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## Mt. Pleasant School District to Present \$39M 'No Frills' Bond

By Neal Rentz

For the third time since 2014, Mount Pleasant School District officials are prepared to schedule a major capital projects referendum for voters to consider this fall.

The Mount Pleasant Board of Education reached consensus last Wednesday to propose a roughly \$39 million infrastructure bond. The tentative date for the bond vote is Tuesday, Oct. 18.

Trustees could vote to decide what should be included in a referendum and the maximum amount it could borrow as early as tomorrow (Wednesday) night's meeting at the Westlake High School library.

Director of Business Administration Andrew Lennon said the board had not finalized the projects. However, some of the major items being considered are the

replacement of boilers at Westlake High School; ventilation system upgrades at the high school and Westlake Middle School; new sidewalks at all four district schools; electrical system upgrades; and making the schools fully compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

There would also be parking added at the high school. In addition, the district is looking to make parking safer at the district's school campuses by creating greater separation between student drop-off points for the buses and where cars pass.

Lennon said the district is continuing to analyze the cost of each project, and hopes to have that information for this week's meeting.

Superintendent of Schools Susan Guiney said district officials have estimated the maximum cost to be about

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## Housing Monitor: Remove No. Castle From Potential Zoning Suit List

By Martin Wilbur

The monitor overseeing the affordable housing settlement between Westchester County and the federal government last week recommended that the U.S. Department of Justice drop plans to sue the Town of North Castle for exclusionary zoning.

In a letter last Thursday to U.S. District Court Judge Denise Cote, Monitor James Johnson pointed to progress that the town has made in reforming its zoning code.

Johnson highlighted the town's passage of the model ordinance and expanding areas that permit as-of-right multifamily and mixed-used development. Currently, the town has 25 units of affordable housing that is under construction or has been approved by its boards, including 10

units on Old Route 22 that are nearing completion this summer.

"On account of this progress, the Monitor withdraws the recommendation that the DOJ should consider bringing legal action against North Castle for its zoning," Johnson wrote in his correspondence with Cote.

Johnson had recommended on Apr. 28 that the Justice Department give serious consideration to suing the seven municipalities if there continued to be an "absence of remediation." Also listed were Croton-on-Hudson, Harrison, Lewisboro, Pelham Manor, Larchmont and Rye Brook.

North Castle is one of the 31 mostly white communities in Westchester that was included in the 2009 affordable housing settlement between the federal

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## Music Lovers Delight



DAVE ROCCO PHOTO

Several thousand music fans descended on Parkway Field for the 12th annual Pleasantville Music Festival last Saturday, featuring about nine hours of nearly continuous music. Led by Guster, KT Tunstall, The Revivalists and The Smithereens, there was something to suit many musical tastes. Even better, the rain held off almost to the end of the festival and spectators didn't have to endure stifling heat. For coverage, see page 15.

## Officials Hope to Resolve New Castle Firehouse Expansion Issues

By Martin Wilbur

Mostly routine site plan issues must still be resolved before New Castle Fire District No. 1 can receive final approval and schedule a referendum for its proposed firehouse expansion project.

The application to enlarge the facility on Bedford Road is tentatively scheduled to be discussed again at the New Castle Planning Board meeting next Tuesday, July 19.

Christopher Weddle, a fire district commissioner, said last week that matters relating to adequate parking, reducing impervious surfaces and additional screening for neighboring property owners are some of the main concerns that have been raised by the planning board for the proposed 13,000-square-foot addition.



The current firehouse on Bedford Road in Chappaqua that the New Castle Fire District No. 1 hopes to expand.

Furthermore, questions over the shifting of easements must be answered.

Despite being before the board for about three months, Weddle said fire district officials remain hopeful that all issues will be satisfactorily resolved in order to hold a late fall or early winter referendum.

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\$39.1 million. That would translate to a maximum annual cost of the bond, proposed for 15 years, to be about \$310 in the third and fourth years for the average homeowner. Payments on the bond would be phased in over a three-

year period after passage.

Before reaching a final figure, trustees began debate on whether that number is too high. While they agreed there was a need for all the projects listed, there were concerns \$39.1 million would be rejected by voters.

Last week the board also discussed the possibility of a \$29.6 million bond, before coming to the consensus on the larger figure. Trustee John Piazza said the projects included by the district were all necessary. The difference between the maximum costs to homeowners between the two bonds is only \$80 per year, Piazza said.

"This work must be done," he said.

The district must work with the school PTAs to impress parents how important it is to vote, Piazza added.

Board President Eric Schulze also mentioned that all of the items listed on the larger bond were critically important infrastructure projects. Some work that had been included in previous bonds, such as the high school auditorium renovation, would be excluded, he said.

Schulze said he wanted a bond that a majority of voters would support.

"We need to figure out what is going to pass," he said.

Schulze and Guiney said the \$39.1 million referendum would be a "no frills" bond.

Residents who attended last week's meeting also debated the issue. Elementary PTA President Evelyn Varga said she believed the district needed to have the work done, but added that she was concerned the referendum would fail. She pointed to the two previous bond



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

The Mount Pleasant Board of Education came to a consensus on July 6 to schedule a \$39 million capital projects referendum for October. Shown above are Superintendent of Schools Dr. Susan Guiney and Board of Education President Eric Schulze.

## Officials Hope to Resolve New Castle Firehouse Expansion Issues

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"I think we're very close to addressing the last few issues and are close to final approval," Weddle said.

A public hearing must first be scheduled and held before final approval can be granted, he said. Typically, the New Castle Planning Board does not meet in August.

Weddle said the fire district is legally required to hold a referendum within 90 days after it would receive final approval. A fall approval would be in line with the district's initial timeline.

An estimated price tag has not been made public because there is the potential for changes to the plan, Weddle said.

Earlier this year, the fire district entered into a contract to buy the adjacent parcel currently owned by veterinarian Dr. Martin Horowitz of the Chappaqua Animal Hospital to accommodate the

expansion.

The original structure at the site was built in the 1950s. Although there was an addition built in the late 1970s, the current facility is inadequate to house today's larger equipment. It also fails to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act should the firehouse be used for community events.

At a public informational meeting in March, Weddle and project architect Bob Mitchell said the firehouse would feature three new bays to handle today's larger trucks that firefighters, including those with the Chappaqua Fire Department, must handle.

There also would be improved facilities for storage of gear and separating the equipment that needs to be decontaminated following a fire to guard against jeopardizing firefighters' health.

defeats in November 2014 and March 2015.

Theresa Fowler, a former trustee, said if the board concludes all of the proposed work is required, they have an obligation to pursue the \$39.1 million bond.

In March 2015, voters soundly rejected three bond propositions offered, which mainly focused on infrastructure projects at the middle school and high school. The total borrowing for all three propositions would have been about \$43 million.

Voters also turned aside a \$55.8 million single-proposition referendum in November 2014 by a nearly 2-1 margin.



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# Saw Mill Parkway Phase II Renovation Begins This Week

**By Arthur Cusano**

Like most of this summer's biggest Hollywood sequels, part two of the Saw Mill River Parkway renovation project will be bigger than the first but likely to receive a cooler reception from the public.

Unlike the first phase of the project that shut down both lanes of the parkway from the Marble Avenue exit in Thornwood on weeknights, the second phase will close the parkway's southbound lanes 24/7 for several weeks for extensive repairs and renovations.

The northbound lanes of the parkway will have one northbound and one southbound lane with median barriers to allow traffic to pass through the area in both directions. Unlike Phase I, there will be no detour through the village.

Pleasantville Mayor Peter Scherer cautioned area residents to take the project into consideration when traveling in the area for about the next four weeks since it will likely cause delays and congestion.

"That will be a chokepoint for traffic, obviously, at peak times," Scherer said. "They've chosen to coincide this with the lowest traffic month. I know there have been some frustrations up until now, but there will definitely be a three- or four-week period where at peak times it would be best to avoid the Saw Mill."



ARTHUR CUSANO PHOTO

Phase II of the Saw Mill Parkway Renovation project was scheduled to begin Monday. The southbound lanes will be closed for roughly four weeks. Traffic will flow through one lane in both directions on one side of the parkway.

The state Department of Transportation (DOT) is replacing parts of the roadway in need of repair. The work will also help alleviate occasional flooding on the road during heavy rainfall by reducing water collection underneath the parkway, according to agency representatives.

The crossover merge will begin just

north of the Grant Street exit and extend until after the Marble Avenue exit to the south, said William Cromeek of ECCO III Enterprises, the company overseeing the project for DOT. Those exits will remain open to motorists.

"Both traffic lights will be fully operational," Cromeek said.

With the southbound lanes of the Saw Mill closed, the exits on and off of Manville Road will not be accessible until the work is complete, he said. However, the nearby Bedford Road exit will remain accessible for northbound motorists. All work should be completed by Aug. 6.

Cromeek said sewer work on Manville and Pleasantville roads that occurred during Phase I and caused occasional road closures have been completed. No additional sewer work is planned in that area.



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government and the county. Westchester must have building permits for 750 new units of affordable housing by Dec. 31. At the close of 2015, financing was in place for 649 units, 49 more than required, and 588 building permits were obtained, according to the county.

On June 14, North Castle Supervisor Michael Schiliro met with Johnson's housing consultant Brian Kintish and his community liaison, Carolyn Stevens, where he provided an update on the progress of the number of units under construction and in various stages of planning and also addressed the environmental and

infrastructure limitations.

Much of the town, particular Armonk and Banksville, are constrained by limited sewage capacity and protected watershed areas.

Schiliro said he had previously met with Johnson prior to the April report and took him on an extensive tour of North Castle to explain the efforts the town has been making and the challenges it faces. In the spring he said he was disappointed by the original recommendation but remained hopeful that with consistent communication Johnson and his team would recognize the strides the town has made.

## WMC Appoints Renowned Surgeon to Lead Department of Surgery

Westchester Medical Center announced Monday that Dr. Rifat Latifi, an internationally renowned surgeon, has been appointed director of the department of surgery and chief of general surgery.

His appointment also includes Maria Fareri Children's Hospital and MidHudson Regional Hospital, all members of the Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHHealth).

In his new role, Latifi will oversee all surgical operations in nearly every specialty, including general, trauma, cardiac, vascular, thoracic, transplant,

pediatric and minimally invasive surgery.

Latifi brings expertise in general surgery, particularly complex abdominal wall hernias, advanced laparoscopy, acute care surgery, trauma and surgical critical care, as well as telemedicine. He is the author and editor of 13 books in complex surgery, nutrition and telemedicine.

Most recently, Latifi served as a professor of surgery and vice chairman for international relations in the Department of Surgery at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

"I truly feel that the town and this board, a very bipartisan board, has addressed the big issue and embraced it and we have worked to further AFFH (units) in town," Schiliro said.

The town passed the county's model ordinance two years ago, where it now requires 10 percent of the units in certain sized projects to be affordable.

County Legislator Margaret Cunzio (C-Mount Pleasant), whose district includes North Castle, said Monday she was pleased to hear of the monitor's conclusion.

"I've found that North Castle has been very forward thinking in introducing the zoning changes and code," Cunzio said.

In Johnson's July 7 report, only North Castle and Rye Brook were recommended to have the threat of a lawsuit lifted. The Town of Harrison and the Village of Pelham Manor remain under threat of litigation. Johnson stated that for the other three municipalities any progress was still being considered or that the Department of Justice should still weigh its litigation priorities.

The report was made public last Friday, the same day that Westchester County found itself back before Cote for a hearing in federal district court in Manhattan. The judge ordered the county to hire a consultant within 30 days to help it complete an acceptable Analysis

of Impediments (AI) that will outline the obstacles to creating more affordable housing.

Westchester has submitted eight AI reports after the housing settlement went into effect in 2009, but all have been rejected by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

While Cote has been tough on the county, Schiliro said that he heard through a second hand source that the judge commended North Castle and Rye Brook during Friday's hearing for the progress the two municipalities have made to help make affordable housing more achievable in their jurisdictions.

"That's nice to hear because it's real," Schiliro said. "We're working hard genuinely and we feel we made progress and it was recognized."

In addition to the 10 units being constructed on Old Route 22, there would also be seven units at Brynwood Golf & Country Club, two on Old Mount Kisco Road built via developer Frank Madonna's projects and six more on Maple Avenue through Michael Fareri's plan at the old lumberyard on Bedford Road. However, Fareri was scheduled to return to the North Castle Planning Board Monday night to revise the lumberyard project from 30 market-rate condominium units to an all-affordable housing project containing up to 48 units.

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# Suspicious Mount Kisco House Fire Leaves Family on Edge

By Arthur Cusano

Residents at a Mount Kisco house said they are living in fear after an unknown person entered the home on Sunday morning and lit a fire in the upstairs hallway.

