

NORWOOD/BEDFORD PARK



Community Directory



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Dear Reader:

It is with great pleasure that we unveil the Mosholu Preservation Corporation/Norwood News Community Directory. We hope you will use it to locate needed resources in the community. Included you will find everything from local parks to housing resources to government agencies and nonprofit organizations and other resources that community members might need. As over 50% of the Norwood and Bedford Park areas are populated by Spanish-speaking people, it will be bilingual, to insure greater access.

MPC is a not-for-profit corporation, created by Montefiore Medical Center in 1981 to combat the housing decay and abandonment which had ravaged other areas of the Bronx and was beginning to appear in Montefiore's back yard. MPC's goal is to preserve and revitalize the Norwood neighborhood in cooperation with a wide range of community groups.

In late March and early April of 2007, 4 community based organizations spearheaded an effort to respond to needs of the Norwood and Bedford Park communities: the Mosholu Montefiore Community Center (MMCC), the Mosholu Preservation Corporation (MPC), the Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition (NWBC-CC) and the West Bronx Housing and Neighborhood Resource Center (WBHNRC). This "Norwood Bedford Park Consortium" held 2 community-wide meetings where residents developed a list of concerns. From that list residents voted on 3 top issues: 1) a need to communicate resources that are available, 2) building a sense of community, and 3) training for a variety of skills development. The Consortium strives to build a network of leaders, resources, media, activities and strong local institutions to help residents communicate and build community. The more interactions people have, the stronger their feeling of community. We are calling this effort the Norwood/Bedford Park BLOOMS initiative. This directory is one of many facets that we will be working on over the next years. Please be on the lookout for our organizations and the many activities with which we will be involved.

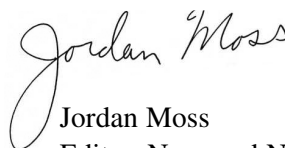
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Thank you!



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CIVIC GROUPS/ COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Bedford Mosholu Community Association

400 E. Mosholu Parkway S., B1,
lobby floor. (718) 367-2230

A membership-based volunteer group that meets on a monthly basis to improve quality of life in the community. Activities include sponsoring park cleanups and alerting city agencies of problems, then following up to make sure issues are adequately addressed.

Mosholu Preservation Corporation

3400 Reservoir Oval E. (718) 324-4461.
www.mpcbronx.org

Established in 1981 by Montefiore Medical Center to combat housing deterioration and abandonment in Norwood. Now also manages the Jerome-Gun Hill Business Improvement District, has increased neighborhood security, cleaned and improved parks, and publishes the community newspaper, the Norwood News.

Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition

103 E. 196th St. (718) 584-0515.

www.northwestbronx.org

Contact: Abby Bellows, community organizer for Norwood and Bedford Park at 286 Reservoir Place. (646) 642-6313

A 33-year-old organization for social justice that has a long history of organizing tenants and homeowners to maintain and improve their homes. NWBCCC involves stakeholders in community issues such as immigrant rights, education, parks and public safety in neighborhoods stretching from Mount Hope to Norwood.

Bronx Jewish Community Council

3176 Bainbridge Ave. (718) 652-3344.

Open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for walk-ins. Other times call for an appointment. *Se habla español.*

Assists community members in need of entitlement, social services and help with housing issues (both tenants and landlords). The agency has particular expertise in working with senior citizens, has social workers on staff, and does home visits. Trained to assist with decisions about Medicare Part D.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mosholu Montefiore Community Center

3450 DeKalb Ave. at Gun Hill Road
(718) 882-4000. www.mmcc.org

Offers a wide range of activities for children, teens, adults, and senior citizens, including both educational and recreational activities. There are classrooms, recreation rooms and a gymnasium available at the address listed above and at other sites. Monthly memberships are available on family and individual bases.

National Student Partnerships

2715 Bainbridge Ave. at East 196th Street. (718) 733-3897

Provides free help with job searches, housing searches, education, job training, resume-writing, childcare, legal services and much more. Open to all.

Part of the Solution (POTS)

2763 Webster Ave. (718) 220-4892.

www.potsbronx.com

Offers a wide variety of services from helping with crisis situations to devel-

oping self-sufficiency for low-income individuals and families. Provides a community kitchen, a public shower and a mailroom. Also, offers clothing and haircuts. Under their Homelessness Prevention program, there is a pantry service (supplemental food stuffs), case management and a free walk-in legal clinic run by a full-time staff attorney who advises in food stamps, public assistance, disability and housing matters.

