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## Airport Expansion Opponents Seek Water Protection Legislation

By Neal Rentz

Concerned about a pollutant that could contaminate drinking water and pose serious health risks, a group opposed to Westchester Airport expansion laid out a series of recommendations for county and state government last week.

Since 2018, the county has been conducting testing at several well sites at the airport and has hired an environmental consultant for guidance. Tests completed in September indicated extremely high levels of polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) under the northern part of the airport, including 14,940 parts per trillion PFOA perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and 57,390 PFAS in the most contaminated well, according to the Coalition to Prevent Westchester Airport Expansion.

"We want a vibrant but limited

county airport that is environmentally responsible," Coalition Chairman George Klein said last Wednesday. "We don't want to close the airport."

Klein said the group's recommendations include having the county approve legislation that would mandate airport water testing and to pass state legislation that would ban the PFAS firefighting foam, once the Federal Aviation Administration allows the county to do so. The current FAA policy is to mandate the storage of PFAS at airports for potential firefighting, Klein said.

Other proposed actions would be to have PFAS testing done by the Westchester Joint Waterworks, create the position of environmental airport "czar" and end all privatization plans.

"The airport is located about 1,500 feet

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## Saluting the Volunteers



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The Mount Kisco Rotary Club unveiled a new stone monument at Leonard Park on Apr. 13 that it donated to the Village of Mount Kisco to honor volunteers who made an impact on the community. There was a brief ceremony to introduce the monument and reveal the first name that appears — the late Planning Board member Stanley Bergstein. Members of the village's Leonard Park Committee, Conservation Advisory Council, Planning Board and Recreation Commission were invited to the ceremony.

## Mount Kisco Trims Tax Increase to 1.4% in \$23.2M Village Budget

By Martin Wilbur

Mount Kisco officials are poised to approve a \$23.28 million village budget next week for the 2019-20 fiscal year that increases taxes about 1.4 percent and is more than \$500,000 below the maximum allowable tax levy.

Over the past few weeks since Village Manager Edward Brancati's presentation of the tentative budget, there were a series of adjustments that reduced the spending increase in the general fund by about \$74,000 to \$1,236,564.

Mayor Gina Picinich called the budget, which now carries a 1.39 percent tax rate increase, "a very tight and lean budget." Before the adjustments, the tax increase stood at 1.89 percent.

The average homeowner with a property assessed at \$400,000 can expect to see a tax increase of \$47.66, Brancati

said.

With the adjustments made this month, the village is \$536,457 below the tax levy ceiling of \$15,513,119 for the upcoming fiscal year.

"Not only are we below the 2 percent but we're leaving some money on the table," he said.

Spending was trimmed since the village recently hired several new employees to fill existing vacancies at salaries that were below what had been estimated, Brancati said. Furthermore, officials have agreed to transfer less than the originally anticipated amount of money from operations to the capital budget, he said.

Initially, the village, which has typically transferred \$440,000 a year to the capital line, was planning on moving over \$570,000, Brancati said. The board still wanted to increase the money in the

capital line but has decided to transfer \$500,000 instead.

In next year's budget, the debt service is slated to increase by about \$946,000 as the village takes on new debt related to work that was done to improve the Department of Public Works building and the pending upgrades to Mount Kisco's three firehouses.

Brancati said in the years ahead some debt will fall off as payments for past projects are completed. New debt is expected to be added as the result of new projects, including improvements to the village's infrastructure.

"I expect it will climb over the next year or two as we take on the additional debt," he said.

There have also been lower than anticipated expenses related to the Intermunicipal Agreement with

Westchester County for police services for the three full calendar years since the agreement went into effect in June 2015. Savings have ranged from about \$588,000 in 2016 to \$915,000 in 2017. In 2018, savings reached about \$642,000 for police protection.

Last week during the continuation of the public hearing on the budget there were no speakers from the public. Despite the lack of feedback, the board decided against completely closing the hearing. The board ended the opportunity for oral comments but left open the chance for residents to submit written comments through this Thursday, Apr. 25.

Village trustees are expected to approve the 2019-20 spending plan at their next meeting on Monday. The new fiscal year begins on June 1.

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# Mt. Pleasant Politicos Gear Up Early for November Election

By Martin Wilbur

It may only be April but that didn't stop Mount Pleasant's two political committees from recently revving up their supporters for the November elections.

The Mount Pleasant Democratic Committee held its campaign kickoff at Pleasantville Country Club on Apr. 14 while the Republican Committee followed three nights later at Silvio's Ristorante & Pizzeria in Thornwood.

Democrats are looking to ride a wave of momentum following Councilwoman Francesca Hagadus-McHale's surprise victory last fall to get elected to the remaining year of an unexpired term on the Town Board while the GOP believe they have a strong ticket to maintain control of the board.

County Executive George Latimer, who spoke at the Democrats' event, said when the party runs good candidates, they can win public office anywhere in the county, despite the recent history of Mount Pleasant being inhospitable to Democrats.

