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Chappaqua School Officials Weigh Potential Security Bond Items

By Anna Young

Parents who attended a Chappaqua School District forum last week voiced skepticism about a potential \$7.4 million bond vote for June that would pay for districtwide school security enhancements.

After Erik Kaeyer of KG&D Architects in Mount Kisco shared his recommendations to improve the district's security measures, parents questioned if there was a less costly solution. While parents who spoke said they wanted their children to be safe, some suggested parts of the \$42 million bond approved by voters in 2016 be reallocated for security updates. Others advised district officials to invest more resources in the social and emotional wellness of students by creating mental health and anti-bullying programs.

An alternative solution would

provide perimeter fencing around the 8,320-square-foot high school campus. Kaeyer advised officials to add a gatehouse at the main entrance to the campus if they choose the alternate plan.

Perimeter fencing at the high school would cost an estimated \$1.7 million, reducing the overall bond to \$2.6 million. The remaining \$944,813 would be spent on security upgrades at the district's other schools.

Nearly \$6.5 million of the larger proposal would be set aside for Horace Greeley High School. Current plans outline reducing the school's four entrances to a single entry with secured vestibules and a security office in every building. Students and visitors would have to be screened at a transaction-style window and be buzzed in. Doors would have a locking mechanism and be covered

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State Legislators Demand Release of DOT Railroad Crossings Report

By Neal Rentz

Two state legislators demanded last week that the state Department of Transportation (DOT) release its long overdue safety evaluation of all 5,304 grade crossings across New York.

Gathering at the Commerce Street crossing in Valhalla, the site of a deadly Metro-North accident in 2015, Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti (D-Pleasantville) and state Sen. David Carlucci (D-Clarkstown) called on the DOT last Friday to complete the study and make the results public.

The report was due on Apr. 1, 2017, as part of legislation signed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo to require the agency to evaluate and report on creating enhanced safety measures at all highway-rail crossings in

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NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti (D-Pleasantville) and state Sen. David Carlucci (D-New City) called on the state Department of Transportation (DOT) last Friday to release its safety evaluation of the state's grade crossings, which is more than a year late.

Quality of Life Concerns Raised Over Diamond Zoning Changes

By Neal Rentz

Neighbors of Diamond Properties' Mount Kisco complex The Park raised concerns last week about increased traffic and overdevelopment that could degrade their quality of life if proposed zoning changes are approved by the Village Board.

Three residents questioned officials at an Apr. 16 public hearing about safeguarding the area in connection with the potential relocation of a 70,000-square-foot ShopRite and additional family recreation uses at the site. Diamond Properties has signed a lease to move ShopRite from its Bedford Hills location to the company's sprawling property located at 333 N. Bedford Rd. and hopes to entice recreational facilities as current tenants continue to vacate.

For the proposal to advance, developer

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NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Hillside Village resident Marion Halberg raised concerns about potential new development at the Diamond Properties' complex on North Bedford Road in Mount Kisco during a public hearing last week.

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with bulletproof security glass.

Parent Gregg Gonzalez said the school was creating measures that wouldn't deter an active shooter from causing harm. He suggested placing additional security guards in undesignated areas throughout the schools and having Kevlar vests in each classroom for students to wear during lockdown drills.

Parents said students become anxious

during lockdown drills and don't always understand procedures.

"To me that would seem more effective than building walls and building systems that we know are going to fail because somebody who wants to come in and shoot is going to come in," Gonzalez said. "We want to prevent that."

Some parents questioned if the district has considered whether the proposed efforts would head off a horrific event.

"It's not a clear presentation to the community as to what you're trying to solve," one parent said. "It doesn't sound like you're solving anything very well."

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christine Ackerman said officials began analyzing the district's security measures last year with the anticipated opening of Whole Foods across the street at the Chappaqua Crossing campus. Whole Foods is scheduled to open in November.

Ackerman said plans to modify the schools' entrances gained greater urgency after the high school shooting in Parkland, Fla. that killed 17 students and staff members.

"It's our job to make sure we have the best possible environment in place to hopefully prevent something from happening and deal with some of the other issues that are more likely to happen, which are people being in the building who shouldn't be here during the school day," Ackerman said.

The plans also call for the creation of two glass enclosures that would allow students to access any part of the building without exiting one of the four entrances. The proposed corridors would be between the gym and auditorium and the main entrance and library.

School personnel would have the ability to unlock more than one set of doors at Greeley during student arrival

and dismissal to reduce foot traffic.

Work at the other schools includes an estimated \$550,032 in improvements at Douglas Grafflin Elementary School. There would be the addition of a secured vestibule with an outside canopy. Kaeyer said a security office with a window would also be built.

Roaring Brook and Westorchar elementary schools and Seven Bridges Middle School would each have a security office. Kaeyer proposed the physical education office adjacent to the vestibule in Roaring Brook be renovated and divided to accommodate a security office and a window. At Westorchar, a window in the main office, which is adjacent to the vestibule, was also recommended.

At Seven Bridges, there would be a small security office built on the side of the vestibule with a window.

Despite the addition of a security desk to the auditorium lobby vestibule of Robert E. Bell Middle School in recent years, plans call for a second set of doors to be installed for \$18,936.

A decision by the Board of Education is required by Apr. 30 for the district to schedule a referendum for June.

The Chappaqua Board of Education has scheduled a special meeting for this Thursday, Apr. 26 at 8:30 p.m. at Horace Greeley High School to discuss the issues.

Best in Class

The H.C. Crittenden Middle School Science Olympiad team brought home nine medals from the state competition in Syracuse on Apr. 13-14 to finish in 17th place, the school's best showing at the state level in 15 years. Eighteen students, including Alicia Huang, left, and Priscilla Zhang, competed together and brought home nine medals, which are awarded to the top 10 finishers in each category. Huang earned two medals and Zhang captured three.



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County Legislators Propose Plastic Bag Ban for Westchester

By Anna Young

County lawmakers announced last week they would propose legislation to eliminate single-use plastic bags in businesses throughout Westchester and encourage patrons to bring reusable shopping bags.

The proposed measure, referred to as the Reusable Bag Initiative, was pitched last week by Legislators Kitley Covill (D-Katonah) and Nancy Barr (D-Rye Brook). It would call for certain stores, such as groceries and food markets, pharmacies and convenience stores, to charge customers at least 10 cents for each recyclable or reusable paper bag to carry out merchandise.

"I think the time has come for the county to put in something that is county wide," Covill said at a Apr. 19 press conference in White Plains. "This is the first step toward a goal we all share to improve the environment by eliminating the plastic bags that pollute our waterways, clog our sewers, back up our storm drains, endanger our marine life and litter our streets."

It would allow plastic bags to be used for meat and produce, by dry cleaners and for garbage liners. Prescription drug bags would still be used as well.

The charge for each paper bag, which would be kept by the merchant, would not apply to restaurants or food service establishments that operate outside of retail stores.

The legislation also takes aim at

polystyrene foam packing materials, banning its use in the county. Items packaged outside the county, including bulk meat trays and computer shipping packaging, would be exempt from the ban.

The ordinance would be similar to a law that went into effect last year in New Castle and several other municipalities around Westchester and another that is being considered in Pleasantville. Any pre-existing law will remain in place unless the local board chooses to repeal its law. The county law will apply only to those municipalities that do not have a local law in place.

"This legislation reflects an increasing awareness of how destructive, permanent and unnecessary single-use plastic bags actually are," Barr said. "While several municipalities around Westchester already have reusable bag legislation and several others are considering similar laws, it's time for the county as a whole to join other counties like Suffolk in leading the state and the nation towards a cleaner, more sustainable future for ourselves and for our children."

Stores can provide free bags for two weeks before the law takes effect, and for two weeks every year from Dec. 1-15.

Lawmakers said they would meet with storeowners, consumers and environmental scientists as they work to craft legislation to reduce the financial burden for some

residents. Under the measure, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Women, Infants and Children (WIC) recipients would be exempt from the 10-cent bag fee.

Jeremey Cherson, advocacy coordinator for Riverkeeper, said about 23 billion single-use plastic bags are used throughout New York State every year. Research shows that micro plastic particles find their way into the waterways because of the bags, he said.

Cherson said California saw a 7 percent reduction in plastic bag waste the first year a similar law went into effect. California voters approved a proposition banning plastic bags in 2016.

"I am grateful to the county legislators who have taken the initiative to move this important issue forward," White Plains Mayor Tom Roach said in a statement. "I believe legislation that would cover the entire county would be more effective and more easily understood and complied with by both consumers and retailers than a hodgepodge of local regulations."

While Legislator Lyndon Williams (D-Mount Vernon) indicated support for



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

County legislators Kitley Covill and Nancy Barr were surrounded by supporters of a countywide Reusable Bag Initiative when they announced their intention last week of introducing a measure to the Board of Legislators.

the law, he said he opposes a bag fee, arguing that it would disproportionately burden the working poor. He said he would support the legislation ban if the burden was placed on the manufacturers.

Williams said the exemption for SNAP and WIC recipients would fail to cover many struggling residents and families who do not participate in those programs. He urged Covill and Barr to craft a law that is workable for everyone.

"The working poor are already fighting to make ends meet. The county should not burden them further with a bag fee," Williams said. "I want to support my colleagues' effort on the environment but just not at the expense of those who can least afford to bear the burden of this fee."



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Jim Diamond must obtain zoning text changes from the village to allow a supermarket and more recreational facilities in the Light Manufacturing district.

Park Drive resident Sheila Alagia said there are 116 condominium units across North Bedford Road from the complex that are home to many schoolchildren. Alagia said she was concerned there would

be additional trucks arriving or leaving the site, potentially endangering the children.

She was also worried how seniors who don't drive would get to the new ShopRite without safe sidewalks.

"A lot of discussion was given to pedestrian access, bike paths and walking paths" when the complex's redevelopment was reviewed more than a decade ago, Alagia said. "There's no way to safely enter through Ice House Road. We're now

talking however many years later" with no action having been taken.

Another Park Drive resident, Michael Hardiman, said there had been concerns about the potential for "overgrowth" during Diamond Properties' previous approval process. Many local residents are concerned the initial promises from the developer regarding limits on hours of operation and the serving of alcohol haven't been kept by the developer or

enforced by the village, Hardiman said.

"It contributed to some distrust about the process," he said. "There's a sense among many of us that promises made were not kept then. We want to make sure this is honest, smart development."

Residents' concerns should be the priority before additional development opportunities are granted to Diamond, Hardiman added.

Hillside Village resident Marion Halberg wanted to know if overnight deliveries were planned for ShopRite and asked if the mandatory right turn from the property, including for trucks, will remain intact.

Mayor Gina Picinich said deliveries and other issues would be considered by the Planning Board.

The village has also reached out to the state Department of Transportation (DOT), requesting they partner with Mount Kisco and the applicant to help devise solutions for the projected traffic congestion.

Halberg said while residents who live near the site want economic development in the village, they also "really hope the planning is smart" to maintain the quality of life in the area.

Deputy Mayor Jean Farber said a public meeting involving Diamond Properties representatives should be held with neighboring residents. Picinich agreed with Farber's suggestion.

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the state.

Six people died, including five passengers on a northbound Harlem line train, when an SUV was struck at the Commerce Street crossing on Feb. 3, 2015.

"It's shameful that the Department of Transportation in New York State has dragged its feet for so long, and unfortunately we're just waiting for another tragedy to happen," Carlucci said.

Abinanti said since the fatal Commerce Street crossing accident, there have been numerous other accidents at railroad crossings around New York.

"Many of these railroad crossings are unsafe at any speed," Abinanti said.

Carlucci said policy makers and the public must be informed which

crossings are the deadliest, what type of improvements must be made and for experts and traffic engineers to decide which crossings need the most work.

"And then we can start to make a change," Carlucci said.

The DOT released a one-sentence statement Monday afternoon that shed little light on when the report will come out and why it's nearly 13 months late.

"We are finalizing the study and will release it soon," read the statement from Joe Morrissey, director of communications for DOT.

The legislators were joined at the press conference by Greenburgh resident Alan Brody, whose wife, Ellen, died in the Commerce Street collision. Brody said he started a safe crossing challenge that provides \$500 to a professional highway

engineer "who comes up with a better way of running the railroad safety crossings."

The MTA does not have motivation to look out for the interests of motorists, Brody charged.

Carlucci said DOT officials stated last spring that it was not ready to release the report. The agency's delays jeopardize people's lives, but if state funds are wisely allocated, that risk can be greatly minimized, he said.

"We were given the excuse that they were waiting for the National Traffic and Safety Board (NTSB) to review the horrific accident that happened right behind us," Carlucci said. "Well, that's come and gone and we just haven't been able to get any answers."

The NTSB released its final report on the accident last summer.



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Latimer Vows Fiscal Restructuring in First State of the County

By Anna Young

County Executive George Latimer delivered his first State of the County address last week announcing several changes that the county will undergo while acknowledging Westchester's financial structure needs improvement.

During his Apr. 16 speech inside the legislative chambers in White Plains, Latimer was greeted with rapturous applause as he announced plans to focus on environmental protection, veterans affairs, affordable housing, infrastructure, workers' contracts and the county's fiscal needs.

Latimer said former county executive Rob Astorino left the county in a difficult financial position. He is currently awaiting a full audit of Westchester's finances from state Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli.

"While we have big plans to move the state of the county forward together, we must understand where our fiscal house stands. And much to my chagrin the numbers right now do not look pretty," Latimer said. "Our county's finances have fallen victim to sweep-it-under-the-rug economics for too long."

In his first budget, which will be voted on in December, Latimer pledged to consolidate services, maximize aid from Albany and Washington, eliminate pay-to-play contracts and execute creative solutions to spend tax dollars as wisely as

possible.

Latimer said his administration is currently crafting a practical shared services plan that will eliminate duplicative services to generate savings and provide relief to taxpayers.

He plans to restore county contracts and start chipping away at a list of \$1.5 billion of capital projects.

"We are also working to identify projects that will go to bid this construction season and accelerating projects that are in design so we have a robust 2019 construction season," Latimer said. "Together we can revive Westchester's economy and workforce with jobs and policies designed to boost Westchester's workforce."