A woman who lives at the 4 East Ridge Lane home with her young daughter and another adult said the fire started around 9 a.m. just after she left for work. It was discovered just in time by other residents of the house.

"You never know who would do this," said the woman who declined to provide her name because of safety reasons. "I have a business here and a lot of people know me."

The unknown trespasser poured an unknown flammable liquid in the upstairs hallway up a flight of stairs from the main entrance and between the two bedrooms, she said. An odor of flammable stimulant could still be detected on Monday afternoon.

"My daughter was asleep in this room and another guy, who is like a son, who doesn't live here but comes up on the weekends, he was in the other room," the woman explained. "He said he could see it (the smoke) from inside the door. He opened the door and he saw the fire."

The woman said the man called out to her daughter, who helped extinguish the fire.

In addition to the gas, the stovetop burners had been turned on, but no flame was burning.

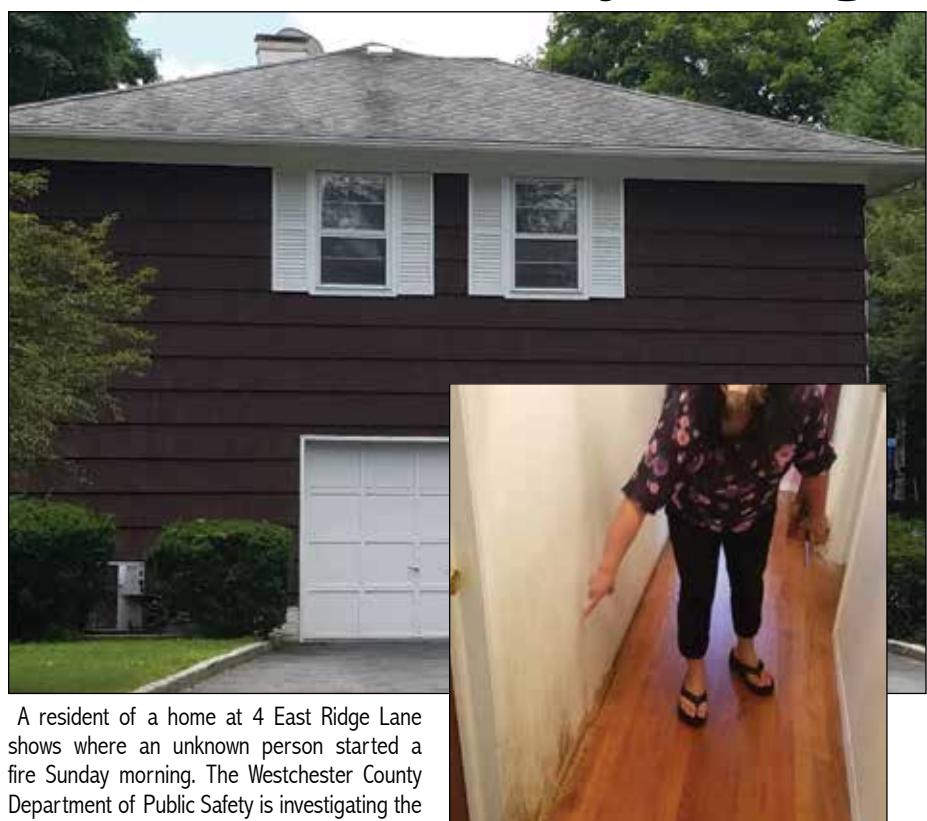
Members of the Westchester County Department of Public Safety were at the house for much of Sunday collecting evidence, including fingerprints, the houses' residents said. Calls to the department for comment were not returned by press time on Monday. Village of Mount Kisco building inspectors also could not be reached.

The woman said she has lived at the home for almost 10 years and that her sister had also resided at the address until building inspectors forced her to move out. The loss of the sister's rent money along with the cost of repairs has made paying for the home difficult, she added.

The woman said she and her daughter are planning to move out when they can, but are uncertain where to go.

"This house is in short sale now, and they told us it is already sold," the woman said. "Now we have two weeks to move."

The woman said that numerous



A resident of a home at 4 East Ridge Lane shows where an unknown person started a fire Sunday morning. The Westchester County Department of Public Safety is investigating the fire as suspicious.

people may have been responsible for the blaze.

"We don't know how this happened," she said. "We don't have any enemies."

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# Police Blotter

## Pleasantville Police Department

**July 1:** A 52-year-old Pleasantville man was arrested at 1 a.m. and charged with disorderly conduct, a violation, and resisting arrest, a Class A misdemeanor, after officers responded to a report of a suspicious person on Garrigan Avenue.

**July 1:** A 22-year-old Pleasantville resident was arrested at 1:34 a.m. and charged with third-degree assault and fourth-degree criminal mischief, both Class A misdemeanors, after assaulting an adult family member at a Weskora Drive home.

**July 7:** A 21-year-old man was arrested at 1:15 a.m. and charged with fifth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a Class D felony, after officers found the man holding an undisclosed amount of cocaine following a traffic stop on Washington Avenue. Officers were unable to determine the man's place of residence due to having numerous conflicting IDs.



**July 8:** A 19-year-old Pleasantville man was arrested at 12:25 a.m. and charged with exposure of a person, a violation, after being found urinating in the parking lot of Jean-Jacques on Marble Avenue.

## North Castle Police Department

**July 3:** Report of a dispute at Sir John's Plaza on North Broadway at 10:19 p.m. An officer reports numerous people engaged in a verbal dispute over their vehicles being towed from the parking lot. The responding officer was on the scene to deter future conflicts.

**July 4:** A party arrived at headquarters at 1:01 p.m. to drop off a brown leather Cole Haan wallet that he found earlier this date on Middle Patent Road.

**July 5:** A complainant called at 7:38 a.m. to report vandalism and missing fire extinguishers from a few buses at the bus lot on MacDonald Avenue.

**July 6:** Report of a brush fire off of the southbound side of Route 22 just south of Route 120 at 6:19 p.m. The dispatching officer contacted 60 Control which dispatched the Armonk Fire Department. The area was on the watershed property with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection at mile marker 4044. Firefighters extinguished a small fire on the shoulder.

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# Obituary

## Julia Ruffalo

Julia D. Ruffalo of Pleasantville died on July 6.

She was 93.

Ruffalo was born on Feb. 18, 1923, to the late Errico and Clothilde (nee Petrillo) DiMarzo in Mount Vernon. She retired in 1988 after a 24-year career with the Mount Vernon Board of Education as secretary to the superintendent of schools. She was also past president of the Emblem Club in Mount Vernon.

Ruffalo was predeceased by her devoted husband, Gerard Ruffalo, in 2009, and by her five sisters and three brothers. She was also predeceased by son-in-law Robert Giampia in 2007.

She is survived by her two loving daughters, Judith Giampia of Mahopac

and Linda Crocco (John Vinchot) of Pleasantville; two sisters, Natalie DiMarzo of Rye Brook and Rosemarie (Frank) Tramontano of White Plains; her five cherished grandchildren, Robert (Debra) Giampia, Jr., Victoria Garrette, Gregory Giampia, Joseph (Laura) Crocco, Jr. and Christopher Crocco; and by her five great-grandchildren, Jessica and Page Giampia, Leia and Aidan Garrette and Sophia Crocco.

Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home on July 10. A funeral Mass was held at Holy Innocents Church in Pleasantville on July 11 followed by entombment at St. Mary's Cemetery in Rye Brook.

In lieu of flowers, donations to The American Heart Association would be appreciated.

## Hawthorne Man Arrested on Narcotics Sale Charges

By Neal Rentz

A 58-year-old Hawthorne man was arrested last week and charged with three felony counts for allegedly selling narcotics out of his home.

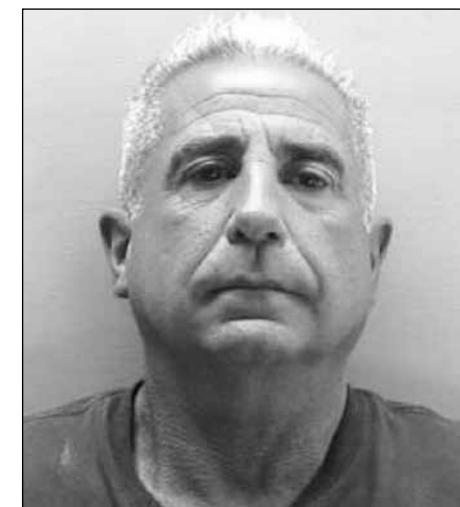
Michael Lorenzo, a tenant at 148 Atlantic Ave., was taken into custody on July 1 by Mount Pleasant cops following the execution of a search warrant at his residence, according to police.

Lorenzo was charged with two counts of fifth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and one count of fourth-degree criminal sale of a controlled substance.

One motor vehicle, a quantity of cocaine that rose to felony levels and more than \$70,000 in cash were seized by town police at the residence, said Chief Paul Oliva.

Oliva said a tip from a nearby resident about suspicious activity taking place at the address resulted in a three-month investigation into narcotics trafficking. He commended members of the Detective Division and the Patrol Division for their role in the arrest.

"We continue to encourage people to



Michael Lorenzo

come forward with information, as the community members are our eyes and ears," Oliva said. "The Mount Pleasant Police Department takes the scourge of narcotics seriously, as there has been and continues to be unnecessary loss of life as a result."

Lorenzo was arraigned on July 2 and bail was set at \$30,000.

## Second Arrest Made in North Castle Check Fraud Scheme

North Castle police last week announced a second suspect was taken in custody in connection with more than \$11,000 in fraudulent checks that were cashed against the town's account late last year.

Dominique Wesley, 21, of Manhattan surrendered at police headquarters in Armonk July 5 and was charged with third-degree grand larceny, a Class D felony, said Detective Sgt. Dennis Murray.

Wesley's arrest came two weeks after

the first suspect, a 28-year-old Queens man, turned himself in following a lengthy investigation.

Murray said the investigation was continuing but was unable to divulge whether the two suspects were acting on their own. He said there is the possibility that more arrests could be made.

From Nov. 30 through Dec. 9, seven checks totaling \$11,057.50 were cashed at Wells Fargo, one of the banks used by the town.

—Martin Wilbur

# Calls for Indian Pt. Closure, Pipeline Halt Outside Cuomo's House

**By Martin Wilbur**

About 100 renewable energy advocates held a vigil outside Gov. Andrew Cuomo's home early Sunday evening urging the governor to take immediate steps to shut down three projects and facilities they argue accelerate climate change.

The roughly hour-long interfaith vigil attracted opponents of Indian Point nuclear power plant in Buchanan, the Spectra AIM Pipeline being built through northern Westchester that would transport natural gas derived from hydraulic fracturing and the CPV power plant in Orange County that is under construction.

The CPV plant would use fracked gas from Pennsylvania to provide power but emit millions of tons of greenhouse gases further endangering, opponents said.

Holding signs, singing songs and delivering short comments and prayers, the demonstrators made the five-minute walk from the parking lot of the Presbyterian Church of Mount Kisco to near Cuomo's Bittersweet Lane house in New Castle under a heavy police presence.

"Gov. Cuomo has a choice – either to protect the health and safety of the people of New York and the environment our children will inherit or capitulate to the interests of an industry whose only motive is profit," said James Cromwell, an environmental activist and member of Protect Orange County.

"If we allow fracked gas to be transported and consumed in this state,

then the governor's moratorium was a meaningless self-serving hoax and New York City is condemned to sink beneath the waves," he added.

Some who participated in the vigil pointed to the governor's public opposition to the Spectra AIM Pipeline last winter; however, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approved the project. The pipeline, 42 inches in diameter, would pass a little more than 100 feet from Indian Point at its closest point.

Some of the demonstrators want Cuomo to appeal to President Obama to order FERC to stop construction. U.S. Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand came out in favor of halting construction in May.

There was also a call for Cuomo to order the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to pull the permit for the work.

Susan Van Dolsen of Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion said that on Sunday afternoon a member of Cuomo's staff contacted the group to inform them that the governor may be willing to go to bat for them in Washington.

Van Dolsen said she was hopeful that action would be taken.

"I'm pretty optimistic because he responds when he sees enough people are concerned," she said. "He knows Indian Point is a problem. I don't think they would have reached out to us if they had no interest of helping us in some



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Advocates of renewable energy held an early Sunday evening vigil outside of the New Castle residence of Gov. Andrew Cuomo. They called for the construction to cease on the Spectra AIM Pipeline and for Indian Point nuclear power plant to be closed.

way."

Gary Shaw, a member of the leadership council of the Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition, said keeping Indian Point open after more than 40 years in operation is a gamble that puts millions of people at risk.

