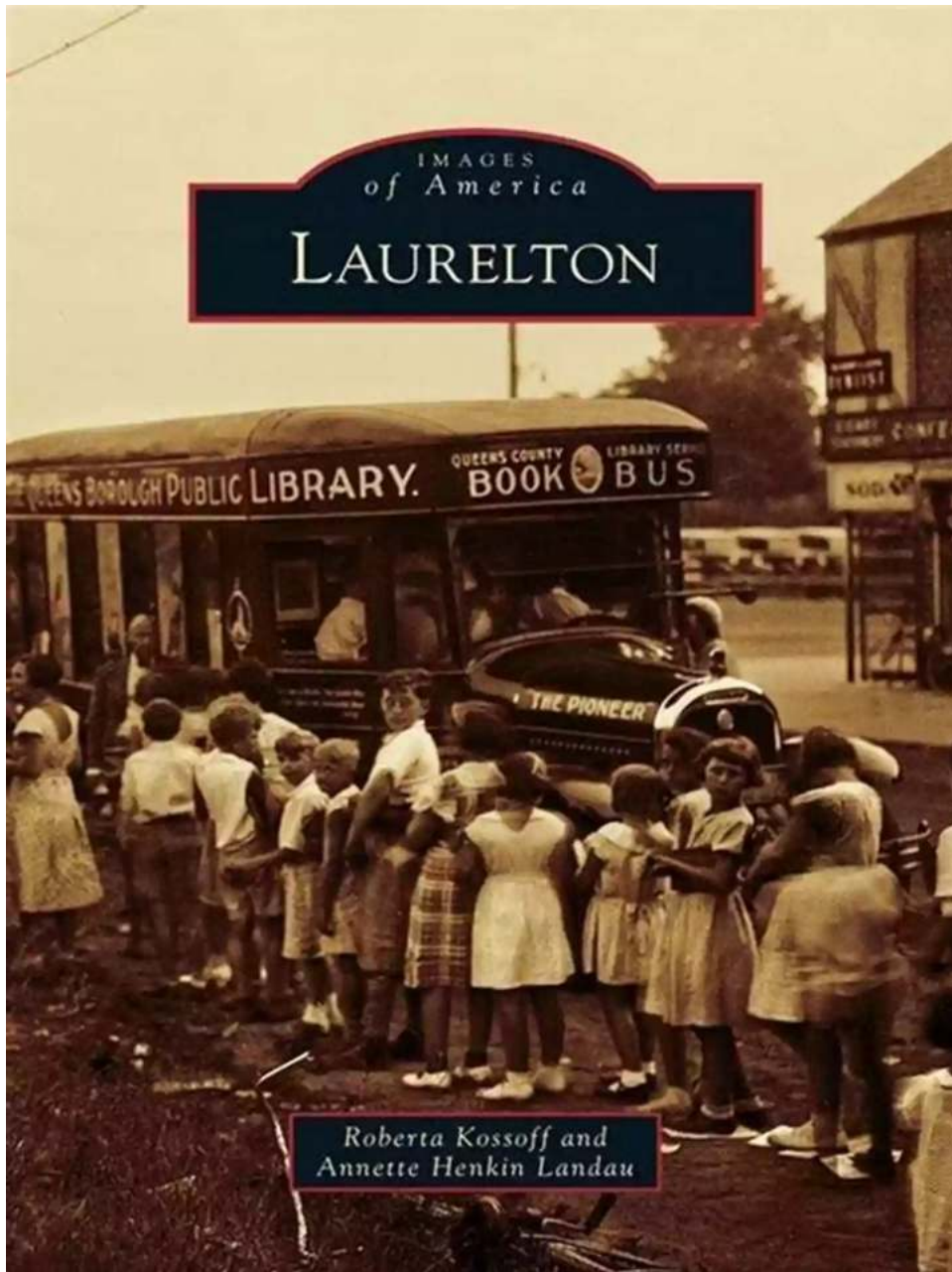


# **Step into the Past: Laurelton – A Journey through Images of America by Roberta Kossoff**

With its rich history and vibrant community, Laurelton has captivated the hearts of many for generations. This small suburb in southeastern Queens, New York, holds stories and memories that have shaped its identity over the years. In her book "Laurelton: Images of America," Roberta Kossoff takes readers on an enchanting journey through time, exploring the town's milestones and highlighting significant moments that have contributed to its unique character.



