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Village of Ossining Approves Emergency Tenant Protection Act

By Anna Young

The Ossining Village Board narrowly voted to establish the Emergency Tenant Protection Act following years of controversy over affordable housing and rent stabilization within the village.

Following an almost four-hour contentious public hearing and a heated debate amongst the board last Wednesday, officials voted 3-2 in favor of the Emergency Tenant Protection Act. While Mayor Victoria Gearity, who opposed the state law, suggested the board delay

the vote, Trustee John Codman asserted the board needed to act with a sense of urgency to pass legislation.

"This debate has been going on for nearly two years. Nothing new has come forward here," Codman said. "This community needs to heal, we need to get beyond this and we need to protect the people who put themselves in danger of being evicted by coming to this meeting tonight, and I will not spend another hour on a study or debating or looking at something. I am not waiting any longer."

Last month, a study conducted by Collective for Community, Culture and Environment was presented to village officials revealing that Ossining has a 3.06 percent vacancy rate, putting it within the bounds of eligibility to adopt the Emergency Tenant Protection Act.

While Trustees Codman, Quantel Bazemore and Omar Herrera voted in favor of the act, Gearity and Trustee Rika Levin said the Emergency Tenant Protection Act (ETPA) would be too great a cost for the

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PHOTO BY ANNA YOUNG

Former Mayor John Perillo was among those in attendance at contentious hearing last week.

Peekskill Police Dept. to Give Cash for Guns Sunday

By Rick Pezzullo

The Peekskill Police Department will be hosting an anonymous gun buyback event Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the United Methodist Church at 1040 Main Street.

No questions will be asked about any of the weapons that are turned in and cash payouts will be given. Payments are capped at \$450 per person.

"Keeping Peekskill one of the safest cities in New York is our top priority," said Peekskill Police Chief Don Halmy. "We must continue to engage our community by raising their awareness to the tragic effects of gun violence and use their assistance in getting guns off our streets and out of homes where they are unwanted and easily accessible."

Five years ago when a similar event took place, 75 guns were turned in. Halmy said Deputy Mayor Kathleen Talbot expressed interest in reviving the program and they worked closely together to bring it back.

In June, a PBA fundraiser, hosted by Louie Lanza and John Sharpe at the River Outpost Brewery, raised \$12,000 that was designated for the gun buyback/amnesty program. Halmy said additional funds are available from asset forfeiture.

"The overwhelming sentiment of those attending was the same, the epidemic of gun violence in America has gotten out of control and it is up to everyone to do their part to help change this," Halmy stated. "Every gun that is taken out of

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Horsing Around

Adults and children enjoyed three days of activities at the 94th Annual Yorktown Grange Fair last week. For more photos, see pages 14-15. **For a list of winners, see page 22.**

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community and would make Ossining less affordable for residents and potential investors.

"Any increase felt by non ETPA landlords will be passed directly onto their tenants," Gearity said. "The unintended consequences will be more detrimental to our community than the benefits can justify."

Levin added that ETPA is not a fair piece of legislation and would unjustly shift the village's cost burden annually to other renters, homeowners, co-op owners and condos. She said the law wouldn't provide affordable housing, only stabilize cost for those in eligible ETPA buildings and increase the cost of living for everyone else. It's unconscionable for an elected official to support it, she said.

Under the act, the village would enforce a rent stabilization policy for all buildings constructed before 1974 with six or more units.

ETPA would ensure that tenants are offered one or two-year leases and that apartments receive proper maintenance. It would also protect tenants from being evicted except on grounds allowed by law, illegal rent increases, landlord harassment, and all a rent freeze for certain senior citizens and people with disabilities.

Ossining would be the 20th municipality to enact the state law. Other communities, including Croton-on-Hudson, Dobbs Ferry, Sleepy Hollow, Pleasantville and Tarrytown, have implemented ETPA.

"This is a major victory for tenants in the fight for universal rent control. We need a state government that puts families' needs for stable homes over the interests of corporate landlords," Gubernatorial candidate Cynthia Nixon said in a statement. "If I'm elected Governor, we'll continue the fight by expanding rent regulation statewide in 2019."

Throughout the September 5 hearing, more than 30 people in the standing-room-only crowd shared their concerns. Landlords in attendance claimed they already provide affordable housing for their tenants, and the act would lower profitability, create tension with their tenants and jeopardize the way business is conducted.

Franco Milo, who owns buildings on Croton Avenue and James Street, said he has experienced the negative effects of ETPA in buildings in Yonkers and Mount Vernon. He said the law is heavily abused, creates a high vacancy rate and disparity in the market, and affects housing.

"How is a landlord who has a pre-war building expected to entertain low rents and an ultimately ever-expanding array of repairs?" Milio said. "I think it's totally wrong."

Jack Doyle, executive director of New Settlement Apartments, said all the units he owns are protected under ETPA. He said it has provided stability for residents and his organization has not faced any struggle obtaining the financing needed to improve, maintain and operate buildings.

In Ossining, more than 1,200 apartments would be eligible for rent stabilization, making it the largest expansion of rent stabilized housing in the state in two decades.

Several residents in attendance pleaded with the board to pass the ETPA, explaining how they've been treated poorly by landlords who increase rent monthly, refuse to maintain the dwelling and property, and will evict a tenant if they make too many complaints or speak out against them.

Community Voices Heard member Sheila Vereen-Massengale said she was targeted by a landlord who wielded his power and refused to renew her lease after she was discovered advocating for ETPA. She said ETPA will strengthen

the community and protect long-time residents from being forced out of their homes.

"Over 1,200 Ossining families will now be given legal protections from landlord harassment, protected from exorbitant rent increases and will be guaranteed basic repairs and maintenance," Vereen Massengale said. "This, by no means, fixes the affordability crisis facing towns throughout Westchester, but it is an important step towards stability for renters."

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Q: During what ages should I have annual mammograms?

A: Starting at age 40, this screening tool saves the most lives. There is no defined upper age limit to stop mammography. The incidence of breast cancer increases with age: 30 percent of invasive breast cancers occur in women over the age of 70. We recommend that annual screenings continue as long as the patient is in otherwise good health and willing to undertake additional testing if an abnormality is detected.

Q: How do I benefit from advanced breast cancer screening technologies?

A: The latest mammogram screening technology is the **3-D mammogram** (digital mammogram with tomosynthesis), which lets us see through tissue and find more cancers than does a standard digital

mammogram. Another newer technology is the **supplemental screening ultrasound** for dense breasts, which helps us evaluate dense breast tissue and masses seen on the mammogram by letting us distinguish between solid and cystic tissue. The **breast MRI** can be used to screen women at high risk for breast cancer due to genetic factors, family history or previous high-risk findings, or used as an additional tool to look for further abnormalities in women recently diagnosed with cancer. Advanced imaging technologies are offered at Northern Westchester Hospital's women's imaging sites in Mt. Kisco and Yorktown.

Q: Should women with dense breast tissue receive special screenings?

A: About 40 to 50 percent of women have dense breast tissue. There are two components of breast tissue: fatty tissue and fibroglandular tissue. Fibroglandular tissue appears white on a standard mammogram, as do tumors, so tumors can be obscured. If you have dense breasts, ask about supplemental screening with a breast ultrasound. This technology increases detection by a rate of approximately four cancers per 1,000 screenings over that achieved by a standard mammogram.

Banning Signs in the Historic District Debated in Somers

By Neal Rentz

A group of property owners came to the Sept. 6 Somers Town Board meeting to request that the board not go forward with legislation to ban temporary signs, such as real estate signs, in the Business Historic District.

Supervisor Rick Morrissey said last week the legislation was needed because the Business Historic District is the only section of Somers that does not ban the signs.

But property owners said the signs were needed to rent or sell commercial and residential properties and they were willing to work with the Town Board to come up with a compromise on limitations on the signs.

Ann Ranani said she would be willing to put up small signs that would need to be approved by the town Architectural Review Board.

Ralph Ragette, who said he has been a real estate broker for 43 years, said unlike

residential properties, it is difficult selling commercial properties through the Internet and signs are necessary.

Rick DiNardo was one of the residents who said additional time was needed before the Town Board could take action on the legislation. Many residents do not know "what the sign code is" and the public hearing needed to be kept open, he said.

"We need to clarify this," DiNardo said. "There's a lack of information on everybody's part."

Morrissey said the legislation would

make the Town Code uniform by adding the Business Historic District in banning temporary signs. Town employees regularly remove signs from the other parts of town, he said, adding, "We are enforcing the code."

Morrissey said he was willing to listen to suggestions from property owners and the board would not be voting on the legislation at last week's meeting.

The public hearing was adjourned last week to a future meeting. A date for the resumption of the hearing was not announced last week.



PHOTO BY NEAL RENTZ

Somers resident Rick DiNardo discussed the proposed temporary sign ban in the Business Historic District at the Sept. 6 Somers Town Board public hearing.

Somers Town Board Bans Opening of Vape Shops in Town

By Neal Rentz

Saying it wanted to protect youths, the Somers Town Board voted unanimously on Sept. 6 to ban the opening of vape shops.

Supervisor Rick Morrissey said a ban was needed because the board was told by residents "that vaping has become an issue with young kids."

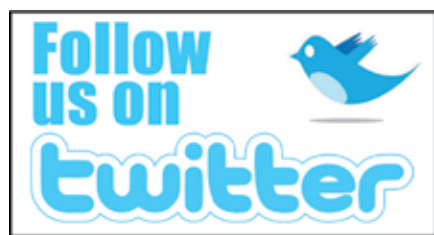
The idea behind the ban on opening vape shops is an effort to limit access to vaping materials such as e-cigarettes, Morrissey said.

"We wanted it to be known that the Town of Somers is not welcoming this type of the business," Morrissey said.

Councilman Richard Clinchy said companies are marketing vaping liquids to children by offering such flavors as candy cane and watermelon. Those who begin vaping as youths are more likely to become smokers, he said.

Councilman Anthony Ciriaco agreed with Clinchy, saying the legislation to ban vape shops was necessary to protect youths.

No residents spoke during last week's public hearing, which was closed by the Town Board.



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Officials, Leaders Blast FERC for Silence on Pipeline Concerns

By Rick Pezzullo

State and local elected officials and community leaders stood outside the fences surrounding the Indian Point nuclear power plants in the Village of Buchanan Friday and demanded the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) respond to questions posed about the potential dangers associated with the controversial Spectra/Enbridge AIM pipeline that runs adjacent to Indian Point and several school buildings in Northern Westchester.

Four members of the State Assembly, including Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (D/Ossining), penned a letter to FERC Chairman Kevin McIntyre on July 24 following the June 22 release of a long-awaited Risk Analysis Report on the pipeline and requested answers no later than August 31.

Multiple state agencies also requested FERC take additional action after determining FERC made many assumptions based on information provided by Entergy, owners of Indian Point, and Spectra Energy, the original builders of the 42-inch Algonquin pipeline project.

To date, FERC has not responded, which isn't sitting well with Galef, Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi and others.