A housing needs assessment will be conducted to help the municipalities with the greatest needs. Latimer said he reestablished the Westchester Urban County Consortium in order to restore eligibility to receive federal funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Latimer said he wants to start a Veterans Court for former service members with legal woes. The court would provide an opportunity for the veteran to rehabilitate their life under supervision of the judicial system. A Woman's Wellness Center for female veterans at Westchester Medical Center will also be established.

A review of all county deals and

programs is currently underway, including the Playland contract and the future of Westchester County Airport.

"Just because the prior administration started a program or brokered a deal does not mean we will automatically dissolve it," Latimer said. "We are committed to looking at everything."

With a status report on Playland's contract with Standard Amusements expected to be released next week, Minority Leader John Testa (R-Peekskill) hopes the current deal, signed by Astorino, will remain.

"You have to understand that the agreement has a lot of revenue that will come back to the county as well as prevention of some of the spending that has been rampant in the past for Playland," Testa said.

Testa added that Latimer has a progressive agenda with left-wing policies that will significantly change county operations. He agreed it will be a difficult budget season but eliminating the existing Playland contract and airport deal would be problematic.

Two area lawmakers were more optimistic following Latimer's address but voiced concerns about the potential for fiscal hurdles. Michael Kaplowitz (D-Somers), who has served on the Board of Legislators since Latimer was chairman, said the county executive's address was

typically positive while setting out the challenges that lie ahead.

Kaplowitz said virtually no tax increases over the past eight years has left Westchester vulnerable to cost-of-living increases and unexpected expenses. A 2 percent tax increase, which amounts to \$36 a year for the average taxpayer, is a level most residents can handle that provides

"I believe in a low and slow approach in tax increases," Kaplowitz said. "Every year you have a low and slow increase, you stick to the tax cap and you don't go above it and you condition people to that and that will allow us to keep up with inflationary costs."

Legislator Margaret Cunzio (C-Mount Pleasant) said she's looking forward to working with Latimer's administration to accomplish projects for her district and the county.

In the upcoming year, a commitment to infrastructure improvements will be essential to move the county forward.

"The roads are a big one," Cunzio said. "We were able to pass a band for Commerce Street (in Mount Pleasant), so the design should be finishing up now that the DPW commissioner is in."

Martin Wilbur contributed to this article.

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Court Dismisses Article 78 Against No. Castle in Term Limits Fight

By Martin Wilbur

An Article 78 proceeding submitted late last year against the Town of North Castle stemming from the Town Board's refusal to place a term limits referendum on the November ballot has been dismissed in state Supreme Court.

Anthony Futia, a former town water and sewer superintendent, launched the litigation last December, about three months after the board rejected his petition for the proposition to limit terms of elected town posts.

While Futia collected an ample number of valid signatures, the board was advised by Town Attorney Roland

Baroni that state law does not allow for term limits to be included on a referendum through the citizen petition process in a town. Such a ballot initiative would have to be accomplished by a vote of the Town Board.

Under the law, the only issues that can be placed on the ballot through a petition is changing the number of members on a Town Board, changing the length of terms and establishing or abolishing the ward system.

Meanwhile, citizens in cities can petition for term limits. That has been successfully accomplished in New York City and Poughkeepsie.

In her Apr. 10 decision, Cacace ruled that the town has no legal authority to schedule a term limits referendum through a petition carry by a citizen under Section 81 of state consolidated law.

"Consequently, as the petitioners have failed to establish the existence of any provisions of law, either within the (Municipal Home Rule Law), the Town Law, or any other law of this State, which specifically authorize the submission of proposed term limit legislation before the electorate of the respondent Town through a referendum, the petitioners may not rely upon Town Law 81 (d) (1)

as authority to compel the referendum they seek through this proceeding," the judge's decision concluded.

Despite the clear-cut decision, Futia said late last week that he plans to appeal the ruling. He argued that he needs to continue to challenge the inequity because elected officials will never voluntarily allow the referendum on the ballot. If term limits were to be approved, they would in effect turn themselves out of office, Futia said.

"I can't believe the people have nothing to say about the terms in office," he said.

Futia's attorney, Lewis Oliver, Jr., said he expected the state Supreme Court would reject his client's because justices at that level don't believe it's their place to expand or make new law. However, that can change at the Appellate Division, where justices sometimes take greater latitude in taking fresh a fresh look at the law, he said.

"We are arguing for expansion of the law so that citizens in towns have similar rights than in cities," Oliver said.

An appeal has to be filed within 30 days of the decision, he said.

Futia said he might also ask local state legislators to support a law change, although he was skeptical whether they would support any attempt to make term limits easier to achieve.

New Castle Fills Airport Advisory Council Seat; Creates Committee

By Martin Wilbur

The New Castle Town Board last Tuesday recommended an appointment to fill the town's seat on the county's Airport Advisory Council and announced formation of a new committee to address issues at Westchester County Airport.

The board tabbed Chappaqua resident Robert Fleisher to fill the vacancy on the county's advisory council. It came three days after County Executive George Latimer visited New Castle Town Hall and addressed pointed questions from residents for more than an hour about intolerable noise generated by landing aircraft.

New Castle, North Castle, Mount Pleasant, Harrison and the Town of Rye are all supposed to have one resident on the council, but some of the communities did not have a representative, including New Castle.

Fleisher's appointment must be approved by the Board of Legislators.

Councilwoman Lisa Katz announced that the town was creating the New Castle Airport Advisory Committee because of the large number of issues surrounding noise, potential privatization and lease agreements for fixed-base operators.

Supervisor Robert Greenstein said

interest in the airport was high during the board's interviews to fill the county's advisory council seat and the board did not want to see talented and motivated residents interested in the airport go to waste.

"Anytime you've got people willing to work and volunteer it's always a shame to turn them away," Greenstein said. "So we won't be turning them away. We'll be offering them a chance to serve on this committee and contribute in a different capacity."

Any New Castle resident interested in serving on the committee, should contact the board or the town administrator's office.

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New Castle, PBA Reach New Five-Year Contract for Officers

By Martin Wilbur

The Town of New Castle and its police union have agreed on a new five-year contract that provides salary increases for each year of the deal but obligates officers to contribute more toward health insurance premiums.

The new contract, which went into effect Jan. 1, 2018, and runs through the end of 2022, lifts salaries for the 37 New Castle Police Benevolent Association (PBA) members by 2.75 percent for each of the first two years and 2.5 percent annually for the final three years.

New officers will immediately pay 15 percent of their health insurance premiums while officers who had been hired before June 1, 2007, will now contribute 1 percent of a patrolman's top salary toward their insurance premium until they retire.

PBA President Chad Golanec said there had been 18 officers who previously hadn't contributed toward health insurance.

Another key provision is an increase in bereavement time from three to four days a year and now includes in-laws, grandparents and aunts and uncles. Officers also will see a \$200 increase in longevity pay.

"We actually had resolved this back several months ago and it was just a matter of dotting the I's and crossing the T's," Town Administrator Jill Shapiro said



New Castle PBA President Chad Golanec

of the contract.

Shapiro said the town received a concession when the two sides agreed to have a hearing officer appointed when there is disagreement over when an officer is fit to return to full duty following an injury. Previously, disputes could remain in a stalemate without resolution, she said.

Golanec said the issue of increasing contributions for health insurance was one of the more contentious matters for the PBA. The negotiation, which began

last spring and lasted nearly a year, could have been resolved sooner, he said.

"After a prolonged bargaining between the PBA and the town, which took way too long, both sides eventually made enough concessions that the PBA was finally able to secure what was a reasonable contract for its members," Golanec said.

Shapiro said that the 2.75 salary increase for the first two years of the contract recognized the higher health insurance premiums that officers will pay.

Meanwhile, Golanec said the union is pleased that the contract has been settled.

"The PBA, myself and the Town Administrator worked very hard in getting this done," he said.

Mt. Pleasant PBA Settles With Town

The Mount Pleasant Town Board announced a tentative contract settlement last week with its 40-member Police Benevolent Association (PBA).

"We finally settled the PBA contract," Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi said during the Apr. 17 work session.

Fulgenzi said the town's goal in the contract negotiations was to come up with "a fair and equitable contract." The union's contract had expired at the end of 2015.

Fulgenzi declined to provide details about the settlement but told his colleagues that for the first time PBA

members could be subject to drug and alcohol testing if there is a suspicion of abuse.

Though the PBA sought pay increases retroactive to Jan. 1, 2017, the salary hike in the proposed settlement would be effective as of Jan. 1, 2018, he said. PBA members will need to ratify the contract and the Town Board must vote to approve the agreement.

"Everybody seems to be happy," Fulgenzi said.

Messages left for PBA President Jim Reilly last week were not returned.

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Pleasantville Schools Adopts \$49.6M Budget With 1.8% Tax Hike

By Anna Young

The Pleasantville Board of Education unanimously adopted the district's \$49.6 million 2018-19 budget last week.

The final budget contains a budget-to-budget increase of \$624,992, or 1.25 percent over the current year and remains under the tax cap. Pleasantville's tax levy of \$37,181,387 represents a 3.08

percent increase. The estimated tax rate hike is 1.8 percent.

District officials were able to trim \$149,536 to close a budget gap after more than a month of deliberations. With a 2.5 percent increase (\$69,316) in foundation aid, \$11,065 in BOCES aid and \$50,133 in excess cost aid, few reductions were made in the budget.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Timothy Whipple said \$16,242 was cut from BOCES conference and staff development and \$20,000 was reduced from transportation for students attending special schools.

Superintendent of Schools Mary Fox-Alter said transportation was a tough area to trim. Decisions were made based on enrollment and past expenditures.

She said the district is required by law to transport district students to any private or special education school within a specified radius. She said if a parent places their child in a special education school in New York City, it is the district's responsibility to transport them there.

"This is probably one of the tightest budgets we've ever put together in close to my 30 years here," Fox-Alter said at the Apr. 17 meeting.

While the budget will see a reduction in salaries, supplies, BOCES services

and tuition, employee benefits will increase \$898,818. Whipple explained the increase to employee benefits is due to a 7.5 percent hike in health insurance premiums and an \$187,000 increase in the Teachers' Retirement System.

"This has been a very challenging budget season," Board President Angela Vella said. "And the way this team works together and comes up with ideas...they work together so well to do what's best for the district as a whole and I really appreciate that."

The district will hold a budget public hearing on May 1. The annual statewide budget vote and school board election is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15. With two seats vacant on the board, incumbents Emily Persons and Larry Boes will run for a second term and be joined on the ballot by challenger Keith Menig.

For more information on the budget, visit www.pleasantvilleschools.com.

Mt. Pleasant School Board Approves \$61.9M Budget, 4.2% Tax Increase

By Neal Rentz

The Mount Pleasant Board of Education voted unanimously last week to approve the \$61.9 million 2018-19 budget that increases taxes 4.2 percent but complies with the state's tax cap.

The tax levy increase is 4.68 percent, the maximum allowed under the state's formula, said Andrew Lennon, the district's director of business administration. The levy and the tax rate increase are what Superintendent Dr. Susan Guiney proposed in her original budget, he noted.

Spending will increase by nearly \$3 million, a 5 percent increase over the current school year.

Lennon said the district received good news regarding state aid in the final state

budget. The district's original state aid estimate of \$6,301,019 was exceeded by \$154,856, he said.

"The additional state aid was added to the instructional portion of budget," Lennon said.

How the additional revenue is spent will be determined when the district receives final student enrollment figures for the upcoming school year, he said.

"We voted 7-0 in favor because the budget is fiscally responsible and is tax cap compliant," said Board of Education President Thomas McCabe.

Registered voters living in the district can vote on the 2018-19 budget on Tuesday, May 15, the same day as the Board of Education election.



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STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

WENDOVER FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION, Plaintiff, against FRANK COSMO JR. AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ANN COSMO; LINDA RICCO AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ANN COSMO; DONNA SCHIAVONE AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ANN COSMO; "JOHN DOE" AND "JANE DOE" 1 THROUGH 50, INTENDING TO BE THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DISTRIBUTES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, TRUSTEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF THE ESTATE OF ANN COSMO WHO WAS BORN IN 1923 AND DIED ON MARCH 24, 2017, A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS WAS 111 CHITTENDEN AVENUE, YONKERS, NY 10707, THEIR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST IF ANY OF THE AFORESAID DEFENDANTS BE DECEASED, THEIR RESPECTIVE HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE AFORESAID CLASSES OF PERSON, IF THEY OR ANY OF THEM BE DEAD, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE HUSBANDS, WIVES OR WIDOWS, IF ANY, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO THE PLAINTIFF"; "JOHN

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Chappaqua Schools \$122.5M Budget Goes to Voters Next Month

By Anna Young

The Chappaqua Board of Education unanimously adopted the district's \$122.5 million budget for the 2018-19 school year concluding more than a month of presentations.

The adopted budget, which complies with the tax cap, contains a budget-to-budget spending increase of \$2,988,300, or 2.5 percent, over the current year. Chappaqua will see a 2.13 percent tax levy increase.

Tax rates are projected to rise 1.92 percent for New Castle residents and 5.83 percent for Mount Pleasant residents.

"The large discrepancy is really because of equalization rates," Assistant Superintendent of Business John Chow said.

Under the adopted budget, spending on salary will rise 1.55 percent (\$969,785) with employee benefits increasing 4.54 percent (\$1.1 million). Chow explained the increase to employee benefits is due to a 10.63 percent jump in Teachers' Retirement System expenses and a 3.75 percent increase in health insurance premiums.

BOCES expenses will fall 4.92 percent (\$106,762). Special education services will increase 0.44 percent, or \$21,069. District

transportation costs will rise 2.29 percent (\$152,479) and technology expenses will increase 4.8 percent (\$82,080), while debt service will increase 14.25 percent (\$808,611).

Operation and maintenance expenses will see a significant 5.75 percent decline (\$330,000) due to a \$475,000 reduction in the interfund transfer for capital projects made possible by the \$42 million bond approved by voters in 2016. The district also received a 1.3 percent increase (\$113,537) in state aid.

The district anticipates a slight enrollment decline at the elementary schools and Horace Greeley High School but expects a substantial increase of at least 60 students at the middle schools. Additional Spanish and science teachers will be added to the middle schools to support the influx of students. A second-grade section was also added at Westorchard Elementary School.

