

= Briarcliff Manor , New York =

Briarcliff Manor / ˈbraɪərklɪf / is a suburban village in Westchester County , New York , around 30 miles ( 50 km ) north of New York City . It is on 5 @. @ 9 square miles ( 15 km<sup>2</sup> ) of land on the east bank of the Hudson River , geographically shared by the towns of Mount Pleasant and Ossining . Briarcliff Manor includes the communities of Scarborough and Chilmark , and is served by the Scarborough station of the Metro @-@ North Railroad 's Hudson Line . A section of the village , including buildings and homes covering 376 acres ( 152 ha ) , is part of the Scarborough Historic District and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984 . The village motto is " A Village between Two Rivers " , reflecting Briarcliff Manor 's location between the Hudson and Pocantico Rivers . Although the Pocantico is the primary boundary between Mount Pleasant and Ossining , since its incorporation the village has spread into Mount Pleasant .

In the precolonial era , the village 's area was inhabited by a band of the Wappinger tribes of Native Americans . In the early 19th century , the area was known as Whitson 's Corners . Walter William Law moved to the area and purchased lands during the 1890s . Law developed the village , establishing schools , churches , parks , and the Briarcliff Lodge . Briarcliff Manor was incorporated as a village in 1902 , and celebrated its centennial on November 21 , 2002 . The village has grown from 331 people when established to 7 @, @ 867 in the 2010 census .

Briarcliff Manor was historically known for its wealthy estate @-@ owning families , including the Vanderbilts , Astors , and Rockefellers . It still remains primarily residential and its population is still considered affluent by U.S. standards . It has about 180 acres ( 70 ha ) of recreational facilities and parks , all accessible to the public . The village has seven Christian churches for various denominations and two synagogues . The oldest church is Saint Mary 's Episcopal Church , built in 1851 . Briarcliff Manor has an elected local government , with departments including police , fire , recreation , and public works . It has a low crime rate : a 2012 study found it had the second @-@ lowest in the state . In the New York State Legislature it is split between the New York State Assembly 's 95th and 92nd districts , and the New York Senate 's 38th and 40th districts . In Congress the village is in New York 's 17th District .

= = History = =

= = = Names = = =

Briarcliff Manor 's original settlement was known as Whitson 's Corners for brothers John H. , Richard , and Reuben Whitson , who owned adjoining farms in the area totaling 400 acres ( 160 ha ) . Whitson 's Corners was named after the corner of Pleasantville and South State Roads , where John H. Whitson 's house , the Crossways , stood from 1820 until the 1940s . The Briarcliff Congregational Church 's parish house currently stands at its former location . The neighboring community of Scarborough was known as Weskora until it was renamed in 1864 , after resident William Kemey 's ancestral hometown in Yorkshire . After the community was incorporated into Briarcliff Manor in 1906 , the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad put up a sign reading " Briarcliff West " at the village 's Scarborough station . Soon afterward , attributed to the neighborhood 's pride over their name , that sign was thrown into the Hudson River and replaced with the original Scarborough sign .

Briarcliff Manor derives from " Brier Cliff " , a compound of the English words " brier " and " cliff " . The name originated in Ireland as that of the family home of John David Ogilby , a professor of ecclesiastical history at the General Theological Seminary . Ogilby had named his New York summer home Brier Cliff after his family home in Ireland . In 1890 , Walter Law bought James Stillman 's 236 @-@ acre ( 96 ha ) Briarcliff Farm and further developed it , later using the name Briarcliff for all his property . Law 's friend , Andrew Carnegie , called him " The Laird of Briarcliff Manor " ; since the title appealed to all concerned , the village was named " Briarcliff Manor " . By 1897 , the village post office and railroad station bore the name Briarcliff Manor . The village ( and its

name ) were approved by its residents in a September 12 , 1902 referendum ; the name prevailed over other suggestions , including " Sing Sing East " . On November 21 , 1902 , the village of Briarcliff Manor was established .

The village is also known by several other names . It is conversationally called " Briarcliff " , and often erroneously written as " Briar Cliff Manor " ( although historically there has been little distinction ) . The village has been called " Briarcliff on the Hudson " by Mark Twain and Aileen Riffin ; it is also known as " the Village of Briarcliff Manor " . The name Briarcliff has also been applied to other municipalities , including the 470 @-@ person town of Briarcliffe Acres in South Carolina ; in naming it , the town 's founder had drawn inspiration from Briarcliff Manor 's name .

= = = Precolonial and colonial eras = = =

The history of Briarcliff Manor can be traced back to the founding of a settlement between the Hudson and Pocantico Rivers in the 19th century . The area now known as Briarcliff Manor had seen human occupation since at least the Archaic period , but significant growth in the settlements that are now incorporated into the village did not occur until the Industrial Revolution .

In the precolonial era , the area of present @-@ day Briarcliff Manor was inhabited by a band of the Wappinger tribes of Native Americans , known as Sint Sincks ( or " Sing Sings " ) . They owned territory as far north as the Croton River . In the 1680s , Frederick Philipse purchased about 156 @,@ 000 acres ( 631 km<sup>2</sup> ) from the Sint Sincks , and named it Philipsburg Manor . The Philipses lost their claim to the land because of the American Revolutionary War ; the family , which was Loyalist , had its property confiscated in 1779 . The area remained largely unsettled until after the war ; in 1693 , fewer than twenty families lived in the 50 @,@ 000 @-@ acre ( 202 km<sup>2</sup> ) area of Westchester which included Briarcliff Manor .

= = = Progressive era to present day = = =

After retiring as vice president of W. & J. Sloane , Walter Law moved with his family to the present Briarcliff Manor . He bought his first 236 acres ( 96 ha ) in 1890 , and then quickly expanded his property , buying about forty parcels in less than ten years ; by 1900 , he owned more than 5 @,@ 000 acres ( 7 @.@ 8 sq mi ) of Westchester County . Law developed the village , establishing schools , churches , parks , and the Briarcliff Lodge . His employees at Briarcliff Farms moved into the village , and the population grew to encourage Law to establish the area as a village . A proposition was presented to the supervisors of Mount Pleasant and Ossining on October 8 , 1902 that the area of 640 acres with a population of 331 be incorporated as the Village of Briarcliff Manor , and the village was incorporated on November 21 .

The Tudor Revival @-@ style Briarcliff Lodge was opened in 1902 as a premier resort hotel . It was surrounded by Walter Law 's dairy barns and greenhouses , and hosted numerous distinguished guests , including Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt . The lodge held the Edgewood Park School ( 1936 ? 1954 ) and The King 's College ( 1955 ? 1994 ) before it burned to the ground on September 20 , 2003 .

The Briarcliff Manor Fire Department was founded on February 10 , 1903 from Briarcliff Manor 's first fire company , the 1901 Briarcliff Steamer Company No. 1 . Scarborough was incorporated into Briarcliff Manor in 1906 , and the Police Department was organized two years later . The Village Municipal Building was built in 1913 and was opened on July 4 , 1914 . The high school opened in 1928 , and in 1946 , the People 's Caucus party , an organization which calls out interested residents for candidacy , was created . Briarcliff Manor celebrated its semicentennial celebration from October 10 ? 12 , 1952 , publishing a book about the village and its history ; that year , the Crossroads neighborhood of 84 houses was completed .

In 1953 , Todd Elementary School opened to free space at the Law Park grade school . The Putnam Division of the New York Central Railroad was discontinued in 1958 , and the following year the Briarcliff Manor Public Library opened in the former Briarcliff Manor train station . The village 's first corporate facility ( part of Philips Research ) opened in 1960 . In 1964 the new Village Hall

opened , replacing the Municipal Building . The present high school opened in 1971 to ease the large enrollment at the grade @-@ school building . In 1980 , Pace University began leasing the middle @-@ school building , and the middle school was moved to a portion of the new high @-@ school building . The grade @-@ school building was demolished in 1996 , and a retirement home was built on its site the following year . The village celebrated its centennial in 2002 , which involved celebratory events .

