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## Goldberg Out as North Castle Town Administrator

*Escorted From Town Hall After Told Contract Wouldn't Be Renewed*

By Martin Wilbur

North Castle Town Administrator Joan Goldberg was suddenly escorted out of Town Hall last week after the Town Board decided against renewing her contract.

Supervisor Michael Schiliro informed town employees last Wednesday of the decision and said he met with department heads the following morning to review how the town would divide responsibilities until an interim administrator is in place.

Goldberg, who was hired in September 2012 as North Castle's first-ever town administrator, will be paid through the end of this month when her contract expires but is no longer reporting to work, Schiliro said. A call to the town administrator's office last Thursday

morning went to a voice mail message stating that she would return to work on Sept. 4.

Schiliro would not detail the reason for the board's decision.

"We thank Joan for her service," Schiliro said. "She was the first town administrator the town had and she was instrumental in the changes that she implemented and continued our strong financial footing in the town, managing the tax cap, etc., and we recognize all of that and her strong commitment to the Town of North Castle. We wish her well in the future."

Councilman and Deputy Supervisor Stephen D'Angelo said he and his board colleagues would not comment further on the issue because it was a personnel matter.

Goldberg, reached last Friday, said she had "zero notice" about the board's decision. Returning from a two-week vacation on Sept. 4, Goldberg said she

received an e-mail from Schiliro on Labor Day asking her to meet at 4 p.m. the following day.

During that meeting, Goldberg said she was told the town was not going to renew her contract and she was escorted out of the building. She said there had been no inkling that her tenure would end and never recalled any criticism coming from Schiliro or the board. All comments she received from the supervisor's office regarding her performance were "nothing but compliments," according to Goldberg.

"In the meeting, I said as a professional, if I failed in some way you need to tell me that," Goldberg said. "I met with the supervisor in June to discuss the expiring contract and to ask him what his goals were and ask him for a review of my performance, what could I do differently, what could I do better, was I meeting the board's needs."

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Joan Goldberg was sent packing last week after she was informed that her contract, which expires at the end of the month, would not be renewed.

## Mount Kisco RFP for Mixed-Use Plan Draws Several Residents' Ire

By Neal Rentz

Several Mount Kisco residents expressed concern last week over the village's Request for Proposal (RFP) to attract a developer who would solicit ideas for mixed-use development for a proposed new downtown overlay district.

Trustees sent out the RFP on Aug. 15 in hopes of receiving proposals that would include new commercial construction and residential units in the village-owned North Moger and South Moger parking lots. The village would enter into a lease arrangement with a developer to build on the land.

Trustees are reviewing the possibility of an overlay district in conjunction with their update of the village's Comprehensive Plan.

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NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Mount Kisco Conservation Advisory Council Chairman John Rhodes addressed the Village Board on Sept. 4.

## Pleasantville, Mt. Pleasant Share \$300G for Marble Avenue Repaving

By Anna Young

State Sen. Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) recently presented officials from Pleasantville and Mount Pleasant with a \$300,000 grant to pay for much-needed improvements for a heavily used thoroughfare shared by both municipalities.

Following a disastrous winter that left Marble Avenue in poor condition, Murphy said he was inundated with pleas from officials to fix the roadway. Last month, Murphy presented Mount Pleasant Town Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi and Pleasantville Mayor Peter Scherer each with a \$150,000 check to begin their repaving work.

"Right now, there are a lot of potholes on the road and it's a rough ride," Murphy said. "This is all about improving



State Sen. Terrence Murphy, second from left, forks over \$300,000 to Pleasantville Mayor Peter Scherer, left, County Legislator Margaret Cunzio and other local officials for this fall's repaving of Marble Avenue.

everyone's quality of life."

Murphy presented Fulgenzi with

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"I'd say it was a surprise," she continued. "But that's their prerogative. I just wish there was more communication."

Goldberg, 53, said she had also been performing the personnel manager's duties, since that post had been vacant since March.

Goldberg and the board came to terms on a three-year contract in 2015, which paid her \$153,000 the first year, \$160,000 the second year and at least \$166,000 for the final year. Goldberg said the town picked up the option for the third year last November and gave her a raise that was "above and beyond what was required in the contract."

The search for the interim has immediately gotten underway, Schiliro said. Once someone is in place, the board will begin looking for a permanent administrator.

Schiliro assured residents that the town's departments would run smoothly and efficiently. He said all matters that had gone through Goldberg's office would now be routed through the supervisor's office with some responsibilities likely delegated to department heads.

"All of the department heads are more than capable, as they always have been, of managing the departments and our

town," he said.

Goldberg said she offered to finish various projects that she was working on and also offered to help with the transition but was rebuffed. Last week she mentioned that she planned to send a list of items for the board to look out for.

"My biggest regret is that I feel like I'm leaving the employees and the department heads without guidance and I never would have done that," Goldberg said.

During the past six years, controversy has periodically followed Goldberg. She arrived in North Castle after 16 years as comptroller in Yorktown. She left that position following a run-in with Yorktown's former supervisor and board majority and became the North Castle Town Administrator.

Upon leaving the Yorktown position, she took about \$77,000 in unused vacation pay that Goldberg contended she was entitled to. She went to court in hopes of keeping the money but was unsuccessful after a judge ruled that the contract she had with the town was unenforceable.

In December 2013, Goldberg was terminated by the previous North Castle Town Board after being accused of misconduct. She was rehired a few weeks later when Schiliro and a new board majority took office.

## Pleasantville, Mt. Pleasant Share \$300G for Marble Avenue Repaving

his check at the fifth annual Mount Pleasant Day on Aug. 26. Fulgenzi said Marble Avenue serves as a gateway through Mount Pleasant for thousands of commuters, businesses and schoolchildren every day.

"The safety of our roads and infrastructure is directly tied to our economic growth and quality of life," Fulgenzi said. "I look forward to seeing the positive effect this repaving project has on the community."

Pleasantville Village Administrator Eric Morrissey said the project is likely to start within the next two weeks, weather permitting. The milling and paving will be done during overnight hours to limit traffic disruptions, he said.

Work in Pleasantville will be along the avenue within the village's borders, from the intersection with Bedford Road to the village/town line near McDonald's. The Mount Pleasant portion of the work will pick up at the town line and go to

the intersection referred to as the Four Corners in Thornwood. Morrissey said the work should be completed by the end of the year.

Murphy added that he had been working closely with Fulgenzi, County Legislator Margaret Cunzio (C-Mount Pleasant) and the Mount Pleasant Town Board to secure funding to fulfill the goal of revitalizing Mt. Pleasant's downtown.

"This is something people will see," Cunzio said. "It's tangible and it will make a big difference in everyone's commute."

Scherer thanked Murphy and Cunzio for being strong advocates for Pleasantville and for securing the money needed to improve the village.

"This is wonderful news for our town," Scherer said at the Aug. 30 presentation along Marble Avenue. "Residents and commuters will be very pleased with the results of this project. This will be money well spent."

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

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



# Governor Under Attack After Cuomo Bridge Lane Shift Delayed

By Martin Wilbur

Elected officials from both major parties engaged in a war of words last weekend following Saturday's postponement for the opening of the eastbound lanes of the new Mario M. Cuomo Bridge.

The New York State Thruway Authority announced late Friday that a portion of the remaining old Tappan Zee Bridge, which is being disassembled, became destabilized and was creating a potentially dangerous situation. Therefore, it decided to hold off on opening the eastbound side to traffic.

By late Sunday the Thruway Authority was informed by the contractor, Tappan Zee Constructors, LLC, that the eastbound lanes can be opened to traffic sometime Tuesday evening, weather permitting.

The turn of events and the decision to delay the opening of the lanes occurred hours after Gov. Andrew Cuomo held a special ribbon-cutting ceremony with Hillary Clinton and other dignitaries to celebrate the next phase of the project.

However, Cuomo's political opponents were quick to seize on the opportunity calling for independent investigations.

Marc Molinaro, the Dutchess County executive who is the Republican nominee for governor, urged the National Transportation Safety Board to launch an investigation and on Saturday called the development "shocking."

Both Molinaro and Cuomo's opponent

in Thursday's Democratic primary, Cynthia Nixon, alleged that the timeline to open the eastbound lanes may have been moved up to benefit the governor.

"Our campaign is aware of at least two whistleblowers who have knowledge of the construction of the new bridge – and the deconstruction of the old one that have raised concerns regarding the construction timeline for the bridge," Molinaro said. "On the basis of their information, we believe the schedule was rushed and safety concerns set aside because Andrew Cuomo wanted the bridge he named after his father open before this Thursday's Democratic primary."

Nixon, who held a press conference Sunday morning in Tarrytown, also rushed to criticize Cuomo.

"It raises real questions about whether the bridge span opening was accelerated to aide the governor's re-election campaign," Nixon said.

The Thruway Authority and County Executive George Latimer warned candidates and elected officials against politicizing a serious issue, one that Cuomo was quoted as saying was a "bizarre coincidence," according to one published report.

"This is not the time for anyone to attempt to score political points using this issue; it is a time where we cooperate to safely resolve this situation," Latimer said in a statement on Sunday. "As we prepare to commemorate



The new Mario M. Cuomo Bridge in a photo shortly after it opened to traffic last year. It was discovered Friday that the remaining portion of the old Tappan Zee Bridge on the south side of the new span was destabilized, forcing the delay of the opening of the new eastbound lanes.

the sacrifices made on 9/11, we do well to remember the importance of unity and cooperation instead of continuous political conflict."

The flap over last weekend's engineering concerns overshadowed complaints made by members of the volunteer group Save Our Tappan Zee, Inc. last Friday. The group has been protesting the name change and collected about 111,000 names earlier this year on a petition to retain the name Tappan Zee.

On Friday, signage on parkways in the area with approaches to the bridge were changed from the Tappan Zee Bridge to the

Mario M. Cuomo Bridge.

"Although the timing of Friday's announcement ostensibly coincided with the opening of the second span to traffic, it is politically suspect, coming less than a week before the Democratic gubernatorial primary," a statement issued Friday by Save Our Tappan Zee, Inc. "Like the name change itself – which occurred without citizen input in the dead of night – it was a sneak attack, with no advance notice to the public, and less than 24 hours notice to the news media. It was a media event for the Cuomo family with a \$4B taxpayer-financed backdrop.

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# Mount Kisco RFP for Mixed-Use Plan Draws Several Residents' Ire

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At the Sept. 4 Village Board meeting, three residents opposed the decision to issue an RFP since the Comprehensive Plan update has not been completed and approved.

Resident Brian Liebman said by issuing an RFP the board is going against the will of the public. A Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee survey posed a question asking residents for their view on new development. The least popular response, at 29 percent approval, was housing in the two Moger parking lots, while streetscapes and public space improvements received 76 percent support, he said.

"The Village Board has decided to jump ahead of the Comprehensive Planning process and has already sent out a request for proposals for the very thing which the

public has the least favorability towards," Liebman said.

He pointed out that the board has chosen to rush the process of picking a developer.

There would also be several complications with approving an overlay district for the South Moger and North Moger lots, Liebman argued, including insufficient commuter parking during construction.

"All this burden is to be endured so that eventually 300 people can live on our public space," Liebman said. "Folks, you don't have to be a mathematics major to see that this doesn't add up."

Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) Chairman John Rhodes said the CAC has asked the Village Board to halt the RFP process until a revised Comprehensive Plan is approved.

"This is putting the cart before the horse. There's no need to do it this way," Rhodes said.

He called for "a closer examination" of the proposed zoning changes for downtown. Concerns include the impacts on residents and businesses as well as traffic and parking during construction, Rhodes said.

Another resident, Shonan Noronha, said any proposal would likely need to be adjusted to reflect the changes in the revised Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Gina Picinich said the RFP is based on feedback from the residents who participated in the Comprehensive Plan public sessions. Picinich said although storefront vacancies have been declining, the village must have businesses and residents downtown to build a strong local economy.

"In the RFP process we are looking for a development partner," Picinich said. "We seek an organization that can understand Mount Kisco is a small town with an urban vibe. We must be sure that a partner understands who we are and can follow through on a plan that enhances our downtown."

There is a Jan. 14 target date in the RFP for the board to select a firm, she said. Any development entity also must include a construction management plan

to address parking and other issues that would arise during construction.

Trustee Karen Schleimer said she wanted more information about the proposed overlay district.

"This is complicated stuff," she said.

Zoning text changes must be reviewed and completed by the board before opening a public hearing, Picinich said.

Under state law, municipalities must open the public hearing on a revised Comprehensive Plan within 90 days from the date the draft is accepted. The village has a Nov. 8 deadline to open the hearing, said Frank Fish, the village's Comprehensive Plan consultant.

The board has not scheduled the public hearing, but could decide next week to set the date for Oct. 15. Once opened, the public hearing could continue as long as residents want to speak about the Comprehensive Plan, Fish said.

Fish also suggested that the Village Board accept the Comprehensive Plan's Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) as complete so it can be reviewed by the public. The board is also expected to accept the GEIS at its next meeting on Sept. 17.

Copies of the Draft Comprehensive Plan can be viewed at [www.envisionmk.org](http://www.envisionmk.org).

## New Castle Community Day This Saturday

The Town of New Castle will hold its annual Community Day this Saturday, Sept. 15 near the Chappaqua train station from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be local organizations on hand, music, food, activities for the kids and a chance

to meet with neighbors. During the event, there will be a community blood drive. Call John Ehrlich to schedule a donation at 914-602-3410 or stop by the Blood Bus at Train Station Plaza to donate between 8:30 a.m. and 2:45 p.m.



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# Municipal Leaders Approve County's Shared Services Plan

By Anna Young

Officials from nearly all of Westchester's municipalities last Thursday approved a proposed county-wide shared services plan that projects \$7.5 million next year and up to \$27 million in recurring savings in the near future.