The elementary schools will see a reduction of three core teachers, while the budget calls for the part-time high school social worker to be increased to a full-time position. Special education will lose two teaching assistants and there will be two additional head coaches and three assistant coaches in the Athletic



Dr. Christine Ackerman

Department. There will also be three security guards under contract at the high school.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christine Ackerman said if the budget would be voted down officials would have to find \$2.3 million in reductions under a contingency spending plan. Cuts would be made to non-mandated programs and personnel, administrative costs,

equipment and supplies and reallocation of the fund balance.

Along with the budget, voters will also decide on a proposition to establish a capital reserve to pay for all or a portion of the costs of renovation, construction, reconstruction and improvements to the district's buildings, facilities and athletic facilities and fields. The fund will not exceed \$10 million with a 10-year term.

"I want to once again thank the administration and the faculty for working on this budget since the summer, it's a constant process," Board President Victoria Tipp said. "I think this budget addresses our teaching and learning goals, it's consistent with our district mission, I think it's fiscally responsible, we're staying not just within the tax cap but below the tax cap while accomplishing all of these goals."

The district will hold its state mandated budget hearing on May 2, with the annual statewide budget vote and school board election scheduled for Tuesday, May 15. Holly McCall is the lone candidate running for the open seat on the school board. Trustee Alyson Gardner is not seeking re-election.

For further information on the proposed budget, visit www.ccsd.ws/.

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Obituary



Loretta Maples

Loretta Maples

Loretta Parte Maples of Hawthorne and Florida passed away on Apr. 14.

Maples leaves behind her husband, Gary; sons William Meyer, James Meyer and Roy Meyer; her brother, Thomas Parte (Joanne); and her sister-in-law, Joyce Parte. She was predeceased by her brother, Joseph Parte, on Jan. 18, 2018, who she donated her kidney to in 2001. She also leaves behind many grandchildren, aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins and her beloved dog, Louie. She will be greatly missed by all.

Police Blotter

County Police/Mount Kisco

Apr. 16: Police and the Mount Kisco Fire Department responded to CVS on South Bedford Road at 5:51 a.m. on a report of a burning smell. The fire department determined the source of the odor was a refrigerator case and advised that it be serviced by an electrician.

Apr. 17: A 63-year-old Mount Kisco man was arrested and charged with third-degree assault and third-degree sexual abuse, both misdemeanors. A woman accused the man of grabbing her by the arms on Columbus Avenue at 8:22 a.m., forcibly kissing her against her will. The woman suffered bruises to her arms and was taken to Northern Westchester Hospital for treatment. An order of protection was issued barring the suspect from having contact with the complainant.

Apr. 17: Police responded to Northern Westchester Hospital at 12:56 p.m. on a report that a 10-year-old girl was possibly sexually assaulted by a 15-year-old relative who was visiting her home. After an investigation by patrol officers and detectives, the 15-year-old was arrested and charged as a juvenile offender. His case will be heard in Westchester County Family Court.

Apr. 18: A Stockbridge Road resident reported at 4:03 p.m. that a friend in Philadelphia has his dog and is refusing to return it. The owner was advised

to pull together all documentation proving the dog is his. The investigation was turned over to detectives and the Westchester County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Apr. 18: A landlord reported at 5:38 p.m. she wanted a visitor to her Parkview Place property removed from the premises. The visitor, who was helping her brother move out of the residence, was advised to wait on the sidewalk and assist her brother from there.

Apr. 19: Police responded to a parking lot off East Main Street on a report of an injured goose at 2:42 p.m. The animal was subsequently removed by a wildlife services company.

Apr. 20: A Kensington Way resident contacted police at 11:12 a.m. to report that she had allowed a merchandise re-seller to remove four fur coats and an antique clock from her home and had subsequently received a check for \$375. The complainant said she has been unable to reach the re-seller and believes the items are worth much more. She was advised that the dispute was a civil matter.

Apr. 20: Police responded to North Bedford Road at 11:16 p.m. on a report that a 53-year-old man was unconscious. The responding officers helped the man, who was breathing but not responsive. The man was taken by ambulance to Northern Westchester Hospital.

North Castle Police Department

Apr. 13: Report of a suspicious package in the median on Route 22 at 6:14 a.m. The responding officer stated that what appeared to be a package was a car part left behind from an accident.

Apr. 13: A complainant reported finding a child's backpack and belongings in the grass located next to a North Broadway pizzeria at 2:30 p.m. The complainant stated she did not see any children in the area.

Apr. 15: A complainant arrived at headquarters at 10:54 a.m. to report damage to a backhoe on Round Hill Road. The damage was apparently the result of criminal mischief.

Apr. 15: Report of criminal mischief on North Broadway at 11:21 a.m. A complainant reported damage to a window at his residence, apparently a result of criminal mischief.

Apr. 17: A caller reported at 3:09 p.m. that her mailman contacted her stating that a party was walking down Route 22 and appeared disoriented. The party told the mailman that he was going to a store. The mailman picked up the subject and drove him back home. The mailman said that it appeared no one else was at the residence. The responding officer reported speaking with the party's wife and he checked okay.

Apr. 18: A caller reported at 3:27 p.m. an attempted larceny occurred about 20 minutes earlier at CVS on Main Street. The complainant stated she observed a male put an item in his jacket before paying. She confronted the male subject who stated he would pay for the item. He and another male both exited the store and got into a gray vehicle described either as a BMW or Volkswagen and drove toward DeCicco's. The parties were described as black males between 40 and 50 years old, one was tall, bald and without facial hair, the other male was short and heavy-set with facial hair. The complainant was unsure if any other merchandise was taken. The responding officers secured a deposition.

Hudson Chorale to Hold Giant Tag Sale in Pleasantville

A giant tag sale to benefit the Hudson Chorale will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12 at 107 Bedford Rd. in Pleasantville (corner of Manville Road) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. rain or shine. For \$10, shoppers can shop early on May 11 from 8 to 9 a.m.

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New Castle Officials Debate How to Pursue Downtown Changes

By Martin Wilbur

A discussion on potential downtown Chappaqua zoning changes to help revitalize the business hamlet turned mildly contentious last week when New Castle Town Board members differed on the best approach to achieve the goal.

While officials unanimously agreed to pursue the broad objective of having a sustainable mix of commercial and residential uses, there was no immediate consensus on what strategy the board should employ to meet the needs of the community and the public as identified in the town's updated Comprehensive Plan.

Some of those requests were to provide more restaurant choices, family attractions and sidewalks to increase foot traffic, said Director of Planning Sabrina Charney Hull.

Hull sat with the board during its Apr. 17 work session and suggested members meet with Pace Land Use Law Center Deputy Director Tiffany Zezula, who helped with the plan's update, to provide some direction.

"In order for me to implement either a Request for Proposal for somebody to study zoning or to come up with recommendations on what to do with infill properties, the train station property, the parking lots, you folks need to be on the same page or working toward the same thing," Hull said.

Councilwoman Hala Makowska said the Comprehensive Plan was quite specific in what members of the public wanted to see.

"The Comp Plan itself, in many different ways, was very clear, that process of what people wanted out of this downtown," Makowska said. "It was not a vacuum where we can fill it up with our hopes and dreams. It was very concrete."

Hull responded that there are various paths to reach the goals set forth in the plan. She stressed that the next step is for the board to decide the direction it wants to pursue for downtown Chappaqua.

During the Comprehensive Plan update, the issue of what the town should do with large swaths of town-owned property downtown, including the train station and its adjacent parking lot, was repeatedly raised. While it could present an opportunity to reshape the hamlet because the town has control of the land, selling any of the property and enticing developers would likely radically change what downtown Chappaqua looks like.

Supervisor Robert Greenstein said he believes that redevelopment of the train station is likely "too ambitious" for the current board and would probably take 20 years. Instead, he urged his colleagues to zero in on rezoning opportunities to

encourage more achievable downtown residential development, which could enliven the hamlet.

"The fact is if you really want to address the downtown, it's going to take some bold people, and maybe this isn't the Town Board to do it, but what we can do is at least focus on the zoning to get more residential in here," Greenstein said.

Makowska and Councilwoman Ivy Pool objected to Greenstein's characterization. Pool said downtown Chappaqua is bigger than just the train station.

"To suggest that this Town Board can't do it because we don't have people with a bold vision because we don't want to develop the train station is ridiculous," Pool said.

She added that North Greeley Avenue should be explored for redevelopment as well.

Hull cautioned the board that some of what the community is looking for in many of the older downtown structures will be difficult to achieve unless property owners are willing to tear down their buildings and rebuild because of modern code requirements.

"Those are the types of changes that can increase residences downtown, but you really want the ability to put service industries, and not nail salons and hair dressers, but more food and family attractions in downtown," Hull said.

However, while the town can relax parking requirements for downtown it cannot ease stormwater standards, she said.

A majority of the board want to brainstorm with the Planning Board in hopes that would provide more direction. No date was given about when a meeting might occur.



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Mt. Kisco Adds New Free Thursday Parking Signs in Village Lots

By Neal Rentz

Who says you can't fight Village Hall? Mount Kisco resident Bill Rubin recently lodged a complaint with Village Manager Edward Brancati stating that he wrongly paid 75 cents at the Shopper's Park lot on a recent Thursday when parking is free. Parking is also free at the Blackeby lot near Village Hall and the library and the Village Center lot on Thursdays.

What rankled Rubin was the lack of clear signage. Now, not only will there be improved signage, Rubin will get his 75 cents back as well.

Rubin informed Brancati in an e-mail

that he paid for parking on a recent Thursday "because there was no signage at the kiosk I used to pay for parking. It seems like with all the money you collect for parking on the other days of the week, you could afford to put a sign at the entrance saying that Thursdays are free and make sure that the signage at the payment kiosks is present (and accurate)."

He stated that the person he visited informed him that there was free parking at Shopper's Park. "I did notice the sign on the other kiosk" following the conversation, Rubin stated.

"I originally thought that parking

was free, but given that I saw someone writing tickets when I drove in and did not see any signage saying it was free, I figured it was no longer in effect," Rubin stated in his e-mail.

Brancati said there are new signs informing the public about the free parking Thursdays. The 75 cents will be refunded to Rubin, Brancati said. He informed him of the refund via e-mail last Friday.

"My apologies for the delay in this response, but I wanted to let you know that the village is more than happy to refund you your 75 cents. The money will be refunded at this office," Brancati

stated.

Brancati said the village also placed signs at all entrances to the Village Center lot behind the stores on South Moger Avenue and the Blackeby lot as well as at all kiosks serving those lots.

"Please accept my thanks for bringing this matter to my attention and know that we are working to ensure that all areas remain appropriately signed," Brancati wrote to Rubin.

Following Brancati's correspondence, Rubin said he was appreciative of the effort but there is more the village can do to publicize the free parking.

"But once again, the sign saying when paid parking is in effect does not exclude Thursdays, you have to look at the second sign to see that Thursday is free," Rubin said. "They should fix the main sign so it's more obvious to people."

The village instituted free parking on Thursday in selected lots last year as a way to entice shoppers to come to Mount Kisco.

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Saw Mill Club to Host Tennis Fest on April 28

The Saw Mill Club is hosting its second annual free Tennis Fest for Kids for children six to 10 years old on Saturday, Apr. 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. There will be games, prizes and lots of fun.

With the initiative from the United States Tennis Association to develop grassroots tennis throughout the U.S., more emphasis will be placed on this age group.

The event is open to everyone. It will feature the 10 and Under Youth Tennis Progression. This initiative is designed to help players develop their fundamentals and get the most out of tennis. The Youth Progression System rewards children for competing and inspires them to play more often. This event is a great way to introduce kids to a lifetime sport. There will also be a special early signup discount for fall programs at the event.

The Saw Mill Club is located at 77 Kensico Drive in Mount Kisco. For more information or to sign up, contact Zuka Mukhuradze, director of tennis, at zuka@sawmillclub.com.

Mt. Kisco Officials Look to Beautify Village With Adopt an Area Program

By Martin Wilbur

The leaders of every municipality strive to have their communities look clean and inviting to attract shoppers and new businesses while instilling civic pride. Mount Kisco has just launched a new program to make sure that goal becomes reality.

Last week, the village initiated an Adopt an Area program, hoping to entice merchants, property owners and residents to sign up and commit to working together to beautify one of six municipal properties in downtown.

Patterned after the longtime popular Adopt a Highway initiative, officials believe it's a small but significant step to spruce up the village.

"Being a real estate broker for over 20 years, it gives us curb appeal," said Fortunato Cambareri, a member of the Adopt an Area subcommittee overseeing the effort. "Right now, we don't but landscaping makes a big difference, especially in spring time."

Cambareri said while the village is looking to sign up a few local landscapers or contractors who have experience in planting, anyone is encouraged to help in the effort.

Once a business or group adopts an area, responsibilities include purchasing plants and related materials, planting, mulching and maintaining the area through the growing season, said Katie Weisman,



Mount Kisco officials hope that the island at North Bedford Road near Route 117 and other areas of the village can be beautified through the new Adopt an Area program.

another subcommittee member.

The village is looking for a commitment for at least three years. Every group of participants will receive a sign to be displayed to acknowledge their efforts for as long as they are responsible for an area, Weisman said.

The areas that have been earmarked for this first round of improvements are the island on North Bedford Road at the intersection of East Main Street (Route 117); the area around the Chief Kisco statue near that intersection; the train station clock area; Fountain Park in front of the library; the entrance to Leonard Park; and the area of the gazebo.

Village Trustee Isi Albanese, who is helping to spearhead the program, said

the effort may appear to be a small step but should be viewed as one of many strategies officials are using to improve the downtown. While there have been critical comments about storefront vacancies, there has also been a sentiment to make the village more aesthetically pleasing, he said.

"This is part of the spark that will do things and part of the seed that will help things grow, and every little bit of it helps," Albanese said.

Since last week when the village announced the program, already a few businesses have signed up. The hope is that there will be others, particularly once more people in Mount Kisco learn what the village is doing, he said.

The projected completion date for the

work is on or about May 25. Anyone interested in adopting an area or helping out should sign up by Tuesday, May 1, although the village would likely accept additional applications through the end of next week, Albanese said.

If the response is strong, the village could expand the effort beyond the six identified areas, Weisman said.