#### = = Geography = =

Briarcliff Manor is around 30 miles ( 48 km ) north of Manhattan . It is part of Westchester County and so part of the New York metropolitan area and the New York ? Jersey City ? White Plains , NY ? NJ Metropolitan Division . It is on the Hudson River , just north of the Tappan Zee Bridge and south of Croton Point ( near the widest part of the river ) and just northwest of the county 's center . According to the 2010 United States Census Briarcliff Manor covers an area of 6 @.@ 7 square miles ( 17 km<sup>2</sup> ) , of which 5 @.@ 9 square miles ( 15 km<sup>2</sup> ) is land and 0 @.@ 8 square miles ( 2 @.@ 1 km<sup>2</sup> ) is water .

The village is a part of the Pocantico and Saw Mill River Basin and the Lower Hudson River Drainage Basin , which leads to the Hudson west @-@ southwest of the village . Major streams running through Briarcliff Manor include the centrally @-@ located Caney Brook , the Pocantico River , and Sparta Brook . Abundant rock outcroppings include dolomite , granite , gneiss , and mica schist . Copper and silver were once mined near Scarborough , and Briarcliff Manor 's geographical area has large boulders , deposited in the last glacial period . Elevations within the village range from less than 100 feet ( 30 meters ) above mean sea level near the Hudson River to approximately 500 feet ( 150 meters ) above mean sea level around the center and eastern areas . The highest natural point in Briarcliff Manor is 1 @, @ 200 feet ( 370 m ) southwest of NGS station mark LX4016 , off Farm Road , at 533 feet ( 162 m ) above sea level . The village , which covered one square mile when incorporated in 1902 , has expanded primarily through annexation : of Scarborough in 1906 and acreage from the town of Mount Pleasant in 1927 . It is in telephone area code 914 and the postal ZIP code area 10510 . Briarcliff Manor 's Ossining portion takes up nearly half of the village land area , about 93 percent of its population , and 85 percent of its land parcels .

#### = = = Climate = = =

The village is in a humid continental climate zone ( Köppen climate classification : Dfa ) , with cold , snowy winters and hot , humid summers and four distinct seasons . The United States Department of Agriculture places Briarcliff Manor in plant hardiness zone 7a . Summer high temperatures average in the lower 80s Fahrenheit ( upper 20s Celsius ) , with lows averaging in the lower 60s F ( upper 10s C ) . Its highest recorded temperature was 100 ° F ( 38 ° C ) in 1995 , and its lowest was ? 10 ° F ( ? 23 ° C ) in 1979 .

#### = = = Neighborhoods = = =

The village is home to neighborhoods and business and residential areas , including the central business district , the hamlets of Scarborough and Chilmark , and residential areas Central Briarcliff West , the Tree Streets and the Crossroads .

Scarborough , often called Scarborough @-@ on @-@ Hudson because it borders the Hudson River , is an 0 @.@ 45 @-@ square @-@ mile ( 1 @.@ 2 km<sup>2</sup> ) unincorporated district divided between Briarcliff Manor and the village of Ossining , with most of the area within Briarcliff Manor and a few streets in the village of Ossining . Briarcliff Manor 's portion of Scarborough was annexed into the village in 1906 . Scarborough is largely residential , and has some of the most expensive houses in the village , due in part to its proximity to the Hudson . Condominium complexes within Scarborough include Kemeys Cove , built in 1974 , and Scarborough Manor , a 7 @-@ story , 205 @-@ unit complex built in the 1960s . The hamlet has a post office and a station on the Metro @-@

North Hudson Line within walking distance of most houses in the hamlet . Unlike most of Briarcliff Manor , Scarborough is within the Ossining Union Free School District . During the 17th century , Scarborough became one of the first trading posts for the Dutch on the Hudson . During the early 20th century , the Astor , Rockefeller , and Vanderbilt families entertained guests on their river @-@ view country estates in the Scarborough area . The Scarborough Historic District , including the Scarborough Presbyterian Church , is on the National Register of Historic Places . Across the street from the church is Sparta Cemetery , containing graves of local Revolutionary War veterans and the Leatherman . A notable building on the register is Beechwood , built in 1780 and considered one of the finest examples of Federal architecture in Westchester County . Beechwood was later purchased by Frank A. Vanderlip , who constructed the Scarborough School on the estate . The school was founded in 1913 , and closed in 1978 . Holly Hill is a notable house nearby . Hubert Rogers , a New York City attorney , had the house designed around 1927 by William Adams Delano ; Rogers named it Weskora . After his death Brooke Astor purchased the estate , renaming it Holly Hill for its holly trees . Directly across from Holly Hill is the site used from 1965 for the U.S. headquarters of Philips Research , built on part of Waldheim , the former 130 @-@ acre ( 53 ha ) estate of James Speyer ; Philips plans to relocate to Cambridge , Massachusetts by 2016 .

Chilmark ( also known as Chilmark Park ) is an unincorporated residential community of about 300 acres ( 120 ha ) , established in 1925 , in northern Briarcliff Manor . The neighborhood was designed with Underhill Road as its main thoroughfare , running north @-@ south . It was named after the village of Chilmark , England , located near the home of Thomas Macy ( an ancestor of Valentine Everit Macy ) , who arrived in the colonies in 1635 . The area is culturally significant for its association with the Macy family , whose members were active in New York and Westchester County during the 19th and early 20th centuries . Valentine Everit Macy and his wife , Edith Carpenter Macy , founded the community and aided in its development ; Macy purchased several small family farms in present Chilmark in 1897 . In 1925 , Macy donated 265 acres ( 107 ha ) on Old Chappaqua Road for the first national Girl Scout camp , which later became the Edith Macy Conference Center , a conference and training facility owned and operated by the Girl Scouts of the USA . The Briarcliff Recreation Center was formerly the private Chilmark Club until the 1970s , when the village purchased the land for a recreation center and adjoining park . Macy 's residence in the area was the Chilmark estate , a Tudor @-@ style stone and stucco mansion built in 1896 with a nine @-@ hole golf course . The neighborhood hosts Briarcliff Manor 's Conservative temple Congregation Sons of Israel .

Chilmark features landscaped , winding roads designed to blend with the topography , access to transportation ( including a commuter rail line and a highway and homes built in revival styles echoing Tudor and Gothic architecture ; it is architecturally significant as an example of early @-@ 20th @-@ century suburban design . During the 1920s Macy 's son , V.E. Macy Jr . , founded the Chilmark Park Realty Corporation to sell land parcels . When he began marketing the area , he renovated or demolished existing homes to lend an air of development and built a private 8 @-@ 3 @-@ acre ( 3 @-@ 4 ha ) country club for use by Chilmark residents . The village of Briarcliff Manor later purchased the site , and operates it as Chilmark Park . To denote its development as an exclusive neighborhood , Macy planted distinctive shade trees along Underhill Road . Since its founding , additional homes have been built in Chilmark , most between 1955 and 1960 . The developments expanded the area beyond its original 300 acres ; it presently comprises Underhill Road and the streets immediately adjacent to it .

The central business district , also known as the Village Center , is located on Briarcliff Manor 's main street on Pleasantville Road and continues on North State Road . The area has numerous businesses lining Pleasantville Road , a large expansion from the three stores that existed there in 1906 . The business district is home to the village hall and a pocket park , and has brick sidewalks , period street lighting , and free parking . Farther south along the road is the Walter W. Law Memorial Park , and further east along the road are the three schools of the Briarcliff Manor Union Free School District . The Village Center contains a number of pre @-@ Revolutionary War houses , including the Whitson House , built during the 1770s and the former home of Richard Whitson ( one of the Whitson brothers , after whom Whitson 's Corners was named ) ; Buckhout House , also

dating to the 1770s and named for the family who lived there for over a century and the oldest , Century Homestead , dating to about 1767 and first owned by Reuben Whitson . The Washburn House , another pre - Revolutionary house , was sold by the New York State Commission on Forfeiture to Joseph Washburn in 1775 .

