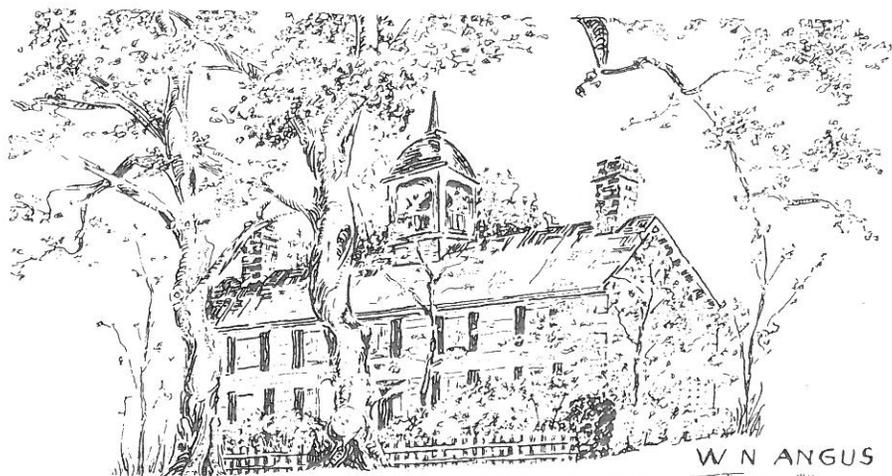
Patricia Reilly

P.O. Box 66

Mt. Kisco, N. Y. 10549

244-9193

Each year F.I.S.H., which stands for Friends In Service Helping, holds two business meetings and an annual meeting at different places of worship. Beatrice Hoffman and the Village of Mt. Kisco founded F.I.S.H. in 1971. Their purpose is to assist those in need of help getting to a doctor's office, food pantry or hospital appointment. These dedicated volunteer drivers and phone personnel have continued providing their services over these many years. The program is offered to all in the Village of Mr. Kisco and the Town of Bedford. Volunteers are needed to serve once per month for either a half-day or full day.



The Bedford Academy, now Bedford Free Library 1807

Football Club-Bedford Soccer Club, Inc.

Aldo Sammarco

P.O. Box 252

Bedford Hills, N. Y. 10507

666-2631

Teaching children the game of soccer and having fun while playing, is what this group takes pride in accomplishing. There are currently 275 children and 7 teams taking part in the program. Both boys and girls may join beginning at the age of four. (Four-year-olds must have a copy of their birth certificate available at registration) There is also one team of girls under 19 years of age. Seven coaches complete the league. Aldo Sammarco, the group's founder, started to teach soccer in Bedford 33 years ago. There were no other clubs in the area at that time. The area teams use the Bedford Hills Field for their games and in 1995 lights were installed there through the efforts of the Bedford Soccer Club. The extensive funds for this project came from the fees paid by those who joined teams over many years. A number of children who began in this program became so proficient at the sport of soccer, that they have won scholarships to colleges all over the country.

Friendly Squares, Inc.
Harriet Messner
P.O. Box 376
Cross River, N.Y. 10518
763-9519 or 232-4517

The Friendly Squares was formed about 30 years ago by a group of people interested in fostering participation, promotion and enjoyment of Square Dancing, and in sponsoring square dancing events and lessons. The group currently has approximately 60 members. They hold square dances every 2nd, 4th, and 5th Saturday of the month from September through mid-June in the Parish House of the Katonah Methodist Church, which is located at the corner of Edgemont and Bedford Road in Katonah. Friendly Squares is part of a network known locally as the Hudson Valley Council, which includes 26 clubs. The group sponsors a beginner course each September. Once these lessons are completed, a person is qualified to dance at Mainstream and Plus levels in any club in the U.S. and in some foreign countries. Attending their events is a most colorful experience because the group dresses in traditional western outfits.

Friends of the Katonah Village Library
Marilyn A. Pellini
128 Huntville Rd.
Katonah, N. Y. 10536
232-8387

In the early 1990's The Friends group began to aid the library in aspects of fund raising, mailings to the community and help with meetings and refreshments for large group functions. It soon evolved into a devoted core of volunteers who completely maintain the shelf order of all books both in the adult section and children's area of the library. These dedicated volunteers are asked to tend their area of shelves once per month, which takes about one hour, check for books needing repair, and even lightly dust the books and area they maintain. There are approximately 40 helpers upstairs and 25 who work in the children's room. If you could offer the time to Adopt-a-Shelf or give help in any other aspect of the Friends program, please call the person listed above or mention it to a librarian on your next library visit.

