Probe of Fire at Cortlandt Condo Complex Finds Cause Electrical

By Rick Pezzullo

The cause of a blaze at a condominium complex that either destroyed or damaged 12 units and displaced approximately 25 residents has been determined by the Westchester County Police Cause & Origin Team.

Kieran O’Leary, a spokesman for the County Police, said a probe into the August 6 fire at Coachlight Square found the cause to be electrical and the investigation has been closed. One homeowner reported hearing a frayed wire may have been the culprit.

O’Leary noted an arson detection canine was brought to the scene, but “There were no indications from that canine search of any presence of an accelerant.”

The fire broke out at about 9:45 p.m. in one of the units in an L-shaped row and traveled quickly in the attic space of six attached condominiums before running into a fire wall that protected the other six units from going up in flames.

More than 100 firefighters from 15 fire companies responded to the scene and put out the fire in about two hours.

All residents were able to escape safely and some received assistance from the American Red Cross. One Verplanck firefighter was taken to the hospital with smoke damage. Four others also had to be evacuated because of smoke and the lack of electricity and running water. However, one homeowner said it appears all the units are going to have to be rebuilt, which could take between six months and a year to complete.

Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi and other town officials have reached out to residents displaced by the fire to offer their assistance, including finding temporary housing.

“Our hearts and prayers go out to those individuals and to their families who experienced this terrible fire, Puglisi stated. “Thankfully, all got out safely and alive without injury. The Town Board and I are here to help and pledge to assist these families. Many have lived at Coachlight Square for many years.”

Yorktown Hires Firm to Assist with Review of Overlay District Zoning

By Rick Pezzullo

The Yorktown Town Board voted last week to hire a prominent regional planning firm to help perform state-mandated analyses of the town’s proposed overlay district zoning.

After considering proposals submitted by four planning consulting firms, the board decided at its August 11 meeting to choose Buckhurft Fish & Jacquemart Planning to assist with the review that is required under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

Town officials are considering the creation of overlay districts in the Yorktown Heights and Lake Osceola business hamlets to encourage some redevelopment approaches. The overlay zones would allow a greater diversity of permitted uses with the goal of revitalizing specific neighborhoods.

“Frank Fish and his team are award-winning experts with firsthand experience in creating overlay districts in other Westchester communities,” said Supervisor Matt Slater. “The Town Board is committed to crafting the best overlay zoning rules that address the need to renew and reinvest in our downtowns while protecting the integrity and character of our community. The addition of BFJ and their professionals will help us accomplish this.”

BFJ Planning has a long history of planning work in Westchester County and the region. Recent projects include updating the City of White Plains’ Comprehensive Plan and assisting the Ossining Village Board in the adoption of a Comprehensive Plan and new form-based code.

In the Village of Pleasantville, the firm conducted a zoning study of single-family residential districts to ensure that new homes are consistent with the village’s small-scale character.

BFJ Planning is the latest professional consultant hired by the Town Board to assist the Planning Department in evaluating the best approaches to update, improve and strengthen the town’s commercial hamlets while preserving community character and quality of life.

Earlier this year, the Town Board retained Barton & Loguidice and Weston & Sampson for environmental review services, and the Transpo Group and Sam Schwartz Company for assistance in traffic studies.

Riverside Crafts Fair

August 21 & 22
10 am – 5 pm

Garrison Art Center

On beautiful Garrison’s Landing
One hour north of NYC
FREE PARKING at MTA Lot
$10 Admission
Kids FREE
Man on 800-Mile Trek to Promote Trail Traveling Through Area

By Rick Pezzullo

A Connecticut man biking and kayaking about 800 miles from Newport, RI to Yorktown, VA to promote the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail and the 240th anniversary of the march by the American and French armies to the decisive siege at the trail will be traveling through the area Wednesday on his journey.

Sal Lilienthal, director of a bicycle tour company, is planning to bike 33 miles along the North County Trailway, then kayak 1.5 miles across the Hudson River.

The bike ride will take him into Yorktown Heights, where a ceremony will take place at noon, with reenactors, at the memorial honoring the First Rhode Island African American Regiment.

The trip will continue to King’s Ferry in Verplanck. The French and American Armies crossed the Hudson River between Verplanck’s Point and Stony Point, an enormous 18th Century logistical undertaking for more than 10,000 people and equipment. At 1:30 p.m., from Verplanck’s boat launch, the kayak section crosses over to West Haverstraw’s Hudson Water Club for a reception.

Members of the 5th New York, Dillon’s Irish, and 1st Rhode Island Regiments will escort Lilienthal from Yorktown to Verplanck Point and across the Hudson to West Haverstraw.

Jeff Canning, a resident of Cortlandt and former president of the Van Cortlandtville Historical Society, will be riding a support van.

In addition to promoting the trail’s historical component, goals of Lilienthal’s trek also include economic development between the big cities, a healthy lifestyle and preparing for the country’s 250th Anniversary in 2026.

A link to the Washington-Rochambeau Bike and Kayak Tour can be found at: https://w3r-us.org/washington-rochambeau-2021-bike-kayak-tour/.

Cortlandt Looks to Pump Brakes on Gas Stations on Route 6

By Rick Pezzullo

Cortlandt officials are considering putting the brakes on any more gasoline service stations setting up shop on Route 6.

The Town Board has scheduled a public hearing for September 21 on what will likely be either a nine-month or one-year moratorium on such projects after Town Attorney Thomas Wood said a businessman recently approached the town with a proposal to build a gas station on a portion of Route 6 past the Cortlandt Town Center leading up to the Yorktown border.

“The question is, do we want more gas stations there?” Wood said, noting plans to extend a sewer district in the area could lead to more inquiries.

There are currently five operating gas stations on Route 6 from the Peekskill border to the Yorktown border.

A sixth station, approved by the Cortlandt Planning Board, is planned to be constructed on the one-acre site formerly occupied by The Hummingbird restaurant. Gas Land Petroleum Inc. will be operating a convenience store and six gas pumps and make improvements to the traffic signal at the exit/entrance ramp to the Bear Mountain Parkway.

Wood said Gas Land has received a highway work permit from the state Department of Transportation for the traffic signal. He said that project would be exempt from the moratorium.

However, it is unclear whether a planned expansion of an existing gas station across the street from Gas Land that is currently going through the planning process will be temporarily halted by the moratorium.

A former gas station that has been abandoned for years near the Montrose Improvement District water treatment plant is owned by Con Edison. Wood said town officials have been pressing the utility to clean-up the site.

New Pizzeria Opens

Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi, Councilman Dr. Richard Becker and Councilwoman Deb Carter were on hand August 7 for a ribbon cutting ceremony for Gerard’s Pizza and Pasta, located in Carbone Plaza on the corner of Watch Hill Road and Route 9A in Montrose.
County Keeping Eye on COVID Cases as New School Year Looms

By Martin Wilbur

Westchester County officials continue to keep a wary eye on the progression of COVID-19 cases as the number of active infections as most schools are set to reopen on or about Sept. 1.

Through Sunday, there were 2,298 active COVID cases, up 571 over the past week, Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins reported on Monday.

“It’s very concerning that the numbers in testing positive continue to increase, and 95 percent of the individuals that have tested positive for the coronavirus are unvaccinated,” Jenkins said. “So, we do have a series of things that we can do; however, we want to remind people that they have to continue to do things – mask up indoors, which we’re doing in here except when we’re speaking – and we have to keep people as safe as possible.”

Joan McDonald, the county’s director of operations, said officials have been in ongoing discussions with school districts on the issue of vaccine and mandatory mask wearing. The county is prepared to establish a satellite vaccine clinic within any Westchester school district to help eligible students and staff receive their shots.

Districts throughout the area are wrestling with how to institute workable protocols for their staff and students.

COVID-19 cases have continued to rise over the past month and a half since the Delta variant has become the dominant strain of the virus.

Westchester isn’t alone in looking to contain cases. On Sunday, the Mid Hudson region, which included Westchester and Putnam counties, recorded a 2.8 percent positivity rate, the lowest of the state’s 10 regions. Three upstate regions – Central New York, Finger Lakes and the Southern Tier – were all above 6 percent on Sunday.

On the seven-day rolling average that concludes with the most recently completed weekend, New York City had the lowest positivity rate at 2.6 percent with Central New York the highest at 4.7 percent.

On Sunday, Westchester saw 146 new positive cases from 4,998 administered tests, while Putnam County had 10 positive cases out of 402 tests.

As of this week, 81.8 percent of Westchester adults 18 years old and up are vaccinated. More than 609,000 adults in the county are fully vaccinated and about 671,000 have received at least one dose, according to Jenkins.

An encouraging sign has been the slowing of fatalities in the most recent wave of the virus. In the past week, Westchester topped 2,300 fatalities among residents, but there has been a significant reduction in the pace of the deaths.

In July, there were three COVID-19-related deaths in the county.

Jenkins urged residents to do what they need to do to keep themselves safe. If you haven’t been vaccinated, consider getting a shot, and to put on a mask indoors in public spaces.

“We want to continue to remind people that the Delta variant is real, and we want to continue to do things that the CDC recommends,” he said.

Health Care Worker Vaccine Mandate

All health care workers in New York State, including staff at hospitals and long-term care facilities, which includes nursing homes, adult care and other congregate care settings, will be required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 by Sept. 27.

Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti (D-Pleasantville) said Monday that the state Department of Health will issue orders requiring all such facilities to develop and implement a policy mandating employee vaccination, with limited exceptions for those with religious or medical reasons.

State employees who choose to remain unvaccinated will be required to undergo weekly COVID testing.

The Department of Health has authorized a third COVID-19 vaccine dose for New Yorkers with compromised immune systems, following a CDC recommendation last week.

Eligible New Yorkers can receive their third dose 28 days after the completion of their two-dose vaccine series. New Yorkers should contact their health care provider about whether getting an additional dose is appropriate for them at this time.

To date, 75 percent of the state’s roughly 450,000 hospital workers, 74 percent of the state’s 30,000 adult care facility workers and 68 percent of New York’s 145,500 nursing home workers have completed their vaccine series.
Westchester Tops 1M Residents for First Time in 2020 Census

By Martin Wilbur

For the first time in its history, Westchester County’s resident population has topped one million, according to the 2020 Census that was released on Thursday.

The new total has 1,004,457 people living within the county’s borders, up 55,000 from the 2010 Census.

During the past couple of years, County Executive George Latimer said it was likely that Westchester’s population would go over the one million mark by the time the 2020 Census results were disclosed. In 2019, it was estimated that the county’s population stood at about 967,000.

“No one is fleeing this county – they are coming here to be part of Westchester,” Latimer said in a Thursday afternoon statement. “This Census news continues a trend of good news for Westchester County. Our economy is thriving, businesses both small and large are growing, crime is down, and our vaccination rate is among the highest in the state.”

The county has grown by about 130,000 residents since the 1990 Census, a nearly 15 percent increase in that time. The population jump over the last 10 years is the largest in at least the past four decades.

Similar to many other areas of the nation, Westchester saw a jump in various ethnic groups while the White population declined.

Data released by the county showed the most significant demographic increase over the past decade was the county’s Hispanic population, jumping by about 62,000, to 269,000, a 30 percent hike. The Asian population increased by 27 percent, from 51,123 to 64,907 while Westchester’s Black population nudged higher by 3.5 percent to 131,000.

Westchester’s White population dropped from 544,563 to 497,684, a reduction of 8.6 percent.

Multiracial residents more than doubled to 31,704.

In April 2019, Latimer signed an executive order to establish the Westchester County Complete Count Committee, an effort to include all geographic and ethnic constituencies with a focus on the populations that traditionally fail to participate. The efforts included promotion of the 2020 Census with a robust public awareness campaign in English and in Spanish. There was advertising on billboards, county buses and bus shelters and bookmarks and stickers, among other tools.

There was also a series of seven public service announcements, each one focused on a different target audience for the Census.

“The county’s role in the 2020 Census was unprecedented compared to previous Census events,” said Commissioner of Planning Norma Drummond. “We took hold of this challenge and didn’t leave the work to the Census Bureau and municipalities. Westchester’s success in achieving a higher percentage of self-response was partly due to the work done well in advance of 2020 to ensure the Census Bureau had more accurate addresses to reach out to. The results of the County’s efforts show the hard work paid off.”

Neighbors Link Executive Director Carola Bracco chaired the Complete Count Committee.

Westchester Community Foundation awarded Westchester two grants totaling $100,000 for the committee to complete its work.
Local State Legislators: It Was Time for Cuomo to Leave

By Martin Wilbur

Local state legislators called last week’s resignation announcement by Gov. Andrew Cuomo a sad day but a necessary step following the sexual harassment accusations by 11 women and the recent incriminating attorney general’s report.

Cuomo’s Aug. 10 announcement to step down in two weeks was a relief for some lawmakers, even more so after Speaker Carl Heastie announced late last Friday that the Assembly’s Judiciary Committee would suspend its impeachment investigation once the governor is out of office on Aug. 25.

On that day, Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul will become New York’s first woman governor.

Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (D-Ossining) said Cuomo was unlikely to survive impeachment and decided to leave before that “I’m glad he resigned,” said Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (D-Ossining).

“I was really not eager to get into the impeachment process and I thought he wasn’t going to win that process.”

While lawmakers praised Cuomo’s 10-and-a-half years of service that saw groundbreaking legislation signed into law, in recent months, with his legal troubles mounting, he was more of a distraction to the state.

“Today is a somber day for the state of New York, but one that demonstrates our ability to build a more accountable system of government,” Stewart-Cousins said. “Gov. Cuomo’s resignation opens the door to a restorative future. We all owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the courageous women who came forward and helped pave the way for safer and more inclusive workspaces.”

Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti (D-Pleasantville), who was one of the first Westchester representatives to call for his resignation shortly after the accusations surfaced, said the resignation “was a long time coming.” He said Cuomo is highly sensitive to public opinion and once Attorney General Letitia James’ report was released, his support quickly eroded.