During the hour-long meeting at the County Center, officials were briefed on the eight proposals the county hopes to implement to generate savings in each municipality. Municipal leaders were told that approving the shared services plan does not commit them to adhering to the entire proposal. Each local board has the option to opt out of certain programs.

"What's presented in this plan is from you," said Dr. James Malatras, director of the Rockefeller Institute of Government, which assisted the county in creating the plan. "We didn't make this up. We got all these ideas from you."

The eight proposals within the Westchester County-Wide Shared Services Plan include creation of an online shared services portal for a potential first-year savings of \$2.3 million that would help municipalities see where they could hook up with other towns for cost-saving measures; digitizing electronic records management, which would centralize an electronic storage of records, saving an estimated \$100,000 in 2019; creating a



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

County Executive George Latimer, second from left, is accompanied last Thursday by Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins and the consultants who helped officials devise its 2018 shared services plan. The plan was approved by representatives from Westchester's municipalities.

centralized contract for technology and IT services at a potential \$1 million cost savings next year; regional management of tax assessment and billing for a \$1.8 million savings; enhanced energy efficiency programs; and shared school resource officers. Each of the final two proposals would save \$1 million each.

Two other proposed service sharing initiatives – consolidating justice courts and a county-wide health consortium – are not expected to generate savings the first year but could yield considerable savings for municipalities down the road, Malatras said.

He added that the numbers presented to officials are conservative estimates, but believes saving can eventually far exceed \$27 million.

"I think this is the beginning of a good thing," Malatras said.

Bedford Supervisor Chris Burdick praised county officials for doing a thorough job establishing a plan derived from input from every community. Regarding the proposals, Burdick said he won't be consolidating public safety, but is most interested in sharing IT services and records management and participating in a health consortium.

"For me, whatever I can save I'm going to grab it," Burdick said.

While not every local government had a representative on hand to vote last week and Edgemont was the only school district to participate, County Executive George Latimer said the approval by leaders from more than 30 municipalities will be enough for the county Board of Legislators to vote on the proposal before it's sent to the state for review. Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed legislation last year creating the Shared Services Initiative that asks counties to submit a cost-savings plan.

Westchester's plan will be sent to the state by the end of this week and presented to county residents by Oct. 15.

Latimer added that the state will provide a dollar-for-dollar match for savings generated from the proposed plan in 2020. He said the state's plan is an incentive for the county to find other areas to provide additional savings and relief to taxpayers.

"If we save money on our own and the state adds to that then that is the benefit to the taxpayer," Latimer said. "I don't care if we spend a few dollars more at the county level and spend less at the local level, if the net result is a savings in taxes that's all that matters."

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# Mt. Kisco Task Force Recommends Downtown Parking Improvements

By Neal Rentz

Improving Mount Kisco's parking has long been a topic of conversation in the village. Last Tuesday, the Mount Kisco Parking Task Force outlined ideas to improve the experience for everyone who visits or works in the village.

Task force member Eileen Polese told the Village Board that the group's mission was to enhance parking for shoppers, local business owners and their employees and

customers.

The 13-members task force, which also consists of Mayor Gina Picinich, Trustee Karen Schleimer, Police Chief John Brogan and merchants and residents, is recommending free parking in some village lots on Saturday while discontinuing the free parking on Thursday in the Shoppers Park lot. It also proposes simplifying time limits in the village's lots by making all meters have four- or 12-hour time limits

and improving directional signage to help motorists recognize lot entrances and exits. There is free parking in all lots on Sunday.

Free parking would still require that time limits be followed, Polese said.

Regarding street parking, the task force suggested keeping meters to promote turnover in spaces, explore creating more spaces for the handicapped and allowing for the use of credit cards for meters.

Polese said the group is asking the village to offer volume discounts for employers who purchase parking permits for their workers and to allow for the quarterly purchase of permits.

A public education campaign to inform the public about parking options and guidelines should also be started, she said.

Other recommendations from the task force include additional lighting where pay stations are located and to review whether there should be more of those stations in high traffic areas such as the North Moger and South Moger parking lots.

Task force members also want the village to consider additional parking fee apps and to advertise and educate the public about the existing apps, Polese said.

The next steps call for a cost analysis of the recommendations and implementing some or all of the recommendations as part of a parking strategy, Polese said. Then after a period of time the task force would be able to evaluate the new parking rules.

Trustee Isi Albanese suggested that business owners purchase parking passes for all employees. Polese responded that the village should consider discounts for business owners who purchase parking passes for their workers. There is a productivity loss when employees have to feed meters throughout the day, she said.

Brogan, Assistant Village Manager Kenneth Famulare and officers from the village's Parking Authority were instructed by Picinich to meet with the task force to analyze its recommendations and estimate the cost to the village if implemented.

## It's Up, It's Good!



State Sen. Terrence Murphy cuts the ribbon on new goal posts at Pleasantville's Parkway Field before kickoff of the Panthers' season-opening game on Sept. 1. The goal posts were purchased through a one-time \$15,000 grant from Murphy. Helping Murphy with the honors are, from left, Pleasantville Mayor Peter Scherer, Head Coach Tony Becerra, Athletic Director John Bauerlein, Dad's Club President Jay LaCapria, Pleasantville High School Principal Joe Palumbo, Dad's Club Vice President Will Collins and Board of Education Trustee Larry Boes.

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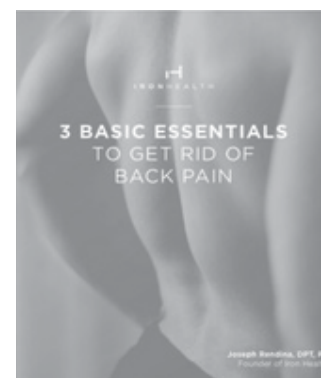
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**STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT, WESTCHESTER COUNTY In the Matter of the Foreclosure of Tax Liens by Proceeding In Rem pursuant to Article Eleven of the Real Property Tax Law, Chapter 602, Laws of 1993 by THE VILLAGE OF PLEASANTVILLE in the Year 2014 (for taxes levied in 2013) PETITION AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE Index No. 3520/2014**

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

an interest in the real property described in this petition are hereby notified that the filing of this petition constitutes the commencement by the Tax District of a proceeding in the court specified in the captioned above to foreclose each of the tax liens therein described by a foreclosure proceeding in rem.  
**NATURE OF PROCEEDING:** This proceeding is brought against the real property only and is to foreclose the tax liens described in this petition. No personal judgment will be entered herein for such taxes or other legal charges or any part thereof.  
**PERSONS AFFECTED:** This notice is directed to all persons owning or having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this petition. Such persons are hereby notified further that a duplicate of this petition has been filed in the office of the Enforcing Officer of the Tax District and will remain open for public inspection up to and including the date specified below as the last

day for redemption.  
**RIGHT OF REDEMPTION:** Any person having or claiming to have an interest in any such real property and the legal right thereto may on or before said date redeem the same by paying the amount of all such unpaid tax liens thereof, including all interest and penalties and other legal charges which are included in the lien against such real property, computed to and including the date of redemption. Such payments shall be made to the Village of Pleasantville, Tax Office, 80 Wheeler Avenue, Pleasantville, New York 10570. In the event that such taxes are paid by a person other than the record owner of such real property, the person so paying shall be entitled to have the tax liens affected thereby satisfied of record.  
**LAST DAY OF REDEMPTION:** The last day for redemption is hereby fixed as the **7th day of December, 2018.**  
**SERVICE OF ANSWER:** Every person having any right, title or interest in or lien upon

any parcel of real property described in this petition may serve a duly verified answer upon the attorney for the Tax District setting forth in detail the nature and amount of his or her interest and any defense or objection to the foreclosure. Such answer must be filed in the Office of the County Clerk and served upon the attorney for the Tax District on or before the date above mentioned as the last day for redemption.  
**FAILURE TO REDEEM OR ANSWER:** In the event of a failure to redeem or answer by any person having a right to redeem or answer, such person shall be forever barred and foreclosed of all his or her right, title and interest and equity of redemption in and to the parcel described in this petition and a judgment in foreclosure may be taken in default.  
Dated: August 13, 2018  
Enforcing Officer:  
**MARY SCHWARTZ, Village Treasurer**

**PETITION AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SCHEDULE “A”Index No. 3520/2014**  
**STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT, WESTCHESTER COUNTY**

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2014011	Fourteen Lakeview Construction, Inc.	Fourteen, Lakeview Con Inc	106.10-5-87	47 Saratoga Avenue	\$48,310.43
2014013	Vogt, Edward F. Vogt, Louise	Vogt, Edward F.	106.5-1-45	Sarles Lane	\$773.83
2014015	Total Automotive of Westchester LLC	Total Auto of West. LLC	106.5-2-2	52 Depew Street	\$3,891.99
2014039	Cappiello, Barbara		99.15-1-1./106	44 Foxwood Drive	\$4,828.54

*\*Amount due as of October 23, 2014. Such amount does not include any subsequent years’ taxes, interest or fees.*



# Mt. Kisco's DiLeo Seeks to Give 4MK Village Board Majority

By Neal Rentz

The 4MK Party burst on the scene in a big way last year when it shocked the all-Democratic Mount Kisco Village Board by defeating former Mayor Michael Cindrich and Deputy Mayor Anthony Markus.

This year another first-time candidate, Gina DiLeo, is seeking to give 4MK the majority on the five-member board.

DiLeo will be facing Democratic incumbents Jean Farber and Karen Schleimer in the race for two seats in the Nov. 6 election.

"I feel I've done a lot with the fire department and I can dedicate my time to the village," said DiLeo, 43, a lifelong village resident and 25-year volunteer with the Mount Kisco Union Hook & Ladder Company. "I love the community. I'm rooted here and I think it's time to step to what I know I'm capable of doing and continue with the new momentum that's going on."

DiLeo, who will also appear on the Independence Party line, said she sought the 4MK endorsement because traditional party lines aren't necessary in local government.

DiLeo said the momentum of last year's victories by Mayor Gina Picinich and Trustee Isi Albanese could carry over to this fall's election.

"I feel their energy is fantastic and I

can continue with that energy and that movement," said DiLeo, who refused to criticize Farber and Schleimer.

"I think their dedication and their time is commendable," said DiLeo, a realtor and a supervisor at the Westchester County 911 Dispatch Center's Fire Training Center in Valhalla. "And they've both done a great job. But I feel that I have a lot to offer to this village as well."

DiLeo said she supports the process that has been underway to update the village's Comprehensive Plan. The revised plan must consider the revitalization of downtown and traffic problems, two issues that are addressed in the draft. Creating an overlay district downtown to allow for mixed-use development is a good idea that could generate additional tax revenue for the village, she said.

Mount Kisco needs to develop an emergency preparedness plan and an emergency operations center, DiLeo said. There should be a centralized location for all the agencies to meet in one location.

Picinich and Albanese praised DiLeo last week. Picinich said a key concept behind creating 4MK is for the voters to have a choice in their village government representatives.

"Those who know Gina are aware that she has more than 25 years of experience as a dedicated volunteer and leader focused on service in our community,"



A victory by 4MK trustee candidate Gina DiLeo would give the independent party the majority on the Mount Kisco Village Board.

Picinich said. "I know Gina as a person who rolls up her sleeves, digs in and makes the time needed to get the work done."

"The 4MK party is all about change and making our village the best it can be," Albanese added. "Gina DiLeo's philosophy aligns with this; and therefore, I believe she is running in the right place at the right time."

Farber reiterated her comments from

last week, stating that she welcomes DiLeo's challenge and looks forward to debating the issues during the campaign.

"My reaction to the mayor's support to the 4MK candidate is not surprising because she is looking to add someone of her party who will do her bidding," Farber said. "I am a Democrat and an independent voice willing to lend a hand across the aisle."

Schleimer said it's important for voters to consider experience as the village juggles critical issues such as the proposed solar law, significant changes to the zoning code and the proposed Comprehensive Plan.

During her long service to the village, Schleimer, a six-year trustee, said her accomplishments range from bringing longer library hours, programs for the senior center and more handicapped parking to downtown and fighting to protect the environment and Mount Kisco's neighborhoods.

"In my excess of 35 years serving this community, I have helped implement numerous changes and continue to push for new ones to help better serve our community," said Schleimer, who has also been a ZBA member and chair and served as its counsel and sat on the Planning Board, Finance Committee and Mount Kisco Library Foundation.

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# Obituaries

## John Weissgarber

Lifelong Katonah resident John David Weissgarber passed away on Sept. 5.

He was 77.

Weissgarber was the son of Anna (Quirk) and Michael Weissgarber. He graduated from John Jay High School. He retired in 2003 from the New York City Department of Environmental Protection.

In July 1961 in Bedford, he married the love of his life, Bertha "Bertie" Woodstead, and together had two daughters, Cherrie and Laurie. Although they later divorced, their daughters were always first in their lives. When Bertie died in 1980 of cancer, Weissgarber took Bertie's son, Christopher Gebbia, into his life and heart and treated him as a son.

Weissgarber loved living in Katonah and moved to the FASNY Firemen's Home in Hudson, N.Y. when his health declined, but he never really left Katonah. He was a 60-year volunteer member of the Katonah Fire Department and served with Engine Company 2. He served as the department's secretary, secretary-treasurer, vice president and president and in 1974 as chief when its centennial was celebrated. He was a Westchester County parade judge for many years, served as secretary and belonged to numerous other fire organizations in the area. He was a member of the Blue Vests, past president of the Westchester County Volunteer Firemen's Association.

In the early 1970s, Weissgarber's older brother Michael took John to his first Drum and Bugle Corps competition. He saved vacation time for the summer so he could attend as many competitions as possible. He had numerous drum corps friends from coast to coast. He once said this about a fire department drum corps: "Both work for the good of the unit and not the individual." He loved the women's UConn basketball team. The Mets and Jets were his teams and later the Carolina Panthers.

