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Welcoming a New Business

Yorktown Chamber of Commerce members recently attended the grand opening of Bear Mountain Coffee Roasters Café in the Jefferson Valley Mall.

Hearings on Plans for Cortlandt MOD on 202 Expected in 2019

By Rick Pezzullo

Public hearings in front of the Cortlandt Town Board and Planning Board for environmental studies on two large projects planned in the Medical Oriented District (MOD) on Route 202 near New York Presbyterian/Hudson Valley Hospital are anticipated to be held in the first quarter of 2019.

The intent of the MOD is to encourage economic revitalization in the area surrounding the hospital and implement the goals and recommendations outlined in the town's 2016 Sustainable Comprehensive Plan.

Cortlandt's Comprehensive Plan, dubbed Envision Cortlandt, was the centerpiece of a business networking meeting, sponsored by M&T Bank, held

last month at Cortlandt Colonial Restaurant where several prominent developers were in attendance to discuss various projects currently before the town.

Val and Armando Santucci of VS Construction Corp. were among those who appeared to discuss their Evergreen Manor project in the MOD, which involves the redevelopment of three vacant contiguous parcels totaling 28 acres with a 120-unit assisted living facility, 90-room hotel with 13,000 square feet of retail space, mixed-used retail/office building, 166 residential units and approximately 550 parking spaces.

Meanwhile, Kevin McAndrew of Cameron Engineering talked about another

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Verplanck Man Gets 74 Years in Prison for Sexual Assault

By Rick Pezzullo

A 57-year-old Verplanck man was sentenced to 74 years in state prison last week for sexually assaulting a child.

Last Tuesday, Westchester County District Attorney Anthony A. Scarpino, Jr. announced that Kenneth Brody was sentenced by Westchester County Court Judge Susan Cacace to a total of 74 years in state prison for the sexual assault of a child that began when the child was seven years old.

Brody was convicted September 26, following a jury trial. His sentence included: one count of a Course of

Sexual Conduct Against a Child in the First Degree, a class B violent felony (25 years); seven counts of Criminal Sexual Acts in the Second Degree, class D violent felonies (seven years on each count to run consecutively: total 49 years); one count of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, an A misdemeanor (one year merged with the other sentences).

Brody was arrested by New York State Police April 22, 2017 after the victim reported to police years of abuse by Brody in the Town of Cortlandt. An investigation revealed Brody subjected the child

victim to multiple acts of sexual conduct over the course of years, starting when the child was seven years old and continuing until the child was 13.

At the time Brody committed these crimes, he was a registered Level 2 Sex Offender, having been convicted previously in 1992 of Sex Abuse in the First Degree against another child who was eight years old at the time. He completed his sentence on the first assault in 1998 some years before meeting the most recent victim.

Kenneth Brody



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Hearings on Plans for Cortlandt MOD on 202

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project in the same vicinity referred to as the Gyrodyne site, which calls for the re-development of eight contiguous parcels totaling 13.8 acres with 100,000 square feet of medical offices, 4,000 square feet of complementary retail, 200 residential units, 180 structured parking spaces and 383 at-grade parking spaces.

Last June, a public informational meeting on the establishment of MOD was held at Cortlandt Town Hall.

The Town Board has already adopted a Scope of Studies for the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the projects, according to Cortlandt Deputy Planning Director Chris Kehoe.

Kehoe stated VS Construction and

representatives of the Gyrodyne parcel, where medical offices currently exist across from the hospital, are working on their portions of the DEIS, while town staff is preparing their required portion, including the new MOD zoning language.

It is expected that the DEIS by all parties will be completed by the end of this year.

During the development of the Envision Cortlandt Master Plan, numerous workshops, meetings and presentations took place to ensure community involvement. Part of the process included a lengthy survey that drew 725 responses, which town officials noted contained valuable feedback that was incorporated into the final document.



PHOTO BY MATTHEW SNIFFEN

12 Homeless After Fire Erupts in Peekskill

Four families, totaling 12 people, were left homeless after a fire broke out on the third floor of a building on Main Street in downtown Peekskill Sunday evening.

The Peekskill Fire Department received a call about 6:15 p.m. and discovered heavy flames and smoke coming from the top floor of the three-story building where Los Andes Bakery occupies the first floor.

The fire was contained in about one hour and no one was reported injured. Peekskill firefighters were assisted at the scene by firefighters from Buchanan, Continental Village, Mohegan Lake, Montrose and Verplanck.

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Q: Do I have acid reflux disease?

A: First, let's understand what this condition is. Your stomach produces acid in order to digest food. Normally, acid remains in your stomach, finally passing into your intestines. However, with acid reflux disease, also known as gastroesophageal reflux disease or GERD, stomach acid leaks backward and upward, "refluxing" into the esophagus.

The large spectrum of symptoms connected with acid reflux includes "heartburn," a sharp pain in the chest from acid irritating the esophagus; or mild pain in the chest or upper belly. Both typically subside in minutes. Less common symptoms are nausea, vomiting, GI tract upset, and bloating. Severe acid reflux disease can involve regurgitating acid and stomach contents into the throat, and sometimes into the lungs. That can cause chronic coughing, pneumonias or asthma.

Q: What causes it?

A: Backward movement occurs when the valve between the stomach and esophagus – the lower esophageal sphincter, or LES – weakens. Genetics can weaken it, as can smoking, and certain foods, such as coffee, chocolate and citrus fruits. A hiatal hernia can cause acid reflux by moving the LES from your

abdomen into the chest area. Long-term acid reflux can lead to Barrett's disease, a precancerous, chronic irritation of the esophagus, which must be monitored through regular endoscopies.

Q: What are my non-surgical treatment options?

A: Many people can manage symptoms with over-the-counter medications that reduce stomach acid. It's important to understand, however, that medications do not stop the refluxing action. All they do is reduce the amount of acid in your stomach. Because these can interact with other medicines or reduce bone density, you may not want to take them long-term. You may also find relief through lifestyle changes – avoiding coffee and chocolate, and losing weight – which can help strengthen the LES.

Q: Do I need surgery?

A: Severe acid reflux disease typically requires surgery. If you have a hiatal hernia, we fix it, and then wrap a portion of the relocated stomach to create a new strong valve. If there's no hernia, we only create a new valve. The procedure, called a *nissen fundoplication*, is performed at Northern Westchester Hospital using robotic surgery. Post-surgery, there's little chance your LES will weaken again.

Police Blotter

State Police

November 24 - Dennis Enriques, 36, of Cortlandt, was arrested for Leandra's Law/DWI (felony) and issued tickets returnable in Town of Somers Court.

November 22 - State Police from the Somers barracks arrested John A. Aloisio, 62, of Somers, for Reckless Endangerment in the 2nd degree, a class A misdemeanor, and Harassment in the 2nd degree, a violation.

At approximately 10:30 a.m., a victim of road rage led the suspect vehicle to the parking lot of SP Somers. A State Police sergeant at the barracks heard the disturbance and investigated. Aloisio was found screaming at the victim over an incident that occurred on a public highway and was subsequently arrested. He was issued an appearance ticket returnable to the town of Somers Court on December 3.