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

Bedford Park Walk-In Center,

2925 Grand Concourse

(718) 295-7160. www.cabny.org

Counselors provide information and referral to CAB's large network of services. Issues addressed by CAB include housing, immigration, tenant and consumer rights, senior services and community resources.



CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

Bronx Council on the Arts

1738 Hone Ave. (718) 931-9500

www.bronxarts.org

A borough-wide non-profit that provides services to individual artists, community groups and the public. Awards local talent with annual BRIO (Bronx Recognizes Its Own) grants and sponsors programs in Bronx public schools. The first Wednesday evening of every month, take the Bronx Culture Trolley to cultural destinations throughout the Bronx.

Bronx Museum of the Arts

1040 Grand Concourse at 165th Street

(718) 681-6000

www.bronxmuseum.org

The only fine art museum in the Bronx since 1971, it focuses on artists of African, Asian, and Latin American descent or artists significantly influenced by the Bronx. Provides art instruction to both youth and families.

Edgar Allan Poe Cottage

2640 Grand Concourse at East

Kingsbridge Road. (718) 881-8900

The small wooden house where Poe spent the last years of his life, until 1849, restored to its original state by the Bronx County Historical Society. A film and guided tour accompany the setting where Poe wrote "Annabel Lee," "The Bells" and "Eureka."

Museum of Bronx History

3309 Bainbridge Ave. at 208th Street.

(718) 881-8900

This museum is run by the Bronx County Historical Society at the nearly 250-year-old Valentine-Varian House. It exhibits objects, documents and photographs on periods of Bronx History from pre-Revolutionary days to the present.

Van Cortlandt House Museum

Van Cortlandt Park, Broadway at West

246th Street. (718) 543-3344

www.vancortlandthouse.org

The oldest building in the Bronx, it sets the scene from 1748-1823 when Frederick Van Cortlandt owned the property when it was a prosperous wheat plantation. With programs for youth, the house explores the social history of those who lived and worked on the property and studies the decorative arts.

Sholem Aleichem Cultural Center

3301 Bainbridge Ave.

(718) 881-6555 www.shul21.org

A center for Yiddish education and culture.



DAYCARE CENTERS

Mosholu Montefiore Community Center

3450 DeKalb Ave. at Gun Hill Road
(718) 882-4000 www.mmcc.org
Daycare, Head Start, Nursery School
and Universal Pre-Kindergarten (not all
programs at all locations) are offered at
this location and the annexes listed
below. For more information, call the
location where you are interested in
enrolling your child and make an
appointment to visit.

North Side Annex

3512 DeKalb Ave. (718) 405-0020
8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The North Side Annex is the newest of
the Early Childhood sites of the
Mosholu Montefiore Child
Development Center. The North Side
Annex offers large classrooms, an
enclosed outdoor playground and car-
ing, qualified teachers. North Side
offers an early drop-off program as
well, extending hours mornings from
7:30 a.m. and evenings to 6:30 p.m. in
order to accommodate the needs of
working parents. Meals are included.

Rochambeau Annex

3130 Rochambeau Ave. (718) 882-0941
8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Also extended hour options, mornings
from 7:30 a.m. and evenings to 6:30
p.m. to accommodate the needs of
working parents.

Norwood Nursery Annex

Holy Nativity Church at 3061 Bainbridge
Ave. (718) 798-7504 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Offers full day daycare for ages 3 and 4
and a Universal Pre-K program for chil-
dren who are four years of age. On-site
playground.

Beacon School PS 8

3010 Briggs Ave. at Bainbridge Avenue
and 202nd Street (718) 329-0596

Provides services including after school
tutoring, open gym, violin classes for
2nd through 12th grades. On
Saturdays, 2nd through 12th grades
can participate in sports and hobby
clubs as well as math, chess and other
classes. Adults can participate in ESL,
cardio and computer literacy classes.
An open gym is also provided.
Childcare is available.

Fordham Bedford Children's Services

2715 Bainbridge Ave. (718) 733-2557

Provides referrals to family day care
providers who are home based.
Availability depends upon spaces and
childcare location.



ELECTED OFFICIALS

CITY COUNCIL

G. Oliver Koppell, District 11

(Norwood and Bedford Park)

3450 DeKalb Ave.

(718) 882-4000 ext. 353.

koppell@council.nyc.ny.us

Or 3636 Waldo Ave., Bronx.