On Aug. 8, his trusted aide, Melissa DeRosa, resigned making his departure a matter of time.

“As a result of the delay (in resigning), government has been on hold for weeks and the concentration on his personal faults has overshadowed the legacy of a governor who has done a lot of things for the state of New York,” said Abinanti, who was often critical of some of the governor’s decisions and tactics.

Assemblyman Chris Burdick (D-Bedford) said despite Cuomo’s significant accomplishments, including the nation’s first same-sex marriage legislation 10 years ago, gun safety and protecting abortion rights, his administration will forever be marred by the events that forced him to resign.

“Unfortunately, there’s no question it’s going to very much taint history’s view of him,” Burdick said.

Burdick said last week he was disinclined to pursue impeachment and did not believe the Assembly had the authority to proceed. As a policy matter, he also didn’t believe it was a good idea.

However, Assemblyman Kevin Byrne (R-Mahopac) lambasted Heastie and Assembly Democrats for abandoning the impeachment investigation. He said it wasn’t just the sexual harassment allegations but other scandals, such as applying state resources toward the writing of his memoir, covering up COVID-19 nursing home data and retalting against policymakers and alleged victims.

He said the Democratic-controlled Assembly’s decision “reeks of party insider deal making and is a complete disservice to the goals of transparency and accountability.”

“We spent millions of dollars hiring law firms, doing investigations, subpoenas for this Judiciary Committee impeachment investigation,” Byrne said. “We want them to complete their job and I want the findings and recommendations from the committee to be made publicly available, so the state legislators and the public can see it.”

While Byrne said he disagreed with Cuomo on many issues, he acknowledged some accomplishments, including signing into law the 2 percent tax cap and infrastructure improvements throughout the state.

“The reality is this clouds it all. This man has demonstrably lied,” he said.

State Sen. Peter Harckham (D-Lewisboro) said in a statement Cuomo had no choice remaining but to leave office.

“The resignation of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo was necessary to allow state governance to proceed, and I am grateful for this decision,” Harckham said. “Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul will lead New York State admirably, and I wish her the best in the months ahead.”

Galef also recognized his accomplishments, including ironically advocating for women’s issues, but couldn’t follow the example of the legislation he signed.

“I get the feeling that he never took the sexual harassment or ethics courses that we all take every other year,” she said.
New Castle Sees Slow Progress in Reviewing Form Based Code

By Martin Wilbur

New Castle officials once again were peppered with comments by opponents of the proposed Form Based Code last week, with some questioning why the Town Board continues to pursue studying the entire downtown Chappaqua business hamlet.

During last Tuesday’s board meeting, officials reviewed two more sections of the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (FGEIS) – natural resources and cultural resources, along with the table of contents – that had been returned by the consultants. Two weeks earlier, the board reviewed the first two sections.

However, most of what is expected to be nearly a 1,000-page document has yet to be submitted to the town.

Councilwoman Lisa Katz, who has criticized the proposed code, also pressed her colleagues to include the municipality’s Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals when the FGEIS is ready to be made public.

The FGEIS, prepared by the consultants, is responding to several hundred comments by opponents – to be made public.

Board of Appeals when the FGEIS is ready to be made public. Katz said it’s unlikely the board will act on the code to move forward with additional rezoning rather easily, since the state Environmental Quality Review will have been complete.

“The point is the next Town Board could move in, apply this to all 72 acres,” she said. “The point of the Form Based Code is to expedite development, which means it will happen someday and somebody can come in and apply to the Form Based Code.”

But Director of Planning Sabrina Charney Hull said the town is establishing the environmental thresholds, but given the configuration of most downtown properties, it will be difficult to have major development.

“Without the combination of lots, it is impossible for certain lots of a certain size – a majority of the lots – to take full advantage of the Form Based Code you’re preparing because you have legislated or have prepared legislative requirements they cannot meet because of the size of the lots,” Hull said.

Others wondered whether the Town Board intends to rush the review in hopes of staying on course with its tentative schedule of voting on whether to accept the FGEIS as complete on Aug. 30. That schedule would call for a vote on the code in November, before a newly-elected board is seated.

Resident Margaret Ferguson said with only 19 pages submitted by the consultant for last week’s meeting, she demanded to know the board’s plans.

“The community has a right to know what the schedule is,” Ferguson said. “If it’s not feasible, tell us. When are we going to be told?”

Earlier in the evening Hull said the town will receive the bulk of the FGEIS in time for the board’s Aug. 30 work session.

“This is a lot of information,” she said. “There is a set limitation of how many hours are in a day. I can tell you that we – between myself, counsel, several counsel, and the consultant team – we are spending many hours and minutes of each day trying to get this together for you.”

Katz said it’s unlikely the board will act on the FGEIS on Aug. 30.

“Given only that we discussed 19 pages there’s no way we can vote on it,” she said. However, her push to include the Planning Board, ZBA and possibly other boards reached a roadblock.

“The slow pace of the consultants’ work is impossible for certain lots of a certain size – a majority of the lots – to take full advantage of the Form Based Code you’re preparing because you have legislated or have prepared legislative requirements they cannot meet because of the size of the lots,” Hull said.

Others wondered whether the Town Board intends to rush the review in hopes of staying on course with its tentative schedule of voting on whether to accept the FGEIS as complete on Aug. 30. That schedule would call for a vote on the code in November, before a newly-elected board is seated.

Resident Margaret Ferguson said with only 19 pages submitted by the consultant for last week’s meeting, she demanded to know the board’s plans.

“The community has a right to know what the schedule is,” Ferguson said. “If it’s not feasible, tell us. When are we going to be told?”

Earlier in the evening Hull said the town will receive the bulk of the FGEIS in time for the board’s Aug. 30 work session.

“This is a lot of information,” she said. “There is a set limitation of how many hours are in a day. I can tell you that we – between myself, counsel, several counsel, and the consultant team – we are spending many hours and minutes of each day trying to get this together for you.”

Katz said it’s unlikely the board will act on the FGEIS on Aug. 30.

“Given only that we discussed 19 pages there’s no way we can vote on it,” she said. However, her push to include the Planning Board, ZBA and possibly other boards reached a roadblock.

Acting Supervisor Jeremy Saland said that it isn’t feasible to refer hundreds of pages of answers to multiple boards.

“If we forward every question to see if it was adequate or not, you’re going to have some people say no matter what we say it’s not adequate,” he said.

Councilwoman Lori Morton added that she worries it “triggering a never-ending loop” of feedback.

Town Attorney Ed Phillips said the Town Board is the lead agency and only it can determine the completeness of answers.
Residents Bash Revised Mt. Kisco Solar Farm Proposal

By Martin Wilbur

The opening of the public hearing on a resubmitted application for a proposed Mount Kisco solar farm turned tense last week as neighbors argued that the revised plan would have environmental and quality of life consequences.

SCS Sarles Street, LLC II filed a similar but updated plan in May for a 2.6-megawatt ground-mounted solar array at 180 S. Bedford Rd., which would provide enough power for about 400 homes, said William Null, an attorney for the applicant.

The original application, submitted last year, was withdrawn earlier this year after the former Planning Board chairman, Doug Hertz, resigned because he is a principal with Sunrise Solar Solutions, the Briarcliff Manor-based company that would install the panels.

“The urgency of taking us away from carbon-based energy and providing meaningful sustainable energy is what this project is all about,” Null said.

However, speakers during the hearing strongly opposed the project because it would still jeopardize the sensitive environmental features near the site and negatively impact quality of life. The 25-acre parcel borders Marsh Sanctuary.

“The irony of this application, which represents itself as a green initiative, is far from it when we consider the required destruction of an established greenspace,” said Brentwood Court resident George Coppola. “This isn’t a green initiative, it’s a greed initiative.”

Attorney P. Daniel Hollis, representing three members of the Pietrobono family, who live closest to the parcel, said there was little difference between the two applications and the deleterious impacts on the environment and the neighbors. He also contended that another application on another part of the same property, Homeland Towers’ proposal for a cell tower, must be considered in tandem with the solar farm under the state Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). Homeland Towers has not been back before the Planning Board since last winter when that applicant began searching for an alternative site. Homeland also went months without keeping an escrow account, which forced the Planning Board to repeatedly adjourn the public hearing on the proposed cell tower.

“This plan is hardly in keeping with the purposes and intent, it’s hardly in keeping with the village’s efforts to conserve land along the gateway,” said Hollis, who got into a shouting match at one point with Acting Chairman Michael Bonforte who invoked a time limit for speakers. “What I believe cannot be controverted as well, despite protestations to the contrary, the SEQRA process has been contaminated by segmentation. There’s no way you can divorce this case from the Homeland (Towers) case because they’re both part of the same public utility substation.”

Village Trustee Peter Grunthal, participating in the hearing as a resident, said the project needs to be scaled back because the panels are too close to the buffer. “This is a greed initiative, it’s a greed initiative.’

--MOUNT KISCO RESIDENT

GEORGE COPPOLA

‘This isn’t a green initiative, it’s a greed initiative.’

Resident George Coppola said the stormwater retention basins would encroach into the buffer if there are strict parameters in positioning them, including the need for adequate separation, on a downhill slope and on land that has no more than a 15 percent grade.

He added that the village’s buffer is for distance and not for environmental purposes.
**Charles Heady**

Charles Phillip Heady Jr. of Cortlandt Manor passed away at his home peacefully on Aug. 3. He was 95 years old.

Charles married Yolanda Marion Pisani on Oct. 12, 1955, at the Assumption Church in Peekskill and resided in Waterbury Manor in Cortlandt Manor until his passing. Charlie enjoyed travel with Yolanda and went on many vacations and cruises, including visits to Italy, Las Vegas, Atlantic City, Portland, Alaska and the Caribbean.

He is survived by his two sons and their wives, Wayne and Mary and Jim and Jenny, and his eight grandchildren, Sarahjane, Charles, Dale and April and Matthew, Rebecca, Joseph and Hallie. He had many nieces and nephews and grandnieces and grandnephews. Charlie was predeceased by his wife and his sisters, Vera Obuhanick and Althea Puf.

Charlie was born on Mar. 18, 1926, in the family home on Oregon Road in Cortlandt Manor to Charles and Lillian Heady. He attended area schools in Peekskill and received an honorary diploma from Peekskill High School later in life as he chose to join the Navy during World War II to serve his country proudly. Charlie served from 1944 to 1946 aboard the USS St. Paul that saw combat action in the Pacific during the war, fired the last shots of the war at Tokyo Bay and was on hand for the signing of the armistice. After the signing, he was part of the occupying force stationed in Japan.

On return from the service, he worked at Owens Feed Store loading and driving trucks. Charlie also started his own excavation company and built his own house. From there he became a proud member of Local 456 (the Teamsters) where he was shop steward at Creed Brother’s Lumberyard for 29 years. Charlie finished his career with the Teamsters working as a heavy construction driver with Briar Construction.

Charlie was very involved in the community, serving more than 40 years as a member of the Cortlandt Zoning Board of Appeals and president of the Old Van Cortlandtville Cemetery. Charlie also had an appetite for politics and served as Republican District Leader for more than 40 years.

Charlie was an avid sports fan and enjoyed watching his grandson compete or his favorite team, the New York Jets. He remembers the days when the Jets practiced in Peekskill and meeting Joe Namath. Please help bring home that championship!

**Gerard Marks**

Gerard Harold Marks, age 104, of Cortlandt Manor, died on Aug. 9. He was born on June 1, 1917. His family lived on East 115 Street and his early schooling was at Our Lady Queen of Angels School on East 113 Street.

Marks worked at the Federal Reserve Bank in Manhattan before World War II. He married his beloved wife, Susan Kelly Marks, of County Monaghan, Ireland in 1941, and they initially lived in the Yorkville area of Manhattan.

During World War II he was in the 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 29th Infantry Division (Blue and Gray). He went in a convoy past enemy submarines to England and landed at Normandy Beach on D-Day+6. They went east through Belgium and the Netherlands and across the Rhine to occupy Bremen in northern Germany.

After the war, he was a senior computer and banking executive at Emigrant Savings Bank, the New York Bank for Savings and Goldome Bank in New York City. He volunteered as the first scoutmaster for Troop 422 at Epiphany Church in Manhattan, where he was a faithful parishioner. He and Susan lived in Stuyvesant Town where they raised two sons, Gerard Jr. and Kenneth.

When he retired, he moved to Cortlandt Manor. He was a dedicated Eucharistic Minister at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church in Armonk. For many years, he was a volunteer ombudsman at Field Home-Holy Comforter for the state Office of Long-Term Care.

**Joe Mitaro Sr.**

Joseph Mitaro Sr. passed away on Aug. 12 at home surrounded by his family. He was 98.

Joseph was born on Dec. 20, 1922. He was a World War II veteran and served in the South Pacific islands. He married Norma Bartlett on Oct. 10, 1948. They lived in Yonkers with their children and then moved to Stamford, Conn.

Norma was born Dec. 11, 1923, in Huntington, N.Y. to Eleanor (Lupinacci) and Vittorio Pavone. Maria received her diploma from Mount Vernon High School. She had many different careers, from being at The Bank of New York for more than 10 years to her beloved job as a bus driver for the Yorktown School District.

Maria was loved by everyone she encountered. Her doors were always open and everyone who stopped by felt like they were home. She was happiest when she was able to fill a room with food and laughter. Maria’s caring heart, outgoing personality and unbelievable strength are her most memorable traits. Her greatest joy in life was time spent with her family.

Maria is survived by her husband, Alan Mitaro, whom she married Aug. 15, 1992; her three daughters, Alyssa Brennan (Scrocca) and husband Joseph of Armonk and Jessica LaPonte (Scrocca) and husband Philip of Greenwich, Conn.; grandparents Summer (Princess), Rocco and Dino Scrocca, Maerie Brennan and Emma and Lyla LaPonte; his sister, Geraldine Argentina (Scrocca); his “sister” Judith Fata and “brothers” Anthony Fata and Doug Reichert; and by his many loving nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

John loved life and family and was a dedicated servant and devoted doctor to his patients and spent 45 years practicing medicine. Dr. Scrocca was also known to his colleagues and patients as a compassionate, dedicated and caring physician.