It is anticipated that a wide variety of flowers and plants is expected to pop up in the coming weeks, she said.

"We've talked about annual flowers in the summer," Weisman explained. "We want to try to get in some perennial planting so there's more structure and more spring planting, so we have tulips and daffodils and things like that, just to give some color early on."

Albanese said the village is also considering the installation of a community board to allow the public to post notices of upcoming events. There are often signs and public notices on the North Bedford Road island, but that often becomes cluttered.

For anyone who wishes to be involved in the Adopt an Area program, visit www.mountkisco.ny.gov and go to the Beautification Committee page. An online application can be filled out and submitted. Members of the public can make a donation to the program also by going to the committee's page on the village's website.



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Editorial

Chappaqua Schools Super's Attempt at Secrecy Benefits No One

Chappaqua school officials, like many of their colleagues across the United States, are rightfully taking a hard look at improving their district's security measures and procedures since the latest school shooting on Feb. 14 in Parkland, Fla.

It's a wise choice and no one should fault administrators and trustees for discussing changes to protect hundreds of students, faculty and staff members, even if that price tag could be as high as \$7.4 million. Everything must be on the table.

The troubling aspect of the recent brainstorming is the attempt at a quasi-secret process under the guise of protecting the kids and adults who report to the district's schools each day.

First-year Superintendent Dr. Christine Ackerman, while trying to inform the public of the critically important security considerations, has attempted to shut out a significant segment of the community's population from knowing what is going on.

First, the district chose not to televise or videotape a two-session forum for parents held by the Board of Education and the administration last Wednesday. The sessions discussed the options and the costs of a possible bond to pay for the security enhancements. A vote could be scheduled for some time in June.

One session was during the day, when most people work, the other in the evening. The apparent explanation from Ackerman was that they couldn't hold a discussion and answer questions as openly and honestly as they would like if there were outsiders listening in.

Videotaping public meetings – and make no mistake, this was a public meeting with a Board of Education quorum – has become standard operating procedure for most municipal and school boards, although no board is obligated to do so.

The second head-scratching moment was when Ackerman announced at the start of last Wednesday evening's forum that because there was a newspaper reporter in the audience "it's going to impact the way we have this discussion with you. It's one of the reasons why we didn't tape these meetings because we want to be as honest with you as possible about what's happening at the high school."

She then let the parents know that they may not get full explanations to some of their questions and encouraged them to seek her or other officials out after the meeting.

For a prestigious public school district such as Chappaqua, the ineptitude on how to properly handle discussion of a sensitive topic where officials do not

want to jeopardize security is shocking.

If they didn't do it in advance, administrators and the board had a responsibility to get on the same page beforehand and agree on what they view as uncomfortable to discuss in public. If they needed help, there is always the town police, the district's attorney or other professionals to provide guidance.

If officials were so concerned about sensitive information why wasn't there security at the meeting?

For those parents who could not attend the meeting how are they going to find out what was discussed if there is no videotape of the forum.

For those district residents who would have to help pay for a bond, how would they know whether the choices that will ultimately be made are wise ones?

Last week's actions and comments were also foolish because in today's digital world anyone could have audiotaped or videotaped the meeting with a mobile device or discussed it on the rumor mill that is social media.

It would make more sense for Chappaqua school officials to concentrate on the important issues of making their schools as secure as possible while keeping all members of the community fully informed. They have a responsibility to accomplish both tasks.

Five Ways to Reduce Stress Every Day in Our Lives

Deadlines, responsibilities, bills. There are so many causes of stress in our lives. Unfortunately, stress can take a negative toll on one's health and wellness, particularly if it goes unaddressed for too long. Indeed, common effects of stress include headaches, stomach upset, anxiety, sleep problems and more, according to the Mayo Clinic.

This April, which is Stress Awareness Month, consider these strategies for relieving stress.

- Aromatherapy: Scent your home and workspace with stress-relieving scents like lavender, rosemary and peppermint. Whether you use candles, oils or fresh herbs, this is an easy way to immediately reduce feelings of stress.
- Get outdoors: Both exercise and nature can have stress-relieving properties. Combine the two with hiking, biking, and water-based sports. Support your adventures with water-resistant wearable tech, like the

WSD-F20 ProTrek Smart Outdoor Watch, which features functions like full color maps and GPS, app functionality to track progress, as well as sensor technology, allowing you to comfortably get off the beaten path and better appreciate your surroundings.

- Meditate: Many experts agree on the benefits of meditation, from increased positive emotions to the relief of stress and anxiety. And these days, meditation is more accessible than ever, as employers offer mindfulness programs in the workplace, mobile apps in guided meditation abound, and communities and fitness clubs add practices like tai chi and yoga to their rosters.
- Enjoy music: Music can be an extremely powerful outlet for stress relief, particularly when you're getting creative and making it yourself. Have the means at home to play a variety of beautiful music so that you can de-stress any time you need.

To faithfully reproduce the sounds of acoustic instruments like guitars, drums, basses, brass, wind instruments, string ensembles and more, you don't need an entire music studio full of separate instruments. The upgraded technology and sound quality found in digital pianos like Casio's CT-X700, which includes the new AiX SoundSource, reproduces subtle nuances and gestures specific to each sound.

- Keep a journal: Keeping a journal can be a good way of putting things in perspective and thinking through the short- and long-term problems and challenges that are causing you stress. Plus, the ritual aspect of what could be made into a daily habit, may have a calming effect on the body and mind.

This Stress Awareness Month and beyond, considering adopting stress-reducing hobbies and habits for a healthier body and mind.

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Thierry Pradines Wine Merchant and Aficionado

By Anna Young

Listening to Thierry Pradines explain his passion for educating people on the array of available wines, it's easy to understand why the Pleasantville Chamber of Commerce named the wine connoisseur its 2017 Business Person of the Year.

Pradines, who owns Best Wine Purveyors on Marble Avenue, opened his store five years ago with the intent of enlightening patrons about wine and spirits in a judgment-free zone. He hand-selects affordable choices from several wine regions around the globe for his clientele to enjoy.

"It's really rewarding to introduce the right wine to the right person," Pradines said. "The job of the store is to help them discover and be comfortable with wine, be curious and be happy with that and bring wine into their lifestyle."

Pradines, 55, will be honored during the chamber's 19th annual awards ceremony Wednesday evening at Tesora D'Italia Ristorante.

"It's a great honor. This is a good

business community so it's really exciting," said Pradines, a Katonah resident. "People come here because we're doing the right thing for them. I got the personal honor, that's nice, (but) it's more the store in general, that's the special thing."

Born and raised in Fronton, France, a village in the nation's southwest wine country where his family owned a vineyard and produced wine, it only made sense that Pradines was destined to for his line of work. As he helped his parents, he gained hands-on experience and knowledge that broadened his passion for wine.

He enhanced his expertise after moving to the United States in 1987. He earned his certification from the Wine & Spirits Education Trust, a highly regarded program that is recognized as the international standard in wine and spirit education.

"I'm passionate because there's a sense you're going back to your roots and your ancestors to the family business so it's an emotional thing," Pradines said. "It's always been a natural thing for me staying in



touch with my roots, with my town, with my culture and where I come from."

Previously the founding director of wine and spirits for Restaurant Associates, Pradines managed the program for 90 retail, catering and contract food service accounts throughout the country. His services were highly sought after by other associate divisions, as well as corporate clients' executives, who regularly engaged him as a sommelier for their business and personal events.

After 18 years, Pradines left that life behind to open his own shop in 2013. He said he wanted to create an inviting, relaxing and trusting atmosphere that allowed him to engage with his clients, share his passion and knowledge and motivate others to expand their wine interests.

"The idea was to talk to the user, the

person who drinks the wine," Pradines said. "Wine brings happiness and is good for the soul in many ways."

Pradines stressed the importance of listening to each patron and providing them with exactly what they want.

"Trust is the most important asset, more than anything else," he said. "We prefer to sell the right wine to the right person. I prefer to do the right thing and when you do the right thing it's going to pay off."

Along with providing a first-rate client experience, the store offers free tastings, weekly educational wine seminars, special events and sterling expertise. Private tastings on location are provided, with some conducted for Westchester-based charities.

Pradines is also a wine consultant for the U.S. Tennis Association and is a contributing wine expert for USA Today, The Journal News and NBC News.

"I'm lucky and I wish for everyone to find the work they are passionate about," Pradines said. "Once you find something that you love, you're never going to work anymore."

The Pleasantville Chamber of Commerce's reception this Wednesday, Apr. 25 will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Tesora D'Italia Restaurant located at 160 Marble Ave.

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All Aboard for Historic Colonial Trolley Tour This Sunday

By Martin Wilbur

Many people are so busy that they may not have the time or sufficient interest to appreciate the gems of history tucked away in the local area.

This Sunday is the return of an annual tour that helps bring to life some of the fascinating locales and little-known nuggets of information that date back to the Revolutionary War.

For the fourth consecutive spring, Daughters of Liberty's Legacy (DOLL) will renew its Colonial Trolley Tour of Historic White Plains, which focuses largely on events related to the October 1776 Battle of White Plains and what colonial times were like.

"We show people a lot of historic sites and things that are still here from the Revolutionary War that people go by every day and don't even know they're there," said Cindy Kauffman, DOLL's co-founder.

The roughly two-hour event begins at the historic Purdy House in White Plains and returns with a tour of the structure. In between, it packs in visits to the courthouse where the Declaration of Independence was read in 1776, Elijah Miller House and Miller Hill in North White Plains, Horton's gristmill, a colonial graveyard and more.

Narrated by Debra Palazzo, who co-founded DOLL with Kauffman, the



The trolley Stella, which is owned by the Peekskill Trolley Company, will transport those who are going on Sunday's Colonial Trolley Tour of Historic White Plains.

tour is given on a restored trolley from the Peekskill Trolley Co., which gives historical tours around the community where the company is based and named after.

Kauffman, who reprises her role as Ann Fisher Miller, Elijah Miller's wife, said the initial tour in 2015 was so enjoyable that she and Palazzo decided to repeat it. Quickly, it has become a must on the local to-do list, particularly if you enjoy local history – or just want to experience a trolley ride.

"Part of it is the ride on the trolley is really a lot of fun," Kauffman said. "We said this is so much fun what can we really do with this. We found that most of the people who come on the trolley route are fairly local."

While many local residents in the area may be familiar with the Purdy House or that George Washington had used the Miller House as his headquarters during the Battle of White Plains, there are also sites that were once visited by other founding fathers, Kauffman said.

The tour includes light refreshments at its conclusion and a complimentary copy of a book on White Plains. It also serves as a fundraiser for DOLL, Kauffman said.

Given that many people don't know the history behind the name of the street they live on, the tour brings to light the significance of what life was like and what happened in the area more than 240 years ago.

"Everything that we do is about preserving history and educating people about it, and this is a good one because we do go out and do programs, but in this one we take people to the place and teach them as we go along," Kauffman said. "It is the fundraiser for us and our educational program, so it's really our one big thing."

This Sunday's Colonial Trolley Tour of Historic White Plains kicks off at 1 p.m. Anyone interested in going should arrive ahead of time at the Purdy House, located at 60 Park Ave. in White Plains. There is parking at the site.

The tour costs \$50 for those who are not Daughters of Liberty's Legacy members and \$45 for members, seniors 65 and up, veterans and children under 13 years old. As of late last week, there were still seats available. The tour is held rain or shine.

For more information about the tour and Daughters of Liberty's Legacy or to reserve tickets in advance, visit www.doll1776.com.

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The Story of the Kitchen, From Survival to Self-Fulfillment

"Don't even bother to show me anything that doesn't have a new kitchen...you'd be wasting your time and mine," said the wonderfully assertive woman who called my real estate office.

I didn't bother to ask whether she would consider a great home at a great price with a kitchen that could be renovated. I knew I was dealing with someone who knew exactly what she wanted.

"I just don't want to deal with re-doing a kitchen," she added, obviating my question. "Oh, and I want a kitchen that is open to the dining room or family room. I don't want to feel like a mole when I'm cooking."

There may not be too many readers old enough to remember when kitchens were to be used and not seen, certainly not from the dining room. That was before the advent of family rooms. As recently as the 1940s and '50s, kitchens were still very small, utilitarian and ugly, hidden from view. It was worse before that.

In 18th century America, many finer homes such as the Van Cortlandt Manor in Croton-on-Hudson, banished



By Bill Primavera

the kitchen altogether from the house in separate structures, but mostly for heat considerations and the threat of fire. In fact, the major cause of death among young women in America in the 18th and 19th centuries was from their skirts catching fire on open hearths.

So the early kitchen was a place for toiling and drudgery, certainly not for a cheery Martha Stewart or Rachel Ray. However, at the end of the Civil War, when there was an exodus of household servants from the kitchen who went to work in

the factories of the new Industrial Age, women were left in desperation mode to produce their families' food and to cook it.

Help was needed and the entrepreneurial spirit of American enterprise came to the rescue with an onslaught of new gadgetry that remains unparalleled with any other period of invention, even in today's age of technology.

Consider that before 1900, there were already more than 185 patents for various kinds of coffee grinders and

more than 500 patents for different types of peelers for fruits and vegetables. There was even a peeler that removed the kernels from ears of corn.

There were also apple corers, cherry pitters, potato mashers and sausage stuffers. Made of iron, with the patent numbers included in the casting, some tools were as simple as a round swiveling rod with a knife blade that peeled skin, to complex contraptions full of gears and wheels that could peel, core, slice and section, all from the same tool. This was the age of mass-produced helpers, from egg beaters and ice cream makers to juicers.

The Victorians were particularly adventuresome with invention, wanting the newest and the most modern. Outside they were creating "painted ladies" of their houses, and inside, they embraced anything that could improve the household.

Larger equipment, like the cast iron stove, played significantly in Westchester's prosperity. The discovery of an iron ore mine at Annsville Creek in Peekskill in the 1850s and the building of the railroad nearby were seminal events in the area's development as the iron stove capital of the world.

Once electricity found its way across the country, the sky was the limit

for harnessing this new power to aid housewives. Inventions from the 1880s to the 1930s included the first electric toaster, the electric kettle, electric mixers and eventually the electric stove.