"Silence is not something that is ac-



RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

Officials and activists joined forces outside Indian Point fences in Buchanan Friday

ceptable to us," Galef said. "For FERC to not address the safety of the AIM pipeline is unconscionable and unacceptable to all of us who are affected by the pipeline. This is a critical moment for Cortlandt and Peekskill residents and beyond."

Puglisi, who noted FERC approved

the pipeline project in May 2014 before a risk assessment was completed, said the pipeline is situated next to where spent nuclear fuel rods will be placed in dry cask storage once Indian Point shuts down in 2021.

"So close to the nuclear plants is frightening," Puglisi said. "You don't have to be a nuclear engineer to know that for Heaven's sake. I'm outraged. It's just a travesty."

Courtney Williams, co-founder of a safe energy rights group and a cancer research scientist, said the pipeline runs within 400 feet of her Peekskill home and Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary School where her daughter attends.

"It is clear this poses a significant risk to our community," Williams said. "FERC cannot continue to ignore New York State when it comes to the safety of millions that live near Indian Point."

Two days earlier, Attorney General candidate Zephyr Teachout visited Peekskill at a Peekskill playground within the blast radius of the pipeline. Teachout vowed to fight back against FERC and intervene in their pipeline review process by providing a clear, moral and legal voice.

"Four years ago, when FERC was supposed to be reviewing these pipeline

projects and supposed to take into account all the impacts, there was a missing voice," Teachout said. "The missing voice was the voice of science, of parents telling the truth about the real economic impact, the real health impacts, the real daily impacts of what it means if your children have to be playing on a playground near a blast zone of a dangerous pipeline near a nuclear plant."

Peekskill Councilwoman Vanessa Agudelo agreed that state officials haven't done enough to address the pipeline risks. She said the risk assessment was only ordered by Governor Andrew Cuomo following immense public pressure, but the results have been ignored leaving countless lives in danger.

"We cannot stand for this anymore," Agudelo said. "For too long we have allowed our public officials to put profit over the very people they have sworn to protect and serve."

Democratic Senate candidate Robert Kesten, who lives near the pipeline's Southeast Compressor Station, suggested county leaders in Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess turn off the pipeline until the federal and state governments can vouch for its safety. He said protecting people must be the priority.

Anna Young contributed to this story



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Gearity, Herrera Square Off in Dem Primary for Ossining Mayor

By Rick Pezzullo

Two-term incumbent Mayor Victoria Gearity and Trustee Omar Herrera will be squaring off Thursday, September 13 in a critical Democratic primary for mayor.

The following are the candidate's answers to questions posed by *The Northern Westchester Examiner*:

Omar Herrera

1) How confident are you going into the primary and when and why did you decide to take on the incumbent mayor this year?

I decided to take on the incumbent mayor because my time as both a Village Trustee and as a Village resident has shown me that Ossining is a fractured community that needs to be unified. We can't say we are united until we realize and discuss what divides us. Not everyone in the village is being heard or respected, and I'm uncomfortable with that. Just because I belong to the same political party as the incumbent, that doesn't mean that we have the same goals or vision.

As for my confidence going into the Democratic primary, that's a more difficult question to answer. I've been blown away by the support I've received from so much of the Ossining community. But as a grassroots candidate, I certainly don't have the money to conduct polling of any sort, so I can't speak to how likely I am to win the



Omar Herrera surrounded by campaign supporters.

Democratic primary. What I can say for certain is that every registered Democrat in Ossining should be sure to vote on the 13th, even if it's not for me. It's very important that everyone has a say in our candidates and elected officials, no matter what level of government.

2) If unsuccessful in the primary, will you continue your campaign for mayor? If so, on what line (s)?

I believe it is incredibly important for Ossining voters to have a choice at the polls. Because of this, I will absolutely continue my campaign should I not win the Democratic primary. I am honored to have

received the endorsement of the Working Families Party, and will be on the November ballot on this party line regardless of the outcome in the Democratic primary next week. To those who might be unfamiliar, the Working Families Party is a progressive group that focuses on fighting the social, economic, racial, and educational inequalities that rob the working- and middle-class of

true opportunity. I'm honored that Working Families sees in me the same ideals that they hold dear, and I'm proud of that endorsement, regardless of what happens in the next week's primary.

3) With ETPA a hot issue right now in the village, what is your position on it?

It's certainly a complicated issue, but I am absolutely in favor of ETPA. In fact, I was one of the three Ossining Village Trustees to vote in favor of enacting it at Wednesday's Village Board of Trustees meeting, after the closure of the public hearing. It should be noted that Ossining's

incumbent mayor voted against ETPA, and was in the minority at this meeting as the measure passed 3-2 with fellow trustees Deputy Mayor John Codman III and Quantel Bazemore also supporting it. It should also be noted that this is the 2nd attempt to bring this measure for a vote, which was not done in 2016 despite going through studies and public hearings. There has been a lot of misinformation about what ETPA will accomplish and what more needs to be done. I freely admit that ETPA is not a perfect solution by any means. We need to do more, much more, to ensure that Ossining remains a great and affordable place to live. But I know that ETPA is one important step in the path to creating the stable Ossining that we will all benefit from. ETPA will give some of our current residents the freedom to stay here in the community that they love. That's never a bad thing. I hope we can now move on to the many other pressing issues Ossining faces, as I have been trying to highlight.

4) Do you agree with the recent study that suggested Ossining should declare a housing emergency?

I don't think this is a matter of agreeing versus disagreeing. Whether or not we should declare a housing emergency should come down to facts, and nothing

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March Through Croton Brings Attention to Climate Change

By Anna Young

More than 200 environmental activists marched through Croton-on-Hudson Saturday morning as part of an international movement to urge elected officials to take immediate action on climate change and provide a more sustainable future.

The local march, called the Rise for Climate, Jobs and Justice, was just one of hundreds of protests around the world that coincide with the start of the Global Climate Action Summit in San Francisco this week. At the summit, local, state and international leaders will meet to mobilize efforts to combat climate change.

The Rise for Climate march stepped off at the Croton Free Library on Cleveland Drive and followed a route to Vassallo Park. Participants carried an array of signs, played music and made passionate speeches about preserving the environment, rejecting fossil fuels and transitioning to renewable energy.

Climate Reality Leader Patty Buchanan criticized Governor Andrew Cuomo for expanding fracked gas infrastructure throughout the state. She implored local officials to listen to their constituents and put forth action plans to eliminate fossil fuel. Our national leaders have abdicated their responsibilities, she said.

"We are gathered to make clear that we want a fast, fair and just transition to 100



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Environmental activists marched through Croton streets Saturday.

percent renewable energy," Buchanan said. "The fossil fuel industry has a grip on our economy and our political systems and we must release that grip with a sense of urgency."

Courtney Williams, a Peekskill resident and co-founder of Safe Energy Rights Group (SEnRG), also condemned Cuomo for wanting to establish a gas fired power plant when the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant shuts down in 2020. She said the gas fired plants would create noxious gasses that would poison the environment and residents.

"Fossil fuels are an acute threat to not only our environment but to our economy, health and resources. Fossil fuels are harmful to all of us," said State Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (D-Ossining).

"Either as a pollutant or a detriment to our health, it is imperative that we find a means to create a fossil free state, a fossil free country, and a fossil free world."

Once marchers reached the Municipal Building, they demanded Croton officials pass several local laws that would make the village more environmentally sound.

Requests included, a solar canopy over the parking lot at Croton-Harmon Train Station; replacing municipal and police cars with electric vehicles; establishing electric vehicle charging stations at the train station and municipal building; a ban on single-use plastic bags; strict enforcement of the "No idling for more than three minutes" law; officials to adopt the goal of becoming a zero-waste community; and a ban on the use of pes-

ticides on municipal property.

Croton Mayor Brian Pugh said the village has made several efforts to combat climate change. He cited a renewable community energy program in partnership with Sustainable Westchester, assisting residents install solar power systems to make their homes more energy efficient, and installing new LED lighting in municipal buildings.

"With the current regime in Washington, the effort to combat the climate change will have to be driven by local and state governments and concerned citizens," Pugh said. "Croton has been designated a Clean Energy Community and a Climate Smart Community by New York State."

Croton Harmon High School senior Rory Curtin said her schools environmental committee has worked diligently to make change but has experienced the struggle to be heard. She said climate change is an issue that has empowered her generation to do more.

"In everything we do we have the power to bring sustainable thinking," Curtin said. "It doesn't matter how much power you hold in society, we can and must change what we have access to. We are the voices of tomorrow, but we can also be the voices of today."

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Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor:

During these tough economic times, many businesses and community organizations are being asked to take a position by supporting a certain political party or candidate. It is selfish and unfair for political parties and candidates to put any group in a position where they feel pressured to make a choice.

Local businesses are operated by people who come from a variety of

political persuasions, as do the customers upon whom they rely. The same is true of individuals who belong to one or more organizations or members of community organizations who also own a business. Pressuring either businesses or community organizations to post political signs, posters and brochures in their establishments could put them in a difficult position.

If your business or organization is

approached by any political party or candidate to display signs, posters and brochures, just say NO. But if like many people, you feel obligated to do so, simply say YES! Say yes to all parties and candidates by displaying opposing campaign literature too.

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It's hard enough running a business or organization without turning off half the electorate—and it's the fair and equitable thing to do. Do the right thing! Businesses and community organizations need to be inclusive, not exclusive.

Bob Giordano

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Gearity Not Working for Ossining Residents and Businesses

To the Editor:

There are a number of reasons why I do not support Victoria Gearity's bid for re-election as the Mayor of the Village of Ossining. The chief among them is her failure to listen to the voice of the people.

I would like to refresh everyone's memory regarding the very contentious proposed roundabout at the historic 5 corners intersection in downtown Ossining. Local organizations, businesses, and residents voiced their concerns and opposition to the project to the Village Board and Mayor Gearity. Questions were raised about the need for the project, cost, and safety. Despite

the very vocal opposition to the project, the Village Board, led by Mayor Gearity decided to proceed with a half million dollar bond vote to continue with the project on February 1, 2017. But the fight was not over-the Greater Ossining Chamber of Commerce mobilized a petition campaign to force a referendum to put the approved half million dollar bond up for a public vote. Over 1,500 signatures were gathered. Did Mayor Gearity listen? No--- in fact, her administration declared the petitions invalid due to technicalities. No public vote was held and the plan for the roundabout continued- at a tax payer

cost of over \$70,000. It was only after the Ossining Chamber of Commerce and business owners threatened to file a lawsuit that the board decided not to proceed with the bond.

Mayor Gearity could have allowed the public to vote on the project through a referendum regardless of the petitions, the Board has that power. It was her choice to deny village residents their right to vote on the project. She called opponents of the project "obstructionist to progress".

Most people didn't realize that if the roundabout was built, we would have lost Market Square. It would be turned

into a parking lot, with no plan to replace this important public space within the downtown area.

This was a clear choice to ignore the will of the people. Let's use this election as the public referendum we were denied and chose Omar Herrera as the Democratic candidate for Ossining Mayor.