Visitation was on Aug. 15 at Beecher Flook’s Funeral Home in Pleasantville. A Christian mass was held on Aug. 16 at St. Patrick’s Church in Armonk.
Three-Foot Distancing Part of Pleasantville Schools’ COVID-19 Protocol

By Abby Luby

Pleasantville students heading back to school in a few weeks will be following new COVID-19 guidelines that will include social distancing.

Last week the Pleasantville School District announced it is following K-12 school guidelines issued by the Westchester County Department of Health and the state Education Department (SED). The guidelines stipulate that students who were socially distanced by at least three feet from another individual who tests positive for COVID-19 will not be required to quarantine if they are wearing a mask.

“This will dramatically reduce the number of quarantines in the district,” said Superintendent of Schools Mary Fox-Alter. “We had to quarantine a significant number last year but none of those developed into related illnesses and quarantining with "certain medically verified pandemic-related illnesses and quarantining situations."

The state also is encouraging school districts to partner with their “local department(s) of health, director of school health services and other health professionals when developing their policies and responding to health and safety concerns that may arise during the school year.”

If schools cannot fully re-open while maintaining the three-foot distance rule, schools can implement prevention strategies such as cohorting, according to SED.

“This year, when all students are back in school with universal masking there will be close to 100 percent protection,” Fox-Alter told The Examiner. “Couples with vaccinated adults we are excited about the school year.”

Last week the county Department of Health confirmed 2,398 COVID-19 active cases throughout Westchester and reported rising numbers of hospitalized COVID-19 patients. On Aug. 13, the county’s COVID-19 tracker showed the Village of Pleasantville had 27 active cases, including four new cases.

“Your identify these challenges in these uncertain times,” Fox-Alter said. “But you want to give people hope. We are excited about opening for our kids this fall.”

Spring Hill Road, Trumbull, CT 06611 • 203.261.2548 www.trumbullprinting.com

Advertising in The Examiner  •  914-864-0878  •  advertising@theexaminernews.com
Editorial

Vaccinations Are the Only Way Out of This Pandemic

For most residents in our small corner of the world, asking adults to roll up their sleeve for a dose of one of the COVID-19 vaccines is unnecessary. Just about four out of every five of you have done their part to try and control and end what has turned into the scourge of our lifetime – the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, if you’re part of the roughly 20 percent of the local adult population that is resistant or hesitant it’s time to face the hard truth: Your lives – our lives – will take significant reaction are infinitesimal. For those of us who are part of the 80 percent who have been vaccinated, now is not the time to berate others for failing to get their shot. Talk to them, appeal to them and try to put yourself in their shoes. That won’t cost you anything, except a few minutes.

This week, The Boston Globe is publishing a section addressing articles exploring the vaccine issue to clear up misinformation and debunk myths. They have appealed to papers large and small throughout the United States to make the case to their readership and try to make a difference in their hometowns. It’s a noble mission, and one that we take seriously as well. Our communities, our future, our lives may depend on it.

Letters to the Editor

Mount Pleasant Must Protect Pocantico Lake Park From Development

Pocantico Lake Park is one of Westchester’s little gems both ecologically and recreationally. The lake, and surrounding wetlands and forest, are home to numerous waterfowl species such as blue herons, bald eagles, ospreys, cormorants and many other species. The water and surrounding trails are enjoyed by fishermen, hikers, runners and cyclists alike.

The proposed development for 31 new houses will almost certainly diminish the quality of the water and impact all organisms as the runoff will flow downstream through the Rockefeller Preserve, Philippsburg Manor and the Village of Sleepy Hollow.

We as the community of Mount Pleasant, and the greater Westchester community, have an obligation to protect these sensitive lands for current and future generations. This was one of the major intentions of the county when it acquired the lands in 1992 and designated it as a county park. It had been determined to be a critical environmental area in 1990.

We are calling on the Mount Pleasant Town Board and the town’s Planning Board to not allow this sensitive land to be used for a major development. At the very least, we must request that the boards require a full state Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) of the proposal prior to anything else moving forward.

Jackson Sanders
Mount Pleasant

COVID-19 Health Disaster Can Return Here If We’re Not Careful

This is the time of year when we can see license plates from many other states on our local roads and highways. Vacationers hit the road heading north from southern states, and snowbirds have returned to their summer residences. When they unload their cars at parks, local stores and highway rest stops, they are now, more often than not, devoid of face coverings.

They are lined up waiting for restrooms or coffee service, pressed up against each other. For those of us who are part of the 80 percent who have been vaccinated, there is no plausible rationale to play Russian roulette with the lives of others.

For those of us who are eligible take the vaccine. They are lined up waiting for restrooms or coffee service, pressed up against each other. For those of us who are part of the 80 percent who have been vaccinated, there is no plausible rationale to play Russian roulette with the lives of others.

As of Monday, 81.8 percent of Mount Pleasant’s 12,000 residents have received at least one dose of the Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccines, according to the New York State vaccine tracker.

More than 700,000 people in the two counties have received at least one dose, and while some people have felt sick for a short period of time, the chances of a more significant reaction are infinitesimal.

That won’t cost you anything, except a few minutes. Talk to them, appeal to them and try to put yourself in their shoes. That won’t cost you anything, except a few minutes.

Judith Sage
Mount Kisco
Letters to the Editor

Town Board, Residents Must Take the Time to Get Downtown Chappaqua Zoning Right

Over the past year, New Castle residents and stakeholders – including the Planning Board and Board of Education – have made hundreds of public comments on an environmental study draft of the proposed Form Based Code that has the potential to remake the character of the Chappaqua hamlet.

This zoning change would allow dense construction of up to more than 50 feet in height (from the current 35) and seriously reduce community input – both from residents and from our Planning Board. We have been waiting patiently for the town’s paid consultants to weigh in on our concerns. Indeed, recently the town authorized an additional $85,000 in fees to the consultants – on top of the original $400,000 – to address the many substantive issues.

The public has seen little feedback from the consultants. Yet our Town Board has seen fit, without the benefit of this input, to plow ahead with the code to pass this legislation, seemingly before the next election in November.

This is unacceptable.

For example, the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Study (DGEIS) claimed that the current cap on development at three stories (35 feet) would not generate profit for a developer and used this as justification to propose building higher. However, public comments from real estate experts as well as recent developments here like 91 Bedford Rd. show that three-story development is indeed viable.

The DGEIS also promised vague economic benefits to developing without either assessing how those benefits would arise or what the financial tax impact to current residents would be. There have been many more critical concerns including a lack of parking availability to support anticipated new development; displacement of existing low-income residents and small businesses, which would almost certainly occur; environmental damage to the natural landscape and vistas; and a lack of any mandate to include workforce housing.

I implore the New Castle Town Board to hold off drafting changes or voting to accept the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (FGEIS) until the consultants have thoroughly weighed in with responses that demonstrate a deep and thorough understanding of the community’s substantive concerns and address those concerns. After those are shared, residents and stakeholders, and also the Town Board itself, can have a far better assessment of the impacts and possible remediations of those impacts that the consultants were charged with addressing.

The Town Board has repeatedly assured residents that they were listening. We paid for those consultant responses – twice. I expect the Town Board to live up to these assurances, not rush forward without either having or sharing the consultants’ report, which was to address our concerns.

If more time is needed, so be it. More information and options will only enhance the final result if this legislation goes forward.

Community buy-in is important. Rushing to the finish line is not good governance no matter how long the process has taken. We need to get this right as any development done now will surely last for generations.

Lynne Lambert
27-year Chappaqua resident

The Time is Now to Fight Proposed Mount Kisco Solar Farm

Once again, a proposal to install and operate a Tier 3 solar farm on Conservation District-zoned property, adjacent to residential homes and a nature sanctuary, has been submitted to the Mount Kisco Planning Board. The initial proposal, submitted in 2020, was reviewed under a cloud of ethical violations, withdrawn this past April and resubmitted with only minor changes. If this application is approved, it will result in the cutting down of nearly 700 trees, destroying the natural habitat and the home of various species of wildlife, damaging the ecology of the area and altering the natural beauty of the last plot of undeveloped land in Mount Kisco.

Is this what we want for Mount Kisco? This location, on the Mount Kisco-Bedford border at 180 S. Bedford Rd., will essentially change this Conservation District property to a commercial zone, right in the middle of a residential neighborhood and adjoining the Marsh Sanctuary.

This is not a “not-in-my-backyard” defense. I wouldn’t want it in anyone’s backyard. Solar energy has many advantages, but it also has disadvantages, and potential risks, and belongs in commercial and business areas, or near highways or landfills. And the clear-cutting of almost 700 trees in the name of “going green” is hypocritical.

Many alternative sites for solar development have been identified that do not require cutting trees.

The property is privately-owned by an LLC whose owner does not live in Mount Kisco or even in New York. He plans to not only lease a portion of this property to this solar company, but also another segment of the land as well for the installation of a cell tower. What’s next?

Many of us who oppose the development of this property strongly suggest that the Village Board investigate options to acquire the property, perhaps with the help of county and state funds.

Help us stop this senseless proposal. The next public hearing on this matter is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Mount Kisco Village Hall at 104 Main St. and on Zoom. For Zoom info, refer to the town’s website at www.mountkiscoyny.gov. Click on government/agendas&minutes/planning board. Written comments can be sent to planning@mountkiscoyny.gov. Thank you.

Maryann Tarnok
Mount Kisco

Pocantico Lake Park Should Remain Free of Development for All

I recently learned about the potential real estate development on Pocantico Lake (“Proposed Subdivision at Pocantico Lake Park Would Degrade a County Jewel”). Pocantico Lake is a jewel – a place for birders, walkers, swimmers, dog walkers and anyone who loves a quiet, green oasis. Now it’s threatened with the development of 30-plus houses.

According to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, “most projects or activities proposed by a state agency or unit of local government, and all discretionary approvals (permits) from a NYS agency or unit of local government, require an environmental impact assessment” known as the state Environmental Quality Review (SEQR).

Westchester residents, please ask your elected officials for an actual SEQRI review of the proposal. This is not a kneejerk NIMBY (Not In My Backyard) response; it’s a request for a legitimate discussion of the environmental impact of development on this unique wetland and the surrounding community.

And before or after you make that call or send that e-mail, take a walk around Pocantico Lake. I guarantee that you will find yourself physically and mentally renewed by the beauty of the spot. In this time of enormous changes at the last minute, the public needs access to green spaces like Pocantico Lake more than ever.

Nelle Stokes
Pleasantville

Here’s a Solution to the Bridge Name Controversy

A note to soon-to-be governor Kathy Hochul: When you get a moment, please restore the name of the Tappan Zee Bridge to the Governor Malcolm Wilson Bridge. He earned that honor and did not deserve to have it removed by His Arrogance.

That said, Mario Cuomo deserves a similar honor, and it should have always been to have the Grand Central Parkway in Queens named for him. He lived there all his life, it runs right past Jamaica Estates where he lived, and no toes get stepped on.

The Governor Mario Cuomo Grand Central Parkway. I like the sound of it. And so will the family of Malcolm Wilson when his name is restored to the Tappan Zee Bridge.

Maryann Tarnok
Mount Kisco

We’re Stuck With the Costs Regardless of What Cuomo Bridge is Called

Many calling for restoring the name of the Mario M. Cuomo Bridge back to the Tappan Zee Bridge missed something. In 1994, then-Gov. Mario Cuomo changed the name to the Malcolm Wilson Tappan Zee Bridge. Wilson was elected lieutenant governor with Nelson Rockefeller in 1968 on the Republican ticket. Rockefeller resigned as governor in 1973, and a year later assumed the Office of Vice President under President Gerald Ford. Wilson became the governor. He subsequently lost to Democrat Hugh Carey in 1974 for a full term.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo always intended to use toll hikes to pay for the $3.9 billion construction cost. He made a political calculation by promising not to raise the tolls when running in 2018. To pay back the $1.6 billion Federal Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Improvement Act (TIFIA) loan and $1 billion Thruway Authority Bond, tolls will periodically go up. How long will it take to pay back both loans?

Cuomo’s departure from Albany will leave taxpayers and commuters stuck paying higher fares, taxes and tolls in coming years to pay for the bridge, regardless of name.

Larry Penner
Great Neck, N.Y.
Croton-on-Hudson Police Department

Aug. 2: Report from a village resident at 3:40 p.m. that someone filed unemployment benefits and opened a bank account with their name. The caller notified the bank who froze the accounts. The subject has had no financial loss at this time. Report to be filed.

Aug. 4: Patrols took a 54-year-old Bronx resident into custody on Arrowcrest Drive at 1:36 p.m. on an active warrant from Florida on charges of battery and tampering with a witness. He was transported to the Westchester County Jail in Valhalla.

Aug. 5: Patrols responded to an area on Half Moon Bay Drive at 1:49 p.m. for a report of a resident who had turned off the water to another resident’s property and would not answer the door. Patrol spoke to the resident who stated after opening the door the water “had magically turned back on.” The condition was corrected.

Aug. 7: Police was notified at 6:37 p.m. by a Peekskill resident who is employed in Croton-on-Hudson that they had received unauthorized debit transactions through a Global Account, where his paychecks are deposited, totaling over $450. Report to be filed.

North Castle Police Department

Aug. 7: A report of garbage trucks picking up garbage at commercial businesses in North White Plains in violation of the permissible times listed in the Town Code. The community member was unable to provide specific days of the week but did report it occurs at about 5 a.m. near Ralph’s Famous Italian Ices on North Broadway. The owner of the business was advised him of the town ordinance for garbage collection. Information was forwarded to patrols for attention to this complaint.