Left to cherish Weissgarber's memory are his daughters Cherrie and husband



John Weissgarber

Joseph Reinhardt of Waxhaw, N.C. and Laurie and husband Steve Harden of Red Hook, N.Y.; his honorary son, Christopher Gebbia and wife Heather of Fernandina Beach, Fla.; brother Thomas and wife Cynthia of Mendon, Mass.; grandchildren Leo and Ryan Vogel and Sara Reinhardt and honorary grandchildren Jacob and Jesse Gebbia. Weissgarber is also survived by nieces and nephews MaryJo McCarthy and Peter, Richard, Michael and Elisha Weissgarber.

Weissgarber was preceded in death by his parents Michael (1982) and Anna (1997) and two brothers, Michael (1990) and Peter (2018).

Friends for life were many for John, including Katonah Fire Department members, Westchester County parade judges and people throughout Westchester and beyond.

Weissgarber was buried with his parents in Saint Joseph Cemetery in Norwich, Conn.

In lieu of flowers, his children ask that donations be sent to his favorite junior drum and bugle corps, Phantom Regiment. A scholarship will be presented to a 2019 marching member in his honor. Donations may be sent to Phantom Regiment, 420 N. Main St., Rockford, Ill. 61103 or visit [www.regiment.org](http://www.regiment.org).

## Gerald Roche

Gerard R. Roche, a longtime Chappaqua resident before moving to Hobe Sound, Fla., passed away peacefully at home on Sept. 1. He was 87.

Roche was born in Scranton, Pa. on July 27, 1931, spending his early years working in the family-owned grocery store. He was the son of the late Joseph Roche and Amelia (Garcia) Roche and the brother of his devoted sister, Helen (Roche) Costa and Joseph Roche, who died shortly after his birth.

He attended St. Patrick's High School, where he played basketball and football. He received a bachelor's degree in accounting and philosophy from the University of Scranton, a masters of business administration from New York University and an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Scranton.

After college, Roche joined the Navy and was honorably discharged in 1955. He then began a successful business career working at AT&T, ABC and the Kordite Corporation before joining Heidrick & Struggles in 1964. During his more than 50 years with Heidrick & Struggles, Roche held many positions, including president and CEO and chairman but his biggest love was executive search work. He worked with hundreds of corporations and their boards identifying senior executives in almost every function and industry. In 1999, he was named Recruiter

of the Century in a poll conducted by his industry peers.

Roche was a member of the Knights of Malta and a former chairman of the board of trustees at the University of Scranton. He was a past member of the executive council of The Inner City Scholarship Fund, the executive board of the Wharton Business School and the advisory council of The Divinity School at Harvard University. Roche sat on numerous boards including Heidrick & Struggles, Gulfstream Aerospace, the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America and Safe Water Network.

Roche was married to the love of his life, Marie, for 61 years before she passed away in June. Now their love story is able to continue. Together they raised three children, Mary Haag, Anne Roche and Paul Roche.

He is survived by his three children; his sister, Helen; his seven grandchildren, Michael, Kevin and Molly Haag and Megan, Jack, Max and Sam Roche; his nieces, Patti Butchko and her husband Bob, Sue Vandermark and her husband Bill, and Chrissy Kassebaum and her husband Stephen; his nephews, Toby Costa and Chad Costa; and numerous cousins, great-nieces and great-nephews.

The family received friends at Beecher Flocks Funeral Home in Pleasantville on Sept. 6. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Sept. 7 at The Church of St. John & St. Mary in Chappaqua. Burial was on Sept. 8 at Cathedral Cemetery in Scranton, Pa.

## James Zachensky

James S. Zachensky, 58, of Hawthorne, died on Aug. 27.

Zachensky was born on Nov. 14, 1959, to Simon and Anna (nee Kohler) Zachensky in Yonkers. He worked for Verizon for 27 years, retiring in 2015 as a technician in New York City. He was a former member of the Thornwood Fire Department.

Zachensky is survived by his mother, Anna Zachensky, of Hawthorne; his loving daughter, Jamie A. Zachensky, of Hawthorne, and her mother, Sandra Diaz, of the Bronx; one sister, Dorothea

(John) Lewis, of Mahopac; four brothers, John (Susan) Zachensky of Valentines, Va., Joseph (Susan) Zachensky of Marietta, Ga., Peter (Marcia) Zachensky of Pleasantville and Paul (Maricel) Zachensky of Riverview, Fla.; and several nieces, nephews and uncles. He was predeceased by one niece.

Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home on Aug. 30. A funeral Mass was held at Holy Rosary Church in Hawthorne on Aug. 31 followed by interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network at [www.pancan.org](http://www.pancan.org) would be appreciated.

## Monique Franzese

Monique Franzese, formerly of Valhalla, died on Sept. 2 in her home in Waretown, N.J.

She was 91.

Franzese was born on Sept. 10, 1926, to the late Edmond and Suzanne (Escot) Ambroise in Paris, France. She is survived by her loving daughters, Monica Bell of Saratoga, N.Y. and Claudia (Preston) Burkart of Waretown, N.J.; one sister, Suzanne, of Rennes, France; six cherished grandchildren, Scott, Aimee,

Jill, Jessica, Alison and Heather; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Anthony, and her two brothers and two sisters.

Visitation was on Sept. 9 at Hawthorne Funeral Home. A funeral Mass was held at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Valhalla on Sept. 10 followed by interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Franzese's name can be made to Grace Healthcare Services, 105 Fieldcrest Ave, Suite 402, Edison, N.J. 08837.



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# St. Francis Priest Leaves Mt. Kisco With a Lifetime of Memories

By Martin Wilbur

You can't blame Fr. Benjamin Obour for having mixed emotions.

In November 2011, Obour was selected by his bishop to leave his native Ghana to work under Rev. Stephen Clark at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Mount Kisco.

The transition to a new community and culture had a few challenges, but the love and support Obour said he received made him feel part of the community and the parish from the start.

"To me, it's a mixed feeling," Obour said of returning home. "I've lived here, I've enjoyed life here, I've made friends. Fr. Clark has been great to me. My pastor helped me any way he could. People in Mount Kisco are just nice people and it's hard to break that bond."

On Sunday afternoon, the congregation held a farewell barbecue for Obour, celebrating his six-and-a-half-year stay at St. Francis of Assisi. During his tenure, he had a full list of duties, from handling the daily Mass and overseeing baptisms, to hearing confession, visiting the sick and the homebound and administering the Rites of Christian Initiation for people choosing to convert to Catholicism.

He will be returning to the Diocese of Techiman, a town in west central Ghana about an hour from Obour's home village of Busuama.

Clark said that during the more than

six years at St. Francis, Obour exhibited exemplary qualities to the parishioners and as a colleague.

"He's a wonderful man to share the ministry with, someone that was active and worked in his ministry, someone who took joy in his ministry and it was just a pleasure to work with him, always," Clark said. "Every day was just a pleasure to work with him."

Obour was supposed to return to his home diocese after five years, but stayed on for more than another year and a half during Clark's recovery from heart transplant surgery.

Obour's journey to the priesthood was a different path than most. The oldest of nine children, his parents are what Ghanaians call pagans, a portion of the population that doesn't observe any faith in a country that is predominantly Catholic and Muslim.

However, after high school, Obour said he was asked to consider continuing studies in the seminary instead of going on to the secular school. It wasn't an easy choice. His parents were skeptical, and in his culture, the oldest children are supposed to take care of their elders when reaching adulthood.

Initially he declined but soon reconsidered.

"I thought if God is calling me, let me give this a try," Obour said. "So I chose the



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Fr. Benjamin Obour with parishioner Gloria Boderó at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Mount Kisco at his farewell party on Sunday.

religious institution, which was a Catholic school, instead of the secular school. So I went and I performed. I performed and thought maybe God wants me to serve."

Obour was baptized at 22 years old, but his father died before his Rite of Ordination.

When approached by his bishop in

2011, he jumped at the chance of coming to America for the first time.

"Any priest in Africa or in any part of the world would be very happy and very excited and see it as a privilege to work in the United States," said Obour, who is spending his remaining time in America until early October at St. Eugene's in Yonkers. "It was a joy, a privilege (but) at the same time a challenge because I went to a different environment."

A couple of longtime St. Francis parishioners said they enjoyed what Obour brought to the congregation.

"I think the most important thing was his interest in everybody, his interest in learning about the area and his happiness, his joy of living and his joy of living here," said Art Walkley. "That was the most important thing to me."

Parishioner Eileen Kensing said when her husband was sick before his death he came to see them regularly offering her the solace to get through a difficult time.

"He always had a smile on his face," she said. "He made you feel better. He was a beautiful priest."

When he returns, Obour will be helping to raise funds to renovate a health clinic in his hometown. He will also catch up with family and friends.

"My mom is excited. She can't wait to see me," Obour said.

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# Hawthorne Woman Arrested for Stealing Social Security Payments

By Martin Wilbur

A Hawthorne woman was arrested Aug. 30 for allegedly stealing more than \$13,000 in Social Security benefits from a teenager whose father had died and she had taken into her home.

Suzanne Pope, 54, was arrested at her residence and charged with third-

degree grand larceny, a Class D felony, according to the Westchester County district attorney's office. She was arraigned in Mount Pleasant Justice Court later in the day on Aug. 30.

The teen, who was living in The Children's Village sanctuary shelter when brought into Pope's home, became

eligible for monthly \$1,565 Social Security payments after his father died on Sept. 18, 2015, authorities said.

In December 2015, Pope applied for the benefit on the youth's behalf, using her home address, the complaint stated. She took possession of the teenager's Social Security debit card two months later.

The teen, who had been an enrolled high school student from September 2015, moved out of Pope's house and stopped going to school in March 2016, making him ineligible to continue receiving the benefits, the district

attorney's office said.

However, Pope kept on receiving the benefits from April to December 2016, using the funds for her personal needs without the knowledge of the teen and in violation of Social Security Administration regulations.

The Office of the Inspector General for the Social Security Administration investigated and referred the case to the Westchester County District Attorney's Office.

Pope's next court date is scheduled for Oct. 11.

## Police Blotter

### North Castle Police Department

**Aug. 31:** Report of highway debris on Washington Avenue at 9:47 a.m. An anonymous call was received reporting a hazardous condition. The responding officer reported speaking with the jobsite foreman who advised that they will be conducting an extensive cleanup prior to their departure. Assistance rendered.

**Aug. 31:** A caller requested that police respond to an apparent burglary on Tallwoods Road at 11:50 p.m. No further information was provided at the time as the caller stated that she believes her husband may be "delirious." She further advised that her husband and son are home. The responding officers secured depositions.

**Sept. 1:** A party arrived at headquarters at 6:33 p.m. reporting that he was involved

in a dispute in Broadway North Pizzeria on Main Street five minutes in the past. A witness deposition was secured. The responding officer contacted the other involved party. A report will follow; nothing further at this time.

**Sept. 2:** A caller requested police assistance with removing several parties from La Quinta Inn on Business Park Drive at 12:57 a.m. The subjects were apparently having a party in their room. Officers responded to Room 284 and the occupants were ejected from the premises without incident at the request of the hotel manager.

**Sept. 4:** Report of an erratic driver on Route 22 at 5:34 p.m. The vehicle was described as a silver minivan with a New York plate. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was charged with DWAI.

## Volunteers Sought for Armonk Outdoor Art Show

Organizers for the 57th annual Armonk Outdoor Art Show are looking for community volunteers to help for the two-day event that is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 29 and Sunday, Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 205 Business Park Drive.

Volunteers can help by choosing to work from home leading up to the event on computer work, graphic design or communications. Volunteers are also needed during the show for two- or three-hour shifts on either day at the

entrance and welcome table, parking area, food court or with raffle tickets. Additional manpower is needed for the setup and breakdown at the field before and after the event.

Net proceeds from the show fund programs, new technology and facility upgrades at the North Castle Public Library.

For more information on volunteering opportunities and the event, visit [www.armonkoutdoorartshow.org](http://www.armonkoutdoorartshow.org).

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# Abinanti Threatens Suit if DOT Fails to Produce Grade Crossing Report

By Martin Wilbur

A local assemblyman who helped pass legislation to evaluate safety at each of the state's grade crossings threatened legal action unless the state Department of Transportation (DOT) and Gov. Andrew Cuomo complete and release the study.

Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti (D-Pleasantville) joined with state Sen. David Carlucci (D-Clarkstown) last week calling for the DOT to finish its work and share its findings publicly.

The legislation was approved by state lawmakers during the 2016 legislative session and signed into law by Cuomo later that year following the car-train crash at the Commerce Street crossing in Valhalla that killed six people.

"The Cuomo administration has been derelict in complying with the law that requires the Department of Transportation to do a study of railroad crossings," Abinanti said last Friday. "As a result, we've seen death after preventable death after preventable death. Frankly, my question is at what point does a lack of action become negligence and at what point do they share some of the blame for these accidents?"

He said he and other legislators plan

to continue speaking out publicly to make sure the study is completed. If that doesn't work, Abinanti said he will ask for a penalty in the next budget against the Cuomo administration. He and other lawmakers would explore litigation as a last resort, although the assemblyman was uncertain who could be able to file a suit.

The legislation required the DOT to examine all 5,304 grade crossings in the state by Apr. 1, 2017, and identify the crossings that require safety improvements. Nearly 18 months after

the deadline has passed, there has been no update from the agency or the administration on the status of the report, Abinanti said.

"We're going to be pestering them and embarrass them in public, if necessary, because people's lives are at stake," Abinanti said. "We've got to take action."

The governor's office and the DOT failed to respond to requests by The Examiner to provide an update on the report's status.

The latest comments from Abinanti came two days after a pedestrian was

struck and killed by a CSX train in Haverstraw near the New Main Street and Conger Avenue grade crossing.

Pointing to Federal Railroad Administration records, Abinanti said the New Main Street crossing has had at least seven prior incidents involving trains in the last 40 years.

In the two most recent incidents before last week, a truck was hit after getting stuck on the tracks last year. In 2003, a truck driver was killed while his vehicle was on the tracks and struck by a train.