November 18 - State Police from Cortlandt arrested Romulo G. Tello Jara, 37, of Ossining, for Aggravated DWI. He was traveling on Route 9 in Cortlandt when he was stopped for a vehicle and traffic law violation. Investigation revealed that he was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

State Police from Somers arrested Eugene A. O'Dell, 57, of Somers, for DWI. He was traveling on Route 118 in Somers when he was stopped for a vehicle and traffic law violation. Investigation revealed that he was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

State Police from Stormville arrested Justin O. Poltrack, 42, of Yorktown, for DWI. He was traveling on the Taconic State Parkway in Yorktown when he was stopped for a vehicle and traffic law violation. Investigation revealed that he was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

November 17 - State Police from Somers arrested Sergio A. Arias Gregorio, age 29, of Putnam Valley, for DWI. He was traveling on Route 118 in Somers when he was stopped for a vehicle and traffic law violation. Investigation revealed that he was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

November 16 - State Police from Cortlandt arrested Antonio G. Martin, 61, of Somers, for DWI. He was traveling on Route 202 in Cortlandt when he was stopped for a vehicle and traffic law violation. Investigation revealed that he was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

Yorktown Police

November 13 - 11:23 a.m. - Anthony Cassone, 55, of Cortlandt, was issued a

criminal summons for an underlying charge of harassment in the second degree, a violation. On October 2, Yorktown Police responded to a Gomer Street residence for a report of a harassment. Following an investigation, it is alleged between October 12 and October 21, Cassone left voicemails on the victim's voicemail system that served no legitimate purpose and caused the victim annoyance and alarm. At the victim's request, a criminal summons was obtained from Yorktown Justice Court. Cassone was served the summons on November 13. He is due in court November 27.



Interfaith Service

13 houses of faith celebrated at the annual Interfaith Service of Thanks at Yorktown United Methodist Church on November 18. 168 people were in attendance.

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Governor Signs Bill to Help Hen Hud with Building Aid

By Rick Pezzullo

Facing a major financial hurdle in the near future when the Indian Point nuclear power plants stop operating, the Hendrick Hudson School District recently received some good news from Albany.

Governor Andrew Cuomo signed a bill in October that will restore \$1.4 million of state aid payments to the district. Hendrick Hudson School District Superintendent Joseph Hochreiter had appealed to the governor to sign the bill, along with the New York State School Boards Association, the New York State Council

of School Superintendents, Westchester Putnam School Boards Association, Power Through Cortlandt, the Lower Hudson Education Coalition and Westchester County Executive George Latimer.

The bill was sponsored by State Senator Terrence Murphy (R/Yorktown) and State Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (D/Ossining) and called on the State Education Department to treat the cost of two capital improvement projects as being valid financial obligations to the district.

"We applaud the governor's signing of this bill," said Hendrick Hudson Superin-

tendent Joseph Hochreiter. "Along with our educational partners and lawmakers, we have advocated for many years to restore this much-needed funding. We have worked closely with the Governor's team as we prepare for life post-Indian Point, and I believe the relationship we have forged played a big part in reaching this important milestone."

Hendrick Hudson, which serves nearly 2,500 students, derives about a third of its annual budget (more than \$24 million) from Indian Point. Due to the plant's closure in 2021, the school district

stands to lose tens of millions of dollars in Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) revenue that it currently receives from Indian Point.

Last April, Murphy led a bipartisan coalition of state, county, and local officials in announcing that \$24 million in state funds had been allocated in aid to the New York State Electric Generation Facility Cessation Mitigation Program. However, Hendrick Hudson and other local municipalities are not permitted to access any funds from that program until a few years after the power plants close.

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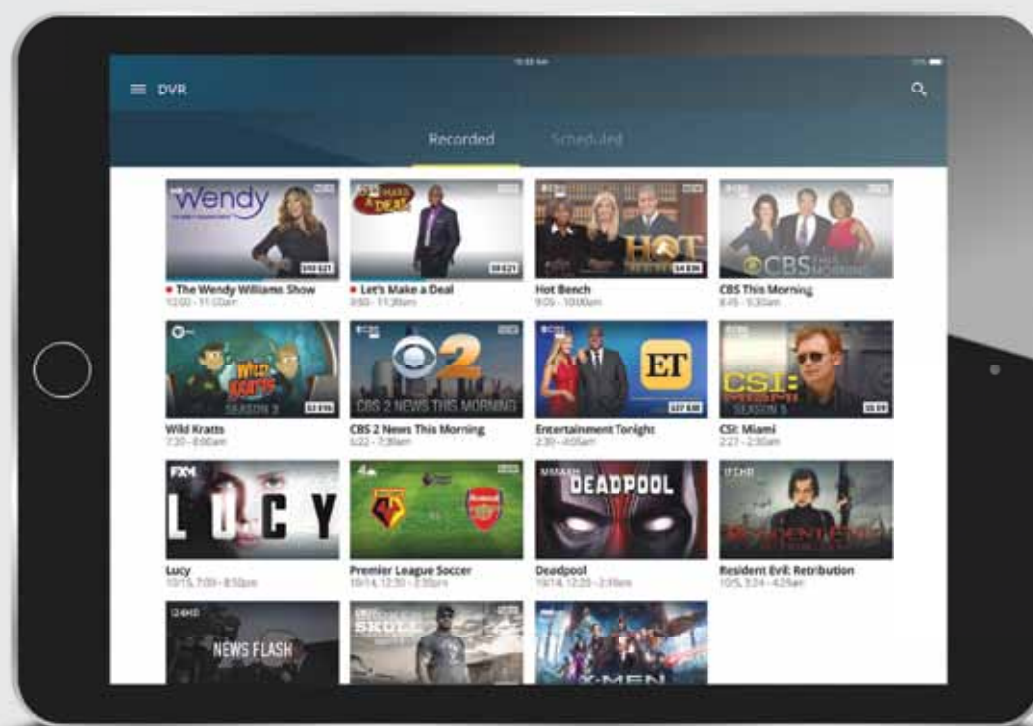
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Business of the Week

Putnam Music Center Mahopac

By David Propper

After traveling across the country and world for many years playing music, Gus Wieland finally settled down in Mahopac more than two decades ago. With his love of music still strong, he knew he wanted to spread that joy to other people in the community.

That's when he decided to open Putnam Music Center, which will be celebrating its 20th year in business next April. Opening the shop back in 1999, he felt he was filling a void in the community.

"The town needs it, the community needs it," Wieland said, explaining his thinking for opening two decades ago. "So that's what we did."

Putnam Music is a full retail shop, offering instruments and accessories, repairs and lessons for any instrument that exists. The store will also rent instruments out to local schools.

Wieland fell in love with music when he was a teen and first listened to The Beatles in 1965 at the age of 13. Wieland can still recall everyone sitting around and watching The Beatles on The Ed Sullivan Show. He started playing guitar and hasn't stopped since.



PHOTO BY DAVID PROPPER

Putnam Music Center is a full retail shop, offering a wide variety of instruments and other accessories.

"Everybody in the world said get me a guitar, I want to play," Wieland said.

(When asked who his favorite Beatle was, Wieland said, "They're all great in

their own way...how could you have a favorite?" As for his favorite Beatles song, Wieland said it's "She's Leaving Home.")

For dozens of years, Wieland

performed all over the world. He is most known for playing with Chubby Checker, who was the King of the Twist, and rock band The Turtles. Wieland played at several different arenas, including Madison Square Garden.

But Wieland reached the point where he was tired of "living out of a suitcase" and was ready to settle down. He still plays occasionally, going away on weekends for certain gigs and is finishing up a CD, but for the most part focuses on his music store.

"The business really takes all of my attention now," Wieland said.

Wieland never imagined he would one day open a music store until he moved to Mahopac and saw that a music store was needed. And when he opened, he never thought he would be around 20 years later.