The refrigerator took a little longer as the "ice box" continued to be in favor well into the 1930s. My mother told me that my Aunt Dolly kept her ice box until after World War II. Maybe it was a matter of the expense at the time, but I clearly remember my mother telling me that many women didn't want to give up their ice boxes because they could relieve the boredom of the day when the "ice man cometh." I didn't understand the joke until I was older, and today, I still don't know whether that was a reference to my Aunt Dolly.

So there you have it, the story of how women demanded that the kitchen transform from survival mode to one of self-fulfillment and as an indication of upward social mobility.

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Pace Student Documentary Highlights the Suffering in Puerto Rico

By Anna Young

A group of Pace University student filmmakers will have the chance to watch their work on the silver screen next week as they premiere their documentary film project at the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville.

The students' film, "Puerto Rico: Hope in the Dark," depicts the devastating impact Hurricane Maria left in its path six months after the storm slammed into the island. The two-hour documentary, which will be screened at the Burns on May 1, will share stories of the Puerto Rican people's strength, hope and resilience as they continue to restore their lives and homes.

For the past 15 years, Pace Professor Maria Luskay has led students on exploratory one-week trips as part of her Producing the Documentary course at the Pleasantville campus. Students have traveled to the Florida Everglades, Cuba, Belize, Portugal, Brazil, Mexico, Costa Rica and The Netherlands documenting important stories that need to be told, Luskay said.

While her course teaches students the conception, production and editing of a documentary, she said her experiential class allows its participants to take in other cultures and provide them unique opportunities.

"Students are learning in the field and experiencing another culture, another world, outside of their classroom," Luskay said. "They learn the value and importance of teamwork and organization as well as how to solve problems and adapt to changes in the story as it develops."

After several weeks of research and preparation, the 18-student class started the journey in Miami last month interviewing a meteorologist and a professor of anthropology. Once they touched down in San Juan, the students spent the week traveling to 14 locations throughout the island, interviewing more than 60 people.

Students said they interviewed several residents along with officials from the Federal Emergency Management

Agency (FEMA), the Hispanic Federation, Habitat for Humanity, social service agencies, Con Edison, the Puerto Rican government and others about the challenges of restoring normalcy to the island.

"The point of this documentary is to give a voice to the people who went through the hurricane," senior Adina McCray said. "We hear all this news coverage, but we didn't hear from the

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The group of student filmmakers from Pace University who worked on and produced "Puerto Rico: Hope in the Dark," which will be screened next Tuesday at the Jacob Burns Film Center.



Max Vuolle, Matt Martinez, Blake Rozelle and Devin Stafford, four of the 18 students from Pace who traveled to Puerto Rico to create a documentary showing the plight of the island and its people since Hurricane Maria last September.



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Mt. Kisco Celebrates Earth Day With Powerful Nature Photo Exhibit

By Martin Wilbur

If you love nature and enjoy viewing some first-rate photography, be sure to make it to the upstairs community room at the Mount Kisco Public Library before the end of the week.

The first "Nature & Culture in Mount Kisco" exhibit from the Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) invited residents from the village and neighboring communities to submit photographs for the show. There were more than 130 submissions and about 30 were chosen to be shown in the library's community room space. The remaining photos were presented as part of a slide show at the library.

The photos were unveiled at an opening ceremony and reception to begin its eight-day run last Thursday as part of Mount Kisco's weeklong celebration of Earth Day.

"If you look around the room these are a few of the amazing photos that the people of our community contributed to this exhibit and they truly, truly showcase the beauty and the interest and the history and the natural wonder that is Mount Kisco," said Mayor Gina Picinich.

CAC Chairman John Rhodes, toting a camera during the reception, and his wife Shonan Noronha said they wanted those who live in the area to take pictures and share them.

They said one of the few photos that was unanimously voted by all four judges to be



There were a wide variety of photos that were submitted and selected for the "Nature & Culture in Mount Kisco" exhibit. The village's Conservation Advisory Council hopes that it will become an annual event.

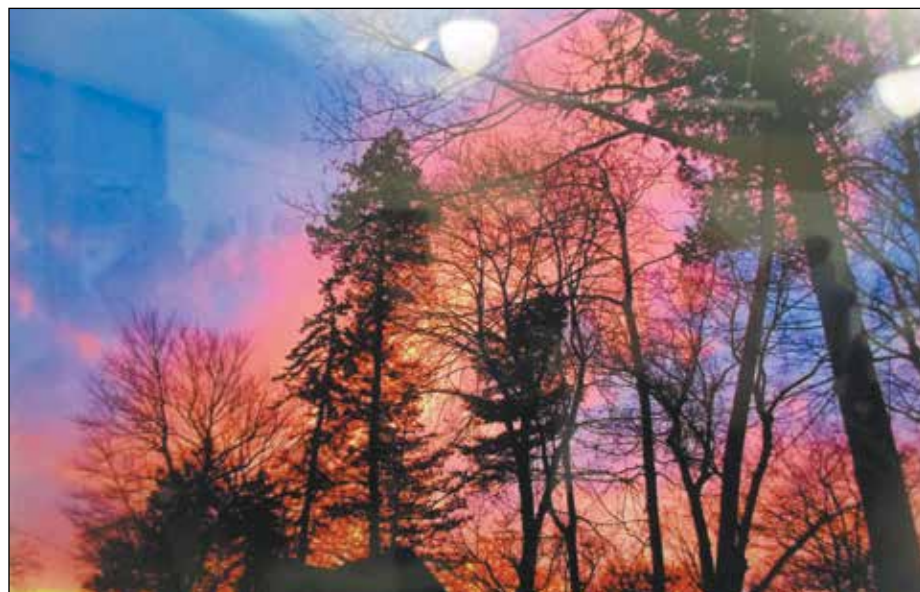
in the exhibit was Mount Kisco resident Chloe Amdur's image of a fiery July sunset from her family's home atop a hill on Route 133.

Amdur, who took the photo several years ago while still a teenager, said she loved the photo so much she saved it. It came in handy when she heard about the exhibit. The evening Amdur took the picture, she ran up the hill with her siblings and captured the amazing sky that they saw early that evening.

"I remember, with our phones we were snapping away. I had saved it," Amdur said. "I remember because my computer broke down and I saved all my photos."

She said the exhibit was an outstanding idea.

"What a great way to get people together,



Chloe Amdur's photo of a fiery July sunset is one of the more than 30 photos being shown at the "Nature & Culture in Mount Kisco" exhibit at the Mount Kisco Public Library.

and on Earth Day," Amdur said. "It's awesome."

Village Trustee Karen Schleimer said the idea behind the exhibit was to have people in the community appreciate what's around them. Photography is also something that residents any age or background can participate in and enjoy.

"There are so many people who have ever, never exhibited before and the purpose and the intent of this was to give people – young, old, in the middle of all abilities – the opportunity to show what

they can do," Schleimer said.

Village officials hope that the inaugural exhibit will become an annual event. Therefore, for those who have a camera, whether it's a professional piece of equipment or an iPhone, be on the lookout over the next year to find more incredible images.

The photos will remain up at the Mount Kisco Public Library through this Friday, Apr. 27. The library is located at 100 E. Main St.

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Hudson Stage Production Looks at the Latter Years of Fascinating Author

By Martin Wilbur

When veteran actor Peggy Scott looks for theater roles, she enjoys being challenged and taking on projects that terrify her.

Scott's appearance in Hudson Stage's production of "Switzerland" at Armonk's Whippoorwill Hall, which began last weekend for the first of nine performances lasting through May 5, gives her everything she can ask for.

Scott portrays the mercurial crime author Patricia Highsmith, the writer of the highly successful "The Talented Mr. Ripley" and "Strangers on a Train," in the two-character play. It takes place during the latter stages of Highsmith's life, roughly the last decade before her death in 1995 at 74 years old, long after she had left the United States and had gone to England and France before spending her final years in Switzerland.

In the fictionalized play, written by Australian playwright Joanna Murray-Smith, she receives a visit from Edward (Daniel Petzold), a representative from her New York-based publishing company, who has traveled to Europe to try and convince her to write one last novel. The play unfolds into a psychological thriller.

Despite her success, Highsmith, who authored 22 novels, had a difficult time dealing with other people.

"So, she is a very misanthropic, dark, twisted soul, a very damaged soul," Scott explained. "She had had a mother who famously bragged to her daughter that she had tried to abort her, her actual father, her biological father, had left her mother about 10 days before Patricia was born. Her mother remarried and Patricia hated her stepfather, and I'm sure it was partly because of her parents, maybe it was her genetic lot in life, but she really struggled in her life."

It didn't help that as a woman writer and someone who was gay she received little critical acclaim in the United States and was even mocked. That forced her to leave for Europe, first to England and then France, where she received the recognition that she craved. Highsmith earned France's Order of Arts and Letters, one of the country's highest honors for artists, Scott said.

However, Highsmith's life was often in turmoil. She had numerous lovers but seemed to be drawn to women like her mother, who treated her cruelly.

Against that backdrop, Scott, is looking forward to playing Highsmith, who is such an unusual character to play.

Despite Highsmith's difficulties and eccentricities, Scott said she admires that the author was "unrelentingly" who she was.



Peggy Scott, as author Patricia Highsmith, and Daniel Petzold in Hudson Stage's production of "Switzerland," which began a nine-performance engagement last weekend at Whippoorwill Hall in Armonk.

"To write what she did, it takes a great deal of courage to persist in our chosen careers," Scott said. "The world doesn't need another writer, another actor. She

stuck with it."

This is the second time Scott is performing for Hudson Stage. In 2015, she appeared in the theater company's production of "Other Desert Cities." Scott has a long list of credits on both Broadway and Off-Broadway and on television. She'll soon be seen in the recurring role of Jeanne on HBO's upcoming series

"Succession."

"I liked it a lot," Scott said of her role in "Other Desert Cities." "I like Dan (Foster) the director and I just think they're terrific. It's a small company but they really, really do a first-class job at choosing interesting plays and they have a very dedicated audience."

All performances of "Switzerland" will take place at Whippoorwill Hall, located at 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East in Armonk. The remaining performances are scheduled for Apr. 27 and 28 and May 4 and 5 are at 8 p.m. while there are matinees beginning at 3 p.m. on Apr. 29 and May 5. Tickets are \$40; \$35 for seniors and students. Students may buy tickets on the day of the performance a half-hour before show time for \$15.

For tickets and more information, visit www.hudsonstage.com or call 914-271-2811.



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Tuesday, Apr. 24

Opera Ensembles. Led by opera buff and Taconic Opera Board Member Susan Grunthal, this lecture series begins with duets, trios and quartets and finishes with choruses. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 2 p.m. Free. Also May 8 and 15. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.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. Beginners at 6:30 p.m. Advanced class at 7 p.m. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-273-3887

Wednesday, Apr. 25

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. 9 a.m. Every Monday and Wednesday at 9 a.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. Drop in or weekly discount rates available. Info: Contact Peggy at 914 960-4097.

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.

Mother Nature's Storytime. Nature-themed stories, nature walks, live animals and/or crafts. For children two to four years old; with a parent or caregiver. Dress for outdoor activity. Except in extreme weather conditions, a portion of each class is spent outdoors. Meets six consecutive Wednesdays. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 10 to 11 a.m. Members: \$50 for six-week session. Non-members: \$90. Pre-registration required. Info and registration: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Ambassadors for Successful Aging. Are you aware of the benefits available to you as a Westchester County senior? Information can be provided to you on housing, home care, transportation options, counseling options, memory care, nutrition, vision and dental services along with SNAP, HEAP, EPIC and STAR and other programs that can save you money and help you plan for the future. Feel free to discuss a Westchester

County "ambassador." No appointment necessary. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Also Mondays at the North White Plains branch, 10 Clove Rd., North White Plains. Info: 914-273-3887 or 914-948-6359.

New Mommy and Daddy Meet-Up. Whether it's your first child or your fifth, this is a great way to get out of the house, meet new friends and enjoy time with your baby. World Cup Nursery School, 160 Hunts Lane, Chappaqua. 10:25 to 11:10 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-238-9267 ext. 20.

Adult Coloring Club. It's a relaxing, analog stress-reducer that can give you a sense of accomplishment. Coloring also provides a creative outlet to people who may not be trained artists. The library provides colored pencils and intricate mandala patterns, just bring your creativity. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10:30 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

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.

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.

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.

Bilingual Storytime. Sing songs and read picture books in English and Spanish. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: Visit 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoblibrary.org.

Meditation Series: Midday Mind Break. Benefits of meditation include increasing focus and memory; increased health; reduced stress, anxiety and pain; and increased productivity and happiness. Led by Alka Kaminer. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd., East, Armonk. 12:15 p.m. Free. Also Apr. 25. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.com.

Chair Yoga With Alka Kaminer. Experience greater flexibility, cardiovascular endurance and improved balance, strengthening and toning of muscles, better digestion, stress reduction, mental clarity, improved breathing, relaxation and an overall sense of well-being. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1 p.m. Free. Also Apr. 25. Info: 914-273-3887.

Stepping On Workshops: Fall Prevention to Reduce Risk From Falls. Maintaining one's health and independence are important parts of healthy aging. Falls and fall injuries are more common than strokes and can result in health problems that are just as serious. During the course of the seven-week program learn simple and fun balance and strength training; the role vision plays in helping you maintain balance; how medications can contribute to falls; ways to stay safe when out in your community; what to look for in safe footwear; and how to check your home for safety. The James House at Phelps Hospital, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 1 to 3 p.m. Free. Wednesdays through May 16. Info: Contact Ellen Woods at 914-366-3937 or e-mail ewoods3@northwell.edu.

Affordable Care Act Navigator. A trained navigator provided by the county Department of Health will be available to help people with choosing and signing up for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act and the state health marketplace. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 2:30 to 7 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Also Thursdays from 1 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Appointment required. Info and appointment for Wednesday sessions: 914-336-6026. Info and appointment for Thursday and Saturday sessions: 914-813-5192.

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 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-864-8041 or www.mountkiscoblibrary.org.