**Girl Scouts (Town of Bedford)
Girls Scouts of Westchester*Putnam
2 Great Oak Lane
Pleasantville, N. Y. 10570
747-3080**

There are numerous Girl Scout Troops operating in the Town of Bedford, and information about these groups is usually distributed through the local schools. The best way, however, to find out when and where troops meet is to contact the Girl Scout Council listed above at 747-3080. Leaders who will share their time and expertise to help girls form a troop and earn badges are always needed. Part of the leader's function does require coordinating the annual cookie sales for their troop, which is the Girl Scout's big fundraiser each year all over the country. The Westchester*Putnam Council has over 14,000 girl members and 3,000 adult volunteers. Girl scouting is open to girls and adults without regard to race, religion, disability, economic status or national origin. Their mission is the same as it was 85 years ago when founded- to give girls from all segments of American life a chance to develop their potential, to make friends, to have fun, and to become a vital part of their community. The organization is divided into 5 program levels: Daisy Girl Scouts (age 5-6), Brownie Girl Scouts (age 6-8), Junior Girl Scouts (age 8-11), Cadette Girl Scouts (age 11-14) and Senior Girl Scouts (age 14-17).

**John Jay Homestead
Julia Warger
P.O. Box 832
Katonah, N. Y. 10536
232-5651**

John Jay, the first Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and the second Governor of New York built the Homestead in 1801. Five generations of the Jay family occupied the house until the 1950's. It was acquired by the State of New York in 1958 and was then open to the public each year from April through October. Tours are given Wednesday-Saturday 10 A.M.- 4 P.M. and Sunday 12 P.M.- 4 P.M. Admission is \$3 adults, \$2 senior citizens, and \$1 children ages 5-12. This historic site has an interesting and varied calendar of events which include lectures, an annual House Tour of area homes, Chess Tournament, Herb Fair and Country Fair to mention but a few. Their Friends group was organized in 1977 to provide a source of private funds for projects at the Homestead such as restoration of the Schoolhouse and Barn Complex. There are different categories of membership and annual dues. All are invited to join. An active group of volunteers assist with programs and work behind the scenes on the archives, collections, and research and photography. If you are interested in being a volunteer please call the Homestead.

**Hopp Ground Garden Club of Bedford
Charlotte Spiers
139 Oliver Rd.
Bedford, N. Y. 10506
234-3626**

In 1975, "We formed to conserve our natural heritage, add to the town's beauty through plantings and to increase our own horticultural knowledge," this group states. For membership, one must be recommended by an active HGGC member in good standing, attend meetings, have a personal interest in gardening and a willingness to hold office, and share in the work of the club. A yearlong provisional program must be completed before new members are accepted as active members. Business meetings are held once a month in local buildings, usually the Bedford Presbyterian Church, from September to May. They make other pertinent announcements in a monthly newsletter, The Hopp Vine. Workshops and mini-lectures are given throughout the year. Recently the group has planted one of the Courtyard Gardens at the John Jay Homestead and also designed a garden for the Guiding Eyes For The Blind organization in Yorktown Heights.

**Katonah/Bedford Hills Volunteer Ambulance Corps
Ann Praino
P.O. Box 43
Katonah, N. Y. 10536
232-5872**

With the donation of a 1947 Cadillac ambulance by the Katonah Fire Department, the Corps became a functioning entity, which answered 16 calls that first year. A new ambulance was purchased about 20 years later and for some time was housed in the Ruger's barn. Property was purchased in 1967 and the current building was erected in 1987. The name of the group became officially the Katonah-Bedford Hills Volunteer Ambulance Corps in 1980. They now handle over 600 emergency calls per year. To join this group, you must be at least 16 years old, live in the Katonah-Bedford Hills area and become certified in CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) within 6 months of joining the Corps. They have monthly meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and training on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held right at Corps headquarters at 160 Bedford Rd. in Katonah. The Corps is in great need of help for the daytime hours. They are also willing to provide a CPR course free of charge to either an individual or group.