"Living and working in the community is really the most important thing," he said. "I didn't want to work outside the community, I much rather put my effort into where I live."

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Bright Beginnings Preschool: 35 Years and Counting

By Evelyn J. Mocbeichel and Vera Correa

Back in 1983 it was apparent a need for full-day child care was on the horizon. As more households became two paycheck families, half-day nursery school programs were not adequate to take care of the increased numbers of children with working parents. What was needed was a full-day, licensed program that was safe, nurturing and had a superior educational program for preschool children. Enter the start of Bright Beginnings Pre School Learning Center, a full-day private school for young children!

Originally the concept was developed by three women, Mara Ziedins, Elissa Noble and Evelyn Mocbeichel, creating their New York State Licensed childcare center in the Yorktown Community and Cultural Center (YCCC). The Center was recently renamed for the late Albert Capellini. At that time, Bright Beginnings was also the only state licensed all-day summer preschool camp and preschool program in the area created for children of working parents. After Ms. Noble retired in 1990, the school was continued by Ms. Ziedins and Ms. Mocbeichel, with Vera Correa as the Program Director.

What Bright Beginnings did differently than any other schools in the area at that time was to have a full-day program, based on a corporate calendar instead of following the schedule of local school districts. This was vital for working parents to know



Since 1983, children have been educated at Bright Beginnings in Yorktown.

they had a place for their children, when typical half-day programs closed more often, besides the federal holiday closings. In addition, the school also accepted children as young as 18 months old, still in diapers, which was earlier than other preschools normally accepted children. Another attractive incentive for working parents was that a tax benefit recently was created that allowed a partial deduction for some of the child care tuition paid to a licensed center. Also at that time many companies were starting to see the advantages of providing a

benefit that included tax incentives toward child care expenses to retain a quality work force and have contented employees knowing their child was in a safe place while they worked. Vital for a child attending a full-day program was a daily schedule that met the needs with consideration for the child's age and energy level. Educational curriculum, along with a twice a day physical activity time, rest or nap time for the toddler class, along with two snacks and lunch program rounded out the day's events. Although popular for its inclusive full-day program, Bright Beginnings also accepts children for half-day programs and flexible schedules.

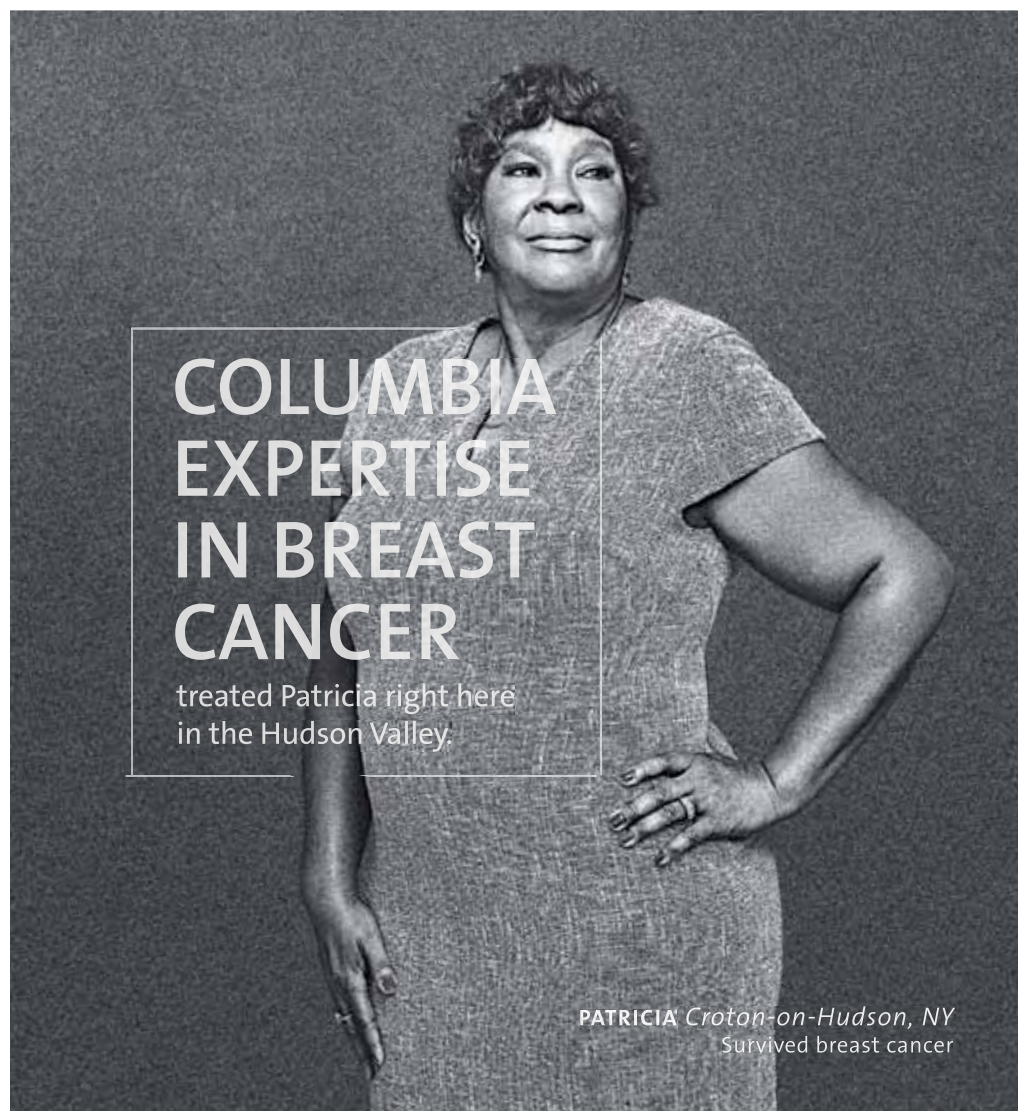
Retrospect

What was the idea behind the name "Bright Beginnings"? This was basically the goal of its founders, "to give preschool children a "bright beginning" on their edu-

cational path that would continue their whole lives. Thousands of young children have been students at the school and over the last 35 years many have been in touch to share their successes. Often it is about the prestigious universities they are attending, the continued degrees they have obtained and the jobs they are working at now. Scores of former students from those early days are now married and have even enrolled their children in Bright Beginnings, too! The Cultural Center building was the perfect location for the school because it is centrally located in the middle of Yorktown Heights and in a building with so many amenities that enhances the program even more. There is a huge gymnasium, Town Museum, Yorktown Stage Theatre, outdoor track and grassy field and a Senior Nutrition Center where the children can interact with the seniors during holiday events. It is truly a "multi-cultural" center in every sense of the word.

Over the years as Bright Beginnings began to grow, some of the innovations came from ideas shared by the student's working parents. Many of these parents would say, "I wished my child could stay here for kindergarten, both for the excellent education program and because of the full-day corporate schedule the school offers." Chil-

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Op-Ed

What “Special Projects” Are On Tap For Yorktown in 2019?

By Susan Siegel

The recent revelation that \$167,500 of taxpayer dollars have been spent on an historic monument that was initially supposed to be funded by donations raises a host of questions about how Yorktown goes about funding special projects, aka capital projects — and the extent to which taxpayers have an opportunity to comment on these expenditures before they are approved.

The questions are particularly timely given the recent good news that Yorktown will receive an unexpected \$1 million, and possibly more, from Enbridge because of delays in the pipeline project.

With hindsight, the same questions about how decisions are made to spend taxpayer money apply to the more than \$6 million the town spent to create the Granite Knolls Sports Complex and to the undisclosed amount of money spent on plans for the controversial \$4 million relocation of the highway garage.