"You've got to go out and meet our neighbors face to face and talk to them," Latimer said. "We don't always get the result we want...I've been doing this 31 years. It's just as hard to do this in the 31st year as it



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Mount Pleasant Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi with his running mates at last week's campaign kickoff in Thornwood.

was the first year. But it's the only path, it's the only sure path because at the end of the day we need to convince people not to just win elections, we need to convince people to have faith in our democracy."

In November, Hagadus-McHale will be running with fellow Town Board candidate Laura DiVenere and Town Justice challenger Elizabeth Smith.

The Republicans introduced their slates to their party faithful last week, headed by Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi, who will run opposed. His running mates

are two political newcomers in Danielle Zaino of Valhalla and Jerry Schulman of Pleasantville for the council seats. Longtime Town Justice Robert Ponzini will be running for re-election and Interim Town Clerk Susan Marmol and Interim Highway Superintendent Richard Benkwitt are unopposed.

Fulgenzi said the town has been well run with officials receiving a strong fiscal review from their auditors last week and the board will shortly be moving ahead with its Comprehensive Plan update.

While he's not taking anything for granted, Fulgenzi said he believes the Republicans are in a favorable position despite Democrats having had strong showings everywhere in Westchester last fall.

"It was an anomaly," Fulgenzi said. "I don't know if it's going to carry on much more. I have to say Francesca is a nice person, she's been a pleasure to work with and we do everything we can to make her comfortable, but there's a different mindset with our group. Like I've said before, we've moved on a lot of things, we made a lot of changes."

Hagadus-McHale said she is working to make sure Mount Pleasant is united as

a town, rather than fragmented into its hamlets and villages.

She said that as the lone Democrat her colleagues have been cordial but she doesn't always get the same information as the rest of the board.

"Sometimes they don't tell me things. Sometimes they leave me off the e-mail distribution list, sometimes they don't tell me something but I usually find out," Hagadus-McHale said.

Meanwhile, Schulman, the former longtime Mount Pleasant School District administrator, said now that he's retired, he wants to give back to the communities that he's been associated with for decades.

Zaino, his running mate and a former student of Schulman's when he was principal at Westlake High School, has been active with the Coalition for a Safe Mount Pleasant and the Comprehensive Plan Committee. She said she was somewhat surprised to be approached by the Republican Committee but is excited for the opportunity.

"I do think there needs to be some changes and I'd like to be involved," she said. "I like to be active and I feel like we can do great things."

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# Airport Expansion Opponents Seeks Water Protection Legislation

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from the Kensico Reservoir, which is the source of drinking water for 80 percent of Westchester and 90 percent of New York City," Klein said. "It is a critical waterbody."

PFAS is a class of harmful chemicals which have been found in water sources in other parts of the country, including Newburgh in Orange County, Klein said. The substance can find its way into surface water and groundwater, he said.

PFAS was previously used by the Air National Guard at the airport during its firefighting exercises, Klein said. The Guard left in 1983, but high concentrations of PFAS are still being measured at the airport.

According to the Coalition, exposure to PFAS has been linked to serious health impacts, including cancer, thyroid disease, liver damage and developmental effects to fetuses during pregnancy or to breast-fed infants.

"The county didn't break it, but we want them to fix it," Klein said. "Westchester County government has done a hell of a lot to address this situation."

The county has resumed regular groundwater testing, which was suspended in 2011 under former County Executive Rob Astorino. The county, under Latimer, has brought in expert consultants "to deal with the situation," Klein said.



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

George Klein, chair of the Coalition to Prevent Westchester Airport Expansion, laid out a series of recommendations the organization is making to County Executive George Latimer during a press conference on Apr. 17 in Rye Brook.

Several elected public officials attended last week's press conference including state Sen. Shelley Mayer (D-Yonkers) and Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains).

"DEC needs to continue to be a partner in this effort," Mayer said. "David and I

are very committed to pushing DEC to do all that they need to do and to be as effective a tester and an advocate as you need from the community standpoint."

Mayer said she and Buchwald wrote a letter to the DEC about a year ago calling on the agency to be active and engaged in testing.

"When it comes to environmental protection, that's really where the state has a role," Buchwald said.

In September, then-DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos stated that the monitoring would not only continue, but it would be expanded at the airport

Messages left for Latimer's press office

were not returned.

The day before, Latimer and County Attorney John Nonna held a press conference about contamination at the airport. County officials said they were committed to working with the DEC and the New York City Department of Environmental Protection to protect drinking water.

The company responsible for manufacturing PFAS was 3M and the county is taking steps to sue the company, it was announced at the Apr. 16 press conference.

## Mount Kisco Trims Tax Increase to 1.4% in \$23.2M Village Budget

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### Cell Tower Hearing Remains Open

The public hearing on the special use permit for a taller 114-foot cell tower on Mountain Avenue also failed to attract any speakers from the public at the board's Apr. 15 meeting.

The MTA is looking to build the tower to improve emergency communications in the area. The proposed tower would replace an existing tower that is nearly 30 feet shorter.

Picinich added that the MTA and applicant Crown Castle are looking at different approaches to reduce the tower's visual impact. Steps being considered include painting the pole and lowering the cell carriers' equipment on the tower. Those possibilities are being reviewed by the Planning Board.

The Village Board decided to keep the hearing open until it receives the Planning Board's recommendation.