(718) 549-7300

Joel Rivera, District 15

1901 Southern Blvd.

(718) 842-8100.

rivera@council.nyc.ny.us

STATE ASSEMBLY

Jeffrey Dinowitz, 81st District

(parts of Norwood)

3107 Kingsbridge Ave.
(718) 796-5345
dinowij@assembly.state.ny.us

Naomi Rivera, 80th District

(parts of Norwood and Bedford Park)
1126 Pelham Pkwy. S.
(718) 409-0109
riveran@assembly.state.ny.us

Jose Rivera, 78th District

(part of Bedford Park)
2488 Grand Concourse, Room 416
(718) 933-2204
riveraj@assembly.state.ny.us

STATE SENATE

Efrain Gonzalez, Jr., 33rd District

(all of Norwood and Bedford Park)
1780 Grand Concourse, first floor
(718) 299-7905
gonzalez@senate.state.ny.us

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Adolfo Carrión, Jr.

851 Grand Concourse
(718) 590-3500
bronxboropres.nyc.gov

US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Eliot L. Engel, 17th District

(all of Norwood and Bedford Park)
3655 Johnson Ave.
(718) 796-9700
www.engel.house.gov

US SENATE

Charles E. Schumer

757 Third Ave., Manhattan
(212) 486-4430
www.schumer.senate.gov

Hillary Rodham Clinton

780 Third Ave., Manhattan
(212) 688-6262
www.clinton.senate.gov



GOVERNMENT

Community Education Council 10

One Fordham Plaza, Room 842
(718) 741-5836
Contact: Celeste Colon,
Administrative Assistant
The Council also holds meetings to
allow the community to be heard on
education issues.

Community Board 7

229A E. 204th St. (718) 933-5650.
www.bronxmall.com/commboards/cd7.html
Contact: Greg Faulkner, Chair
Local representative body made up of
up to 50 unsalaried members who
must reside, work or have a compelling
interest in the community. The Board
acts as a liaison between the public
and city government. Meets the third
Tuesday of every month. Regularly
holds public hearings on budget, land
use and other major issues, giving the
public a chance to be heard.

Croton Facility Monitoring Committee

NYC Department of Environmental
Protection Community Outreach Office
3660 Jerome Ave. (718) 231-8470
A group of community leaders that
monitors the construction of the
Croton Water Treatment Facility and all
problems and ramifications thereof.



“GREEN” GROUPS

Bronx Council for Environmental Quality

*P.O. Box 265, City Island Station,
Bronx. www.bceq.org*

Seeks to improve air, land and water quality in the Bronx. It publishes tri-monthly newsletters about new local projects, was involved in many sections of the Bronx Greenway and was instrumental in forming the Bronx River Alliance.

Friends of Van Cortlandt Park

*124 Gale Place, ground floor, apt. A
(718) 601-1460*

www.vancortlandt.org

A non-profit dedicated to enhancing Van Cortlandt Park. Raises funds for restoration and maintenance of resources as well as educational and recreational programs, such as summer employment and internships for students with an interest in environmental studies.

Norwood Food Co-op

*3400 Reservoir Oval E.
(718) 514-3305*

www.norwoodfoodcoop.org

The co-op distributes fresh produce from a local farmer from June through November to members who have purchased shares. Also sponsors potlucks, cooking demonstrations and other educational activities. Anyone can join. Some volunteer hours required from members.

Bronx River Alliance

1 Bronx River Pkwy.

(718) 430-4665 www.bronxriver.org

Dedicated to protecting, improving, and restoring the Bronx River corridor

and greenway. The emphasis is supporting and voicing the ecological, recreational, educational and economic resources for its surrounding communities.



HEALTH SERVICES

North Central Bronx Hospital

3424 Kossuth Ave. (718) 519-5000

A community hospital with specialty services in geriatrics. It also houses a psychiatry unit, a women's health unit, including the largest midwifery program in New York City, a children's health unit and a nationally recognized Sexual Assault Response Team.

Montefiore Medical Center

111 E. 210th St.

(718) 920-4321

1 (800) MD-MONTE

www.montefiore.org

Serving patients locally and nationally, in advanced areas such as cardiology, cancer care, tissue and organ transplantation, children's and women's health and surgery. Home to one of the nation's oldest hospital-based home care programs and is the academic medical center for the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Emergency Services: Bainbridge Avenue, between Gun Hill Road and East 210th Street. (718) 920-5731.