Furthermore, using natural gas instead of nuclear energy would do nothing to protect residents or the environment.

"There are the rods (containing) high level radioactive waste just a few miles from here," Shaw said. "This is not a tradeoff. All extracted energy must be stopped. We have to move to renewables."

Part of the message delivered by protestors was for New York State policymakers to devise an energy plan with the goal of being free of fossil fuel consumption by 2030. Father David Stump, who came from Jersey City, N.J. to join the vigil, said the money being spent on the pipeline should be used to develop renewable energy sources.

"Put it into wind and solar and it would be much more respectful of this beautiful planet God gave us and you might even have an investment that will last," Stump said.

## Pro-Palestinian Protestors Urge Cuomo to Stop Targeting Israel Critics

**By Henry Buckley**

Close to 100 New Yorkers protested Gov. Andrew Cuomo's recent executive order outside his home last Wednesday that looks to suppress efforts by Palestinian supporters who have used boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) against Israel.

Organized by the Freedom to Boycott NYS Coalition, a conglomeration of more than 100 pro-Palestinian and human rights groups throughout the state, protestors chanted slogans and carried signs while marching from the Mount Kisco train station. They walked along Route 133 to Cuomo's house on Bittersweet Lane in New Castle in hopes of persuading the governor to rescind the order.

Signed on June 5, the order requires state agencies to divest from organizations that support the boycott of Israel. The BDS movement, which was instituted 11 years ago, protests companies and academic and cultural institutions that profit from Israel's treatment of Palestinian people and violations of international law, supporters argued.

They also contended that the order from Cuomo requires the blacklisting of all companies and institutions that support using boycotts to benefit Palestinians.

Radhika Sainath, staff attorney for Palestine Legal and counsel for the Center for Constitutional Rights, called Cuomo's action unconstitutional. She said the U.S. Supreme Court has long held that boycotts to bring political, social and economic change are protected under the First Amendment.

"Governor Cuomo is allowed to express his political opinion," Sainath said. "What he may not do is penalize New Yorkers for expressing ours. Direct or indirect restrictions in public funding aimed at suppressing particular political perspectives are unconstitutional."

Sainath also said that the Supreme Court has held that the government may not deny a benefit or impose restrictions on entities to suppress certain political perspectives.

"Cuomo has made it clear in his statement this executive order is about punishing those who disagree with Israel's

policies," she said. "The executive order is a penalty on disfavored viewpoints, which violates the First Amendment."

Repeated messages and e-mails to the governor's press office on Thursday and Friday seeking comment on the protest were not returned.

Cuomo has been a staunch supporter of Israel and visited the country in 2014 in a show of unity. In a Washington Post piece written by the governor in support of his recent order, he asserted, "If you boycott Israel, New York State will boycott you."

Protestors made their way from the Metro-North station to Cuomo's residence in about 30 minutes. Some waved Palestinian flags and carried signs such as "Boycott Until Palestinians Have Freedom" and "Freedom to Boycott." Others toted a tombstone on which "RIP 1st Amendment" was written. Protestors promised it would be delivered to the governor.

New Castle police were present along the protestors' route to and outside the governor's home.

*Martin Wilbur contributed to this article.*



HENRY BUCKLEY PHOTO

Pro-Palestinian protestors march from the Mount Kisco Metro-North station to Gov. Andrew Cuomo's home last week objecting to his executive order last month that requires state agencies to divest from businesses and organizations that support a boycott of Israel.

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# Environmental Issues Raised for New Mt. Kisco Building Proposal

By Neal Rentz

A proposal to tear down the structure that formerly housed Eduardo's Restaurant on Mount Kisco's South Moger Avenue to erect a two-story commercial building raised a couple of environmental concerns at last week's planning board meeting.

Win Development is seeking site plan approval from the planning board to build an 8,200-square-foot commercial building in a central business district zone at 77-91 S. Moger Ave. The existing structure is currently occupied by Terra Rustica Due, an Italian restaurant.

Residents Jim Gmeling and John Rhodes said while they did not oppose the project they had concerns about potential environmental impact. Gmeling said he did not want the developer to harm wetlands in the area. The plan would impinge on the Branch Brook, a tributary to the New York City water supply system via the Kisco River and the Croton Reservoir, he said.

Rhodes said he wanted the developer to remove the proposed driveway and bridge to Shopper's Park. Doing so would have minimal impact on the project while reducing the chance for potential environmental damage, he

said.

The village board would need to approve the developer's request to connect the parcel over village-owned property to the Shoppers Park parking lot.

At the request of the applicant's attorney, Charles Martabano, board Vice Chairman Anthony Sturniolo cut off comments, saying the public would have an opportunity to discuss the project during the public hearing.

Meanwhile, the planning board voted to declare itself lead agency for the project's environmental review.

The proposal, which calls for retail on the ground-floor and second-floor office space, also requires a variance from the zoning board of appeals because the developer is seeking 12 parking spaces for the site, two less than what is required.

Martabano said the building could attract new commercial development to the downtown. He described the project as a potential "gateway building" for the area.

No date for when the proposal would return for planning board discussion or for a public hearing was announced at the meeting.

# Saw Mill Club Hosts USTA Intersectional Competition



Saw Mill tennis pros Chris Gilroy, far left, and John James, third from left, with four of the six Saw Mill Club staff and members who participated in last weekend's USTA International Bruneau and Mid Atlantic Coast Cups in Mount Kisco. Also shown are Gregg Finn, second left, and Charles Lacy-Thompson, Kevin Kane and Bob Bull, starting from fourth left. Not shown are Todd Gordon and Boris Serebro.

Saw Mill Club hosted the prestigious USTA Intersectional Bruneau and Mid Atlantic Coast Cups last weekend in Mount Kisco. Teams from the Eastern, Mid Atlantic, New England and Middle States competed in the annual event.

The Eastern team had six staff and members from the Saw Mill Club: Kevin Kane, Bob Bull, Charles Lacy-Thompson, Todd Gordon, Gregg Finn and Boris Serebro. Bull, the team captain

and Saw Mill's tennis director, led the team to a second-place finish behind Mid Atlantic which won the event.

"We were honored to host this event at our club and it was great seeing so many international and national ranked players gracing our courts," said Bull. "Well done to my players and a big thanks to our club staff for their hard work in the background."

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## THERE'S A WORD FOR IT

**A vocabulary-building quiz  
By Edward Goralski**

**How Wonderful.** This week's quiz is based on Oxford Dictionaries list of "Weird and Wonderful Words." For the full list, and other word lists, visit their website at [oxforddictionaries.com](http://oxforddictionaries.com). After completing the quiz you may feel weird or wonderful.

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|---|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. degust (v.)<br>A) to spilt in half             | B) taste carefully    | C) make less potent           |
| 2. natation (n.)<br>A) place of birth             | B) a pep talk         | C) swimming                   |
| 3. habile (adj.)<br>A) skillful                   | B) lacking            | C) customary                  |
| 4. chiliad (n.)<br>A) a thousand things           | B) an early period    | C) a ghost story              |
| 5. umberiferous (adj.)<br>A) indefinitely many    | B) providing shade    | C) hidden in the background   |
| 6. ensorcell (v.)<br>A) to settle in              | B) deprive of liberty | C) fascinate someone          |
| 7. operose (adj.)<br>A) involving a lot of effort | B) ready to function  | C) assertive in one's opinion |
| 8. ylem (n.)<br>A) a fundamental principle        | B) primordial matter  | C) a mysterious force         |

- ANSWERS:
1. B. To taste food or drink carefully, so as to fully appreciate it  
2. C. The action or art of swimming  
3. A. Dext or skillful; able  
4. A. Thousand things or a thousand years  
5. B. Providing shade; shady  
6. C. To enchant or fascinate someone  
7. A. Involving or displaying a lot of effort  
8. B. (In the big bang theory) the primordial matter  
of the universe

# Westlake Students Among Dedicated Group Who ACE Big Challenge

By Martin Wilbur

About 100 Westchester County students reaped the reward and satisfaction last week of completing a job well done.

The students, including five from Westlake Middle School or Westlake High School, met the Astorino Education Challenge (ACE) and were recognized by County Executive Rob Astorino at Playland in Rye.

The challenge, launched four years ago as a joint effort by Astorino's office, the Youth Bureau and the Parks Department, requires students to maintain at least a 3.8 grade point average, an A or 95 average depending on the grading system used by their school; have perfect attendance for the year; or have their average rise by a full letter grade or by 10 percentage points from the previous year's final report card.

All students in grades 6-12 throughout the county are eligible to participate. This year close to 900 students signed up.

"It's not an easy goal. It's not meant to be easy," Astorino said. "It's meant to be something to reward excellence and that's what we have done for the fourth straight year. So I'm proud of the students."

The best part is that each student who aces the ACE Challenge receives a free season pass to Playland, an \$80 value. Astorino and Youth Bureau Director Iris Pagan welcomed more than 20 of the students on July 6 to the popular amusement park during a ceremony shortly after the gates opened for the day.

Four of the five Westlake students – Jillian Walpole, Kelly Andrews, Kathleen Bennett and Christina Mangione – were on hand for the festivities. Bennett's older brother, Brian, was unable to attend the event.

The challenge isn't new for most of the Westlake contingent. Walpole, who will be entering eighth grade in the fall, said she signed up and made the cut in sixth grade and again this past year. She passed the challenge on both grade point average and attendance.

When asked what the most difficult part of the challenge was, Walpole responded "Studying, because it requires you to get a good grade every single time. It's very stressful but in the end it pays off."

Bennett, who will be in seventh grade this fall at Westlake Middle School, is an honor roll student and also had perfect attendance.

"I did it last year so I wanted to do it this year," she said.

Her mother, Margaret, said both of her children have had perfect school attendance since entering kindergarten. Brian, who will be a senior in September, has also been on the honor roll. She said remaining healthy has been a big part of their success.

"Organic food, get plenty of rest and vitamins I think are the key factors," Margaret Bennett said.

Mangione, an incoming junior at Westlake and another repeat winner, said making sure her grades remained strong was the most difficult part.

"I wanted to challenge myself to see if I



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

From left, Westlake students Kathleen Bennett, Kelly Andrews, Jillian Walpole and Christina Mangione with County Executive Rob Astorino last Wednesday at Playland. They were among the group of Westchester students recognized for achieving high grades and/or a perfect attendance record during the recently completed school year.

could get above a 95 each quarter," she said.

The commitment and perseverance shown by all of the students are qualities that will serve the students well throughout their lives, Pagan said.

Astorino, who admitted that it would have been difficult for him to pass his own challenge when he was a Mount Pleasant

student, said stressing the importance of education and always doing your best is the biggest lesson.

"It was really to put a stamp of approval and set goals on how important education is, how important we take it and to give them a little added value for doing well," he said.

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## Editorial

### North Castle Proves Affordable Housing Settlement is Far From Onerous

For six-and-a-half years the complaints emanating out of White Plains and some other pockets around the county makes it seem as though the affordable housing settlement will end the way of life as we know it in Westchester.

Charges alleging social engineering and how the federal government is trying to dismantle local zoning and forcing 10,000 or more new units of affordable housing on the county have made for juicy soundbites and blaring headlines.

It just isn't true.

Last week, on the same day that Westchester County was getting scolded again in a federal court hearing by U.S. District Judge Denise Cote, it was learned that housing monitor James Johnson is recommending to the U.S. Department of Justice that North Castle be taken off the list of seven municipalities that could be sued for potential exclusionary zoning.

What makes that significant is that in May 2014, North Castle passed the model ordinance that essentially establishes the framework to allow for the development of affordable units. With a couple of tweaks,

what North Castle passed unanimously with a board that has been politically mixed, was a very similar ordinance that was recommended for all of the 31 mostly white municipalities where the settlement applies.

In just two years since North Castle's approval of the ordinance, there are 25 affordable units that are either being built, have been approved or are in the pipeline. Under the ordinance, generally any project with at least eight units must have 10 percent of its units affordable.

Depending on what happens with developer Michael Fareri's latest proposal for an all-affordable project at the old lumberyard on Bedford Road, that number could grow by as many as another 42 units, although logic dictates that the project could be somewhat smaller once planners are done with it. (Six units for his already approved market-rate condo are included in the 25.)

Of particular significance is that all 25 units are in the hamlet of Armonk, one of the most desirable zip codes in Westchester and probably the state. Nothing has

changed that.

It wasn't as easy as simply passing a resolution. There were many factors for the town to weigh, particularly trying to revise its zoning to allow as many of the units to be in close proximity to Armonk's now thriving downtown.

