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#### **Game Cafe Opens in Cortlandt**

Town of Cortlandt officials held a grand re-opening ribbon cutting ceremony December 13 for the new Game Café at the C.U.E. which is located in the rear of the building at the Cortlandt Town Center. The C.U.E. is a recreation center that is open to all Croton-Harmon, Hendrick Hudson and Walter Panas High School students with school I.D. on Friday and Saturday nights from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. The new center has been remodeled with new furniture, a café area where teens can purchase soft drinks and snacks and we are now offering WiFi. Teens can meet friends, play games on Xbox and Nintendo Switch game systems, watch a favorite show or sporting event, or enjoy a game of ping-pong or pool.

## **Debate Over Homeless Shelter Relocating in Peekskill Continues**

Peekskill residents last week answered a call from Mayor Andre Rainey to turn out and voice their concerns about the proposed relocation of the only yearround, 24-hour shelter for homeless adults in northern Westchester.

For nearly two hours last Monday night, the Peekskill Common Council once again listened to residents and business owners who live and work near 851 Washington Street where the Jan Peek House Shelter, which has operated on North Water Street in Peekskill since 1988, is planning to move in late 2019 or early 2020.

The building was purchased by Caring for the Hungry and Homeless of Peekskill (CHHOP) for about \$900,000 and is in dire need of expensive repairs. Besides needing approvals from the city's

planning and zoning boards, CHHOP requires a special use permit from the Common Council. City Manager Richard Leins reiterated last week no formal application from CHHOP has been submitted yet to the city.

The majority of speakers who packed City Hall expressed opposition to the shelter finding a new address in a residential area, citing safety concerns and frequent police activity that the existing shelter attracts.

"That does have me very concerned about how it could potentially change the neighborhood," said Peter Sarson, a resident of McKinley Street. "I don't think 851 Washington Street is the right place for it."

Lindsey Fitzgerald, who has spear-

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## **Cortlandt Buys Land to End 20-Year Saga with Housing Plan**

#### By Rick Pezzullo

A housing project with a name inspired by a Beatles album was officially put to rest last week by the Cortlandt Town Board after 20 years of opposition by town officials and residents.

"Whoever said patience is a virtue is probably right," said Councilman Dr. Richard Becker, who first became involved in town government when a developer proposed building 57 homes on Dickerson Mountain in 1997 on an environmentally sensitive 130-acre tract.

The number of housing units for Abee Rose Estates was reduced to 27 but the project was still rejected by the Planning Board. The town later prevailed in an Article 78 lawsuit filed by the developer over the rare decision.

A new builder came forward after acquiring the property with a plan for five homes, which was then cut to three homes after the town paid the owner \$300,000 to obtain 105 acres of open space. However, concerns raised over water, disturbance on steep slopes and

the removal of more than 2,000 trees piqued the town's interest in blocking any development by purchasing more land for open space.

"It was so much for just three homes," Becker said last week. "Our neighborhoods have to be protected, especially this space, which is so pristine."

Last week, the Town Board unanimously sealed the fate of the project by agreeing to pay \$385,000 to Mongoose, Inc., Commercial Real Estate Assets Management, Inc., and JPG Cortlandt in

exchange for 26 additional acres of open space.

The town will also pay Badey and Watson \$40,000 and Tim Miller and Associates \$25,000 for engineering, surveys and environmental reports.

"It's really a home run for the community and the whole town," said Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi.

Becker noted the recent open space purchase gives Cortlandt about 500 acres of contiguous open space in that section of the town.



## **Debate Over Homeless Shelter Relocating Continues**

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headed the effort to block the relocation of the shelter with her husband, Brendon, said 1,012 signatures opposing the move have been received to date on a petition, as compared to about 100 signatures supporting the move on a different petition.

"We can all find a solution. The Jan Peek Shelter has been here for 30 years," she said. "There's a place for it in the community. We can certainly find the right location for it if we work together."

In September, CHHOP Executive Director Cynthia Knox said her organization did an extensive search and settled on 851 Washington Street since it can be renovated to serve its needs and is close to a bus stop.

When CHHOP issued a release about moving in August, Knox said the new location will provide enhanced services to its clients, including many veterans. A major attraction of the new facility will be a dedicated space where those in need of emergency services can stay during the day. Currently, those individuals must leave the shelter at 6 a.m. on most days because CHHOP does not have space to accommodate them.

In addition, the new site provides for shared rooms by a couple of residents, as well as a kitchen rated for cooking, rather than just warming. Other plans for the new facility include moving the entrance to the back of the building, as well as creating a covered outdoor space. The new shelter is planned to have 35 beds.

Carla Rae Johnson and Ingrid Whitman were among a handful of speakers who expressed support for CHHOP's plans.

"I think a homeless shelter that is placed in a community will be a sign of a city that welcomes and includes all of its citizens," said Whitman, who noted she is a member of the Jan Peek House Coalition. "By the grace of God any one of us could become homeless. We should think what's best for the residents (of the shelter) and think about their humanity and dignity."

Rainey, who was accused at a previous public meeting of having secret meetings and "under the table deals" in regard to the shelter, maintained the council was not in a position yet to get involved with the shelter's future.

"I'm trying to bridge the gap between the opposition and those who support it," he said. "I'm willing to help and I'm trying to help."

Meanwhile, on Facebook last week, Philip Miller, owner of the existing shelter on North Water Street, said he had offered the city a proposal for the relocation of the shelter to a city-owned property on Corp Drive, off Highland Avenue. Miller stated he would construct a 50,000-square-foot building, which could be shared by the shelter and a new Peekskill Department of Public Works.

"Time to act as I have been more than willing and able to proceed in this regard for some time," Miller stated. "I have not pressed the mayor or the council to act on my written proposal. Nor have I presented it to the shelter as I await a response. Time to go public here."



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**A:** A hernia is an opening within muscles or connective tissue, called fascia, through which intestines or fat protrudes. Hernias tend to occur in the belly through previous incisions, or most commonly in the groin, which is known as an inguinal hernia. They can develop at any age, from birth onward. Hernias may grow over time or they can come on suddenly; they may result from strenuous activity, heavy lifting, during pregnancy, or even from a fit of coughing.