It's time to change the leadership in the Village of Ossining. Vote Omar Herrera on Primary Day September 13

BRENDA BURBACH,

Village of Ossining

Homeowner & Resident

Village Taxes to Increase \$1.6 million with ETPA

To the Editor:

Two years ago I presented before this board a paper entitled "The High Cost of ETPA." I had met with Fernando Gonzales, the Tax Assessor for the Town of Ossining, and we discussed the method of taxation for multiple dwelling units. He verified that apartment buildings are assessed on their profitability, the greater the profit on a building, the higher the assessment and conversely, the lower

the profit, the lower the assessment. Mr. Gonzalez went on to say that the level of profitability for optimal valuation was 10%. We then discussed this in relation to the income restrictions placed on those buildings in the ETPA program by the Westchester County Rent Guidelines Board which would allow for a 0% rental increase. We then assumed that during the year the building expenses could rise 2%. This would reduce the profitability

of the properties from 10% to 8%. At that time 1189 units were being considered with a total tax valuation of \$101,871,300. The tax rate was 4.1% (the highest property tax rate in Westchester County). A 0% increase in rents with a 2% increase in inflation would cause a 20% reduction in tax valuation and would cost the Village \$835,345 in lost tax revenue which would then have to be assessed to the remaining tax base.

Let's fast forward to 2018! I have again consulted with the Ossining Town tax assessor, Fernando Gonzalez, to verify methodology. This year the number of units is 1897, the tax valuation is \$187,401,400, the tax rate is 4.21% of assessed valuation (again the highest property tax rate in Westchester County). The taxes collected would be \$7,889,599. A 20% reduction in profitability would lead to a \$1,577,919 loss in tax revenue to the schools, county and village which would have to be assessed to the remaining tax base.

All this for a program that your housing consultants have stated does not provide one new unit of affordable housing, does not benefit anyone entering the community, and ultimately

raises the cost of housing for all Ossining residents!

The Village Manager should lead in a cost/benefit analysis of this program in consultation with the Planning Board and also let us know if Ossining residents will lose the state tax rebate as a result. The tax assessor should present to the Village and community on the costs of the program and loss of tax revenue. The Village Treasurer should weigh in on whether the Village of Ossining would likely lose its favorable bond credit rating. The Corporation Council should present to the community a report on the fiduciary responsibilities of elected village officials to their community. And lastly, Ossining residents should go to STOPETPA.org/ and state whether they want a tax increase of \$1.6 million!

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Director, Greater Ossining Chamber of Commerce

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Obituaries

Georgianna Grant

Georgianna Keogh Grant, a resident of Croton-on-Hudson, died peacefully September 3 at her home of more than 50 years. She was 85.



Georgianna Grant

Wife, mother, sister and friend to so many, she was born August 11, 1933 to Grenville Temple Keogh and Mary Emma Pallen Keogh in New Rochelle. An exceptionally strong woman who served her community was loved by many, even her political allies alike. She served as Croton-on-Hudson village trustee from 1990-2004 with a beginning political career in the 1970's. Her grandfather, Martine Jerome Keogh, was a NY State Supreme Court Judge who was the inspiration to her political passion.

She was passionate about community and was active in national, local and environmental causes. Even with a family so large, she embraced the Fresh Air Fund for many years to help and inspire children less fortunate.

She was predeceased by her husband John Francis Grant and granddaughter Marta Fernandez; along with six brothers; Martin, Grenville, Conde, Robert, Peter and Michael; and her sister, Mary Ellen McQuail. She is survived by eight children, Mary Ellen Fernandez, Teresa (Robert Cowell, Jr.), Susan (C. James Dorien), Christine (John Newton), Michael (Peggy), John (Lisa), Martha (Michael Bellucco) and Timothy (Stacey).

Rose Uva

Rose D. Uva, a longtime resident of the Village of Buchanan, died peacefully September 4. She was 94.

She was born July 30, 1924 in Peekskill. She was predeceased by her beloved husband Louis Uva, who were married on April 21, 1956 at the Assumption Church in Peekskill. Mrs. Uva was a 50-year resident of Buchanan. She was a longtime member of the Buchanan Ambulance Corps. She was also a longtime telephone operator at the formerly Bell-south Telephone company of Peekskill. She is survived by her sister Julia Kern.

Raymond Knapp

Raymond Anthony Knapp, a/k/a "Tony," a resident of Yorktown, died August 30 at White Plains Hospital after a long illness. He was 66.

He was born December 16, 1951 to Joseph A. Knapp Jr., and Mary (Lane)

Knapp. He is survived by his beloved and loving daughter Marilyn Knapp LaCroix, his granddaughter Chloe LaCroix and his former spouse Maryanne Chema DeVito. He is also survived by his sister Marylane Deatherage (Fred), brother Joseph (Victoria), five beloved nephews, seven grandnieces and nephews and many beloved aunts, cousins and friends.

Donna Marie Vance

Donna Marie Tetro Vance, a resident of Mahopac, died September 4 at Hudson Valley Hospital with her loving family by her side. She was 53.

She was born January 4, 1965 to Angelo and Marie Tetro in the Bronx. She was employed by Keller Williams Real Estate in Somers. Many of her clients became long lasting friendships and they considered her family as well. Although she enjoyed working, she also was passionate about raising funds for any foundations or charity with a good cause.



Donna Marie Vance

She was full of life and she also loved animals, was a huge fan of the New York Yankees and enjoyed lazy days on the beach, but her favorite past-time of all was spending time with her family and friends. She was a loving mother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend to many. She will be dearly missed by all who had known and loved her. She always had a smile on her face, and was considered the life of the party.

She is survived by her cherished son; Brandon Tyler Vance, her beloved parents; Marie Diaz and Angelo Tetro and her step-mother Nancy, her two loving siblings; Angelo Nicholas Tetro and Michael Anthony Tetro. She is also survived by her good friend and her son's father, Ron Vance.

Tyrone Hammonds

Tyrone B. Hammonds, a lifelong Peekskill area resident, died August 24. He was 33.

He was born July 7, 1985 at Hudson Valley Hospital Center to Edward Hammonds and Mildred A. Mulligan. He was employed by Aaa Carting & Rubbish Removal, Inc. in Cortlandt. He was an avid sports fan and a body builder. He was a family man and loved his children.

Mr. Hammonds is survived by his mother, Mildred A. Mulligan, son, Tyson Hammonds, daughter, Tess Hammonds, four brothers: Edward Hammonds, Keith Mulligan, Jevod Mulligan Sr, and

Christopher Hammonds, sister, Shamecca Thornton and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Edward Stark

Edward E. (Big Ed) Stark died peacefully September 1 at his home in Heritage Hills in Somers. He was 96.

Born in Flushing on August 17, 1922, he was the son of Henry and Amelia Stark. He attended college at Texas A&M University and the State University of New York in Oswego, earning a degree in Industrial Arts Education. In later years he attended New York University in New York City in the evenings to pursue a master's degree. Mr. Stark was a WWII veteran serving honorably in the nascent Army Air Corps. He was an educator for more than 30 years at Horace Greeley High School in Chappaqua, where he taught Mechanical Drawing, Shop and Consumer Economics. He was particularly proud of being the class advisor for the Class of 1963, creating cherished friendships for the duration of his life.

He was a life-long member of Boy Scout Troop 1, Flushing, NY and an enthusiastic regular at the annual Old-Timers dinner. He founded Roll N Roam in 1953, a summer camping trip across the United States for

teenagers, where he shared his passion for travel, the outdoors, and the National and State Parks.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 63 years Florence (Pete) Stark, who died in 2007. He is survived by his four children Donald, Meredith, Douglas and Daniel; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. His brother Harold died in 1993.

Maryann Doyle

Maryann Doyle, an area resident for 50 years and previously of Brooklyn, died September 4, 2018 at MidHudson Regional Hospital. She was 71.

Born on June 13, 1947 in Jersey City, NJ, she was the daughter of John and Margaret (O'Connor) Doherty. She was a lifelong educator beginning with teaching positions in Hyde Park and Chappaqua, ultimately transitioning to administration with positions as Assistant Superintendent in Chappaqua and Millburn, as well as superintendent of schools in Putnam Valley.

On October 9, 1971 in Brooklyn, she married Edward Doyle, who survives at home. She is also survived by her sons, Michael and Matthew; her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Joseph F. Doyle, Thomas A. Doyle, Mary VanDyke, Charles Doyle and Donna Doyle. She was predeceased by her siblings, Margaret Regan and Sr. Kathleen Doherty and

her brother-in-law, Jim Doyle.

Robert King

Robert "Bob" King, a lifelong resident of Peekskill, died September 2. He was 94.

He was born in Peekskill on March 2, 1924, to Stephen and Anna King. He was the cherished brother of Barbara Claire, who passed away earlier this year. He was a dear uncle to his niece Debbie Claire Garrett, the late Mark Claire, and Bruce Claire.

Mr. King lived his entire life in Peekskill. After his time in the Navy during World War II, he went to work for Fleischman's, and then had a long career of 32 years with I.B.M. He retired in 1987, which gave him more time on the golf course with his friends.

He was a man of God, and attended Assumption Church where he ushered well into his 80's. He was very loving and had always cared for his parents in his home until each of their passing. He was being cared for at the Veterans Home at Montrose. His family is grateful for the wonderful care he received during the past nine years.

Letters to the Editor

Peekskill Mayor Endorses Ossining Mayor for Reelection

To the Editor:

When I was elected Mayor in the fall of 2017, Victoria Gearity immediately reached out to me to offer her support and counsel as the transition from the last Peekskill administration to this one took place. Her expertise and experience as the Mayor of the Village of Ossining was invaluable to me as Mayor of Peekskill, particularly because of the similarities of our two communities. Since then I have witnessed not only her intelligence but her heartfelt concern for residents of her community. She is not only a leader in Ossining, but a leader in the broader region. She has been a tremendous leader in Ossining and I have no doubt that she will continue to be into the future. I wholeheartedly endorse her in her reelection.

ANDRE RAINEY
Mayor
City of Peekskill

Single-Use Plastic Bag Ban Proposal in Croton Stirs Debate

By Anna Young

Croton-on-Hudson residents and members of the Village Board spoke out last week against an organization that condemns municipalities for wanting to impose a ban that would eliminate single-use plastic bags and encourage patrons to bring reusable shopping bags.

Jay Peltz, general counsel and senior vice president of government relations from the Food Industry Alliance of New York State, appeared before the board last Tuesday on behalf of ShopRite, and protested that a plastic bag ban would result in an adverse environmental impact.

He explained that after a ban is implemented in communities' groceries will often see a surge in paper bags, asserting that paper is more harmful to the environment than plastic. He said ShopRite, the only major grocer in Croton, would be economically affected, alleging their use of paper bags would increase weekly from 5,000 to 50,000.

"This would be a terrible precedent," Peltz said at the September 4 meeting. "Bans harm the environment. There is no rational reason to do a ban."

The proposed legislation, referred to as the Reusable Bag Ordinance and recommended by the Croton Climate Initiative, would call for certain stores, such as groceries and food markets, pharmacies and convenience stores, to ban plastic bags and charge customers a 10-cent fee for each paper bag used to carry out purchased merchandise. The fee would be kept by the stores.