## Dance the Night Away at Armonk's St. Stephen's Youth Program Benefit

"Reelin' In the Years," a lively and fun evening of dancing and dance music from the 1960s through the '90s, will be held on Friday, Sept. 21 from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Quaker Meeting House at the Smith's Tavern Historic Complex, located at 440 Bedford Rd. in Armonk.

The evening asks the question, "Where were you in the '50s, '60s, '70s, '80s and '90s?" Remember by listening and dancing to your favorite music from those years. The evening also includes hearty hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages.

A minimum donation of \$50 per person or \$100 per family (middle school-aged children and up) is suggested. Proceeds benefit community youth programs associated with St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Armonk. The church hosts and sponsors various youth activities and groups, including local Boy Scout Troop 94.

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## Editorial

### North Castle Owes Public an Explanation Over Goldberg Decision

One of the most baffling personnel decisions in recent memory was last week's handling – or shall it be labeled mishandling – of the abrupt dismissal of Town Administrator Joan Goldberg.

Returning from vacation, Goldberg was apparently summoned to a meeting with Supervisor Michael Schiliro last Tuesday and told her contract wasn't being renewed.

That is the Town Board's choice and they are the ones in charge of making those decisions.

But it's what happened after that, which calls into question officials' transparency and motives.

Reached last week, Goldberg said that at the meeting she was told that she wasn't being retained beyond the expiration of her contract at the end of September and that Sept. 4 would be her last day of work. No explanations,

no reasons.

She was then escorted out of the building as though she committed some sort of professional felony.

Maybe she did. Who really knows? And that's the problem.

It is the Town Board's responsibility to explain to the public why the town administrator, who had been entrusted with some of the most important tasks of any town employee during the past six years, was ushered off of town property.

If Goldberg wasn't the right person for the job anymore or if she was making too much money or any one of a number of other reasons, she should have been allowed to finish out the remaining few weeks and sent on her way.

However, what transpired last week invites suspicion – and deservedly so. The town appropriated about \$326,000

in total expenses this year toward the town administrator's office, according to its 2018 budget, a number that has escalated by more than \$87,000 in the last four years.

Given that the town is just a few weeks away from working in earnest on the 2019 budget and given Goldberg's background in finance, it seemed like an odd time to jettison someone for apparently no reason – unless there was some sort of official misconduct.

Most of all, without some explanation, how will the residents know and have the confidence in this board that the next administrator is the right person for the job?

There are too many unanswered questions for such an important position for the Town Board to hide behind the cloak of it being merely a personnel decision.

### Those Lost on September 11 Must Always Be Remembered

There is still dread for some of us when we move past Labor Day and into the second week of September.

It's not the end of summer and the return to school and work, but the long shadow that the catastrophic events of Sept. 11, 2001, has cast on all of us.

You didn't have to lose a family member or friend or colleague to understand that what transpired that day changed all of our lives in some way and has changed the country, likely forever. You're reminded of it every time go to an airport, a concert or a sporting event.

You're reminded when realizing that 17 years later, the United States still has troops in Afghanistan, although largely

in a support effort.

Because 9/11 has impacted every one of us, it is heartening to see local communities and Westchester County continue with their ceremonies every year without fail. It is critical for all of those whose lives were needlessly cut short in such a horrific manner that they aren't forgotten and relegated only to online or school history lessons.

More than 100 of the nearly 3,000 people – the police officers and firefighters, the financial services workers and the secretaries and janitors and many others – who perished that day lived right here in Westchester, in the communities where we reside, shop or go to school.

It is where many of their families, the widows and their children have soldiered on, often in anonymity, their own lives forever damaged even as many surely overcome and triumph.

It is for all of us to continue to honor their memory in some way on the anniversary – and not just in a milestone year – but all the time. That is why the county reprising its Serve + Remember volunteer projects every year has been such an important outlet for county residents.

Keep the victims and their loved ones in your memory and your hearts, now and forever.

## Letters to the Editor

### Harckham's Progressive Record, Legislative Experience Set Him Apart

The race for New York State Senate District 40 has been discussed on these pages for several weeks. It is clear that there is only one candidate capable of legislating and representing the people of this district in both a transparent and effective manner.

During the course of his career as a county legislator and state government executive, Pete Harckham has achieved a progressive legislative record of accomplishment through impactful bills on the environment, housing, labor, first

responders, taxes and human rights. Harckham has consistently worked for his constituents, regardless of political party. He has worked effectively with fellow legislators, county and municipal officials, members of the state legislature and New York's congressional delegation to get things done.

Next year the state Senate needs to pass vital bills on reproductive health, common sense gun safety legislation, the Child Victims Act and more. It will be a complicated and challenging

process that requires someone with deep legislative experience and a record of government accomplishment who can immediately hit the ground running. Pete is the best choice to unseat Terrence Murphy and help enable a true Democratic state Senate majority. He is worthy of all Democratic voters' support in the primary on Thursday, Sept. 13.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Rubeo the Best Choice to Serve as Mount Pleasant Town Justice

As someone who speaks out when I feel very strongly about a matter, I would like to voice my support for Judge Mark Rubeo in the upcoming primary for Mount Pleasant Town Justice on Thursday, Sept. 13.

There is a multigenerational connection and friendship with the Rubeo family. My

experiences dealing with Mark have only been positive. Mark grew up in Mount Pleasant, graduated from Westlake High School, raised his children in town, has his business located here, has been involved in the school district and has served on many foundations and boards – all with integrity. His experience and

proven record of service will continue to be assets for our community.

As a registered Conservative, I cannot vote in Thursday's primary, but if I could, I would cast my ballot for Judge Mark Rubeo.

Mount Pleasant deserves someone who has the town's best interest at heart. Mark

has proven that he does, time and again. Let's keep him on the bench as our town justice.

**Margaret Cunzio**  
Westchester County Legislator,  
District 3  
Mount Pleasant

## Senate District 40 Needs Harckham's Experience in Albany

Next year the state Senate needs to pass vital bills on reproductive health, common sense gun safety legislation, the Child Victim Act and more. It will be a complicated and challenging process that requires someone with deep legislative experience and a record of government accomplishment who can immediately hit the ground running.

During the course of his career as a public servant, Harckham has consistently put people over politics. He has worked effectively with fellow legislators, county and municipal officials, members of the state

legislature and New York's congressional delegation to get things done. Harckham's extensive legislative and state government executive experience make him well-qualified to advocate in Albany for all of Senate District 40's constituents. He's the best choice to unseat Terrence Murphy and worthy of all Democratic voters' support on Sept. 13

**Alexis Finlay, MD**  
North Salem

## Harckham Has a Track Record of Getting Things Done

As a person who has seen his successful work over the past years, I think Pete Harckham is the best choice for state senator in the Sept. 13 Democratic primary. Although his opponent shares Pete's Democratic values, Harckham has already proven that he can pass legislation to support those values.

Pete's progressive policies are backed by years of extensive state government executive qualifications and Westchester legislative experience. He knows what the state Senate can do in terms of hospital operations, treatment and insurance coverage to combat the opioid epidemic.

He knows the challenges confronting people wanting to open a retail store. He understands the numerous policies and regulations necessary to protect our water supply.

The long and growing list of citizens, elected officials, political and independent organizations backing Pete have done so because they've worked directly with him and know that his vision, talent, energy and ability to actually get things done will make him a highly effective state senator.

**Lillian Jones**  
Mahopac

## Oakwood Cemetery is the Wrong Place to Build a Solar Farm

It has come to my attention that the Village of Mount Kisco is considering granting Oakwood Cemetery permission to install a solar farm exceeding three football fields in area on the portion of its land nearest the train tracks. This represents a serious diversion from its previous policy when seven years ago it stringently fought against the construction of a crematorium in the same place, and justified this action on the principle that the status of the cemetery's Preservation District zoning must be upheld. Now, we see a completely opposite attitude toward the zoning, that it is only a nagging impedance toward the go-ahead of a far more disruptive use.

If this project were to go through, it would not only ruin what is arguably the most serene spot in the town, but it would set a precedent which would invite

similar proposals on the rest of our open space. Considering that it is none other than current chairman of the Planning Board, Douglas Hertz, who is taking the lead on pushing this forward, as it is his solar company who will install this, the allowance of this development would also set a precedent undermining the ethical standards which have existed to separate personal interest from administrative power.

In local government in these times, unless our Village Board hears a strong "No" from the public, they proceed as if they have full consent. Therefore, I urge you to make your objections to this proposal known to our Village Board.

**Brian Liebman**  
Mount Kisco

## Harckham Has All the Qualifications for the State Senate

Pete Harckham is focused on defeating state Sen. Terrence Murphy and gaining a true Democratic majority in the state Senate. The Republicans have clearly abdicated their right to lead. The Democrats will hold a primary on Thursday, Sept. 13 to determine who will be the right candidate to take on Murphy. Accordingly, experience and qualifications matter.

Harckham is the only Democratic candidate who has run in and won elections. He turned a county legislature seat blue and held it during the height of the Tea Party. He's also the only candidate who has been a legislator,

balanced budgets and forged coalitions of legislators on both sides of the aisle, along with community groups, to pass important progressive legislation.

In Mount Kisco, he supported the consolidation of police services from the county resulting in greater safety, more officers and patrols and a substantial tax savings. His political, administrative and legislative experience is an important advantage, so I hope you'll join me in voting for Pete Harckham on primary day.

**Anthony C. Markus**  
Mount Kisco

## Harckham Has the Best Credentials to Win 40th Senate District Seat

Pete Harckham, a highly regarded former county legislator, is now running for state senator in the Sept. 13 Democratic primary. I worked for many years with Pete in my capacity as a Pound Ridge town councilman when he was our county legislator. Pete worked tirelessly and effectively as a county legislator. As a state senator, he will pass important legislation and develop progressive policies on healthcare, renewable energy, utility storm response and economic revitalization of our local downtowns.

Pete knows how to get things done. His record of accomplishment was recognized by voters who re-elected him to office and by his colleagues in the county legislature, who elevated him to majority leader. He is the Democratic candidate in the primary race with the experience to win the general election and be an effective state senator on Day One.

**Daniel S. Paschkes**  
Pound Ridge

## Mt. Kisco Residents Should Voice Their Opinions on Proposed Solar Farms

A newly proposed local law in Mount Kisco would allow the construction of industrial scale "solar farms" on land currently classified as Preservation and Conservation Development Districts and in the process remove key environmental protections for much of the remaining open and natural space in the village.

This would reverse decades of zoning restrictions and public policy intended to protect the natural beauty and the healthy balance of the village's fragile ecosystems. We believe it could result in the loss of thousands of trees, habitat destruction, increased flood risk and other unintended consequences.

While we strongly support the growth of solar, geothermal and other

alternative energy sources in our village, we believe that it must be done in a sustainable way and not degrade our precious natural environment in any way.

We urge the Board of Trustees to consider amending the proposed law in order to preserve our existing environmental resources. We also strongly encourage all of our fellow residents to attend the public hearing on this proposed law, scheduled for Sept. 17 at Mount Kisco Village Hall at 7 p.m. and let your opinions on this matter be heard.

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## Fall Chores in the Garden, Yawning, Ready for Sleep

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

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

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



By Bill Primavera

after we have both rested.

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

My more creative joy came from choosing which mums I'd feature as the color transition from fall to winter.

For the longest display of mum flowers, it's best to buy those where most of the plant is still buds. When the mums fade, just leave them where they are; they maintain a nice mound throughout the winter and you can cut them back in early spring. If you're lucky, they may return, but sometimes they don't, depending on winter conditions.

My most gratifying fall job, as well as a good aerobic/resistance training exercise, was building up the mulch beds to make them look well-tended, as well as to keep the perennial roots

from heaving.

Here are other garden tips at this time of year.

- Harvest any vegetables left on plants. If there are still some on the plant but they're still green, they can be placed in brown paper bags and stored in a cool dry place. They will ripen slowly. It's important to pull out all of the crops because debris left over the winter can cause diseases to enter the soil and reappear next spring.
- This is the time when you can add horse manure or compost to the soil because that allows plenty of time for them to break down.
- For those who like to bring houseplants inside, they should all be gathered into a shady area for a few days to get them used to low light levels. Make certain that they are clean and free from little critters.
- Perennials that are overcrowded or growing in a large ring with the center portion missing means that it's time to subdivide. You'll become popular with your neighbors if you share the excess. Cut back the remaining perennials to a height of three to six inches.
- Prepare for brilliant displays of daffodils, tulips and crocuses in

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

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

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

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

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## George Williams Painting Company Owner, Mt. Pleasant

By Martin Wilbur

As a teenager, George Williams never thought he'd spend his life working at what had been his grandfather's and father's painting business.

His first passion was music and Williams had his heart set upon attending Berklee College of Music in Boston to study jazz and classical guitar. His parents said no, uneasy that he wouldn't amount to anything as a musician. Instead, he briefly enrolled at Iona College.

At 19, Williams' father was diagnosed with a brain tumor and he was forced to leave school to help his dad with the business, A.G. Williams Painting Co.

Williams, a Mount Pleasant resident, said during a blistering hot day in August 1976 he made the decision to make the painting business his livelihood while doing a job in Manhattan. He was doing the back-breaking work, drenched in perspiration and thought there had to be a better way.

"I decided if I'm going to stay in this I'm going to change things," he said. "I'm going to surround myself with other business

people. There were people in the business who were very kind to me and taught me."

Williams, now 62, has surrounded himself with plenty of good people over the years that helped A.G. Williams Painting steadily expand, providing top-notch service. By 1980, A.G. Williams Painting reached \$1 million in revenue for the first time, and by 1985, tripled that figure.

Today, there are as many as 75 employees during the height of the painting season. Williams has remained at the helm, operating essentially as the Pelham-based company's CEO with his brother, Arthur. The company serves commercial and residential properties, painting both exteriors and interiors. They have also started painting concrete floors with a product called Penntek, used in industrial settings.