When Johnson surprisingly – and incorrectly – lumped North Castle with several other delinquent communities around Westchester in the spring, Supervisor Michael Schiliro and other officials refrained from the kicking and screaming that has punctuated many of the debates on the issue at the county level. At the time, Schiliro stated that they would effectively communicate with the monitor all that has been done and will continue to transpire.

Nothing about the affordable housing units has hurt the town or Armonk. If anything, it may even enhance the town's reputation that it can have the best of both worlds.

That's a lesson that five other municipalities and County Executive Rob Astorino have yet to master.

## Letters to the Editor

### U-Turn Access on Sprain Parkway Needed After Motorists Stranded

Last week's motor vehicle accident (hazmat situation, hydrochloric acid) resulted in the closing of the Sprain Brook Parkway for over a few hours. As you will note from the enclosed e-mail from a constituent, some motorists were driving in opposite directions. They were very frustrated.

I would like to request that the procedures used in accidents like this be reviewed. Would it have been possible to have had more police on the scene? Could the police have helped motorists get off the parkway safely – without being

inconvenienced for a few hours? Would signage have helped?

Greenburgh Police Chief Chris Mc너ney has advised me that there is one other potential safety improvement that needs to be made. We have asked the state to install U-turn access on the center medians and the request has fallen on deaf ears. This is one possible solution to this problem. We have requested this for our EMS response on the parkway. In some cases, valuable time is lost having to go to the next exit to turn around.

The Sprain Brook Parkway has experienced many accidents over the years, including fatalities. We need to make the parkway safer. Something needs to be done. What would have happened if a more dangerous hazardous chemical accident had taken place and motorists had to be evacuated from the parkway faster?

**Paul Feiner**  
Greenburgh Town Supervisor

## Westchester Children's Association Announces New Program

Westchester Children's Association (WCA), with The Westchester Bank and the Westchester Knicks, launched a new group, Westchester Companies for Kids (WC4K).

The primary goal for the group is to engage the business sector with WCA's mission: to improve the lives of Westchester's young people by shaping policies and programs to meet their needs, and by keeping their well-being at the top of the public agenda.

WC4K is co-chaired by John Tolomer, president and CEO of The Westchester Bank, and Kevin Bovet, vice president of sales and business operations for the Westchester Knicks.

"The Westchester Bank uses a well-

known proverb as a guiding principle. That proverb says that the only time one man should be standing over another is to help him up," said Tolomer in an announcement of the new program. "When we look at the Westchester Children's Association, which just celebrated its 100th year, we see the importance of their work in advocating for our children's health and well-being. We know the fine work they do, and we're pleased to play a small part in their success. If we can't advocate for our children, who can we advocate for?"

To celebrate its centennial in 2014, WCA launched an ambitious campaign to raise \$6.5 million, which it exceeded this year. All the funds raised were

from private donors, foundations and corporations.

In addition to The Westchester Bank and the Westchester Knicks, eight other companies have signed on to WC4K as founding members: Barbite & Holzinger, and Spencer-Adams, Inc., both real estate agencies; Empress Ambulance Service; New York Hospitality Group; Walson Corp., a real estate developer; and Stop and Shop.

Companies interested in joining Westchester Companies for Kids, should call 914-946-7676 ext. 303. For more information about the Westchester Children's Association, visit [www.wca4kids.org](http://www.wca4kids.org).

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**André Ferrara**  
**Retired Carpenter, Mt. Kisco**

**By Martin Wilbur**

It's been 16 years since André Ferrara moved to Mount Kisco with his wife Armella to start a new chapter in their lives.

The couple made the move from their longtime Queens home in 2000 to be closer to one of their two daughters who moved with her husband to Putnam County.

In that time, Ferrara, 80, has volunteered at Northern Westchester Hospital, serves on the Mount Kisco Beautification Committee and is a member of the Katonah Museum of Art. Armella volunteers weekly at the Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry, inside the United Methodist Church where the couple goes to church.

That all seems pretty routine for a happily retired couple who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last Valentine's Day.

But before Ferrara arrived in New York City in 1964, where he was a waiter at a French restaurant for a few years before working about three decades as a carpenter, his life has been an extraordinary journey, often marred with pain and sorrow, particularly in his youth.

The son of Italian immigrants, Ferrara was

born in Martigues, a small fishing port near Marseille in southern France. His parents had moved from Sicily for the chance at a better life, but by the time Ferrara turned six his father was dying, sickened from working in the coal mines in St. Etienne.

Ferrara's mother was unable to receive compensation from the French government upon her husband's death. He had been suspicious that if he cooperated with government officials they would learn of his Communist leanings in Italy.

"My dad refused to sign any document, I think, because he was a Communist," Ferrara said. "He said, how should I say it, 'They're going to put me in jail!'"

Unable to support her six children, in which Ferrara was the youngest, his mother put three of them in an orphanage – André, brother Jean, and a sister, Antoinette.

Ferrara was placed in a unit for younger children. With the Germans occupying France, he would hear the sirens go off in the distance but as a young child knew little of World War II.

The orphanage had severe hardships. Ferrara suffered corporal punishment for

bed wetting. The food was meager, often consisting of bread, soup and potato.

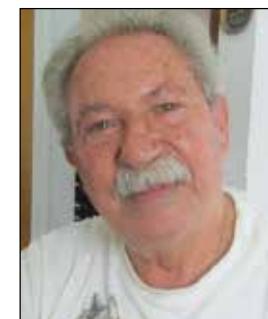
"I do not remember seeing meat," Ferrara said. "One day the soup was so bitter that I vomited in my plate. The guardian told me, 'You shall eat it or you don't leave the table.'"

When the war ended, his oldest brother Pierre, came to get him, Jean and Antoinette. His mother had remarried and moved to a Paris suburb, but the husband promptly abandoned her when all the children came home.

Over time, Ferrara became too much of a problem for his mother. He was caught stealing money, wine and anything he could get his hands on. At 14, his mother was forced to send him to a boarding house. However, Ferrara's four-year stay would prove beneficial; it was where he learned carpentry.

At 18, Ferrara returned home, reunited with his family, laying bricks and working at a biscuit factory, then served 27 months in the French military as a paratrooper from 1956 to 1958.

Shortly after returning from the Army, he went to Nice where another sister, Francesca, had moved. He worked in the kitchen of a restaurant, then as a waiter. By the early 1960s, one of his co-workers had gotten a waiter job at a Bermuda hotel, and four months later, he asked Ferrara whether



he wanted to join him.

"That's when I spent my two years in Bermuda," he said. "I was so happy. I met a lot of customers, made a lot of money."

Ferrara obtained a visa to come to the United States when his two-year contract expired. Meanwhile, Armella had come to New York from Belgium to work at the U.N. A friend of hers was dating a friend of André's. They dated and married on Feb. 14, 1966.

After Ferrara's oldest daughter was born, he left the restaurant business to spend more time with his new baby. Ferrara helped install kitchens and bathrooms, then decided to join the carpenters union. He worked at some of Manhattan's best-known buildings. On his breaks he would take his pad and sketch many of those structures.

"That was my big hobby," said Ferrara, a self-taught artist, who has two grandchildren. "I would come home and draw and paint."

He has converted his basement into an art studio with many of his highly detailed sketches and paintings displayed.

Ferrara still gets back to France, and enjoys his visits but wouldn't want to live there.

He's visiting later this summer, and plans to return to where the orphanage was, but happy that life's travels have brought him to Mount Kisco.

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## Bedford Resident Joins AXA Advisors in Stamford

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"We're extremely pleased to have Stewart join our team at AXA Advisors," said Geller. "We look to him to carry on our commitment to our clients and professional leadership."

As a financial professional with AXA Advisors, he will work with clients to help them define their financial goals and create strategies to help them achieve their objectives, with the added support of one of the nation's leading financial protection and wealth management firms.

Prior to joining AXA Advisors, Scharf was an equity analyst with Standard & Poor's in New York City.

Scharf holds a bachelor's degree from Brooklyn College and an MBA from the Pace University Lubin



School. In addition, he has earned his FINRA Series 7 and Series 66 Securities registrations and has his Life, Accident and Health licenses in the states of New York, Connecticut and Florida.

He is a member of the CFA Institute

and NYSSA, FENG Group, NAIFA and has volunteered for Bedford 2020 for climate change and recently joined the recycling task force at Temple Shaaray Tefila in Bedford. He lives in Bedford with his wife and daughter.

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## Pace Students' Elephant Legislation Awaits Assembly Vote

A bill crafted by students in Pace University's Environmental Policy Clinic that would ban elephants from performing in New York was passed by the state Senate in the closing days of the legislative session last month.

The Elephant Protection Act, which would ban elephants from performing in entertainment acts in the state, is the first bill of its kind to be enacted by the Senate, where it was sponsored by Sen. Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown). The Senate passed the measure unanimously, 62-0.

Though the Assembly version introduced by Assemblywoman Amy Paulin did not make it to the floor, both sponsors said that Senate passage was the bill's largest obstacle and cleared the way for full enactment in the next session.

"We are encouraged by the bill's passage in the Senate, and extremely proud of the initiative taken by our students," said Michelle Land, director of Pace University's Academy for Applied Environmental Studies.

The bill would exempt nationally accredited zoos and aquariums, wildlife sanctuaries and nonprofit environmental education programs. It would impose a \$10,000 per violation penalty for entertainment acts not in compliance.

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# Crowds Flock to Celebrate 12th Annual Pleasantville Music Festival

**By Martin Wilbur**

The Pleasantville Music Festival proved once again why it is one of the most eagerly anticipated events for the village and thousands of music fans in the tristate area.

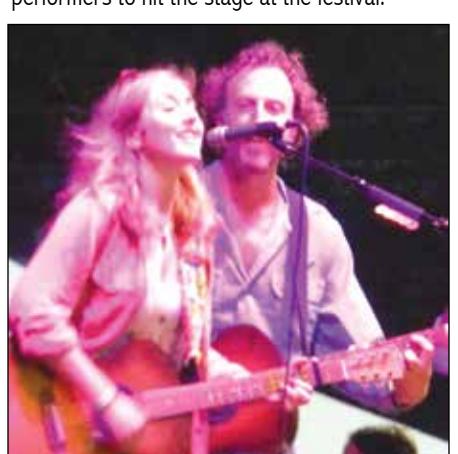
Despite overcast skies and the threat of rain that never materialized, several thousand flocked to Parkway Field for the 12th annual festival Saturday afternoon, and nobody seemed disappointed. Fifteen bands, led by Guster, Grammy Award-nominated singer-songwriter KT Tunstall, The Revivalists and The Smithereens, performed for nine hours on three stages making it a music lover's paradise.

"It's the most enjoyable event that we have on our calendar every year," said Bob Myers of Brewster, wearing his Smithereens 2011 t-shirt and who came for the 10th consecutive year with his wife wearing. "The music's always great, the food and the beverages are good. It's such a great experience that Pleasantville puts up with this every year, with people coming from all over."

For organizers, confident that this year's festival would eclipse their previous high of about 7,000 spectators that they moved the main stage back to accommodate more people, pulling off the event didn't come without its challenges. Advance ticket sales were strong but slowed in the final couple of days as weather forecasts increasingly predicted the chance of heavy thunderstorms, said Bruce Figler, the festival's executive director.



JONATHAN CUNNINGHAM PHOTO  
Mahopac's Amanda Ayala was one of the first performers to hit the stage at the festival.



DAVE ROCCO PHOTO  
Headline band Guster completed a long and fun day of music as dusk set in.



DAVE ROCCO PHOTO

Grammy Award-nominated singer-songwriter KT Tunstall was one of the highly anticipated headliners at the 12th annual Pleasantville Music Festival last Saturday at Parkway Field.

The decision was made late in the week to erect two large tents to provide covering in case of storms. As it turned out, the event was virtually rain free.

Other changes this year included moving one of the two smaller stages out of the beer garden and enlarging the seating area under the Chill Tent, particularly since the popular Tunstall played her first set earlier in the afternoon in the tent before performing on the main stage shortly after 6 p.m.

With the help of a small army of volunteers who make the event possible, the festival's benefits far outweigh the headaches, Figler said.

"It puts Pleasantville on the map," he said. "We've got the Burns Film Center and we have great cultural things that go on in this town and I think people are learning that a Pleasantville address means a lot of things, including culture and arts."

"You can't come to this and say this isn't anything but a win-win for the town," said Pleasantville Mayor Peter Scherer. "Not only is it a happy vibe for the people that are here but the reaction in my wanderings in various settings, people say 'Pleasantville, wow, you guys have a great music festival.' It's not only a great day but it's a piece of small town living with a contemporary vibe."