Putnam County Sheriff’s Department

Aug. 10: Sheriff Robert L. Langley, Jr. reported the arrest of a 58-year-old Kent man on narcotics possession and sale charges. In November 2020 an investigator assigned to the Sheriff’s Department’s Narcotics Enforcement Unit (NEU) developed information that a Town of Kent man was involved in the sale of heroin within the county. On Aug. 10, members of the NEU took the subject into custody in Kent. The suspect was charged with three counts of third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and three counts of third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance.

Swastika Discovered at Nelson Park Playground in Ossining

By Rick Pezzullo

A swastika was discovered Sunday on a slide at Nelson Park playground in the Village of Ossining.

The graffiti was found when a group of community members was cleaning the area as part of an effort called Stash the Trash.

Ossining Mayor Rika Levin said police removed the graffiti after responding to the scene and gathering the necessary evidence and photographs. There are currently no suspects, but police are pursuing all leads and encouraging any resident with information on the crime to contact them immediately.

“Their is no place for hate in Ossining,” Levin stated. “As many of us know, there is nothing humorous or insignificant about a swastika. The equilateral cross was the official emblem of the Nazi Party. It is recognized worldwide as a symbol of oppression, hatred, and the sadistic death of millions of people. I myself am the child of two Holocaust survivors, and this symbol hits me deeply in the most personal way.”

“This type of graffiti is an embarrassment to our village and wounds people of all faiths, and the fact that it was drawn in a children’s playground makes it even more despicable,” Levin continued. “The board and I recognize that for all of us who seek a world where people live a respected and respected life, there is a delicate balance between trying not to overreact while ensuring such acts are not overlooked or treated lightly.”

White Plains Police Department

Aug. 2: An attempted burglary was reported at the Apple store in the Westchester Mall after hours. Nothing was reported stolen. The investigation is continuing.

Aug. 9: Two individuals were charged with grand larceny in connection with the theft of energy drinks from Target over a five-day period. The merchandise stolen totaled about $1,700.

Yorktown Police Department

Aug. 10: William Henriquez, 32, of the Bronx, was arrested at 6:07 p.m. and charged with operating a vehicle while his driving privilege was revoked. The vehicle was unregistered and uninsured after being pulled over for allegedly failing to use a designated lane and driving on the shoulder of a roadway on Route 6 and Mountain Brook.

Aug. 12: Sharon Hoskins, 74, of Burlington, Vt. was charged with criminal possession of stolen property at 2:19 p.m. On July 27, police took a report from Hoskins in reference to an unrelated matter and she was found to be in possession of a stolen 2021 Ford Transit van from Essex, Vt. Hoskins returned to police headquarters for an unrelated matter was still in possession of the stolen car.

Fantastic Finds

An upscale resale shop

New & gently used items in pristine condition

A wide variety of top-quality merchandise at great prices!

400 King Street, Chappaqua, NY

Call Us for A/C Installation & Service, Generators and Your Propane Needs!

Budget accounts, Automatic or call us for next day delivery at C.O.D.pricing! Place an Order online

Serving Northern Westchester, Southern Dutchess & Putnam Counties!

SCLAFANI ENERGY

Fuel Oil • HVAC • Service • Propane • Diesel

We Make Warm and Now “Cool” Friends Too!

Call Us for A/C Installation & Service, Generators and Your Propane Needs!

Budget accounts, Automatic or call us for next day delivery at C.O.D.pricing! Place an Order online

www.SclafaniEnergy.com • 1 (845) 628-1330
Come Join the Drum Hill Family!

- Located in Historic Peekskill Landmark
- Overlooking the Spectacular Hudson River
- Spacious Studio, 1-2 Bedroom Apartments Equipped with Full Kitchens
- Weekly Housekeeping including Linen Service
- Restaurant Style Dining Serving Lunch and Dinner
- Transportation to Doctors, Shopping and Outings
- Entertainment, Educational Courses and a Full Array of Activities
- 24-hour Security and Emergency Response System

Open House
AUGUST 27TH 2021 at 5-7PM
DRUM HILL SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY
90 RINGGOLD STREET
PEEKSILL, NY 10566
TELEPHONE: 914-788-8860

TAKE A PERSONAL TOUR THIS EVENING AND YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR CHOICE OF A BOTTLE OF WINE... WHITE OR RED OR A BOX OF GODIVA CHOCOLATES

Drum Hill
Senior Living Community

WALK-INS WELCOME. MON-FRI 9am – 5pm
90 Ringgold Street • Peekskill, NY 10566 • drumhillseniorliving.com

Call TODAY for special promotions! LIMITED AVAILABILITY! 914-788-8860
Mt. Pleasant Approves $2.3M Energy Efficiency Project for Town Hall

By Martin Wilbur and Abby Luby

The Town of Mount Pleasant last week approved a more than $2.3 million Town Hall improvement project through a New York Power Authority (NYPA) program to make the Valhalla facility greener and more energy efficient.

The board’s vote came a week after a NYPA representative made a presentation to the Town Board. NYPA will oversee and manage the project, including handling of the bidding process.

“This work is way overdue,” said Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi. “I don’t know of any other municipality that will be as green as we are.”

The project carries a cost of $2,349,271, which includes $924,472 for lighting upgrades; replacement of the cooling tower for $150,078; replacing the AHU-7 condensing unit, which will run $156,022, replacing boilers for $401,199; and installing a 600-kilowatt backup generator that is expected to cost $680,743.

According to NYPA, the energy savings is estimated to offset the total cost of the project in 47 years. Upgrades are projected to save the town about $45,000 a year. During the first 10 to 15 years, there is expected to be low maintenance with no repairs, helping the town to save additional money; the NYPA presentation highlighted.

Cost estimates by NYPA are based on the costs of materials over the past six months, although there are concerns about fluctuating costs.

Upgrades will be funded by a 20-year bond with the first payment due by late next year next year. It is expected that the town will approve a bond this October.

All work is expected to take about two years.

The lighting upgrades will see the replacement of all old bulbs with energy efficient LED lights.

Another aspect of the project is the replacement of all 97 single-pane windows with double-pane windows that are more energy efficient and will keep cold out in winter, Fulgenzi said.

Nine HVAC units and the cooling tower, which has had some leaks, will be replaced to also maximize energy efficiency.

The building’s boiler will be replaced with two smaller boilers and multiple emergency generators will be taken out in favor of the one 600-kilowatt generator, which has enough capacity to not only power the entire Town Hall but help provide electricity to the surrounding neighborhood.

The backup generator satisfies a longstanding need for Town Hall and allows Mount Pleasant to enroll in New York State Energy Research and Development Authority’s (NYSERDA) Demand Response Program. This program enables the town to generate net revenue when directed by the utility company to come off the grid and run on the generator when there is peak demand.

Energy efficiency will be markedly improved at Mount Pleasant Town Hall within the next two years after the town plans to make upgrades through a New York Power Authority program.

Ready, Willing & Able

Ready: The need for REAL ESTATE is always present
Willing: To help with those needs in a changing environment
Able: To work with you in our new normal

As we move to the next step in re-opening the local real estate market, contact me to help with your important decisions... Because my time is your time.

Sharon L. Foley
Lic. Real Estate Salesperson
370 Manville Road, Pleasantville
C: 914.649.1157
O: 914.769.2222
E: Sharon.Foley@ERA.com
Federal Funding for Van Cortlandt Manor in Croton Celebrated

By Samuel Rowland

Congressman Mondaire Jones (D-White Plains) visited the Van Cortlandt Manor house in Croton-on-Hudson Aug. 9 to celebrate obtaining $600,000 in federal money to repair and upgrade the property’s parking lot and pathways.

The funds were derived from the INVEST in America Act, which was passed by the House of Representatives on July 1. Jones was instrumental in getting the Van Cortlandt Manor project added to the $735 billion transportation infrastructure bill as one of seven Member Designated Projects funded within the 17th Congressional District.

“They help to bridge our past to our future…(and) not just in Westchester County,” Jones said. “Can there be any doubt that we need more historical accuracy right now?”

While the INVEST in America Act still needs to be approved by the U.S. Senate without modifications significant enough to send it back to the U.S. House for a new round of voting, the speakers at the event were confident that the bill will have support from Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand to push it through.

“We are confident that they will hear (Jones) and respond,” said Historic Hudson Valley Trustee Joel Motley.

The Van Cortlandt Manor project is officially known as the Restoration of Van Cortlandt Manor Entrance Road Project. Included in the plan are new bike racks and vehicle charging stations in the parking lot, sidewalks connecting the Croton-Harmon station to the Van Cortlandt Manor entrance and new accessibility features for the main pathway through the site. The project was launched initially with a $3 million appropriation from the Federal Highway Administration, with Croton-on-Hudson as the project’s municipal sponsor.

All other seven member-designated projects in the 17th Congressional District are also in Westchester County. The largest project in terms of funding is the Hudson Line Tunnels initiative for the Metro-North which will have its 17th anniversary this year. Alongside its seasonal events, there has been a new focus on the history of chattel slavery in the Northeast, including an interactive documentary site called “People, Not Property,” funded by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Other speakers included Assemblywoman Karina Dandashi (New Rochelle) and Gibbons, the director of the Westchester County Department of Economic Development.

Congressman Mondaire Jones visited Van Cortlandt Manor in Croton-on-Hudson last week to announce $600,000 in federal money to improve the property’s grounds.

Halloween event in the entire United States, which will have its 17th anniversary this year. Alongside its seasonal events, there has been a new focus on the history of chattel slavery in the Northeast, including an interactive documentary site called “People, Not Property,” funded by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Other speakers included Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (D-Ossining), Historic Hudson Valley President Waddell Stillman, Croton-on-Hudson Mayor Brian Pugh and Bridget Gibbons, the director of the Westchester County Department of Economic Development.

**Jones Announces $20G Federal Grant for Burns Film Center**

Congressman Mondaire Jones (D-White Plains) visited the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville last Tuesday to highlight a $20,000 National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) grant for the film center.

The grant for the nonprofit arts and education hub will be used to support its Creative Culture fellowship program for emerging filmmakers.

At the press conference, Jones was joined by two recipients of the Creative Culture fellowship: Leah Galant and Karina Dandashi.

“With this grant, Jacob Burns can invest even further in its Creative Culture fellowship, and I look forward to seeing the incredible work this program creates,” Jones said. “In Congress, I’ll continue to advocate for robust investment in the arts and in film, and for federal investment for fellowships like this throughout Westchester and Rockland.”

Sean Weiner, the director of programs at the Burns’ Media Arts Lab, lauded Jones for his support and stressed the importance of the film center’s mission.

“From the beginning in 2001, the Jacob Burns Film Center’s mission has been to share stories and experiences from around the world,” Weiner said. “Creative Culture attracts emerging filmmakers with new, unique and engaging stories, reinforcing the center’s status as a creative hub and strengthening the filmmaking community.”

The Town of Yorktown took another step toward reducing its carbon footprint with the completion of a replacement program for outdated streetlights.

The Streetlight Conversion Project installed 260 bulbs that use energy-efficient light emitting diodes. The new streetlights will cut in half the amount of electricity used for street illumination.

“Yorktown is committed to conservation and protecting our environment,” said Supervisor Matt Slater. “Last month, we celebrated the opening of a new food-scrap composting collection site, and in March, our police department bought its first hybrid vehicle. These efforts will continue as we identify new conservation opportunities.”

The LED Streetlight Conversion Project began last year in conjunction with New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG), the power utility that serves parts of Yorktown.

“We at NYSEG have been working hard to become a more energy efficient community,” said NYSEG President Carl Taylor. “We’re working together in conjunction with everyone to reduce energy consumption and LED lights are the perfect opportunity to do that.”

The cost of the project for the town was approximately $17,000 with an expected annual savings of $26,000 a year.

“Although things got a little delayed to COVID, it’s been great to have this come to fruition,” said Highway Superintendent Dave Paganelli. “Yorktown adopting efficient energy alternatives is a huge step in the right direction.”

Besides the new streetlights, Yorktown has approved initiatives designed to conserve large amounts of electricity, including last November’s approval of the installation of a solar panel array in the parking lot of the Granite Knolls Sports Complex; the adoption of new laws regulating solar panel arrays and solar power storage devices; the agreement with Sustainable Westchester to educate residents about vetted solar-power enrollment opportunities; and an energy credit purchase agreement with Lodestar Energy that will deliver solar-produced electricity to municipal buildings, reduce the town’s carbon footprint by 70 percent and save the town an estimated $30,000 a year.
Westchester to Honor 9/11 Victims With Weekend of Volunteer Opportunities

By Martin Wilbur

It may be 20 years since the September 11 terrorist attacks, but Westchester County once again is making certain that the nearly 3,000 victims from that day, including more than 100 county residents, will always be honored.

For the 11th year since the catastrophe, the county and Volunteer New York! are partnering to offer the 9/11: Serve + Remember opportunities, this time a full weekend where local residents can participate in community service projects to remember those who perished.

“The most important thing is to remember what the 9/11 Day of Service is all about,” said Jeannette Gisbert, executive director of Volunteer New York! “It’s really about, if you speak to the family members, they want people to remember not the tragedy but how people ran to Ground Zero to help each other. That’s what they want to remember as their legacy, so that’s what we’re trying to do here, give people an opportunity to engage in community through volunteerism.”

Last week the nonprofit organization, along with the Westchester Parks Foundation and County Executive George Latimer, gathered at Kensico Dam Plaza to announce the events that are scheduled for that weekend.

Volunteers are encouraged to participate in a live webinar on Thursday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. Volunteer New York! Community Outreach Manager Charles Curtis will present a program called “Volunteering With Equity in Mind.” He will share tips on how to advocate for those in the community and bridge the gap between those who serve and are served.

On Saturday, Sept. 11, there will be two two-hour park cleanup efforts at Tibbetts Brook Park in Yonkers and Croton Point Park in Croton-on-Hudson. The two sessions at each location will run from 9 to 11 a.m. and 12 to 2 p.m. Gisbert said the two park cleanups are new for this year’s commemoration for people who may be uncomfortable volunteering indoors because of the pandemic.