Children's Hospital at Montefiore

*3415 Bainbridge Ave. at Gun Hill Road
(718) 741-2426*

www.montekids.org

Designed with children and families in mind, provides variety of specialty, day

and emergency pediatric care.
Emergency Services: entrance at above
address. (718) 741-2150

Adolescent AIDS Program

*Children's Hospital at Montefiore, 4th
floor. (718) 882-0232
info@adolescentaids.org*

Resource for adolescents living with HIV/AIDS or who are at risk for infection, and for healthcare providers who treat these patients. Included is low-cost or free HIV counseling and testing and coordinated healthcare. Also provides for gay, lesbian, bisexual and questioning youth through the Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Health Resource Center, focusing both on youth needs and advocacy.

Family Health Care Center (FHCC)

360 E. 193rd St. (718) 933-2400
A part of the Montefiore Medical Group, the FHCC offers obstetrics/gynecology, cardiology, nutrition, and podiatry services to the surrounding community. Families benefit by receiving all family care at one central location in a warm and friendly environment.

Bronx AIDS Services

*540 E. Fordham Rd. (718) 295-5605
www.basnyc.org*
Offers many free services to those living with HIV/AIDS, those who think they may have been exposed or those who are at a high risk of exposure. Topics include food, nutrition and other counseling, legal advocacy, education, peer mentoring and case management in four facilities and two mobile vans in the Bronx.



HOUSING RESOURCES

West Bronx Housing and Neighborhood Resource Center

3176 Bainbridge Ave. (718) 798-0929
Open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for walk-ins. Other times, call for an appointment. Se habla español.
Provides assistance to both tenants and owners, mediating rather than choosing sides between the two. Tactics used range from a friendly phone call to court action so that residents may obtain and maintain safe, affordable housing. Agency also assists owners in removing violations, package loans, and cut through red tape. Immigration paperwork assistance, also.

Fordham Bedford Housing Corporation

*2751 Grand Concourse (718) 367-3200
www.fordham-bedford.org*
Accomplishes overall goal of providing community-run housing that is safe, sound and affordable, by managing and renovating occupied and vacant buildings – currently over 2,000 affordable units.

University Neighborhood Housing Program

*2751 Grand Concourse
(718) 933-3101 www.unhp.org*
Works to create, preserve and finance housing in the northwest Bronx. The program lends market and below market funds to community development initiatives. Also provides technical assistance to tenant groups, affordable housing managers, not-for-profit housing companies and community organizations.

Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition

103 E. 196th St. (718) 584-0515

www.northwestbronx.org

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Also see *Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition* and *Bronx Jewish Community Council*, below.



LEGAL SERVICES

Legal Aid Society, Bronx Neighborhood Office

953 Southern Blvd. (718) 991-4600

www.legal-aid.org

Offers services in housing, government benefits, family law and the citywide Disability Advocacy Project.

Bronx Defenders

860 Courtlandt Ave.

(718) 838-7878

www.bronxdefenders.org

Non-profit organization providing free representation to Bronx residents charged with crimes. Also, social and community workers engage with clients and families to prevent criminal behavior.

Legal Services of New York: Bronx Branch

579 Courtlandt Ave.

(718) 928-3700 www.lsn.org

Provides free legal help in civil matters to low-income people. Its core law practice areas are family, housing, benefits, consumer and education issues.

Also see *POTS*, page 4.



LIBRARIES

Bronx Library Center

310 E. Kingsbridge Rd. off Fordham Road. (718) 579-4244. www.nypl.org

Central library that replaced the Fordham Library Center in 2006. Boasts an auditorium (with frequent and varied programming), a teen center, Bronx Reference Center, Latino and Puerto Rican Cultural Center as well as help for English language learners and job seekers.

Mosholu Branch Library

285 E. 205th St. (718) 882-8329

www.nypl.org

Offers programming for adults, teens and children in multi-use meeting room that is also available for group meetings.



MERCHANT GROUPS

Jerome-Gun Hill Business Improvement District

3400 Reservoir Oval E. (718) 324-4946

Contact: Roberto Garcia, Executive Director

Managed by Mosholu Preservation

Corporation. Gives support to over 200 businesses within its area, along Jerome Avenue between Mosholu Parkway and East Gun Hill Road and East Gun Hill Road between Jerome and Webster avenues. Promotes area as a whole in local papers, seasonal Cablevision commercials, holiday raffles, promotional BID souvenirs and a street festival that draws approximately 20,000 visitors annually, and provides rigorous sanitation, aesthetic improvement and security services.