Central Briarcliff West is a neighborhood which has a number of mansions built by 20th - century millionaires who stayed at the Briarcliff Lodge and later built estates in the area . The lodge stood in the area and on the highest point of Walter Law 's estate from its construction in 1902 until it burned down in 2003 . Other historic estates in the neighborhood include the Law family homes ( built in 1902 for Walter Law 's children ) and Law 's estate , the Manor House , all on Scarborough Road . The three estates for his children are Six Gables , Mt . Vernon , and Hillcrest . The modernist Vanderlip - Street house , designed by Wallace Harrison for Frank A. Vanderlip ( who built it for his daughter and son - in - law ) was one of the first contemporary - style homes in Westchester . Ashridge , a large Greek Revival estate , was built around 1825 .

The Tree Streets is a network of streets in the Mount Pleasant portion of the village . Several of the streets are named after regional trees , including Satinwood Lane , Larch Road , and Oak Road . A number of houses in the neighborhood were constructed during a 1930s building boom , circling Jackson Park and near Todd Elementary School . The Crossroads is a group of 84 houses on streets named after local World War II veterans , including Schrade Road , Hazelton Circle , Matthes Road , and Dunn Lane . It was constructed at the end of World War II to provide affordable housing to returning veterans , and was completed in 1952 .

= = Demographics = =

= = = Historical = = =

Historically , Briarcliff Manor 's racial composition has not changed significantly . The village has seen a decrease in its non - Hispanic white population to 86 percent , down from 92 percent in 1990 . The mid- to late 20th century saw an increase in the African - American population from 2 . 1 to 3 . 4 percent .

The village has experienced significant population growth , with it and neighboring communities undergoing more rapid growth than Westchester County overall . The period from 1950 to 1970 saw the greatest increase in population , with growth leveling off since then .

= = = Modern = = =

Briarcliff Manor is primarily non - commercial , with over 80 percent of village land residential . Approximately 99 % of the buildings are residential ; of these , 85 . 3 % are single - family units . In the 2010 United States Census there were 7 , 867 people , 2 , 647 households , and 2 , 037 families living in 2 , 753 housing units . Hispanic and Latino Americans made up 5 . 3 percent of the population . Of the 2 , 647 households , 39 . 7 percent had children under age 18 living with them ; 68 . 5 percent were married couples living together , 6 . 6 percent were headed by women , 1 . 9 percent were single males and 23 percent were non - families . Twenty - one percent of all households were individuals , with 14 . 1 percent age 65 or older . Average household size was 2 . 71 ; average family size was 3 . 16 , with a median age of 43 . 4 years .

The village 's population density was 1 , 319 . 5 inhabitants per square mile ( 509 . 5 / km<sup>2</sup> ) . In 2010 , its racial composition was 86 . 4 percent white , 3 . 4 percent African American , 0 . 1 percent Native American , 6 . 9 percent Asian American , and 2 . 0 percent from two ( or more ) races ; 25 . 6 percent of the population was under age 18 .

Median household income was \$ 169 , 310 , and median family income was \$ 219 , 063 . Males had a median income of \$ 169 , 118 , with \$ 100 , 039 for females ; per capita income was \$ 81 , 465 . About 4 . 3 percent of families and 4 . 8 percent of the overall

population were below the poverty line , with the percentages rising to 5 @. @ 6 percent for those under 18 and 6 @. @ 4 percent for those 65 or over .

English is the primary language spoken at home , spoken by 87 @. @ 2 percent , followed by Spanish at 3 @. @ 3 percent , and 9 @. @ 5 percent primarily speaking other languages . Ancestry is primarily Italian and Irish , at 20 @. @ 8 and 18 @. @ 1 percents respectively , followed by Russian at 10 @. @ 3 and German at 10 percent .

Exact numbers on religious denominations in Briarcliff Manor are not readily available . Demographic statistics in the United States depend heavily on the United States Census Bureau , which cannot ask about religious affiliation as part of its decennial census . It does compile some national and statewide religious statistics , but these are not representative of a municipality the size of Briarcliff Manor . One report from 2010 offers religious affiliations for Westchester County . According to the data , 59 @. @ 3 % of county residents identified as Christian : 50 @. @ 9 % are Roman Catholic , 5 @. @ 9 % are mainline Protestants , 2 % are Evangelical Protestants , and .5 % are Eastern or Oriental Orthodox Christians . Residents who practice Judaism make up 10 @. @ 1 % of the population and practitioners of other faiths represent .9 % . Note that these values are county @- @ wide ; municipal values could be significantly different .

= = Economy = =

About five percent of Briarcliff Manor 's land is occupied by businesses . The village has three retail business areas , a general ( non @- @ retail ) business area and scattered office buildings and laboratories . The village 's principal retail district is along Pleasantville and North State Roads .

The central business district primarily has retailers such as restaurants , cafes , small food markets , and specialty shops . The North State Road business district has a supermarket , a bank , a gas station , and a mixture of retail stores , and the other retail areas have national and local stores . The village has small offices and larger offices for the regional ( or national ) market , including Sony Electronics , Wüsthof , and Philips Research North America ; the latter is headquartered in Briarcliff Manor .

The village economy depends on education , health care and social services . Of the population aged 16 and older , 63 percent are in the labor force ; 33 percent of those employed work outside Westchester County . About 13 percent of workers live and work in the village , and the average commute is 37 @. @ 1 minutes . Briarcliff Manor has a number of wealthy residents , and was rated 19th on CNNMoney 's 25 Top @- @ Earning Towns in the U.S. An assessment by financial news corporation 24 / 7 Wall St. , using data from the U.S. Census Bureau 's American Community Survey from 2006 to 2010 , rated the village 's school district the fifth @- @ wealthiest in the United States and the third @- @ wealthiest in New York .

In 2004 , the top five employers in Briarcliff Manor were the Briarcliff Manor Union Free School District , Philips Research , Trump National Golf Club , The Clear View School , and engineering firm Charles H. Sells . Other large employers are USI Holdings ( a publicly traded insurer headquartered in the village ) , Atria Briarcliff Manor , Pace University , and the village ( which employs 81 people ) .

= = Arts and culture = =

The village symbol is the Briarcliff Rose , a more brightly colored offshoot of the American Beauty rose . Since 2006 , the Briarcliff Rose has been used on village street signs . The Briarcliff Manor Garden Club , which also uses the Briarcliff rose as their symbol , was established in 1956 . One of its primary functions is in planting , maintaining , and improving public gardens and grounds .

Briarcliff Manor has groups in several Scouting organizations , including Cub Scout Pack 6 and Boy Scout Troop 18 . Pack 6 became the first Cub Scout pack in the village at its establishment in 1968 ; by 2002 it had over 70 cubs in 12 dens . The village 's first Boy Scout troop was Troop 1 Briarcliff , founded before 1919 . Sources cite Bill Buffman as the first Scoutmaster and John Hersey as the troop 's first Eagle Scout . The first Girl Scout troop in the village was founded in 1917 by Louise

Miller and Mrs. Alfred Jones , and the first Brownie troop was founded in 1929 .

The Briarcliff Manor Community Bonfire is a winter holiday event at Law Park , hosted by the village and the Briarcliff Friends of the Arts , involving live music ( primarily seasonal and holiday songs ) , refreshments , and craft projects for children . Another annual community event is the Memorial Day parade , a tradition in Briarcliff Manor for more than fifty years . Before the parade begins , the Municipal Building 's bell is rung to commemorate firefighters who have died in the previous year .