Junior League of Northern Westchester

Mary Alice Hickey

344 Main St.

Mt. Kisco, N. Y. 10549

666-4966

Women, 21 years of age or over, without regard to race, color, religion or national origin, may join the Junior League. Their meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month at various locations in Northern Westchester. Mary Harriman founded the group in 1901 in New York City. The Westchester section began in 1940. The League is committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purposes are exclusively educational and charitable. The JLNW is dedicated to providing the youth of our community with opportunities for social, personal and educational success.



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The John Jay Homestead 1800

Katonah Fire Department

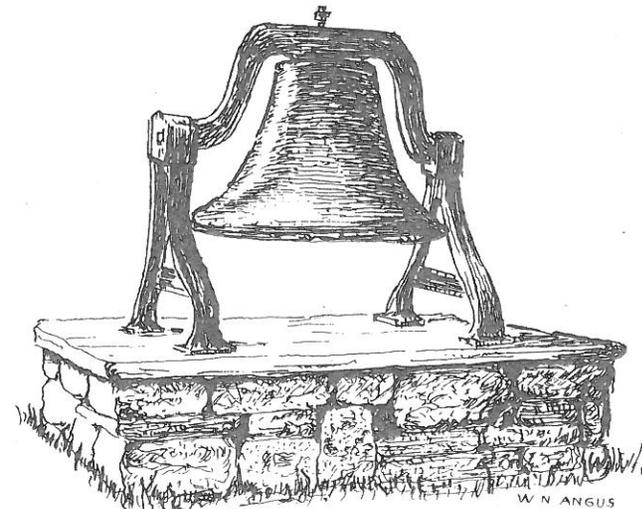
Frank Bosco Jr.

65 Bedford Rd.

Katonah, N. Y. 10536

232-4570

Katonah's Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1874. Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the firehouse located on Bedford Road. All regular members may attend. To join the fire fighters you must live in the Katonah Fire District or close vicinity for 6 months prior to applying for membership. These volunteers try constantly to promote fire safety and awareness. Each year in June, the Fireman's Parade is held, and it is followed by a 3-day carnival on the grounds of the firehouse. A raffle is held in conjunction with this event with \$2,000 in cash as the first prize. In November a chili supper is organized, which is open to the public. The Department also does an annual Fund Drive.



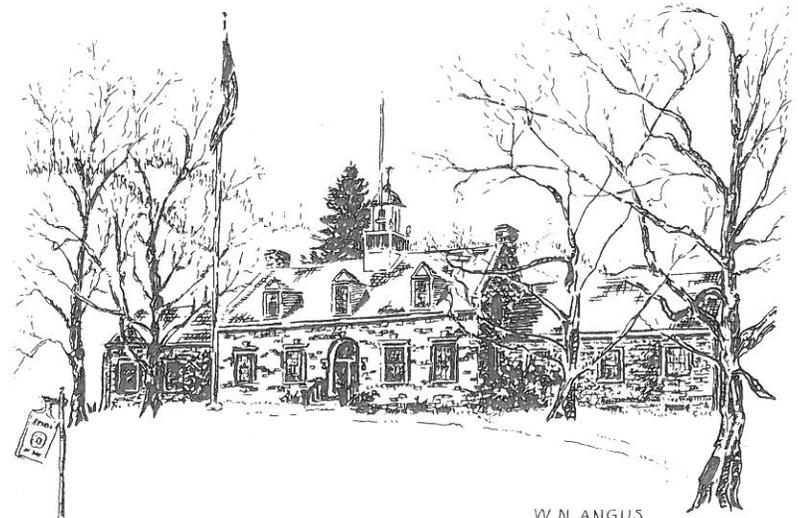
Katonah Fire Bell, erected in 1950

Katonah Chamber of Commerce
Barbara Tremaine
P.O. Box 389
Katonah, N. Y. 10536
232-2668

Furthering Katonah's strong community spirit is the dedicated goal of the Chamber of Commerce. When the warm weather approaches, the members hold their annual golf outing to raise scholarship funds for local high school graduates. September brings the annual "Sales Days", and October welcomes ghosts and goblins to the downtown area for a colorful Halloween Parade. With the approach of the Holiday Season, Santa comes to town, and the Chamber also sponsors the Community Tree Lighting Ceremony. This vital business organization services the needs of both residents and visitors to the area. The General Member meeting is held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in various locations. These meetings are announced in their newsletter and the local newspaper. All that is required for membership is an interest in the town and business community of Katonah.