#### Q: What should I do if I think I have a hernia?

**A:** It's important to seek medical attention right away if you think you have a hernia. Aside from resting and taking ibuprofen for pain, unfortunately there isn't a lot that people can do on their own when it comes to treating a hernia. The only definitive treatment is surgery. Hernias, if left untreated, can continue to enlarge, putting you at risk for potentially dangerous complications, like lack of blood supply or strangulation to the intestines.

### Q: What are the surgical options for treating a hernia?

**A:** Hernias are treated either by open repair, or minimally invasive surgery, which includes laparoscopy or robotassisted surgery. At Northern Westchester Hospital all methods are available and selected based on the size and location of the hernia. Inguinal hernias, or hernias in the groin, require a synthetic mesh to repair and cover the defect, or hole. Other methods, like Laparoscopy and robotic hernia repair, allow the surgeon to make smaller incisions with smaller operating tools. In both types of surgery, the risk of complications is minimal – about the same as any surgical operation. Hernia repairs are ambulatory procedures and you'll be able to go home the same day. The risk of recurrence is slim: There's about a 5 percent chance that a person will experience another hernia in the same spot or elsewhere.

#### Q: How long is the recovery period?

**A:** I generally recommend patients take a week off from work and that they do not lift anything heavier than 25 pounds for at least six weeks. I typically don't restrict cardiovascular exercise with my patients and most patients are able to return to regular activities without pain after a few weeks.

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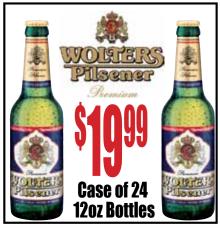
























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## **Examiner Attorney: Swastika Vandal Should Be Charged**

The vandal who defaced a copy of The Northern Westchester Examiner with swastikas and the letters KKK should be criminally charged, the newspaper's lawyer contends in a letter he's preparing to send this week to the Peekskill Police Department, the District Attorney's Office and other relevant officials.

The man who committed the act admitted his guilt to Peekskill police but authorities concluded that while the act was wrong, it was not criminal.

But Todd Fishlin, an attorney representing Examiner Media, argues authorities should charge the perpetrator.

"Out of respect for all the families who fought and died against the Nazis in World War II, we owe it to those who sacrificed to prosecute all those who would seek to encourage the bigotry, hatred and murder the Nazis were responsible for causing," said Fishlin of the Manhattan and Westchester-based law firm of Fishlin & Fishlin. "If we fail to prosecute this narrow exception to the First Amendment because we are afraid we won't get a conviction, we dishonor our veterans. The DA should bring a charge, come what may at trial. This country desperately needs a reinforcement of the values of the Greatest Generation."

Last week, a SUNY Purchase student

was charged with Aggravated Harassment in the First Degree, a class E felony, for hanging posters with Nazi symbols on campus. Fishlin believes the cases are similar from a legal perspective, arguing there are "only subtle differences."

The crime of Aggravated Harassment requires proof of intent to harass, annoy or threaten another person by using swastikas, nooses or burning crosses, Fishlin stated.

"Clearly the individual at Purchase making and hanging Nazi posters intended someone to see them. The intent of the man drawing Nazi symbols on the Examiner is not as clear, which is why I believe a charge has not been brought," Fishlin explained. "Whether a charge is brought comes from a standard analysis performed by police and district attorneys and it's completely within their discretion. They want to win the cases they bring. However, I believe the police and the district attorneys should bring a charge here even if there is a less likely chance of proving intent."

Police identified the man who committed the newspaper defacing act at Chase bank on Nov. 14 with the help of surveillance cameras at the 1025 Brown St. branch. The reader who originally discovered the defaced copy at the

bank alerted police and the newspaper, prompting the probe. That week's lead story, in the Nov. 13-Nov. 19 edition of The Northern Westchester Examiner, was about the election to Congress of Yorktown High School graduate Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, who is of Puerto Rican descent. Although authorities maintained an arrest could not be made, in part, because a newspaper is not private property, police wanted to investigate regardless as part of an effort to deter future incidents. Police told Examiner Media last week that detectives located the perpetrator, who admitted to committing the act, but the department is not releasing his name.

"These kinds of acts can't be tolerated in our city," Detective Sgt. Jack Galusha remarked. "The snowball effect of a seemingly minor act of hate going unchecked could become a major issue. I'm glad to have sharp detectives that rarely forget a face or name."

Examiner Publisher Adam Stone said he is grateful to Peekskill police for what he characterized as excellent detective work in locating the perpetrator but believes a criminal charge would send a much stronger message.

"It's not just the committed neo-Nazis we have to worry about in this era of

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hate," Stone said. "It's also the people not previously inclined to hate who adopt the neo-Nazis' violent ideas and symbols in ways large and small. Allowing these poisonous ideas to fester presents a great danger to our communities."

Millie Jasper, executive director of the White Plains-based Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center, said that while she commends the Peekskill Police Department for its investigation, she believes there should be consequences.

"We believe that many bias-related incidents are the result of ignorance rather than malice so our overall goal is to educate and sensitize the offender - changing and rechanneling the bigoted and prejudicial attitude that often results in hostile and offensive acts," Jasper said. "We endeavor to foster tolerance for others, and respect for diversity. To that end, we hope that the judicial system insists that the guilty party be mandated to learn more about the effect hateful words, symbols and actions have on our society. To deface The Northern Westchester Examiner newspaper with hateful symbols - swastikas and KKK signs without consequence shows the perpetrator that these actions are not only allowed, but encouraged."