Sean Browne contributed to this article.

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# A Whirlwind Start for Harckham as New Measures Abound in Albany

By Martin Wilbur

When Peter Harckham arrived in Albany in early January to take his 40th state Senate District seat for the first time as part of a new Democratic majority, he knew things would be different.

The Democrats had promised sweeping changes, including election reform, passing additional gun safety measures that extends background checks and enacting a safe storage and approving the Reproductive Health Act to codify a woman's right to an abortion as part of the state's health law rather than the criminal code.

For better or worse, changes began happening this session not at a glacial pace but at warp speed.

"We kind of threw that tradition on its ear this year and right out of the gate we started passing important legislation, things that have been bottled up," Harckham said. "We talked about in the campaign, the first three months it was going to be the red flag bill, the Reproductive Health Act and the Child Victims Act. That was done in the first two months."

In the ensuing weeks, there was a still wider assortment of approved legislation from prohibiting single-use plastic bags, to banning conversion therapy, passing the online sales tax and making the 2 percent tax cap permanent.

Harckham said he and his Democratic

colleagues got the session off to a quick start with Election reform. Not only do the dates of potential primaries align with the federal election calendar but more people are now encouraged to vote by making absentee ballots as-of-right and by introducing early voting, so if someone is busy or sick on Election Day they don't miss out on the chance to vote.

It was no accident that election reform was the first significant order of business that was tackled, he said.

"We wanted to send that message that in order to fix everything else, we had to fix our democracy," Harckham said.

While there was not enough time during the first three months of the session to change the education formula, the legislature included about another \$1 billion in state aid, Harckham said. The districts that saw the biggest bump were those that were at less than 50 percent of foundation aid, had growing enrollment and a large contingent of English Language Learners.

In the area, Ossining will be receiving an additional \$3 million in 2019-20, Peekskill will see a \$2.4 million increase and Brewster about \$1 million more, Harckham said.

For Bedford, which has the extremes of wealth in certain parts of the district and a large immigrant population in parts of the district, there was an additional \$400,000 made available. There was legislation that



State Sen. Peter Harckham, center, speaks with supporters last year in Mount Kisco.

also allowed Bedford to have an insurance reserve even if they are self-insured and districts are now allowed to set up a pension reserve in case pension costs escalate beyond estimates.

Harckham said that he supported making the 2 percent tax cap permanent despite complaints.

"The complaints came from Town Board members and school board members, not from taxpayers," he said. "Taxpayers overwhelming support the tax cap because we have to have some predictability in people's lives, especially with the loss of SALT"

Restoration of the full Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) funding, Harckham said, was done, which for some municipalities represents up to 1 percent on the taxes, or about half the annual allowable cap space.

As chair of the Senate's Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Committee, Harckham pressed for and was successful in seeing an extension for inpatient or outpatient substance abuse treatment from 14 to 28 days before insurance companies can do a review.

One of the major issues of the session, *continued on page 6*

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## UJA-Federation to Convene Inaugural Westchester Women's Symposium

UJA-Federation of New York in Westchester will convene the first-ever Westchester Women's Symposium on Wednesday, May 1 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville.

The symposium will feature 14 women who live or work in Westchester who have turned ideas into action by founding and/or leading a variety of nonprofit organizations. The opening speaker will be Abigail Pogrebin, noted author, columnist and freelance journalist.

The speakers are women who drive change to improve the lives of others in a number of fields including mental health, education, the homeless, cancer, LGBTQ teens and the arts. They will share their stories through interviews, panel discussions and TED Talk format presentations. The event chairs are Elissa D. Hecker of Irvington, Laura Kleinhandler of Rye Brook and Vivian Sklar of Scarsdale.

The speakers and their organization are Carola Otero Bracco, executive director, Neighbors Link, Mount Kisco; Robin Bronk, CEO, The Creative Coalition, New Rochelle; Karen Cheeks-Lomax, Esq., chief executive officer, My Sister's Place, Mount Vernon; Edie

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A light breakfast will be served. The cost of the event is \$118; \$100 of the cost – the value of the event – is not tax deductible. Registration is required. For more information or to register, visit [www.ujafedny.org/event/view/westchester-women-symposium](http://www.ujafedny.org/event/view/westchester-women-symposium).

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the potential legalization of recreational marijuana, has not been resolved. Harckham said that there has been an avalanche of concerns from parents' groups, school officials and police involving a potential increase in risky behaviors, issues that must be resolved before he would support legalization.

Since there would be an entire new industry established, he said it will likely be about two years from the time any legislation might be approved until it goes into effect.

"First, you're setting up this new agency like the Bureau of Cannabis, or something like that, and then they have to select first the growers, then they have to select the distributors and then there's also the debate of who are the growers, who are the sellers," Harckham said. "You don't want them to be one and the same, you don't want to get big tobacco involved."

Harckham said the pending shutdown of Indian Point is weighing heavily in Cortlandt and Buchanan. There is currently about \$69 million in a cessation fund that the affected jurisdictions will be able to tap into to ease the burden once. He also supports a proposal from Assemblywoman Sandy Galef, which includes the spent fuel rods in the assessment of the property

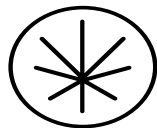
because of the unlikelihood of economic redevelopment.