Scherer said the village is able to track from where the buyers of the advance ticket sales come from, of which there were about 2,000 this year. While many festivalgoers are from Westchester, others come from throughout the metropolitan area and some even make the trek from out of town.

Two of the music fans who traveled to the festival were brothers David and Carl Ligon. David Ligon said he drove down from Warwick, R.I. Friday night while his brother came from Norman, Okla.

A big fan of last year's headliner, the Gin Blossoms, David Ligon said he discovered the Pleasantville Music Festival when he came across the video in February of the band's performance at last year's festival on YouTube. He said the festival looked like great fun on the video and he and his brother decided to be part of it this year.



DAVE ROCCO PHOTO

Karma Darwin guitarist and vocalist Alex Peterson delighted music lovers on the Capitol Theatre Party Stage.



DAVE ROCCO PHOTO

Karma Darwin during their set at last Saturday's Pleasantville Music Festival.

"It's fabulous," Ligon said. "I've been just about to every concert you can go to. I've lived in California, Miami, Fla., saw Zeppelin, Jimi Hendrix. This has got a real good feel to it. I go by vibes a lot. This has a very good vibe to it."

Traveling a shorter distance from Manhattan was Laura Hoffman, who times a visit to friends in Chappaqua to coincide with the weekend of the festival. Saturday was the third consecutive year she attended and she looked forward to The Smithereens' performance.

"The lineups are always pretty good," Hoffman said.

Also impressed with the festival were the members of The Smithereens, a New Jersey-based rock band that formed more than 35 years ago and performed on the Main Stage.



DAVE ROCCO PHOTO

KT Tunstall also performed on the Party Line Chill Tent Stage earlier in the afternoon.



DAVE ROCCO PHOTO

Longtime folk-rockers Aztec Two-Step.

Lead singer Pat DiNizio said after their performance that the crowd was really into it, singing along with the band, making it an unforgettable experience.

"This is one of the best festivals we've played in a long time," DiNizio said. "I thought that we did a great set, but ultimately it's about the audience. They made it great."



MARK MARKARIAN PHOTO

Pleasantville Mayor Peter Scherer, center, with David Ligon, left, and his brother Carl. David Ligon drove from Rhode Island for the festival while Carl Ligon came from Norman, Okla.



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Despite thousands of fans, the Pleasantville Music Festival remains a small-town event with a party atmosphere.

## Joy and Labor of Water on Landlocked Property

For those of us who are not lucky enough to have a home on a lake or pond or one with a river view, there are other ways to enjoy the soothing effects of water, even if we're landlocked.

It could be as simple as a classic fountain, which I've enjoyed for many years on my back patio, spewing water from a pump into an upper basin, overflowing into a lower pan with a wonderful splashing sound that dampens occasional noise from the street.

Our second opportunity for the sound of water presented itself when we installed an in-ground pool and designed a waterfall to go with it, adding to the pleasure and relaxation of our outdoor experience.

Through the years, many of our friends ventured into the creation of different water features on their properties, from small koi ponds built on their own at minimal expense to elaborate systems designed and installed by professional landscape architects, incorporating a meandering stream and waterfall. No matter the level of commitment, there is a certain lure of water in the garden with proven psychological benefits to the mind and spirit.

Even marine biologist Wallace J. Nichols, writing in the Huffington Post, weighs in that being near water triggers what



By Bill Primavera

he calls a "blue mind," or as he puts it, "a mildly meditative state characterized by calm, peacefulness, unity, and a sense of general happiness and satisfaction with life in the moment."

No matter how simple or elaborate a water feature is planned for one's property, there are the operational and maintenance factors that should be considered in advance, because they can be considerable.

This summer, I encountered the most awesome example of a do-it-yourself water project with the spring-fed pool project of Rebecca

and her adult son Matt. In 2008, Rebecca bought a 100-year-old house in Carmel a short distance from the West Branch Reservoir and found on the deed that there was an "abandoned" natural spring-fed pool on the property.

"It had long ago been filled in and all you could see was the large, oblong outline of rocks on the ground, covered by poison ivy," she said. "I particularly remember the poison ivy. I asked my contractor who built the garage and my landscaper who built my walls whether it might be worth the effort to dig up and restore the pool, and they both said forget it. It was probably good advice. But when I asked my brother, a geologist, he simply said, 'Oh, sure! All you have to do is



BILL PRIMAVERA PHOTO

In the process of draining a nearly 100-year old spring-fed pool on their property that Matt and his mother restored in Carmel.

dig it out."

Taking his advice, the mother-and-son team went through a long planning process, trying to figure out ways to divert the stream and how to install a series of sump wells to dry out the mud that filled the pool so that it could be dug out. There were many meetings with the town where Rebecca and Matt represented themselves, confident that they could get the job done.

It was a formidable job with much trial and error. As they began the dig of the large 38-foot by 52-foot form, they discovered surprises along the way, such as steep steps at one end. When they finally reached the bottom, they found large broken up slabs of concrete.

But rather than pour a new bottom of concrete, which could break up again because it was below the water table,

Rebecca and Matt created a natural bottom with tough fabric used for in-ground swimming pools and covered it with round stones, and it worked.

They added a sediment trap at the point where the stream flows into the pool, which needs to be emptied periodically. A major chore is draining the pool each year, which involves removing an expansion plug at its bottom. That can take a full day of hard work with a crow bar and brute strength. Overall maintenance is a formidable responsibility.

"Sometimes I wonder if I should have taken my brother's advice when he said just do it," Rebecca said.

But recently when Matt posted photos on Facebook of the restored pool with her enjoying a refreshing swim, it seemed to be well worth the effort.

As for me, I'll have much greater respect for the owners the next time I encounter a listing that features a "spring-fed pool" by which to relax. And, I'll be more grateful that I have a trusty pool service to maintain my Sylvan pool, fed by my municipal water supply.

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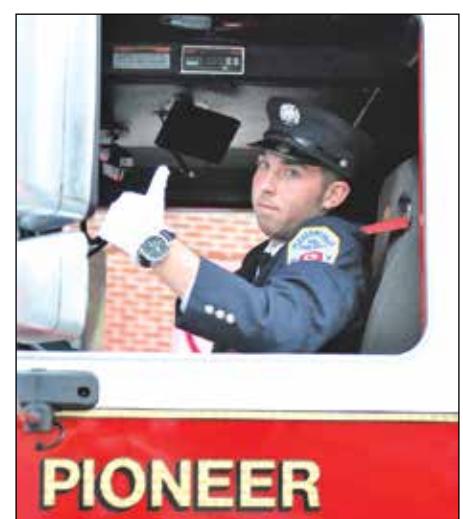
# Mt. Kisco Celebrates First Responders at Fireman's Parade



Emergency responders from across Westchester County and beyond suited up Friday evening in Mount Kisco for the village's annual Fireman's Parade. The event, which kicked off in the early evening, typically draws hundreds of spectators who line the sidewalks on Main Street. They were able to view firefighters, EMS responders and marching bands while departments brought out the antique firefighting apparatus. It also drew crowds to downtown on a warm summer evening making it a fun time for young children who often love to watch the firetrucks roll by.



ARTHUR CUSANO PHOTOS



# Happenings

## Tuesday, July 12

### Point Insurance Reduction Program

**Defensive Driving Course.** This state-approved six-hour course saves drivers 10 percent on liability and collision portions of their auto insurance premium for three years and removes up to four point from the insurance. Will be offered once or twice a month throughout 2016. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 3 to 9 p.m. \$55. Seniors and military personnel (active or retired): \$25. Next session: July 26. Info and registration: 646-413-3295 or visit [www.drivercourse.net](http://www.drivercourse.net).

**DIY Galaxy in a Jar.** Build your own glittering galaxy, not in some far off place but in a jar. Must bring your own jar with a lid. For children seven years old and up. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 5 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

**Drop-in Tech Help.** Drop in for help with any of your technology devices. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Free. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkiscolibrry.org](http://www.mountkiscolibrry.org).

**Italian Language and Culture.** Mara De Matteo, born and raised in Italy and passionate about her native language, combines lively conversation with grammatical instruction in her classes. She creates interactive lessons on the richness of Italian culture, past and present, through real-life anecdotes, literature, personal memoirs, films and even photography. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Free. Also July 19 and 26. Info: 914-273-3887.

**Family Story Time.** A program of stories, music, rhymes and more. While the stories will be of most interest to children three to six year old, all are welcome. Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas. Led by the library's own Miss Debbie. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Free. Tuesdays through Aug. 9. Info: 914-769-0548 or visit [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

## Wednesday, July 13

**Master Networker Meeting.** Join this high-energy interactive membership network of learning-based, service-oriented entrepreneurs and business leaders. Come be a guest any Wednesday to learn more about this world-class business training and referral program. Mount Kisco Coach Diner, 252 E. Main St., Mount. 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday. RSVP suggested. Info and RSVP: Contact Julie Genovesi at 303-929-7203 or e-mail [julie@eurobella.net](mailto:julie@eurobella.net) or just drop in.

**Zumba Fitness.** Achieve long-term

benefits while having a blast in one exciting hour of calorie-burning, body-energizing, awe-inspiring movements meant to engage and captivate for life. For all fitness levels. Dance Emotions, 75 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. Every Monday and Wednesday (except May 30) at 9 a.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. Drop in or weekly discount rates available. Info: Contact Peggy at 914 960-4097.

**Learn to Read Music.** Music reading specialist Mary Farrell has spent many years decoding the history of notes. Learn note names, symbols and rhythms. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 10 to 11 a.m. Free. Also July 20. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkiscolibrry.org](http://www.mountkiscolibrry.org).

**Baby Time.** A fun interactive lap-sit story time that includes songs, rhymes and a few very short stories. The experience gives babies an opportunity to socialize and parents a time to share. Recommended for newborns through 12 months old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 10 to 10:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday and Wednesday. Info: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**Pound Fitness Program.** A 45-minute full-body jam session that combines cardio, Pilates, plyometrics and isometric movements and poses with the excitement and euphoria of drumming. Using lightly weighted drumsticks called Ripstix, you'll rock your entire body into beautiful shape while torching calories, isolating core muscles and strengthening coordination and balance. Dance Emotions, 75 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 10:15 a.m. \$20. Every Wednesday. Also Saturdays at 11:15 a.m. RSVP required. Info and registration: Contact Peggy at 914-960-4097.

**Toddler Storytime.** Finger plays, action rhymes, songs and stories to encourage an enjoyment of books and to stimulate early listening, learning and speaking skills. Recommended for children one to two-and-a-half years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 10:30 to 11 a.m. Free. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Info: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**Senior Benefits Information Center.** Counselors offer older adults one-on-one counseling covering a broad range of topics including Medicare health and prescription plans, food stamps, HEAP, EPIC, weatherization, minor home repair and tax relief programs. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 Main St., Mount Kisco. 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-231-3260.

**Preschool Storytime.** This interactive story time uses picture books, songs, finger plays, action rhymes and other activities to encourage the enjoyment of books and language. Recommended for children two-and-a-half to five years old. Mount

Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Info: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**Support Group for Alzheimer's Caregivers.** Temple Shaaray Tefila and Westchester Jewish Community Services have scheduled this forum to provide a place for caregivers to discuss their feelings, share their experiences and support one another. A specialist from the Alzheimer's Association will lead the group and provide educational materials and information. All welcome. Temple Shaaray Tefila's Youth Lounge, 89 Baldwin Rd., Bedford. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Registration required. Info and registration: Contact the Alzheimer's Association at 800-272-3900 or visit [www.alz.org/hudsonvalley](http://www.alz.org/hudsonvalley).

**Storytime.** For children 18 months to five years old. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday and Thursday. Info: Visit 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkiscolibrry.org](http://www.mountkiscolibrry.org).

**Financial Education Series: Long Term Care.** With health care costs rising drastically every year, long-term care planning is essential to securing your retirement. Learn about the current state of long-term care, listen to long-term care experts present specific financial strategies and help to protect and safeguard your financial assets and loved ones should the need for long-term care arise. The first of six sessions. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk 1 p.m. Free. The series continues on July 15. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**The Explorers Club.** A new literacy/activity program this fall. Join Miss Debbie to explore a new theme each week (science, art and more) through literacy and hands-on activities. Come read, discover and create. For children five to seven years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Registration required. Info and registration: [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**Knitting at the Library.** Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels. For ages 10 and up. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-864-8041 or [www.mountkiscolibrry.org](http://www.mountkiscolibrry.org).

**Wonderful Wednesdays: "The Tortoise and the Hare."** The Up in Arms Puppet Theater presents this popular children's story. For children three to eight years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 4 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

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bring your imagination. A fun-building club for students in grades 2-6. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 6 p.m. Free. Meets the second Wednesday of each month. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-8041.