The ordinance would still allow plastic bags to be used for meat and produce, dry cleaners, prescription drugs, and newspapers.

While Trustee Amy Attias engaged in a heated debate with Peltz, questioning if his information was based on factual data, Trustee Sherry Horowitz suggested the village ban both plastic and paper to avoid any additional environmental impacts or potential fiscal issues for ShopRite.

Peltz added that ShopRite's clientele would reduce significantly if a ban is implemented, suggesting customers will shop where they can access plastic and paper bags.

"I don't believe that's true," Horowitz said. "You do not have any absolute knowledge to back that up. This is going to happen in the state and county eventually, so it would be great if ShopRite didn't put up any resistance and obliged with the community."

About a half-dozen other communities in Westchester have previously approved similar laws, including New Castle and Pleasantville. This spring, the county announced plans to create a law prohibiting single-use plastic bags.

ShopRite representatives, who re-

cently assembled a reusable bag display in their store, said they were willing to work with the community and didn't want the topic to become an adversarial issue. Peltz said the board should consider a fee-based approach on both paper and plastic.

Several residents spoke for nearly an hour in favor of adding a ban on paper bags and encouraged the board and ShopRite representatives to listen to the needs of the community.

Resident John Grant said the community is "wholeheartedly" in support

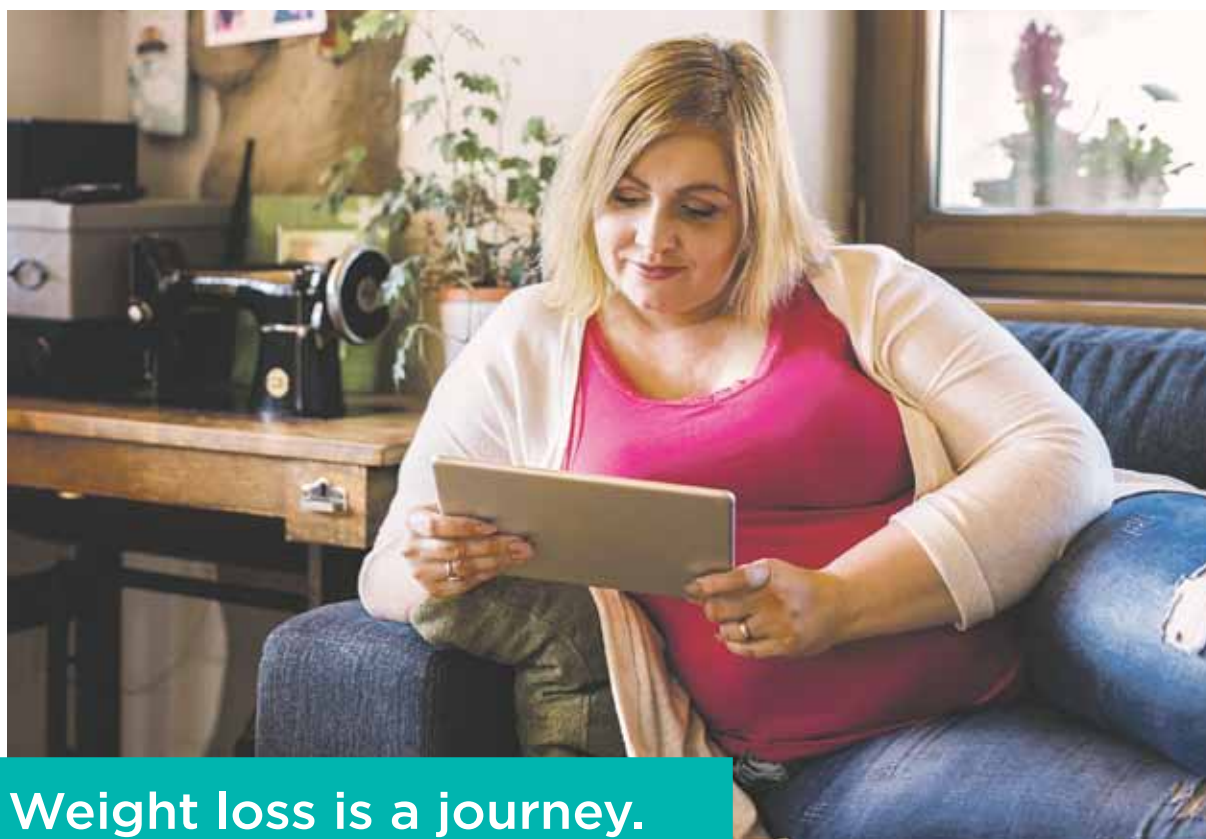
of the ban and would advocate for ShopRite and increase their business load if they fall in line.

"How we come up with the idea that people would discontinue shopping at the store is just a complete embellishment," Grant said. "This to me is very simple. I believe it's the right thing to do."

Members of the Croton Climate Initiative also presented a petition with signatures from more than 1,000 residents and nearly 50 businesses in support of the ban.

Croton Climate Initiative member Jennifer Pauly said the community should have a say in Croton's future, not a corporate interest group. ShopRite should be more concerned about losing customers if they fight a plastic bag ban, she said.

"Don't underestimate the wrath of a community scorned. I won't shop in a store that picks a fight with the village," Pauly said. "ShopRite, as much as we love it, is not the community. We are the community and we are the voice that matters the most."



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Business of the Week

Spirelli Electric Shrub Oak

By Neal Rentz

Pat Spirelli, Sr. of Shrub Oak has spent decades in the electrical contracting industry, and his sons, Joseph and Pat Jr., are helping to make Spirelli Electric a family tradition.

Pat Sr. is president and owner of the business and his sons, Pat Jr., of Shrub Oak, and Joseph, of Mahopac, are vice presidents. Pat Sr. has been in the electrical business for about 39 years in various locations. He opened the Shrub Oak location in 1999.

Pat Sr. recalled last week how he became an electrician. "I was a young kid looking for a job," he said. "I never looked back."

Pat Jr. said he wanted to work in the family business. A finance major in college, Pat Jr. said, "(I) run the business side of things."

Joseph said his responsibilities include taking customer phone calls, being on the road preparing employees for their jobs and looking at jobs.

Joseph said he was a chef in Florida before he became an electrician. He had "a falling out with the restaurant I was working in and had the perfect opportunity to come try something



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Spirelli Electric has been in operation in Shrub Oak since 1999. Shown above are Shrub Oak resident Pat Spirelli Sr., the company's owner and president, left, and his sons, who are company vice presidents, Shrub Oak resident Pat Jr. (center) and Joseph of Mahopac.

different," Joseph said.

The Spinellis have little difficulty working together. "You know the feeling everybody has about working with their family? We are the complete opposite,"

Pat Jr. said. "We work together absolutely seamlessly. It is amazing how it happens. We very, very rarely fight. When we do it comes and goes. We get along very well."

Spirelli Electric has both commercial

and residential clients. "We will do everything from installing a light switch to two-and-a-half to four million-dollar projects," Pat Sr. said. "Our infrastructure is set up as such that we can do pretty much do anything."

Pat Sr. said his clients have properties in a wide geographic range, from Brooklyn to Putnam County, and the business has many longtime customers. "Our motto is we guarantee satisfaction," he said. "We keep our customers. We know the golden rule. Our customers are always right."

The business is very active in the local community. It sponsors the Boys of Summer men's softball league, which recently won the Yorktown Sports Association tournament. They also sponsor the Mahopac High School football team and St. John's the Evangelist Church in Mahopac. The company will sponsor "basically anything that comes our way in the area" Pat Jr. said.

"We try to give back to the community," Pat Sr. said.

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Yorktown Feast of San Gennaro Sept. 12-16

WHAT: Yorktown Feast of San Gennaro (Westchester's homage to the legendary Little Italy celebration in downtown Manhattan)

WHEN: 5-11 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12-Friday, Sept. 14; noon-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15; noon-10 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16

WHERE: Commerce Street in Yorktown Heights 10598, between Downing Drive and Kear Street, adjoining Underhill Plaza, Yorktown Green, and Railroad Park

ADMISSION: There is no admission charge for the Feast. Rides, arcade games, food, beverage and other goods and services on site are priced and sold individually by vendors.

STRIKE UP THE BAND FOR THE AUTHENTIC OPENING PROCESSION + CEREMONY

The San Gennaro Marching Band will lead the opening procession on Sept. 12 at 6:30 p.m., with Yorktown Town Justice and bandleader Salvatore A. Lagonia on trumpet.

The procession marches to Railroad Park, holding aloft the sacred statue of Saint Gennaro, which will be on display for the duration of the five-day Feast.

The statue was used in Little Italy's original San Gennaro processions. It is on loan to the Yorktown Feast of San Gennaro by Church of the Most Precious Blood, the national shrine church of San Gennaro, on Mulberry Street in Little Italy.

The public is invited to the opening procession, which departs no later than 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 12, from behind Yorktown Heights Engine Co. No. 1's firehouse at the intersection of Commerce Street and Hanover Street.

After the procession, the opening ceremony takes place on the main stage, with dignitaries including Yorktown Supervisor Ilan Gilbert and other local and regional officials.

GRAND MARSHAL MARY



Yorktown Feast of San Gennaro 2018 Grand Marshal Mary Capoccia says the celebratory event is like one big family where everyone is Italian for five days.

CAPOCCIA

At the head of the procession and center stage at opening ceremony is Grand Marshal Mary Capoccia. The procession route has been renamed for the month of September as "San Gennaro Way." Temporary street signs were personally donated by town Highway Superintendent Dave Paganelli.

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT—MUSIC SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Sept. 12

5-11 p.m.

Johnny Sal & DJ Mike

Vocalist Johnny Sal sings Italian and American favorites reminiscent of Sinatra, Dean Martin, Jerry Vale, Tony Bennett and more. Plus music from DJ Mike Annunziata.

Thursday, Sept. 13

From opening on...

DJ Squints will play Italian favorites and American pop classics each day of the Feast leading up to the live performances.

8 p.m.

Antonio Guarna with Marcello Sparagna Billed as "The Voice of Naples," tenor An-

tonio was born in San Castrese, Caserta, Italy. He specializes in Neapolitan classics and popular songs, and has performed at Weill Hall, which is part of Carnegie Hall. Marcello Sparagna is an Italian pop vocalist who performs at numerous Italian-American festivals.

Friday, Sept. 14

8 p.m.

Singer/actor Louis Vanaria appeared in Robert DeNiro's classic movie "A Bronx Tale," has been seen on TV in such shows as "Law & Order," and has performed his nightclub act at Foxwoods Casino, and at legendary Manhattan venues like The Rainbow Room and Jilly's (Sinatra's favorite hangout).

Saturday, Sept. 15

3-5 p.m.

Local favorite Class Action, fronted by Yorktown attorney Gary Cusano, with Yorktown Judge Sal Lagonia on trumpet, specialize in the classic rock beloved by Baby Boomers.

5-7 p.m.

TBD

8 p.m.

Tre Bella

JoAnn Robertozzi, Lorraine Ferro, and Rosie De Sanctis form the three-part-harmony female group. They belt pop and traditional music with an Italian-American flair.