While it was no secret that Gov. Andrew Cuomo appealed to Harckham to run for the seat last year, the senator addressed questions about whether he exhibits independence from the executive branch.

"As a legislator, you need to support your conference and your leadership, Harckham explained. "When the governor went to meet with Senate leadership over Amazon, I stuck with my leadership and I stuck with my colleagues in the Senate because that's what good colleagues do for each other. We have centrist members of our conference and we have incredibly progressive members of our conference. I get along with all of them. I work well with everybody."

He said that some of his fellow new colleagues have tested the tried and true ways of Albany but their fresh perspectives have helped to get things done.

"I think it's good that some of the young, more progressive members of the Senate conference are pushing the envelope on how we do business and openness and democracy," Harckham said. "I think that's a good thing. It may ruffle some of the old-timers' feathers. That's what representative democracy is all about. Everybody brings their own skills and attitude. I just enjoy working with everybody."



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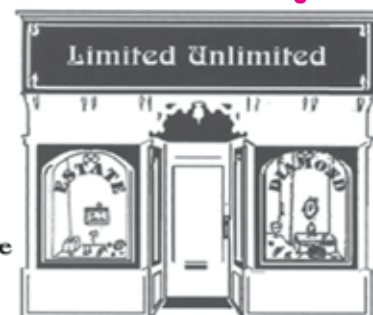
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# Cuomo Signs Single-Use Plastic Bag Ban on Earth Day

At a press conference on Monday at Clearwater's Kingston Home Port and Education Center at the Hudson River Maritime Museum, Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced his signing of legislation banning single-use plastic bags in New York State.

The governor made the announcement beside Rondout Creek to an audience of reporters and environmental groups including Clearwater, Riverkeeper, Scenic Hudson and the officials from the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

At the signing, he called it a "minor inconvenience" that will help the environment.

"Yes, like you have to remember to go to the store, and you have to remember to bring your keys, and you have to remember to find a way to get there, and you have to bring your wallet or your purse to pay," Cuomo was said. "And don't forget the phone because you can't go anywhere without the phone."

The law will go into effect on Mar. 1, 2020. Some types of single-use plastic bags, such as trash bags, those used to wrap produce and meats and to cover garments can still be used.

"We are very concerned about the accumulation of microplastics in our waterways and fish," said Erik Fyfe, education director for Clearwater. "As



A Clearwater crew member celebrates Gov. Andrew Cuomo's signing Monday of the law that will ban single-use plastic bags statewide. The ban will go into effect next March.

part of our education programs, we collect plankton from the river to show our students, and for at least the last five years, whenever we look at the plankton under

a microscope, we see microplastics in the water."

Plastic bags have long plagued the Hudson River's ecology, and are a major

contributor to the global ecological crisis posed by plastic pollution in the world's rivers and oceans. Often confused for food by freshwater and marine animals, plastic bags and other plastic debris do not biodegrade.

Instead, these materials break down into microscopic pieces of plastic, or "microplastics" that are consumed and bioaccumulate in fish, mammals, and birds throughout the aquatic food chain.

New York's new plastic bag ban will help reduce the amount of plastic in the Hudson, environmental advocates contended. Additional work is needed to address other common sources of microplastic pollution such as synthetic clothing, cosmetics, cleaning products and air blasting media.

"We pull plastic waste from the Hudson every day during the sailing season, whether we're under way or not," said Clearwater Executive Director Greg Williams. "All of it would otherwise break down into microplastics which wind up in the water, in the fish and in anyone that eats the fish. We're delighted Gov. Cuomo is signing the plastic bag ban bill and is taking the opportunity to recognize environmental advocacy organizations in the process."

In the past couple of years, municipalities around Westchester and throughout New York had passed their own bans, including New Castle and the Village of Pleasantville.

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Dr. Hrubes has worked with multiple dance and theater companies and is on the board of the Performing Arts Medicine Association. She is also an active member and serves on committees of the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine, American College of Sports Medicine, International Association for Dance Medicine, and American Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

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# Police Blotter

## County Police/Mount Kisco

**Apr. 15:** Police responded to a health club on North Bedford Road at 1:06 p.m. on a report that an 89-year-old woman was feeling ill and was unable to get up off the floor. Westchester EMS also responded and transported the woman to Northern Westchester Hospital.

**Apr. 15:** Police responded to Radio Circle at 2:59 p.m. on a report that two students from a private school were involved in a fight on a school bus. School staff separated the two students before officers arrived. It was determined that the two students had shoved each other during an argument but there had been no further physical contact.

**Apr. 16:** Five vehicles in an employee parking area at Northern Westchester Hospital were found to have deflated tires at 7:45 a.m. An investigation is ongoing.

**Apr. 16:** A motorist reported at 10:15 a.m. that the front bumper of his vehicle was damaged while the car was parked on West Main Street. The damage, apparently caused by another vehicle, occurred during the previous

45 minutes.