Planning for special projects begins — sort of — with a document buried deep in the annual budget. It's called the Five-Year Capital Plan. I say “sort of” because it's not uncommon for unplanned projects to suddenly get funded, some the result of emergencies, such as an unexpected bridge collapse, and others in response to pressure from a vocal

group of residents, like saving the Zino Barn.

The 2019 budget includes a list of \$23.6 million worth of proposed capital projects, everything from replacing the roofs at town hall and police headquarters to the purchase of trucks for the highway department, sidewalks on Veterans Road, improvements to the Holland Sporting Club, renovating the railroad station and unspecified drainage projects. Projects are shown as completed, approved, planned, in progress, in design, or simply an idea.

In addition to the Capital Plan, the 2019 operating budget, the budget that determines the town tax rate, also includes a \$400,000 in “Contingency Capital Projects” budget line but it's not clear exactly which projects on the \$23.6 million list will actually be funded in 2019.

When will the Town Board actually decide which projects on the Five-Year Capital Plan will move ahead in 2019? And, as the Plan lacks a one-year Capital Budget, how will these projects be funded?

At what point in the process will taxpayers have an opportunity to ask questions about the proposed projects? While a public hearing is required before the Town Board can adopt the 2019

budget, once the budget is adopted, the Board can modify the budget — and spend millions of dollars on non-budgeted items without holding a public hearing. Think Granite Knolls.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not questioning the wisdom of preparing a capital improvements plan. If anything, I'm a firm believer that the town NEEDS a carefully thought-out five-year capital plan, coupled with a realistic one-year budget that identifies where the money for the projects will come from: the operating budget, the fund balance, an approved grant or other sources. My concern, and the reason for bringing this issue to the public's attention prior to this year's December 4th budget hearing, is that both the Town Board — and residents — need to pay greater attention to this important, but mostly ignored, section of the annual budget.

The Board also needs to clean up some of the anomalies in the 2019 Capital Plan; although prepared by the Planning Department based on input from the town's departments, once the Plan is included in the budget, it becomes an official Town Board document.

Why for example does the Plan list projects that are already completed, like the new ADA parking improvements in the front of town hall, but omits

the Mohansic Trailway? Why does it include \$4 million for the relocation of the highway garage when a majority of the Town Board has indicated it has no intention of pursuing the project, at least for the near term? The purpose of a capital plan is to look ahead, not back.

And is the town really thinking of spending \$600,000 to plant trees along Underhill Avenue? The Plan says these funds are coming from Breslin Realty for tree mitigation, but I suspect there may be too many zeros in the figure.

The current Town Board has taken several positive steps to increase the transparency of its activities, including televising its work sessions. But watching the December 4th budget hearing on television is not a substitute for attending the hearing and asking questions. Remember: it's your money the Board is spending.

So, I hope I'll see you on the 4th. The hearing starts at 6 p.m., a time set by the previous administration that needs to be changed to a more convenient next year if the members of the Town Board are serious about wanting to hear from their constituents.

Copies of the 2019 Budget should be available at the Town Clerk's office or on the town's web site on or about November 28th.

Letters to the Editor

All Business Is Social

To the Editor:

There's a familiar expression that tells us, “all politics is local.”

Your Yorktown Chamber of Commerce is here to say that “all business is social.”

We're driving home that message more than ever. It's one of the many reasons to hop aboard the Yorktown Chamber bandwagon. That's what a

record number of businesses are doing every month, to take advantage of the privileges of membership in your town's premier business-to-business social club, open to all, regardless of size or structure — for-profit companies, non-profit organizations, solo proprietorships, unincorporated individuals.

In fact, your Chamber has created a

cool new series of energizing events that we are calling Business Social. You'll find these casual gatherings a friendly place to meet, greet and eat. Feel free to chat with others about business, or anything else on your mind. You'll also pick up some valuable tips to take home... or take to your place of business.

The next great opportunity to do all of the above is at the Chamber's annual holiday party, at Stone Rose Steak House in Jefferson Valley Mall. Save the date of Dec. 11 at 6 p.m.

On Jan. 23, 2019, at the IBM campus in Yorktown Heights, the Yorktown Chamber's first Business Social looks at why it's never too soon to think about retirement plans to ensure the financial security of your family's future.

This Business Social is a rare chance to have your questions answered by one of Westchester County's Top 5 wealth advisors (ranked by Forbes Magazine), Barry P. Mitchell, Jr. (who's also ranked in the state's Top 20).

To attend the holiday party or January 23 Business Social, RSVP to mprimavera@yorktownchamber.org, or

call (914) 245-4599.

There's nothing more social than New Year's Eve. When it comes to the Yorktown Chamber's ball drop, Yorktowners all over town have told us loud and clear that the show must go on! And we're happy to say it will.

So, we look forward to seeing you Dec. 31 on Veterans Road in front of Jack DeVito Veterans Memorial Field. The festivities begin at 10 p.m., followed by fireworks at the stroke of midnight to light up the new year. We're going to have a ball!

In the meantime, this holiday shopping season, show a lot of love to local merchants and other sellers of goods and services in our community. And while you're shopping and celebrating with family and friends, please also remember the needy.

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Obituaries

Mary Stroock

Mary T. Stroock, a resident of Cortlandt, died November 16. She was 70.

She was born July 29, 1948 to George Hunter and Wylene (Thomason) Thompson in Wichita, KS. She met Bill Stroock in 1963. They married in 1968 and remained in love for 50 years.

After graduating from Edgemont High School in 1966, she spent two years at Connecticut College for Women before leaving to start a family. A Girl Scout herself as a child, she volunteered to fill in one afternoon for her daughter's second grade assistant troop leader, and that set her on a lifelong career path. She attended classes part-time at Mercy College while working her way up the volunteer ranks of the local Girl Scout organization. In 1982, she completed a BA in history and the following year started a paid position at Girls Scouts of the Taconic, which became Girl Scouts of Westchester * Putnam. Not content to stop there, she went back to Mercy for her MBA, and after 23 years, she retired as CEO of the council in 2006. While at the Girl Scouts, she worked to bring the organization's values to tens of thousands of girls. She directed the GSWP Rocky Brook Summer Camp for two summers and oversaw tremendous growth of the council, both in membership and programming, with a particular focus on outreach to girls in underserved communities. In retirement, she volunteered at Hudson Valley Hospital Center.

Her favorite times were beach trips with her husband, children and later grandchildren to Bermuda, Sanibel Island, Long Beach Island and Rehoboth, and her home is filled with mementoes of the shore. A devoted grandmother (Nana), she loved attending her grandchildren's many plays and recitals, and taking her granddaughters to the salon for mani-pedis. She often remarked that she was happiest when her family was all together under one roof.

She is survived by her beloved husband Bill; loving children, William Stroock and his wife Jenica, and Tracey

McFarland and her husband Brian, and her adoring grandchildren, Hannah, Brian, Meriam, Gregory, Lillianna and Ella.

Russell Seaboldt, Jr.

Russell Seaboldt Jr, a resident of Cortlandt and Peekskill, died peacefully November 10. He was 60.



Russell Seaboldt Jr,

He was the son of the late Russell and Joan (Tompkins) Seaboldt. He retired from the Town of Cortlandt in 2013. He was a lifelong member of the Mohegan Lake volunteer Fire Department

and the Peekskill Elks.