#### = = = Historical society = = =

Briarcliff Manor maintains strong ties to its history and traditions . During Briarcliff Manor 's 1952 semicentennial , nine people served on the Historical Committee and published a village history book . In March 1974 , after the mayor appointed twelve people for a 75th anniversary committee , the committee began by forming the Briarcliff Manor @-@ Scarborough Historical Society ( BMSHS ) . The historical society published an updated village history ( A Village Between Two Rivers : Briarcliff Manor ) in 1977 , marking the 75th anniversary of the village . The historical society was initially located at the since @-@ demolished Briarcliff Middle School building ; it later moved to the second floor of a realty building on Pleasantville Road , and moved back to the school building after it was leased by Pace University . On March 21 , 2010 , the BMSHS was given a permanent location at the Eileen O 'Connor Weber Historical Center , established as part of the expanded Briarcliff Manor Public Library . Members of the historical society joined the nine @-@ member Centennial Committee in 2002 to organize events for Briarcliff Manor 's centennial .

The Centennial Committee and BMSHS helped organize several events for the village 's 2002 centennial celebration , including the Centennial Variety Show at the Briarcliff High School auditorium in a sold @-@ out two @-@ night run on April 26 ? 27 , 2002 . The two @-@ act show consisted of interpretations of village life by village organizations and a revue of Briarcliff Manor history in skits and songs . Other society @-@ sponsored events have included tours of homes and churches , bus tours , Hudson River cruises on historic boats such as the M / V Commander ( built in 1917 and listed on the national and state registers of historic places ) , dances , antique @-@ car exhibits , day trips to historic points of interest , art exhibits , and events with authors and elected officials .

#### = = = Historic sites = = =

Briarcliff Manor is home to a number of historic buildings and districts . Buildings on the National Register of Historic Places include All Saints ' Episcopal Church ( added May 14 , 2002 ) , Carrie Chapman Catt 's house Juniper Ledge ( added March 4 , 2006 ) and several structures in the 376 @-@ acre ( 152 ha ) Scarborough Historic District ( added September 7 , 1984 ) . Part of the Old Croton Aqueduct State Historic Park , controlled by the New York State Office of Parks , Recreation and Historic Preservation , lies within the village . The Old Croton Aqueduct is on the National Register and is a National Historic Landmark .

Although Catt 's house Juniper Ledge is within Briarcliff Manor 's postal boundaries , the property is located within the municipal boundaries of the nearby town of New Castle . Briarcliff Manor composer and historian Carmino Ravosa initiated the house 's preservation by researching and initiating the nomination of Juniper Ledge to the National Register .

#### = = = Houses of worship = = =

Briarcliff Manor is home to seven Christian churches and two synagogues ; three churches ( Holy Innocents Anglican Church , Saint Mary 's Episcopal Church and Scarborough Presbyterian Church ) are in Scarborough . Other churches in the village are All Saints ' Episcopal Church , St. Theresa 's Catholic Church , Faith Lutheran Brethren Church , and Briarcliff Congregational Church ( United Church of Christ ) . Jewish synagogues Congregation Sons of Israel and Chabad Lubavitch of Briarcliff Manor & Ossining are in Chilmark .

Saint Mary 's Episcopal Church , founded in 1839 by William Creighton as Saint Mary 's Church , Beechwood , is Briarcliff Manor 's oldest church ; it was reincorporated in 1945 as Saint Mary 's Church of Scarborough . The granite church was built by local stonemasons and paid for by Creighton 's wealthy neighbors , including Commodore Matthew Perry , James Watson Webb , William Aspinwall , and Ambrose Kingsland . The church is in near @-@ original condition , with a design based on the 14th @-@ century Gothic St. Mary 's parish church in Scarborough , England and the only church with a complete set of William Jay Bolton stained @-@ glass windows . The church , built in 1851 , is a contributing property to the National Register @-@ listed Scarborough Historic District . The 338 @-@ acre ( 137 ha ) Sleepy Hollow Country Club surrounds the church grounds on three sides . Notable parishioners included Commodore Matthew C. Perry and Washington Irving . Irving , author of " Rip Van Winkle " and " The Legend of Sleepy Hollow " , brought the ivy surrounding the church from Abbotsford ( home of Walter Scott ) . On July 5 , 2015 , Saint Mary 's Episcopal Church closed after 175 years in operation .

Scarborough Presbyterian Church , given to the community by Margaret Louisa Vanderbilt Shepard and her husband Colonel Elliott Fitch Shepard ( who lived on the nearby Woodlea estate ) , was the first church in the United States with an electric organ . Built in 1895 and designed by Augustus Haydel ( a nephew of Stanford White ) and Shepard ( a nephew of Elliott Shepard ) ? who designed the 1899 Fabbri Mansion in Manhattan ? the 3 @-@ acre ( 1 @. @ 2 ha ) church property is also part of the Scarborough Historic District .

All Saints ' Episcopal Church is a stone church also on the National Register of Historic Places . It was founded in 1854 by John David Ogilby , whose summer estate and family home in Ireland were the namesakes of Briarcliff Manor . The Gothic Revival church , built on Ogilby 's summer estate , was designed by Richard Upjohn and modeled on Saint Andrew 's in Bemerton , England . The church , with an 1883 Stick style rectory and 1904 Arts and Crafts @-@ style parish hall , is an example of the modest English Gothic parish church popular in the region during the mid @-@ 19th century .

The parish of St. Theresa 's Catholic Church was established in 1926 with thirty @-@ six families , and the present church was dedicated on September 23 , 1928 . The rectory of the church was the original farmhouse of Briarcliff Farms . The church ran a school for pre @-@ kindergarten to eighth grade students from 1965 to 2013 . At its closing , the school had approximately 150 students and 20 employees .

Faith Lutheran Brethren Church had its 1959 beginning in a white chapel in Scarsdale . Its congregation then sold the chapel and moved to its 2 @-@ acre ( 0 @. @ 8 ha ) current site in Briarcliff Manor . The church , built largely through volunteer labor by the congregation 's twelve families , held its first service on October 8 , 1967 . A nursery @-@ school program , the Little School , began in 1972 and the church also sponsors women 's and youth groups .

Briarcliff Congregational Church , built in 1896 , has windows by Louis Comfort Tiffany , William Willet , J & R Lamb Studios , Hardman & Co . , and Woodhaven . The church began in a small , one @-@ room schoolhouse ( known as the " white school " ) , built around 1865 and used as a school , a religious school , and a house of worship for up to 60 people . In 1896 , George A. Todd Jr. asked Walter Law to support the construction of a new church . Law donated the church land , making his new church a Congregational one so the entire community ( regardless of religious background ) could attend . The nave and a Norman @-@ style tower were built first , in an English @-@ parish style with Gothic windows . When the congregation outgrew the church , Law funded a northern section ( including transepts and apse ) which was dedicated in 1905 . He donated the church organ ( replacing it in 1924 ) , four Tiffany windows , and the manse across the street . The church housed a weekly indoor farmers ' market at its parish house from 2008 to 2011 , when the market was moved to Pace University 's Briarcliff Campus .

Congregation Sons of Israel , self @-@ described as egalitarian Conservative , was the first synagogue in Briarcliff Manor . The congregation was formed in 1891 by eleven men in Ossining , and until 1902 services were held in homes and stores . That year , the congregation ( now twenty @-@ three families ) purchased a building on Durston Avenue ; the Jewish Cemetery , established in 1900 on Dale Avenue , is still in use . In 1920 , the synagogue , numbering forty @-@ five families



, established a religious school . After outgrowing its facilities , it purchased a site on Waller Avenue and completed a new synagogue in 1922 . During the 1950s the congregation purchased the eleven @-@ acre Mead Farm on Pleasantville Road , which it has used since 1960 .

Chabad Lubavitch of Briarcliff Manor & Ossining was established around 2004 , and is located on Orchard Road in Chilmark . On March 18 , 2015 , the organization purchased a building previously owned by the Ossining Heights United Methodist Church , on Campwoods Road in the village of Ossining . Chabad Lubavitch plans to renovate the building significantly before making it its first permanent synagogue .

#### = = Sports = =

Briarcliff High School offers intramural sports and fields junior varsity and varsity teams in sixteen sports as the Briarcliff Bears . Pace University fields fourteen intercollegiate varsity sports teams which play at the National Collegiate Athletic Association 's ( NCAA ) Division II level . The university is a member of the NCAA and the Northeast @-@ 10 Conference .