Sunday Sept. 16

3-5 p.m.

Nineteen-year-old doo wop singing sensation Chris Cadillac is a throwback to the likes of Frankie Valli, Paul Anka and Jay Black of Jay & The Americans. His album D'elegance is available through CDBaby.com.

7-9 p.m.

The mesmerizing tenor voice of Teo Ricciardella, born in Puglia, Italy, has entertained for international public figures

including the U.N. Secretary General and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg. He also has appeared on national TV in Italy.

FOR FOODIES

Food and beverage from featured restaurants and street vendors include San Gennaro Sausage & Peppers, Peroni and Oak Beverage on tap in the Beer Garden, Italian red and white wine, San Mateo Famous Pork Pannini and Pizza, Bobo's Gelato, and Rita's Ices. The Feast's most popular vendor the past two years, St. Patrick's Church, again will sell Nonna Sorgia Famous Zepole as a fundraiser, with additional baking equipment to better satisfy the high demand.

MIDWAY GAMES & RIDES

For the young ones, there's a towering Ferris wheel and other fun rides. For the young at heart of any age, there is an array of arcade-style games with plush prizes to haul home.

PARKING APLENTY

As an added convenience for motorists, several hundred free parking spaces will be available at Firemen's Field behind the Yorktown Heights firehouse, with access on Veterans Road. From there, it's less than a five-minute walk to the Feast. There also is parking at Yorktown Green, with access from Kear Street and Downing Drive. Feast parking is not permitted at Underhill Plaza.

ROAD CLOSURE

The Feast will be situated on Commerce Street between Downing Drive and Kear Street. As a safety precaution and by order of the Yorktown Police Department, that stretch of road will be closed to through traffic from 7 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12 through 12 noon Monday, Sept. 16. Patrons of Shell Gas can access the station from Kear Street. Visitors to CareMount Medical can access parking by entering Yorktown Green from Kear Street or from Downing Drive.

Golf Fundraiser Sept. 17 in Cortlandt for St. Mary's Food Pantry

By Anna Young

Bust out your golf clubs and pastel outerwear and join the Community Food Pantry at St. Mary's as they host their 11th annual Community Outreach Golf Outing.

The event, to be held at Hollow Brook Golf Club in Cortlandt on September 17, is the Mohegan Lake pantry's largest fundraiser. The outing aids in supporting their mission to provide emergency and supplemental food, nutritional, health, school and social service assistance to neighbors in need.

"St. Mary's has always been a place that reaches out to the community and a place that's been important in provid-

ing services for the community," pantry volunteer Terry Berardi said. "The golf outing is fun way to fundraise and support those outreach activities and make people aware that there's hunger in our own backyard and there are friends and neighbors who are in need."

The all-day outing will kick off with a light breakfast and registration at 10 a.m. followed by teams of four scattered along the golf course teeing off at 12:30 p.m. Throughout the day attendees will be treated to lunch and dinner and can participate in several contests where they can show off their golfing skills to win special prizes.

Raffles will also be included, with the

winner receiving the opportunity to bring three friends to play a round of golf at Hollow Brook. Other prizes include, a private dinner for eight-people at the Peekskill Brewery and a private golf lesson at Hollow Brook.

While golf is considered a sport of accuracy and precision, Berardi is encouraging people of all skill levels to join in the day's festivities and help the more than 400 families the food pantry supports a month.

"You don't have to be a pro to enjoy the day. People go out there and laugh and that's the important part of the fundraiser," Berardi said. "We have tremendous community support and that's what the

golf outing is all about – some fun and some fundraising."

All golf packages include breakfast, lunch, dinner and a round of golf. The entry fee for individual players is \$195, a foursome is \$750, and a sponsor with two golfers is \$550. Donations will also be accepted for non-golfers and sponsors. Prices will remain the same for same day registration.

The Community Outreach Golf Outing will begin at 10 a.m. on Monday, September 17 at Hollow Brook Golf Club located at 1060 Oregon Road in Cortlandt.

For more information and registration, www.stmarysfoodpantrygolf.com.

Gearity, Herrera Square Off in Dem Primary for Ossining Mayor

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short of that. The facts are that a recent study put Ossining's vacancy rate at just a hair over three percent. When we talk about a housing emergency, we generally mean that there is less than five percent vacancy rate. In that context, Ossining already has a housing emergency, and the question that remains is simply what we are willing to do to fix the problem. We can argue all we like about the ways to address the problem, but objectively, there can't be any argument that the problem exists. Low vacancy rates can be dangerous to the community because they can dramatically drive up the cost of renting, thereby forcing residents to move to more affordable areas. I see this happening now, and if it continues, we will lose part of what we love about Ossining.

Victoria Gearity

The debate about ETPA has energized our community. I encourage voters to direct that energy to the voting booth on September 13 for the Democratic Primary Election. Primary elections in an off-year have notoriously low turnout. Off-year General Elections fair only marginally better. Perhaps this year can be different. Elections have consequences. I ask Ossining residents to get out and vote, and I hope you vote for me.

Last Wednesday I voted against ETPA. The intentions of this program are good for Ossining—keeping the village affordable and protecting tenants. Unfortunately, in practice, ETPA has too many unintended consequences that will be detrimental for the majority of Ossining residents—homeowners, small businesses and tenants alike. It also undermines the progress we've been making on upgrading substandard housing—which is one of our greatest housing challenges.

The best thing I can say about the ETPA vote is that at least now we can direct Village time and resources to important initiatives like reopening the Comprehensive Plan to envision the community we hope to be for the next decade and beyond. ETPA has demanded a lot of bandwidth this year, and I'm eager to focus our efforts on initiatives that are forward-thinking, and driven by and for Ossining.

ETPA is only one policy. If we have learned anything with our recent focus on housing, we know there are a lot of strategies for improving our local economy, keeping taxes low, and providing safe affordable housing. With the right leadership, Ossining has a brilliant future.

Our village is in a better position than we have been for many years. Under my leadership, we are experiencing thriving new businesses and progressive policies, while holding the line on taxes. The next step for Ossining is smart mixed-income development that feeds our local economy and bal-

ances the needs of our crowded schools.

Like any important decision, I thoroughly researched the pros and cons of ETPA, and the impact it would have on our whole community. It is unfortunate that ETPA supporters often resorted to simplified rhetoric suggesting that if you support ETPA you care about tenants, and if you don't support this policy, you don't care about tenants. Understanding the comprehensive implications of tax assessment and heavily bureaucracy-laden state programs demands more than politically charged sound bites.

I fought hard for the position I believed in. The votes were cast. We'll see if there are legal challenges or implementation hiccups, but that's unlikely. Now it's time to look ahead.

Victoria Gearity has been endorsed by Ossining Town Supervisor Dana Levenberg.



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Happenings

The Northern Westchester Examiner We're happy to help spread the word about your community event. Please 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.

Tuesday, Sept. 11

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.

Wednesday, Sept. 12

Senior's Fitness Classes: Free fitness classes are being offered to seniors who reside in the City of Peekskill on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. The Class name is "The Workout." For more information please contact Ray Glashoff at 914-734-4254. Classes are held at the Neighborhood Center (Field Library), 4 Nelson Ave., downstairs from the Library.

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.

Feast of San Gennaro: The Yorktown Feast of San Gennaro, Westchester's homage to the legendary Little Italy celebration in downtown Manhattan, will be held from 5 to 11 p.m. on Sept. 12., on Sept. 13 to 8 p.m., on Sept. 14 from noon to 11 p.m., Sept. 15; from noon to 10 p.m. and on Sept. 16 on Commerce Street in Yorktown, between Downing Drive and Kear Street, adjoining Underhill Plaza, Yorktown Green, and Railroad Park. There is no admission charge for the Feast. Rides, arcade games, food, beverage and other goods and services on site are priced and sold individually by vendors. Info: 914-275-6887.

Thursday, Sept. 13

Korean War Display: "Korea, a War without End" captures, in displays of images, words, vintage equipment and weapons, the "police action" that began in June 1950 when North Korea invaded Western South Korea at Lasdon Park. The exhibit will be open until September. The museum is open only on weekends the rest of the year and Veterans Day. Lasdon Park, Arboretum, and Veterans Memorial, a Westchester County Park, is located on Route 35 in Somers. For more information on Lasdon and all Westchester County parks go to parks.westchestergov.com.

Jewish Choral Open House: Kol Rinah, the Jewish Chorale of Westchester, invites interested singers to our Open House at 7:15 p.m. at Shames JCC on the Hudson, 371 S. Broadway, Tarrytown. Let us know you're coming so we can have music ready for you. RSVP by replying to t www.kolrinahchoral.org - or on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/Kol-Rinah-the-Jewish-Chorale-of-Westchester-108268835926944/).

Friday, Sept. 14

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.

Free Concert Series: Enjoy this year-long free concert series featuring different genres of music including blues, soul, rock, reggae, jazz and more. Host John Ford, of Ford Piano, will bring together various local musicians every Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. and every Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. Come upstairs to the food court at the Jefferson Valley Mall, 650 Lee Blvd., Yorktown Heights, NY. Feel free to stop by Ford Piano on the lower level of the mall. For more information call 914-739-1224 or e-mail john@fordpiano.com or Visit www.fordpiano.com for the musical line-up.

Temple Beth Am Shabbat: Temple Beth Am will "opens its doors to all who enter" for Shabbat on Fridays at 8 p.m. Our modern Sabbath service has a spir-

itually 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.

Jewish Center Services: At the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd., Friday night Sabbath services are held in the summer at 8 p.m. And Sabbath services on Saturdays will be held at 9:30 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, Sept. 15

Zen Meditation: Authentic Zen meditation under the guidance of Rev. Paul Tesshin Silverman is held every Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Fourth Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Westchester, 11698 Strawberry Rd. Mohegan Lake. Visit us at http://www.yorktownzen.org or e-mail us at yorktownzen@gmail.com.

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.

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 Down-to-EarthMarkets.com.

Biking And Hiking: Hiding and Biking events have been scheduled for today. Mount Biking will take place at 10 a.m. Enjoy a lively mountain bike ride on the

Yorktown Trails. The trails are intermediate level and include rocks, roots, and logs. Must have some level of comfort with trail obstacles and know the limits of your abilities. Walking sections beyond your ability is ok. Mountain bikes are required (no hybrids), plus helmet, water, snack(s), spare tube and tools and a positive attitude. Meet at the Crompond Elementary School parking lot, 2901 Manor St. After a short safety talk, the group will ride to the Strang Boulevard trailhead and head into the woods. Plan to ride for about 60-90 minutes over about 2 to 2.5 hours. Sponsored by the Yorktown Trail Town Committee, Westchester Cycle Club and Westchester Mountain Bike Association. Info: www.yorktowntrailtown.com. Interpretive Hike through Sylvan Glen Nature Preserve will be held at 2 p.m. A family friendly moderate level 2.5-mile hike exploring the former quarries at Sylvan Glen Park Preserve that supplied honey colored granite for the approaches to the George Washington and Whitestone bridges. Includes a stop at the 18-foot circumference Quarry Oak. Rain or shine. Duration: 2.5 hours. Some ascents and descents and uneven terrain. Not suitable for children under six. Sponsored by the Yorktown Trail Town Committee, the NY-NJ Trail Conference and Town of Yorktown. Info: www.yorktowntrailtown.com.