He is survived by his children, Rachel (Rob), William (Ari), and Shannon (Jay); grandchildren, Virginia, Ayden, Andrew, Gavin, Liam, Layla, Taylor, and Jordan; sisters Barbara, Colleen, Gayle, and Tracy; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Gerardo Salvati

Gerardo Salvati (Jerry the Barber), a resident of Ossining, died November 14. He was 87.



Gerardo Salvati

He was born July 9, 1931 in Salerno, Italy and came to the USA on March 15, 1956. He married Theresa Marie Ripostella Salvati on April 15, 1956 at St. Ann's Church in Ossining. He was a member of Sons

of Italy Columbus Lodge, the Moose Lodge, Ossining Seniors Citizens, the Golden Agers, An Associate member of Holla Hose Company in the Ossining Fire Dept., and the Italian American Club in Tarrytown, NY.

He was predeceased by his parents Anna and Rocco Salvati. He is survived by his two sons Gerardo (Barbara) Salvati Jr. of Fishkill, NY and Joseph (Adrienne Joy) Salvati of Castle Rock, CO. Also survived by his granddaughter Carli Ann, as well as many nieces and nephews in both the USA and Italy.

JoEllen Nugent

JoEllen J. Nugent, a resident of Yorktown, died peacefully November 17. She was 67.

She was born to Vincent and Anne Agostino on June 4, 1951. She graduated first in her class from the Cochran School of Nursing as a registered nurse in 1971. She had a long career of caring for others. She retired as a school nurse for Mohansic Elementary School in 2006. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, daughter and sister.



JoEllen J. Nugent

She married the love of her life, William J. Nugent, Jr., on April 23, 1972 and she and Bill were blessed with 46 years of marriage filled with laughter and love. She is survived by Bill and their three children, Bill (Robin), Amy (John) McCarthy, and Michael (Kristin). She was a dearly loved Grandma Jo to Emma, Carly, Connor, Haley, Annie, Jack and Caroline. She was a cherished daughter to Anne and sister to Mary Ann (Frank) Magaletta and Jim (Anne) Agostino. She will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by numerous nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, and dear friends and family members.

Carol Bufo

Carol Bufo, a lifelong resident of Ossining, died November 20. She was 77.

She was born in Ossining on December 3, 1940, to Arthur and Virginia (Gilbert) Osterhoudt. She was a retired office manager at Duracell, in Bethel CT. She is survived by her sister Jane (George) Losee; her nephews Eric and Jay Osterhoudt; and her niece Jeanne Osterhoudt.

Leslie Feder

Leslie Feder, AIA, a resident of Yorktown Heights, died November 17. He was 83.

Mr. Feder was a founding partner of Castro-Blanco Piscioneri & Feder and Leslie Feder Architect, both architectural firms in New York City. Buildings he designed can be found throughout the metropolitan area, and include the sanctuary

of Bet Am Shalom Synagogue in White Plains.

Mr. Feder attended the University of Wisconsin, where he was a member of Phi Epsilon Pi fraternity. He earned his B.Arch. from Columbia University in 1957 at the age of 21. Mr. Feder met his wife, Beverly, aboard the USS Constitution, bound for Cannes and Naples, in 1960. They married a year later.

Mr. Feder had a lively and penetrating intellect and was perennially curious. He was interested in practically everything. He was particularly interested in learning how things work, whether they be mechanical devices or whole societies. He loved building things, including his own home. He was exceptionally well travelled.

Mr. Feder is survived by his wife Beverly; children Jesse and Elise; daughter-in-law Carol Perline and son-in-law Michael Pattie; grandchildren Daniel, Andrew, Josh, Eliza and Chester; sister-in-law Marjorie Feder; and numerous nieces and grand-nieces, nephews and grand-nephews.

Frederick Young, Sr.

Frederick M. Young, Sr., a resident of Ossining, died November 21. He was 76.

He was born in Cossackie, NY on December 27, 1941 to Edwin and Hilda (Drapeau) Young. Mr. Young was a veteran of the Vietnam War in the Air Force. He married Margareta Gasper on February 18, 1963 in Germany. He was the Head Custodian at Sleepy Hollow High School. He was a communicant of St. Ann's Church.

He is survived by his wife Margareta; four children, Dieter (Susanna), Frederick (Kim), Rachel (Joe) Giampietro, Nicole; his sister Michelle (Paul) Smith; and five grandchildren, Frederick III and Sydney Young, and Chris, Nicholas and Emily Giampietro.

Davis Tapia

Davis Alejandro Tapia, a resident of Ossining, died November 17. He was 17.

He was born in Sleepy Hollow on June 26, 2001 to Segundo and Elvia Tapia. He was a senior at Ossining High School and a communicant of St. Ann's Church, in Ossining.

He is survived by his parents; two siblings, Elvia (Marco Calle) Tapia and Diego (Alexandra Jimenez) Tapia; his niece Dayanara Tapia; two nephews, Brain and Miguel Calle; and his aunt Nelly Calle.

Bright Beginnings Preschool: 35 Years and Counting

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children that went to local kindergartens had so many days off that really became a stressful situation for working parents to find a place for the child on these days. The directors listened to these concerns and in June 1999 applied to the NYS Department of Education to have a licensed kindergarten program and was granted a license to operate a full-day kindergarten. The curriculum for this program is outstanding and the children that attend participate in a full scope of activities equal and above the curriculum followed by the public schools. It has been such a rewarding experience to have met and educated so many children over the years and to hear the positive feedback by hundreds of parents. Many parents have told the directors that they feel "you are like family" and they are comfortable coming into the office or speaking with the Program Director, Vera Correa, to share any topics pertaining to their child's education and development. There are school albums filled with lovely letters and notes written by these parents. When the child leaves the school after the annual "Moving Up Ceremony" that is truly rewarding for the school's teachers and directors to read knowing their hard work and dedication was appreciated.

Speaking of appreciation, Bright Beginnings has been involved in so many community activities that are pleased with the

students, families and teachers were thinking about them. The students have planted gardens by the AACCCC building to help with the beautification, had annual toy drives around the holidays to give to needy children, clothing drives asking our families for "gently used" clothing to send to orphanages and donated to the Yorktown PBA and Fire Company. The children have visited the Senior Nutrition Center in the building to distribute tray favors and pictures for them for Valentine and St. Patrick holidays and join them for children and senior sing a longs and other events during the year.

Continuing On

After over three decades of working at Bright Beginnings Pre School Learning Center, its original founders retired. The school is now in the capable hands of Owner/Director Vera Correa that had worked at the school already for 28 years before taking full charge of the program. With her experience in staff training, licensing matters and renewals, curriculum and holding several degrees and able to speak multiple languages, the school is absolutely thriving under her direction. Along with the many longtime professional teachers, that have equally fine reputations for excellent teaching and with warm and nurturing qualities, the school continues its superior educational path for its students. "Our curriculum is

flexible and it adapts to the child," Correa said. "The results are really wonderful because the children are learning to be independent."

Since becoming the new Owner/Director, Ms. Correa has implemented new programs for the summer and school year as well as enhancing previous ones that are mainstays of the school. Bright Beginnings Pre School continues to be premised on Dr. Maria Montessori's philosophy that children have "absorbent minds" and an innate desire to learn. We are committed to prepare children for life in a safe and physically healthy environment and to stimulate and provide for cognitive, emotional, physical and social development. The program is designed to foster the individuality of each child as well as a sense of community, respect for self and the feelings and rights of others. The Philosophy of Bright Beginnings reflects professionals working collaboratively with children, families and communities to maximize the individual's potential and abilities. The school provides a balanced amount of challenges and successes through the learning materials and mixed age grouping in the classroom. All this in an atmosphere that encourages social responsibility and interdependency of children, the understanding and respect for the difference among us, the development of self-discipline and self-esteem, and the confidence to become mo-

tivated lifelong learners. The individualized curriculum are both organized and structured, motivating the child to learn and empowering him/her with individual responsibility for that learning. The Language, Arts, Music, Science and Math, Computers and Foreign Language are all an integral component of the philosophy of Maria Montessori.