## A Snapshot of History

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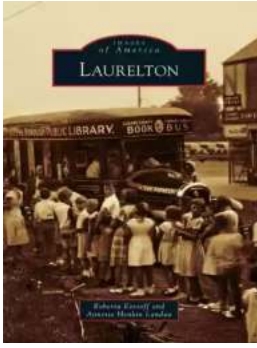
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Laurelton, fondly referred to as the "Jewel of Queens," was initially developed in the early 1900s as a planned community to accommodate the growing middle-class families seeking suburban living. Roberta Kossoff aptly portrays the town's early days, depicting the beautiful homes, tree-lined streets, and a strong sense of community that fuelled its growth.

### **Important Milestones**

"Laurelton: Images of America" meticulously presents the various milestones that have shaped the town over the years. From the opening of the Long Island Rail Road Station to the expansion of schools and houses of worship, Kossoff sheds light on the evolution of Laurelton, capturing both the triumphs and challenges faced by its residents.

### **Laurelton: More than a Suburb**

While primarily known for its tree-lined streets and charming homes, Laurelton is more than just a suburb. Exploring the pages of Kossoff's book unveils a community intertwined with art, culture, and strong values. From the famous Laurelton Art Gallery to the dedicated residents who have made notable

contributions to the literary and performing arts, the town's artistic heritage shines bright.

## **The Laurelton Community: Then and Now**

Roberta Kossoff's book captivates readers by presenting images of Laurelton's past and juxtaposing them with the present. This unique approach allows the readers to appreciate the transformations that have occurred while still preserving the town's nostalgic charm. The book showcases how the infrastructure has evolved, the businesses that have come and gone, and the enduring spirit of the community.

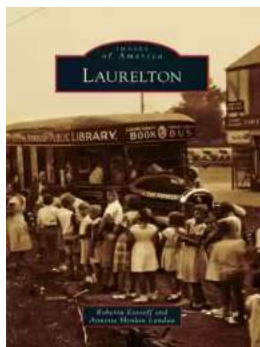
## **Preserving Memories**

"Laurelton: Images of America" offers a glimpse into the lives of the town's residents throughout the years. Kossoff's meticulous research and inclusion of personal stories add depth and authenticity to the book. Readers are invited to walk down memory lane, reminiscing about their own experiences or connecting with the stories of their parents and grandparents who have called Laurelton home.

## **An Invitation to Explore**

Whether you have a personal connection to Laurelton or are simply intrigued by its history, "Laurelton: Images of America" invites you to delve into the town's past and embark on a journey of discovery. Kossoff's captivating storytelling, coupled with the stunning visuals of vintage photographs, unlocks a treasure trove of memories waiting to be explored.

Roberta Kossoff's book "Laurelton: Images of America" is an essential addition to any history enthusiast's collection. Her meticulous research, paired with the enchanting visuals, beautifully encapsulates the essence of Laurelton and its contributions to the fabric of American suburban life. Whether you are a local resident, a history lover, or simply seeking a captivating read, this book promises to transport you to a bygone era and leave you with a deep appreciation for the charm and heritage of this remarkable town.



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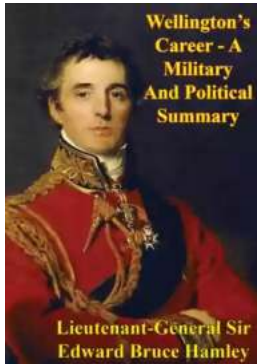
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When the 13 colonies declared their independence from the British, the area of Queens that eventually became Laurelton consisted of woodlands, ponds, and farms. This rural community gained some recognition when an attempt to build an upscale housing development for wealthy New Yorkers failed, but left in its place an elegant, new Long Island Railroad Station named **Laurelton**. In 1929, the stock market crash and Depression led New Yorkers to the discovery that home ownership was a thrifty alternative to renting. As Laurelton was a beautiful and safe area, real estate boomed. The neighborhood experienced a momentous ethnic change in the 1970s, and within 20 years 80 percent of Laurelton's population was African American and Caribbean middle-class professionals.

Laurelton is in the eighth-wealthiest council district in New York City, and its reputation for beauty and community involvement continues.



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