MPPL Techies Drop-In. MPPL Techies are local teen volunteers who will be available to assist patrons for drop in-tech help on Wednesdays. Bring your smartphone, tablet or laptop and a volunteer will help you download one of the many services available for Mount Pleasant Public Library cardholders. Be sure to bring in your fully charged device and your Apple App Store, Android Google Play or Kindle Amazon passwords. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Also Saturdays from 2 to 4 p.m. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Psychotherapy and Kabbalah. Rabbi Ben Newman and Jennifer Convisor, founder of Infinity Wellness and LiveWork Solutions, lead a two-part creative, interactive workshop for those seeking deeper insight into their personal challenges or inspiration to find inner strength. Also for those in healing professions who would like to gain a unique perspective on helping others. An all-inclusive environment, appropriate for everyone, regardless of background, beliefs or lifestyle. The Aligned Center, 1 Bridge St., Suite 64, Irvington. 6:30 to 8 p.m. \$40. Info and registration: 914-292-0930 or e-mail info@thealignedcenter.com.

Meet the Writers: Mitchell S. Jackson. Jackson's debut novel "The Residue Years" earned praise from The New York Times, The Paris Review and The Times of London and won a Whiting Award and The Ernest J. Gaines Prize for Literary Excellence. He serves on the faculty at NYU and Columbia University and lives in Brooklyn. Manhattanville College, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase. 7 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.mvillemfa.com/2017/10/spring-events-calendar.

Ballet des Amériques. A company on the rise, Ballet des Amériques is gaining attention in the New York City area as well as internationally on online platforms and in various publications. It will perform a diverse repertoire choreographed by Artistic Director Carole Alexis to the music of artists such as Mario Canonge and Maurice Ravel. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 7 p.m. \$25 and \$35. Info and tickets: 914-631-3390 or visit www.tarrytownmusicall.org.

Climate Change and the Potential of Surprises. Radley Horton, associate research professor at Columbia's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, studies how some models predicting climate behavior may miss crucial influences resulting in faster sea level rise and quicker disappearance of arctic sea ice. Cosponsored by the Lamont-Doherty

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Drug Take Back Day Scheduled at NWH, Phelps This Saturday

Nine Northwell Health facilities in the metropolitan area, including Northern Westchester Hospital in Mount Kisco and Phelps Hospital in Sleepy Hollow, will be participating in this year's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day this Saturday, Apr. 28.

The day is an opportunity for people to take unused and expired prescriptions and safely remove them from their homes. Receptacles will be placed at Northern Westchester and Phelps from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for people to safely deposit these leftover prescriptions.

Northwell Health collected more than 300 pounds of unused prescriptions during National Prescription Drug Take Back Day last October. The latest event is organized by the Drug Enforcement Association.

"It was so gratifying to see the large quantity of unneeded and expired drugs brought to Northwell Health facilities last drug take back day in October," said Peg Butler, Northwell Health's assistant vice president of marketing and external relations who helped organize last year's efforts in Manhattan as well as this year's

receptacles. "We'll dispose of a lot more this year as we double the number of Northwell facilities participating. We want to do everything we can to keep these drugs from falling in to the wrong hands. This is a hugely important community service we're proud to provide."

Unused prescription medications can be a temptation for curious teenagers and others to experiment with opiates or other drugs. Northwell Health has made one of its missions to help curb the opioid epidemic in New York State through its Northwell Health Opioid Management Steering Committee, which is an outgrowth of the successful pilot program at Southside Hospital.

There were 2,726 deaths related to opioids in New York State in 2015, according to the state Department

of Health, up from 2,256 the prior year. New York City saw 893 of those deaths; there were 463 more on Long Island.

"Hearing these staggering numbers each year breaks my heart and has prompted us at Northwell Health to aggressively work in a variety of ways to try to lessen the amount of opiate and prescription drug abuse in our area," said Jonathan Morgenstern, assistant vice president of addiction services at Northwell Health. "People bringing their unused prescriptions to these sites can help us make an impact on the opioid epidemic."

In addition to removing unused prescription drugs from the community, Northwell Health is working on several initiatives to target opioid abuse from screening and life-saving techniques to offering

treatment.

- Northwell's screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment (SBIRT) program helps identify potential issues by screening patients during routine medical visits.
- South Oaks Hospital in Amityville offers free naloxone training and rescue kits to community members. Naloxone, otherwise known as Narcan, is a nasal spray that is used when someone has overdosed to try to reverse the situation.
- Northwell, in conjunction with the Engel Burman Group, is in the process of building a substance abuse treatment residence in Calverton in eastern Long Island.
- Southside Hospital has a secure prescription return location available 24/7 in the hospital's lobby. Northwell Health anticipates adding this prescription disposal option at other facilities in the future.

For more information about National Drug Take Back Day, visit www.takebackday.dea.gov/.



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Happenings

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Earth Observatory at Columbia University and by the Federated Conservationists of Westchester County. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Art Series: Tristan Tzara. This Romanian-born colleague of Marcel Janco was one of the main artists of the Dadaist art movement in the early 20th century. His work and art manifesto helped to change the way artists looked at their craft and helped to push the art viewing public into a more radical approach to subjective and representative art. Discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Separation/Divorce Support Group. A new group for men and women separated, in the process of separating or post-divorce. Establishes a safe place where attendees can deal with the pain and loneliness brought about by the ending of a significant relationship. This nondenominational group will use the 12 Steps to focus on its members and the choices made to cope and adjust. Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 15 S. Bedford Rd., Mount Kisco. \$10. Every Wednesday. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Info: Contact Ilene Amiel at 914-980-0898 or e-mail 12stepdivorcegroup@gmail.com or visit www.meetup.com/Mount-Kisco-12-step-Separation-Divorce-Support-Meetup.

Thursday, Apr. 26

Migration Madness. Join Naturalist Tait Johansson at this local hotspot in search of spring warblers and other newly arrived songbirds. Maple Avenue, Katonah. 7 to 9 a.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Contact Susan Fisher at 914-302-9713 or e-mail info@bedfordaudubon.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.

Bridge for Beginners. Learn to play the world's greatest card game ever! Fundamentals of the game will be explained. The lessons are designed for players with little or no previous knowledge of bridge. Led by Joel Goren. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10:15 a.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

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.

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.

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 Thursday. Info: Visit 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoblibrary.org.

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.mountkiscoblibrary.org.

Bridge for Advanced Beginners/Intermediate. With Joel Goren. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Free. Thursdays through May 10. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

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.

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.mountkiscoblibrary.org.

Great Books Forum Series. John Boyne's "The Boy in the Striped Pajamas" will be discussed. Led by Professor Mike DeVito. Westchester Community College's Gateway Center, Room 131, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 6 to 8 p.m. Free. Info: E-mail Professor James Werner at james.werner@sunywcc.edu.

Friends of Mount Pleasant Public Library 2018 Spring Book Sale. The semi-annual book sale begins with the Friends' preview sale for members. If you're not a member, you can join at the door. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Free admission (except for the \$10 Apr. 30 All

You Carry sale). Continues on Apr. 27 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Apr. 28 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Apr. 29 (Bag Day) from 1 to 4:30 p.m. and Apr. 30 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Any leftover books can be picked up for free on May 1 from 10 a.m. to noon. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

State of the Schools. The League of Women Voters of North East Westchester is hosting this second annual. Featured speakers are Dr. Christopher Manno, superintendent of the Bedford Central School District, and Andrew Selesnick, superintendent of the Katonah-Lewisboro School District. An audience Q&A will follow. Light refreshments will be provided. Katonah Library Garden Room, 26 Bedford Rd., Katonah. 7 p.m. Free. Info: E-mail LWV.BLNS@gmail.com.

Nore Davis: Foster Kids Unite Fundraiser. Davis headlines a great night out for a good cause. Foster Kids Unite provides help and relief to aged out foster children. Hosted by Tanya Cooper and comic Chrissy Mayer. Lucy's Laugh Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. \$20. Info: Visit www.fosterkidsuniteinc.org. Tickets: Visit www.lucyslaughlounge.com.

Friday, Apr. 27

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Friday Night Cinema: "Singin' in the Rain." Since April showers bring May flowers, this classic film will bring many laughs and singing. Starring Gene Kelley, Debbie Reynolds and Donald O'Connor, the movie looks at the transition from silent movies to sound in 1927. 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 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Mount Pleasant Education Foundation's Spring 2018 Gala. Celebrating 21 years of giving back to the Mount Pleasant community, the foundation is grateful for the support it provides to the district's students and schools. Over the years, the contributions have provided amenities such as chromebooks in the classrooms, Smartboards, instruments for the music department, reading materials for the elementary classes and much more. DoubleTree Tarrytown, 455 S. Broadway, Tarrytown. Cocktails at 7 p.m. Dinner at 8 p.m. \$135 per person. Info and reservations: Visit www.mtpef.org/2018.

spring-dinner-gala.

The McCartney Years: The Premiere Paul McCartney Concert Experience. There are many Beatles tributes but there's only one show that celebrates the genius of Paul McCartney at the height of his career – and this is it. Hailed by the original Beatles promoter, this show is a period-true, technically stunning and explosive live concert show that performs the music of Paul McCartney spanning two decades from The Beatles to Wings, all performed to their original arrangements by a band that has played to audiences worldwide. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$38, \$43 and \$48. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Almost Queen. The most authentic Queen live show since the days of the band itself. A deliberate four-piece band, Almost Queen delivers a live show consisting of signature four-part harmonies and genuine costumes while recapturing the live energy that is the ultimate Queen experience. Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. 8 p.m. \$37, \$47 and \$57.20. Info and tickets: 914-739-0039 or visit www.paramounthudsonvalley.com.

"Switzerland." It's 1995 in the Swiss Alps and the ailing reclusive crime writer Patricia Highsmith is visited by a genial young man from her New York publisher, sent to convince her to write the final installment of her best-selling Mr. Ripley series. What first appears to be a standard cat-and-mouse game of wit and wiles soon becomes a dance to the death. Written by Australian playwright Joanna Murray-Smith and presented by Hudson Stage. Directed by Dan Foster. Whippoorwill Hall, 19 Whippoorwill Hall East, Armonk. 8 p.m. \$40. Seniors and students: \$35. Students (a half-hour before performance): \$15. Also Apr. 28 and May 4 and 5 at 8 p.m. and Apr. 29 and May 5 at 3 p.m. Info and tickets: 800-838-3006 or visit www.hudsonstage.com.

Saturday, Apr. 28

Pleasantville Farmers Market. Experience the largest, year-round farmers market in Westchester, voted "Best of Westchester" from 2014 to 2017. With 55 vendors and seven nearby parking lots, it's a delicious good time. Rain or shine. The Market is a dog-free environment. Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through Nov. 17. Info: Visit www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org.

The Native Plant Center's 19th Annual Native Plant Sale. This year's sale offers a special twist: Among the selections will be several of the 60 species used in the center's New American Cottage Garden. Replicate this wonderful new installation to beautify and benefit your own landscape. The mix of perennials, grasses, ferns, vines, shrubs

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Look Upward to Track the Exciting Changes in Our Night Sky

One of the best things about watching the skies are the patterns, or the stories, that we get to see unfold like a long novel – or life itself – night after night, week after week, month after month.

This time of year, the sun sets a little farther to the north than it did the previous night, as we inch toward summer. Tonight's moon will rise a little later and be a little bit fuller than last night's.

As our view of the solar system and our galaxy change, the things we see every night change, too. Little by little, the stars themselves seem to move farther to the west. At the end of April, moving into the middle part of spring, the great stars of winter are racing toward the western horizon, getting ready for their summer vacations. I'm always sad to see them go, but even Orion and Taurus deserve a break from their battles. Soon, they'll be gone from the nights until we're thinking about Halloween costumes again.

A little over a year ago, we talked about the king of planets, Jupiter, moving back into the nighttime skies after a long stretch of being off doing other things. It was near the star Spica, which is the brightest star in the constellation Virgo, and one of the three bright stars in

the Spring Triangle, along with Regulus, in Leo, and Arcturus, in the constellation Boötes, the only constellation with an umlaut in its name. Since then, we've seen it cross the night, settle into the mornings, and, maybe, vanish from many of our minds.

Quietly, over the last few weeks, Jupiter has worked its way back into the evening sky. By the middle part of the evening, maybe around 10 p.m., it's easy to spot in the eastern sky, very bright and red-orange. Now, it's moved into the constellation Libra.

It's near the medium-bright and flamboyantly named Zubenelgenubi and Zubeneshamali, the scales' brightest stars. Those two stars' unusual names come from the Arabic words for "southern claw" and "northern claw." If your scale is like mine, it probably doesn't have claws.

The ancients' stories included those two as part of the constellation Scorpius, the scorpion, and the names stuck.

Jupiter will stay in the night sky for the next several months, along with Venus, which you may have already seen just after sunset.



By Scott Levine

If your skies cooperate, try to look toward the east after dark these next few nights. The full Pink Moon will be just to the south, toward the right of Libra's stars on Apr. 29. At 8:58 p.m. that night, the full moon will be at what astronomers call "opposition." The point directly opposite the sun as seen from Earth, when the 93 million-mile sun-Earth-moon line is perfectly straight. The moon will look mostly full the next night, too, when we will see it just to the north – to the left – of those stars

and Jupiter. Jupiter itself will reach opposition and be at its brightest on May 8.

Soon, we'll be spending summer's nights with our old friends Mars and Saturn as well, and the story will go on again. I hope you'll take a look. Clear skies!

Scott Levine has loved astronomy since he was young and now watches and writes about the skies near his Croton-on-Hudson home. You can read Scott's Sky Watch astronomy website, with its "Space, taken easy" approach to naked-eye astronomy, at scottastronomy.wordpress.com. You can also find him at astroscott@yahoo.com or on Twitter @scottlevine13.

Clear Skies

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER Wells Fargo USA Holdings, Inc. Plaintiff, -against-

Tracey Hardaway, as Heir to The Estate of Lucious Nelson a/k/a Lucious Nelson, Jr., Lucious Nelson a/k/a Lucious Nelson Jr's respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors, and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in the real property described in the complaint herein, Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, Singer Energy Group LLC, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, United States of America - Internal Revenue Service, Defendants. Index # 69178/2017
Filed: 3/26/2018

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the attorneys for the plaintiff within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service; or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York; or within sixty (60) days if it is the United States of America. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT
THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$247,209.72 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on March 10, 2006, in Control No. 460660270, covering premises known as **442 Garden Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY 10553**

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

NOTICE: YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME
If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered

and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: Bayshore New York
March 23, 2018

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Legal Notice

Happenings

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and trees attract wildlife and people who find peace and a sense of place within the natural-design setting. Other enduring favorites will also be available at the sale, including species not easily found elsewhere. Native plant specialists will be on hand to answer questions and assist gardeners in choosing great options for their sites. Native Plant Center at Westchester Community College, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Native Plant Center members can enter at 9:30 a.m. Free. Info: 914-606-7870 or visit www.nativeplantcenter.org.

