



THE HOLLAND SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

161 W 86th Street, Unit 1AW, New York, NY 10024



Holland Society Family Picnic 2024



Event Details

The Long Island Branch of the Holland Society hosted a popular family picnic throughout the 60s and 70s. For the first time this century, we are inviting all Holland Society members, friends, and interested individuals to join us for our inaugural annual family picnic! This event will be held at the iconic New York Marble Cemetery in the East Village.

Date: Saturday, September 7th, 2024 (alternative date tbd in case of inclement weather)

Time: 11:30am-2:00pm

Location: New York Marble Cemetery, 41 ½ Second Avenue, New York, NY 10003

How to get to the New York Marble Cemetery

The New York Marble Cemetery old iron entrance gate and long alley is next to 43 Second Avenue (Lanza Funeral Home) on the West side of the Avenue, between East 2nd and East 3rd Street in the East Village. This is two blocks North of Houston Street and one block East of The Bowery (aka 3rd Ave.), behind the Bowery Hotel at 3rd St.

By public transport, the New York Marble Cemetery can be reached by taking the 4/5/6 to Bleecker St. or the F to Second Avenue. Visit the [MTA website](https://www.mta.info) or app for a complete overview of public transportation options.

**Do not confuse with the New York City Cemetery which is nearby*

***This is the only entrance! Ignore Google Maps which appears to show another entrance on 2nd St.*



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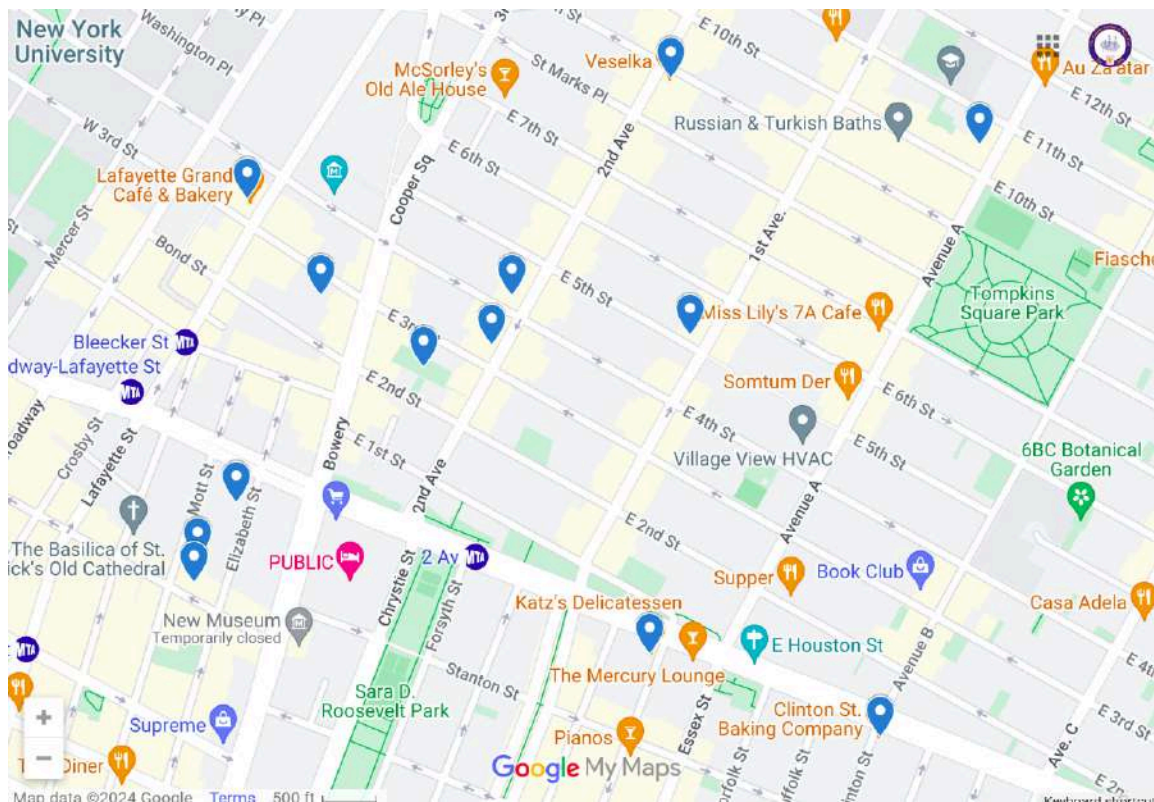
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Picnic Options Neighborhood Eateries

You can bring your own favorite picnic foods, snacks, and drinks, or shop for your picnic at one of the following neighborhood eateries:

- ❖ [Lafayette Grand Café & Bakery](#)
- ❖ [Katz Delicatessen](#)
- ❖ [Veselka](#)
- ❖ [Emmy Squared Pizza](#)
- ❖ [Dim Sum Palace](#)
- ❖ [\\$1.50 Fresh Pizza](#)
- ❖ [Il Buco Alimentari & Vineria](#)
- ❖ [Tacombi Tacos](#)
- ❖ [Two Hands Corn Dogs](#)
- ❖ [Prince Street Pizza](#)
- ❖ [Clinton St. Baking Company](#)
- ❖ [Tompkins Square Bagels](#)





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Holland Society Picnic Blankets and Tote Bags

As the Marble Cemetery only has a few benches and chairs, we have picnic blankets and tote bags with the Holland Society logo available for sale.

- **Picnic Blanket - \$30**



52"x47" polyester fleece plaid roll-up blanket with lining and water-resistant PE backing.

- **Tote Bag - \$35**



Large heavy cotton canvas tote bag with zipper

We highly recommend you order in advance for pick up at the event and to avoid additional shipping cost. Click here to order the [Picnic Blanket](#) and/or [Tote Bag](#).