Katonah-Lewisboro Continuing Education
Katonah- Lewisboro School District
Carol Milove
Katonah, N. Y. 10536
763-8932

Courses are held in the evening at the John Jay Middle and High Schools in Cross River. There is a Fall and Spring session, with some courses being one session and others lasting the full ten week period. A large variety of classes are offered, and the program is continually expanding. At present there are over 100 class offerings a semester, with "main stay" classes such as exercise, language, computer, and bridge. In addition an SAT course, defensive driving, CPR and boating and safety courses are given. Instructors are all proficient in the areas they teach. To register, you must be seventeen years old or over. Everyone is welcome, both residents and non- residents. Classes usually begin at 7P.M.



Bedford Town House 1927

**Katonah Historical Museum
Deidre Courtney-Batson
C/O The Katonah Village Library
232-4320**

Katonah's Historical Museum was founded in 1984 by a group of local citizens interested in discovering more about Katonah's illustrious past and protecting its history, artifacts and photographic memories for generations yet to come. The museum is located under the cupola at the Katonah Village Library, and it is a delight to climb the narrow spiral staircase to the museum's center. The group tries to provide two displays a year that delve into some aspect of Katonah's history. Currently undergoing reorganization, the museum may not have an exhibit prepared for showing at this time, so call the library for information. Some of the past exhibits have focused on historic churches, volunteer fire fighting, costumes, and stained glass windows in historic homes of the village. One of the museum's most exciting possessions is a wedding quilt dated 1854, which was recently found in Arizona. It is believed to have made its way across the country with the westward expansion and is embroidered with the names of many old Katonah families. It has been lovingly restored and protected to last well into the future. If you care to volunteer so the museum can continue to provide these fascinating exhibits, please call the number listed above.

**Katonah Museum of Art
Claire Copen
Rte. 22 and Jay St.
Katonah, N. Y. 10536
232-9555**

Anyone who is a member of the Katonah Museum of Art may be a part of the Volunteer Council. There are different levels for membership with graduated fees. Many volunteer opportunities are available such as fund raising, research, writing, the children's learning center, docent, gift shop, and reception desk. The museum began in 1953 and was then named the Katonah Gallery. It was originally housed in the Katonah Village Library. The Museum is now located in its own building on Jay St., which was completed in 1990. There is no permanent collection, but 6 to 8 different exhibits are offered each year. Their shows included such renown artists as Al Hirschfeld, Alexander Liberman, and Roy Lichtenstein to name but a few. Hours are Tuesday to Friday 1-5 P.M., Saturday 10 A.M.-5 P.M., and Sunday 1-5 P.M.

**Katonah Rotary Club
Peter Willman
P.O.Box 22
Katonah, N. Y. 10536
232-5545**

Rotary is an organization renown throughout the world. Locally it began in 1929, to promote service to the community. This chapter does just that by raising money to donate to scholarships and other community needs. Each year they hold a spaghetti dinner, pancake breakfast and annual Christmas tree sales. They sponsor Boy Scout Troop 1 Katonah, as well as Girl Scout and Cub Scout troops. There are no requirements for joining, but they do attempt to attract individuals of different occupations, who have an interest in public service. Dinner meetings are held at the Katonah Memorial House every Tuesday from 6:15 P.M. to 7:30 P.M., with a speaker each week. The present membership is 27, and both men and women may join. In the past, as community projects the group has built a shelter in the Town Park, purchased new indoor lighting for the library, and replaced a tree on the library grounds.

**Katonah Village Improvement Society
Alexia Jurshack
Katonah Village Library
Bedford Rd.
Katonah, N. Y. 10536
232-8913**

To participate in the Improvement Society you must be a contributor of \$10 or more to the Katonah Village Library. Meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month in the library at 7:30 P.M. This group was formed 122 years ago in an attempt to establish a library in the village and help improve and maintain the quality of life here in the hamlet. The Improvement Society was also instrumental in the establishing of the Katonah Museum of Art. They are members of the Master Plan Committee and continue an interest in beautification. KVIS sponsored the Centennial Ball celebrating Katonah's 100th year in its present location. Recently, they organized the Millennium Ball to raise funds for the new addition to the Children's Room of the Library. Through their annual plant sale in mid-May, KVIS raises funds to support the library, a concert series and a scholarship given each year to a graduating senior at John Jay High School.