**Zumba Toning With Amy.** Sculpt and tone muscle groups while dancing and shaking toning sticks to the sassy sizzling rhythms of the Zumba. Toning sticks provided. PFX Fitness, 10 Castleton Rd., Pleasantville. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Drop-in fee: \$12. Every Wednesday Info: E-mail olin.amyj@gmail.com.

**Art Series: Andre Derain.** One of the founders of the Fauvist Art movement, Derain, along with Henri Matisse, another of the artists dubbed "the Wild Beasts," changed the way the world saw light and color in painting, as well as form in sculpture. Discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

**Chappaqua Summer Concert Series: Tramps Like Us.** Recreation Field, 200 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua (next to Town Hall). 7 p.m. Free. Info: Visit [www.mynewcastle.org](http://www.mynewcastle.org).

**Electric Vehicles Put New York in the Fast Lane.** Electric vehicles go a long way toward reducing climate disruption and air pollution. They produce 70 percent less emissions than a conventional car and get close to zero emissions as more renewable sources of electricity come online. Learn about the Sierra Club's efforts to promote electric vehicles and how you can help. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. Refreshments at 7 p.m. Program at 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

## Thursday, July 14

**The Breakfast Club.** Includes breakfast, a presentation on a topic of interest to seniors and a light exercise program. Cafeteria (G Level) at Phelps Hospital cafeteria (G Level), 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3937.

**Staying Safe on the Road: Safe Driving for Seniors.** A program to help seniors maintain their freedom while staying as safe as possible on the road. This lecture is the next installment in Burke's Senior Health Series, a series of bi-monthly breakfast sessions for seniors in the community that cover topics such as fall prevention, how to make your home safer, diet and exercise. Concludes with a question-and-answer session. A light breakfast, coffee and tea will be provided. Burke Rehabilitation Hospital's Rosedale Room, second floor of the Billings Building, 785 Mamaroneck

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# The Restaurant Examiner

## New Chef Joins Anna Maria's Cucina Italiana in Larchmont

**By Jerry Eimbinder**

Chef Angel Bojanovich has joined Anna Maria's Cucina Italiana in Larchmont. Examples of his cooking can be tasted Tuesday (today) through Sunday this week by ordering one of the restaurant's non-menu weekly specials.

The specials the week will include grilled monkfish with asparagus and lobster sauce; red snapper with fennel puree; and demo-glazed veal chop with mushrooms, vegetables and potatoes.

Bojanovich grew up in Cusco, generally considered the most popular tourist destination in Peru, where his mother operated a travel agency and his father owned a restaurant called Alhambra in nearby Sacred Valley.

In high school, he played goalie on the soccer team, then earned a bachelor's degree in business administration at Universidad Autonoma de Nuevo Leon in Monterrey, Mexico. While in college, Bojanovich cooked for a wide number

of fellow students, and during breaks from school he worked in his father's restaurant.

Encouraged by the popularity of his cooking with his college friends, Bojanovich pursued a career in the food industry and enrolled at the Gato Dumas Culinary School in Rosario, Argentina, near Buenos Aires. He operated a catering business for five years in Bolivia following graduation and also imported and exported fish.

After moving to America, Bojanovich worked at Antipasti in White Plains under Chef Rick Laakkonen and was sous chef at La Tasca in Manhattan and Back 40 Kitchen in Greenwich, Conn. The White Plains resident was also a chef at Panka in Port Chester and Viru in Scarsdale.

Bojanovich reports to executive chef and co-owner Anna Maria Santarelli. She joined the culinary staff of Gracie Mansion, the official residence of



JERRY EIMBINDER PHOTO

Anna Maria's in Larchmont.



Chef Angel Bojanovich and Anna Maria Santarelli, founder of Anna Maria's Cucina Italiana in Larchmont.

New York City mayor, as a cook and eventually became executive chef and chief administrator in charge of the kitchen and event planning. Over 13 years, Santarelli served three mayors – David Dinkins, Rudolph Giuliani and Michael Bloomberg.

Anna Maria's opened in 2006 and was renovated in late 2014. Its interior was completely redone and an 800-pound cement bar was built on the premises.

Happy Hour is celebrated (at the bar only) Tuesday through Friday until 7 p.m.

Wednesday is Pasta Night. At a prix fixe cost of \$19 per person, guests

choose from four appetizers and six pasta dishes. Pasta dishes and appetizers offered change weekly. "Zoodles" can be substituted for patrons preferring vegetables to pasta.

Anna Maria's Cucina Italiana is co-owned by Jennifer Esposito. It is open for dinner Tuesday through Sunday and is located at 18 Chatsworth Ave. in Larchmont. For more information, call 914-833-0555 or visit [www.annamariaskitchen.com](http://www.annamariaskitchen.com).

## Caperberry Events to Provide Food, Beverages at Lyndhurst Concerts

**By Jerry Eimbinder**

Caperberry Events has been contracted for a second year to provide the food and beverages at free summer concerts on the Lyndhurst estate in Tarrytown this summer. Ten percent of the food and drink receipts will be donated to the Lyndhurst Restoration Fund.

The new Lyndhurst menu includes the Romantic Basket, a cheese box for two (\$18) that can be combined with a house wine for an additional \$16, and the Farmer's Wrap, organic vegetables with lettuce and hummus spread (\$9).

On the sandwich list are ham and cheese with lettuce and tomato (\$8); an avocado BLT (\$10); grilled chicken baguette with mozzarella cheese, tomato, onion and spinach pesto (\$10); and prime rib ciabatta with onion, portabella and horseradish cream (\$11). Salads include organic field greens (\$8), grilled Caesar chicken (\$10) and a Quinoa vegetable snack (\$4).

For children, there is peanut butter and jelly on country white bread (\$5), popcorn (\$1.75), chips (\$1.75), blondies and brownies (\$3) and fruit salad (\$4).

Beverages include soda, juice, iced tea, wine and beer.

Musical programs are produced by Mark Morganelli's Jazz Forum Arts, headquartered in Tarrytown. Estate grounds open at 4 p.m. and the concerts run from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets or chairs. Parking is \$5.

The July Lyndhurst concert schedule is



The concerts at the Lyndhurst estate in Tarrytown this summer will once again feature food from Caperberry Events.

the Freddie Hendrix Quartet on July 14; the Itaiguara Brando Quintet on July 21; and the Django Festival All-Stars on July 28.

August features the Ray Blue Organ Quartet (Aug. 4); the Nelson Riveros Quartet (Aug. 11); Stephanie Chou (Aug. 18); and the Zoila Pianista Latin Jazz Group (Aug. 25).

Besides Lyndhurst, Jazz Forum Arts conducts free summer evening concerts at Waterfront Park in Dobbs Ferry, Pierson Park in Tarrytown, Horan's Landing in Sleepy Hollow and Henry Gourdine Park in Ossining. For more information, call 914-631-1000.

Part of the catering division of the New York Hospitality Group in White Plains, Caperberry Events is a sister company of Sam's of Gedney Way and The Great American BBQ Co. Caperberry Events also manages the Everyday Healthy Café at White Plains Hospital.

## Ruth's Chris Steak House Introduces New Summer Menu

**By Jerry Eimbinder**

Ruth's Chris Steak House at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown is introducing a new summer menu this week, which includes three-course prix fixe dinners for \$49.95 and \$55.95.

The entree selections offered for the \$49.95 dinner are a six-ounce filet mignon and shrimp and a side and either salmon or stuffed chicken with mashed potatoes, creamed spinach or cauliflower au gratin.

For the \$55.95 dinner, the choices are an 11-ounce filet mignon, a six-ounce filet mignon with a 4.5-ounce lobster tail or seared ahi tuna with soy wine sauce.

Both dinners offer an appetizer choice of fresh corn chowder or strawberry blue cheese salad and key lime cheesecake



JERRY EIMBINDER PHOTO  
Ruth's Chris Steak House in the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown.

for dessert. The prices do not include tax, gratuities and beverages.

Happy Hour discounts, previously offered Monday through Friday, are now offered on Sunday as well. Happy Hour is from 4 to 7 p.m.

Also effective immediately, Ruth's Chris will award sponsors or holders of private parties a \$50 gift card for each \$500 spent.

A comedy dinner featuring three comedians is planned for Oct. 28; a similar dinner (but with a mystery plot) was held on Mar. 3 and sold out well in advance. For more information, contact Private Dining and Catering Manager Jennifer D'Errico at 914-631-3311. Ruth's Chris Steak House is located at 670 White Plains Rd.

# Happenings

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Ave., White Plains. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Lecture at 9 a.m. Free. Space limited; pre-registration recommended. Registration: Contact Julia Moran at 914-597-2848 or e-mail [jmoran@burke.org](mailto:jmoran@burke.org). Info: Visit <http://www.burke.org/media/news/2016/07/senior-health-series-staying-safe-on-the-road/1185>.

**Bridge for Beginners With Joel Goren.** Classes for beginners who want to learn the basics of bridge. The lessons are designed for players with little or no previous knowledge of bridge. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10 a.m. Free. Also July 28. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**Knitting Circle.** This group is open to everyone who has an interest in knitting. Live, love, laugh, learn and have fun together during these creative journeys. Come share patterns and ideas and celebrate creative spirits together while enjoying the ancient art of knitting. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Every Monday and Thursday. Info: 914-273-3887.

**Toddler Storytime.** Finger plays, action rhymes, songs and stories to encourage an enjoyment of books and to stimulate early listening, learning and speaking skills. Recommended for children one to two-and-a-half years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 10:30 to 11 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday and Thursday. Info: 914-741-0276 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**Preschool Storytime.** This interactive story time uses picture books, songs, finger plays, action rhymes and other activities to encourage the enjoyment of books and language. Recommended for children two-and-a-half to five years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday and Thursday. Info: 914-741-0276 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**Osteoporosis Support and Education.** A monthly group program for individuals with osteoporosis, providing education on nutrition, exercise (weight-bearing, strengthening and balance) and activities of daily living. Phelps Hospital boardroom (C Level), 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Also Aug. 11. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-2270.

**Mahjongg Club.** Intermediate players welcome. Participants must bring their own set. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkiscolibrary.org](http://www.mountkiscolibrary.org).

**"Man on Wire."** The first of a series of documentaries selected from the Mount Pleasant Public Library's Jacob Burns Curated Collection. Followed by

discussion and refreshments. Clinton Street Center, 1A Clinton St., Pleasantville. 2 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-2021.

**Storytime Playgroup.** Come hear a story and music and join in on playtime with toys and books. Children, parents and caregivers will make new friends and share time together. For children one to four years old; with a caregiver. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 2 to 2:45 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**Bridge for the Advanced Beginner/Intermediate Player.** With Joel Goren. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 3 p.m. Free. Also July 28 at 2 p.m. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**DIY Crazy Cool Sneakers.** Converting you canvass sneakers for a makeover. You provide the sneakers, we'll provide the bling. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 3:30 to 5 p.m. Free. For children 11 years old and up. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

**Gaming Old School.** Join old school gaming enthusiasts to play board games like a kid again. Open to all ages. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkiscolibrary.org](http://www.mountkiscolibrary.org).

**Read to Rover.** Dogs love listening to stories. Come meet Rover and read your favorite story. For children five years old and up. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkiscolibrary.org](http://www.mountkiscolibrary.org).

**The History of the Palisades.** Join author and photographer Kevin Woyce, who writes about regional history in the tri-state area, for a colorful tour of one of New Jersey's most impressive landmarks, from its formation and discovery to the American Revolution and the creation of Palisades Interstate Park. Explore history along the park's major trails, from abandoned riverfront beaches and ferry landings to a vanished cliff-top world of mansions and grand hotels. You'll also visit Fort Lee, when it was the home of the silent movie industry and Palisades Amusement Park. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0548 or visit [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

## Friday, July 15

**Mindfulness and More.** One of a series of fitness classes. Clinton Street Center, 1A Clinton St., Pleasantville. 11 a.m. Free. Also July 22 and 29. Info: 914-769-2021.

**Zumba With Amy.** Low-impact Zumba for the older active adult or beginner. Addie-tude Dance Center, 42 Memorial Plaza (lower level), Pleasantville. 11 a.m.

Drop-in rate: \$12. Every Friday. Also Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Info: 914-643-6162 or e-mail [olin.amyj@gmail.com](mailto:olin.amyj@gmail.com).