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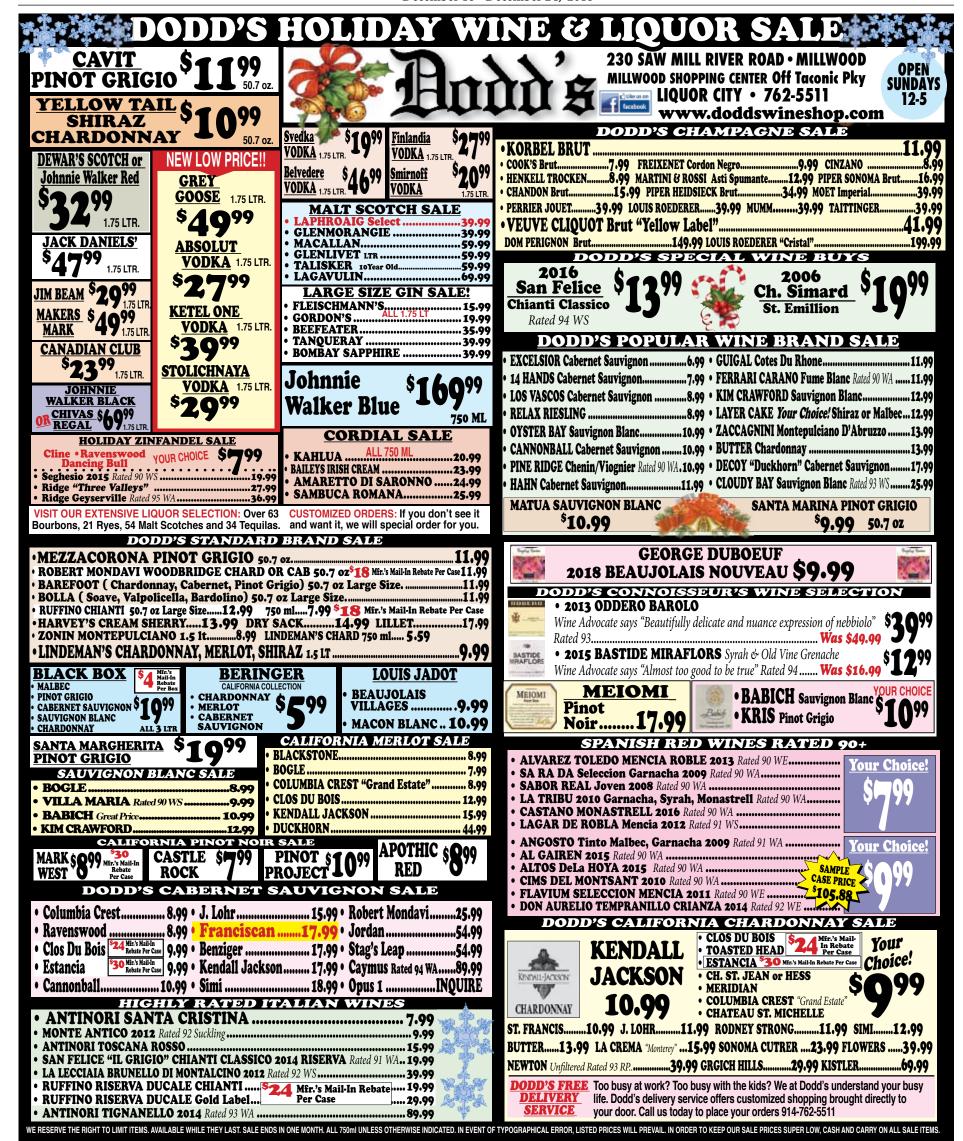




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## **New Peekskill Community Group Holds First Forum**

#### **By Anna Young**

Peekskill residents packed the United Methodist Church last week as the Peekskill Community Congress hosted their first public forum.

With the opportunity to speak their minds on issues affecting Peekskill, more than 75 residents attended the inaugural forum to listen and share ideas on how to better their community. The Community Congress is a non-partisan initiative that gives residents the opportunity to address issues they are most concerned with, to identify shared priorities through a community-wide vote, and to engage in finding solutions to move Peekskill forward.

Group facilitator Jason Angell said he started the group because he believes residents need to have more of a say on the decisions that impact their everyday lives.

"People living in a community should have a real role in setting their communities agenda, and that's what this is all about," Angell said at the December 12 forum. "This initiative is about creating a space in a community where people of different beliefs and different interests can come together and hear ideas to move the community they're apart of forward."

Angell said any resident 13 years old and older can present their top priority



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Group facilitator Jason Angell speaks at forum at United Methodist Church

to better Peekskill to the Congress or at a public forum. With four forums scheduled next year, Angell explained that each idea presented will be placed on a ballot which will be mailed to every resident to vote on. The idea that receives the most votes will become the groups prime focus, Angell said.

"The hope is that out of the process, what rises to the top are what people share in common," Angell said. "The people in this room who live here know what's best for Peekskill."

Throughout the hour-long forum, 11 residents were given three minutes to present their priority issue to the large group. Ideas consisted of promoting more opportunities for artists, keeping the downtown walkable by adding more retail shops and restaurants, creating an emergency management plan and a code

enforcement committee, forming an information destination for residents, and forming a comprehensive plan.

"I would like city leaders, the broader Peekskill community and all of us here to work with business owners and landlords in keeping the downtown walkable and expanding it to its former borders," Brian Orsi said. "We need more retail, more bars and restaurants, more galleries, more unique local services, not more dollar stores and tax preparers and real estate offices."

Orsi encouraged residents to keep walking and shopping locally to ensure the business community continues to thrive. John Mucciolo added that there should be more enforcement on the appearance of commercial and vacant storefronts. He suggested that business owners work with city officials and residents on improving their appearance, explaining that the impressions people have on the city affects everyone.

"There are impressions of the area that a probably mixed," Mucciolo said. "We need to work toward making the best possible impression."

Another speaker made a similar request but for homeowners. The speaker said the City Code should be strictly enforced to ensure neighborhoods remain

safe, healthy and ascetically pleasing.

Three speakers suggested the city needs to promote more art and music throughout the community. Speakers said the community is full of artists who don't have the ability to display their art or share their music, suggesting the addition of a community art space, mentorships, exhibits and classes. They agreed art needs to be more accessible to residents

Brendon Fitzgerald said he wants to see the city participate in non-partisan elections. Fitzgerald explained a non-partisan election would benefit the community, stating it would keep the candidate accountable to the people and community issues instead of their political party. He added that it would also result in more residents wanting to vote, increased competitiveness, and an influx of qualified candidates.

"I think it's time that our elected officials do what's best for Peekskill and not a party, and to always do what's best for the residents of this city," Fitzgerald said. "I think we all have great ideas and we can all really work together."

The Peekskill Community Congress will host its next public forum at the Peekskill Brewery on January 17 at 6:30 p.m.

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## A Guide for Caregivers During the Holidays

### By Jerri Rosenfeld, LMSW and Rita Hayes, LCSW

(courtesy of the Ken Hamilton Caregivers Center at Northern Westchester Hospital)

Every year the holiday season brings unique challenges to almost everyone. But for caregivers who have loved ones in the hospital or are caretaking someone at home, the holidays can be a time of stress, frustration and exhaustion, instead of peace and good will.