**Katonah Village Library
Susan Benton
26 Bedford Rd.
Katonah, N. Y. 10536
232-3508**

The library was originally established and funded by the Katonah Village Improvement Society in 1880. The present building opened in 1930, and an addition was added in 1968. Currently the Town of Bedford provides approximately 85% of the budget, and the remainder is solicited through fund raising. Since this is a public library, local or Westchester County residents may use its facilities, and for a small fee out-of-county residents may use it also. The library provides educational, recreational and informational sources, and programs for the people of the town, county and surrounding areas. They offer free Internet access and twice-weekly Internet training. Twelve trustees serve on the library board. The Friends of the Library have established an ongoing volunteer shelf reading program. They keep all books in order for the public. The Children's Program includes story hours, special appearances, book clubs and much more. Adult hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 A.M.-8 P.M., Tuesday 10 A.M.-6 P.M., and Friday and Saturday 10 A.M.-5 P.M. The Children's Room is open on Monday 10 A.M.-8 P.M., Tuesday through Thursday 10 A.M.-5:30 P.M. and Friday and Saturday 10 A.M.-5 P.M.

**The League of Women Voters
Bedford, Lewisboro, North Salem
Anne Ostrouski
P.O. Box 584
Goldens Bridge, N.Y. 10526
763-6036**

After women won the right to vote, in order to "finish the fight", they founded the League of Women Voters in 1920. It earned its activist credentials early on as a committed fighter for child labor laws, equal pay for women and other important causes. They were an early advocate for international peace building through the United Nations; a tireless foe of discrimination in education, employment and housing; and strong supporters of action to clean up the environment; and to stop the arms race. Today the League is making a new effort to do something about the distrust and hostility that dominate public debate in America, getting voters to the polls, and opening doors for more women and minorities to be elected to public office. The League welcomes both men and women, and there is a small membership fee. Locally the group holds programs of public interest, Candidate's Night and voter service. Meetings are held monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at the Bedford Library from 9 A.M.-11 A.M.

The Lions Club of Bedford Hills

Nancy Rehm

P.O. Box 156

Bedford Hills, N. Y. 10507

666-6408

Business meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month and dinner meetings the third Wednesday of the month. Both are held at the Bedford Hills Community House. The group was established in 1939 with a goal of community service. Membership is by invitation. They actively support: Guiding Eyes For The Blind, Bedford Hills Boy Scout and Cub Scout troops, People in the Park, a Senior Citizens Holiday Party, and scholarships for graduating Fox Lane High School seniors. There are several major fund raising events each year. In October a Car Show is held on the Fox Lane High School campus, and in February an annual Antiques Show at the same location. A yearly Pancake Breakfast is held each spring. In cooperation with the Mt. Kisco Lions, the group is attempting to raise money through a mini-Concert Series to purchase an operating microscope for the Ophthalmology Department at Northern Westchester Hospital.

Master Singers of Westchester

Les Robinson Hadsell

46 Rocky Ridge

Cortlandt Manor, N. Y. 10567

739-3669

If you have a love of great choral music and a burning desire to sing, you may wish to join the Master Singers. Rehearsals are Monday evenings 8-10 P.M. at the Fox Lane Middle School on Rte. 172 in Mt. Kisco, and no auditions are necessary. The group's founding in 1981 sprang from the desire of 15 singers to perform great works from the choral repertoire, and to share a first rate music experience within the local community. They now have 70-80 members and perform two concerts each year, in the fall and spring, accompanied by professional soloists and orchestra. These concerts are held at the Bedford Presbyterian Church in Bedford Village. The 20th anniversary of the group will be in 2001.



Bedford Hills Plaza

**Mianus Gorge Preserve, Inc.
Roderick G. Cristie
Gibb House
167 Mianus River Rd.
Bedford, N. Y. 10506
234-3455**

This preserve is the pioneer land project of the Nature Conservancy, which is headquartered in Arlington, Virginia. The Conservancy owns more than 1,600 preserves, the largest private system of nature sanctuaries in the world. By 1999 the Mianus River Preserve had grown from its original 60-acre purchase in 1955 to 719 acres. Its mission is to preserve the watershed of the Mianus River Gorge as a wilderness area and setting for educational and scientific activities. The preservation work and acquisitions are carried out entirely by private subscription. Your financial help, through the annual appeal, or work as a volunteer is encouraged and most appreciated. One can work on the Stewardship Committee (trail work), Development or Fund Raising and others. The Mianus Gorge organization is also interested in watershed protection in Bedford, Pound Ridge and North Castle.