New Castle Historical Society Antiques Appraisal Day. It's time to dust off your treasures. Do you have a family heirloom or garage sale treasure that you'd like to have appraised? Here's your chance. Appraisals will be conducted by expert appraisers from the Rago Arts and Auction Center. Guest may bring up to two items for appraisal. Horace Greeley House, 100 King St., Chappaqua. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Historical Society members: \$15. Non-members: \$20. Info and reservations: 914-238-4666. Walk-ins welcome.

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. Every Saturday. Info: 914-273-3887.

Adult Salsa Class. Addie-Tude Performing Arts Center, 42 Memorial Plaza (lower level), Pleasantville. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. \$12. Every Saturday. Info: 917-215-1720 or visit www.addie-tude.com. Call or visit website because classes are subject to change.

"Love and Bananas." Elephant rescues in Thailand are rare, unpredictable and often life threatening. After waiting more than two years, actor/director Ashley Bell and a team of elephant rescuers led by world-renowned Asian elephant conservationist and TIME magazine's Hero of Asia, Sangdean Lek Chailert, embark on a daring mission to rescue Noi Na, a 70-year-old captive, partially blind trekking elephant, and bring her 500 miles across Thailand to freedom. Followed by a Q&A with filmmaker Ashley Bell, conservationist Sangdean Chailert, writer John Michael McCarthy and producer Roddy Tabatabai with Jacob Burns Film Center Executive Director Edie Demas. Part of REMIX: The Black Experience in Film, Media, and Art series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. Noon. Members: \$10. Non-members: \$15. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

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Hoff-Barthelson Music School Master Class Series: Rachel Baron Pine. Heralded as a leading interpreter of the great classical masterworks, this international concert violinist thrills audiences worldwide with her dazzling technique, lustrous tone and emotional honesty. With an infectious joy in music making and a passion for connecting historical research to performance, Pine transforms audiences' experiences of classical music. Hoff-Barthelson Music School, 25 School Lane, Scarsdale. 12:30 p.m. Free. Info and tickets: 914-723-1169, visit www.hbms.org or e-mail hb@hbms.org.

Growing and Aging Series. Explore questions about entering middle age and growing older. Today, "A History of Old Age" edited by Pat Thane will be discussed. The series and book discussions are led by Joshua Barrett. All welcome. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Free. Next session: May 16. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkisco.org.

"Stuck in the Stone Age." Children get to contribute their own ideas in The Story Pirates' newest interactive comedy. In this show, scientists Tom Edison (no relation to Thomas Edison) and Dr. Marissa Morice plan to return home from a wild adventure in the Stone Age, only to discover their time machine has made an unexpected detour. They wind up on a stage in front of a huge audience that's expecting a show. The problem is they're just scientists, not actors. Throughout the show, audience members learn about the building blocks of a good story, including how to create characters and give them interesting problems to solve. For children in grades K-5. White Plains Performing Arts Center, 11 City Place, White Plains. 11 a.m. Adults: \$23. Children (12 and under): \$19. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or visit www.wppac.com.

Through Our Eyes: Upper Westchester Muslim Society Community Tour. This one-of-a-kind tour pairs curator Elizabeth Rooklidge with members of the Upper Westchester Muslim Society, who share their personal responses to the works on view. Experience art as a catalyst for intimate conversations about our relationship to cultural traditions and the ways they are intertwined with our lives. Katonah Museum of Art, 134 Jay St., Katonah. 2:30 p.m. General admission: Adults--\$10. Seniors and students--\$5. Members and children (under) 12--Free. Info: 914-232-9555 or visit www.katonahmuseum.org.

Opening Reception for "It's Not Always Black and White." The Mamaroneck Artists Guild will be exhibiting work by White Plains artist Mitchell Visoky. The work on paper in this exhibit will focus on black and white imagery as well as color,

which reveals sentimental or calming effects; black and white compositions exploring layers of mystery, dreams and memories. Will include a reception to meet Visoky. Mamaroneck Artists Guild, 126 Larchmont Ave., Larchmont. 3 to 6 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through May 12. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 12 to 5 p.m. Info: 914-834-1117 or visit www.mamaroneckartistguild.org.

"The American Soldier." Douglas Taurel, actor and creator of this acclaimed award-nominated solo show, will be performing at the Hearts 4 Heroes spring fundraiser. The show is based on real events and actual letters written by veterans and their family members from the American Revolution through current day Afghanistan. It honors the experiences of veterans and their families and explores the internal struggles veterans face when returning home from combat. After the performance, hear from veterans who have participated in and benefitted from Hearts 4 Heroes' equine and canine-assisted therapy programs. There will be hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine. Historical Hall, 608 Old Post Rd., Bedford. 7 p.m. \$100. Info and tickets: Contact Key Burns at 844-224-4487, visit www.H4HUS.org or e-mail info@h4hus.org.

Larry Campbell and Teresa Williams. The Irvington FACE Committee (Fundraising and Community Events) is sponsoring this performance, with Divining Rod Band as the opening act. Campbell, a multi-instrumentalist/singer, and Williams, a singer/guitarist, have long provided musical firepower for fellow artists including Levon Helm, Bob Dylan, Mavis Staples, Little Feat, Phil Lesh and Friends and Rosanne Cash. When the duo stepped onto centerstage in 2015 with their debut, the response was immediate – the release placed them atop the Americana radio charts. The concert is expected to be the first in a series for the Irvington FACE Committee, a village-based volunteer group with a charitable mission to enhance the quality of life in Irvington. Refreshments provided. Half of ticket price is a tax-deductible charitable donation. Irvington Town Hall Theater, 85 Main St., Irvington. 7:30 p.m. Advance sales: \$100. At door: \$125. Info and tickets: Visit www.irvingtontheater.com.

Big Band Dance Jazz Party. Get ready to swing with the Purchase Jazz Orchestra and special guest artists to close out the Jazz at the Center series with a night of big band favorites. PepsiCo Theatre, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 8 p.m. \$52.50, \$62.50 and \$72.50. Info and tickets: 914-251-6200 or visit www.artscenter.org.

Brooklyn Rider. This breakout ensemble, whose performances attract legions of fans from classical and world music, has been hailed by some as "the future of chamber music." Sleepy Hollow

High School, 210 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 8 p.m. \$35. Students (18 and under): Free. Info and tickets: Visit www.friendsofmusic.org.

Max Weinberg's Jukebox. Rock & Roll Hall of Fame drummer Max Weinberg's new tour has one concept that will excite fans: the small venue. Fresh off the hugely successful The River Tour 2016-2017 of Bruce Springsteen and The E Street Band, Weinberg brings an interactive experience that invites the audience to create in real time the set list he and his crack four-piece group will play that night. Performing songs from the glory days of rock 'n' roll, your guests get to choose from a video menu of over 200 songs – everything from The Beatles to the Stones to Bruce and The E Street Band's biggest hits – and hear the group play them the way they want to hear them played. Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill 8 p.m. \$35, \$45, \$62.50 and \$177.50 (VIP). Info and tickets: 914-739-0039 or visit www.paramounthudsonvalley.com.

The Taghkanic Chorale: Memories, Created and Cherished. The Taghkanic Chorale bids farewell to Steven Fox, esteemed music director since 2007, at this concert. Fox is leaving to become music director for the Cathedral Choral Society, the resident symphonic chorus of Washington National Cathedral. Selections from Brahms' "Liebeslieder Walzer" and Faure "Requiem" will be performed as well as works by Britten, Bruckner, Tschernikoff and Rachmaninoff. Followed by a reception with Chorale members, Fox and soloists. Presbyterian Church of Mount Kisco, 605 Millwood Rd. (Rt. 133), Mount Kisco. 8 p.m. Adults: \$25. Seniors: \$22. Students: \$12. Children (under 12 and accompanied by an adult): Free. Info and tickets: 914-737-6707 or visit www.taghkanicchorale.org.

Sunday, Apr. 29

The College of New Rochelle's 46th Annual Strawberry Festival. A fun-filled day of outdoor activities, music, entertainment and strawberry treats. There will be face painting, a sports challenge, a photo booth, a bouncy house for the little ones and many more attractions. Fourth Generation DJ will provide music and there will be a vendor fair to satisfy shoppers and browsers alike. Other entertainment will include performances by the college's students, dance classes and student groups. Refreshments and food for sale. The College of New Rochelle, 29 Castle Place, New Rochelle. 12 to 5 p.m. Free admission.

First Signs of Spring. Hibernation is over and spring is here. Explore the trails with a naturalist and identify the different signs of spring. Let's see who is awake after a long winter's nap and how they welcome spring.

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Many Venues to Experience Irish Culture and the Arts Close to Home

By Brian McGowan

Welcome to Irish Eclectic. I hope to “raise up your Irish,” whether Irish or not, and convince even naysayers that there’s infinitely more to our culture than dabbing green paint on our faces once a year.

We’ll explore Irish music, film, literature, cultural events, cuisine and more, with the hope of raising awareness of the impact the “Irish Diaspora” continues to have on this country and right here in our backyard – Westchester and Putnam counties. The area is home to thousands with a tie to the Emerald Isle, whether via an immigrant ancestor, birth or just wanting to fulfill that oft-heard phrase, “Everyone wants to be Irish!”

This month there are some real gems on the Irish-American cultural menu that are no more than a stone’s throw away. One is the Irish Repertory Theater (www.irishrep.org) at 132 W.

22nd St. in Manhattan. My wife and I recently viewed a production

entitled “Three Small Irish Masterpieces,” which provided 75 minutes of masterful theater that ranged from the comic to the heroic to the tragic. The masterpieces in question were “The Pot of Broth” by William Butler Yeats, “The Rising of the Moon” by Lady Gregory and “Riders to the Sea” by John

Millington Synge.

“The Pot of Broth” is a rollicking comedy about a wandering beggar who tricks a wary housewife out of the evening’s meal with the promise of a magical stone given to him, so he says, by one of the faery folk.

“The Rising of the Moon” brings us back to the rebellion of 1798, and a local policeman enticed by memories of his own rebellious youth to look the other way while a current rebel on the run makes good on his escape.

“Riders to the Sea” is the tragic tale of lives lost to the sea from a fishing village on Inishmaan in the Aran Islands and the sorrow of a mother mourning her six sons, gone forever.

If the authors’ names sound familiar, they should, as all three were pillar stones of the Irish cultural revival of the late 1800s, which continues to this day. For a country of such small size, Ireland has

produced an enormous body of literature, theater, art and music. Venues such as the Irish Rep, staging top-rated

performances since 1988, portray it all. Playing on the main stage now through May 24 is “The Seafarer” by Conor McPherson, starring none other than Matthew Broderick in his second Irish Rep production.

Another great resource is the Irish

Arts Center (www.irishartscenter.org), founded in 1972, and located at 553 W. 51st St. in Manhattan. Not solely a performance venue, the center offers a wealth of courses, performances, workshops and activities that bring out the best in today’s Irish-American culture and is definitely a resource to keep close to hand. It is a shame that a similarly minded venture, Tara Circle, could not find a home in Briarcliff Manor when community opposition stymied supporters seeking to establish a vibrant Irish cultural center in the heart of Westchester.

The Irish Arts Center recently screened “Song of Granite,” a beautiful documentary about the life of revered sean-nós singer Joe Heaney, as part of a day-long Irish language celebration. But do tap into their website and stay abreast of the center’s many fine programs.

One in particular promises a fun-filled day on Sunday, May 6 at 1 p.m. The 17th annual NYC Irish Dance Festival takes over Pier I at West 68th Street in Riverside Park South, with a free day of Irish dance performances to kick off New York City’s

Summer on the Hudson series.

This event celebrates all aspects of Irish dance and culture. Filled with free performances from top Irish dance companies, come and learn the difference between sean-nós, céilí and step dance with opportunities for all to join in. It features festival favorites Donny Golden Dancers, the Niall O’Leary Dance Troupe, Darrah Carr Dance and the Niall O’Leary School of Irish Dance, along with music and Irish language lessons, children’s crafts, face painting and more. This free event is open to all.

Reservations are suggested. Contact the Irish Arts Center box office at 866-811-4111 or e-mail info@irishartscenter.org.

A Pleasantville resident since 1980, Brian McGowan was born and raised in the Bronx. He is an Irish-American/Canadian as his immigrant ancestors followed several paths to the New World. Reach him at brian.m.mcgowan1952@gmail.com, or on Twitter at @Bmcgowan52M. To see more of his writing on “things Irish,” follow his blog “Rethinking Irish” at www.rethinkingirish.com.



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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF RNB NEW YORK REALTY, LLC. Arts of Org filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/8/2017. 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: **Kristen Renzulli, 31 Overlook Drive, Chappaqua NY 10514. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF FERGUSON SERVICES LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 12/20/17. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **FERGUSON SERVICES LLC 90 Shinglehouse Road Millwood NY 10546. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF KATIE MORGAN, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 2/5/18. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

SSNY shall mail process to **121 North Chatsworth Ave., Larchmont, NY 10538. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF EMERSON INK LLC filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/13/2018. Office loc: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **46 Grandview Avenue, White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: Literary Services.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SERENITY PUBLISHING, LLC. Art of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/05/2017. Office location: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and mailed by SSNY to: **312 Watch Hill Road, Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567. Purpose: Any lawful acts.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ALEX BOFFI, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/31/2018. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, **14 Westview Avenue, Unit 603 Tuckahoe, New York 10707. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LONG-STOCKING LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/20/2018. Office loc: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **39 Chesterfield Road, Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: any lawful acts.**

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Living the Ultimate Dreams of California Winemakers and Consumers



By Nick Antonaccio

My approach and experiences with the expansive and ever-expanding world of wine have changed over the years. Early on, I drank to fit my budget. My palate was inexperienced and my wallet was thin. The wines I consumed were rather vapid. I purchased them as much for the benefits of the alcohol content (as a social lubricant) as for their quality. There were fine wines on retail shelves, but I never took the time to explore. Cost was my guideline.