Alumni Newsletter

Calling all Bright Beginnings Alumni! We would love to hear from our former students, parents or grandparents that are reading this article. We'd enjoy reading what our former students are up to, what profession they pursued or any other news or items they would like to share with us. Thousands of wonderful young students have passed through our doors in our 35 years and we know that there are interesting news items to share! Please email us at brightbegin@verizon.net or see us on Facebook, even just to say hello!

Information: Bright Beginnings Pre School Learning Center has continual enrollment year-round. They are currently accepting enrollment for January openings, summer, and the September 2019 school year. Parents are welcome to call for an appointment for a personalized tour of the School at their convenience. Call 914-962-2929 or visit www.brightbeginpreschool.com.

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Our Virtual Tour of Modern Spain and its Wines Continues

For the past few columns I've been focusing on my renewed infatuation, and building appreciation, for the wines coming into the United States from Spain.

I recently attended a celebration of the wine, food and design of all things Spanish, sponsored by the Wines From Spain trade organization. I enjoyed new (for me) wines in the walk-around session and expanded my knowledge of regions, terroirs and producers in several seminar settings. Repeatedly, I was impressed with the quality – and value – of so many of the wines now arriving on our shores.

From conversations with winemakers I deduced that a number of old-line traditional producers are reaching out to producers in other wine-producing countries in order to learn new techniques for the vineyard and the winery.

But I was most impressed with the younger generation, who have stepped into the mud- and wine-stained shoes of their parents to manage family-run wineries in existence for three, four, sometimes five generations. They are expanding their knowledge through formal wine education and by utilizing modern technology. Much of this is attributable to the formation of the European Union. Through generous financial funding and cooperative communication, Spain has emerged from a poor, economically challenged country (notwithstanding the continuing impact of the Great Recession) into an influential economic force. In turn, wine production and, by extension, wine consumers, have benefited greatly.

With this as a backdrop, I decided to reprise a series I penned more than 10 years ago on these pages.

There are many Spanish wines available, but many are represented by small wineries, or small importers or small distributors. Therefore, a number of my favorites may not be available in your local wine shop. Fear not. With this virtual tour series as a reference, you will be able to find fine representations from each featured region. And when you do, let me know; I'm always seeking new experiences and my next favorite wine.

On to our virtual tour.

Long stretches of white sand beach, historic towns emblematic of local seafarers, unique cultural architecture, modern cities with sophisticated nightlife and fabulous local wines not readily available elsewhere.

Does this sound like the French Riviera? The Italian Riviera? Provence? California's Central Coast? Yes, it does – and the Spanish Mediterranean Coast.

This week's virtual tour takes us along Spain's eastern coast, beginning in the south

along the Playa del Sol beaches, northward through the port city of Alicante, the sophisticated culture and architecture of Valencia, the rich history and architecture of Barcelona and the popular beaches along the Costa Brava in the northern extreme of the region, at the foothills of the Pyrenees. This vast stretch has something for everyone, including seekers of unique wines previously unavailable to American consumers.

The Mediterranean Coast wine region encompasses the largest number of Spain's official wine regions – 13 of the 69 classifications. We will be exploring the wines of

four major areas: Alicante, Jumilla, Valencia, Priorat/Monstant and Penedès.

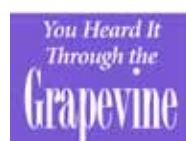
Our tour this week takes us to the southeastern port cities of Alicante and Valencia. Although separated by hundreds of miles of idyllic coastline, they share the same commercialized wine-production history. Since the 19th century these sister cities were known for mass production wines exported to the rest of Europe for bottlings of cheap, nondescript wines – similar to the California bulk wine business. (Think Carlo Rossi in the 1960s, still vibrant into the 21st century.)

In the 1990s the local producers decided to experiment with grapes that might be suitable to the local terroir – sandy to clay-like soil, temperate climate and cooling sea breezes. The result: newly introduced artisanal wines from Monastrell, Garnacha and Moscatel grapes, with a smattering of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Although not yet as popular as wines from other regions, there are quite a few worth seeking out.

As we continue our virtual tour through the Mediterranean Coast, our next stops will explore the Spanish wine regions garnering high praise in the United States.



By Nick Antonaccio



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How to Guard Against Burst Water Pipes in Winter

Every year just before the holidays, I receive that trusty call from Dave Goldberg, my retired plumber who served my plumbing needs for close to 50 years, reminding me to advise readers to disconnect their garden hoses from the outdoor spigot, or all mayhem may happen.

Other than a fire or tornado, the most damaging event a house can suffer is flooding from a burst water pipe. Yet, most people have just a sketchy knowledge of how to avoid this potential disaster.

One of my most memorable mishaps with burst pipes involved a young couple, buyer clients, who had found the home of their dreams and wanted to close as quickly as possible because the lease on their rental was about to expire. But their dream was dashed, at least temporarily, by a discovery we made when we arrived at the house for the engineering inspection.

We were greeted by an ominous sound of water leaking and discovered in the family room that water was spraying through the seams of the plasterboard walls and half of the ceiling had collapsed. The engineer quickly shut off the water main, but it was too late to prevent the extensive damage to the walls, ceiling, built-in cabinetry

and flooring.

As an estate sale, the house was empty, but the selling agent had been very careful to monitor the heating system so that the pipes wouldn't freeze, so she couldn't understand what went wrong. The engineer looked around and found that, outside, the garden house had not been disconnected from the outside spigot. He explained that water in the hose had frozen and backed up into the pipe that traveled through the garage, which was unheated, to the family room on the other side of the garage wall, causing the pipes to burst. When the ice melted, the room was flooded.

When water freezes, it has the force of 2200 pounds of pressure per square inch, according to Dave Goldberg. "One of the most common causes of burst pipes is when people forget to detach their hoses for the winter. It should always be done by mid-October," he said.

"But there are many reasons pipes can burst," he continued. "It can be a mere draft through a tiny crack in a wall, and if it is cold enough outside, the wind chill factor can cause a pipe to freeze, and it can be anywhere in the house, even over the living room.

For snowbirds who leave their houses in winter for warmer climes, Goldberg further noted that even if a house is winterized, it can be done incorrectly. "When people had summer houses up here and would close them for the winter, it was easier to drain the pipes because the plumbing was designed for that. Now, with modern construction, pipes wind around beams and go up and down, and there are many elbows that can trap water. If just a drop of water is left in the elbow and it freezes, the pipe can burst," he said, adding that the best way to avoid this is to have the pipes blown out with an air compressor.

"Things can go wrong even if a house isn't abandoned," he said. "If a family takes a winter vacation, for instance, it's not enough precaution just to leave the heat on. Suppose there is a power failure or the supply of fuel runs out?"

Goldberg cited the popular use of wood and gas-burning stoves as another cause of burst pipes. "They give you a false sense of warmth," he said. "It can be 70 degrees inside, but that heat may not get to the outside walls where the water pipes are located."