Somers Library Programs: Three programs are scheduled for the coming days at the Somers Library. On the Go Self-Care will be held on Sept. 15 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. September 15, 11 am - 12:30 pm. Registration is required; register on our online calendar at www.somerslibrary.org or call 914-232-5717 Fall colors will be held on Mondays, 9/17 and 24, 10/1, 15, and 22, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Minimum supplies are needed to create dramatic results. Croquil pens will be brought in for you to try. Suggested supplies list: multi-media paper - 98 lb. or higher, water cup, soft brush, pencil, eraser, Indian ink/black, Croquil pen and/or Pilot fine tip pens There is a \$30 fee to be paid on the first day of class. Make checks out to Judika Lieberman. Registration is required; register online at www.somerslibrary.org or call 914-232-5717. Monday Writers' Workshop will be held on Mondays, 9/17 - 12/17, 10:30 a.m. - noon. Space is limited, so register early. Please register on our online calendar at www.somerslibrary.org or call 914-232-5717.

Sunday, Sept. 16

High Holiday Ceremony: A Jewish High Holiday Tashlich Ceremony and Potluck Picnic will be held from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the lake in Depew Park in Peekskill. First Hebrew Congregation members and their guest are welcome. Bring something

Happenings

dairy or vegetarian to partake in the pot-luck picnic which follows. For directions and all High Holiday information visit www.firstthebrew.org, call 914-739-0500 or e-mail fhc@firstthebrew.org.

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. Weekly classes are being conducted by rotating instructors. The suggestion fee is \$15. Info: Ellisha Simpson at 914-319-4010.

Bingo Cancelled: Bingo that had been scheduled for tonight at the Yorktown Jewish Center has been cancelled.

Peekskill Police Dept. to Give Cash for Guns Sunday

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circulation, whether it is an illegal handgun on the street, or a shotgun or pistol that has been living in someone's closet, is one less weapon that can cause extensive damage."

According to Gun Violence Archive, so far in 2018, firearms have caused the death of almost 10,000 Americans.

"Not only do we want to minimize the risk of unsecured weapons being used for criminal activities, it is imperative that we also eliminate their accessibility to the mentally unstable and our children," Halmy said.

Cash payouts will be \$250 for assault rifles, \$200 for handguns, and \$100 for rifles and shotguns. Active/retired law enforcement are not eligible. Police ask that all weapons be unloaded and that they be carried in some type of case or holster if possible.

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Monday, Sept. 17

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.

Movie Mondays: Movie Mondays is continuing today at the Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill, at 6:30 p.m. with a screening of "Won't You be My Neighbor." The free screening will be presented on a 100-foot screen at the Field Gallery. Info:

914-737-1212 or peekskill.org.


Tuesday, Set. 18

Jewish Center Yom Kippur: At the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd., Yom Kippur services have been scheduled for Sept. 18 at 6:45 p.m. and all day, stating at 9 a.m. on Sept. 19. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.


Temple Beth Am Yom Kippur: Yom Kippur Services: Come engage the Jewish Day of Atonement with Temple Beth Am. Our spiritually uplifting Kol Nidre Service begins on September at 8 p.m. Yom Kippur morning services, which will include Yizkor, takes place at 10 a.m. on September 19. Both Services are held at The

Yorktown Stage. Children's services begin at 2 p.m. at Temple Beth Am, 203 Church Pl. Yorktown. Afternoon and concluding services begin at 3:45 p.m. at Temple Beth Am. All are invited to come participate in this holiest of days. For ticket information, please call the office at 914-962-7500.

Chabad Yom Kippur Services: Join Chabad of Yorktown, Cortlandt, and Somers for High Holiday Services. Meaningful and uplifting services with Hebrew - English prayer books! There will be an exciting children's program. No charge! (donations welcome). No membership or affiliation required. For more information and to RSVP visit www.ChabadYorktown.com, or call 914-962-1111.



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Community Swap

Saturday, September 22, 2018

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- **Westchester County Police** - Medical drop-off for unwanted/expired medications.
- **NEW! Operation Prom** - Donate gently used formal dresses appropriate for teenage girls. Established in 2005, Operation PROM is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that helps low-income students attend their proms by providing free prom dresses and tuxedos. Current styles preferred.
- **NEW! Donations for Local Animal Rescues** - Items that will be accepted include towels, sheets, blankets, leashes, pet food (unopened), pet toys and supplies.


(*Note: Mobile Shredder will not be available at the event this year*)





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Fall Chores in the Garden, Yawning, Ready for Sleep

Autumn in the garden and yard can be the most gratifying time of year. Deciduous trees and perennials start to yawn, preparing for a long winter's sleep, accompanied by that sweet smell that comes from plants releasing their chemistry and the crisp, clean sound of decaying leaves falling to the ground.

It tells avid gardeners, as I was for many years before I bought a condo where the landscaping work is done for me, that they can rest for a few months, much like when the children are asleep. The only outdoor chore that remains is clearing walkways of snow and ice.

While spring is probably everybody's favorite time in the garden, helping its rebirth after being pummeled by winter, I always preferred fall and the finite period of time to complete the garden chores. When I pulled a weed, it stayed pulled and doesn't replace itself with double the aggression. When I deadheaded perennials, I knew that I could take a furlough from assuring that

they are properly fed and watered, but would welcome them back in spring after we have both rested.

The proportions of my garden would change as I whacked back the perennial and annual growth, which made the vistas more open from one bed to the other. Also, it eliminated many of my planning mistakes from one season to the next, as I abandoned errant plants and moved bulbs and perennial roots to other locations.

My more creative joy came from choosing which mums I'd feature as the color transition from fall to winter. For the longest display of mum flowers, it's best to buy those where most of the plant is still buds. When the mums fade, just leave them where they are; they maintain a nice mound throughout the winter and you can cut them back in early spring. If you're lucky, they may return, but sometimes they don't, depending on winter conditions.

My most gratifying fall job, as well as

a good aerobic/resistance training exercise, was building up the mulch beds to make them look well-tended, as well as to keep the perennial roots from heaving.

Here are other garden tips at this time of year.

- Harvest any vegetables left on plants. If there are still some on the plant but they're still green, they can be placed in brown paper bags and stored in a cool dry place. They will ripen slowly. It's important to pull out all of the crops because debris left over the winter can cause diseases to enter the soil and reappear next spring.

- This is the time when you can add horse manure or compost to the soil because that allows plenty of time for them to break down.

- For those who like to bring houseplants inside, they should all be gathered into a shady area for a few days to get them used to low light levels. Make certain that they are clean and free from little critters.

- Perennials that are overcrowded or growing in a large ring with the center portion missing means that it's time to subdivide. You'll become popular with your neighbors if you share the excess. Cut back the remaining perennials to a height of three to six inches.

- Prepare for brilliant displays of daf-

fodils, tulips and crocuses in spring by planting bulbs now. Do not plant them in tidy rows but rather "broadcast" them in drifts on the surface and plant them where they land for a more natural look.

- For those who have the patience to endure the rigors of rose maintenance, it is time to prune dead branches and cut off any old flowers. Rose bushes should be mounded using topsoil or mulch and the canes should be cut back to six to 12 inches. For even better protection, the bush can be covered with a bushel basket.

- Also, this is the best time to transplant shrubs or young trees to new locations.

While I no longer have a garden, as a realtor I always enjoy the efforts of others whose homes I visit with buyer clients. At the same time, I make it a point to discuss with my clients how they might best maintain and improve the landscape of each property they visit.

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10. Singer Orbison
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13. Breath
14. Jennifer of 'Friends'
15. Vertical
17. English teacher's no-no
18. Newly opened Yorktown Greek kitchen
21. Movers and ____
24. Common injection
27. Peekskill senior living center, Drum ____
31. Peachy-keen
32. Summer drink
35. Chemical ending
36. "The Barber of Seville" composer
37. Energy unit
38. Med. specialty
39. Half of D
40. "Amen!"

Down

1. "The Sound of Music" name
2. "And there you are!"
3. IHOP choices
4. Craft for the open seas
5. Place to turn in, perhaps
6. Japanese food fish
7. High: Prefix
8. Light gas
9. Fails to be
12. Org. founded in 1910
16. 0-60 perhaps
19. Arthur Godfrey played it
20. Begin a voyage
22. Roughhewn
23. Derisive
25. Arm bones
26. Winter transports
27. Commission
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29. "___ we forget ..."
30. Joseph Smith's denom.
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Quilts: Jennifer Lapralee, Cortland Manor, Nicole Fervan, Yorktown
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Portrait: Deb Wisker, Jessica Kelly, Avanti Stanford
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Best in Show: Melina Cronin

Architecture: Melina Cronin, Allicia Dercy, Betsy Akerman
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Reflections: Sue Kravits, Christine Mahoney, Melina Cronin
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Best of Show:

Youth I: Paige Edelmans, Yorktown
Youth II: Willa & Luke Olson, Yorktown
First Place Winners:
Youth II
Cleo Mastastis, Yorktown
Karl Essell, Yorktown
Julia Essell, Yorktown
Youth I
Erica Essell, Yorktown
Ryan Bynes
Lanna Harai
Junior II
Bryn Edelmann
Javan Wardlow
Ansley Edelmann
Kelly Griffiths
2nd Place:
Javan Wardlow
Paige Edelman
Bryn Edelmann

FLOWERS

Best of Show
Annuals-Zinnia: Liz Gould, Yorktown
Peacock Orchid: Carolyn Worsley, Katonah
Rose Hybrid: Rosalind Lawrence, Mahopac
Annual Sedum: A. Ereno, Yorktown

Container Grown African Violet: Linda Henning, Yorktown
Hydrangea: Mr.&Mrs. R. Kreutzberg, Yorktown
Cactus More than One: Carol Schulz, North Carolina
Container Grown Rainbow Plant: Mian Mioni, Mohegan Lake
Expert: Vishnu Patel, Yorktown

BEST OF CLASS

Annual CL4: Carolyn Worsley, Katonah
Perennial CL5: Liz Gould, Yorktown
Shrubs&Vines: Carol Schultz, North Carolina
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Dahlia/Anomone: Marilyn Fitzgerald, Cortlandt Manor
Youth Sunflower: Mian Mioni, Mohegan Lake
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Showmanship Grand Champion Turkey: Jordan Lutz, Rye
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LIVESTOCK

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Senior Sheep Showmanship: Hannah Farley, Yorktown,