**Apr. 17:** A West Street resident called police at 4:35 p.m. to report that she had a dispute with her home health aide and wanted the aide removed from her home. The aide told responding officers that her client needs 24/7 care and it would be unsafe to leave her unattended. The two women agreed to remain in separate areas of the home until the end of the aide's shift.

**Apr. 18:** A village resident arrived at the Green Street precinct at 12:05 p.m. to report that he has been receiving unwanted text messages and phone calls from an ex-girlfriend and that she has refused his request to stop contacting him.

**Apr. 18:** Police responded to the Mount Kisco train station platform at 2:30 p.m. on a report that a man was yelling and behaving erratically. He was gone upon an officer's arrival.

**Apr. 18:** Police responded to New Castle Drive at 3:14 p.m. to assist a motorist who was locked out of his car.

**Apr. 19:** A Pine Street resident reported at 7 a.m. that someone made more than \$9,000 in unauthorized withdrawals from his bank account. An

investigation is ongoing.

## North Castle Police Department

**Apr. 12:** A caller reported having found money, a vehicle registration and other personal belongings in the roadway on North Broadway at 8:29 a.m. and wanted to turn the items in. The responding officer reported securing the items and returning them to the owner.

**Apr. 12:** Report of a vehicle off the road on Banksville Road at 6:20 p.m. The officer stated the vehicle is off the roadway and into the woods. An ambulance was requested because of a knee injury. The driver was arrested for DWI.

**Apr. 13:** A caller reported a large snapping turtle in the middle of Main Street at 5:37 p.m. The responding officer stated that the turtle was removed from the roadway; matter adjusted.

**Apr. 14:** A Cedar Hill Road resident requested assistance with a raccoon trapped in a garbage can at 2:13 p.m. The responding officer reported assisting the complainant with releasing

the raccoon.

**Apr. 14:** A caller reported finding a small black dog on Wrights Mill Road at 4:19 p.m. The woman stated that the dog has no collar. She stated that she will hold onto the dog and to notify her if anyone reports losing a dog.

## Pleasantville Police Department

**Apr. 13:** A complainant arrived at headquarters at 12:45 p.m. to report the unauthorized use of a credit card. An investigation is ongoing.

**Apr. 15:** A 58-year-old Pleasantville man was arrested at 10:05 a.m. and charged with aggravated harassment for shoving another person on Lincoln Avenue.

**Apr. 18:** Report of a disturbance at Pleasantville High School at 1:35 p.m. A parent and a coach got into a shouting match during a sporting event.

**Apr. 18:** A 14-year-old girl was arrested at 4:27 p.m. and charged with criminal mischief in connection with an incident on Ashland Avenue.

# Obituary

## Francis Hunt

Francis J. Hunt (Frank), a resident of Bedford Hills for 36 years, died Apr. 14 at Calvary Hospital in the Bronx. He was 69.

Born in Philadelphia on July 27, 1949, to Frances Mary and Francis George Hunt, he graduated from Camden Catholic High School in 1967 and from Rutgers University with a degree in political science in 1971.

Hunt and his wife, Elizabeth Anne, have been longtime members of St. Mary's Church in Katonah. He had a love for history, reading, followed sports and was very family oriented.

Hunt is survived by his wife of 33 years, Elizabeth Anne Hunt, of Bedford Hills; his father, Francis George Hunt, of

Collingswood, N.J.; brother Charles M. Hunt of Denver; and sisters Mary Kay Harding of Kellogg, Idaho and Annemarie Hunt of Haddonfield, N.J.

In lieu of flowers, family and friends may make donations in memory of Francis J. Hunt to Calvary Hospital's Calvary Fund, 1740 Eastchester Rd., Bronx, N.Y. 10461, 718-518-2077 or at [www.calvaryhospital.org](http://www.calvaryhospital.org).

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Apr. 25 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary of The Assumption Church, 55 Valley Rd. in Katonah. The graveside service will follow at 11 a.m. at St. Francis Cemetery on Lexington Avenue in Mount Kisco.

## North Castle Town-Wide Clean Up Day Set for This Saturday

The Town of North Castle will be holding its annual town-wide clean up day this Saturday, Apr. 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteers are needed for the effort.

Anyone looking to participate, can come to Town Hall at 15 Bedford Rd. in Armonk or the North White Plains Community Center at 10 Clove Rd. to pickup up bags and safety vests. The town reminds anyone taking part to wear long pants and gloves. In case of rain, the clean-up will take place the next day, Sunday, Apr. 28. Check the town's website at [www.northcastleny.com](http://www.northcastleny.com) on Friday if the forecast calls for

bad weather.

On Sunday, the shredder truck will be behind Town Hall from 9 a.m. to noon for North Castle residents only to bring personal papers for shredding. Residents are limited to four file boxes each and they must take back the cardboard boxes.

Also, on Saturday, the town will hold e-waste collection at Town Hall from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For a list of items that will be accepted for e-waste collection and for other information regarding Clean Up day, including how to volunteer, visit the Town of North Castle website.





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# White Plains Hospital Breaks Ground on Major Expansion Project

By Neal Rentz

A major expansion to White Plains Hospital was announced during a groundbreaking ceremony on Apr. 22.