"It gets in your blood," he said. "We're very passionate about our reputation. If you go online, I don't think there's one bad review and our name is golden to vendors as far as paying our bills on time, and if we fall behind, we're quick to pick up the phone and we say we're a little behind, in

10, 15 days we'll catch up."

While painting is in Williams' blood, it's also been in the family bloodlines for more than a century. His grandfather came through Ellis Island from northern Greece in 1904 and took the last name of Rogers. Before starting his own painting business two years later, he worked for a contractor and liked Sherman Williams paint so much he took the name Williams for himself.

"He worked hard, built the business," Williams said. "He worked retail outlets and 12 guys in the field working in Manhattan. He built a house in the North Bronx, raised a family."

Once Williams' father got out of the Army, he took over when his grandfather fell ill. He moved operations to Pelham in 1960 and in two other locations in the southern Westchester village until 1985, when the family built the current building they have operated out of for 33 years on Fifth Avenue.

Williams said he and his brother retain many of their employees for long periods, having started them at \$15 an hour well before that minimum wage became law. He also allows his seasonal employees to find work down south when the three-month "mini recession" kicks in every



December in the painting business. He's proud that the company has never missed a payroll in 112 years and didn't lay off anyone during the Great Recession.

"I'm not sure every employee loves me or my partner, but we try to do the right thing by them and give all an equal opportunity to work,"

Williams said.

He also said it's essential for businesses to give back to their community, and Williams provides thousands of dollars in donations or in-kind contributions to local churches and organizations.

While the company has evolved over the years, Williams expects change. Since most of the company's clientele has shifted north to include all of Westchester, Putnam and Fairfield counties, he and his brother are eyeing a move to White Plains.

Of course, Williams has his two sons, George, Jr. and Nicholas, involved in the business and hopes to see them take the reins over the next eight to 10 years and continue for a fourth generation.

But don't expect Williams to fade into the twilight.

"We plan on keeping this going," he said. "I don't ever see myself fully retiring but I don't want all the responsibility too much longer."

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# Fox Lane Student Helps Kids, Seniors Create Community of Kindness

By Martin Wilbur

The world could learn a lot from Maddie Goodman.

Goodman, a Fox Lane High School senior, volunteered last year at the Mount Kisco Child Care Center (MKCCC) to work with the elementary school-age children in its afterschool program.

Since Goodman enjoys art and photography, she searched for different types of projects that would involve one of her passions and be meaningful for the children.

She settled on having the youngsters build houses from old milk cartons. Then she encouraged them to write kind messages about one another that were to be displayed in the homes that they constructed. She called the village that had been created Community of Kindness.

"You're never too young or too old to be reminded of the need to be kind to one another," said Goodman, a Bedford resident, "There's a lot going on in the world right now that doesn't feel very kind, so I wanted to bring everyone's focus back to kindness."

For about four or five months Goodman spent two days a week with the children at MKCCC completing the project.

She then moved over to My Second Home, the senior program that provides activities and camaraderie for seniors,

which shares the building on Radio Circle with the child care center.

Working with the children seemed natural to Goodman. She has been a babysitter and worked at the Bedford town camp's Tiny Tot program in 2017, but finding common ground to make the seniors enthusiastic was initially a bit more challenging.

"I never worked with adults before and I felt kind of weird giving them instructions because they were older and wiser than me, and it was hard getting them involved," Goodman said. "They were older and couldn't do as much. But once I started talking to them about their childhood, they loved to talk and it was just great."

She helped draw out their stories and assisted them in incorporating those memories into the construction of their project. Her goal was to develop what the seniors wanted to see in a community.

When it was completed, Goodman combined the two communities, a fitting conclusion since the intergenerational My Second Home and MKCCC programs not only share space on Radio Circle but interact with one another.

"I definitely gained a lot of confidence in working with the seniors and talking to them and I learned that art could be expressive and that it can do good and involve and bring together different



Fox Lane High School senior Maddie Goodman with the completed Community of Kindness project she helped children from Mount Kisco Child Care Center and seniors from My Second Home create.

groups of people," Goodman said of the experience.

Goodman is interested in pursuing education when she heads off to college next year, and eventually concentrating on either early childhood or special education. She expects this year to be stressful yet exciting when deciding where she'll go to school.

She'll also know that she played a role

in helping two disparate generations remember that kindness is still a treasured quality.

"As the project developed over (last) fall, I witnessed the children help each other and engage in several ways," Goodman said. "The project was a huge success and we had a lot of fun creating it and talking about how communities prosper with kindness."



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- Saw Mill Club's 10 & Under Tennis Consecutive Hit Contest 5pm
- It's 5 O'clock in Kisco Happy Hour at the Holiday Inn Big Top-Food Court/ Beer/Garden Chamber Carnival Kickoff 5p**
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#### Sidewalk Sales on Main St & Moger Ave starts at 10a

- All Day Fashion Finds, Unique Goods & Services 10a-6p
- **Lincoln Mt. Kisco's "Test Drive to Give" Benefits the Mt Kisco Child Care Center**
- **Chamber Carnival All Day Rides & Amusements 11a-10p**
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- WCPD K9 Unit / Antique Cars, Library Book Sale, Lions Club Train
- Club Pilates Anniversary Party 7a-3p
- Saw Mill Clubs 10 & Under Tennis Consecutive Hit Contest 11a
- Clifford the Big Red Dog- Reading w/Mayor Gina - Promenade 12p
- Food Court/Beer Garden/ Music at the Holiday Inn Big Top**
- Live Music by Jay Hitt & Lisa Jane Lipkin 5p
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### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

- Acoustic Brunch/Live Music at the Holiday Inn Big Top starting at 11a  
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- **Chamber Carnival Rides & Amusements 11a-6p**
- Open Air Pure Barre Class at Village Green 11a
- **Lincoln Mt. Kisco's "Test Drive to Give" Benefits the Mt Kisco Child Care Center**
- Club Pilates Anniversary Party 7a-3p
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# Westchester Senior Hall of Fame Nominations Due Sept. 14

Nominations for Westchester County's Senior Hall of Fame Class of 2018 are due this Friday, Sept. 14. Don't miss the opportunity to shine a light on Westchester residents, age 60 and up, who give selflessly of their time, energy and talent to help others and improve the quality of life in their communities and the county at large.

Nomination forms must be submitted by Friday. Forms are available at [westchestergov.com/seniors](http://westchestergov.com/seniors) and may be saved directly to your computer and filled out electronically or printed out and completed by hand.

Nominees must meet the following qualifications:

- Be at least 60 or older, live in Westchester, and not be a past Senior Hall of Fame inductee;
- Have made significant contributions to improve life in Westchester;
- Be an outstanding leader or advocate; and
- Have done professional work that reflects innovative solutions to fulfill unmet community needs (if nomination is based on paid professional work).

Nomination forms may be submitted

by e-mail (as an attachment) to Rose Cappa at [rose@theeventdepartmentny.com](mailto:rose@theeventdepartmentny.com). Forms may also be mailed in but must be postmarked by Sept. 14. They can be sent to Westchester County Senior Hall of Fame, The Event Department, 75 Virginia Rd., 2nd floor, White Plains, N.Y. 10603.

All nominations will be reviewed by a judging committee of past Senior Hall of Fame honorees, members of Westchester's Department of Senior Programs and Services (DSPS) Aging Network, the county's Senior Council and the Older Americans Act Advisory Council.

Those selected will be inducted into the Senior Hall of Fame at a festive awards luncheon on Friday, Dec. 7 in the Grand Ballroom at the Westchester Marriott Hotel in Tarrytown.

For questions regarding nominations, the awards luncheon, information on how to become a Senior Hall of Fame sponsor or to sponsor a particular honoree, contact Cappa at 914-747-0519 or at [rose@theeventdepartmentny.com](mailto:rose@theeventdepartmentny.com).

For more information about the Department of Senior Programs and Services, call 914-813-6300 or visit [www.westchestergov.com/seniors](http://www.westchestergov.com/seniors).

## County Consumer Protection Dept. Warns Seniors About Scams

Seniors are often targets of scams and con artists, who prey on older citizens because they find them frequently accessible at home, according to police and consumer protection advocates.

One of the troubling deceptions occurs when a scam artist calls a senior and poses as their grandchild. The caller claims to be in some type of trouble or distress (i.e. a serious accident, jail or legal trouble), frequently in a foreign country. The alleged grandchild instructs the senior not to contact other family members, but urges the grandparent to wire money or gift card information as

soon as possible.

Once the victim wires the money or provides gift card accounts – a more recent trend – that money is gone forever and the senior becomes a scam victim.

"Unfortunately, senior citizens in Westchester have been victimized by this scam, said Westchester's Consumer Protection Director Jim Maisano. "These calls often come from outside the state or country, which makes it difficult for law enforcement to prosecute. Let's all contact our senior citizens and urge them to follow these tips to avoid

becoming a victim of this scam."

"Our seniors are often targeted by these scams, so it is very important to be on the lookout, added county Senior Programs Commissioner Mae Carpenter. "Ask questions, don't give out any personal information and never send money to an unknown person."

Make sure that your loved ones follow these simple steps to avoid falling victim:

- Verify that the caller is really your grandchild. Hang up and call another family member or grandchild to confirm.
- If the caller claims to be your

grandson or granddaughter, ask the caller for his or her name. Don't provide the name yourself. Usually, the caller cannot properly identify the name of the grandchild and you will know it's a scam. Then hang up the phone.

- Never provide personal information on an unsolicited phone call to anyone.
- Never send or wire money or gift cards to an unknown person or account based on an unsolicited phone call, such as the grandparent scam.

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## No. Castle Fundraiser Encourages Historical Partners in Preservation

By Martin Wilbur

For anyone who wants to help preserve local history and have an enjoyable evening out, the North Castle Historical Society has an event you might not want to miss.

On Monday evening, Sept. 17 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., the organization is presenting its fourth annual Partners in Preservation event, an evening of dinner, music, raffles and camaraderie with neighbors at Gavi Restaurant on Old Route 22 in Armonk.

The function, the only fundraiser of the year for the Historical Society, helps preserve its complex of four buildings that date back to the 18th and 19th centuries and which the public can visit on Sunday and

Wednesday afternoons from April through October.

North Castle Co-historian Sharon Tomback said the Historical Society is comprised solely of volunteers and does not receive any money from the town to maintain the historical structures or its programs.

"We have four ancient buildings and so it goes towards primarily maintenance and repair of these buildings," Tomback said. "We call it paint, protect and preserve."

The four buildings are Smith's Tavern, which predates the American Revolution and served as North Castle's first town hall, a post office, a stagecoach stop and where the

longest serving town clerk lived; the 1798 Quaker Meeting House; the East Middle Patent School, a one-room schoolhouse; and the Brundage Blacksmith Shop. All are located at 440 Bedford Rd.

Monday's program will include for the first time a guest speaker – Armonk resident John Berman, who is the co-anchor of CNN's "New Day" on weekday mornings.

Tomback said the Historical Society included a guest speaker this year in hopes of attracting more people to the event.

There will be five raffle prizes offered during the evening: a large basket of assorted dinner wines donated by the Historical Society; a framed map of North Castle from

1867; artist Louis Cardin's "Children with Red Balloon" framed enamel on copper; a \$75 gift certificate donated by Lenny's North Seafood & Steakhouse; and a copy of the "Images of America: North Castle" book. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or six tickets for \$25.

It is required that anyone interested in attending Partners in Preservation make reservations in advance so the restaurant can plan. Tickets are \$95; patrons can also make higher donations.

To make a reservation or for more information, visit [www.northcastlehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.northcastlehistoricalsociety.org).

## New Castle Historical Society to Host Jazz-Era Picnic in the Park Sept. 16

The New Castle Historical Society has scheduled a Jazz-Era Picnic in the Park fundraiser at the Chappaqua Station lawn and circle on Sunday, Sept. 16.

Slip on your dancing shoes and join the Historical Society for an evening of music and fun celebrating the Roaring 1920s. The lawn will open to guests at 4 p.m. and attendees are encouraged, but not required, to dress in their finest 1920s-inspired outfits, dresses and sun hats.

The event will feature Michael Arenella & His Dreamland Orchestra, the world's premiere Jazz-Age dance orchestra, under the canopy of trees in front of Chappaqua Station. The orchestra, well-known for its

infectious and electrifying performances at the Jazz Age Lawn Party on Governors Island, is sure to have guests dancing the night away and trying their hand at the Charleston or the Lindy Hop.

"I have had the good fortune to work with Michael Arenella over the past decade. I am excited to welcome Michael and his orchestra and all of the magic that surrounds it to what we hope will be the first of many collaborative years in support of the New Castle Historical Society," said Event Chair Peter Chase.

"Guests will find this new event invigorating and memorable; it will truly be a special evening for our local

and surrounding communities," said New Castle Historical Society Executive Director Cassie Ward.

Proceeds from the event will help the organization maintain the preservation of the Horace Greeley House museum and to fund many of its educational and historical programs, Ward said.

Guests are invited to bring their own picnics, though some light fare and refreshments will be available for purchase. Guests may also choose to pre-purchase picnic baskets from the Chappaqua Station Café. For more information about that, visit [www.chappaquastation.com](http://www.chappaquastation.com).

Tickets for Jazz-Era Picnic in the Park

are required and cost \$30 for New Castle Historical Society members, \$35 for not-yet-members and \$50 for event supporters. Table sponsorships (\$1,500 to \$5,000) are also available and include family-style gourmet picnics by Crabtree's Kittle House, wine, commemorative Jazz-Era Picnic in the Park tote bags and premium orchestra views. All ticket information is available on the historical society's website at [www.newcastlehs.org](http://www.newcastlehs.org) or on [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

For more information, call 914-238-4666, visit [www.newcastlehs.org](http://www.newcastlehs.org) or e-mail Cassie Ward at [director@newcastlehs.org](mailto:director@newcastlehs.org).