Finn Keenan, Croton Falls
Junior Horse Showmanship: Brooke Van Valkenburg, Lake Peekskill, Catie Caputo, Putnam Valley
Senior Horse Showmanship: Alexis Rapaccio, Garrison, Victoria Federico, Putnam Valley, Olivia Emanuelo, Wappingers Falls, Kristen Neeson, Putnam Valley, Jacob deMey, Putnam Valley
Novice Goat Showmanship: Kiesha Gomez, Valhalla, Chris Mosses, Valhalla, Tristen Matuszak, Valhalla, Jackson & Arian Casseday, Fishkill, Julian Ramos, Croton-on-Hudson, Helena Leary, Somers
Junior Cow Showmanship Grand Champion: Hannah Farley, Yorktown
Junior Cow Showmanship: Jake Kempin, Katonah
Senior Cow Showmanship: Finn Keenan, Croton Falls
Intermediate Goat Showmanship: Avery Kim, Katonah, Nolan Keenan, Mahopac, C.J. VanDuynhoven, Montgomery
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Advanced Goat Showmanship Grand Champion: Hannah Farley, Yorktown
Advanced Goat Showmanship Reserve Champion: Evan Hunt, Croton-on-Hudson

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Youth: CJ Princhinello, Cortlandt Manor
Koryn Lindhjem, Brewster
Adult: Jennifer&Larry Harper, Croton
Watermelon Eating
Youth: Ava Eberling, Cortlandt Manor
Adult: Ken Muller, Crompond
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Somers Blows Lead, Falls to Yorktown, 2-1, in Tourney Title Tilt

In an absolutely pivotal early-season matchup between two of the top soccer programs in Section 1 this season, Shane Dahlke's (29) Yorktown Huskers edged Somers' Lucas Fecci's (R) Tuskers, 2-1, to secure the Yorktown Tournament title for the reigning Section 1 Class AA champion Huskers last Saturday at Charlie Murphy Field where Dahlke (inset) treated a raucous crowd to a bicycle kick and then some in an early-season delight on the pitch... see Soccer Notebook

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Sports

Grid Notebook

Carmel Drops Pivotal League Game, Yorktown Busts Up Lakeland

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor
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Don't look now, but Ossining is the only unbeaten team in Class AA among the local teams covered in these Northern Westchester/Putnam pages.

The road to the League AA-North/West title will now run through Arlington after the visiting Admirals (2-0) shut down

Carmel went up 7-0 when backup QB Andrew Nunez hit on a 19-yard scoring pass to QB/WR Peyton Cayea with 7:10 to play in the first half. The ball was knocked loose as Cayea stretched across the goal line, but officials conferred and gave the Rams the score moments after Arlington scooped up the ball and went 100 yards the other way for naught.

From there on, though, it was Arlington



Mahopac QB Anthony Corrado hurdles a defender in Indians' 26-14 loss to Raiders.

Carmel's vaunted offense in a stifling 10-7 win over the Rams (1-1) and the raucous @CarmelCrazies, who were out in full throat but disappointed when a last-minute field goal attempt came up short for the tie.

and its hard-hitting defense that assumed control. That, and a combination of mistakes and penalties, killed Carmel's momentum throughout the second half.

Carmel Coach Todd Cayea admitted his team did not play to its capabilities and was beaten up front, but was delighted the Rams never quit and wasn't ready to throw in the towel by any means, even though Carmel was pretty banged up afterward.

Admiral RB James Bringman tied the score at 7-all and K Tommy Gibson kicked the game-winning field goal with 5:39 left in the fourth.

Carmel will visit RCK Friday night and had best get to 2-1 or this could go south quickly...

Indian RB Tim Cegielski led MAHOPAC with 22 carries for 106 yards and scored both touchdowns in a 26-14



Carmel WR Joe Mascetta is hooked by Arlington DB James Bringman, thus denied this picture-perfect pass in Rams' 10-7 loss.



RAY GALLAGHER/BOB CASTNER/BILL KENNEDY PHOTOS

Carmel QB Peyton Cayea sidesteps three Arlington defenders in Rams' 10-7 loss to Admirals Friday.

setback at North Rockland Saturday. The Indians (0-2) led 7-0 but the second half belong to the Raiders. Mahopac QB Anthony Corrado added 100 yards on 14 carries and connected with WR Rheal Allen for four times for 26 yards, but the offense has struggled with just 21 points

QB Isaiah Beltran is a big reason why. Beltran had four carries for 54 yards and a touchdown and connected on 4 for 5 passes for 81 yards, a touchdown pass to his top target John Turnquist (4 catches) among them. Turnquist added 17 carries for 62 yards.

"The kids are buying in and playing with passion," Ricci stated. "They are playing team-first football."

Ossining will host an athletic Poughkeepsie club Friday.

CLASS A

In YORKTOWN's 48-6 win over LAKELAND, Husker RB Nick Campanaro needed just 10 carries to rush for 103 yards and a score. QB Tommy Weaver (seven carries for 88 yards) and RB Keith Boyer (60 yards) each found paydirt twice for the Huskers (2-0), who amassed 407 yards on the ground against a Lakeland defense that was solid for a quarter. Huskers Dean Patierno and Mike Benzinger also scored TDs. QB Tyler Santucci threw a touchdown to Mason Nocito for winless Lakeland's only score. The Hornets (0-2), who have opened the season against two of Section 1's top bananas (Lourdes & Yorktown), can only hope to apply the lessons learned, minimize mental mistakes, fight to the death and turn things around this Friday at Brewster.

The reigning Section 1 champion Huskers will visit HENDRICK HUDSON this Friday in a pivotal league matchup with the winless Sailors (0-2), who are coming off a tough 42-13 loss to undefeated Lourdes, which faces a monster test this weekend against Clarkstown North. Yorktown, which hasn't faced a powerhouse yet, vs. Hen Hud is an interesting game that could see some points put up, and whichever

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Yorktown's Nick Campanaro hawks a ball in Huskers' 48-6 win over Lakeland Friday.

in two games.

The Indians will visit Suffern (0-2) Friday and should they go 0-3 it might be time to write off playoff hopes, but Coach Dom DeMatteo said he saw significant improvement...

OSSINING continues to improve in Coach Dan Ricci's final season and

Sports

Soccer Notebook

Mahopac Girls, Yorktown Boys Post Monster Wins

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor
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To say the Mahopac girls' are excited about their 2018 aspirations is putting it mildly, and Coach Ross Fumusa's Indians

Steinberg (1A) and Katrina Klammer. It's been a combination of veterans and rookies getting it done.

"We're excited," Fumusa said. "The base of our team has had a few years of varsity experience already. Some girls have been on varsity since they were freshmen or sophomores, so they have the experience and know what it takes to win. They have been on the teams that knocked off top-seeded Greeley two years ago and No.2 North Rockland last year and then made it to the semifinals of sectionals two years in a row. Mix that with some exceptional talent and work ethic from the new girls on the team, and we think we have something here."

Some of the rookies have already burst onto the

scoring sheet, including Emma Goodrow, Maddy DeCola and Hailey Pereira in a 7-0 rout of Port Chester.

"I've been a part of successful teams in the past where we flew under the radar and shocked some teams in the sectionals," Fumusa said. "This team has an entirely different feel. If we don't get too over confident, if we don't take any team lightly, if we stay healthy and stay focused on our goal -- which is to win the section -- this is the team that just may do that. This team has the makeup to do something very special. It's going to be an exciting run."

And it's off to a great start...

The Yorktown girls took their tournament title with a 4-0 win over Lakeland with a dominant second half after beating Arlington (B), 2-1, in overtime in the opening round off a second tally by tourney MVP Chayce Buono. Against Lakeland, the Huskers used goals by



Mahopac's Hailey Pereira, Mia Klammer & Carly Steinberg celebrate goal by Grace DiVincenzo (R) in 6-2 win over Somers.

(2-0), who've reached the Class AA Final 4 two years running, sure looked like a team on a mission in last Friday's 6-2 win over host Somers. Mahopac saw six different players tickle the twine (five in a dominant second half), including Grace DiVincenzo, Mia Klammer (1A), Sama Colatruglio (1A), Sabrina Nogula, Carly



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Mahopac's Carly Steinberg and Somers' Alix Goldman get after 50-50 ball in 6-2 Indian win over Tuskers Friday.

Buono, Hailey Soliz, Sophia Spallone (All-Tournament) and Leanna Biberaj (assists go to Stryder Underwood, Buono and Alyssa Perrino) to put down the pesky Hornets. Husker Shannon Grass (5 saves) earned the shutout. After a solid start, the Huskers are dreaming big in Class A this season...

BOYS NOTES: The 2017 reigning Section 1 Class AA champion **YORKTOWN Huskers** (ranked No.3

in NYS) are also off to a great start after Saturday's 2-1 triumph of Somers in what was a highly-anticipated matchup of two of the top Class A programs this season in the championship game of the Yorktown Tournament.

"It absolutely had the atmosphere of a sectional game," Yorktown Assistant Coach Justin Huff admitted. "We are looking to make some history and win Class AA and A back-to-back. The program has been through so very tough loses since I've been here, and I think now we're in the midst of the redemption tour. We left a lot on the table last year and want to go even further, but Class A is so balanced, so we need to stay focused and hungry."

The game was a true contrast in styles: Yorktown plays a rugged, physical style while Somers prefers a quick-touch finesse game, which the Huskers were able to slow down...

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Yorktown's Paul Duffy tries to hunt down Somers Drew Lasher in Huskers' 2-1 win over Tuskers in Yorktown tourney final.



Brewster's Jocelyn Duran sets up a shot in Bears' 4-0 win on Saturday.

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Field Hockey Notebook

Yorktown Coach Gannon Nets 200th Career Win

By Tony Pinciario

Yorktown found itself facing a two-goal deficit late in the first half of its Yorktown Tournament first-round game against Sleepy Hollow.

Senior captain Izzy Cicinelli sensed her team needed a lift so she responded with a goal, sending the Cornhuskers into halftime down by one.

Yorktown responded in the second as Cicinelli completed her hat trick, sending the Cornhuskers to a 3-2 victory and, more importantly, gave Coach Bernadette Gannon her 200th varsity victory.

"It meant a lot for us and it was an awesome feeling to get Coach Gannon her 200th win," Cicinelli said. "She gives a lot to this program and this town. She never gives up on us and always believes that we can do anything we put our minds to. Coach Gannon shows us that field hockey is not just about winning and losing, but about playing a game you love. She cares about each and every player on this team and would do anything for us."

Gannon, now in her fourth season at Yorktown, began her 25-year career at Suffern and then went to Clarkstown North. She guided Suffern to the Section 1 Class A title in 2011 with an overtime victory over perennial champion, Mamaroneck. Suffern is the only Rockland County team to win a sectional field hockey championship.

"The 200th win is such a special honor that isn't seen every day," said Gannon,



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Huskers like Valerie Torrieri and Ellie O'Donnell did their part to earn Coach Gannon's 200th win while Jenna McCrudden and Lakeland rolled on.

who is watching her daughter, Kaity, play for Salve Regina field hockey. "It represents 25 teams of players that I have had the privilege to coach. I am so happy that the 200th is with my Yorktown ladies.

I have learned that wins are not something to take for granted."

Cicinelli evened the score midway through the second half, then completed her hat trick with the decisive goal, converting a pass from Kelsey McDonnell.

Yorktown will play Albertus Magnus, which beat Putnam Valley, 1-0, in the final at a date and time to be determined.

Cicinelli felt the late goal in the first half gave the team a momentum boost going into the second half.