The 252,000-square-foot, nine-story outpatient center for advanced medicine and surgery will be located at the corner of Maple and Longview avenues adjacent and connected to the main hospital and the Center for Cancer Care.

The new facility will house new operating rooms, endoscopy suites, cutting-edge imaging, wound care delivered through hyperbaric chambers and specialty physician practices including: orthopedics, spine, maternal fetal medicine, neurosurgery and a heart and vascular center.

Susan Fox, president and CEO of White Plains Hospital, said the new facility is one part of the hospital's commitment to the community. The goal is to assure that those who use the hospital "thrive in a time of great complexity and making sure that people get the right health care."

Fox said the hospital has seen increases in the use of its inpatient and outpatient services.

"We're growing, unlike many, many other hospitals," she said, adding the hospital has 3,500 staff members. "Our success demands that we continue to build here."

The new building would have a connection between it and the hospital's Cancer Center, Fox said.

"Right now, if you get sick and you need inpatient services while you're at the Cancer Center you actually need an ambulance to take you around the block, which is crazy," she said. "With these connections that won't happen;



An architect's rendering of what the outpatient center for advanced medicine and surgery will look like when completed. The project is a major expansion for White Plains Hospital, which broke ground on Monday.

we'll be able to wheel you right over to the hospital."

"Another benefit of this building is by consolidating so many of our outpatient services into this new Cancer Center we free up space in our hospital for patients who need acute care," Fox said.

White Plains Mayor Tom Roach praised the project.

"The hospital is a key component of our city. It is by far our largest employer," he said. "They're involved in every activity we have in the city. They

sponsor so much."

"I'm not just the mayor, I'm a customer," Roach said, noting that he was treated and cured of cancer at the hospital and his two children were born at the facility.

White Plains Hospital officially broke ground on its 252,000-square-foot, nine-story outpatient center for advanced medicine and surgery on Apr. 22.



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# Three Arrested in Mount Kisco Bar Fight; Man Injured

By Martin Wilbur

Three people were charged Thursday with assault and criminal mischief stemming from a fight at a Mount Kisco tavern last Wednesday night that left a Dutchess County man injured.

County police charged James Arvisais, 29, of Wingdale, N.Y., 29-year-old Theodor Ehrenberg IV of Dover Plains, N.Y. and Kellylynn Peterson, 21, of Brookfield, Conn. with second-degree gang assault and second-degree criminal mischief. The suspects were arraigned Thursday afternoon in Mount Kisco Justice Court.

Police said at about 11:10 p.m. Wednesday, a dispute broke out among the suspects and victim who were known to each other inside O'Connor's Public House at 222 E. Main St.

During the assault, the male victim, whose identity was not released, was slapped and punched in the face, knocked to the ground and kicked in the face. He suffered a concussion and multiple injuries to his face and teeth.

Police said the victim was assaulted inside the tavern and outside, and the windshield of his sister's car was smashed. The victim's sister arrived in her car to take her brother home as his

designated driver, said county police spokesman Kieran O'Leary.

It was not known what triggered the altercation, he said.

O'Leary said that the four parties had gone to the Yankee game earlier that evening and took the train after the game to Mount Kisco.

Witnesses told responding officers that the three suspects left the scene in a white Subaru, according to county police. Officers assigned to the Mount Kisco precinct located the vehicle traveling northbound on Interstate 684 in Goldens Bridge and took the suspects into custody. After an investigation, they were formally charged at about 2:30 a.m.

The victim was treated at the scene by a paramedic from Westchester EMS and Mount Kisco Volunteer Ambulance Corps personnel. He was transported to Northern Westchester Hospital Center, treated and released.

# Man Pleads Guilty in Attempted Mount Kisco Kidnapping

By Martin Wilbur

A Cortlandt man pleaded guilty last Wednesday for attempting to kidnap a woman on Route 117 in Mount Kisco last January.

Kyle Gregg, 23, of Doris Lee Drive in Cortlandt Manor accepted a plea of second-degree attempted kidnapping and second-degree criminal possession of a weapon, both Class C felonies, according to the Westchester County district attorney's office. Gregg was indicted by a grand jury earlier this year.

Authorities said that on Jan. 5, the intended victim, a 50-year-old woman, was walking southbound along Route 117 at about 11:35 p.m. when a Nissan Sentra with out-of-state license plates stopped alongside her. Gregg offered her a ride but the woman refused. A short time later further south on Route 117, the car driven by Gregg stopped alongside the woman again and he demanded that she get in the car.

When the woman refused, the district attorney's office said he pointed a handgun at her and demanded she get in the car. The woman ran away and Gregg fled the scene.

An investigation by Westchester County police detectives determined the suspect was driving a car with Maine license plates, which could have been a rental car.

On Jan. 7, a Putnam County Sheriff's deputy observed the vehicle and stopped Gregg at Oregon Corners near the Cortlandt-Putnam Valley border. A .22-caliber handgun was later recovered during his arrest by Westchester County police.

Gregg, who was originally charged with third-degree criminal possession of a weapon with a defaced serial number and third-degree menacing in addition to the two felony charges, is scheduled to be sentenced on June 12.