As a safeguard, Goldberg recommends that non-toxic anti-freeze be added to the heating system so that if the power goes off, the water won't freeze. "It's like putting anti-freeze in a car," he said, "and, it should

be checked annually to see that it's still at an effective level."

For insulating pipes in the basement or crawl space, he suggests using a heating strip that turns on automatically like a thermostat, and then to wrap both the pipe and heating strip with insulation.

Another safeguard in frigid weather, he said, is to keep water running from both the hot and cold taps where the pipes are against an outside wall. I'm well aware of this technique because, when my wife and I lived in an old historic house which was somewhat drafty, we would keep the water dripping in the mudroom half-bath which was exposed on two sides by outside walls. "Remember to keep the water dripping," she always said, and I always responded back, "I know, I know, you already told me," I would say, but then, I would get myself into trouble by turning the faucet off anyway, just by force of habit.

But seeing the damage that a burst pipe can do, I didn't mind the occasional admonishment.

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4. Eur. speedometer reading
7. French flower
10. Literary collection
11. Nest-egg plan
12. Big heart, say?
13. Iconic defenseman Bobby
14. Knock
16. Put money on it
17. Single-issue publication
18. Burrowing mammal native to Africa or Mahopac insurance agency
20. Cordon ____
21. Appraiser
25. Tijuana topper
29. Vexes
32. Siglo de ____ (epoch of Cervantes)
33. Catholic prelature
34. Guy
35. Police announcement
36. "____ be a pleasure!"
37. Parisian summer
38. Submissions to eds.
39. Vane direction

40. Opposing vote

DOWN

1. Tree with gourd-like fruit
2. Beyond belief
3. French existentialist
4. Big name in Russian ballet
5. Yoga principle
6. Fan's opposite
7. Plaster base
8. UN aircraft group
9. Paving stone
15. One who questions
19. Sunsets
22. Petty officers
23. Slips
24. Andy ____ or Mahopac smile fixer, ____ Orthodontists
26. "Duke of Earl," for one
27. Track events
28. The Righteous Brothers' "Unchained Melody," originally
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30. Android Market purchases
31. Kernels

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Tuesday, Nov. 27

Toy Drive: Join us in the joy of giving and make this holiday unforgettable for a child. Garrie Pest Control announces its first ever toy drive to benefit children throughout the county through Dec. 7. Toy donations can be dropped off at our office 312 Washington St. Peekskill.

Senior Benefits Information: Trained volunteer counselors help older adults and their caregivers find information about government benefits to help them stretch their budgets every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the John C. Hart Memorial Library, 1130 E. Main St., Shrub Oak. Get information on Medicare health and prescription plans, nutrition assistance, the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), tax relief programs, and much more. Info: 914-245-5262 Ext.227 or <http://www.westchesterlibraries.org/sbic>.

Healthy Happy Hour: Healthy Happy Hours are held on Tuesday nights in Mahopac and another location may be added. Take a 10-day vacation from processed foods. Are sugary, fatty, easy-to-prepare, addictive junk foods making you feel sick and tired? Then reset your metabolism and break your addictions to unhealthy foods. For more information, contact Diane at 914-843-8745.

Hygeia Programs: Two ongoing programs are being held on Tuesdays at Hygeia Integrated Health LLC, 3505 Hill Blvd., Suite K, Yorktown. Community Acupuncture is being held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$30. Come experience the beneficial effects of acupuncture in a group setting. Register: hyinhealth@gmail.com. On the last Tuesday of the month from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Eating Disorder Support Group, led by a LCSW and clinical nutritionist will be held. Discuss and resolve issues around relationships with food. Info/register: hyinhealth@gmail.com or www.hyinhealth.com.

Medicare Discussion: How to Navigate Through Medicare will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Somers Library. Info: 914 232 5717 or www.somerslibrary.org.

Post Card Club: The Taconic Post Card Club will meet at 7:15 p.m. in the Yorktown Museum, located on the top floor of the Yorktown Community and Cultural Center, 1970 Commerce St. A lecture will be presented by Croton Village Historian, Marc Cheshire, who will take us on a tour of Croton at the dawn of the 20th Century using rare photographs and postcards from the Croton Historical Society and other sources. All presentations are open to the public. Please join us, with or without your postcards.

Wednesday, Nov. 28

Seniors' Fitness Classes: Free fitness classes are being offered to seniors who reside in Peekskill. The schedule is: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – The WorkOut – 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday – Fall Prevention Class – 10 to 11 a.m. Friday – Zumba Gold – 11 a.m. to noon. Call Terri Dean at 914-734-4250 Ext. 1 for more information. Classes are conducted at 4 Nelson Ave., downstairs from the library.

Senior Exercise: We offer the Work-out M-W from 10-11 a.m. and Zumba Gold on Friday 11 a.m. to noon. The programs are free to all seniors in Peekskill. Call Terri Dean to register at 914-734-4250 Ext. 5.

POUND Program: POUND™ Fitness Program, a 45-minute full-body cardio and stress relief jam session, fusing Pilates, cardio, plyometrics isometric movements and poses, is offered at Theatre and Dance Arts 131 Bedford Rd. Katonah. Drop in or weekly discount rates are available. The program is being provided on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturdays at 11:45 a.m. Call Peggy for more information at 914 960-4097.

Bingo Wednesdays: Come to First Hebrew for \$2,000 in total guaranteed bingo prizes, plus an average of \$1,000 awarded in specialty games. Doors open 5 p.m. and games begin 7:15 p.m. every Wednesday (except holidays – check First Hebrew's website calendar). First Hebrew is just west of the Beach Shopping Center at 1821 Main St., Peekskill. Info: 914-739-0500 or www.firsthebrew.org.

Intro To 3D Modelling: Ever design in 3D? There are hundreds of models in many games you play and someone else created them. Learn how to make characters and items yourself using freely available software. The event will be held from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the Somers Library. This program is for teens/tweens in grades six and up. We will be using the public computers for this class, but please let us know if you can bring your own laptop. Registration is required, Space is limited to 12. Register online at www.somerslibrary.org or call 914-232-5717.

Thursday, Nov. 29

Art Exhibits: A series of exhibits are being held at the Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art, 1701 Main St., Peekskill. "Between I & Thou," is on display through Dec. 17. Peter Bynum's "Illumination of the Sacred Forms: Divine Light Mission and Sanctuary" is running through Dec. 17. Info: 914-788-0100, www.hvcca.org or Facebook.

Acting Classes: The Four All Theat-

er Company will be conducting acting classes every Thursday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill. Class size is limited. Info: 914-737-1212.

How To Grill Everything: Cookbook author Mark Bittman will hold a book talk and signing at 7 p.m. at the Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill. Tickets are \$10 and \$5 for Friends of the Field Library. Call 914-737-0010 to become a Friend today.

Ceramic Workshop: The Snow Family Holiday Welcome Plaque ceramic workshop will be held at Westchester/Putnam Pottery, 3685 Hill Blvd, Jefferson Valley. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the event will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. Admission is \$35. Create a ceramic piece using acrylic paint and glitter. Take it home the same night. Register online at www.spcaputnam.org. All proceeds will go to the Putnam County SPCA.

IBM Retirees Club: The Tri-State IBM Retirees will meet at the United Methodist Church Hall, 1176 E Main St, Shrub Oak. Dr. Louis Amorosa, an orthopedic surgeon and spinal specialist, will discuss optimizing spine health. Reservations will be taken for the December Holiday Luncheon. Coffee and light refreshments at 1 p.m. and the meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. Info: Peg Ryan at 914-528-5916.