**Financial Education Series: Saving for College.** On average, tuition and fees for private universities cost \$32,599 in 2015-16, according to data reported to U.S. News by 711 ranked private schools. How prepared are you and your family when it comes to paying for these expenses? Learn three different ways to help save for your loved one's education. Discussion includes 529 college savings plans, custodial accounts and Coverdell Education Savings Account. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk 1 p.m. Free. The series continues on July 20. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**Planting and Invasive Removal.** The Native Plant Center continues to enhance its gardens, increasing the diversity of species for wildlife and fostering more community education. It needs help planting hundreds of native plants in different gardens, restoring the meadow and removing invasive species to give natives – and diversity – a chance. The Native Plant Center, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 1 to 3:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-606-7870 or visit [www.nativeplantcenter.org](http://www.nativeplantcenter.org).

**Dance Party for Parkinson's Summer Series.** A partnership between the Steffi Nossen School of Dance and Burke Rehabilitation Hospital, this is a movement class based on the internationally acclaimed Dance for PD program. The program was developed in a collaboration between the Mark Morris Dance Group and Brooklyn Parkinson's Group to address the needs of people with Parkinson's. No dance experience necessary. Burke Rehabilitation Hospital's Adult Fitness Center, 785 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains. 5 to 6 p.m. Series: \$96 for individuals; \$160 per couple. Class drop-in rate: \$15 for individuals; \$25 per couple. Fridays through Aug. 25. Info: 914-328-1900.

**Friday Night Cinema: "What's In a Name."** Based on the play "Le Prénom" (The Given Name), this French-Belgian comedy looks at a simple family dinner party and the trouble that is stirred up by one wisenheimer. In French with English subtitles. Post-screening discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

**"The Fantasticks."** Pleasantville's Arc Stages presents this funny and romantic musical about a boy, a girl, two fathers and a wall for the theater company's summer show on its Community Stage. Arc Stages, 147 Wheeler Ave., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. Adults: \$28. Seniors and students: \$22. Also July 16 at 3 and 8 p.m. and July 17 at 8 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-747-6206 or visit [www.arcstages.org](http://www.arcstages.org).

## Saturday, July 16

**Pleasantville Farmers Market.** Experience the largest, year-round farmers market in Westchester, and the one voted "Best of Westchester" in 2014, 2015 and 2016 by the readers of Westchester Magazine. With 56 vendors and seven nearby parking lots, the market is a delicious good time. This week, market lead sponsor Phelps Hospital Northwell Health visits, acoustic Americana duo the Eugene Tyler Band returns for the music series and Suzy Scherr hosts a kids event about creating edible wands. Rain or shine. The market is a dog-free environment. Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Saturday. Info: Visit [www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org](http://www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org).

**Chappaqua Farmers Market.** Bringing locally-raised and produced food to the community in a weekly market, creating a connection between shoppers and small-scale food producers in the region. Chappaqua train station. Chappaqua. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Saturday. Info: Visit [www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org](http://www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org).

**Third Saturday Bird Seed Sale.** The sale supports the local conservation work of the Saw Mill River Audubon. Pruyn Sanctuary, 275 Millwood Rd., Chappaqua. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Third Saturday of each month. Info (including bird seed descriptions and prices): Visit [www.sawmillriveraudubon.org/seedsale](http://www.sawmillriveraudubon.org/seedsale).

**Practice Tai Chi With Larry Atille.** Learn specific feldenkrais and chi kung breathing techniques for deep relaxation and apply them to tai chi movement. This is a hands-on class that will be geared to the level of experience of the class and challenge all participants. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a floor mat or towel. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East. Armonk. 10:30 a.m. Free. Also July 23 and 30. Info: 914-273-3887.

**Creative Coloring for Adults.** If you're an adult looking for a relaxing, fresh and new activity that will help bring stress relief to your busy life, try this new coloring class. Drop in anytime. Materials provided. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Every Saturday. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkiscolibrary.org](http://www.mountkiscolibrary.org).

**Adult Salsa Class.** Addie-Tude Performing Arts Center, 42 Memorial Plaza (lower level), Pleasantville. 11 a.m. to noon. Free. \$12. Every Saturday. Also Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Info: 917-215-1720 or visit [www.addie-tude.com](http://www.addie-tude.com).

**Teaching Trails: A Community Path for Environmental Education.** Join guided trail experience through the woodland forest. Discover who left that track, which tree makes the best animal home or which plant makes its own

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# Two Years After Leaving Senate, Ball Lives 'Third Dream' in Texas

**By David Propper**

For a man who loved the spotlight and seemed to eat, sleep and breathe politics, when former state senator Greg Ball stepped aside from office in 2014, it was hard to believe a person cut from that cloth was ready to move on.

But with all that attention, admiration and scorn that he once seemed to crave, Ball insists he's living his "third dream" in a small town near Austin, Tex. running his own consulting firm he started from scratch. The spotlight might be gone, but so is the scrutiny and stress level.

"I always had a dream of serving in the military, I did that. I had a dream of serving in public life, in politics and that was phenomenal," said Ball, who lived in Patterson, Putnam County. "I'm now being able to live my third dream and be in Texas and building a new life, new career down there while still maintaining relationships up here."

Ball is back in town this week, one of his twice-yearly trips to New York and the lower Hudson Valley, for his annual Victory Cup Polo Match this Saturday. Ball served in the state Assembly for four years before going to the Senate for another four years.

While in office, the Republican's reputation, good or bad, was certainly one

of a kind. Brash and bombastic, Ball was known to use extreme tactics for publicity and beat any political foe in his way.

But for all the antics and attacks on opponents, Ball said his detractors often misunderstood his actions. Ball believes the critics confused an initial love for politics with his cutthroat competitiveness and refusal to lose an election. However, once he finished his first campaign, the love of politics subsided, so much so he knew then he wasn't going to be a career politician.

"I don't miss it," he said. "I really don't miss any of that."

Ball said he continues to see corruption rock the state legislature and in Putnam County. Ball, who was despised by many political insiders, said he believes his presence on the scene was a check to the system.

Ball still recalls his first speech on the Assembly floor decrying the way the legislative body was run by former Assembly speaker and now convicted felon Sheldon Silver. He pointed out he was right about Silver before many realized how corrupt he was.

Ball said he's been "nothing short of disappointed" with how Putnam County government has continued to operate. Putnam today is no different than when



Greg Ball, left, at a past Victory Cup with Michaela and Tareq Salahi, who crashed a White House state dinner in 2009.

Now a private citizen, Ball attempts to get other people elected to office across the nation, mostly in Texas and the South. His firm, Black Stone Texas, which he runs with his former Senate communications director Joe Bachmeier, has helped clinch two impressive wins for statewide seats.

Ball said the company has a "sweet spot" for getting conservative Republicans elected to office. Another test will be Mahopac resident Suzi McDonough's run for the 94th Assembly seat in hopes of replacing Katz, who decided against re-election.

"It's great to get good people elected and let them be in the limelight and help them through tough races," Ball said.

On top of working the political angle, Ball also offers marketing and technology consulting to businesses and various clients. Taking another shot at the political powerful in New York, Ball joked he caused too much disruption in office to get a cushy lobbying job or no-show position once he left.

But with all his criticism of New York, Ball won't rule out ever returning to the place he grew up and made a name for himself, just like he won't rule out ever running for public office again.

"I've learned in life never say never," Ball said. "You make plans, and God laughs."

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heat. Program runs about 30 minutes. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Saturday and Sunday. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

**Faith, Food and Friends.** A weekly gathering that includes prayer, song, discussion and dinner for all. Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, 197 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 5 p.m. Free. Every Saturday. Info: Visit [www.emanuelelc.org](http://www.emanuelelc.org).

**Saturday Night Jazz at Chappaqua Station: Dan Lauter Trio.** With a hat tipped to New York's musical renaissance, Chappaqua Station welcomes local and international musicians to the historic train station. Think intimate lounge setting, warm bourbon glow, farm fresh cuisine and an inclusive spirit of Westchester's vibrant culture. Chappaqua Station, 1 Station Plaza, Chappaqua. 7 to 10 p.m. \$10 per person for table reservation. First come, first served at bar with no cover charge. Every Saturday. Tickets available through Eventbrite. Info: 914-861-8001 or visit [www.chappaquastation.com](http://www.chappaquastation.com).

**Argentine Tango Dances.** Great music and dancing on a 3,500-square-foot dance floor. Enjoy a pleasant time with friends. Refreshments served. Broadway 26 Dance, 26 Broadway, Hawthorne. 8 p.m. to midnight. \$16. Also the first Sunday of

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## Sunday, July 17

**Yoga for Beginners.** A perfect way to refresh your body and mind. Move, stretch, breathe and renew. All bodies and minds are welcome in this class. Expect Natural, 774 Bedford Rd., Bedford Hills. 8:30 to 10 a.m. \$15 per class. Every Sunday. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Contact Marta at 914-242-4685.

**Hispanic Heritage Festival.** Musical entertainment and dancers, drama and poetry readings, health and educational exhibits and activities for children. There will also be vendors who will be selling traditional arts and crafts and ethnic foods. Bring blankets or folding chairs for seating on the lawn. Rain or shine. Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla. 12 to 7 p.m. Free parking and admission. Info: 914-231-4033 or visit [westchestergov.com/parks](http://westchestergov.com/parks).

**Through the Eyes of the Servants.** Find out what it was like to be a servant in a grand mansion in the early 20th century during a tour with the curator. Merestead Estate, 455 Byram Lake Rd., Mount Kisco. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Free. Reservations required. Info and reservations: 914-447-7497.

**Ballroom Dancing and Dinner.**

Dancing followed by a complete dinner. All proceeds to go to the scholarship fund at Fox Lane High School and New York Boys' State. Third Sunday of every month. Moses Taylor American Legion Post 136, 1 Legion Way, Mount Kisco. 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. \$18 per person. Info: 914-241-0136 or contact Commander John A. Graziano at 914-248-7134.

**While You're Away: Love Songs of World War II.** This one woman concert/lecture delves into it all and in the process reveals how the "spirit" of the time was uplifted by these songs – to hope for a time of peace and an end to a terrible and frightening war. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 3 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**"When We Were Kings."** Charismatic, defiant and idiosyncratic, Muhammad Ali was truly The Greatest. The quick-witted titan of boxing's open disdain for respectability inspired a generation of black youth to stand against racism and injustice, enabling them to truly be free. The film captures Ali at his best – confident, colorful and determined to win the Rumble in the Jungle in spite of the odds. Arguably one of the best sports documentaries ever made, the Oscar-winning film is a fitting tribute to one of the greatest athletes in American history.

Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 5 p.m. Members: \$10 Non-members: \$15. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

## Monday, July 18

**Knitting Group.** Hats for our servicemen and women overseas and other ongoing projects for care centers and hospitals. Clinton Street Center, 1A Clinton St., Pleasantville. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday. Info: 914-769-2021.

**Storytime.** For children of all ages. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Free. Every Monday. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkiscolibrary.org](http://www.mountkiscolibrary.org).

**Young Explorers Story Time.** Nature discovery for youngsters. Enjoy a nature-themed story and discover the wonders of nature while exploring fields, forests or landscaped grounds. Dress for outdoor activity. Except in extreme weather conditions, a portion of each class is spent outdoors. For children three to five years old; with a parent or caregiver. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: \$9 per child. Non-member: \$12 per child. Also July 25. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

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on 5/24/16. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Susan Lewkowitz, 670 White Plains Road Ste. 322, Scarsdale, NY 10583 914-723-4290. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SWAN GRAPHICS, LLC ARTS OF ORG.** filed SSNT 6/22/15. Office: Westchester Co. SSNY design agent of LLC upon whom process may be served & mail to: 29 North Greenwich Road, Armonk, NY 10504. Purpose: Any lawful act.

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# The Tour de France and Wine Quaffing Are in Full Swing



By Nick Antonaccio

In last week's column, I presented a premise for celebrating this year's Tour de France. Being a wine-themed column, and France being a wine-centric nation, it seemed logical to tie the two together. What better matchup than a highly competitive, professional sport and a fun, relaxing spectator sport?

First the professional sport.

The race began last week, and after 21 stages, finishes in Paris on Sunday, July 24. The course is a grueling 2,200 miles through nine flat stages, one hilly stage, nine mountain stages (with four summits to reach), two individual time trial stages – and two rest days over its three-week span.

The route, and the local grapes, began in Normandy, wending its way south into the western Loire Valley (home to Sauvignon Blanc, Vouvray and Chenin Blanc), then Spain and Andorra along the Pyrenees. Back into France, it traverses the hilly terrain of Languedoc (blends of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvedre).

It continues east along the Mediterranean countryside into Provence (Rosé). The route then heads north, up

'many opportunities to enjoy the race and festivities'

the Rhone Valley (many blends, including Châteauneuf-du-Pape in the Southern Rhone and Syrah in the Northern Rhone) and the steep, arduous Mont Ventoux.