On Sunday, Sept. 12, there will be two volunteer hubs, one at Westchester Community College in Valhalla and the other at Iona College in New Rochelle. Volunteers can choose between making fleece blankets for children in local hospitals, creating literacy kits for elementary school students or making cards for deployed service members.

Those interested in participating can register in advance for either location for a 90-minute morning session starting at 10 a.m. or a two-hour afternoon effort beginning at noon.

Latimer said that for all the challenges the country is facing, the spirit of helping others is an example of what communities around the country can offer.

“When we think of America, that is the best of America, an America that sacrifices for each other, an America that doesn’t put its own individual desires first…and they sacrifice their lives so other people can live,” Latimer said.

On the afternoon of Sept. 11 at 3:30 p.m., Westchester will hold its annual 9/11 ceremony at Kensico Dam Plaza. That same afternoon it will unveil a memorial to first responders and others who have died from illnesses related to working at Ground Zero. It will be located near the 9/11 memorial The Rising at the park.

Gisbert said more than 33,000 families and groups in Westchester, Putnam and Rockland counties have volunteered more than 400,000 hours of service for Volunteer New York! Their efforts benefitted over 300 nonprofits.

In the previous 9/11: Serve + Remember events, more than 10,000 volunteers have joined in the effort over the past decade, she said.

Anyone interested in volunteering that weekend, may register in advance by calling 914-948-4452 or visit volunteernewyork.org/service.

Immunotherapy: A Game Changer in Cancer Treatment?
The leading-edge of cancer care – offered right here at NWH

Q: What is Immunotherapy?
A: Your immune system is a network of cells, tissues, and organs that work together to keep you healthy by defending your body against harmful invaders.

Immunotherapy is a cancer treatment that uses your immune system to thwart cancer cells. Immunotherapies are often used in combination with traditional chemotherapy medications to boost the effectiveness of those regimens.

Q: Are there different types of immunotherapy treatments?
A: Yes. The first, called “checkpoint inhibitors,” are drugs that help your immune system respond more strongly to a tumor by blocking the proteins that keep T-cells from killing cancer cells.

Another type of immunotherapy, “adoptive cell transfer,” boosts the natural ability of your T-cells to fight cancer. In this treatment, T-cells are taken from your tumor, and those that are found to be most active against your cancer are grown in large batches in the lab, and then eventually returned to your body to fight off the cancer.

Next are “monoclonal antibodies,” which are immune-system proteins produced in a lab. These antibodies are designed to attach to specific targets found on cancer cells. Some monoclonal antibodies mark cancer cells so they will be better seen and destroyed by the immune system. Another immunotherapy agent is a vaccine called “BCG” that is instilled directly into the bladder to attack very early bladder cancer.

Who is a good candidate for immunotherapy?
A: The best candidates for immunotherapy are patients whose disease may have a genetic component. We test for a number of things to see whether a patient’s particular tumor may be due to a genetic cancer syndrome. Those types of tumors seem to have better susceptibility to immunotherapies. Whether or not immunotherapy is used alone or with other treatments is determined on a case-by-case basis.

What are treatments like?
A: Immunotherapy can be administered intravenously, orally, topically (for very early skin cancers), or intravesically (directly into the bladder). How often and how long the patient receives immunotherapy depends on the type of cancer and how advanced it is, the immunotherapy agents themselves, and how the patient tolerates and responds to the medications. Exciting new uses of immunotherapy agents are seen on a regular basis, says the doctor. They’re really making their way through the treatment of many different types of cancers now. This is the cutting edge of oncological care.
We Save So Much Stuff But Where Do We Put It All?

Our homes are where we eat, sleep, play, sometimes work and store things we’ve finished using but somehow can’t bear to throw away.

There are many reasons we may want to hold on to stuff we no longer need, but where do we find room?

Granted, some homeowners achieve living on the light side where nothing is hidden and what you see is what you get. Or they’ve gotten religion just before the sale of a home. The homes on the market which show best are those where all the traditional storage spaces – the attic, basement and garage shelving – are bare.

When I owned a single-family home, my attic and garage looked like storage rental facilities, but not nearly as neat. And when it came time to sell that home, we hired a crew to clean out our basement, which had been packed with possessions to the beams overhead. There was clear evidence there of many different careers and lifetimes, including those of our parents and grandparents, along with tools and leftover materials from house renovation.

One of the workmen took me aside in the basement and told me how dangerous it was to have saved enamel paint and paint thinner so close to the boiler. Fortunately, it was before I started writing as The Home Guru, so I was only half embarrassed. At first, it was a visceral experience to instruct the workers what to throw out for bulk pick up day.

My propensity to hang on to stuff started young. Maybe I had thought that someday I would be famous and future generations would want some piece of who I was and what I did in life. But since I turned out to be just an ordinary guy, I have no excuse.

It all started when I was an adolescent and my mother showed me a white envelope on which was written, “My Son William’s First Haircut, aged 2.” Inside were Titian red curls that bear little resemblance to my hair today. It was a real curiosity for me.

That was the first item I tucked away in a sturdy cardboard box that originally housed Florida oranges we would receive each Christmas from my Aunt Helen. Through the years, that box accommodated all my other official documents from my birth certificate to a special blessing from the Pope when my wife and I married. (My wife had connections.) Since then, that one box has multiplied like loaves and fishes.

By the time I was a teenager, I was collecting books and phonograph records before the time of downloading audio files, never thinning them out and always saving them. (Anybody want a rare collection of impressive 33 rmps from the ’60s?) By the time I married, I went on to saving photographs well before the days of digital images. I documented every move my family and I made, starting with our honeymoon.

Then my wife and I started collecting things together and, by the time we got into the sideline of an antiques business, the floodgates opened. We never got to the point of hoarding, and our house was always tidy, but we never really organized our storage of the things we didn’t have room to display.

However, we did come up with some interesting alternatives to storage in the attic or basement. My wife stored her fancy table linens, which she used maybe three or four times a year, in our living room in drawers from a 19th century bookcase on chest. Perhaps as homes get downsized, efficient storage will be even more important, and don’t use. Now, if only I were able to accept that advice years ago.

Bill Primavera is a licensed realtor (www.PrimaveraHomes.com) affiliated with Coldwell Banker and a marketing practitioner (www.PrimaveraPR.com). For questions or comments about the housing market, or selling or buying a home, he can be reached at 914-522-2076.
Women Winemakers Making Inroads Into French Wineries

The origins of winemaking have been traced back nearly 8,000 years. As societies evolved and advanced over this continuum, the face of the wine industry has remained remarkably static in one regard: the role of women winemakers and winery owners. A common thread throughout wine’s history is the dominant role of men in the vineyard and in the winery, and the lack of opportunities for women. In previous columns I explored the changing role and gaining prominence of women winemakers in the United States and Italy. This week I turn my focus to France.

Nowhere is the dichotomy of the role of women in wine-centric countries as apparent as in France. Their role has been influenced by different circumstances in each French region/culture, engrained family prejudices and an Old World mentality that blatantly discriminated against women. As these factors begin to ebb in nearly all regions, the fate of women winemakers looks more and more promising.

It seems ironic that women winemakers are at the helm of a number of the most prestigious wineries in the world, yet the winemaking profession as a whole continues to be dominated by men.

Let’s consider three regions.

In the Bordeaux region, a disproportionate number of the most famous, and profitable, wineries either are owned by women or have gained prominence through the efforts of women winemakers. The list of women at the top of the French wine industry is legendary – and long-lived. Through inheritances, and in several instances sheer willpower, women in Bordeaux have accrued to prominence and have thrived through periods of political and economic unrest. As early as the 19th century, women established and fostered their reputation as artisans and aristocrats. Commanding prices in the hundreds of dollars per bottle today, the wines produced by these women consistently garner accolades as the crème de la crème.

I hold in high regard Bordeaux wines produced by these women. Year in and year out their wines are invariably rated as the top wines in the world: Sandrine Garbay of Château d’Yquem, Véronique Dausse of Château d’Yquem, Véronique Drouhin-Boss, the fourth-generation winemaker of Maison Joseph Drouhin, one of the largest and most highly regarded wineries in the region.

Women have historically suffered from male-dominated customs and genealogy. One exception is Véronique Drouhin-Boss, the fourth-generation winemaker of Maison Joseph Drouhin, one of the largest and most highly regarded wineries in the region.

Other opportunities are growing. Enterprise women are the beneficiaries of tactics employed during the early development of France as a world power: marriage into winemaking families; and interfamily marriages to increase control over land ownership – all enhanced by women’s entrepreneurial spirit and dedication.

Although not as numerous as their counterparts in other regions around the world, French women are increasingly gaining the admiration and respect of wine lovers. Look for highly regarded wines from Nathalie Fèvre of Domaine Nathalie and Gilles Fèvre, Christine Dubreuil of Domaine Dubroil-Fontaine, Anne-Clau de Leflaive of Domaine Leflaive and Lalou Bize-Leroy of Domaine Leroy. French women winemakers are increasingly making inroads – and being recognized for their talent and innovation.

Vive les femmes.

By Nick Antonaccio

Patterson Auto Body
Your Complete Automotive Service Center

HOT AUGUST SPECIALS

BUMPERS TO BUMPERS SPECIAL
OIL & FILTER CHANGE
CHECK
BATTERY, FLUIDS, BELTS, HOSES, BRAKES, STRUTS, SHOCKS,
TIRES, WIPERS, LIGHTS ENGINE HEALTH REPORT

IS YOUR AC WORKING EFFICIENTLY?
DON’T WAIT FOR A HEAT WAVE TO FIND OUT!
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF 15% OFF
(B.G.) CLIMATE CONTROL & AIR CONDITIONER SERVICE
ADD ANY OTHER (B.G.) PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICE
AND GET 15% OFF THAT SERVICE TOO

ALL SERVICES by Appointment ONLY. MUST Mention Special when Dropping off Vehicle. ALL SPECIALS EXPIRE 8/31/21

COLLISION REPAIR • NYS INSPECTION • AIR CONDITIONING • WHEEL ALIGNMENT & BALANCING PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE • TOWING • TIRE CENTER • LIGHT DUTY VEHICLE SPECIALISTS

2597 Rt. 22 Patterson PattersonAutoBody.com 845.878.3456
Five Campus Essentials for College-Bound Students

College bound this fall? Let this round-up be your guide for a smooth start to the fall semester.

1. Easy reading. Eliminate the need for lugging heavy textbooks between the dorm, the classroom and the library by opting for an eReader. Look for a model offering a large display, tons of storage and a long battery life. Prefer to get studying done on the quad? Be sure to prioritize a glare-free screen.

2. Synced schedules. The right timepiece will help keep scholars on top of classes, club meetings and other appointments. An Edifice Watch from Casio that uses Bluetooth to link to a smartphone, offers minute-by-minute coordination of daily schedules. Its Auto Time Zone feature updates automatically, ensuring timekeeping is accurate, whether students are studying on campus or abroad. Also, a featured Schedule Timer links with a smartphone’s calendar and shows appointment start times and end times on the watch display. Wearers can even configure settings to have an alarm sound to alert them of these important reminders.

3. Dorm design. Peel-and-stick wall decals can instantly turn your dorm room into a place that feels like home. From floral and tropical patterns to inspirational messages, they’re easy to apply at the start of the year and easy to remove when it’s over.

4. Crunching numbers. Both those majoring in STEM fields as well as liberal arts students fulfilling key credits need an advanced graphing calculator. Get equipped with one designed for education, like the FX-CG500Prizm. Jam-packed with features, including three-dimensional graphing, programming and a computer algebra system, this non-traditional graphing calculator has a double sized screen for easier number-crunching and concept visualization. USB connectivity offers students the option of dropping their results directly into classwork.

5. Making music. Musicians of all levels need equipment and instruments that are right for campus living. Enter the Casio CDP-S150, a lesson-ready compact digital piano delivering an authentic piano sound and playing feel in a sleek chassis that’s not much bigger than the keys themselves, making it the perfect fit for any dorm room or off-campus apartment. Packed with 10 great sounds and educational features, the CDP-S150 brings music to life. And because it’s equipped with a newly-designed scaled and weighted hammer-action keyboard and has the response of an acoustic grand piano, it’s a solid choice for students who need to rehearse when the piano practice lab is closed.

As you do your back-to-campus shopping, consider tools and products that can help a student begin the fall term with academic confidence and personal style.

This article is reprinted by permission of statepoint.net.

THERE’S A WORD FOR IT
A vocabulary-building quiz

By Edward Goralski

Word Finder. The quiz this week is composed of words found in various sources. You may find some wonderful words in books, magazines, or newspapers. It doesn’t matter if they are in print or online, words are very adaptable. Perhaps you will find a few words this week to add to your vocabulary.

1. winnow (v.)
A) to reduce
B) prepare
C) sharpen

2. alacrity (n.)
A) to write or study, especially late at night;
produce scholarly written material
B) process of changing
C) cheerful willingness

3. canorous (adj.)
A) to make angry
B) make worse
C) make excuses

4. exacerbate (v.)
A) skill in performing tasks
B) process of changing
C) cheerful willingness

5. censure (n.)
A) preparing for the exam
B) process of changing
C) strong criticism

6. lucubrate (v.)
A) substantial animosity
B) strong criticism
C) belief in spirits

7. animadversion (n.)
A) random
B) watchful
C) insightful

8. isochronous (adj.)
A) looking alike
B) occurring at the same time
C) having the same color

ANSWERS:
A) to reduce
B) preparing for the exam
C) strong criticism
Back to School Shoe Shopping Tips for Healthy Feet

The start of a new school year brings many “to dos,” including back-to-school shoe shopping. It’s important to find the right shoes for your child at different stages in their lives. Foot and ankle surgeons, often referred to as foot physicians or podiatrists, recommend shopping wisely for the proper shoes to help minimize foot problems caused by poorly fitting shoes and help you address any foot issues your child may have.