If you have a loved one in the hospital during the holidays, you may experience the additional stress of visiting them in the hospital, concern about their well-being, as well as trying to maintain family holiday traditions. Needless to say, this combination can be extremely overwhelming.

## Tips for Caregivers, Family and Friends:

Here are some tips that you may find helpful while your loved one is in the hospital during the holidays. Remember for safety reasons, it's very important to check with hospital staff before you bring any items into the hospital room.

1) Bring small gifts to your family member if they are well enough to unwrap the item.

- 2) Bring something pleasant and safe as a decoration for their hospital room.
- 3) Bring in some comforts of home, such as your loved one's favorite pajamas, blankets or pillow.
- 4) Deliver their favorite snacks or holiday food that fit within any dietary restrictions.
- 5) If you think it will raise their spirits, assemble a photo album of pictures from previous holidays.
- 6) If religious, bring in a recording of a religious service, or watch one on television.
- 7 Play some holiday music or watch a favorite holiday movie together.
- 8) If family is unable to visit, reach out to the volunteer department for visitors.

## Gift Suggestions for hospitalized family members

Entertainment: Books, magazines, music, movies, crossword puzzles, and playing cards.

Enjoyment: Get well cards, holiday cards, and small gifts.

Gift of Service: Have someone offer to

run an errand for your loved one – this can feel very supportive when in the hospital. If your family member needs information about a community resource, you can offer to assist them in gathering information.

Those who provide care to loved ones in the community also experience additional stress during the holiday season. The demands of care-giving on a daily basis is tremendous, therefore holiday expectations can increase the demands of entertaining, cooking, gift buying, etc.

Of great importance to all caregivers is taking care of oneself and paying close attention to emotional needs. This might include support from social networks, maintaining communication with others, and identifying ways to reduce the demands placed on you as you approach the holidays.

#### Here are some tips that may be useful:

1. Consider modifying some holiday traditions by enlisting the help of friends and family to assist with shopping, cooking, and household chores. Perhaps have a "pot-luck" holiday meal instead of doing all the work

yourself.

- 2. Set manageable expectations for the holidays. Prevent over-taxing yourself in order to maintain traditional celebrations by making a plan that is realistic for you to implement.
- 3. Ask for and accept help! Let others know ways they can be helpful to you. Possibly include a note about your loved ones' condition in a holiday card. This may invite others to offer assistance.
- 4. Maintain your social connections. Support helps reduce isolation and can be helpful in managing stress.
- 5. Get enough rest and do some type of exercise on a regular basis.

Ideally, caregivers need to have daily, weekly, and monthly breaks from caregiving. Consider yoga, meditation, support groups, lunch with a friend, meeting someone for tea, taking a quiet drive, walking in nature, etc.

The Ken Hamilton Caregivers Center is available to help, whether you have a loved one at Northern Westchester Hospital or not. We can offer assistance and support to family and friends during the holidays. You can also call us at (914) 242-8128.

## Croton Man Charged in Pirate Radio Case

By Rick Pezzullo

A Croton-on-Hudson man was charged last week with unauthorized radio transmission following a joint investigation by the FCC's Enforcement Bureau and the Westchester County District Attorney's Office.

In this joint investigation, Enforcement Bureau's field agents investigated a complaint of a pirate radio signal broadcasting on 98.5 FM in Croton-On-Hudson in Westchester County. This illegal station was operated by Richard Dominguez, 55, under the name "La Mojada FM." The Commission shared the information with the Westchester

County District Attorney's Office, which seized the illegal pirate radio station equipment and arrested its operator on December 12.

"Pirate radio operations interfere with licensed broadcasting—including public safety messages," said Rosemary Harold, Chief of the Enforcement Bureau. "It is vital that we combat this problem aggressively, and partnerships like this make that possible. I'm proud of the work of our FCC team and thank Westchester County prosecutors for their commitment to combatting illegal broadcasting."

Westchester County District Attorney Anthony A. Scarpino, Jr. added: "We are

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proud to work with our federal partners to root out criminals wherever they are breaking the law in our community. The prosecution of this pirate radio broadcast is a unique collaboration between the Federal Communications Commission and our Investigations Division High Technology Crimes Bureau. No matter what kind of crime is committed here in Westchester, we will prosecute the defendants to the fullest."

Federal law generally prohibits the operation of a broadcast radio or TV station without a license issued by the Commission. Congress enacted this requirement nearly a century ago as a means of managing interference to ensure functioning communications. Pirate stations undermine this mission.



Richard Dominguez

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The number of reported hate crime incidents in 2017 jumped 17 percent over 2016 totals, according to the most recent F.B.I. data released last month.

The Westchester District Attorney's Hate Crimes Unit confirmed last week that the office agrees with the conclusion of Peekskill police that no crime was committed.

"The District Attorney's Office stands by the determination made by the Peekskill Police Department that it is not a criminal act," the District Attorney's Public Information Officer Helen Jonsen said.



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#### **Obituaries**

#### Dr. Bernard Yudowitz

Dr. Bernard S. Yudowitz, a resident of Peekskill, died December 11. He was 85.

He was the beloved husband of Evelyn (Margulies) Yudowitz, and son of the late Louis and Mollie Yudowitz.

He was a graduate of Peekskill H.S., Cornell Univ., Rutgers Law School, and Univ. of Glasgow School of Medicine. He was founder of Wild Acre Inns, a residential treatment center for the mentally challenged. He was also a dedicated philanthropist and benefactor of numerous organizations and social causes with impacts of local and global significance.

Dr. Yudowitz is survived by children Michael, Anne, Martin, and Lawrence, and grandchildren Louis, Max and Dan.

#### Sandra Steenwerth

Sandra Steenwerth, a resident of Crotonon-Hudson, died December 9. She was 54.

She was born to Theodore and Mary Steenwerth on January 31, 1964. She is survived by her husband Patrick Tobin, daughter Donna Adams-Pressman (Gabriel), grandsons Austin and Lincoln Pressman, siblings Michele Brown (Chris), and Theodore and Christina Steenwerth, and nieces Nikki and Tanya Steenwerth. She was pre-

deceased by her sister Eva Steenwerth. She will be missed by many nieces, nephews and friends.