Briarcliff Manor has a history of auto racing . The First American International Road Race , sponsored by the village , centered around it . The prize , the Briarcliff Trophy valued at over \$ 10 @,@ 000 ( \$ 263 @,@ 400 in 2015 ) , was donated and presented by Walter Law . The race began at 4 : 45 a.m. on April 24 , 1908 at the front of the Briarcliff Lodge and ending at the village grandstand . The winner , Arthur Strang in an Isotta Fraschini , covered the 240 miles ( 390 km ) in five hours and fourteen minutes . More than 300 @,@ 000 people watched the race , and the village had more than 100 @,@ 000 visitors that day .

On November 12 , 1934 , the Automobile Racing Club of America held another road race in Briarcliff Manor . The 100 @-@ mile ( 160 km ) race was won by Langdon Quimby , driving a Willys 77 , in a time of two hours and seven minutes . The race was held again on June 23 , 1935 ; Quimby won again , four minutes faster than the previous year . In 1977 , during the village 's 75th anniversary , fifteen old racing cars participated in a motorcade around the 1934 race 's route . In 2008 , the village commemorated the first race 's centennial in a parade featuring about 60 antique cars .

#### = = Parks and recreation = =

Briarcliff Manor has about 180 acres ( 70 ha ) of recreational facilities and parks , all of which are accessible to the public . The village 's library houses its recreation department , which has four staff and a six @-@ member advisory committee , and provides recreation programming for the village . The village 's Department of Public Works maintains the village 's parks and recreational facilities with one parks foreman and two groundskeeping personnel . The following are available to Briarcliff Manor residents :

The 12 @-@ mile ( 19 km ) Briarcliff @-@ Peekskill Trailway runs from the village to the Blue Mountain Reservation in Peekskill . The parkland was acquired for use by the Briarcliff @-@ Peekskill Parkway ( now part of New York State Route 9A ) ; the parkway later changed course , freeing the land for trail use .

Chilmark Park , 8 @.@ 3 acres ( 3 @.@ 4 ha ) on Macy Road , formerly the Chilmark Country Club . The park has six tennis courts ( two clay , two all @-@ weather , and two green clay ) , a half @-@ court basketball court , a soccer field , a baseball @-@ softball field , and a playground . Renovation of the athletic fields and basketball court and the addition of a restroom are planned .

The Hardscrabble Wilderness Area is a 235 @-@ acre ( 95 ha ) network of wilderness trails .

The 4 @.@ 76 @-@ acre ( 1 @.@ 93 ha ) Jackson Road Park , dedicated in 1975 , features two half @-@ court basketball courts : one with a standard 10 @-@ foot ( 3 @.@ 0 m ) rim and one with a 9 @-@ foot ( 2 @.@ 7 m ) rim for younger players . The playground was renovated in 2005 . About half of the park is undeveloped wetlands .

The 1 @-@ mile ( 1 @.@ 6 km ) Kate Kennard Trail , named for the late daughter of a former mayor , was dedicated in 1988 . It begins on Long Hill West , west of the Aspinwall Road

intersection .

Lynn McCrum Field , named for Briarcliff Manor 's second village manager , was dedicated in June 1999 . The field , at the corner of Chappaqua Road and Route 9A , has a multi @-@ purpose playing field for baseball , softball , and soccer , parking for 50 cars , and a utility building with restrooms .

Neighborhood Park , dedicated in 1954 and augmented in 1958 and 1964 , is 5 acres ( 2 @. @ 0 ha ) at the corner of Whitson and Fuller Roads adjacent to Schrade Road . The Whitson Road side of the park has a youth baseball field ; a basketball court and playground are accessible from the Schrade Road entrance .

Nichols Nature Area , accessible from Nichols Place , is a steeply sloped 3 @. @ 8 @-@ acre ( 1 @. @ 5 ha ) site acquired in 1973 as part of a residential subdivision .

The Old Croton Aqueduct State Historic Park , running along the Old Croton Aqueduct , crosses the village between Broadway and the Hudson River . Its 26 @. @ 2 @-@ mile ( 42 @. @ 2 km ) trail , following the aqueduct from the Croton Reservoir to New York City , is a popular bicycling and running path maintained by New York State . Access from the village is from Scarborough Road north of the Scarborough Fire Station .

Pine Road Park , an undeveloped 66 @-@ acre ( 27 ha ) parcel acquired in 1948 and augmented in 1963 , lies between Pine Road and Long Hill Road East .

The 70 @. @ 9 @-@ acre ( 28 @. @ 7 ha ) Pocantico Park , Briarcliff Manor 's largest park , was acquired in 1948 and augmented in 1963 , 1964 , and 1967 . Abutting the Pocantico River , it is home to a large number and variety of regional fauna and has marked hiking trails .

The Recreation Center , purchased by the village in 1980 , is the former Chilmark Country Club clubhouse and provides seasonal indoor recreation . Community organizations using the center include the Briarcliff Manor Garden Club , the Senior Citizens Club and the Max Pavey Chess Club .

Scarborough Park , a 6 @-@ acre ( 2 @. @ 4 ha ) park acquired in 1908 and developed in the early 1900s near the Scarborough train station , is surrounded on three sides by the Hudson River . One acre is above @-@ water land , and the rest is below the Hudson .

The 2 @, @ 400 @-@ square @-@ foot ( 220 m<sup>2</sup> ) Village Youth Center , near the central business district , has a deck , a patio , and a lighted outdoor basketball court . It also provides an indoor facility for community programs and activities .

Walter W. Law Memorial Park ( originally Liberty Park ) , in the center of the village on Pleasantville Road , is a 7 @-@ acre ( 2 @. @ 8 ha ) park which was donated to the village by Law in 1904 . Its outdoor pool complex , added in July 1927 at a cost of \$ 8 @, @ 641 ( \$ 117 @, @ 700 in 2015 ) , has a 30 @-@ foot @-@ diameter ( 9 @. @ 1 m ) wading pool and a 120 @-@ by @-@ 75 @-@ foot ( 37 m × 23 m ) main pool , which was Westchester 's first public swimming pool . After a complete reconstruction of the pool in 1977 , a two @-@ story bathhouse and pavilion was completed in 2001 as part of a rehabilitation project , which included paved walkways and a veterans ' memorial . The park was rededicated on Veterans Day 2001 . It has four lighted tennis courts : three clay and one all @-@ weather . The pond was used for ice skating and hockey until the village bought a temporary rink for one of the tennis courts ; the shallow rink freezes days earlier than the pond , and the tennis court lighting system allows easier skating at night . Adjacent to the tennis courts is a playground . Two platform tennis courts are north of the park , and the Briarcliff Manor Public Library is on its eastern edge .

The Westchester County Bike Trail ( also known as the North County Trailway ) is a 22 @. @ 1 @-@ mile @-@ long ( 35 @. @ 6 km ) rail trail criss @-@ crossing forests , towns , and highways . One highlight is the New Croton Reservoir and its former railway bridge . Trail access from the village is behind the library , off Pleasantville Road . The trail extends north ( primarily along Route 100 ) to Baldwin Place in Somers , and south along Route 9A to Eastview in Mount Pleasant .

Although there are no public golf courses in Briarcliff Manor , the village has two large country clubs : Sleepy Hollow Country Club in Scarborough and Trump National Golf Club , owned by Donald Trump . The Trump property has been home to several golf clubs since the early 20th century , including Briarcliff Country Club , Briar Hills Country Club , and Briar Hall Golf and Country Club .

Trump purchased the site in 1996 and opened the club in 2002 . The main building of Sleepy Hollow Country Club was formerly Woodlea , the 140 @-@ room Renaissance Revival mansion of Margaret Louisa Vanderbilt Shepard and her husband Elliott Fitch Shepard . The building , which has about 70 @,@ 000 square feet ( 6 @,@ 500 m2 ) , is one of the largest houses in the United States .