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## Tuesday, Sept. 11

**English Conversations.** For speakers of other languages seeking to improve their English. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkiscoliberalry.org](http://www.mountkiscoliberalry.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. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**Current Affairs Book Club.** "The Death of Democracy" by Benjamin Carter Hett will be discussed. Hett, an associate professor of history at Hunter College and CUNY, persuasively challenges familiar arguments that the rise of Nazi Germany was an inevitable consequence of abstract forces like racism, militarism and capitalism. Hitler's appointment as chancellor in 1933 was, he argues, a political gambit orchestrated by a small circle of powerful men. This cabal held Hitler and his message in contempt and were confident they could use and discard him, detaching him from his base and shepherding his followers into a conventional right-wing authoritarian system. Hett's page-turning account lays out the dire consequences of their simultaneously underrating Hitler's ability and grievously overestimating their power. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**"Rebirth."** On the 17th anniversary of the 9/11 terror attacks, this 2011 documentary will be screened. "Rebirth" was filmed over the ensuing years after the Sept. 11 attack on New York's World Trade Center and diligently tracks the lives of five people who were profoundly affected by the attacks. Each individual sits with the filmmakers year after year updating them on their lives, states of mind and struggles to come to terms with their anger and grief -- and their emotional healing process in the aftermath of the tragedy. Bedford Playhouse Board Chair Sarah Long will host a Q&A with her husband and producer David Solomon. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford. 7 p.m. Free. Seating is limited; reservations are required. Info and reservations: 914-867-3051 or e-mail [RSVP@bedfordplayhouse.org](mailto:RSVP@bedfordplayhouse.org).

## Wednesday, Sept. 12

**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.

**Thornwood Lions 5th Annual Golf Outing.** Includes 18 holes, golf, cart, lunch, cocktail hour and buffet dinner. Westchester Hills Golf Club, 401 Ridgeway, White Plains. Registration and lunch at 10 a.m. Shot gun start at noon. \$225 per person. Day of outing: \$250 per person. Info and reservations: Contact Sal Pennelle at 914-494-9633.

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

**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.

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

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

**In Mo Yang in Concert.** A 45-minute performance in the majestic Music Room followed by a tour of the historic Mediterranean-style Rosen House, an optional seasonally inspired buffet lunch and freedom to explore the gardens. Yang will be performing selections by Bach, Hindemith and Paganini. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 11 a.m. \$56. Concert only: \$25. Info and tickets: 914-232-1251 or visit [www.caramoor.org](http://www.caramoor.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, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Info: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**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.mountkiscoliberalry.org](http://www.mountkiscoliberalry.org).

**"The Big Chill."** A 35th anniversary screening of this film about a group of 30-somethings who reunite for a friend's funeral and spend the weekend together, reminiscing and confronting the uncertainty of their lives as adults. Poignant and humorous, this Baby Boomer milestone film is perhaps the decade's defining ensemble, featuring Tom Berenger, Glenn Close, Jeff Goldblum, William Hurt, Kevin Kline, Mary Kay Place, Meg Tilly and JoBeth Williams. With its playlist of '1960s rock and R&B hits, this was the consummately curated soundtrack. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 1 and 7 p.m. Members: \$9. Non-members: \$14. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

**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.mountkiscoliberalry.org](http://www.mountkiscoliberalry.org).

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

**Art Series: Dale Chihuly.** Celebrate a happy New Year with a look at Dale Chihuly's installation art in Jerusalem's Tower of David. Classically trained in Venice, Italy in all manner of glass blowing techniques, Chihuly's ground breaking glass sculptures in a variety of styles and compositions have taken the world by

storm. Discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**Improv Workshop With Chips Cooney.** This legendary performer will be teaching and running an improv workshop. Performers of all levels are welcome to join. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. \$20. Info and tickets: Visit [www.lucyslaughs.com](http://www.lucyslaughs.com).

**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](mailto:12stepdivorcegroup@gmail.com) or visit [www.meetup.com/Mount-Kisco-12-step-Separation-Divorce-Support-Meetup](http://www.meetup.com/Mount-Kisco-12-step-Separation-Divorce-Support-Meetup).

**Life Along the Hudson: A Photographic Journey.** Joseph Squillante has been photographing the Hudson River for over 40 years. His love for the river and all the beautiful life it supports and sustains are evident in his stunning work as he captures the true spirit of the river from its source in the Adirondacks to its mouth at New York Harbor. Squillante presents his life's work and shares his knowledge on this important natural resource. In partnership with the Sierra Club Lower Hudson Group. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 7 to 9 p.m. Free. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

## Thursday, Sept. 13

**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 and Thursday. Info: 914-741-0276 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

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**Storytime.** For children 18 months to *continued on page 26*



# Autumn Skies Bring Birds of Every Color to Westchester

**By Brian Kluepfel**

Sometimes we don't appreciate what's hidden in plain sight.

In the past year, I've been lucky enough to go on assignment to Costa Rica and Ecuador, two birding hotspots that would amaze amateur and top-notch birders alike. There, one will see birds of every size, stripe and color. Toucans to tanagers, the tropics are an avian paradise.

This summer I've been in Westchester, working on a database update from my desk and dog sitting. It would seem a bit of a letdown, but I think any job is an honor and should be done well. And who says we don't have beautiful birds here in suburban New York?

Last Tuesday, I was seated at my desk when the American crows outside started a commotion. A real commotion. I went on the porch to investigate and observed a red-tailed hawk soaring above while my

black-feathered friends scampered and hopped for cover. It was a pretty remarkable sight.

The next day, we were making coffee in my mom's kitchen when we spotted a Northern Cardinal from the window. From this vantage point, it seemed so large. And how could you ever get tired of seeing that black-masked marvel in vintage crimson offset by the orange bill?



Later, on the street during our first dog walk of the day, high up in the oaks, some blue jays screeched their welcome. It's a very common bird around here, but if you take time to observe all the nuances of their blue, black, white and grey color arrangement, you can see why the Toronto

baseball team was named for this species.

On the way back from our walk we startled some American goldfinches, lemon-yellow bodies set against

black wingtips, out of the shrubbery. I've seen a lot of these birds the past few weeks as summer wanes.

The next morning, as we walked around Opperman's Pond in Pleasantville, a great blue heron started out of the reeds, flashing its steel grey and light blue wings, edged in white, a study in avian elegance.

We were then treated to multiple flights of a nesting pair of green herons, their velvet greenbacks contrasted by its deep rust-colored breast, and those amazing yellowish eyes, standing stilt-like on skinny yellow legs. A third treat was a red-bellied woodpecker flitting among the beeches.

Sunday, a day of supposed rest, we traipsed around Mariandale Retreat Center on the banks of the Hudson. Our birding rewards

were scant, except for a number of orange-chested American robins and a delightful little guy, the white-breasted nuthatch.



In less than a week, right here near home, we saw birds of every size and color. As autumn looms, we've also seen migrating orioles, a tufted titmouse feasting on moths and a range

of south-bound warblers dressed in yellow and olive green.

So, cast not your eyes on the distant horizon when looking for birding wonderment, my friends, the answer may be right in your own backyard.

## For The Birds

Brian Kluepfel is a board member for the Saw Mill River Audubon and a regular contributor to Lonely Planet travel guides. On Tuesday, Sept. 25, he will present "Wildlife of Ecuador" at the Ossining Public Library at 7 p.m.

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**Sunday, September 16, 1:00 – 3:00 pm**

## Upcoming Free Public Programs

**Thursday, September 25, 7:00 pm**

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Speakers: Brian Kluepfel & Paula Zorrilla

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Visit [www.sawmillriveraudubon.org](http://www.sawmillriveraudubon.org) for details & more events  
and to learn about our eight local wildlife sanctuaries

# Happenings

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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.mountkisco.library.org](http://www.mountkisco.library.org).

**Book Lovers.** "The Alice Network" by Kate Quinn will be discussed. Discussion led by Barbara Bernstein. New Castle Town Hall Conference Room A, 200 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 1 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or [www.chappaqualibrary.org](http://www.chappaqualibrary.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. 5 to 6 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkisco.library.org](http://www.mountkisco.library.org).

**"The Land of Steady Habits."** Straight from its premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival, writer/director Nicole Holofcener's ("Enough Said") latest feature follows Anders Hill (Ben Mendelsohn), long ensconced in "the land of steady habits" – the affluent hamlets of Connecticut that dot the commuter rail line – who's finally ready to reap the rewards of a sensible life. Solidly in his mid-50s and newly retired, his son's college tuition paid in full, Hill decides he's had enough: he leaves his wife (Edie Falco), buys a condo and waits for freedom to transform him. Stripped of the comforts of his previous identity, he embarks on a clumsy and heartbreaking journey to reconcile his past with his present. Followed by a post-screening Q&A between Janet Maslin and Holofcener. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Members: \$12. Non-members: \$17. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

## Friday, Sept. 14

**Fall Crafts at Lyndhurst.** Showcasing more than 300 modern American makers, artists, designers and craftspeople from across the country selling their exciting contemporary creations and is a celebration of all things handmade. A full-day art and shopping experience for the entire family, which includes interactive kids' activities, delicious gourmet foods and concessions, hands-on demonstrations and more at Westchester's favorite out-of-the-box shopping experience. Rain or shine. No pets allowed within the show site. Lyndhurst, 635 S. Broadway, Tarrytown. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adults: \$12. Seniors: \$11. Children (6 to 16): \$4 Children (under 6) and Lyndhurst members: Free. Also Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sept. 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: Visit [www.lyndhurst.org](http://www.lyndhurst.org). Tickets available at the venue the day of the event.

**Life Line Theater Music Program.** An outlet for unlocking the potential of children and adults with special needs through integrated arts and life skills

programs. Drop in anytime and join founder Billy Ayres as he uses singing, dancing, creating plays, artwork and gardening to help participants realize their strengths and potential contributions to their communities. Ayres has created a technique called improvisational integrated music/drama. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free. Every Thursday and Friday. Info: Visit [www.lifelinetheaterinc.org/index.html](http://www.lifelinetheaterinc.org/index.html)

**ZUMBA® With Amy.** Fun cardio dance fitness workout, low-impact approach, easy learning environment. This feel-good workout is exercise in disguise. Free trial class available. Addie-Tude Dance Center, 42 Memorial Plaza, lower level, Pleasantville. 11 a.m. to noon. \$14 drop-in fee. Every Friday. Also Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Walk-ins welcome. Info: Call or text the instructor at 914-643-6162 or visit [www.amyolin.zumba.com](http://www.amyolin.zumba.com).

**Opening Reception for "Bring Your Own Sunshine."** The exhibit features paintings by contemporary artists Nancy Daubenspeck, Dana James and David Konigsberg. Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 1947 Palmer Ave., Larchmont. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through Oct. 27. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Info: 914-834-8077 or visit [kbfa.com](http://kbfa.com).

**Friday Night Film Series: "Keeping Up With the Steins."** Family gatherings are always stressful and none more so than when they are for the most important moment in a young man's life – his Bar Mitzvah! Young Benjamin uses his upcoming Bar Mitzvah to reconcile the strained relationship between his father and grandfather. With an all-star cast including Jeremy Piven, Garry Marshall and Jami Getz, this comedy contemplates the universal issues we all face when major events make us evaluate our place in the world. 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](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**The Calla Lilies Are in Bloom Again: Katherine Hepburn on Film.** A lecture accompanied by film clips. Discussion led by Philip Hardwood. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or [www.chappaqualibrary.org](http://www.chappaqualibrary.org).

**A Great Concert for a Great Cause.** Join the Byram Hills community to support friend and classmate Farran Horowitz at a student-led musical. All proceeds will be donated to Horowitz and her family to help in her recovery from her accident. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. \$20. (Tickets sold at the door.) Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

## Saturday, Sept. 15

**Pleasantville Farmers Market.** Experience the largest, year-round farmers market in Westchester, voted "Best of Westchester" from 2014 to 2018. With 56 vendors and seven nearby parking lots, it's a delicious good time. This week, there's a theater workshop with Arc Stages from 9:30 to 11 a.m., the music series features Fiddler & the Crossroads Trio from 10 a.m. to noon and lead sponsor Phelps Hospital Northwell Health will have a behavioral health table from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There will be pre-registration at the managers tent for the Oct. 6 pie crust workshop and the Oct. 13 Phelps Annual Apple Pie Contest. 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](http://www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org).

**Chappaqua Farmers Market.** Locally-raised and produced food to the community creating a connection between shoppers and small-scale food producers in the region. Chappaqua train station, Chappaqua. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Saturday. Info: Visit [www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org](http://www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org).

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

**Practice Tai Chi With Larry Atille.** Learn specific feldenkrais and chi kung breathing techniques for deep relaxation and apply them to tai chi movement. This is a hands-on class that will be geared to the level of experience of the class and challenge all participants. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a floor mat or towel. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10:30 a.m. Free. 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](http://www.addie-tude.com). Call or visit website because classes are subject to change.

**Katonah American Legion Clambake.** This annual event includes clams, steak, calamari, chicken, steamers, burgers, hot dogs, beer, wine, soda and much more. There will also be music and a 50/50 raffle. American Legion Post 1575, 136 Jay St., Katonah. 12 to 6 p.m. \$45. Info: 913-232-1575.

**Tell Me a Story of Pound Ridge: 50 Objects 50 Stories.** The Pound Ridge Historical Society has created an exhibition and accompanying book to provide the public with an eclectic look at

the town. Highlights of area history, each story in some way gives a glimpse of our distant and not-so-distant past in the hope of awakening an interest in town history in newcomers and our young folk. The 50 objects displayed will have their story told in the accompanying book available for purchase or loan. On display, antique tools, dolls and artifacts will sit alongside trains and a diorama of a Revolutionary War battle. Pound Ridge Historical Society, 255 Westchester Ave., Pound Ridge. 2 to 4 p.m. Free. Saturdays and Sundays through November. Info: 914-764-4333 or visit [www.poundridgehistorical.org](http://www.poundridgehistorical.org).