#### Marie Rose Moretti

Marie Rose Moretti, a resident of Mohegan Lake, died December 7. She was 81.

She was born in New Rochelle to Pietro and Angelina Carpanzano. She married Patsy Moretti on August 29, 1959. She was an active parishioner of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. She was a member of the Alter Rosary Society where she helped prepare the church for funerals and also made bibs for the children's baptism. She was an accomplished seamstress and made quilted blankets for all her children and grandchildren

She is survived by her husband Patsy, son Patsy Moretti (Christine), daughters Michelle Maceira (Roger) and Susan Koudelka-Brundage (Christopher). Also survived by nine grandchildren and one great- grandchild. Predeceased by her son Vincent Moretti.

#### Franziska Albert

Franziska M. Albert, a resident of Yorktown, died December 7. She was 92.

She was born in Hungary on March 12, 1926 to Adam and Theresia Ament. She was

predeceased by her husband Max. Survived by her son Klaus Albert, daughter in-law Kathleen, daughter Margarete Niemann, grandchildren Caroline and Christoph, two brothers Adam Ament and his wife Resi, Bartholomew Ament and his wife Anny and a sister in-law Rosel Albert. Also survived by many nieces and nephews and many dear friends.

#### John Lancaster

After a lifetime of serving his country, community and church, Jack Lancaster, a resident of Peekskill, died peacefully at home on December 12. He was 94.

He was born on December 8, 1924 and was raised in Peekskill. He was the son of Lilian (Trevora) Lancaster and Albert Lancaster. He was preceded in death by his wife of 44 years Helen (Link) Lancaster. He was also preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters.

Mr. Lancaster is survived by his sister Shirley Siciliano, son Brian and his wife Jill, daughter Ellen, son Mark and his wife Loren. In addition to his sons and daughter, Jack has five grandchildren, Brandon, Ryan, Robert, Emma, Maxwell, two great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Lancaster enlisted in the U.S. Navy in February 1943 and served throughout WWII. He was awarded the American Theater Medal, European Theater Metal and Victory Medal. As a result of enlisting in the U.S. Navy, he was unable to graduate with his high school class and was awarded his high school diploma in July 2015 at the age of 91.

He was an active and respected member of the Van Cortlandtville Historical Society. He provided lessons on the history of Peekskill to many local school classes.

#### Ann F. Angelovich

Ann F. Angelovich (nee Sklar), a resident of Somers, died December 12 at Northern Westchester Hospital after a long illness. She was 77.

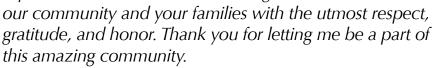
She was born in Yonkers on September 18, 1941 to Joseph and Julia Sklar and lived in Yonkers and Boston, MA before moving to Somers in 1998. She married the late Stephen J. Angelovich of Yonkers in 1961.

She is survived by one daughter: Joann Chalmers and one son: Michael Angelovich; four grandchildren: Kimberly Currier, Stephen J. Angelovich III, Natasha Angelovich and Grace Chalmers; one great-granddaughter: Ella J. Currier and her sister in law: Sr. Margaret Angelovich. She was predeceased by her husband in 1990, and their son, Stephen J. Angelovich, Jr. of Yonkers, in 2007.

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## 2019 Budgets Adopted by Boards in Four Municipalities

#### By Rick Pezzullo

Budgets for 2019 were adopted by boards in four local municipalities recently.

#### Yorktown

In Yorktown, a \$58.6 million budget with a 2.5% tax hike for residents was approved unanimously last week. Spending increased by \$1.2 million from this year.

Supervisor Ilan Gilbert described the first budget he oversaw as a "reasonable fiscal plan" that came in below the state-imposed tax levy cap.

"My goal is to get Yorktown's house in order but also be ever conscious of our limited resources," Gilbert said. "This budget is part of a bipartisan effort by the Town Board."

"Our priorities have been safety, security and quality of life in Yorktown," Councilman Ed Lachterman said. "It's a balancing act. We need to do what's right for the town. My job is not to make everyone happy. My job is to do what's right for the Town of Yorktown."

Gilbert said town officials had aging infrastructure needs to tackle that take priority over relocating the highway garage, a proposal his predecessor, Michael Grace, continues to lobby for.

"In a perfect world the town should consider a new highway garage," Gilbert said. "We have more immediate and pressing needs

#### Cortlandt

In Cortlandt, the Town Board adopted a budget that will raise taxes for most residents under \$2.

"The Town of Cortlandt is in excellent financial shape with the continuation of our very low town tax record," said Supervisor Linda Puglisi, who has been in office since 1992. "We have very low debt, only .83 of what Moody's states the town could borrow \$370 million. Our debt is mostly water related projects such as new water storage tanks and equates to \$5 million, lower than when I began as Supervisor in 1992.

"Also, we always have a budget surplus, never a deficit and have completed over \$150 million dollars in capital projects over the years: infrastructure, recreational, etc.," she added.

#### Somers

In Somers, the Town Board voted unanimously on December 13 to approve the \$9.2 million 2019 general fund budget, which will increase property taxes by two percent and meet the statemandated cap.

The budget will increase town prop-

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erty taxes on the average assessed home in Somers by \$16 next year.

In his original budget, Supervisor Rick Morrissey proposed a property tax increase of 2.9 percent. Earlier this month the Town Board agreed to use more of the fund balance than he originally sought to hold down the tax hike.

"I just want to commend the department heads and the Town Board and our Finance Director Robert Kehoe for all the hard work," Morrissey said.

Councilman Richard Clinchy said

some department heads begin working on their portions of the budget in August every year, projecting revenue for months in advance.

#### Ossining

In the Village of Ossining, Mayor Victoria Gearity said for the third year in a row the village budget carried a 0% tax rate increase for residents.

"Thank you to my colleagues on this

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## Man Charged with Using Axe to Take Holiday Gift

**By Rick Pezzullo** 

A Peekskill man was arrested Thursday for allegedly using an axe to forcibly take a holiday gift from a co-worker in Putnam Valley.

According to State Police in Cortlandt, at approximately 8:45 a.m., troopers were dispatched to Oscawana Lake Road in Putnam Valley for a report of menacing with a weapon. Investigation determined \$30 was given to Sean Date, 54, of Peekskill, and the victim to share by a customer as a holiday gift for their refuse collection services.