Use these tips from the foot and ankle surgeons of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS) in your quest for school shoes for your children.

1. Shoes should fit. Your child’s feet can grow up to two sizes in six months, so account for growth when shopping. This doesn’t mean you should buy shoes that are too big – oversized shoes can cause the foot to slide forward, putting excessive pressure on the toes. “A good fit is about a finger’s width from the end of the shoe to the tip of the big toe,” said Dr. Brett Sachs, a foot and ankle surgeon and fellow member of ACFAS. Sachs warns that tight shoes can cause blisters, corns and calluses on your child’s toes, blisters on the back of their heels, or worse, ingrown nails, which can become infected. Signs of infection from ingrown nails include pain, redness or fluid draining from the area. If you notice any of these symptoms, schedule an appointment with a foot and ankle surgeon, who can perform a simple, safe in-office procedure to remove the nail.

2. Shoes wear out. Shoes lose shock absorption over time, so inspect new and old shoes for proper cushioning and shock absorption. Foot and ankle surgeons caution that worn-out shoes elevate the risk for heel pain, Achilles tendinitis and even ankle sprains and stress fractures. Replace any shoes with wear and tear around the edges of the sole. When buying shoes, check to see that the toe box flexes easily and the shoe doesn’t bend in the middle of the sole.

3. Children with flat feet. Children with flat feet need shoes with a wide toe box, maximum arch support and shock absorption. The best options are oxford, lace-up shoes that have enough depth for an orthotic insert, if necessary.

4. Children who play sports. Athletic shoes can wear down and become uneven on the bottom, causing the ankle to tilt because the foot can’t lie flat. If your child plays sports, use the start of the season to acquire new shoes designed for the sport. For example, don’t mix baseball cleats with football shoes.

5. Pay attention. While many pediatric foot problems resolve themselves with growth, there are clear signs that tell parents when children need medical help. Common pediatric foot problems can range from pediatric flat foot, toe walking, in-toeing and flat or high arches to tarsal coalitions (abnormal connection between the tarsal bones in the back of the foot) and extra bone growth. Many of these conditions share common signs:
   - Pain, swelling and redness that doesn’t subside
   - Development of thick calluses in one area of the foot
   - Problems with the way your child walks
   - Shins or thighbones that appear to turn inward
   - Ankles that are weak or easily give out
   “Bring up any concerns or symptoms at your child’s routine physical,” Sachs said. “Foot and ankle surgeons and your child’s pediatricians can work together to help ensure these conditions don’t affect your child’s overall growth and development.” For more pediatric foot facts, visit FootHealthFacts.org, the patient education website of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons.

With properly fitting shoes and regular check-ups, you can help keep your child’s feet healthy this back-to-school season and beyond.

This article is reprinted by permission of statepoint.net.
Donate Your Car & Help Grant A Child’s Wish
Help Local Children And Get Free & Easy Towing
Visit WheelsForWishes.org or call (877)-798-9474

Car Donation Foundation d/b/a Wheels For Wishes. To learn more about our programs or financial information, call (213) 948-2000 or visit www.wheelsforwishes.org

EXAMINER MEDIA
Classifieds
081721
Classified Ad Deadline is Thursdays at 5pm for the next week’s publication

ANTIOQUES & ART/COLLECTIBLES

MOST CASH PAID FOR paintings, antiques, furniture, silver, sculpture, jewelry books, cameras, records, instruments, coins, watches, gold, comics, sports cards, etc. PLEASE CALL AARON AT 914-235-0302

AUTO DONATIONS

Drive Out Breast Cancer: Donate a car today! The benefits of donating your car or boat: Fast Free Pickup - 24hr Response Tax Deduction - Easy To Do! Call 24/7: 855-905-4755

BUYING/SELLING

Buying diamonds, gold, silver, all fine jewelry and watches, coins, paintings, better furs, complete estates. We simply pay more! Call Barry 914-260-8783 or e-mail Americabuying@aol.com

**COMIC BOOKS WANTED! TOP PRICES PAID** 30 years experience. Reliable and honest! Call or Text: 917-699-2496, or e-mail: smiplep@aol.com. Thanks.

EDUCATION / CAREER TRAINING

COMPUTER & IT TRAINING PROGRAM! Train ONLINE to get the skills to become a Computer & Help Desk Professional now! Grants and Scholarships available for certain programs for qualified applicants. Call CTI for details! (844) 947-0192 (M-F 8am-6pm ET)

TRAIN AT HOME TO DO MEDICAL BILLING! Become a Medical Office Professional online at CTI! Get Trained, Certified & ready to work in months! Call 855-543-6440. (M-F 8am-6pm ET)

GOLD / SILVER WANTED

HIGHEST PRICES PAID - Visit Westchester’s Top Buyer for Gold, Silver, Diamonds, Coins & Currency. Watches, Jewelry Licensed, Professional, No Appointment Necessary. Tuesdays-Saturdays 10am-6pm, Mt. Kisco Gold & Silver, 139E Main Street. 914-244-0500

HEALTH

VIAGRA & CIALIS! 60 pills for $99. 100 pills for $150. FREE shipping. Money back guaranteed! 1-855-579-8907

HELP WANTED

HOTEL CLEANING NYC- QUEENS-

WHITE PLAINS. T&L Cleaning is looking for Housekeeping Staff for various Hotels. Room Attendants, Laundry Attendants, House-persons and Supervisors. Apply online at: tcleanservicessite.com or apply or call 1-800-610-4770

$18.50 NYC, $17 L.I. up to $13.50 Upstate NY! If you need care from your relative, friend/neighbor and you have Medicaid, they may be eligible to start taking care of you as personal assistant under NYS Medicaid CDFA Program. No Certificates needed. 347-713-3553

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Eliminate gutter cleaning forever! LeafFilter, the most advanced debris-blocking gutter protection. Schedule a FREE Estimate today www.LeafFilter.com

Upgrade Your Home with a NEW METAL ROOF Guaranteed to Last a Lifetime!

LIMITED TIME OFFER

$500 OFF + TAKE AN ADDITIONAL 10% off

Install for Military, Health Workers and First Responders

MILITARY, HEALTH WORKERS & FIRST RESPONDERS

SAVE UP TO 28% OFF OF LOCAL COMPETITORS

10% OFF FOR ALL OTHER APPLIANCE OWNERS

CLOG-FREE GUARANTEE BACKED BY A YEAR-ROUND CLOG-FREE GUARANTEE

GUARANTEED TO LAST A LIFETIME

ADDITIONAL 10% OFF FOR MILITARY, HEALTH WORKERS & FIRST RESPONDERS

CALLers Only!

STRENGTH TO LAST A LIFETIME - GUARANTEED!

CUSTOM DESIGNED TO MATCH ANY ARCHITECTURAL HISTORICAL STYLE

FREE ESTIMATE

Call today to schedule your FREE ESTIMATE 1-855-492-6084

This is an advertisement placed on behalf of Erie Construction Mid-West, Inc. (“Erie”). Other terms and conditions may apply and the offer may not be available in your area. Offer expires October 1st 2021. If you call the number provided, you consent to being contacted by phone, fax, SMS text messaging, email, pre-recorded messages by Erie or its affiliates and service providers using automated technology, and recordings for the purpose of explaining your products or services. This offer is not valid in the State of New York. This advertisement is made in accordance with the New York State Housing Rights Protection Law. Please review our Privacy Policy and Terms of Use on homeservicescompliance.com. All rights reserved.
Tasty Surprises Await Diners at Barnwood Grill

While driving through the lovely byways of northern Westchester, we cruised around the glistening Amawalk Reservoir at routes 118 and 202, into the hamlet of Granite Springs, which is part of Somers. On one side of Old Tomahawk Street was Traditions 118 (former home of Maxime’s years ago), and they appeared to be catering a large event. On the other side of the street is Barnwood Grill, which used to be called Fritz’s, I recall, a nice-looking spot with a large outdoor patio. The place looked inviting, so we settled at a window table inside the bar and lounge.

We ordered drinks and surveyed the scene – a warm interior with wooden beams and seasonal fireplace. There was a large bar and a friendly staff. We had arrived during the transition from lunch to dinner, but things went smoothly. We were told they operate another location in Newtown, Conn.

The eclectic menu offered an appetizing selection. We had their brisket tip sandwich on ciabatta bread, which caught my eye. It was heated and layered with crispy brisket chunks, American cheese, arugula, with Gold’s barbecue sauce. Anyone ever order from the food menu? Barnwood Grill is located at 2 Old Tomahawk St. in Granite Springs. Open daily for lunch and dinner as well as Sunday brunch. Info: 914-248-8100 or visit www.barnwoodgrill.com.

Cooling Off at King Kone

We decided to stop at King Kone on Route 100 in Katonah. As we pulled up to the bustling landmark, it felt like date night. This retro fast food and dessert spot has been scooping it out for almost 70 years.

It was early Saturday evening, and the place was popping with couples and families and a line out front, but it moved quickly. We shared a large sundae with chocolate mint chip ice cream and plenty of fudge, topped with whipped cream and the ubiquitous maraschino cherry. Soothing for a summer evening. Had a good time watching the crowd from our picnic table. I didn’t realize they served food, too. Menu items include corn fritters, lobster roll platter, burgers and a crab cake sandwich. May try it next time.

Menu items include corn fritters, lobster roll platter, burgers and a crab cake sandwich. May try it next time. Barnwood Grill satiated our hunger nicely. Additional menu specialties include a daily raw bar, tuna tartar, stuffed pierogis, a natural Kobe burger, homemade pappardelle with shredded short rib, shrimp and grits and baby back ribs.

Barnwood Grill is located at 2 Old Tomahawk St. in Granite Springs. Open daily for lunch and dinner as well as Sunday brunch. Info: 914-248-8100 or visit www.barnwoodgrill.com.

Menu Movers & Shakers

Menu items include corn fritters, lobster roll platter, burgers and a crab cake sandwich. May try it next time. Barnwood Grill satiated our hunger nicely. Additional menu specialties include a daily raw bar, tuna tartar, stuffed pierogis, a natural Kobe burger, homemade pappardelle with shredded short rib, shrimp and grits and baby back ribs.

Barnwood Grill is located at 2 Old Tomahawk St. in Granite Springs. Open daily for lunch and dinner as well as Sunday brunch. Info: 914-248-8100 or visit www.barnwoodgrill.com.
EXAMINER MEDIA Classifieds

To Place a Classified Ad
Call 914-884-5878 or e-mail
classifieds@theexaminernews.com

August 17 - August 23, 2021
Examiner Media

www.theexaminernews.com/eblast/
Visit TheExaminerNews.com
to subscribe to our
FREE e-mail newsletter
You’ll receive the latest local
news delivered straight
to your inbox

SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS

Prepared by the
Waterbury News Tribune
TheExaminerNews.com

Classified Ad Deadline
is Thursdays at 5pm for the
next week’s publication

August 17 - August 23, 2021 Examiner Media

24

continued from previous page

VISIT US ON THE WEB
www.TheExaminerNews.com/eblast/ classifieds@theexaminernews.com
August 17 - August 23, 2021 Examiner Media

To Place a Classified Ad
Call 914-884-5878 or e-mail
classifieds@theexaminernews.com

August 17 - August 23, 2021 Examiner Media

DENTAL Insurance

from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company.

Call to get your FREE Information Kit
1-855-225-1434
dental50plus.com/nypress

Includes the Participating (in GA: Designated) Providers and Preventive Benefits Rider. Product not available in all states. Acceptance guaranteed for one insurance policy/certificate of this type. Contact us for complete details about this insurance solicitation. This specific offer is not available in CD; call 1-800-969-4781 or respond for similar offer; Certificate C250A (CD, CA, PA) (CA, CO, CT, DE, ME, MA, MD, MI, MN, MS, NJ, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, WI, WY), Insurance Policy P150 (GA, PI50GA, NY, PI50NY, OH, PI50OH, OK, PI50OK, RI, PI50RI, SC, PI50SC, TN, PI50TN), Rider kinds: B438/B439 (GA: B439B).

6255

DENTAL Insurance

from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company.

Call to get your FREE Information Kit
1-855-225-1434
dental50plus.com/nypress

Includes the Participating (in GA: Designated) Providers and Preventive Benefits Rider. Product not available in all states. Acceptance guaranteed for one insurance policy/certificate of this type. Contact us for complete details about this insurance solicitation. This specific offer is not available in CD; call 1-800-969-4781 or respond for similar offer; Certificate C250A (CD, CA, PA) (CA, CO, CT, DE, ME, MA, MD, MI, MN, MS, NJ, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, WI, WY), Insurance Policy P150 (GA, PI50GA, NY, PI50NY, OH, PI50OH, OK, PI50OK, RI, PI50RI, SC, PI50SC, TN, PI50TN), Rider kinds: B438/B439 (GA: B439B).

6255

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

Attention Sportsmen! NY-VT Border,
Minutes to Bennington, VT. 30 acres,
Only $99,900! Open and wooded, trails
throughout property. Abundant wildlife,
great views with southern exposure. Town
road, power, telephone, Owner Financing
802-447-0779

MY TV INTERNET PHONE

Get DIRECTV! ONLY $69.99/month!
155 Channels & 1000s of Shows/Movies On
Demand (w/SELECT All Included Package.)
PLUS Stream on Up to FIVE Screens
Simultaneously at No Additional Cost. Call
DIRECTV 1-888-534-6918

NY-VT Border, Min...
The above-captioned proceeding is hereby commenced to enforce the payment of delinquent taxes or other lawful charges which have accumulated and become liens against certain property. The parcels to which this proceeding applies are identified on Schedule “A” of this Petition, which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof. This document serves both as a Petition of Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure for purposes of this proceeding.

Effect of filing: All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this Petition are hereby notified that the filing of this Petition constitutes the commencement by the Tax District of a proceeding in the court specified in the caption above to foreclose each of the tax liens therein described by a foreclosure proceeding in rem.