There is a brief ride into Switzerland before turning west again, heading toward the foot of Mont Blanc. The bikers eventually pass through the outskirts of the Champagne region, a first. The final stage is the celebratory ride into Paris along the Champs-Élysées.

Now the spectator sport.

There will be numerous opportunities to enjoy the race and commensurate festivities.

Over 12 million spectators will be watching and celebrating from the sides of local French roads during the stages. Other loyal French fans will be in front of wide-screen televisions at local bars, bistros and cafes. The casual fans, interested in spectacle and adrenalin rushes, will be focused on home television or tablet screens. Across the globe, 3.5 billion sets of eyes will be watching.

Excessive food and wine consumption by sedentary spectators may result in their gaining a few pounds. Not so for the Tour de France competitors. Each rider burns an average of 700 calories per hour on the

course. To replenish their bodies and to maintain strength for the following day, a rider typically consumes between 6,000 and 9,000 calories per day.

As I pen this week's column, stage nine has concluded amidst rain and a hailstorm.

A day of rest now awaits the riders. At this juncture, the leader – and overwhelming favorite – is Christopher Froome of Great Britain, the reigning champion. He has a 16-second lead over his nearest rival, Adam Yates (Great Britain) and a commanding 37-second lead over Joaquim Rodriguez (Spain) in fifth place.

On to representative wines.

I frequently receive samples of wines to consider for inclusion in a wine column. For this column, I enjoyed three wines that I felt warranted attention.

Stage 4 courses through the eastern portion of the Loire Valley. A refreshing, dry wine will quench the thirst of post-stage riders. The 2014 Domaine Desloges Touraine (Sauvignon Blanc) is spot on. It displays bright yellow color, with aromas of lemon zest, meadow and a streak of minerality. Its acidity pairs perfectly with local fish.

Stages 6 and 7 run onto the southwestern corner. On the way, riders skirt the Gascony region, home to white wines that refresh and invigorate parched palates. The 2015 Domaine du Tariquet "Classic," a blend of Ugni Blanc and Colombard, has aromatically pleasing notes of green apples and herbs.

Coming into Stage 14 this week, the Côtes du Rhône region provides world class wines for road weary travelers. The 2013 Les Dauphins Côtes du Rhône Reserve Rouge (Grenache, Syrah, Mourvedre) is ruby red, with the fragrance of blackcurrants and just a hint of spiciness. Its refined, well-balanced structure, accompanied by a backbone of tannic strength and harmonious finish, emulates the upper echelon of riders.

Next week, get ready for the final stages and the grand celebration up and down the

Champs-Élysées with equally enthralling wines I will recommend.

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Nick Villis of Byram Hills moves the ball across the field.



Fox Lane's Hunter White moves the ball toward midfield during a home win over Wappingers late in the regular season.

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Westlake's James Gorman protects the ball as he's pressured by Briarcliff's Lucas Benson during a Wildcat home game.



Ryder Beitzel celebrates a Fox Lane goal in the sectional playoff game vs. Mahopac.



Thomas Tenney of Fox Lane sets his sights on the cage during a win over Arlington early in the season.

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Ethan Anikstein of Byram Hills tries to work his way toward the cage during a Bobcat home game vs. Pelham.



Pleasantville's Declan McDermott dodges his way to the cage in the Panthers' rout of Putnam Valley.



Pleasantville's Ryan Drillock races toward the cage in the Panthers' easy win over Greenwich in the state regional playoffs.



Lucas Cohen fires a shot at the cage in Pleasantville's regional playoff victory over Greenwich at Yorktown High School.



Briarcliff goalie Graham Goldheim tries to stop a shot by Bronxville's Ara Atayan in the Class C sectional semifinals.



Half a dozen Fox Lane and Greeley players get tangled up as they battle for a loose ball.



Byram Hills' Jaime Cantu heads for the cage in a home game vs. Pleasantville.



Fox Lane's Matt Magnan prepares to fire a shot at the cage as Horace Greeley's Matt Baum applies some defensive pressure.



Briarcliff's Keaton McCann controls the ball behind the cage in a road win over Westlake.

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Horace Greeley's Jacob Brandes turns toward the cage in a game vs. Fox Lane.



Camereon Fash of Briarcliff goes on the attack in a win over North Rockland the first week of the season.



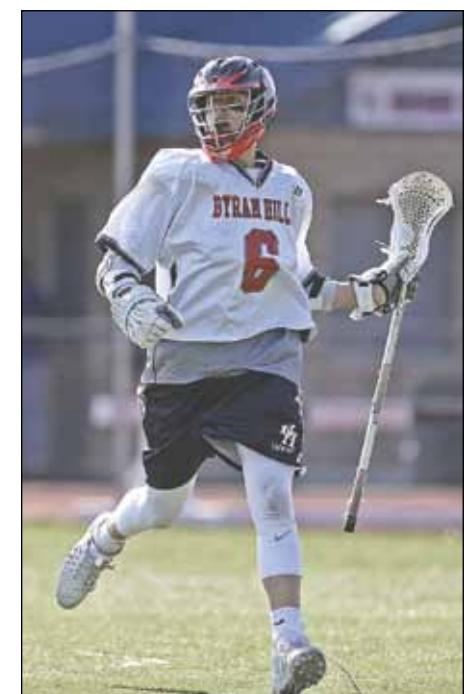
Pleasantville's Tanner Bates takes the ball toward the goal vs. Putnam Valley.



Westlake goalie Brendan Birkelbach runs with the ball after making a save as Briarcliff's Zach Vincent gives chase.



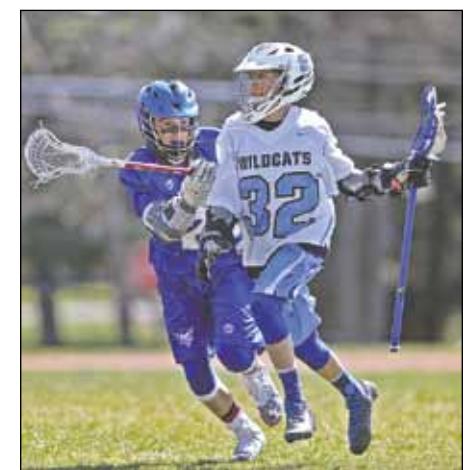
Anthony Sardo of Westlake scored his 200th career goal for the Wildcats midway through the season.



Noah Spiegel of Byram Hills puts on the brakes as he controls the ball.



Nick Cebel of Briarcliff gets set to unleash a shot during the Bears' home playoff game vs. Bronxville in late May.



Westlake's Dylan Donnery moves toward the cage in an easy win over Haldane.



Goalie Scott Odland of Horace Greeley stays ready in front of the cage.



Jack Drillock of Pleasantville tries to run past Michael DeGasperis of Briarcliff near midfield in a midseason game decided in overtime.



The Vikings' Jeannie Yamazaki heads for the cage in a home game vs. Hastings.

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Nikki Loresto moves the ball up the field during the Mt. Pleasant Cup in late March.



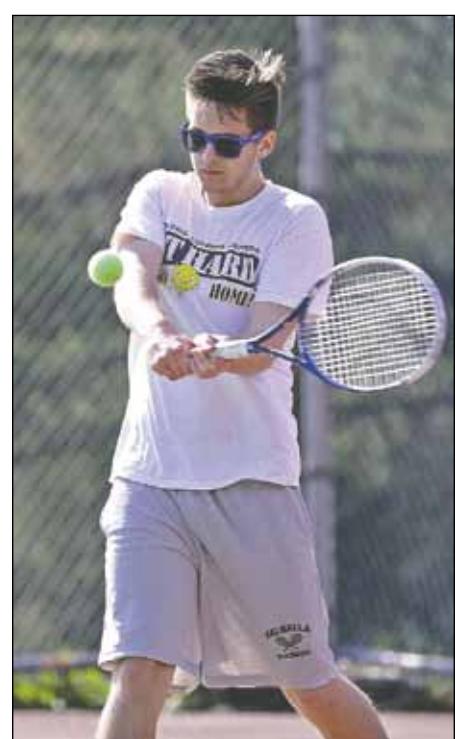
Raphaela DaSilva faces a double team in the Vikings' come-from-behind sectional playoff win over Hastings.



Senior speedster Kaio DaSilva runs in the 200 at the state qualifier in White Plains.



Jason Wolfthal pitches in the Vikings' home game vs. Westlake.



Viking senior Lucas Van Bramer hits a backhand return during a match at first singles.



Marc Charbonier gets set to smack a forehand in a doubles match vs. visiting Westlake.



Track standout Madison Brand clears a hurdle during the state qualifying meet.



Vikings ace Steven Franzese fires to the plate during a home game early in the season.



Viking infielder Gavin Astrella awaits a pitch.



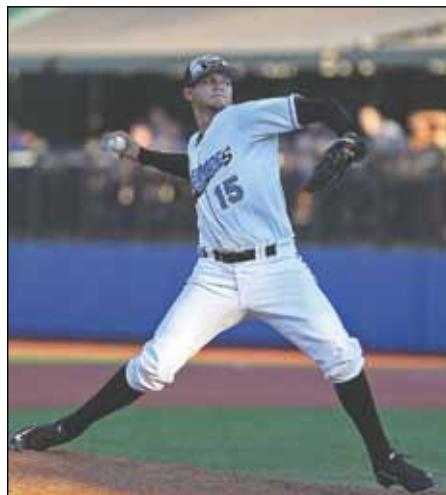
The Vikings' Alyssa Dolan delivers a pitch in a late-season home game.



Senior first baseman Jenna Saldi stays ready on the infield.



The Vikings' Olivia Bespolka goes airborne as she competes in the long jump.



Starter Adrian Navas pitched six shutout innings for the Renegades to earn his second victory.



Staten Island's Ricardo Ferreira loses his helmet after being tagged out on a steal attempt by Renegades shortstop Bill Pujols.



Staten Island first baseman Kane Sweeney lofts a fly ball to left field in the top of the fourth inning.

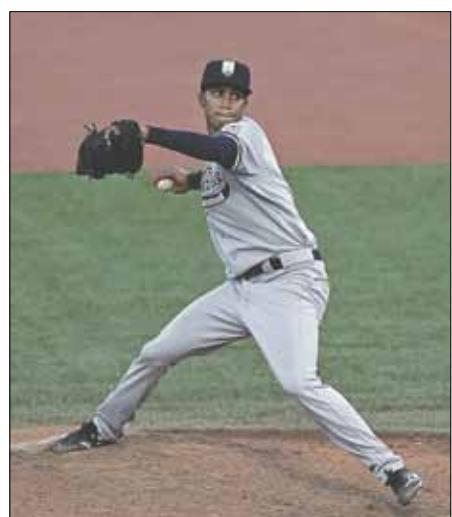


Bill Pujols, who hit the Renegades' first homer of the season 19 games into their schedule on Tuesday, runs toward third base.

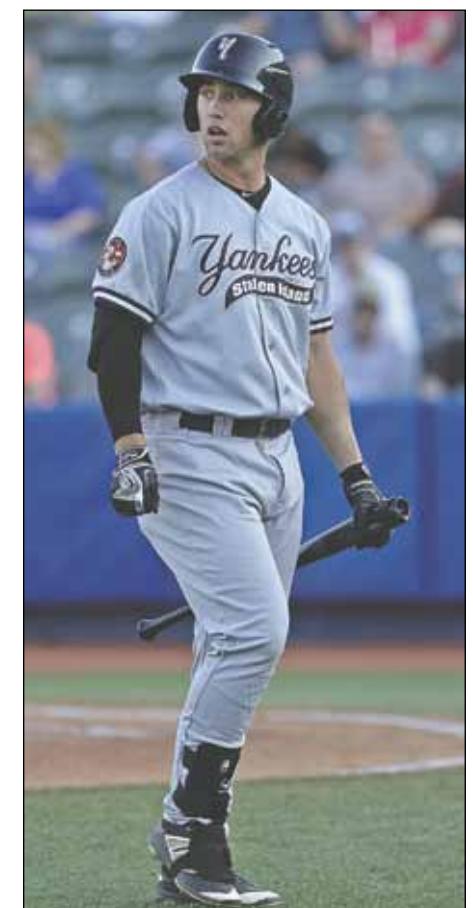
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Hudson Valley's Jim Haley singles in the first inning of the 4-2 win over Staten Island.



The Yankees' Adonis Rosa delivers a pitch during last Tuesday's 4-2 loss to host Hudson Valley.



The Yankees' Drew Bridges takes the long walk back to the dugout after striking out.



Angel Perez hits a long foul ball for the Renegades, who began a five-game winning streak by beating Staten Island 4-2.

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