Police said Date attempted to forcibly take the entire \$30 from the victim using an axe.

Date was charged with Robbery in the 1st degree, a class B felony, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 4th degree, and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 7th degree, both class A misdemeanors.

He was arraigned in Town of Putnam Valley Court, and remanded to the Westchester County Jail in lieu of \$500 cash bail or \$1,000 bond. He is next scheduled to appear in court on December 19.



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## **County Executive Latimer Addresses Somers Town Board**

**By Neal Rentz** 

Westchester County Executive George Latimer continued his tour of municipalities in the county on December 13 when he made his "Good Neighbor Presentation" to the Somers Town Board.

Latimer told the Town Board he wanted to discuss his January executive order described as a "Good Neighbor Policy." Latimer provided the board with his executive order which he signed on his second day in office.

Latimer said the executive policy states when a significant proposed action is sought by the county, such as work on a pipe or a road closure and or in a county facility in a municipality, the relevant county officials will come to a municipal board meeting to provide information and answer questions. Following the meeting with local officials, municipalities will have up to 60 days to discuss among itself what the county is seeking to do, he said. The local board will provide a letter to the county stating its support, opposition or neutrality on the proposal. The county is required to respond to questions from the local board and have a dialogue.

"Your input may change what we do, stop what we do," Latimer said. "We're not a superior government to you."

Latimer said when he was a councilman in Rye he was concerned about the county taking actions without consulting the municipality. Supervisor Rick Morrissey said an arboretum was built within the past year in the county-owned Lasdon Park in Somers. Latimer said his executive order would include work at county parks such as Lasdon.

Councilman Anthony Cirieco asked Latimer how the county administers the executive order. The subject was covered in one of his first commissioners' meetings, Latimer said. County Director of Operations Joan McDonald seeks details of a project from a commissioner and she tells Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins or himself if the county action is significant and should be brought to the attention of a municipality, Latimer explained.

If a municipality is concerned about a county action in their area, Latimer said they should contact the appropriate county commissioner, the local county legislators or himself.

"This sounds like a great gesture," Councilman William Faulkner said. "But from a policy and procedure perspective, what does it give us other than the right to be heard? And is that a change?"

"There's no guarantee you're going to be agreed with," Latimer said. "We're trying to create the equivalent of a public hearing intercept which doesn't exist today."

The executive order seeks to create "a formal step of consultation" with municipalities, Latimer added.

## **Bridge at Mohansic Trailway in Yorktown Completed**

The Yorktown Trail Town Committee announced last week the completion of the first of three bridges for the Mohansic Trailway. Work on the final parts of the Trailway will begin in the spring. Barring unforeseen events, the Committee anticipates that the Trailway will be open to the public by the end of the summer.

Constructed by volunteers under the guidance of Jane and Walt Daniels, the

bridge was funded by a donation from the Marvin and Susan Raskin Charitable Foundation.

The bridge project follows the October completion of an 8' wide 564' long boardwalk through a wetland.

To date, a total of 60 volunteers, ranging in age from 11 to 80, have donated a total of 850 hours towards making the Trailway a reality. The volunteers include eight high school students, three

of whom came almost every week during the summer as well as two middle school students. As his Eagle project, Austin Fritz is building two sections of boardwalk that will provide a dry route from the boardwalk to the bridge.

The final phase of the project will include preparing the path at the Route 118 end of the Trailway which will be fund-

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Completed bridge on Mohansic Trailway.





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#### By Rick Pezzullo

As a Naval officer in the U.S. Naval Academy, Will Graves is well aware of the importance of water safety.

"I have been around water all my life. I'm amazed how dangerous people are around water," Graves said.

Therefore, it's not much of a stretch that Graves, who works in finance, and his wife, Gillian, a teacher, would decide as a venture to bring the Goldfish Swim School to Yorktown Heights, the first of its kind in Westchester County.

Having just opened its doors on December 10 in the Triangle Shopping Center, on the opposite end of ACME, it is the 79th Goldfish franchise built across the country, with 121 others in the planning stages. A few of those Will Graves said he is looking to open in other parts of Westchester.

"We are very excited to bring it to the area," Graves said. "Yorktown Heights is the ideal location. It's very child friendly, very family focused. I think we did a great thing for this shopping center. It's a great product. You're selling to kids. There's nothing better than seeing a kid happy."

The goal of Goldfish is to help kids

## **Goldfish Swim School**

#### Yorktown



PHOTO BY RICK PEZZULLO

Owner Will Graves poses on deck of pool at Goldfish Swim School in the Triangle Shopping Center in Yorktown.

ages four months to 12 years old build essential swim skills through what they call The Science of SwimPlay, a researchbased philosophy that teaches through guided play in a fun, safe environment. "It's about confidence. It's an activity that should give you confidence in the water," Graves said. "This is a children's activity that can be Amazoned away."

The facility encompasses six former

storefronts in the shopping center that the Graves' searched for almost two years to find. It features a state-of-the-art chlorination and water recycling system. The water temperature in the pool is 92 degrees and the air temperature is 90 degrees.

Open seven days a week, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Graves said almost 500 children have already signed up for swimming lessons. "I would love to educate 10,000 kids a year," Graves said.

Most of the classes offered have a 4:1 student-to-teacher ratio and the pool is handicapped-accessible. Goldfish will have between 50 and 60 employees.

Besides lessons, Goldfish offers Family Swim times for just \$5 per person (\$15 max per family). Those times are currently held on Friday and Sunday.

In addition, Goldfish has birthday party packages for between two and twoand-a-half hours with certified lifeguards and a party coordinator on duty to oversee all activities.

"We are attracting people from all over," Graves said.

For further information about the Goldfish Swim School, call (914) 440-3330 or visit www.goldfishswimschool.com.







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## Outside Holiday Decoration for the Kid in All of Us

Among all the holidays of my life, the one I remember most vividly is Christmas when I was seven years old, living in a row home in Philadelphia. That was the year my parents suggested that I might have a holiday party and invite the neighborhood kids in to see

our gigantic tree, decorated to the nines with hundreds of balls and demonstrating our family's specialty skill with hanging lead tinsel so precisely on each branch that it created a cascading effect of a frozen waterfall.