Nature of proceeding: This proceeding is brought against the real property only and is to foreclose the tax liens described in this Petition. No personal judgment will be entered herein for such taxes or other legal charges or any part thereof.

Persons affected: This notice is directed to all persons owning or having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this Petition. Such persons are hereby notified further that a duplicate of this Petition has been filed in the office of the Enforcing Officer of the Tax District and will remain open for public inspection up to and including the date specified below as the last day for redemption.

Right of redemption: Any person having or claiming to have an interest in any such real property and the legal right thereto may on or before said date redeem the same by paying the amount of all such unpaid tax liens thereof, including all interest and penalties and other legal charges which are included in the lien against such real property, computed to and including the date of redemption. Such payments shall be made to the Receiver of Taxes, Town of New Castle, 200 South Greely Avenue, Chappaqua, New York 10514. In the event that such taxes are paid by a person other than the record owner of such real property, the person so paying shall be entitled to have the tax liens affected thereby satisfied of record.

Last day of redemption: The last day for redemption is hereby fixed as the 29th day of October, 2021.

Service of answer: Every person having any right, title or interest in or lien upon any parcel of real property described in this Petition may serve a duly verified answer upon the attorney for the Tax District setting forth in detail the nature and amount of his or her interest and any defense or objection to the foreclosure. Such answer must be filed in the Office of the County Clerk and served upon the attorney for the Tax District on or before the date above mentioned as the last day for redemption.

Failure to Redeem or answer: In the event of a failure to redeem or answer by any person having a right to redeem or answer, such person shall be forever barred and foreclosed of all his or her right, title and interest and equity of redemption in and to the parcel described in this petition and a judgment in foreclosure may be taken in default.

Dated: July 13, 2021

Enforcing Officer:

/s/

CHRISTINA PAPES, Receiver of Taxes, Town of New Castle

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>LIEN NO.</th>
<th>OWNER OF RECORD</th>
<th>ASSESSED TO, IF DIFFERENT FROM OWNER OF RECORD</th>
<th>SECTION / BLOCK / LOT</th>
<th>LOCATION</th>
<th>AMOUNT DUE*</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>26</td>
<td>Luciano Velardo, Inc.</td>
<td>Velardo Luciano Inc.</td>
<td>80.19-1-31</td>
<td>Apple Farm Road</td>
<td>$15,543.07</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>36</td>
<td>Petrillo, Kathryn M.</td>
<td></td>
<td>81.19-2-25</td>
<td>Lawrence Farms Crossway</td>
<td>$6,021.58</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* Amount due as of August 14, 2014. Such amount does not include any subsequent years’ taxes, interest or fees.
STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT: WESTCHESTER COUNTY

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of Tax Liens by Proceeding
In Rem pursuant to Article Eleven of the Real Property Tax Law, Chapter 602, Laws of 1993 by

THE TOWN OF NEW CASTLE in the Year 2014

The above-captioned proceeding is hereby commenced to enforce the payment of delinquent taxes or other lawful charges which have accumulated and become liens against certain property. The parcels to which this proceeding applies are identified on Schedule “A” of this Petition, which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof. This document serves both as a Petition of Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure for purposes of this proceeding.

Effect of filing: All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this Petition are hereby notified that the filing of this Petition constitutes the commencement by the Tax District of a proceeding in the court specified in the caption above to foreclose each of the tax liens therein described by a foreclosure proceeding in rem.

Nature of proceeding: This proceeding is brought against the real property only and is to foreclose the tax liens described in this Petition. No personal judgment will be entered herein for such taxes or other legal charges or any part thereof.

Persons affected: This notice is directed to all persons owning or having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this Petition. Such persons are hereby notified further that a duplicate of this Petition has been filed in the office of the Enforcing Officer of the Tax District and will remain open for public inspection up to and including the date specified below as the last day for redemption.

Right of redemption: Any person having or claiming to have an interest in any such real property and the legal right thereto may on or before said date redeem the same by paying the amount of all such unpaid tax liens thereof, including all interest and penalties and other legal charges which are included in the lien against such real property, computed to and including the date of redemption. Such payments shall be made to the Receiver of Taxes, Town of New Castle, 200 South Greely Avenue, Chappaqua, New York 10514. In the event that such taxes are paid by a person other than the record owner of such real property, the person so paying shall be entitled to have the tax liens affected thereby satisfied of record.

Last day of redemption: The last day for redemption is hereby fixed as the 29th day of October, 2021.

Service of answer: Every person having any right, title or interest in or lien upon any parcel of real property described in this Petition may serve a duly verified answer upon the attorney for the Tax District setting forth in detail the nature and amount of his or her interest and any defense or objection to the foreclosure. Such answer must be filed in the Office of the County Clerk and served upon the attorney for the Tax District on or before the date above mentioned as the last day for redemption.

Failure to Redeem or answer: In the event of a failure to redeem or answer by any person having a right to redeem or answer, such person shall be forever barred and foreclosed of all his or her right, title and interest and equity of redemption in and to the parcel described in this petition and a judgment in foreclosure may be taken in default.

Dated: July 13, 2021

Enforcing Officer:

/s/
CHRISTINA PAPES, Receiver of Taxes, Town of New Castle

STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT: WESTCHESTER COUNTY

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of Tax Liens by Proceeding
In Rem pursuant to Article Eleven of the Real Property Tax Law, Chapter 602, Laws of 1993 by

THE TOWN OF NEW CASTLE in the Year 2014

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>LIEN NO.</th>
<th>OWNER OF RECORD</th>
<th>ASSESSED TO, IF DIFFERENT FROM OWNER OF RECORD</th>
<th>SECTION /BLOCK/LOT</th>
<th>LOCATION</th>
<th>AMOUNT DUE*</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>21</td>
<td>Luciano Velardo, Inc.</td>
<td>Velardo, Luciano &amp; Maria</td>
<td>80.19-1-31</td>
<td>Apple Farm Road</td>
<td>$15,533.59</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>32</td>
<td>Petrillo, Kathryn M.</td>
<td></td>
<td>81.19-2-25</td>
<td>Lawrence Farms Crossway</td>
<td>$8,115.72</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>61</td>
<td>Dauman, Stewart &amp; Debra</td>
<td></td>
<td>101.13-3-8.1</td>
<td>48 Haints Cross Road</td>
<td>$323,953.91</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>62</td>
<td>Dauman, Stewart &amp; Debra</td>
<td></td>
<td>101.13-8-2</td>
<td>Haints Cross Road</td>
<td>$27,780.38</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>63</td>
<td>Dauman, Stewart &amp; Debra</td>
<td></td>
<td>101.17-1-35.1</td>
<td>King Street</td>
<td>$5,433.40</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>64</td>
<td>Dauman, Stewart &amp; Debra</td>
<td></td>
<td>101.17-1-37.1</td>
<td>King Street</td>
<td>$549.45</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>65</td>
<td>Dauman, Stewart &amp; Debra</td>
<td>Dauman, Stewart</td>
<td>108.5-1-3.31</td>
<td>King Street</td>
<td>$1,633.50</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* Amount due as of September 9, 2015. Such amount does not include any subsequent years' taxes, interest or fees.
STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT: WESTCHESTER COUNTY

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of Tax Liens by Proceeding
In Rem pursuant to Article Eleven of the Real Property Tax Law, Chapter 602, Laws of 1993 by

THE TOWN OF NEW CASTLE in the Year 2015

The above-captioned proceeding is hereby commenced to enforce the payment of delinquent taxes or other lawful charges which have accumulated and become liens against certain property. The parcels to which this proceeding applies are identified on Schedule "A" of this Petition, which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof. This document serves both as a Petition of Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure for purposes of this proceeding.

Effect of filing: All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this Petition are hereby notified that the filing of this Petition constitutes the commencement by the Tax District of a proceeding in the court specified in the caption above to foreclose each of the tax liens therein described by a foreclosure proceeding in rem.

Nature of proceeding: This proceeding is brought against the real property only and is to foreclose the tax liens described in this Petition. No personal judgment will be entered herein for such taxes or other legal charges or any part thereof.

Persons affected: This notice is directed to all persons owning or having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this Petition. Such persons are hereby notified further that a duplicate of this Petition has been filed in the office of the Enforcing Officer of the Tax District and will remain open for public inspection up to and including the date specified below as the last day for redemption.

Right of redemption: Any person having or claiming to have an interest in any such real property and the legal right thereto may on or before said date redeem the same by paying the amount of all such unpaid tax liens thereof, including all interest and penalties and other legal charges which are included in the lien against such real property, computed to and including the date of redemption. Such payments shall be made to the Receiver of Taxes, Town of New Castle, 200 South Greely Avenue, Chappaqua, New York 10514. In the event that such taxes are paid by a person other than the record owner of such real property, the person so paying shall be entitled to have the tax liens affected thereby satisfied of record.

Last day of redemption: The last day for redemption is hereby fixed as the 29th day of October, 2021.

Service of answer: Every person having any right, title or interest in or lien upon any parcel of real property described in this Petition may serve a duly verified answer upon the attorney for the Tax District setting forth in detail the nature and amount of his or her interest and any defense or objection to the foreclosure. Such answer must be filed in the Office of the County Clerk and served upon the attorney for the Tax District on or before the date above mentioned as the last day for redemption.

Failure to Redeem or answer: In the event of a failure to redeem or answer by any person having a right to redeem or answer, such person shall be forever barred and foreclosed of all his or her right, title and interest and equity of redemption in and to the parcel described in this petition and a judgment in foreclosure may be taken in default.

Dated: July 13, 2021

Enforcing Officer:

/s/

CHRISTINA PAPES, Receiver of Taxes, Town of New Castle

---

STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT: WESTCHESTER COUNTY

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of Tax Liens by Proceeding
In Rem pursuant to Article Eleven of the Real Property Tax Law, Chapter 602, Laws of 1993 by

THE TOWN OF NEW CASTLE in the Year 2015

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>LIEN NO.</th>
<th>OWNER OF RECORD</th>
<th>ASSESSED TO, IF DIFFERENT FROM OWNER OF RECORD</th>
<th>SECTION /BLOCK/LOT</th>
<th>LOCATION</th>
<th>AMOUNT DUE*</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Porteus &amp; Sons Builders</td>
<td>80.15-1-4.1</td>
<td>Hoag Cross Road</td>
<td>$5,249.90</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>Luciano Velardo, Inc. Velardo Luciano Inc.</td>
<td>80.19-1-31</td>
<td>Apple Farm Road</td>
<td>$15,439.21</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14</td>
<td>Petrillo, Kathryn M.</td>
<td>81.19-2-25</td>
<td>Lawrence Farms Crossway</td>
<td>$8,190.52</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18</td>
<td>Antonio Velardo Inc.</td>
<td>82.10-1-1.10</td>
<td>Cynthia Court</td>
<td>$69.45</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>36</td>
<td>Dauman, Stewart &amp; Debra</td>
<td>101.13-3-8.1</td>
<td>48 Hights Cross Road</td>
<td>$326,804.82</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>37</td>
<td>Dauman, Stewart &amp; Debra</td>
<td>101.13-3-8.2</td>
<td>Hights Cross Road</td>
<td>$28,036.21</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>39</td>
<td>Dauman, Stewart &amp; Debra</td>
<td>101.17-1-35.1</td>
<td>King Street</td>
<td>$5,550.13</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>40</td>
<td>Dauman, Stewart &amp; Debra</td>
<td>101.17-1-37.1</td>
<td>King Street</td>
<td>$561.10</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>41</td>
<td>Dauman, Stewart</td>
<td>108.5-1-3.31</td>
<td>King Street</td>
<td>$1,668.48</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* Amount due as of July 29, 2016. Such amount does not include any subsequent years’ taxes, interest or fees.
STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT: WESTCHESTER COUNTY

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of Tax Liens by Proceeding
In Rem pursuant to Article Eleven of the Real Property Tax Law, Chapter 602, Laws of 1993 by

THE TOWN OF NEW CASTLE in the Year 2016

The above-captioned proceeding is hereby commenced to enforce the payment of delinquent taxes or other lawful charges which have accumulated and become liens against certain property. The parcels to which this proceeding applies are identified on Schedule “A” of this Petition, which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof. This document serves both as a Petition of Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure for purposes of this proceeding.

Effect of filing: All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this Petition are hereby notified that the filing of this Petition constitutes the commencement by the Tax District of a proceeding in the court specified in the caption above to foreclose each of the tax liens therein described by a foreclosure proceeding in rem.

Nature of proceeding: This proceeding is brought against the real property only and is to foreclose the tax liens described in this Petition. No personal judgment will be entered herein for such taxes or other legal charges or any part thereof.

Persons affected: This notice is directed to all persons owning or having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this Petition. Such persons are hereby notified further that a duplicate of this Petition has been filed in the office of the Enforcing Officer of the Tax District and will remain open for public inspection up to and including the date specified below as the last day for redemption.

Right of redemption: Any person having or claiming to have an interest in any such real property and the legal right thereto may on or before said date redeem the same by paying the amount of all such unpaid tax liens thereof, including all interest and penalties and other legal charges which are included in the lien against such real property, computed to and including the date of redemption. Such payments shall be made to the Receiver of Taxes, Town of New Castle, 200 South Greely Avenue, Chappaqua, New York 10514. In the event that such taxes are paid by a person other than the record owner of such real property, the person so paying shall be entitled to have the tax liens affected thereby satisfied of record.

Last day of redemption: The last day for redemption is hereby fixed as the 29th day of October, 2021.

Service of answer: Every person having any right, title or interest in or lien upon any parcel of real property described in this Petition may serve a duly verified answer upon the attorney for the Tax District setting forth in detail the nature and amount of his or her interest and any defense or objection to the foreclosure. Such answer must be filed in the Office of the County Clerk and served upon the attorney for the Tax District on or before the date above mentioned as the last day for redemption.

Failure to Redeem or answer: In the event of a failure to redeem or answer by any person having a right to redeem or answer, such person shall be forever barred and foreclosed of all his or her right, title and interest and equity of redemption in and to the parcel described in this petition and a judgment in foreclosure may be taken in default.