**Mt. Kisco Concert Association
Muriel TenDyke
Black Brook Rd.
Pound Ridge, N. Y. 10576
234-3652**

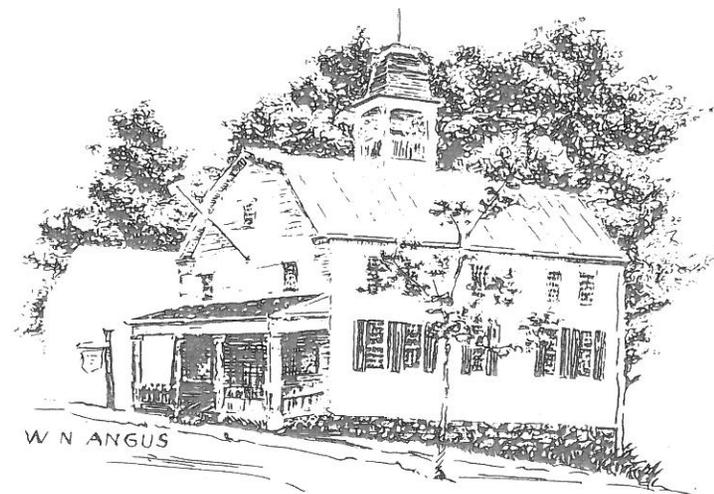
Mt. Kisco Concert Association was founded in 1968 by a group of area residents who wanted to offer the community high quality programs in both music and dance. Whenever possible the guest artists are invited to do Workshops and Master Classes at both Bedford Central Middle School and High School. The concert association also assists with the Fox Lane Emerging Artists Program and sponsors a free Children's Concert each year. This group has presented many now world-renowned artists when they were just beginning their careers including Garrich Ohlsson, Lynn Harrell, and the Alvin Ailey Dance Companies. Other well-established performers have included the Beux Arts Trio, Paula Robison and Jaime Laredo. These concerts are held at the Fox Lane High School and are advertised in the local newspapers. MKCA is a non-profit group with a volunteer board of directors. Any interested person is welcome to inquire about Board or Off-Board service opportunities.

The Nature Conservancy Eastern New York Chapter
Gabrielle Antoniadis
19 North Moger Ave.
Mt. Kisco, N. Y. 10549
244-3271

For membership in the Nature Conservancy there is a basic fee of \$35. The Conservancy is a private, international, non-profit organization established in 1951. Its mission is to preserve plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life, by protecting the lands and water they need to survive. To date, the Conservancy, and its 1 million members have protected more than 10 million acres in the U.S. The eastern New York chapter manages over 30,000 acres and owns 60 preserves. This chapter is supported through gifts from individuals, foundations and corporations. In Bedford there are four nature preserves: Piney Woods, Mt. Holly Sanctuary, Butler Sanctuary, and Arthur Ketchum Preserve. If you would like information on becoming a member or a volunteer, call 244-3271. Volunteer work includes preserve maintenance, speaker's bureau, leading hikes, photographic or drawing work and office tasks. Most of the preserves are open for educational and passive recreational use. A preserve guide is available upon request.

Northeast Katonah Community League
Margaret Sorahan
12 Leslie Lane
Katonah, N. Y. 10536
232-3838

Concern about a 42-acre parcel of land that was slated for subdivision in 1984 prompted the formation of the Northeast Katonah Community League. All that is required for membership is that you reside in the northeast corner of the town. Although there is no formal meeting schedule, the group convenes whenever a problem arises that directly affects their area. Past concerns have included the Park and Ride proposed for location on Rte. 35 and Rte. 22, and a D.O.T. garage slated also for Rte. 35. Currently there are about 150 families belonging to the League. If you live in this area and have a specific concern or wish to join the group, call Margaret Sorahan at 232-3838.



The Bedford Court House 1787

**Northern Westchester Hospital Center's 55+
Community Connection
Mary-Kate Tendy
400 E. Main St.
Mt. Kisco, N. Y. 10549
666-1925**

Promoting optimal wellness within the community and especially for today's generation of 55+ adults is what the Community Connection aims to accomplish. To join, an individual membership is \$5 and for a family is \$8. You will be able to take part in health screenings; lectures on timely topics; programs on exercise, grand parenting and defensive driving; take exciting excursions; obtain physician referrals and use the Emergency Response System. There are also support groups; domestic and companion services; adult day care and housing; home health care services; counseling centers; food and transportation services and insurance counseling. To avail yourself or someone you know of these extensive services call 666-1925.