I loved decorating the lower branches with this material until it was discontinued in 1972 at the suggestion of the FDA, claiming that the lead posed a threat to children. My particular delight was that

at our tree's base was an oval track where a Lionel train, originally my dad's from the 1930s, chugged along with a clatter that I can still hear in my head. My brother Bobby, six years older than I, to whom dad's set was given, allowed me to lie to

my friends and say the train set was

mine rather than his, and that I could

operate it myself as long he was present

The

Home

By Bill Primavera

to supervise. preeminence for holiday My decoration and wonder was short-

lived, however, when my arch nemesis who lived next door, Joey Delayo, announced that his dad was decorating his front porch with strings of colored

> lights and we were all invited to come see it that evening. Christmas decoration outside, I wondered? I had never seen it.

Sure enough, later that evening, Joey's dad flipped the switch on what seemed to be endless strings of lights on the porch, illuminating the brick facades of the entire block. And Joey beamed as his mom handed out candy canes to all the kids who came to see the only outdoor display on the block. God, I hated that kid.

When I asked my dad if we could also decorate outside for Christmas, he said it was a waste of time and money. "Why decorate for the neighbors?" I remember him saying.

Today, more and more homeowners want to decorate for the neighbors and whenever I see a home with its lawn highly decked out for the holidays, I get the urge to pull up, knock on the door

and meet the owners. I'm sure that they would be great people who love kids and probably are still as wondrous as kids themselves.

In my old neighborhood, I remember the most talked about home at Halloween was owned by a fellow named Dominic who lived on a quiet street with his wife and three children. His lawn was a dark wonderland of scary figures, more than life-sized, in various guises and contraptions, from execution in an electric chair to scenarios with video amplification, music and smoke.

One year, I stopped and knocked on his door, but Domenic wasn't home. However, a young mother was walking past the house with her two children, ages eight and four. When I asked what they thought of their neighbor's display, the woman told me with great animation about all of its special effects.

I later reached out to Domenic by phone and asked whether he knocked himself out each year for the kids or for himself. "It's both," he said, explaining that it's "in his blood." "My parents always decorated their lawn and instilled the fun of it in me. Now my dad comes to help me build new devices to add to my collection."

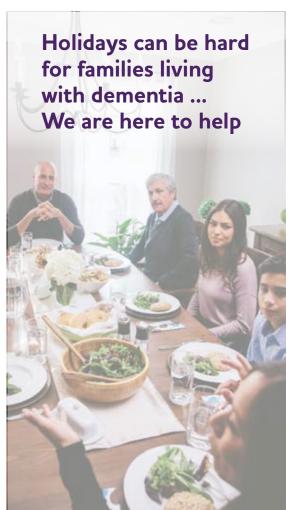
The scary fun of Halloween seems

poised to overtake the serenity of Christmas in terms of money outlay. The National Retail Association reports that today we spend around \$8 billion on both costumes and outside decorations for Halloween, more than double of what was spent in 2005.

What happened to the day when my biggest effort in entertaining my child for Halloween was to carve out a pumpkin and place a candle inside?

As for that Lionel train set, my very kind and generous brother Bobby, knowing how sentimental I was about it, presented it as a gift to me several years ago. Since then, sadly, my brother has died but I think of him at least once daily because the train set, pristine in its original boxes, sits in a larger box in the corner of my office, awaiting the opportunity to once again provide a noisy entertainment around the base of my Christmas tree.

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#### **ACROSS**

#### Across

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- 7. That too
- 11. Somewhat
- 12. One of Alcott's "little women"
- 13. Synthesized music
- 14. U.N. flight agency
- 15. Aboveboard
- 17. This eatery is a
- "milestone" in Cortlandt
- Manor, Oregon \_\_\_\_\_ Deli 20. On the safe side?
- 21. Like a bog
- 22. Arctic creature
- 24. Novelist Brookner
- 25. What comes to mind
- 26. Bridge of Sighs locale
- 32. Jazzman Saunders
- 33. Ousts
- 34. \_\_ 'n' Andy
- 35. Accusers

#### **DOWN**

1. L.A. clock setting, abbr.

- 2. Future fish
- 3. Tolkien beast
- 4. Max. degree
- 5. Heavy weight
- 6. Gone by
- 7. First name of two first ladies
- 8. Spy novelist
- 9. Long and slender
- 10. Expression of surprise
- 16. "Harry Potter" actress Watson
- 17. South American cowboy
- 18. TV antennas
- 19. Amphibian
- 20. Head wreath
- 23. "Safe \_\_\_\_\_" or Cortlandt

Manor hair studio

- 25. Introduction, in a way
- 27. \_\_\_\_ Peron, Argentinian first lady
- 28. Matchsticks game
- 29. Hotel freebie
- 30. Geom. point
- 31. Part of a slalom path

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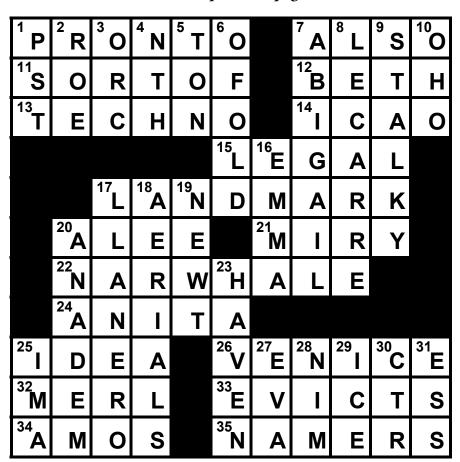
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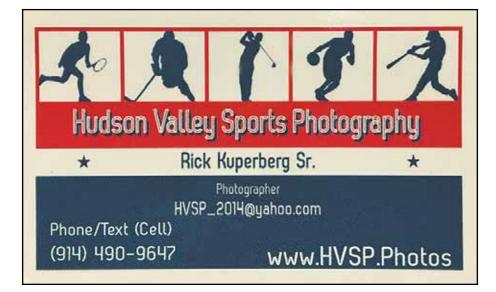
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board and past boards for the fiscally conservative practices that have enabled us to hold the line on the village tax rate. Thank you to the village management and staff who work diligently throughout the year to make smart decisions that keep us on budget," Gearity stated.