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# Bedford Adopts \$139M School Budget With Maximum Tax Cap Levy

By Erin Maher

The Bedford School District Board of Education adopted a \$139 million budget for 2019-20 last Wednesday that increases spending by about \$3.5 million and carries the highest allowable tax levy hike to stay within the tax cap.

The budget allots funds to pay additional debt service, mostly arising from a 2012 capital bond. Spending will rise \$3,520,987 or 2.42 percent over the current year.

Bedford will see a 3.81 percent tax levy increase, the highest allowable level while still adhering to the cap. Administrators have yet to calculate the tax rate increase for taxpayers.

The 2019-20 budget contains no new hires and sees a decline in four elementary school-level employees and the reduction of one part-time civil service employee's position due to declining enrollment. The administration did not indicate from where these positions are being cut.

Officials allotted \$8,907,549 – 6.43 percent – of the proposed budget to pay for debt service from a voter-approved 2012 capital bond referendum that is coming due, as well as a Bond Anticipation Note and installment purchase debt.

In 2012, voters approved a \$31,828,238 bond that paid for district-wide capital projects, including roof replacements at several schools. Money was also allocated for science labs at Fox Lane Middle School, boilers at West Patent Elementary School and for both schools to become ADA compliant.

School officials have also allotted \$153,000 for professional development

needs and \$200,000 for a new computer lease.

The district continues its recovery from its 2015-16 fiscal troubles when it needed to close an initial \$8 million deficit and cut 52 positions district-wide. That school year Bedford was deemed to be the third most fiscally stressed district in New York, according to the state comptroller's office. In January, the district was given no fiscal stress designation.

Since mid-2016, when Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christopher Manno was

appointed, he made budget innovation and fiscal responsibility a top priority. Last year was the first year since the 2015-2016 school year that the budget included additions and no cuts.

There will be five informational presentations on the 2019-20 budget led by Manno and Interim Assistant Superintendent James Reese. These will occur on Tuesday, Apr. 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Pound Ridge Elementary School; Thursday, May 2 at 7 p.m. at Bedford Hills Elementary School; Tuesday, May 7 at 7 p.m. at West Patent Elementary

School; Thursday, May 9 at 9:30 a.m. at Bedford Village Elementary School; and Tuesday, May 14 at 7 p.m. at Mount Kisco Elementary School.

The state-mandated budget hearing will be held at the Board of Education's May 8 meeting at Fox Lane Elementary School. That meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. The annual statewide budget vote and school board election will be held on Tuesday, May 21.

For further information on the district's budget, visit [www.bcsdny.org](http://www.bcsdny.org).

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### The Beat Goes on for an Invaluable Musician of the Sixties

By Richard Cirulli

The author is dedicating this article to all those behind the scenes, the unsung heroes of '60s popular music who left their impressive signature on our hearts, minds and souls, though rarely if ever on the albums' recording credits.

A special salute to Carol Kaye, a studio session guitarist and bassist, who is credited with having played 10,000 recording sessions.

All honest musicians and music aficionados will admit, it is these super talented studio musicians who truly turned songs into long-remembered and cherished hits by simply adding their riff, intro and/or syncopated beat at the right time and place.

At 84, Kaye is still rocking and teaches guitar and bass. It would be fair to state that all 1960s guitarists were Kaye's students, laboring to emulate her vast reservoir of talent, even if we were unaware of her mentorship. Her studio work was not limited to one genre, ranging from Glenn Campbell to Frank Zappa's Mothers of Invention.

Kaye is truly a rare find. Her acumen has depth and breadth, and made poignant musical statements that still beat in our souls today.

And, yes, it was Kaye who came up with the famous bass line in Sonny and Cher's "The Beat Goes On."

The list of hits she played on are far too numerous to list in one article; an encyclopedia would be more appropriate and respectful of her musical contributions. Kaye, along with fellow session guitarist Glen Campbell (who went on to musical stardom), were part of a cadre of well-respected session musicians known amongst themselves as the Wrecking Crew.

At the time, it was quite unusual to find experienced women as session players. Kaye has noted the sessions were generally good-humored and all session players were united by the music. Interviewed on YouTube, she is quoted saying "back in the '60s, the music was more about us, and not about me," a humbling and typical sentiment mostly forgotten by today's musicians and performers.

Kaye's work has not only influenced aspiring musicians, but also the superstars of her times, such as Brian Wilson, who had Kaye play on the Beach Boys' "Pet Sounds" record. Yes, that bass line in "Good Vibrations" is Kaye's signature statement.

Her contribution to Pet Sounds had

a direct influence on The Beatles, which inspired them to record "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band."

Kaye's musical signature is everywhere to be found in popular music, from Phil Spector's production of "River Deep, Mountain High" to Nancy Sinatra's "These Boots Are Made for Walkin'."

All composers of popular music that are worth their salt, know the limits of their own creativity and respect the contributions of session players, who in all fairness are co-writers, taking the composer's work to new levels. Just think how bland the previously mentioned songs would sound without Kaye's signature bass lines. It is fair to rebrand Kaye not as merely a brilliant session player, but more honestly a hit- and star-maker.