Bainbridge/204th Street

Merchants Association

312 E. 204th St. (718) 798-1063

Contact: Allan Freilich, Freilich Jewelers. Creates a better business environment through promotions and area improvement projects, such as graffiti removal.

Bedford Park Boulevard

Merchants Group

387 Bedford Park Blvd. (718) 584-9270

Contact: Cornelia Pappas, Allen Cleaners. Focuses on maintaining good relationships between businesses, economic stability and business attraction.



PARKS

Harris Park

Goulden Avenue, 205th Street, Paul Avenue, Bedford Park Boulevard

Located adjacent to many schools, the park's six regulation baseball fields are frequently used by students.

The Mosholu-Pelham Greenway

Landscaped highway and bike route that runs south along Mosholu

Parkway from Van Cortlandt Park to Bronx Park, and east along the Pelham Parkway to Pelham Bay Park. Originally designed and built in the late 1930s by Robert Moses. Includes Kossuth Playground at Kossuth Avenue and a baseball field at Webster Avenue.

Van Cortlandt Park

Broadway, Jerome Avenue, City Line,

Van Cortlandt Park South

(718) 430-1890

New York City's fourth largest park, home to the country's first public golf course and the borough's largest freshwater lake. It is a popular site for cross country running. Facilities include basketball, tennis and bocce courts; swimming pool; football, soccer, baseball and softball fields; New York's principal cricket fields; two golf courses and a driving range; one Gaelic football field; 17 handball or paddleball courts; Nature Center; playgrounds; riding stable and track.

Williamsbridge Oval Park

Van Cortlandt Avenue,

Bainbridge Avenue, Reservoir Oval

(718) 654-1851/994-6785

A 20-acre park built on the site of a former reservoir, the park boasts a track, tennis and basketball courts, in addition to a recreation center with fitness, senior citizen, after school and computer rooms.

New York Botanical Garden

2694 Dr. Theodore Kazimiroff Blvd.

(718) 817-8700. www.nybg.org

Collection of 50 gardens, with a conservatory and science museum for kids on a 250-acre national historic landmark site on the edge of Bronx Park.

Briggs Avenue Playground

Parkland at the corner of Bainbridge Avenue and Mosholu Parkway South on the campus of PS 8.



POLICE

52nd Precinct

3016 Webster Ave. (718) 220-5811
52nd Precinct Community Council
(718) 220-5824

A volunteer board that facilitates communication between police and community residents. Meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of every month at various locations.



RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

Bedford Park Congregational Church

Reverend Chris Ponnuraj.
309 E. 201st St.
(718) 733-3199

Bedford Park Presbyterian Church

Reverend Earm
(services in English and Korean).
2943 Bainbridge Ave.
(718) 365-0230

Church of the Holy Nativity

(Episcopal, Anglican)
Reverend Brad Pfaff
3061 Bainbridge Ave.
(718) 652-5853

Glad Tidings Church, Inc.

(Assembly of God)
Reverend Efrain Figueroa.
2 Van Cortlandt Ave. E.
(718) 367-4040

Heavenly Vision

Pastor Sal Sabino.
2868 Jerome Ave.
(718) 220-8124

Lutheran Church of the Epiphany

Deacon Tony Bopp
302 E. 206th St.
(718) 652-6839

Masjid-e-Quba

(Mosque)
3520 DeKalb Ave.
(718) 515-9071

North Bronx Islamic Center

(Mosque)
Perry Ave., #B.
(718) 515-3559

St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church

Father Francis Scanlan
3519 Bainbridge Ave.
(718) 547-9350

St. Brendan's Roman Catholic Church

Father George Stewart
333 E. 206th St.
(718) 547-6655

St. James Episcopal Church

Reverend Tobias Haller
2500 Jerome Ave.
(718) 367-0655

St. Philip Neri Roman Catholic Church

Monsignor John Bonicci
3025 Grand Concourse
(718) 733-3200

The North Bronx Mennonite Church

*Pastor Ruth Wenger
3262 Rochambeau Ave.
(718) 882-4907*

Young Israel of Mosholu Parkway

*(Synagogue)
Rabbi Zevulun Charlop
100 E. 208th St.
(718) 882-8181*



SCHOOLS AND LEARNING

See schools.nyc.gov or insideschools.org for more information.