**Northern Westchester Parent Child Group
Nancy Goden
P. O. Box 671
Bedford, N. Y. 10506
234-4119**

Since its inception in 1980, the Northern Westchester Parent-Child Group, has been committed to providing a quality program in which both parents and children participate. Groups are structured according to the child's age, and enrollment is generally limited to eleven parents and children. NWPCG offers a place for parents to come together to exchange ideas and experiences. They are located at the Bedford Presbyterian Church on the Village Green in Bedford. There are 2 sessions, one in fall and another in the spring, which meet once per week. Professional educators staff the program, and there is a fee to participate.

The Regional Review League

**Jane Pearl
28 Christopher Rd.
Mt. Kisco, N. Y. 10549
666-8623**

Supporting intelligent and environmentally sensitive land-use planning has been the goal of this group since its inception in 1966. It originated in protest to the proposed building of I-684, but now concerns itself with current area projects of concern to citizens. These include interest in building projects at Seven Springs and Rippowam/Cisqua, and general issues such as those of water, septic, the town's Master Plan, and projects in cooperation with the Bedford Coalition. Meetings are held in local homes and there is a payment of dues required for membership.



A building adjacent to the Bedford Court House

The Rusticus Garden Club

**Lisa Gerard
P.O. Box 732
Bedford, N. Y. 10506
764-8599**

Monthly meetings are held by these gardening enthusiasts at various members' homes. To be considered for a provisional membership you must attend a number of meetings with a person who is a current member. Founded in 1939, by 20 women from northern Westchester, the Rusticus Club was admitted as a member club of the Garden Club of America in 1952. The purpose of the parent group is to stimulate knowledge and love of gardening, to share the advantages of an association by means of educational meetings, conferences, correspondence and publications. Rusticus members attempt to restore, improve and protect the quality of the environment through educational programs and action in the areas of conservation and civic improvement. They installed and now maintain gardens at the Bedford Library and the John Jay Homestead, and have also planted at area schools and in the three hamlets. Some of their meetings are open to the public and at these gatherings they try to encourage concern for and knowledge of conservation issues and sound horticultural practices.

Sportsmen's Club of Northern Westchester

**James R. Gmelin
570 Bedford Rd.
Mt. Kisco, N. Y. 10549
666-5757**

A group of local sportsmen were the founders of this group in 1945. They wanted to further their interest in the outdoors, conservation, hunting and fishing. The only requirement for membership in this club is that you be a United States citizen. The Sportsmen's Club meets at the Katonah Memorial House on Bedford Rd. in Katonah on the 3rd Tuesday of each month except in July and August. Their current projects and future goals include: 1) Stream improvement and wildlife preservation, 2) Educating youth in outdoor sports and conservation 3) Promoting wise use of our natural resources.

Troop 1 Katonah Boy Scouts of America

**Dr. William Smith
42 Harris Rd.
Katonah, N. Y. 10536
232-4284**

The Boy Scouts and their leaders meet each Thursday evening from 7P.M.- 9P.M. during the school year, at the Katonah Elementary School on Huntville Rd. Troop 1 is sponsored by The Katonah Rotary Club. In the late 1920's when the troop was founded, it was dedicated to teaching boys good citizenship and life skills through a program that is challenging and fun. These goals continue today and include an emphasis on outdoor activities such as camping and hiking and a dedication to community service. A boy does not have to belong to Cub Scouts before becoming a Boy Scout. He must, however, be 11 years old or 10 years old and in the 6th grade. Along with weekly meetings and work on merit badges, the troop often visits historical sites such as Valley Forge, Fort Ticondaroga and the Freedom Trail. A number of Cub Scout Packs exist in the town of Bedford, including the hamlet of Katonah. For information about the Cub Scouts call the Westchester- Putnam Council, Boy Scouts of America at 773-1135.



The Katonah Village Library 1930

Troop 129 (Bedford Village)

Dr. Gary Cohn

509 Bedford Center Rd.

Bedford Hills, N.Y. 10507

234-3568

Boy Scout Troop 129 meets weekly on Friday evening at 6:45 P.M. at the Bedford Village Firehouse. The troop had not been functioning for a period of time and reorganized under Troop 129 about five years ago. In addition to regular meeting, boys participate in monthly camp-outs, service projects and attend scout camp for a week each summer. Some of their projects have included work on the trails at the Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, for the Bedford Riding Lanes and also help with the town clean up sponsored by the Chowder and Marching Club. The scouts work diligently on merit badges, working toward the rank of Eagle Scout. Recently the troop hiked from the Tappan Zee Bridge to the George Washington Bridge. They have also visited Battleship Cove in Fall River, Massachusetts and spent the night aboard one of the ships. Attending football games and hockey games at West Point is also of special interest to the troop.