**The First Ladies Coalition With Ginger Grace: A One Woman Show.** Four famous First Ladies step into the sewing shop of Colleen McCracken. This resilient ex-con, immigrant, survivor of domestic violence, deeply aligns her passions with those of Eleanor Roosevelt, Jackie Kennedy, Lady Bird Johnson and Mary Todd Lincoln. Mysteries and secrets are unveiled – hers and theirs – and via subtle impersonations, Colleen transports us into the life and times of these powerful woman. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 3 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

**John Jay Homestead Annual Barn Dance.** Includes a country barbecue, a pizza truck, a campfire, pig racing and music by local bands. John Jay Homestead, 400 Jay St., Katonah. 5 to 10 p.m. Adults: \$75 to \$95. Children: \$25 to \$30. Info: 914-232-8119 or e-mail [friends@johnjayhomestead.org](mailto:friends@johnjayhomestead.org).

**Lucy's Laugh Lounge Comedy Night: Johnny Watson.** Johnny Watson from Saturday Night Live and Good Morning America is headlining. Jax Dell'Osso is hosting with Frankie Moricco and Patrick Scully. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. \$20. Info and advance tickets: Visit [www.lucyslaughs.com](http://www.lucyslaughs.com). Type in the promo code Examiner at the prompt when buying tickets online.

**Ballroom Social.** Great music and dancing on a 3,500-square-foot dance floor. Enjoy a pleasant time with friends. Includes food and snacks, plus raffle tickets. Broadway 26 Dance, 26 Broadway, Hawthorne. 7:30 to 11 p.m. \$18. Third Saturday of each month. Info: 914-579-2228 or visit [www.broadway26dance.com](http://www.broadway26dance.com).

**David Bromberg Big Band With Special Guest Tom Rush.** An evening with two of the most celebrated artists of the Americana tradition. Bromberg's incredible journey spans more than five decades and includes, but is not limited to, adventures with Bob Dylan, George Harrison, Jerry Garcia and music and life lessons from seminal blues guitarist Rev. Gary Davis, who claimed the young Bromberg as a son. Bromberg's mastery of several stringed instruments and

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# Next Generation of Leaders Take Over Great Chappaqua Bake Sale

By Martin Wilbur

The Great Chappaqua Bake Sale has come a long way during its nine-year history.

Initially, it could be found on South Greeley Avenue on a Saturday morning in the fall, with a few tables full of homemade goodies. When the Chappaqua Children's Book Festival was created, the bake sale was invited to share space with the festival and it has exploded in popularity and success.

When the public descends on the book festival at Robert E. Bell Middle School on Saturday, Sept. 29 and strolls over to buy some few treats, chances are they won't notice an important transition has taken place this year.

After eight years assisting their mothers in running the event, Horace Greeley High School freshmen Rebecca Blum and Charlotte and Sophia Spiegel have taken over as co-chairs. Moms Allison Spiegel and Holly Blum will still be there lending support and a couple extra pairs of hands, but their daughters have coordinated the baking, arranged for the donations from local bakeries, sold raffle tickets, contacted the businesses to donate raffle prizes, enlisted friends to work the tables and overseen publicity.

"It's just crazy to think we were these tiny little kids holding up the signs and now we're running the whole thing," said Charlotte Spiegel.

What hasn't changed is the mission, to

raise money for Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry campaign and to help fund school and summer meals programs for children throughout New York State. The first eight years of the sale has raised nearly \$200,000 – \$146,000 from the sale of the baked goods and raffle tickets and individual donations and \$50,000 in matching donations from Domino Sugar, Holly Blum said.

Helping so many children has been a great motivator. Every dollar raised through the No Kid Hungry campaign is able to pay for 10 meals. So the Great Chappaqua Bake Sale has been responsible for providing close to two million meals.

"I think that doing it year after year gives you a feeling of a lot of happiness because knowing that you're making such an impact on kids' lives is really a good feeling," said Sophia Spiegel.

Since its move to the book festival, the sales have taken off with several thousand people passing through during the six-hour event.

"That always attracts a lot of business and we get a lot of customers because people who go want a great when they're shopping for books," said Rebecca Blum.

Her mother said the book festival organizers have been kind for not only allowing them to hold the sale at the festival but they've remained the exclusive dessert provider for the day.

An event like the book festival, which is primarily aimed at children, having another effort on hand to help children in a different way is welcome. Plus, visitors are able to learn about No Kid Hungry if they aren't yet aware of what it does.

"I think we want them to know this is an organization that helps hungry children in America and they do a lot of meals programs at schools," Charlotte Spiegel said.

A major component of the meals program is providing food to children when school is out for the summer. Children from poor families who need free and reduced lunch at school, still need that help on non-school days, Allison Spiegel said.

As the ninth annual Great Chappaqua Bake Sale draws closer, the new co-chairs are confident they will be able to pull off



From left to right, Rebecca Blum and Charlotte and Sophia Spiegel have seen their mothers organize and coordinate the highly successful Great Chappaqua Bake Sale. Now preparing for its ninth year, the three high school freshmen are co-chairs of the Sept. 29 event.

a successful sale – mostly because of the examples that have been set by their moms.

"We have really big influences in our lives because you guys have always been there and helped us with everything," Rebecca Blum said. "And I think one of the reasons that we're still able to actually be running it this year is because of you guys."


For more information on the Great Chappaqua Bake Sale, including buying raffle tickets, donating or to join the team, visit <http://join.nokidhungry.org/goto/2018GCBS>.



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## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

*The primary election is for the position of  
Town Justice, Town of Mount Pleasant*

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multiple styles is legendary. Rush's impact on the American music scene has been profound as he helped shape the folk revival in the '60s and its renaissance of the '80s and '90s. His music left a stamp on generations of artists. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$45, \$58 and \$70. Info and tickets: Visit [www.tarrytownmusicall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusicall.org).

**Sally Mayes at Arc.** Arc Stages kicks off its Next Stage Cabaret Series with this performance by Mayes, who will take the audience on a journey through her southern roots, jazz background, Broadway world and her comedy. This multitalented singer/actress will have you laughing and crying, possibly at the same time. With Tex Arnold on piano and Bob Renino on bass. Arc Stages, 147 Wheeler Ave., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. \$25. Info and tickets: 914-747-6206 or visit [www.arcstages.org](http://www.arcstages.org).

## Sunday, Sept. 16

**Monarch Party.** Come for cake in the courtyard in celebration of the Monarch Habitat Restoration Project, led by citizen scientists Shayla and Hailey and the environmental stewardship team. Project leaders will be on hand to answer questions about the project and monarchs in general. Also learn you what you can do to help the monarch population. Rockefeller State Park Preserve, 125 Phelps Way, Pleasantville. 12 to 2 p.m. Free. Info: 914-631-1470.

**Pruyn Garden Visit.** Stop by the Pruyon Sanctuary Butterfly and Hummingbird Garden and the new Plants for Birds garden plots. See native grasses and flowering plants that you may want to plant, talk with garden volunteers and pick up plants lists. Pruyon Sanctuary, 275 Saw Mill River Rd., Chappaqua. 1 to 3 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-6503 or visit [www.sawmillriveraudubon.org](http://www.sawmillriveraudubon.org).

**Surviving in the Wilderness for Teens.** Ever wonder if you could survive alone in the wilderness? Youngsters 12 to 17 years old will learn how to create a fire without a lighter, build a rainproof shelter and find water in unlikely places in this crash course. Cranberry Lake Preserve, Old Orchard Street, North White Plains. 1 to 3 p.m. Free. Info: 914-428-1005.

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

**Orpheus Chamber Orchestra.** The orchestra creates extraordinary musical experiences, performing at the highest

level, challenging artistic boundaries and inspiring the public. Orpheus and the beloved Japanese pianist Nobuyuki Tsujii will open the season with the program of "Gentle Giants," a warm and intimate version of Chopin's Second Piano Concerto featuring the Orpheus strings, the spiritual ecstasy of Parvo Part and the sensitive artistry of Tchaikovsky, using expanded arrangements that amplify the ardent emotions. Performing Arts Center at Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 3 p.m. \$40 to \$75. Info and tickets: 914-251-6200 or visit [www.artscenter.org](http://www.artscenter.org).

**Strictly Strings Fall Frolic.** The first of two chamber music matinees during the 2018-19 season featuring works by Baroque masters including Vivaldi, Handel and Bach. Westchester Community College's Classroom Building, Room 200, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 3 p.m. \$20. Seniors: \$18. Students: \$14. Tickets for this show and the Feb. 3, 2019, performance: \$34. Info and tickets: 914-606-6262 or visit [www.sunywcc.edu](http://www.sunywcc.edu).

**From Bach to Jazz: An Organ Concert.** Dr. Sándor Szabó, a conductor, organist, pianist and harpsichordist throughout Europe, Canada and the United States, will present an exuberant program of organ works which will include pieces by Allbright, Bach, Dupré, Guilman, Hakim and Messiaen, some with a definite ragtime and jazz influence. He is currently minister of music at The Reformed Church of Bronxville. The Church of Saint Joseph, 15 Cedar St., Bronxville. 3 p.m. Free will offering. A reception will follow. Info: 914-337-1660 or visit [www.saintjosephsbronxville.org](http://www.saintjosephsbronxville.org).

**Something Wonderful: A Tribute to Rodgers and Hammerstein.** The New Rochelle Opera will present an all-musical theater concert featuring selections by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein to celebrate the 75th anniversary of "Oklahoma!" Featured in the concert will be NRO artists Kelli Butler (soprano), Sara Louise Petrocelli (mezzo-soprano), Christopher Nelson (tenor) and Chad Armstrong (baritone) with accompaniment by Georgianna Pappas, and narration by company co-founder and Artistic Director Camille Coppola. Christopher Murphy Auditorium at Iona College, 715 North Ave., New Rochelle. 3 p.m. \$28. Seniors: \$25. Students: \$15. Iona students and staff: Free. Info: 914-576-1617. Tickets: 1-800-838-3006 ext. 1 or visit [www.nroperra.org](http://www.nroperra.org).

**Third Sunday Walk.** A family friendly walk for adults and children five years old and up. Rain or shine. Pruyon Sanctuary, 275 Saw Mill River Rd., Chappaqua. (Meet at Woodmill Road trails entrance). 3:30 to 5 p.m. Free. Rain or shine. Meets the third Sunday of every month. Info: 914-666-6503 or visit [www.sawmillriveraudubon.org](http://www.sawmillriveraudubon.org).

**Jazz-Era Picnic in the Park.** Slip on

your dancing shoes and join the New Castle Historical Society for an evening of music and fun celebrating the Roaring 1920s. Dress in your finest 1920s-inspired outfits, dresses and sun hats and listen to Michael Arenella & His Dreamland Orchestra. Bring your own picnic basket, although some light fare and refreshments will be available for purchase. Chappaqua Station, 1 Station Plaza, Chappaqua. 4 p.m. Historical Society members: \$30. Non-members: \$35. Event supporters: \$50. Info: 914-238-4666 or e-mail [director@newcastlehs.org](mailto:director@newcastlehs.org). Tickets: Visit [www.newcastlehs.org](http://www.newcastlehs.org) or on [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

**Hops & Harvest Benefit.** Enjoy culinary delights provided by local artisan chefs and beverages from area wineries and breweries. In this new special event, celebrate the harvest season under a tent on the Great Lawn with a toast to the Greenburgh Nature Center and its animals. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 4 to 7 p.m. Members: \$100. Non-members \$150. Info and tickets: 914-723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

## Monday, Sept. 17

**Morning Bird Walk.** Go birding with the Saw Mill River Audubon. Beginners welcome. Rain or shine. Rockefeller State Park Preserve. (Use Sleepy Hollow Road entrance.) 7:30 a.m. Free. Meets the third Monday of each month. Info: Visit [www.sawmillriveraudubon.org](http://www.sawmillriveraudubon.org).

**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](mailto:tinacampbell@masternetworks.net) or drop in.

**Foreign Policy Discussion Group: The Carter White House Years.** Guest speaker (via Skype) will be Stuart E. Eizenstat. Ambassador Eizenstat's work at Covington and Burling focuses on resolving international trade problems and business disputes with the U.S. and foreign governments, as well as international business transactions and regulations on behalf of American companies and others around the world. He has held key senior positions during a decade and a half of public service in three U.S. administrations, including chief White House domestic policy adviser to President Carter; U.S. ambassador to the European Union; undersecretary of commerce; undersecretary of state; and deputy secretary of the treasury. Discussion led

by Mel Nechis. Chappaqua Performing Arts Center, 480 Bedford Rd., Chappaqua. 10 a.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or [www.chappaqualibrary.org](http://www.chappaqualibrary.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.

**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](http://www.mountkiscopubliclibrary.org).

**Slime Time!** Make slime using glue, baking soda and other safe ingredients. For children six to 12 years old. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

**Demystifying Medicare and Healthcare Coverage for Seniors.** This engaging, interactive program of the library system's Westchester Seniors Out Speaking is perfect for anyone trying to navigate the complicated healthcare system for older adults. It will help those who already have Medicare, as well as people soon to be 65, planning their retirement or assisting relatives and friends with their medical decisions. The workshop outlines the various parts of Medicare and lays out the costs associated with health insurance provided by the government and private companies. Topics include: original Medicare, Advantage Plans, prescription drug plans (Part D), Medigaps (supplemental plans) and various cost-saving programs (MSPs, Extra Help, EPIC, etc.). Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 6 to 9 p.m. Free. Walk-ins welcome; pre-registration preferred. Pre-registration: 914-231-3236. Info: Visit [www.westchesterlibraries.org/westchester-seniors-speaking-out](http://www.westchesterlibraries.org/westchester-seniors-speaking-out).

**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](http://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. Also Sept. 19 and 24. Info and tickets: Visit [www.nomacomedy.com](http://www.nomacomedy.com).

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# A Glass of Wine: Health Benefit or Health Risk?