PS 8 Isaac Varian (K-5)

*3010 Briggs Ave. (718) 584-3043
With an enrollment of over 1,000, ethnically diverse students from zoned neighborhood, with self-contained special education classrooms in all grades except kindergarten.*

PS/MS 20 Police Officer George J. Werdan III (PreK-8)

*3050 Webster Ave. (718) 584-5510
Wheelchair accessible building houses an enrollment of over 1,000 students.*

PS 56 Norwood Heights (K-5)

*341 E. 207th St. (718) 405-6330
Enrollment of a little over 500, with staff focusing on improving academic standards. Neighborhood school has three special education classes and two English as a Second Language classes and an after school program.*

PS 280 The Renaissance School (K-8)

*3202 Steuben Ave. (718) 405-6360
Seated alongside the green space of Mosholu Parkway, this neighborhood*

zoned school holds approximately 700 students, with an ESL kindergarten and special education for first, fifth and sixth graders.

DeWitt Clinton High School (9-12)

*100 W. Mosholu Pkwy. S. (718) 543-1000
A large school, housing over 4,000 students with a large and notable honors program that prepares students for selective colleges.*

Bronx Dance Academy (6-8)

*3617 Bainbridge Ave. (718) 515-0410
Students entering sixth grade audition to be enrolled in this extended day classical and modern dance academy, where both academia, discipline and performance are stressed.*

PS 51 Bronx New School (K-5)

*3200 Jerome Ave. (718) 584-8772
A smaller, non-traditional school focused on hands-on and creative learning with an enrollment of about 250, where enrollment is determined by a lottery in District 10.*

MS 80 Isobel Rooney Middle School (6-8)

*149 E. Mosholu Pkwy. N. (718) 405-6300
Magnet school focused on the theme of “community exploration,” with an enrollment of about 800 and an English immersion program.*

PS 94 Kings College School (K-5)

*3530 Kings College Place. (718) 405-6345
With an enrollment around 1,000, this neighborhood-zoned school is scheduled to receive a new Early Childhood Center to replace transitional structures now on campus.*

PS 95 Sheila Mencher Van Cortlandt School (K-8)

*3961 Hillman Ave. (718) 796-9200
Just south of Van Cortlandt Park, this*

empowerment school has an enrollment of 1400.

St. Brendan’s Elementary School (PreK-8)

268 E. 207th St. (718) 653-2292.
www.saintbrendanchurch.org
Private Catholic school, affiliated with the Parish, with an enrollment of 550 students and a growing music school.

St. Ann’s School (PreK-8)

3511 Bainbridge Ave. (718) 655-3449
Private Catholic school housing 280 students.

St. Philip Neri School (PreK-8)

3031 Grand Concourse. (718) 365-8806
Private Catholic school with about 510 students.

**Educational Counseling
Center for Teens and Parents**

3512 DeKalb Ave. (718) 652-0470/0282
Resource offering assistance like test preparation, a free college bound program, the Family Choice project, to help navigate the many choices for small theme-based high schools, and the New Options Project, which provides vocational training for out-of-school youth searching for direction.

Mt. St. Ursula

330 Bedford Park Blvd. (718) 364-5353
An independent Catholic college-preparatory school for girls.

Walton High School

2780 Reservoir Ave. (718) 364-7400
Houses the following schools on its campus:

Discovery High School
Drama, visual arts and multi-media performances are integrated into academic curriculum.

Kingsbridge International

Focus is on helping new immigrants, in the states for less than four years, learn English through projects.

Celia Cruz High School for Music

Focus is on choral, band and orchestra. Affiliated with Lehman College.

International School for Liberal Arts

Bilingual, specifically Spanish, encouraging students to become fully bilingual and bicultural to better compete in today’s society.

*High School for Teaching
and the Professions*

Pre-teaching curriculum and internship placements to explore different careers. Affiliated with Lehman College.

Bronx High School of Science

75 W. 205th St. (718) 817-7700
Specialized school that attracts an intellectually gifted blend of culturally, ethnically and economically diverse students. Students must pass school’s entrance exam.

**High School of American
Studies at Lehman College**

2925 Goulden Ave. (718) 329-2144
Has the intimacy of a small school and the resources of a large college.



SENIOR SERVICES

Mosholu Montefiore Senior Center

3450 DeKalb Ave. at Gun Hill Road.
(718) 798-6601
www.mmcc.org/seniorcenter
Programs for the well, frail and home-bound elderly in the community including daily hot kosher lunch, classes, clubs and activities like computer

crafts, tai chi, shuttle bus service, a grandparents support group and day and longer trips.

