

NOTABLE RESIDENTS OF RIVERDALE*

- Sean Altman (born 1961), musician, songwriter and founder of Rockapella
- William Henry Appleton (1814-1899), publisher
- Béla Bartók (1881-1945), composer and pianist
- Justin Fornal, film director.
- Rudolf Bing (1902-1997), former General Manager of the Metropolitan Opera
- Jonathan Brewster Bingham (1914-1986), member of the House of Representatives
- June Bingham Birge (1919-2007), author and playwright
- Ron Blomberg (born 1948), first DH in baseball history
- Ted Brown (1924-2005), charismatic radio personality
- Chris Chambliss (born 1948), former Yankee first baseman and hitting coach
- Yvonne De Carlo (1922-2007), movie and television actress
- Joey Donovan, (1967- born Joey Reynolds), founder/president of Ad Astra Radio
- Seth Farber, rabbi and historian
- Fernando Ferrer (born 1950), former Bronx Borough President
- Ella Fitzgerald (1917-1996), jazz singer
- Julio Franco (born 1958), former New York Mets first basemen
- Sidney Frey (1920-1968), Audio Fidelity Records, producer of first stereo record
- Fred W. Friendly (1915-1998), former president of CBS News
- Lou Gehrig (1903-1941), New York Yankees baseball star
- Jordan Gelber, Broadway actor
- Desmond Harrington (born 1976), actor

- Nat Holman (1896-1995), innovative basketball player and CCNY coach
- Charles Evans Hughes, III (1915-1985), architect
- H. Stuart Hughes (1916-1999), professor and activist
- Richard Joel (born 1950), President of Yeshiva University
- Laura Kam (born 1958), Israel advocate, Senior Adviser at the Israel Project
- Eric Kandel (born 1929), Columbia University neuroscientist, Nobel Prize winner
- Joan Bennett Kennedy (born 1936), spouse of Senator Ted Kennedy
- John F. Kennedy (1917-1963), U.S. President
- Bernard Kerik (born 1955), former New York City Police Commissioner
- Theodore Kheel, labor lawyer
- G. Oliver Koppell (born 1940), member of the New York City Council
- Fiorello H. La Guardia (1882-1947), Mayor of New York City
- John L. Lahey (born 1946), president of Quinnipiac University
- Christopher Lehmann-Haupt (born 1934), journalist, critic and novelist
- Timothy "Speed" Levitch (born 1970), tour guide and voice actor
- Jacob "Jack" J. Lew, (born 1955) former Director of the U.S. OMB
- Sal Maglie (1917-1992), major league baseball pitcher
- Willie Mays (born 1931), major league baseball star
- Tim Morehouse, Olympic fencer
- Tracy Morgan (born 1968), actor
- Elie Nadelman (1882-1946), Polish/American sculptor
- Philip Nadelman (born 1955), accomplished songwriter and artist
- George W Perkins (1862–1920), pres. of Palisades Interstate Park Commission
- Jennifer Raab, President of Hunter College

- Ed Rendell (born 1944), Governor of Pennsylvania
- Sugar Ray Robinson (1921-1989), "pound for pound the best" boxer in history
- Theodore Roosevelt, Sr. (1831-1878), banker and father of the U.S. President
- David Shapiro (born 1947), poet and literary critic
- Carly Simon (born 1945), singer/songwriter
- Joanna Simon (born 1940), Mezzo-soprano
- Lucy Simon (born 1943), composer
- Richard L. Simon (1899-1960), co-founder of Simon & Schuster
- Eliot Spitzer (born 1959), former Governor of New York
- Ed Sullivan (1901-1974), television personality
- U Thant (1909-1974), former United Nations Secretary-General
- Kool Keith Thornton (born 1964), prolific hip-hop artist
- Richard Tofel, president and CEO of the International Freedom Center
- Arturo Toscanini (1867-1957), Conductor
- Mark Twain (1835-1910), author
- Steven Tyler (born 1948), American musician and songwriter (Aerosmith)
- Abe Vigoda (born 1921), movie and television actor
- Alexander S. Webb (1835-1911), Union Army general; awarded Medal of Honor
- Avi Weiss (born 1944), activist Modern Orthodox Rabbi
- Rosalyn Sussman Yalow (born 1921), Nobel Laureate

(*) according to Wikipedia, these people were either born in Riverdale, or lived here during their lifetime