= = Government = =

As of 2015 , the head of village government is Mayor Lori A. Sullivan , a former deputy mayor elected in 2015 . The village government consists of a mayor and four trustees , all unpaid officials elected at @-@ large for two @-@ year terms . A full @-@ time , appointed village manager handles day @-@ to @-@ day community affairs ; the first was Max Vogel in 1967 . Briarcliff Manor 's government operates from the village hall , which houses the Justice Court and offices of the mayor and village manager . As of February 2014 , there are 5 @,@ 531 registered voters in Briarcliff Manor . As of 2007 the village 's government employed 81 people full @-@ time , including the five @-@ member Building Department , the six @-@ member Planning Board , the twenty @-@ nine @-@ member Department of Public Works , the four @-@ member Recreation Department , the twenty @-@ member Police Department , the volunteer Fire Department , the Architectural Review Advisory Committee , and the Conservation Advisory Council .

Briarcliff Manor maintains a voting custom that dates to at least around 1905 . In addition to its customary general election , held at the same day in every municipality in New York , the village has a nonpartisan caucus , a town meeting @-@ style forum to determine officeholders . The system of the People 's Caucus is largely unique to the village , and has been described as an extension of the New England town hall concept . The People 's Caucus , officially formed in 1946 , chooses candidates by majority vote two months before the village election , where the candidates usually run unopposed , turning the election into a formality . The caucus is open to citizens of 18 years or over who have lived in the village for at least a month ; voter registration is not required . Voters and candidates do not declare party affiliations , instead candidates present their platforms in early January of each year , and weeks later the caucus meets again to vote .

In the New York State Legislature , the western portion of Briarcliff Manor ( in Ossining ) is represented by Democrat Sandy Galef for the New York State Assembly 's 95th District , while the eastern part ( in Mount Pleasant ) is represented by Democrat Thomas Abinanti for the Assembly 's 92nd District . Democrat David Carlucci represents the Ossining portion of the village for the New York Senate 's 38th District , and Republican Gregory Ball represents the Mount Pleasant end of the village in the Senate 's 40th District . In Congress , the village is represented by Democrat Nita Lowey in the House of Representatives from New York 's 17th District and Democrats Kirsten Gillibrand and Chuck Schumer in the Senate .

= = = Crime = = =

The Briarcliff Manor police force was founded by Edward Cashman , a one @-@ person force who covered his beat on foot and by bicycle . The crime rate was low during both world wars , and village police work primarily involved rounding up animals ( as the constabulary had done since before the Revolution ) . Most other cases were traffic violations , due to the village 's size and parkway access . During the 1980s ( as in the 1940s ) , the police blotter primarily consisted of accidents and traffic violations on the four major roads traversing the village ; a 1939 village history asserted that " Briarcliff has never had a serious crime " . Burglaries have been primarily residential , and murder is rare . In 1989 , when the police force considered replacing its .38 six @-@ shot revolvers with semiautomatic 9mm pistols , opinion was divided ; village officials could not remember when an officer last fired a gun on duty .

In its study of 2012 FBI Uniform Crime Reports , national realtor Movoto LLC assessed Briarcliff Manor as the second @-@ safest municipality in New York , with the second @-@ lowest crime rate in the state . According to the FBI reports , the village had no reported violent crimes in 2012 and a

resident had a 1 @-@ in @-@ 569 chance of being a crime victim . In 2014 , security system company Safe Choice Security used the same data and assessed Briarcliff Manor as the safest municipality in New York .

= = Education = =

= = = Early childhood education = = =

Garden House School is an elementary school in London ; it also runs preschools in New York City and in Briarcliff Manor , at the Briarcliff Congregational Church 's parish house . Briarcliff Nursery School is a preschool on Morningside Drive , just outside village borders in Ossining . It was established in 1947 at Briarcliff Manor 's old recreation building ; it moved to Walter Law 's Manor House and then to the William Kingsland mansion , and moved to its current location in 1955 .

= = = Primary and secondary schools = = =

The village is home to the Briarcliff Manor Union Free School District , which covers 6 @.@ 58 square miles ( 17 @.@ 0 km2 ) of land and most of the village of Briarcliff Manor and an unincorporated portion of the town of Mount Pleasant . Parts of Briarcliff Manor not covered by the school district include Scarborough and Chilmark ; these areas are part of the Ossining Union Free School District . The district serves over 1 @,@ 000 students and includes Todd Elementary School , Briarcliff Middle School , and Briarcliff High School . From Briarcliff Manor 's settlement until 1918 , students in grades 1 ? 8 were taught within one school facility ; from 1919 until the 1940s , students in grades 1 ? 12 were as well . The district is noted for its annual high @-@ school musicals . The elementary school ( opened in 1953 ) is named after George A. Todd , Jr . , who was the village 's first teacher , first superintendent of schools , and taught for over 40 years . The middle school became a Blue Ribbon School in 2005 .

Briarcliff Manor has been home to a number of schools . Long Hill School was a public school in Scarborough until 1912 , with about 70 students , two classrooms , and two teachers . Dr. Holbrook 's Military School was on Holbrook Road from 1866 to 1915 . Miss Tewksbury 's School and later Mrs. Marshall 's Day & Boarding School for Little Girls was at Dysart House . Miss Knox 's School ran from 1905 in Pocantico Lodge , a hotel on Pleasantville Road under Briarcliff Lodge management . When it burned down in 1912 , the school moved to Tarrytown and then to Cooperstown . Since 1954 , the Knox School has been located at St. James , New York . The Scarborough School was first Montessori school in the United States ; it was located at the Beechwood estate from 1913 until it closed in 1978 . Since then , The Clear View School has run a day treatment program for 83 students from nursery school age to 21 there . The Macfadden School ran from 1939 to 1950 at the William Kingsland mansion in the village .

= = = Higher education = = =

The first institute for higher education in the village was the School of Practical Agriculture and Horticulture , which Walter Law helped establish on his Briarcliff Farms in 1900 . The school taught students ages 16 to 35 in crop and livestock care . In 1902 , the school moved to a larger location near Poughkeepsie and closed a year later due to a lack of funding . In addition , Briarcliff Manor has been the location for several colleges . Briarcliff Junior College was founded in 1903 at the Briarcliff Lodge , and moved near Briarcliff Congregational Church , on land Walter Law donated , in 1905 . Among its trustees were Howard Deering Johnson , Norman Cousins , Carl Carmer , Thomas K. Finletter , William Zorach , Eduard C. Lindeman , and Lyman Bryson . Ordway Tead was chairman of the board of trustees , and his wife Clara was the college 's first president . The school gradually improved its academic scope and standing , and was registered with the State Education Department and accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools in 1944 . In

1951 , the Board of Regents authorized the college to grant Associate of Arts and Associate of Applied Science degrees . The following year , the Army Map Service selected the college as the only one in the country for professional training in cartography . In 1956 , the junior college started issuing bachelor 's degrees , and became known as Briarcliff College . In 1977 Pace University bought the Spanish Renaissance @-@ style Briarcliff Public School building , incorporating it into its Pleasantville campus ( as the Pace University Village Center ) after leasing it for many years . During Pace 's lease , the building housed the Briarcliff Manor @-@ Scarborough Historical Society and the Village Youth Center . The Edgewood Park School operated at the Briarcliff Lodge from 1936 to 1954 ; King 's College was located there from 1955 to 1994 , also using the lodge building and other dormitories and academic buildings . Pace University purchased Briarcliff College in 1977 and operates the property as a satellite of the school 's Pleasantville campus .