Sister Annunciata Bethel Senior Center

(also known as Bedford Park Senior Center) 243 E. 204th St.

(718) 365-3725

Free programming on weekdays, including lectures, painting classes, crochet, exercise, computer classes, bingo and dancing.

St. Brendan's Church Senior Programs

333 E. 206th St. (718) 547-6655

Offers bingo on Wednesdays, exercise on Fridays, and lunches on Saturdays.



YOUTH PROGRAMS

Sistas and Brothas United Youth Leadership Program

103 E. 196th St.

(718) 584-0515.

www.northwestbronx.org

Affiliate of Northwest Bronx

Community and Clergy Coalition, a grassroots group of low and moderate-income youth, primarily junior and senior high school students in the northwest Bronx. Organizes around local issues, mostly education reform in public schools, and building leadership and civic engagement.

The COVE

3418 Gates Place.

(718) 405-1312

Located in the Knox-Gates community of Norwood, this youth center offers a variety of after school and evening programming. Now run by the Mosholu

Montefiore Community Center, its acronym stands for "Community Organized with a Vision of Excellence."

Mosholu Montefiore Community Center Year Round Youth Employment Program

3400 Reservoir Oval E. at Putnam Place

(718) 652-1471

Low income, local students receive guidance in high school diploma, GED, post-secondary degrees, skill standards, industry certificates and employment, as well as tutoring in various subjects, in addition to part-time after school jobs.

Also see Mosholu Montefiore Community Center on pages 16-17 for more programs.

Fordham Bedford Little League

2751 Grand Concourse

(718) 367-3200

www.fordham-bedford.org

Established in 1999 by the children's services program, with 25 teams in age groups of two or three years from ages 5 to 18.

MMCC Baseball League

3450 DeKalb Ave. at Gun Hill Road

(718) 882-4000

www.mmcc.org

The largest in the borough, the league welcomes all boys and girls ages 5 to 15 to register in December for the next year's season. Everyone who signs up plays.

Next Millennium Little League

2556 Fish Ave.

(718) 405-6044

www.leaguelineup.com/nextmillennium

Contact: Marco Vega

All games are held in the Norwood/Bedford Park area.

Registration is from fall to March 1,

with opening day in the first week of April. Next Millennium has been organizing teams for nine years, typically with 27 teams. Boys and girls, ages 4 to 15 are welcome.



ADDITIONAL SERVICES

(including outside of the Norwood/Bedford Park area):

Children Services

*Advocates for Children (AFC)
151 W. 30th St., 5th fl., Manhattan
(212) 947-9779
www.advocatesforchildren.org*

Resources for Children with Special Needs Inc.

*116 E. 16th St., 5th fl., Manhattan
(212) 677-4650
www.resourcesnyc.org
Information and referral service that provides advocacy, training, and support center for parents and professionals of children with learning, developmental, emotional or physical disabilities. Summer camp guide.*



CRIME VICTIMS ASSISTANCE

**Montefiore Medical Center
Child Advocacy Center**

*JE and ZB Butler Child Advocacy Center
(clinical child abuse evaluations)
3314 Steuben Ave.
(718) 920-5833
<http://www.montekids.org/programs/cpc/>*

**Child Advocacy Center
Prevention Services**

*(mental health services and parenting programs) 3380 Reservoir Oval
See above number and website
Uses a medical and social service based approach to evaluate and treat child abuse and neglect. Maintains counseling center to provide secondary care for victims and their families, such as therapy sessions for individual children and their families. Additionally, provides support for teen mothers through the Parent Empowerment Program.*

**Crime Victims Assistance Unit
of County District Attorney**

*215 E. 161st St., 4th fl.
(718) 590-2114 www.bronxda.net
For elder abuse, contact Ellen Kolodney,
Coordinator (718) 590-2260*

**North Central Bronx Hospital Sexual
Assault Treatment Program**

*3424 Kossuth Ave.
(718) 519-5722, (718) 519-3100
Contact: Elaine Garbaty, Social Services*

NYS Domestic Violence Hotline

(800) 942-6906/08 Spanish



**EDUCATION, GED, ESL AND
JOB SKILLS TRAINING**

Kingsbridge Heights Community Center

*3101 Kingsbridge Terrace.
(718) 884-0700 ext. 194
ESL classes. Call for schedules.*

Mosholu Montefiore Community Center

3450 DeKalb Ave. (718) 882-4000

Monday through Saturday, the community center offers beginning and intermediate ESL (Bangladeshi, Spanish and Russian), and beginning Civics and Computer classes. All classes are free. Call for schedule.