As I and my palate matured, my appreciation of better wines grew. I discovered new wines and experimented with those from California and a smattering of Western European offerings. My budget increased and I abandoned the wines of my youth.

These days I have found wine nirvana. As my budget continues to increase, my palate has become quite refined. My focus is on wine regions around the world, not the California-centric choices

of earlier years. I can enjoy this lifestyle into the sunset of my years.

Or so I thought. Ever the explorer, I decided in the last year to embark on a journey to seek out small California producers who are living their dream, ones I've been overlooking or weren't on my radar screen.

So, with my wine region app downloaded to my smartphone, my Waze app fired up and my credit card having ample capacity, my wife and I explored northern California over the past year, seeking out new winemakers and their wines.

In the last few columns I provided my road map and game plan for finding and purchasing new California wines made by artisans pursuing their winemaking dreams. Several are living their childhood dream, others are living their adult dreams, while a few are content living someone else's dream.

Here is a summary of our discoveries. In order to gain a meaningful perspective of my goal and the current state of California wine sales, please refer to my previous columns, available at the www.theexaminernews.com.

Living a Childhood Dream. When

Grant Long Jr. was growing up in Napa Valley, he was captivated by his father's wine collection and the allure of those fine wines. He bided his time and began producing his own wines from purchased grapes a dozen years ago. He learned much of his skill by trial and error, developing his winemaking philosophy along the way. Three years ago, he further realized his childhood dream; he and his wife Megan purchased a vineyard and home/winemaking facility.

From this winery, he produces 4,500 cases per year, all through an exclusive buying club. His wines, primarily a Cabernet Sauvignon and a Bordeaux-style blend, are bold and well-balanced, redolent of black fruit. Last year, he realized another dream. In memory of his father he planted a small hillside plot of Cabernet Sauvignon. I am now a member of the AonAir Portfolio Club.

Living an Adult Dream. Phil Steinschreiber has been in the wine industry for over three decades and the winemaker at prestigious Diamond Creek Vineyards in Napa Valley since 1991. In 2003 he decided to live his dream of making wine on his own. Not giving up his day job, instead leveraging off it, he sought out grapes from local Napa Valley growers and produced his private

label wine at the winery.

Today, he produces about 500 cases from several vineyards as the WaterMark brand. We tasted Phil's wines, with his wife Diane (the marketing and sales manager), in the dining room of their home on Howell Mountain.

This was a dream come true for me: sampling big, bold Cabernet Sauvignon wines, sourced from Napa Valley, as a guest of the winemaker and his wife in their own home.

Phil's dream is about to embark on a new chapter. He has purchased land just outside his front door, and will be growing his own Cabernet Sauvignon soon.

Next week: Additional portraits of those living their dreams in California.

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 20 years he has conducted wine tastings and lectures. Nick is a member of the Wine Media Guild of wine writers. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com or on Twitter @sharingwine.



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Through the
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Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

"Goldberg Variations." Chamber Music at Rye Presbyterian Church will conclude its 2017-18 season with a performance of this piece by J. S. Bach. The concert will feature pianist Jeewon Park. Rye Presbyterian Church, 882 Boston Post Rd., Rye. 2:30 p.m. \$40. Church members: \$20. Info and tickets: Contact Ronald Arron at 914-523-4646 or e-mail ronarron@optonline.net.

The Taghkanic Chorale: Memories, Created and Cherished. The Taghkanic Chorale bids farewell to Steven Fox, esteemed music director since 2007, at this concert. Fox is leaving to become music director for the Cathedral Choral Society, the resident symphonic chorus of Washington National Cathedral. Selections from Brahms' "Liebeslieder Walzer" and Faure "Requiem" will be performed as well as works by Britten, Bruckner, Tchesnokoff and Rachmaninoff. Followed by a reception with Chorale members, Fox and soloists. Trinity Church Ossining, 7 S. Highland Ave. (Route 9), Ossining. 4 p.m. Adults: \$25. Seniors: \$22. Students: \$12. Children (under 12 and accompanied by

an adult): Free. Info and tickets: 914-737-6707 or visit www.taghkanicchorale.org.

"63 Boycott" and "The Chicago Mixtape." An evening of short films exploring the marriage of arts, education and activism in communities of color, specifically Chicago. "63 Boycott" is about the fight to desegregate Chicago public schools and will screen with "The Chicago Mixtape," a film that advocates for the support of arts education as a means of youth empowerment. Followed by a Q&A with "The Chicago Mixtape" filmmaker Paola Piers-Torres, "63 Boycott" producer Tracey Matthews and Michelle Materre, professor of Media Studies and Film at The New School. Part of REMIX: The Black Experience in Film, Media, and Art series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 5 p.m. Members: \$9. Non-members: \$14. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

An Evening With Madeleine Peyroux. The acclaimed jazz and blues vocalist returns with her quintet 20 years after her recording debut, "Dreamland." Peyroux continues her musical journey of exploring beyond the ordinary with "Secular Hymns," a spirited and soulful masterwork of loping, skipping, sassy, feisty and sexy tunes delivered in a captivating mélange of funk, blues and jazz. With her trio that had been

together for two years—electric guitarist Jon Herington and upright bassist Barak Mori—Peyroux set out to record in a live setting a collection of songs that have their own hymn-like stories of self-awareness and inner dialogue, a communal consciousness and a spiritual essence. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 7 p.m. \$40, \$55 and \$70. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusicall.org.

Monday, Apr. 30

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. 719 Bedford Rd., Bedford Hills (next to ShopRite). 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday. RSVP suggested. Info and RSVP: Contact Tina Campbell at 914-441-1383 or e-mail tinacampbell@masternetworks.net or drop in.

Here We Are Together: Story Time for Children. From newborns to school-age children, with a parent or caregiver. 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.mountkiscopubliclibrary.org.

Belly Dancing. Learn this captivating Middle Eastern dance and enrich your cultural knowledge. Whether you want to dance professionally or just have fun and get in shape, this is the place to start. Josie's International School of Dance, 42 Memorial Plaza, Level B, Pleasantville. 7 p.m. \$20. Every Monday. Info: 914-332-8670 or visit www.josiedance.com.

Lucy's Laugh Lounge Open Comedy Mic. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. Sign up at 7 p.m. Show at 7:30 p.m. Free. Every Monday. Info and tickets: Visit www.nomacomedy.com.

Tuesday, May 1

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, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 10 to 10:30 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-741-0276 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Music & Movement. Shake, shimmy and dance. For children two to five years old. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscopubliclibrary.org.

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upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 241 East Main Street, Mount Kisco NY, 10549 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF FOUR-SIX WP LLC filed with SSNY on 3/30/2018. Office in Westchester, SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **333 Mamaroneck Ave. #417, White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET, ANNUAL MEETING, SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION, LIBRARY ELECTION AND VOTE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Chappaqua Central School District, Westchester County, New York will hold a Public Hearing on the Budget at the Academic Commons at the Horace Greeley High School, Chappaqua, New York, on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 7:30 pm for the purpose of presenting the budget document for the 2018-19 school year. **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that a copy of the statement of the amount of

money which will be required for School District purposes during the 2018-19 school year (the Budget), exclusive of public moneys, may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours, effective April 30, 2018, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, at each of the District's school houses, the Administrative Offices, at any public or free association library located in the School District, and on the District website. A Real Property Tax Exemption Report prepared in accordance with Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law will be annexed to any budget of which it will form a part; and shall be posted on District bulletin board(s) maintained for public notices, as well as on the District's website. **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the Annual District Meeting, Election of Members of the Board of Education and Library Trustees and Vote on the School District and Library budgets, will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at the Gymnasium of the Horace Greeley High School, Chappaqua, New York, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, when the polls will be open for the purpose of voting by voting machine:

A.To elect 1 (one) member to the Board of Education, 3-year term, commencing July 1, 2018 and expiring on June 30, 2021.

B.To vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for School District purposes for the 2018-2019 School year (the Budget).

A.To vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds for the 2018-2019 fiscal year of the Chappaqua Central School District Public Library (the Library Budget).

A.To elect 1 (one) member to the Board of Trustees of the Chappaqua Central School District Public Library, five-year term, commencing July 1, 2018 and expiring June 30, 2023.

B.To vote on the following proposition:

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND PROPOSITION Shall the Chappaqua Central School District be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law, to be designated as the "Buildings and Facilities Improvement Reserve Fund," which shall be for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the costs of renovation, construction, reconstruction and improvements to the District's buildings, facilities, and athletic facilities and fields, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, planning costs, site improvements, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith; the maximum amount of such fund shall be \$10,000,000 (plus accrued interest and investment earnings thereon), with a maximum term of 10 years; the source of the funding to be unexpended unassigned fund balances in the general fund at the end of each fiscal year and/or other legally available funds that may be placed into said reserve fund. **C.**To vote on any other proposition legally proposed. **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that petitions for nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education and office of Library Trustee must be filed with the Clerk of the District by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2018. Vacancies on the Board of Education and Library Board are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at large. Nominating petitions must be signed by at least forty-one qualified voters of the district, shall state the residence address of each signer and the name and residence address of the candidate. Petition forms may be obtained from the District Clerk on weekdays when school is in session, during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at her office at the district's Education Center, 66 Roaring Brook Road, Chappaqua, New York. **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that registration of voters is required pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law. If a voter has registered to vote with the School District and has voted at an annual or special school district meeting within the

last four calendar years, (after January 1, 2014) s/he is eligible to vote at this Election and Vote. If a voter is currently registered to vote with the Westchester County Board of Elections, s/he is also eligible to vote in this Election and Vote. All other persons who wish to vote must register. Registration may be done on any business day at the office of the District Clerk, during business hours, at the Education Center at 66 Roaring Brook Road, Chappaqua, New York, up to May 10, 2018, five (5) days prior to the election and vote. Any person possessing all of the following qualifications may register to vote: **1.** Is a citizen of the United States; and **2.** Is eighteen years of age or older; and **1.** Has resided in the School District for a period of thirty days immediately preceding the day of the Election and Vote. **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the register of voters so prepared shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the District and shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., prevailing time, beginning May 10, 2018, except Saturday or Sunday. Said register will be open for inspection at the polling place on the date of the election and vote. **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the Board of Registration shall meet at Horace Greeley High School on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, during the hours of voting as aforesaid for the purpose of preparing a register of qualified voters for meetings to be held subsequent to such election and vote. **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that, applications for absentee ballots for the Annual Meeting, School district election and Vote may be obtained at the Office of the School District Clerk. The completed application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or the day before the election, if the ballot will be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on May 15, 2018. **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that a list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection from qualified voters of the district in the said office of the District Clerk during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., prevailing time, until the day of the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge. **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the School District Clerk is hereby authorized to amend the Notice of the Public Hearing on the Budget and Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, from time to time, as in her discretion, such amendment may be required. **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the School District Clerk

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Pace Student Documentary Highlights the Suffering in Puerto Rico

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people. So, we wanted to get on-the-ground stories.”

While there was relatively minor impact to San Juan, students said the conditions progressively worsened as they traveled to the outskirts of Puerto Rico.

Senior Kelly Whritenour said despite debris being cleaned up in Humacao, the city is still a mess.

“Entire houses were just washed into the sea and that was heart-wrenching, but that was the story I knew we were there to get,” she said. “It’s a positive thing that we’re telling this story, but what about these people? Why is it still like this in Humacao?”

Sophomore Blake Rozelle said he saw a house that collapsed off the mountainside when he traveled to Utuado.

“These people can never go back, all their stuff is laying right there and it’s almost as if it’s forgotten, like nobody cares about it,” Rozelle said. “That’s the

upsetting part.”

“It’s hard to quantify human suffering on that level,” graduate student Gabriel Rivera added.

Rivera said the trip was particularly emotional for him because he had family living on the island who were impacted by the storm. Throughout filming, Rivera got to see his relatives, which he said was an overwhelming experience.

“I was just so happy to be there. It’s something that really meant a lot to me,” Rivera said. “Besides what I learned from the production standpoint and working on a film, it was an incredibly rewarding experience.”

Now that students have completed their six-week post-production period, they said they’re eager to showcase their film to family, friends and the public next Tuesday at the Jacob Burns Film Center.

“People need to pay attention to this story, so I’m excited to finally get it out there because this is still a problem,”

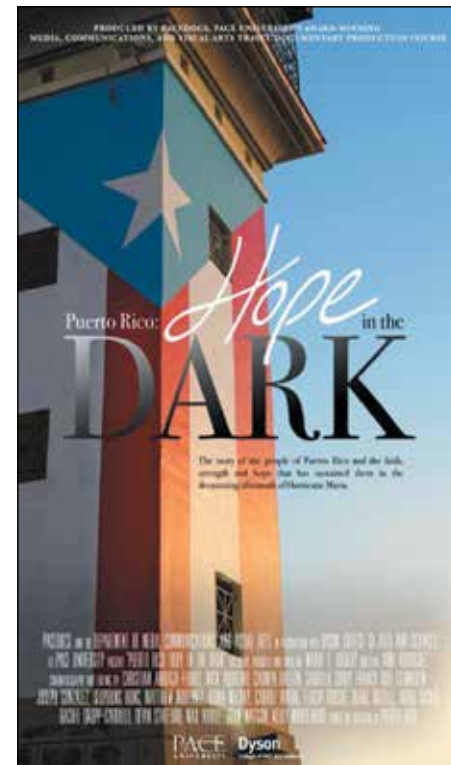
Whritenour said. “For me, all I really wanted to do with this doc was to do right by the people that we interviewed. We don’t want to play it down, I really want to tell their story.”

While Rivera is anxious for his family to see the film, he hopes the documentary motivates viewers to help the people of Puerto Rico.

“If we help one person, that made the experience totally gratifying for me,” he said.

“Puerto Rico: Hope in the Dark” will be screened on May 1 at the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville at 7 p.m. It will also be shown at the Michael Schimmel Center for the Arts at Pace’s lower Manhattan campus on Monday, May 7. Tickets are \$9 for film center members and \$14 for non-members.

To purchase tickets, visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org or www.pace.edu/dyson/news-and-events/pacedoc-hope-in-the-dark.



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