= = Media = =

Briarcliff Manor has been the subject , inspiration , or location for literature , television episodes , and films . Much of James Patterson 's 2005 novel , *Honeymoon* , is set in the village ( where Patterson is a part @-@ year resident ) . Sharon Anne Salvato 's *Briarcliff Manor* takes place on the fictional estate of Briarcliff Manor , and the novel was published by Stein and Day in the village . The pilot episode of *Saturday Night Live* was filmed in the central business district , where Briarcliff Manor Pharmacy , Briarcliff Wines & Liquors , and Briarcliff Hardware are the backdrop for the " Show Us Your Guns " sketch ; the episode aired October 11 , 1975 . As well , Briarcliff College 's president Josiah Bunting III was the half @-@ brother of the show 's co @-@ creator Dick Ebersol ; while President , Bunting let Ebersol film the show at the college for free . In *Pan Am* , *Sleepy Hollow* Country Club was the setting for much of the series ' third episode . In February and March 2013 , the final three episodes of the first season of television show *The Following* were filmed in and around the former town of Ossining police station in Briarcliff Manor .

Films shot in the village include *The Seven Sisters* , *House of Dark Shadows* , *Savages* , *Bed of Roses* , *Super Troopers* , *Analyze That* , *First Born* , *American Gangster* , and *The Bourne Legacy* . *The Seven Sisters* , a 1915 production , was filmed at the Briarcliff Lodge . The 1970 *House of Dark Shadows* and the 1972 *Merchant Ivory* film *Savages* were filmed at the Beechwood mansion in Scarborough . *Bed of Roses* was released in 1996 , and was filmed at an 1860s house on Scarborough Road which was the home of Eileen O 'Connor Weber . *Super Troopers* , released in 2001 , was partially filmed on the Taconic State Parkway from Poughkeepsie to Briarcliff Manor . *Analyze That* , a film from 2002 , was filmed in the village and nearby locations , including the Sing Sing Correctional Facility in the village of Ossining . The 2007 film *First Born* was filmed at a house in Briarcliff Manor . *American Gangster* , also released in 2007 , includes scenes filmed at two village houses . Some parts of the 2012 film *The Bourne Legacy* were filmed at the village 's entranceway to the Taconic State Parkway and at other roads in the village .

Print media has been produced in the village since the early 20th century , when Briarcliff Farms operated a printing press and office , producing *Briarcliff Farms* , the *Briarcliff Bulletin* in 1900 , the monthly *Briarcliff Outlook* in 1903 followed by *The Briarcliff Once @-@ a @-@ Week* in 1908 ( all edited by Arthur W. Emerson ) . The Briarcliff Community Club , a social organization created by the village in 1910 and which existed until 1927 , later printed *Community Notes* . Later papers include *The Briarcliff Forum* ( founded in 1926 ) and the 1930s *Briarcliff Weekly* . Briarcliff Manor is the city of license of WXPB , and other media outlets include the *Briarcliff Daily Voice* , *News 12* , *Patch Media* , and the *River Journal* . Official newspapers for the village include *The Journal News* and *The Gazette* .

= = Infrastructure = =

The Briarcliff Manor Police Department and the volunteer Briarcliff Manor Fire Department are stationed at the Briarcliff Manor Village Hall . The Police Department has 19 personnel ? a chief , lieutenant , five sergeants , and twelve patrol officers ? and one part @-@ time civilian . The

Briarcliff Manor Fire Department Ambulance Corps provides emergency medical transport with two ambulances . The village is also serviced by two private EMS providers .

Consolidated Edison provides electric power and natural gas to the village , and the Briarcliff Manor Department of Public Works supplies water from the Catskill Aqueduct to the village 's water system . The department also maintains the sewer system , village vehicles , roads , and grounds , operates a recycling center , and removes snow . In 2012 the village tied for fourth place ( out of 48 Westchester municipalities ) in the percentage of recycled waste ( 71 percent , above the county average of 52 percent ) . The department , primarily rooted in the 1941 sale of Walter Law 's Briarcliff Table Water Company , began with a state @-@ mandated street commissioner . The commissioner in 1914 was Arthur Brown ; asked by village officials if he needed an automobile , Brown replied that he preferred a horse but would use an automobile if the village purchased it ( it did not ) . The department has about thirty vehicles and employs twenty @-@ nine people .

The department operates the Long Hill Road water treatment plant and village pump stations . The Long Hill Road pump house is the primary water supply for the village with supply capacity exceeding 3 @.@ 5 million gallons per day ( MGD ) . Briarcliff Manor 's average daily water supply demand is 1 @.@ 45 MGD with a peak demand of 3 @.@ 5 MGD . Briarcliff Manor has four water storage tanks ( at Rosecliff , Farm Road , the former King 's College , and the Edith Macy Conference Center ) and two pump stations ( the Long Hill Road pump house and the Dalmeny Road pump station ) .

= = = Transportation = = =

The village 's transportation system includes highways , streets , and a rail line ; its low population density favors automobiles . Briarcliff Manor is accessible by the controlled @-@ access Taconic State Parkway ; it can also be reached by U.S. Route 9 , New York State Route 9A and New York State Route 100 , which traverse the village north to south . East @-@ west travel is more difficult ; Long Hill , Pine , Elm , and Scarborough Roads are narrow , winding , and hilly . Routes 9 and 9A are the most heavily traversed roadways in the village .

According to the National Bridge Inventory , Briarcliff Manor has 15 bridges , with estimated daily traffic at 204 @,@ 000 vehicles . Briarcliff Manor has 64 roads , with a total length of 46 @.@ 1 miles ( 74 @.@ 2 km ) . Twelve are named after trees , eleven after local residents and eight after veterans , and most have the road type of " lane " or " avenue " , while the only " street " in the village is Stafford Street . The village 's oldest existing road is Washburn Road , on which is the oldest standing house in the village , Century Homestead . The longest road in the village , at 3 miles ( 5 km ) , is Pleasantville Road ; the shortest is Pine Court , 175 feet ( 53 m ) . Around the time when the Briarcliff Lodge was active , Briarcliff Manor roadways were constructed of macadam and lined with concrete drains and stone fences . Early in Briarcliff Manor 's history , the first person to own an automobile was Henry Law ( son of Walter Law ) , who owned a buckboard with an engine .

The Metro @-@ North Railroad Hudson Line 's Scarborough station offers direct service to New York 's Grand Central Terminal , and is the primary public transport to the city . About 750 commuters board southbound trains during the morning rush hour , most driving to the station . Westchester County 's Bee @-@ Line Bus System provides service to White Plains , Tarrytown , and Port Chester along Routes 9 and 9A .

Rail transportation in the village began in 1880 with the small Whitson 's Station on the New York City & Northern Railroad ( later the New York and Putnam Railroad ) ; the station was rebuilt by Walter Law in 1906 in the style of his Briarcliff Lodge , with Mission style furniture and rugs . The old station was moved to Millwood , New York around that time to become its station ; it fell out of use and was demolished May 9 , 2012 , although plans exist for the construction of a replica . Law 's Briarcliff station became the public library in 1959 .