**FOOD PANTRIES
/SOUP KITCHENS**

Bronx Baptist Church

*331 E. 187th St. at Tiebout Ave.
(718) 933-4095*

Soup kitchen is open Saturdays at noon. Closed summertime.

Immaculate Conception

*754 E. Gun Hill Rd. (Holland Avenue
one block east of White Plains Road)
(718) 653-2200*

Soup kitchen is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 2 p.m. To have access to the food pantry, get coupon from soup kitchen or church.

***Epiphany Lutheran,
St. Stephen's Meal Program***

302 E. 206th St. (718) 652-6839
Kitchen is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, noon to 2 p.m.

Love Gospel Assembly

*2315-2323 Grand Concourse
(between 183rd Street and Field Place)
(718) 295-6366*

The soup kitchen is open daily from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It is closed in August.

Part of the Solution (POTS)

2763 Webster Ave. (718) 220-4892

Open Mondays through Fridays, noon to 3 p.m., then 4 to 5:30 p.m. Open for lunch Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.



LEAD POISONING PROGRAMS

***Montefiore Medical Center Lead
Poisoning Prevention Program***

111 E. 210th St. (718) 920-5016
Contact: Nancy Redkey

Treats lead-poisoned children and their families and educates at-risk families, other medical providers and local, state and national policymakers. Also provides a 6-apartment safe house where families can stay while their homes are being repaired from lead contamination.

***NYC Dept. of Health
and Mental Hygiene***

(212) BAN-LEAD or (212) 226-5323

Poison Control Center

(212) POI-SONS or (212) 746-7667

EPA's National Lead Information Center

1-800-424-LEAD or 1-800-424-5323.
www.epa.gov/lead or
www.leadlisting.org

Telephone Numbers to Keep Handy

IRS, GENERAL	(800) 829-1040
UTILITY SHUTOFFS	
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HOTLINE	(800) 342-3355
VITAL RECORDS, DEPT. OF HEALTH	(212) 442-9666
AFFORDABLE HOUSING HOTLINE, HPD	(212) 863-5610
AGENCY FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS	(212) 696-1550
<i>Specialized preventative services for disabled children</i>	
NYC DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING	(212) 442-1000
AIDS HOTLINE: HIV TEST SITES	(800) 541-2437
ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES	(800) 522-5353
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS	(212) 647-1680
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT INFORMATION LINE	(800) 514-0301
NYS OFFICE OF ADVOCATES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES	(800) 522-4369
GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS	(212) 903-4400
GAY MEN’S HEALTH CRISIS INFO LINE	
119 W. 24TH ST., MANHATTAN	(212) 692-3647
IMMIGRATION NATURALIZATION SERVICE	(800) 375-5283
LEGAL AID SOCIETY	(718) 991-4758
LITERACY ASSISTANCE CENTER	(212) 809-3333
<i>(GED, ESL Referrals)</i>	
CHILD ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT REGISTER	(800) 342-3720

Telephone Numbers to Keep Handy

CHILD SUPPORT HELP LINE, NYC..... (212) 226-7125

CON EDISON, SENIOR DIRECT LINE (800) 404-9097; (800) 752-6633
LIFE SUPPORT FAX # (718) 246-7543

CRISIS NURSERY, 24-HR. HELP LINE (212) 472-8555
590 6TH AVE., MANHATTAN

AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION (212) 725-4925

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE (800) 621-4673
NYC CRISIS HOTLINE

EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF NEW YORK CITY (212) 633-2930
305 7TH AVE., MANHATTAN

FOOD AND HUNGER HOTLINE (866) 888-8777

MANAGED CARE/MEDICAID (HELP LINE)..... (212) 614-5400

MEDICAID (INFORMATION) (800) 422-8430

MISSING CHILDREN CLEARING HOUSE, NYS..... (800) FIND KID (346-3543)

MISSING PERSONS..... (800) 315-7699

MTA - TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL INFORMATION..... (718) 330-1234

RAT COMPLAINT LINE (800) RAT-1550
Manhattan Borough President

RED CROSS, EMERGENCY SERVICES..... (212) 787-1000; (877) 733-2767
WWW.NYCREDCROSS.ORG
150 AMSTERDAM AVE. (66TH STREET), MANHATTAN (212) 875-2102

SUICIDE HOTLINE (212) 673-3000