"Just like a household budget, there are two ways to manage growing expensesincrease revenue or decrease costs. The key to success is focusing on both sides of that equation. The 2019 focus on economic development and updating the comprehensive plan sets a long-term blueprint for our community that can increase revenue through commercial investment that will alleviate the burden on residential tax payers," she added.

Neal Rentz contributed to this article



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Jewish Center Programs A variety of classes are being held at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Family Tensions in the Bible, led by Rabbi Stanley Urbas, is held on the first and third Mondays of the month at 11 a.m. Rosh Chodesh Studies for Women, led by Marsha Sternstein, will next meet today at 7:30 p.m. Talmud and Contemporary Issues, led by Wendy Segal, are held on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Beginners Hebrew--led by Cantor Isabel Kopstein--Every Monday, at 1:30 p.m.; contact the office for details. Advanced Hebrew, led by Cantor Isabel Kopstein, is conducted on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Ten Minutes of Torah, led by Rabbi Sternstein, is held on Shabbat mornings at approximately at 10:30 a.m. Mishneh Torah (Maimonidean thought), led by Rabbi Sternstein, is held on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. The next class will be held today. Marsha Sternsteins's Midrash class for women will be held today at 7:30 p.m. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

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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.

Class Rescheduled: Marsha Sternsteins's Midrash class for women has been changed from Dec. 11 to today at 7:30 p.m. at the Yorktown Jewish enter, 2966 Crompond Rd. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

#### Wednesday, Dec. 19

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 Workout 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.

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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.

#### Thursday, Dec. 20

Acting Classes: The Four All Theater Company will be conducting acting class-

es 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.

#### Friday, Dec. 21

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.

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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.

Longest Night Service: First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown, 2880 Crompond Rd., will hold a Longest Night Service at 7:30 p.m. It is a candle-lit worship service which offers hope, support, prayer and quiet reflection to those for whom the Advent season may also bring sadness, grief and worry. For more information visit www.fpcyorktown.org.

#### Saturday, Dec. 22

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Support Connection Yoga Program: Support Connection announces a free program, Yoga: A Path toward Wellness will be offered from noon to 1:30 p.m. every Saturday through the rest of December at Club Fit in Jefferson Valley. Open to women living with breast, ovarian and gynecological cancers. To learn more or to pre-register, which is required, call Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

#### Sunday, Dec. 23

United Methodist Church Services: Advent services will be held at United

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APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF SURETY TITLE AGENCY COASTAL REGION, L.L.C. filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/6/18. Formed in NJ on 10/12/99. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail copy of process to 853 Mill Creek Rd., Manahawkin, NJ 08050. The office

address required to be maintained in NJ is 11 Eves Dr., Ste. 150, Marlton, NJ 08053. Cert. of formation filed with State Treas., 33 W. State St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SU-JEAN STUDIO LLC filed with Secretary of State NY on 11/14/2018. Office location: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 33 Windmill Rd., Armonk NY 10504. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SEC-OND MOUSE CHEESE, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 10/18/2018. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to SECOND MOUSE CHEESE, LLC, 351 Manville Road, Pleasantville, NY 10570. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that a license number PENDING for beer, liquor and wine has been applied for by the undersigned\* to sell beer, liquor and wine at retail in a restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 222 East Main Street, Store #1, Mount Kisco, in the County of Westchester for on-premises consumption. TPM Partners, Inc. d/b/a Fiesta Cancun on Main

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF KA-BATCHNICK ENTERPRISE HOLD-INGS LLC Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/7/2018. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 18 Belmont St., White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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Methodist Church of Shrub Oak, 1176 E. Main St. On Dec. 23 a Christmas pageant during worship will be held at 10:30 a.m. On Dec. 24 a candlelight Christmas Eve worship service will be held at 7 p.m. On Dec. 30 a service of lessons and carols will be held at 10:30 am. For more information, call 914-245-4682.

**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: Ellisha Simpson at 914-319-4010.

**Bingo Cancelled:** All bingo games at the Yorktown Jewish Center have been canceled for the immediate future. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter. org.

#### Monday, Dec. 24

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.

First Presbyterian Services: Christmas Eve services are being held at the First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown, 2880 Crompond Rd. At 2 p.m. a family service and children's pageant will be held. Candlelight services will be held at 7:30 and 11 p.m. Info: www.fpcyorktown.org.

Grace Lutheran Services: Christmas Eve services will be held at 2:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 3830 Gomer St., Yorktown. Worship is centered around the telling of the Christmas story to the younger generations. There will be the singing of "Silent Night" by candlelight to send us home. If a more traditional Christmas with carols, choir and communion is what interests you, come at 7:30 p.m. If you can do a late night, the Christmas Vigil (a time of waiting and watching) will be held at 11 p.m. It is a very festive, intimate and enriching collection of eclectic carols of every age and thoughtful readings about Christmas from many sources. Info: 914-245-5737.

Christmas Among Friends: There will be silent worship, caroling and refreshments beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the Amawalk Friends Meeting House, 2467

Quaker Ridge Rd., off Route 35, in Yorktown. All are welcome. Parking will be available in the driveway of the Amawalk Cemetery. Bring a flashlight. Info: 914-523-2134.

**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.

#### **Keep In Mind**

Blood Drive: An American Red Cross blood drive will be held on Dec. 26 from noon to 5 p.m. at the John C. Hart Memorial Library, 1130 E. Main, Shrub Oak. To schedule an appointment visit www.red-crossblood.org.

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submit your information at least three weeks prior to your event and include the words "Happenings Calendar Submission" in your email subject line. Entries should be sent to Neal Rentz at nrentz@theexaminernews.com.com.

# **Bridge at Mohansic Trailway** in Yorktown Completed

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ed by the town's \$7,500 Hudson Valley Greenway grant. Volunteers will build the two bridges which will be funded by another donation from a private charitable fund.

When completed, the Trailway will provide an off-road link between the North County Trail and FDR State Park and from the state park to many of Yorktown's other trails.

As part of Yorktown Trail Town Committee's ongoing efforts to encourage the

use of the town's extensive network of trails, the Committee recently installed 26 signs along town roads directing motorists and cyclists to many of the more out-of-the -way trails. The signs were funded by donations from the Yorktown Lions Club and the Candreva Environmental Foundation.

More information about the Mohansic Trailway and Yorktown Trail Town Committee is available at www.yorktowntrailtown.com. The Committee's monthly meetings are open to the public.

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