= = Notable people = =

= = = Historic = = =

Briarcliff Manor was historically known for its wealthy estate @-@ owning families , including the Rockefellers , Astors , and Macys . Many of the extended Rockefeller family lived in and around the neighboring area of Pocantico Hills , and William Rockefeller ( brother of John D. Rockefeller ) lived for some time at Edgehill , his house in Scarborough . U.S. Naval Commodore Matthew C. Perry resided for years in Scarborough and was one of the founders of Saint Mary 's Episcopal Church , and donated a bell he captured in Tabasco , Mexico to the church in 1847 . Captain Alexander Slidell Mackenzie also lived in Scarborough . Businessman William Henry Aspinwall lived in Scarborough , and was sent to England during the American Civil War to prevent the construction of Confederate ironclad warships . He was involved in the Panama Canal ; Panama 's second @-@ largest city ( now known as Colón ) was named Aspinwall after him by emigrants from the U.S. , and Aspinwall Road in Scarborough was later named after him . John Lorimer Worden , a U.S. Navy rear admiral who commanded the USS Monitor against the CSS Virginia during the Battle of Hampton Roads , was born at Rosemont in Scarborough . Carrie Chapman Catt , a pioneer in the campaign for women 's suffrage ( president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association and founder of the League of Women Voters and the International Alliance of Women ) , lived at Juniper Ledge during the 1920s . Carle Cotter Conway , a resident of Linden Circle , was president of the Continental Can Company for 33 years . Banker and businessman James Speyer lived at Waldheim , an estate in Scarborough , with his family . William J. Burns was the penultimate director of the Bureau of Investigation ; his successor , J. Edgar Hoover , transformed the agency into the Federal Bureau of Investigation . Burns established a private @-@ investigation service , the William J. Burns International Detective Agency , and his family moved to Shadowbrook , a house on Scarborough Road , in 1917 . Frank DuMond lived in the village and was the art director of Briarcliff College . Christian Archibald Herter , a physician and pathologist , lived with his wife at the Edgehill estate ; he worked at a separate laboratory building on the property . William Woodward Baldwin , a lawyer and the ninth Third Assistant Secretary of State , rented The Elms ( a house in the village ) from 1897 to 1926 . Further on , Baldwin bought property in the village and built a bungalow , and later bought a concrete house on Pleasantville Road near the Briarcliff train station . He was a trustee of the Briarcliff Congregational Church and district board of education , counsel to the village government , and member of the Mount Pleasant Field Club ( present @-@ day Trump National Golf Club Westchester ) .

Marian Cruger Coffin , a landscape architect , was born in Scarborough . Composer and conductor Aaron Copland , famous for Rodeo and Fanfare for the Common Man , began spending weekdays at Mary Churchill 's house in Briarcliff Manor in early 1929 , and had a post office box in Briarcliff Manor . He spent almost a month living there before moving to nearby Bedford ; his ultimate residence is in nearby Cortlandt Manor . Brooke Astor , a philanthropist , socialite , and member of the Astor family , lived in Briarcliff Manor for much of her life . Children 's author C.B. Colby was on the village board , was the village 's Fire Commissioner , and researched the BMSHS 1977 history . He lived on Pine Road until his death in 1977 . Anna Roosevelt Halsted lived with Curtis Bean Dall on Sleepy Hollow Road ; their children attended the Scarborough School . Blanchette Ferry Rockefeller , twice @-@ president of the Museum of Modern Art , lived in the village until her death . Eugene T. Booth , a nuclear physicist and Manhattan Project developer , lived in the village . John Cheever lived in Scarborough , and spent most of his writing career in Westchester towns such as Briarcliff Manor and Ossining . He served in the Briarcliff Manor Fire Department . Coby Whitmore , a painter and magazine illustrator , lived in the village from 1945 to 1965 . Pulitzer Prize @-@ winning writer and journalist John Hersey attended public school and lived in Briarcliff Manor ; he was the village 's first Eagle Scout and a lifeguard at the village pool , and his mother Grace Baird Hersey was a village librarian . Folk singer and songwriter Tom Glazer lived on Long Hill Road for almost 30 years . Mathematician Bryant Tuckerman , who helped develop the Data Encryption Standard , was a long @-@ time village resident .

Ely Jacques Kahn , Jr . , a writer for The New Yorker , lived in Scarborough for more than 20 years , and was a member of the village fire department . His father ( Ely Jacques Kahn , a New York

skyscraper architect ) designed two houses in Briarcliff Manor , including one for sports commentator Red Barber . Burton Benjamin , former vice president and director of CBS News , lived in the village for about 30 years . Harcourt president William Jovanovich lived in Briarcliff Manor for 27 years . Leonard Jacobson , a museum architect and colleague of I. M. Pei , lived in the village . John Kelvin Koelsch , a U.S. Navy officer during the Korean War and the first helicopter pilot to receive the Medal of Honor , lived in Scarborough and attended the Scarborough School . Novelist and short story writer Richard Yates lived at the corner of Revolutionary Road and Route 9 in Scarborough as a boy , and named his novel Revolutionary Road ; it was made into a 2008 film . Rolf Landauer , a German American physicist and a refugee from Nazi Germany , lived in the village . Author Sol Stein , founder and former president of the Briarcliff Manor based Stein and Day , was a village resident . Composer , pianist , and local historian Carmino Ravosa lived at the Crossroads and was a trustee of the Briarcliff Manor Scarborough Historical Society . John Chervokas was an advertising writer and executive and Ossining town supervisor and school board member , and a longtime resident of Briarcliff Manor . Physicist Praveen Chaudhari , an innovator in thin films and high temperature superconductors , lived in Briarcliff Manor . Lawrence M. Waterhouse was the founder , CEO , and president of TD Waterhouse , now part of the Toronto Dominion Bank and TD Ameritrade . Waterhouse was a resident and benefactor of the Briarcliff Manor Scarborough Historical Society . Cardiac surgeon Peter Praeger , a founder , president , and chief executive of Dr. Praeger 's Sensible Foods , was a village resident .

The Webb family lived on the Beechwood estate . Family members who lived at the estate include Henry Walter Webb , a New York Central Railroad executive who bought the property during the 1890s ; Webb 's cousin George Webb Morell , a Union Army brigadier general during the American Civil War , and Webb 's half brother Alexander S. Webb , a Union major general during the Civil War and a Medal of Honor recipient . Other family members were James Watson Webb ( father of Henry Walter Webb ) , a diplomat , newspaper publisher and New York politician ; General Samuel Blatchley Webb ( father of James Watson Webb ) , an aide to George Washington ; and businessman William Seward Webb ( brother of Henry Walter Webb ) , founder and president of the Sons of the American Revolution . Colonel Elliott Fitch Shepard , brother in law of William Seward Webb and aide de camp to New York governor Edwin D. Morgan , lived at Woodlea in Scarborough with his wife Margaret Louisa Vanderbilt Shepard and their children .

== Contemporary ==

Broadway lyricist Lee Adams and his wife have lived in Briarcliff Manor since the early 2000s . Alice Low , who along with her family has lived in Briarcliff Manor since the 1950s , is an author of children 's books , poems , and screenplays . Minimalist painter Brice Marden grew up in the village , and is a 1965 graduate of Briarcliff High School . Biomechanics researcher and Columbia University professor Van C. Mow lives in Briarcliff Manor . His brother , architect Donald Mow , lived in Briarcliff and constructed his own house there . Warren Adelson lived with his family at Rabbit Hill , a Georgian Revival mansion in Scarborough designed around 1929 by Mott Schmidt . Robert Klein , a comedian , singer , and actor , has been living in Briarcliff Manor since the 1980s . Robert Mankoff , cartoon editor for The New Yorker magazine , lives in Briarcliff Manor . Simon Schama is a British historian and professor at Columbia University , and writer and host of the BBC series A History of Britain . John Batchelor , host of The John Batchelor Show radio news program , lives in the village with his family . He is an active member of the Briarcliff Congregational Church ; his wife , Dr. Bonnie Ann Rosborough , is the church 's pastor . Roz Abrams is a national news anchor known for her work with WABC and WCBS . Director , writer and producer Joseph Ruben lives in Briarcliff Manor , and musician Clifford Carter is a graduate of Briarcliff High School . William N. Valavanis and Yuji Yoshimura both lived and taught in Briarcliff Manor , where they ran the Yoshimura School of Bonsai from 1972 to 1995 . Thomas Fitzgerald is a senior creative executive at Walt Disney Imagineering . Tom Ortenberg , CEO of Open Road Films and former president of Lionsgate Films , was born and raised in Briarcliff Manor . Doris Downes , a botanical artist and widow of art critic Robert Hughes , owns a farmhouse in the village ( where they lived for many



years ) . Radio journalist and host of Marketplace Kai Ryssdal is from Briarcliff Manor . Curler Bill Stopera has lived in the village for over a decade , minor league baseball player Bobby Blevins grew up in the village and graduated from its schools in 2003 , and Olympic swimmer Paola Duguet grew up in Briarcliff Manor . Susanne Rust , an award @-@ winning investigative journalist , was born and raised in the village .