By Nick Antonaccio

I'm confused.

I've been reading reports on the health benefits of consuming wine. I tend to focus on those that align with my general evaluation of the risk and benefits.

I believe that alcoholic consumption (of any type) is intrinsically dangerous and unhealthy. I also espouse the volumes of medical evidence that, drunk in moderation, wine has net health benefits that seem to outweigh the obvious risks.

I've been researching the scientific studies and medical conclusions that at times contradict each other as to the relative risks and benefits of wine consumption.

I certainly endorse the USDA guidelines that moderate consumption is acceptable: men should consume no more than two glasses per day, women one glass. But is the USDA's acceptable consumption definition valid? The United Kingdom has refuted these guidelines and has published its own guidance.

With these dichotomous and quite contradictory viewpoints, I present reputable research studies for you to consider. You will likely find it as difficult

as I to form your own opinion.

Over the last 20 years, numerous studies have been published espousing the health benefits of red wine. Volumes have been written on the benefits of antioxidants found in food and wine. Each of the many compounds that fall into the broad category of antioxidants (polyphenols, resveratrol, sirtuin proteins) interacts with other compounds to fight the negative effects of our diets and lifestyles. Studies have validated the benefits of red wine: protecting the heart and brain, fighting and preventing cancers, reversing diabetes and obesity, boosting the immune system and slowing the aging process.

In the last few years, contradictory studies, of equal pedigree as those espousing red wine consumption, have been published.

In 2016, I reported on an advisory issued by the British Chief Medical Officer. It was the culmination of a multiyear study of published scientific evidence, led by a panel of experts in such studies. In her advisory, Dame Sally Davies presented the results and issued new guidelines. She warned that there is no safe level of drinking. Further, wine consumption should be limited to seven glasses a week for men and women, with days of abstinence between glasses. This is in stark contrast to the USDA's health risk conclusion and consumption guidelines.

Just last week I read another report on the health risks of wine consumption. As reported in Wine Spectator magazine, last September an analysis of multiple individual studies was published by the University of Washington. Its 2016 Global Burden of Disease Study reviewed and evaluated the results of 592 studies comparing alcohol consumption in 195 countries to determine the risks. The conclusion: "There is no safe level of alcohol consumption."

The study looked for correlations between levels of alcohol (including beer, spirits and wine) consumption and 23 health problems, including cancer and heart disease. The data on the 28 million people involved in the studies over 26 years generalized the results as follows: compared to total abstinence, consuming one beverage a day increased the risk of the 23 health problems by 0.5 percent while two drinks increased the risk by 7 percent. As might be expected, five drinks increased the risk by 37 percent.

Hence my confusion.

The study is not clear on the relative danger of these percentages. If the risk of cardiovascular disease increases by an unsettling 7 percent for two-a-day consumption, to what overall universe of

disease incidence does that equate? The research concludes that for non-drinkers, the incidence of developing one of the 23 health problems is 914 people out of 100,000, 918 for once-a-day consumption and 978 for two a day. Does the increment between abstinence and a single drink warrant the proclamations of the British and University of Washington studies? Perhaps not, but the increments beyond one glass are disturbing.

Hence my confusion – and consternation.

So which conclusions are correct? Centuries of anecdotal evidence extolling the virtues of wine consumption? Recent reputable scientific studies seemingly in contradiction with each other? I leave this conundrum to your

discretion. What will it be: abstinence or moderation?

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# Lineup Set for Weeklong JazzFest White Plains Starting Sept. 12

ArtsWestchester has announced that JazzFest White Plains will return for its seventh annual celebration in downtown White Plains starting this Wednesday, Sept. 12 and extending through Sunday, Sept. 16.

It will feature 20 established and up-and-coming artists performing free or affordably priced concerts throughout the city.

JazzFest White Plains is a collaboration between ArtsWestchester, The City of White Plains and the White Plains Business Improvement District (BID). Spanning five days and featuring an array of different jazz styles and performance venues, the event promises to be a great cultural experience for everyone from jazz enthusiasts to families and casual listeners.

"Jazz is something to be experienced, and thanks to JazzFest White Plains, we are making the music easily accessible for all to enjoy," said Janet Langsam, CEO of ArtsWestchester. "Each year is a unique celebration of the performers, the places throughout the City of White Plains that host these incredible concerts, and most of all, the people who come out to listen. We are especially looking forward to hosting several performances in ArtsWestchester's gallery, including The Emmet Cohen Trio, Veronica Swift and The Rudresh Mahanthappa Trio."

"JazzFest White Plains adds such vibrancy and spirit to downtown White Plains," said Mayor Thomas Roach. "It truly has become a tradition we look forward to all year long, bringing people together in a shared passion for music and culture. I never miss it, and I look forward to seeing my fellow jazz lovers again this September."

## Wednesday, Sept. 12

- ablo Mayor – Downtown Music at Grace Church | Noon
- Art Bennett – Court Street Farmer's Market | 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

## Downtown White Plains Jazz Stroll

- Albert Rivera – Mediterraneo White Plains | 6 p.m.
- Alexis Cole – Morton's The Steakhouse | 7 p.m.
- Emedin Rivera & Tropical Turbulence – Sofrito | 8 p.m.
- Gil Parris – Ron Blacks Beer Hall | 9:30 p.m.

## Thursday, Sept. 13

- Jazz & Java with Carl Viggiani – White Plains Public Library | 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.
- The Burr Johnson Band – Galleria White Plains | 12:15 p.m.
- The Emmet Cohen Trio – ArtsWestchester | 7 p.m. | \$20
- Veronica Swift – ArtsWestchester | 8:30 p.m. | \$20 (\$35 combo for both Thursday evening sets or \$20 each)

## Friday, Sept. 14

- Jazz & Java with Carl Viggiani – White Plains Public Library | 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.



Trumpeter Marquis Hill, recognized as one of the preeminent jazz voices of his generation and winner of the 2014 Thelonious Monk International Jazz Trumpet Competition, will be one of more than 20 artists and groups who will perform during this week's JazzFest White Plains that starts its five-day engagement on Wednesday.

- Rocky Middleton Jazz Ensemble – White Plains Plaza, 1 North Broadway | 5 p.m.
- The Rudresh Mahanthappa Trio – ArtsWestchester | 8 p.m. | \$25
- Jazz Jam – ArtsWestchester | 10 p.m. | \$5

## Saturday, Sept. 15

- Brian Carter – Court Street Farmer's Market | 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Hands-On Jazz for Families – White Plains Public Library | 2 to 4 p.m.
- Arturo O'Farrill Sextet – White Plains Performing Arts Center | 8 p.m. | \$24 to \$44

## Sunday, Sept. 16 | Free Event

## White Plains Jazz & Food Festival | 12 to 5:30 p.m. Mamaroneck Avenue at Main Street, White Plains

- Pete Malinverni & the SUNY Purchase Jazz All-Stars | Noon
- Jay Hoggard Quartet | 1:05 p.m.
- Samba New York! | 2:10 p.m.
- Lakecia Benjamin & Soul Squad | 3:20 p.m.
- Marquis Hill Blacktet | 4:30 p.m.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [artsw.org/jazzfest](http://artsw.org/jazzfest).

# Happenings

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**Square Dancing Fun Nights.** The first of two dance nights organized by the Friendly Squares Dance Club. Square dancing is a lot of fun and great exercise for the body and mind. It is an enjoyable activity for all ages and also an opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. Open to singles, couples and families. Casual attire; no experience is necessary. Katonah Methodist Church Parish Hall, 44 Edgemont Rd., Katonah. 7:30 to 9 p.m. Free. Also Sept. 24. Info: Contact Tee at 914-433-2919.

## Tuesday, Sept. 18

**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.mountkisco.org](http://www.mountkisco.org).

**Earring Making With Joan Lloyd.** Learn to make earrings while helping a good cause. For every pair you make, make another pair that will be donated to a battered women's shelter. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkisco.org](http://www.mountkisco.org).

## Wednesday, Sept. 19

**Cup Stacking Afternoon.** For children seven to 12 years old. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 2 to 5 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkisco.org](http://www.mountkisco.org).

**R&F Mixed Media Encaustic Demo.** R&F mixed media demos are designed to give interested artists a brief taste of what's possible when using R&F's two distinct paint lines: classic wax-based encaustic paint and linseed oil-based Pigment Sticks®. Both traditional and alternative approaches with a focus on the variety of surface applications will be demoed and discussed. Topics will include equipment and tools, supports and grounds, layering and fusing methods, health and safety, surface effects, color line information, mono-printing, transfers, mark making and collage. Led by Kelly McGrath. For teens and adults. Pelham Art Center, 155 Fifth Ave., Pelham. 6 to 8 p.m. Suggested donation \$5. Info: 914-738-2525 or visit [www.pelhamartcenter.org](http://www.pelhamartcenter.org).

**Mount Kisco Arts Council Summer Outdoor Concert Series: Sun Kings.** A Beatles tribute band. Fountain Park, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 6:30 p.m. Free. Info: Visit [www.mountkiscoarts.org](http://www.mountkiscoarts.org).

## Thursday, Sept. 20

**Third Thursdays Bird Walk.** Join naturalist Tait Johansson at this local migration hotspot for the second in a new series of bird walks. A great way to hone your birding skills and mark the passing of the seasons and birds. Maple Avenue, Katonah. 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Contact Susan at 914-302-9713 or e-mail [info@bedfordaudubon.org](mailto:info@bedfordaudubon.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.mountkisco.org](http://www.mountkisco.org).

**"Andrei Rublev."** With this towering epic, Andrei Tarkovsky waded deep into the past and emerged with a visionary masterwork. It traces the renowned icon painter Andrei Rublev through the harsh realities of 15th century Russian life, vividly conjuring the dark and otherworldly atmosphere of the time. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 1 and 7 p.m. Members: \$9. Non-members: \$14. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

**An American in Paris: The Musical.** After an American GI's chance encounter with a beautiful young dancer, Paris becomes the backdrop to a sensuous,

modern romance filled with art, friendship and love in the aftermath of war. This breathtakingly beautiful Tony® Award-winning musical, inspired by the beloved, Oscar-winning MGM film, tells the impassioned story of discovering love in the City of Light and features the music and lyrics of George and Ira Gershwin, stunning design, and show-stopping choreography by director Christopher Wheeldon. Part of the World Stage on Screen series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 2 p.m. Members: \$20. Non-members: \$30. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

**"Love, Gilda."** Gilda's Club Westchester will screen this acclaimed documentary about the award-winning comedian's life story with the help of rare home movies, newly found audiotapes and her personal journals read by the comedians she inspired. Produced and directed by first-time feature filmmaker Lisa D'Apolito. Immediately following the film, Bedford Playhouse founder John Farr will host a Q&A with Saturday Night Live writer Alan Zweibel, one of the film's executive producers. Bedford Playhouse/Clive Davis Arts Center, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford. Cocktail reception at 6 p.m. Screening at 7 p.m. \$30. Info and tickets: Visit [www.bedfordplayhouse.org](http://www.bedfordplayhouse.org).



# Mount Kisco Unveils Inaugural SeptemberFest This Weekend

By Neal Rentz

For decades, the Mount Kisco Sales Days was a well-attended annual ritual for village residents and merchants that would attract plenty of visitors soon after the traditional close of summer.

While downtown business owners will continue to offer their wares outdoors, there will be new features and even a new name for the event – SeptemberFest. It is scheduled for this Friday through Sunday.

The Mount Kisco Chamber of Commerce, along with financial assistance from multiple sponsors, is holding the event it has described as “Mount Kisco’s Biggest Block Party.”

Chamber Co-Executive Director Beth Vetare-Civitello said Sidewalk Sales Days had been held for more than four decades but the chamber wanted to transform the weekend into “something new and exciting.”

“We have seen a lot of positive changes in Mount Kisco” in recent years, Vetare-Civitello said. The chamber wants SeptemberFest to be “forward looking,” she said.

SeptemberFest is one effort to increase the downtown’s visibility, Vetare-Civitello said.

Sidewalk sales will be held on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. along Main Street and South Moger Avenue. Following Saturday’s sales,

merchants will be removing the outdoor tables and umbrellas in time for Sunday, the day of the annual 5K KiscoRun. It is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. To register for the race, visit <https://register.chronotrack.com/r/39557>.

One of the additions to the weekend this year is the carnival, which will be held all three days, Vetare-Civitello said. It will include a variety of 10 rides for children and adults and will be open on Friday from 5 to 10 p.m., continue on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and conclude on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Another new feature is Lincoln Mount Kisco’s “Driven to Give,” which will benefit the Mount Kisco Child Care Center. A \$20 donation will be made by Lincoln for each test drive taken at Lincoln Mount Kisco, located at 281 N. Bedford Rd. on Saturday and Sunday.

Several other events have been scheduled for the first SeptemberFest, Vetare-Civitello said. Live music will be featured each day and a High Energy DJ Dance Party on the Block, sponsored by D’Errico Jewelry, will be held on Friday from 7 to 10 p.m. Classic rock and other types of selections will be performed by the EXIT 5 Band from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday.

The food court, featuring dishes from local restaurants, a beer garden and the carnival will be located behind Mount



A scene from the final Mount Kisco Sidewalk Sales Days in 2017. This year the event has been enhanced and is now called SeptemberFest.

Kisco Village Hall, which is located at 104 E. Main St.

Vetare-Civitello said several programs will be offered for children. Kids will be able to meet Clifford the Big Red Dog and listen to a reading on the promenade by Mount Kisco’s Kathryn Feeley on Friday at noon. Mayor Gina Picinich will do a reading on Saturday at noon. An Open Air

Mommy & Me yoga program will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday.

On Sunday, the Mount Kisco Historical Society will conduct a historic treasure hunt at 12, 1 and 2 p.m.

For more information about SeptemberFest, visit the Mount Kisco Chamber of Commerce at [www.mtkiscochamber.com](http://www.mtkiscochamber.com).

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