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Other Things To Do

The East Village's Dutch heritage has left a lasting imprint in street names, architecture and connections to Dutch governors. Initially occupied by the Lenape Native Americans, Peter Stuyvesant, Director General of New Netherland, was the first owner of the farmland now known as the Bowery in the East Village.

- *St. Marks-in-the-Bowery Church (131 E. 10th Street)*

In 1660, Governor Peter Stuyvesant built a Dutch Reform Chapel that would be known as his "Bowerie Chapel", the site that would eventually become St. Marks-in-the-Bowery Church in 1795, and underneath which he remains interred. It's New York's oldest site of continuous religious practice. A self-guided walking tour provided by the St. Mark's Historic Landmark Fund is available.

- *Peter Stuyvesant Bust and Statue*

Presented by Queen Wilhelmina of Holland and the Dutch government in 1915, a bust of Peter Stuyvesant is located near St. Mark's Church-in-the-Bowery. In the 1930's, another Stuyvesant memorial was erected by the Netherland-America Foundation, a few blocks north of St. Mark's at Stuyvesant Square.

- *Holland Society Tablet at Kiehl's Store (corner of 13th and 3rd Avenue)*

Stuyvesant brought pear trees from Holland to plant in New Amsterdam. Pear trees were found across Stuyvesant's bowerie or farm, which extended roughly from present day Cooper Square north to East 23rd Street with the western boundary at the Bowery (4th Avenue) and the eastern boundary in a line between what's now 1st Avenue and Avenue D. But as the land was sold and developed, the trees were taken down. However, the pear tree that stood on the corner of 13th and 3rd Avenue lasted for over two hundred years, and continued to bear fruit. A collision of two wagons on the corner resulted in one wagon fatally striking the pear tree on February 27, 1867. A section of the tree was presented to the New-York Historical Society by Rutherford Stuyvesant. Stuyvesant was a descendant of Governor Stuyvesant and heir to the Stuyvesant fortune and remaining land. To commemorate the pear tree planted by Governor Peter Stuyvesant, the Holland Society has placed a plaque. The plaque has been moved several times but currently can be found at its original location at the corner of 13th and 3rd Avenue.

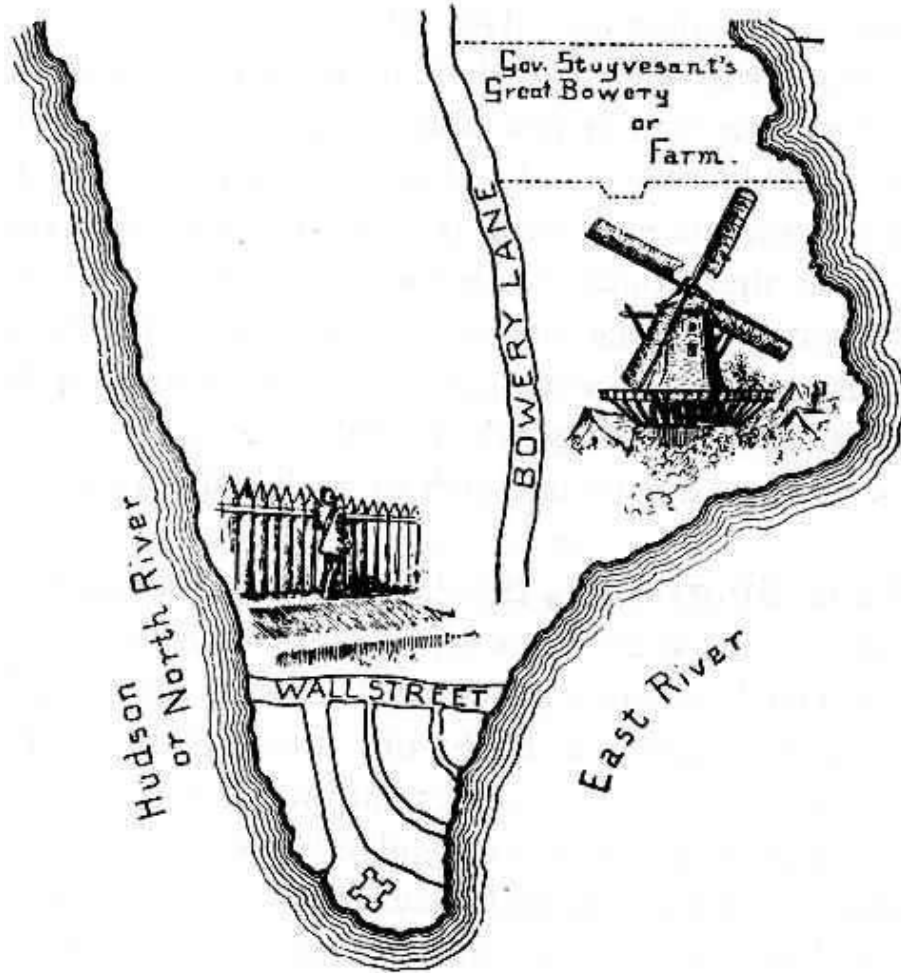
- *Stuyvesant Fish House (21 Stuyvesant Street)*

Peter Stuyvesant's great-grandson, also named Petrus (Peter) Stuyvesant, widened the lane that separated Bowery #1 and Bowery #2. It became Stuyvesant Street in the late 18th century, anticipating the northern expansion of the street grid. In 1804, he built a house for his daughter, Elizabeth, and her husband, Revolutionary War veteran Nicholas Fish. This wide, federal style home that still stands at 21 Stuyvesant Street would become known as the Hamilton Fish House, or the Stuyvesant Fish House. Future NY Governor and Senator Hamilton Fish was born to Elizabeth and Nicholas here in 1808.



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Map of the City of New Amsterdam (New York) in 1660.