Friday, Nov. 30

Coloring For Adults: It's not just for kids, and it's the latest craze. Join our adult coloring book club at the Somers Library Meetings will be held in the conference room every Friday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Relax, color, and socialize for free. Materials are provided or you may bring your own color pencils and coloring books. Registration is not required. Info: 914 232 5717.

Job Hunting Help: Free drop-in, hands-on assistance with online applications, resume writing, e-mail accounts and more is held on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the second-floor conference room at the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave. Assistance is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. This is not a computer class. Info: Cheryl at 941-2416 Ext. 315.

Temple Beth Am Shabbat: Temple Beth Am will "opens its doors to all who enter" for Shabbat on Fridays at 7 p.m. during the summer. Our modern Sabbath service has a spiritually engaging and warm feeling while following traditional modes. All are welcome to our friendly sacred space. Temple Beth Am is located at 203 Church Pl. Yorktown. For more information, please call our Rabbi at 914-962-7500 or e-mail him at

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Jewish Center Services: At the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd., Friday night Sabbath services begin at 6:15 p.m. And Sabbath services on most Saturdays will be held at 9:15 a.m. on most Saturdays. After the services Rabbi Sternstein conducts a learning session based on the Torah portion of the week. Light refreshments are served and everyone is invited to join us as we share in the warmth, knowledge and friendship within our congregation. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

Saturday, Dec. 1

Putnam Valley Shabbat Service: Looking for a modern Shabbat service steeped in Jewish tradition? Come to Temple Israel of Putnam Valley, a Conservative Egalitarian Synagogue situated on beautiful Lake Peekskill. Our inclusive, community-lead services start at 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays and are held in Hebrew and English. Enjoy a comfortable atmosphere where participation is appreciated and afterwards stay for our delicious Kiddush lunch. Services are free; Family Memberships are \$250 per year and include High Holiday Services. The synagogue is located at 140 Lake Drive in Lake Peekskill. For more information call 845-528-2305

Bagels & Bible: All are invited to study the Bible with our engaging Rabbi Robbie Weiner at 9 a.m. Bagels and coffee are provided for those wishing to explore how biblical stories mirror our own lives as well as teach us life lessons. No previous knowledge is required and all backgrounds are welcome. Temple Beth Am is located at 203 Church Pl. Yorktown. For more information, please call our Rabbi at 914-962-7500 or email him at RabbiW@optonline.net.

Yorktown Shabbat Morning Services: Chabad of Yorktown, 2926 Old Yorktown Rd., holds services on Saturday mornings. They are easy-to-follow services with Hebrew/English prayer books, a friendly environment and no affiliation is necessary. Kiddush luncheon follows the services. Services begin at 10 a.m. For more information visit www.ChabadYorktown.com

Ossining Farmers Market: The Ossining Down to Earth Farmers Market is now being held outdoors on Spring and Market Streets. Customers old and new will find delicious produce, pasture-raised meat, poultry, and eggs, breads, baked goods, and much more. For a full list of our markets and vendors, visit DowntoEarthMarkets.com.

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ers Library will host a series of vents in the coming days Linda Spear's Writers Workshop Open Mic will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon. As the workshop is ending, come and hear the results of the members' hard work as they read their stories, essays and more. Register online at www.somerslibrary.org or call 914-232-5717. Admissions & Financial Aid: What it Takes to get into College Today will be held on Dec. 3 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Seating is limited. Registration is required. Please go to our online calendar at www.somerslibrary.org or call us at 914-232-5717. Our programs are funded by the Friends of the Somers Library through your donations.

Hudson River Lighthouses: Hudson River Lighthouses, a seminar presentation with local historian Scott Craven, will be held at the Cortlandt Yacht Club, 238 Kings Ferry Rd., Montrose. Welcome and refreshments at 10:30 a.m., with the lecture to follow at 11 a.m. Holiday Potluck Lunch will follow the lecture. Registering in advance helps us plan, so please sign by calling 914-737-7878, Ext. 0 if you'd like to attend. A \$5-

\$10 donation would be appreciated.

Sunday, Dec. 2

Chanukah Sunday Funday: Chanukah Sunday Funday for Kids will be held at 10:30 a.m. at Chabad of Yorktown, 2629 Old Yorktown Rd. The event will include donut decorating, menorah making and a Chanukah Slime Bar. The program is intended for children three and older with an adult. Children ages 3 and up with an adult. RSVP necessary is required for the free program. Visit www.ChabadYorktown.com or call 962-1111.

Yorktown Menorah Lighting: The Yorktown public menorah lighting will be held at 4 p.m. at Jack DeVito gazebo on Veterans Road. There will be free latkes, donuts, chocolate gelt and light up menorah bands. To RSVP or receive more information, visit www.ChabadYorktown.com or call 914-962-1111.

Healing Yoga: Yoga classes for women with breast cancer are held at 5 p.m. on Sundays at Hudson Yoga, 5 Old Post Rd. South, Croton-on-Hudson. Weekly classes are being conducted by rotating instructors. The suggestion is \$15. Info: Elisha Simpson at 914-319-4010

Monday, Dec. 3

Musical Munchkins: The Yorktown Musical Munchkins meet on Mondays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. at the Yorktown Stage Theater in room 12. The program is for older babies up to the 1's. Free trial classes are offered. Info: 914-771-7000 or www.musicalmunchkins.com.


Free Jazz Sessions: Free Jazz Jam Sessions are being held every Monday at The Winery at St. George, 1715 E. Main St., Mohegan Lake. Info: 914-455-4272.

Tuesday, Dec. 4

Opioid Overdose Training: Community opioid overdose training will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Somers Library. The Westchester County Department of Health, in conjunction with the Somers Police Department, will offer the free training on how to respond to an opioid overdose using Naloxone (Narcan). Space is limited and pre-registration is required; register online for this event at www.westchestergov.com/health or call the Division of Health Promotion at 914-995-6584. The event is sponsored by Somers Partners in Prevention.

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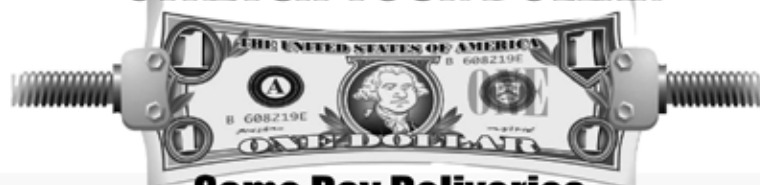
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GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Westchester County Board of Legislators on the matter of the Westchester County Budget for the year 2019 and the Memorandum of Proposals of the Committee on Budget & Appropriations, if applicable, at the Westchester County Board of Legislators which is located at 148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor in White Plains, New York, on December 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The County Budget and the Committee on Budget and Appropriations Memorandum of Proposals, if applicable, will be open to inspection by any persons at the office of the Clerk of the County Board of Legislators during business hours. Information concerning the entire Budget, as well as copies of the Budget itself, may be viewed on-line at www.westchestergov.com or obtained from the office of the Budget Director, 3rd floor, Michaelian Office Building, 148 Martine Avenue, White Plains, New York 10601. (Please note that the charges for the various budget documents are as follows: \$30.00 for the Proposed 2019 Operating Budget; \$30.00 for the Proposed 2019 Capital Budget, \$25.00 for the Special Districts Budget or \$75.00 for the complete package. The Budget {operating, capital and special districts} is also available on CD for \$15.00) Those attending the Public Hearing have the right to provide written and/or oral comments concerning the entire budget. Dated: No-

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