"Our overall energy and positivity was the main difference in the second half," Cicinelli said. "We just kept our momentum up from that goal forward. We kept our heads up and remained focused on our goal, which was to win the game. We knew this game was in our hands

and we just had to keep working hard to finish our strong, which we did. It felt great to come back from being down, 2-0, in the start of the game."

Cicinelli cited McDonnell for making a great pass on the eventual winning goal.

Yorktown is now 1-1 this season. The Cornhuskers opened with a loss to reigning nine-time New York State Class B champion, Lakeland. It would have been easy for Yorktown to hang their collective heads. Instead, Cicinelli said the team used it as a learning experience. Yorktown corrected the mistakes it felt it may have had against Lakeland and continued building on the aspects of the game it played well.

"We knew we couldn't dwell on the loss," Cicinelli said. "We had to prepare for Sleepy Hollow and stay focused on winning our next game. I couldn't be happier with the result. Every single person on the team contributed to the win and it was a great way to bounce back from the Lakeland game, and also a great way to build for the rest of the season."

Not only did Yorktown want to bounce back from the Lakeland game, it is aiming to regain the title after Albertus Magnus took it from the Cornhuskers last year.

LAKELAND improved to 3-0 this season, manhandling Arlington, 8-0, and Kingston, 7-0.

The Hornets have outscored their opposition, 24-0, this season.

Cara O'Shea registered her first varsity hat trick and Julianna Cappello added two

goals and three assists against Arlington. Julia Cummings, Sam Graap and Emma Halderman also scored goals.

Cummings and Cappello each had two goals and one assist against Kingston. Keirra Ettere, Sarah Bussell and Emily Kness completed the goalscoring.

SOMERS did not wait long to give new coach Michelle Armstrong her first victory. The Tuskers received a Rosalie Murphy goal with 10:25 remaining in the game for a 1-0 victory over Pawling in a Somers' Tournament first-round game.

Emma Kittridge assisted on Murphy's goal and Nicole Garrity made one save against a Pawling team which is a perennial contender for the Section 1 Class C title.

"The team played very well together and communicated well," Armstrong said. "It was the girls' first game so they were excited to play after working hard during the preseason."

Scarsdale defeated Somers in the title game, 3-1. Tusker Ashley Hershfield scored, assisted by Murphy.

HEN HUD opened 2018 in the Briarcliff Tournament with a 2-1 setback to Valhalla in a first-round game, then dropped a 4-2 verdict to Irvington in the consolation game.

Valhalla led 2-0 at halftime, but Taeghan Dapson closed the gap with the assist to Olivia Freitas.

Hen Hud Coach Melissa Locatelli said her team generated a penalty corner with 19 seconds remaining only to have Valhalla stop it.

"It was a great game played by all," Locatelli said.

Sydney Muranaka and Logan Gougemann had the Hen Hud goals against Irvington and goalie Olivia Doorley made 10 saves.

PUTNAM VALLEY faced Albertus Magnus in the first round of the Yorktown Tournament and lost, 1-0, on a goal with 4:45 remaining in the game.

Putnam Valley will play Sleepy Hollow in the consolation game at a time and date to be determined.

"Isabel Healy, a former attack player, made her debut in goal and had four saves," Putnam Valley Coach Courtney Hyndman said. "Colleen Cassidy and Danielle Cunningham made some huge plays. We have a strong defensive unit, led by captain Sydney Goldberg, who played an awesome game today. We definitely have things to work on, but after not having any scrimmages and this being our first game, I was impressed at how hard they played. You can't deny their effort and will to win. Magnus scored with 4:45 left in the game so it just goes to show you how close and hard fought this game was."

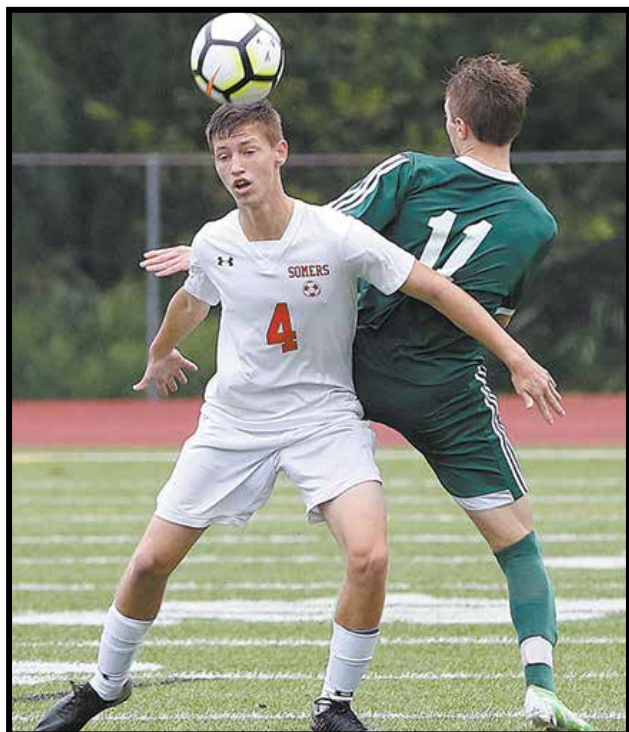


Lakeland's Emily Kness and the unbeaten Hornets have not allowed a goal during 3-0 start.

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Mahopac Girls, Yorktown Boys Post Monster Wins

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Somers' Jack Dickson and Yorktown's Timothy O'Callaghan twist on head ball in Tuskers' 2-1 loss to Huskers.

Yorktown, which lost to Ithaca (Sect. 4) in the state quarterfinals last year, got goals by Zack Stanik (assisted by Sergio Spiniello) and the game-winner from Timmy O'Callaghan (assisted by Paul Duffy in the final minute) while netminder James D'Alessio needed just six saves to thwart the vaunted Tusker attack. Lucas Fecci scored for the Tuskers, his fifth of the season (he has 7 points so far).

"It's a huge win," Huff said. "We had such a great showing from the home fans, and I think it actually hurt us early on. We had trouble settling in, and with the quality Somers has up top, it was

trouble and we went down early. We then battled back and slowly took control of the game. We made halftime adjustments and did a good job of frustrating Somers. They are a strong and fiery team, with a great coach and friend in Brian Lanzetta.

Lanzetta admitted the Tuskers were somewhat surprised by Yorktown's unforgiving style, and expects his team to respond when they see each other again on September 27th.

"Yorktown was hungry and definitely wanted it, you've got to respect Yorktown for coming out like they did, their fans, too," Lanzetta said. "The game is growing, and it was great to see a rowdy football-like crowd."

Rocky Bujaj scored the only goal in Yorktown's opening-round win over Arlington B...

Not all is lost for Somers, though. The 2016 NYS champion Tuskers now know that they can't just throw that jersey on and expect to win Class A this season...

Niko DeCola scored twice for Class

AA MAHOPAC in a 2-1 consolation tournament win over Arlington B, who found the sledding tough with LB John Shea leading a stout 'Pac defense...

Joe Shamash and Ethan Furphy scored for HEN HUD in a big 2-1 win over LAKELAND, which hasn't happened often in recent years...

Fecci scored twice in Somers' 4-2 win over Mahopac, who saw Bryan Tenenpaguay and Pat McGrinder score. Bennett Leitner and Joe Grippo scored for the Tuskers while Andrew Lasher dished two assists...

Don't sleep on OSSINING this year in Class AA. Nolan Lenaghan (5 points), Alessio Hernandez (4 points) Mateo Marra (2G), Mike Quintuna (3 points) and flexible G Carlos Zababuru are getting it done early and often for the unbeaten Pride (3-0), ranked No.13 in NYS.

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Carmel Drops Pivotal League Game, Yorktown Busts Up Lakeland

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defense shows up best could prevail with a late stand. At any rate, the Sailors, who have opened against two imposing foes (Lourdes & Spring Valley), can ill-afford a third loss in three tries...

WALTER PANAS (0-2) got worked by visiting Nyack, 34-3, and needs a quick turnaround to make the season viable. The Panthers will visit Horace Greeley Friday in a battle of winless clubs, the loser will essentially put itself behind the eight ball in terms of legitimate playoff hopes...

SOMERS (0-2) failed to pass its second big test of the season in a 19-9 loss to visiting Class A heavyweight Rye. It's

looking more and more like this could be a come-back-to-the-pack year for a Somers program that has habitually lit up Section 1 for much of the last six years.

The Tuskers will visit Fox Lane (1-1) Friday with an eye on their first victory and the only path to a potential league title, now trailing John Jay (2-0) by two games...

BREWSTER (2-0) defeated Greeley 14-0 and witnessed a second-straight solid effort from QB Brendan Fox, who fired two TD passes, including a 79-yard strike to WR Bobby McBride and threw for 182 yards in all. He also dropped a dime on Paul Catalano for a 44-yard score.

The Bears visit Lakeland this Friday with an above-average chance to go 3-0 while setting up a potentially huge Week 4 League showdown with undefeated John Jay.

CLASS B

PUTNAM VALLEY (0-2) got crushed by Westlake, 37-6, and the deck is getting stacked against the Tigers after the winless start. Tiger HB John Listwan carried 17 times for 79 yards and added a team-high 14 tackles on the other side of the ball. FB/LB Darnel Shillingford (11 tackles, 6 carries for 46 yards, 5 catches 55 yards 1 TD)

had a terrific game on both sides of the ball, but the Tigers were beaten up front and face a must-win scenario in Week 3 against host Bronxville Saturday (1:30 pm).

"We were defeated in the trenches," PV boss Ryan Elsasser said. "We are still battling with the growing pains of some of the new starting players."

CLASS D

Sam Giachinta led **HALDANE** with 20 carries for 82 yards in a 14-8 loss to rival Tuckahoe. Blue Devil WR Matt Champlin had two interceptions and a two-point conversion off RB Daniel Santos' first varsity score from two yards out.

The Blue Devils (0-1) will host Croton Saturday (1:30 pm), and should Haldane falter against the Tigers times will get significantly tougher.

CHSAA

KENNEDY CATHOLIC has owned St. Dominic's in recent years and it was more of the same in the host Gaels' 35-14 win last Friday when JFK RB Seth Surret had nine carries for 155 yards and three scores, plus a 25-yard TD catch. Myles Proctor (of Yorktown) added 13 carries



Lakeland QB Tyler Santucci is pursued by Yorktown's Alex DeBenedictis in Huskers' 48-6 rout of Hornets last Friday.

for 85 yards and TE Eric Volpi (Mohegan Lake) had three catches for 56 yards for Kennedy. LB Cole Esposito (of Cortlandt Manor) was an absolute beast on the JFK defense, blowing dudes up with regularity and making 12 tackles. The senior is game-changer for sure.

"We've set some goals this season that will require our program to take the next step in being successful," Kennedy Coach Dominick Tassone said. "We want to win every snap, every

series, every quarter, every half and every game. We have been knocking on the front door for the last two seasons and this year we plan to kick that door down."



Carmel DB Alex Beauchesne tracks elusive Arlington QB Xavier Powell in Rams' 10-7 loss to Admirals.



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