Dated: July 13, 2021

Enforcing Officer:

/s/
CHRISTINA PAPES, Receiver of Taxes, Town of New Castle

PETITION AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
SCHEDULE “A”

Index No. 2348/2017

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>LIEN NO.</th>
<th>OWNER OF RECORD</th>
<th>ASSESSED TO, IF DIFFERENT FROM OWNER OF RECORD</th>
<th>SECTION /BLOCK/LOT</th>
<th>LOCATION</th>
<th>AMOUNT DUE*</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Mt. Kisco Club</td>
<td>71.17-1-22.1</td>
<td>Cherry Street</td>
<td>$333.87</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Porteus &amp; Sons Builders</td>
<td>80.15-1-4.1</td>
<td>Hoag Cross Road</td>
<td>$6,991.58</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>Luciano Velardo, Inc.</td>
<td>Velardo Luciano Inc.</td>
<td>80.19-1-31</td>
<td>Apple Farm Road</td>
<td>$15,971.09</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14</td>
<td>Petrillo, Kathryn M.</td>
<td>81.19-2-25</td>
<td>Lawrence Farms Crossway</td>
<td>$8,234.89</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20</td>
<td>Antonio Velardo Inc.</td>
<td>82.10-1-1.10</td>
<td>Cyntia Court</td>
<td>$28.02</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>48</td>
<td>Dauman, Stewart &amp; Debra</td>
<td>101.13-3-8.1</td>
<td>48 Haight's Cross Road</td>
<td>$330,303.08</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>49</td>
<td>Dauman, Stewart &amp; Debra</td>
<td>101.13-3-8.2</td>
<td>Haights Cross Road</td>
<td>$28,188.29</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>51</td>
<td>Dauman, Stewart &amp; Debra</td>
<td>101.14-1-8.2</td>
<td>King Street</td>
<td>$5,605.10</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>52</td>
<td>Dauman, Stewart &amp; Debra</td>
<td>101.17-1-37.1</td>
<td>King Street</td>
<td>$566.63</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>53</td>
<td>Dauman, Stewart &amp; Debra</td>
<td>108.5-1-3.31</td>
<td>King Street</td>
<td>$1,684.95</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* Amount due as of July 28, 2017. Such amount does not include any subsequent years’ taxes, interest or fees.
Softball Playoffs End with 3 Champs

The 2021 New Castle Softball season has come to an end. It was deemed a great comeback season after a year with virtually no softball. This year, 23 teams participated, which included over 450 players between the A, B and C Leagues in New Castle. The New Castle League is sanctioned and umpired by the USSSA (United States Specialty Sports Association).

"I’d like to say thank you to all the players in the New Castle Softball League for making this season a success," said Doug Scott, New Castle Recreation Supervisor and Softball Commissioner. "After a year without a league, it was great to see all the players back on the fields. Thanks to Carmen DeFabio and USSSA for continuing sending us quality umpires, to Jhonattan Marcondes, the New Castle Parks Foreman and his crew for their hard work keeping the fields nice for the league, and finally to Ike Kuzio, New Castle Recreation and Parks Superintendent for his support throughout the season."
Finding the fences and piling up runs haven’t been much of a problem this season for the first-place Hudson Valley Renegades, who currently sit atop the High-A East’s North Division with a seven-game lead. But Saturday proved to be a bit of a comeuppance for the ‘Gades on ‘Copa Night’ as they were limited to just one hit in a 12-inning 2-0 defeat at the hands of the Jersey Shore BlueClaws. Jersey Shore starter Tyler McKay retired all 18 Hudson Valley batters he faced in his six innings of work, and the Renegades did not have a baserunner until prize prospect Anthony Volpe led off the bottom of the seventh with a walk.

The Renegades were hitless until Elijah Dunham singled in the 10th inning, which sent ghost runner Everson Pereira to third base. But two batters later, Hudson Valley’s bid to win the game was thwarted when Pereira was cut down at the plate trying to score on a grounder to third. Jersey Shore, held to just three hits by Renegades starter Randy Vasquez over the first seven innings, finally broke through in the top of the 12th against Nelvin Correa, Hudson Valley’s third pitcher of the evening. A triple from Herbert Iser brought home the game’s first run, and Jose Tortolero provided some insurance when he followed with a single to center.

Even though ghost runner Volpe quickly moved to third on a passed ball, the Renegades went down meekly in the bottom of the 12th as the BlueClaws’ Mark Potter struck out Pereira, Dunham and Andres Chaparro in succession to end the contest.

Hudson Valley, currently 56-34 and in the midst of a two-week home stand, now get set to host the Brooklyn Cyclones over the next six days, concluding with a 6:05 start on Saturday evening and a 4:35 start Sunday afternoon.

Young Yankees Hold Commanding Divisional Lead

Photography by Andy Jacobs
Let’s Hope Section 1 Admins Back our Student Athletes

There were so many things about high school, Lakeland High, in particular, that were so cool back in the day, yet there were some things that I wish were different. I wish I had started on the gridiron and wasn’t just a scout on the “Look Team” for the Hornet club that knocked off rival Mahopac for the first time in decades back in the ‘80s. But I was happier than heck to be on that team when DT Joe Fiorentio’s strip-sack resulted in a touchdown, and wasn’t just a scout player – to prepare my infantry for the wars ahead. There’s a connection between the success or failure of each football team this fall, provided the New York State Public High School Athletic Association rebukes SED and erects a suitable plan to play.

It better get revised, or all hell will break loose if our kids are harmed again. Either way, make a dang decision because our kids, who have been tragically affected by COVID since March 2020, need us to do right by them now, not in three weeks when their seasons are slated to kick off. You can’t just throw a football program together on a whim. There’s a ton of preparation for coaches and players, and there are roles to be sorted out, few as important as the scouts on the Look Team.

There’s always so much attention, and deservedly so, being paid to the scholarship athlete and their losses during the pandemic, but what about the average Joe, the scout player or the kid that only pops up along the sideline to high-five a teammate after a key play. They’re hurting, too.

I came to the Lakeland football program late back in the day – having spent my previous years in football-free Putnam Valley – and cracking that Hornet lineup, while not meant to be, was the hill I would die on (almost literally). Lakeland Coach Dennis Robinson, famous for baseball in my heyday, was the football coach then, too, and he often told me, whether he was jiving or not, that I was the best scout player he ever coached. (I’ll take that to the grave with me.)

As August turns to September and 90-degree triples lie in wait, scout players are going to play a vital part in the connection between the success or failure of each football team this fall, provided the New York State Public High School Athletic Association rebukes SED and erects a suitable plan to play.

“Didn’t realize @NYSED was in the door mandates. Vaccinate or you can’t play football. #ScoutsAreVital and oftentimes a coach’s best friend #LetThemPlay! #TimetoAdvocateAgain! Don’t let SED put the screws to our student athletes again.

“I read, reviewed and reflected on the student athletes who participate on our Look Team serve as major contributors to our program,” Mahopac Coach Dominick DeMatteo said. “They must assimilate the offensive, defensive and special teams’ schemes of our opponent every week. Their attention to detail and effort within these roles significantly impacts our success on Friday nights. At some point in their career, every single player in our program participates on the Look Team. That’s how important we view it.”

The seniors on my team back in the day knew I deserved a crack at a carry or two or serving to give our top guys a couple of breathers. But that didn’t stop me and my oft-strained “ham-hock” from yanking myself off that two-yard pile of dust I would gain behind the second-team O-line, which couldn’t carry the first-team D’s jock on its best day. It was what it was, and nothing was going to change that, so we – my teammates and my brothers – made the best of it, every single day.

When it came time to cut loose afterward, it didn’t matter one bit that I hadn’t gained a single yard in the big win over Mahopac. The only thing that mattered to me, and them, was that I had done everything I could – on both sides of the ball as a scout player – to prepare my infantry for the wars we would endure on Saturday afternoons, which began every Saturday at 7 a.m. at what we affectionately called Gino’s Greasy Spoon, along Main Street right there in the heart of Shrub Oak.

My boys were my boys (thick as thieves), whether I played a down or not, because I gave them everything I had Monday through Friday from the middle of August until the start of my beloved basketball season. And they returned the love because I accepted my role as the scout RB of Fox Lane, Yorktown, Mahopac, Greeley, etc. I didn’t fully realize it at the time, but I played an important role in getting my teammates ready.

Beginning this week (God willing), thousands of other student athletes will assume that scout role, and while you may not relish it, understand the importance of it and be the best teammate you can be because you never know when coach will call your number.

Mine was 22, and while it wasn’t called on much during football season, there’s not a single thing I regret about having sacrificed five months of my life each season for the beloved brotherhood that is football. To this day, I can gather with those boys poolside, and the stories we tell are as hilarious about the practices as they are about the games, so make the most of it and be the best teammate you can be.

And that goes for every sport, not just football. #ScoutsAreVital and oftentimes a coach’s best friend #LetThemPlay! #TimetoAdvocateAgain! Don’t let SED put the screws to our student athletes again.

“I read, reviewed and reflected on the student athletes who participate on our Look Team serve as major contributors to our program,” Mahopac Coach Dominick DeMatteo said. “They must assimilate the offensive, defensive and special teams’ schemes of our opponent every week. Their attention to detail and effort within these roles significantly impacts our success on Friday nights. At some point in their career, every single player in our program participates on the Look Team. That’s how important we view it.”

The seniors on my team back in the day knew I deserved a crack at a carry or two or serving to give our top guys a couple of breathers. But that didn’t stop me and my oft-strained “ham-hock” from yanking myself off that two-yard pile of dust I would gain behind the second-team O-line, which couldn’t carry the first-team D’s jock on its best day. It was what it was, and nothing was going to change that, so we – my teammates and my brothers – made the best of it, every single day.

When it came time to cut loose afterward, it didn’t matter one bit that I hadn’t gained a single yard in the big win over Mahopac. The only thing that mattered to me, and them, was that I had done everything I could – on both sides of the ball as a scout player – to prepare my infantry for the wars we would endure on Saturday afternoons, which began every Saturday at 7 a.m. at what we affectionately called Gino’s Greasy Spoon, along Main Street right there in the heart of Shrub Oak.

My boys were my boys (thick as thieves), whether I played a down or not, because I gave them everything I had Monday through Friday from the middle of August until the start of my beloved basketball season. And they returned the love because I accepted my role as the scout RB of Fox Lane, Yorktown, Mahopac, Greeley, etc. I didn’t fully realize it at the time, but I played an important role in getting my teammates ready.

Beginning this week (God willing), thousands of other student athletes will assume that scout role, and while you may not relish it, understand the importance of it and be the best teammate you can be because you never know when coach will call your number.

Mine was 22, and while it wasn’t called on much during football season, there’s not a single thing I regret about having sacrificed five months of my life each season for the beloved brotherhood that is football. To this day, I can gather with those boys poolside, and the stories we tell are as hilarious about the practices as they are about the games, so make the most of it and be the best teammate you can be.

And that goes for every sport, not just football. #ScoutsAreVital and oftentimes a coach’s best friend #LetThemPlay! #TimetoAdvocateAgain! Don’t let SED put the screws to our student athletes again.

“I read, reviewed and reflected on the student athletes who participate on our Look Team serve as major contributors to our program,” Mahopac Coach Dominick DeMatteo said. “They must assimilate the offensive, defensive and special teams’ schemes of our opponent every week. Their attention to detail and effort within these roles significantly impacts our success on Friday nights. At some point in their career, every single player in our program participates on the Look Team. That’s how important we view it.”

The seniors on my team back in the day knew I deserved a crack at a carry or two or serving to give our top guys a couple of breathers. But that didn’t stop me and my oft-strained “ham-hock” from yanking myself off that two-yard pile of dust I would gain behind the second-team O-line, which couldn’t carry the first-team D’s jock on its best day. It was what it was, and nothing was going to change that, so we – my teammates and my brothers – made the best of it, every single day.

When it came time to cut loose afterward, it didn’t matter one bit that I hadn’t gained a single yard in the big win over Mahopac. The only thing that mattered to me, and them, was that I had done everything I could – on both sides of the ball as a scout player – to prepare my infantry for the wars we would endure on Saturday afternoons, which began every Saturday at 7 a.m. at what we affectionately called Gino’s Greasy Spoon, along Main Street right there in the heart of Shrub Oak.

My boys were my boys (thick as thieves), whether I played a down or not, because I gave them everything I had Monday through Friday from the middle of August until the start of my beloved basketball season. And they returned the love because I accepted my role as the scout RB of Fox Lane, Yorktown, Mahopac, Greeley, etc. I didn’t fully realize it at the time, but I played an important role in getting my teammates ready.

Beginning this week (God willing), thousands of other student athletes will assume that scout role, and while you may not relish it, understand the importance of it and be the best teammate you can be because you never know when coach will call your number.

Mine was 22, and while it wasn’t called on much during football season, there’s not a single thing I regret about having sacrificed five months of my life each season for the beloved brotherhood that is football. To this day, I can gather with those boys poolside, and the stories we tell are as hilarious about the practices as they are about the games, so make the most of it and be the best teammate you can be.

And that goes for every sport, not just football. #ScoutsAreVital and oftentimes a coach’s best friend #LetThemPlay! #TimetoAdvocateAgain! Don’t let SED put the screws to our student athletes again.
Despite having played a terrific all-around game, Hudson Valley, and IF Robert Chirinos (#9), who forced a sliding Jose Tortolero, suffered a 2-0 loss to the Jersey Shore BlueClaws (40-48), who pushed two runs across the plate in the 12th inning to beat the Renegades, 2-0, on Saturday night at Dutchess Stadium. Hudson Valley (56-34) -- the NY Yankees High-A East North Division affiliate -- maintained its seven-game stranglehold on first place over Aberdeen (47-40). Visit Hudson Valley Renegades | MiLB.com for ticket info and a gander at the future NY Yankees... see Focus on Renegades