The Town of Bedford Senior Citizens

Marilynn Glasser

Bedford Recreation and Parks Department

Bedford Hills, N. Y. 10507

666-7203

Residents age 60 or over are encouraged to take advantage of services and programs provided through the Town Recreation and Parks Department, for all senior citizens. Meetings are held at the Bedford Hills Community House on Wednesdays from 10A.M.- 1P.M., and in Katonah at the Katonah Memorial House from 10A.M.- 2P.M. In Bedford Village, meetings are held periodically during the year at the Bedford Presbyterian Church. All meetings include a variety of programs and social activities. Those attending bring their lunch, and coffee and dessert are served. Programs are free, and door-to-door transportation is provided if needed. There is dance/exercise programming held at the Presbyterian Church in Bedford Village each week on Tuesday at 10:30 A.M. Shopping trips in the local area are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Trips to shopping malls are available twice a month on Fridays. Through the Mt. Kisco Nutrition Program, seniors may participate in either the on-site meal programs offered in Mt. Kisco, or have them brought to their homes through the Home Delivered Meals program (Meals on Wheels).

Westchester Land Trust
Paul Gallay
31 Main St.
Bedford Hills, N. Y. 10507
241-6346

Dedicated to protecting open space and promoting responsible land use throughout Westchester County is the main focus of WLT's mission statement. Their goals are also to protect the landscape that defines Westchester's communities and its quality of life; to preserve key scenic, wildlife, recreational and watershed lands; and to maintain and secure open spaces in urban areas. To accomplish these goals they acquire land and interests in land. Louis McCagg of Lewisboro founded the Land Trust in 1988. Thus far over 900 acres have been preserved in this area. You may join the group by phoning Bobbe Stultz at 241-6346. Volunteers work on areas to protect conservation easements and to limit development. An open program is held in June. The Land Trust also welcomes land donations and monetary contributions.

Westmoorland Sanctuary
Stephen A. Richer
260 Chestnut Ridge Rd.
Bedford Corners, N. Y. 10549
666-8448

Westmoreland Sanctuary, a museum and nature center, was established in 1957. A reconstructed 200-year-old former Presbyterian Church was dismantled and rebuilt at the Chestnut Ridge Rd. entrance. On the grounds is an outdoor lecture area, a center for maple sugaring, and an old cemetery. The Sanctuary, which consists of 625 acres, offers many classes for school children and the general public. The annual Fall Festival is held each year on the 3rd Sunday of October, which is a treat of craft vendors, pony rides and entertainment. The trails are open from dawn to dusk, and the museum hours are Monday-Saturday 9 A.M.-5 P.M. and Sunday 10:30 A.M.-5 P.M. Membership is \$20 for a student, individual \$25 and family \$50. No pets are allowed on the premises.

The Women's Civic Club of Katonah

Greta Kerker

P.O. Box 22

Katonah, N. Y. 10536

232-3010

Civic Club came into being in January of 1918 as a continuation of the Katonah Suffrage Club, which had been founded in 1913 for the purpose of helping women obtain the right to vote. After years of envisioning a clubhouse of their own, the dream became a reality with the laying of the cornerstone for the Memorial House in 1924, as a tribute to the men and women of Katonah who had served in the war. To replace the many fundraising activities needed to support the property, the Katonah Thrift Shop was started in 1945. The shop originally had many locations in the hamlet, but was installed in the renovated basement of Memorial House in 1984. The house is in constant use by many civic organizations and can be rented by individuals, and not-for-profit groups. Club meetings are held at the Memorial House on Bedford Rd. at 11:30 A.M. on the 2nd Thursday of each month from September to June. To join you must be sponsored by a current member and commit to working one 3 hour shift per month at the club Thrift Shop. Women's Civic Club is the largest individual contributor to the local library and offers the largest number of scholarships for local high school students. In addition monies earned from their thrift shop are given also to support girl scouts, the ambulance corps, hospital and many other local civic groups.

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