The author encourages readers to take the time to do a simple Google search of Kaye's life. Yes, her beat goes on pounding a rhythm into our souls.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Proposed Campaign Financing Bills Would Level Playing Field

Many of us have grown increasingly weary of campaign finance laws that allow politicians to fundraise exorbitant sums of money from wealthy donors and lobbyists. They often have direct access to lawmakers, giving them ample opportunity to sway opinion on legislation.

I want to bring your attention to two bills being discussed in Albany that promise to curtail the power of many of these individuals.

The New York Times recently ran a piece revealing the fundraising "circuit" that happens in Albany during the legislative session. Lobbyists pay their way into

fundraisers, allowing them to give their pitch to lawmakers on bills that may be voted on the next day. I have introduced bill A.5950, which would eliminate this practice by banning fundraising within a 15-mile radius of Albany while we are in session. This would ensure that the concerns of New Yorkers are not drowned out by special interests when lawmakers cast their vote.

Another important reform being discussed in Albany is public financing of campaigns. Public financing would limit the amount candidates can take from wealthy donors, and match small

donations with public funds. By matching small donations, voters who contribute small sums are put on a more equal footing with wealthy donors.

I am hosting a community forum on public financing on Thursday, May 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Croton Library to discuss this proposal in more detail. I look forward to a robust conversation about how this measure would impact New York. Please save the date.

Sandy Galef

Assemblywoman, 95th District

### Holy Innocents Has Ceased to Feel Like a Welcoming Church

On Palm Sunday of Holy Week, I was blessed to see at the Jacob Burns Film Center "The Bag of Marbles," a French movie showing a real Jewish family, particularly two young brothers, struggling to survive the Holocaust. The film before a large audience was for real.

## Correction

In last week's column The Travel Maven, there was a misspelling in a reference to the Khymer Rouge. The Examiner regrets the error.

I then went to pray at Holy Innocents, once a fully Catholic and thus inclusive church. Something was wrong; there were no signs of welcome in different languages and no signs by Blessed Mary showing the connections of the unborn and children of immigrants – as they had been. Unlike the film, it was unreal. I was lonely and felt alienated from my own religious tradition – Catholic. I certainly had seen and sensed more of the welcoming presence of God in a movie than in the local Catholic church.

I had thought that Matthew 25's dictum on welcoming the stranger was still part of the Bible, and that the proudly orthodox

Dominicans would stand for that with their slant on truth. This Church of Holy Innocents certainly is NOT as welcoming as it once was.

From the theater world, Shakespeare, a Catholic, would be clear in reminding the well-heeled Dominicans that "Something is rotten in Denmark" – and yes, Pleasantville.

In hope for a real change.

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# Synagogue to Host Special Holocaust Remembrance Concert, Program

By Martin Wilbur

Next Wednesday evening, Temple Shaaray Tefila in Bedford will be hosting a very different type of Holocaust Remembrance program.

Former Chappaqua Orchestra conductor and music director Michael Shapiro, a member of the congregation, has been able to gather four Boston Symphony Orchestra string players to perform a concert of music written by four prominent composers at Terezin, a Nazi concentration camp. The music had been buried and later discovered, coming to light in the 1980s into the '90s.

The program will be paying tribute to Viktor Ullmann, Gideon Klein, Pavel Haas and Hans Krasa, prisoners at Terezin but who continued to write music until they were sent to their deaths in late 1944 or early 1945.

Shapiro brought the idea for the program, which will be on the eve of Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) to the attention of the synagogue's Holocaust Remembrance Committee. The composers' works and those of many others have become important not only for historical purposes but for what their art represented, he said.

"When you think about it, these people were composing in what were concentration camps with Nazi guards and the SS and all the horror that went along with that, malnourishment and so forth," said Shapiro.

"It didn't stop them from producing a performance with an upright piano of the Verdi Requiem. So in any event, the creation of their art was their resistance."

Accompanying the concert is a multimedia presentation that also includes other art and writings, which had been created by those sent to Terezin. The program will be narrated by former longtime Boston Symphony Orchestra musician Mark Ludwig.

Shapiro said it was no accident that accomplished musicians, composers and artists were sent to Terezin, along with thousands of children. The camp was meant to dupe the Red Cross and representatives from other humanitarian organizations into thinking that Jews who had been rounded up across Europe just before and during the Holocaust were being treated well, he said.

The artists not only performed for each other but put on concerts for the guards and Nazi leaders as well. Most were eventually shipped to one of the Nazis' death camps.

"They were all killed in one of the last transports of 1944 to Auschwitz before its



Former Chappaqua Orchestra conductor and music director Michael Shapiro has helped organize a special concert featuring the work of four composers who wrote music in a Nazi concentration camp and before their deaths. The program will also discuss other art that was created.



liberation the next spring by the Russians," Shapiro said of the four featured composers. "If they had lived a few more months, they would have been liberated."

There is likely a strong connection among composers today, especially Jewish composers, to Ullmann, Klein, Haas and Krasa, Shapiro said. Their music was a link to pre-war

Europe. Within the past 30 years it has been discovered and appreciated.

"Their music was similar to the middle European style of the period," said Shapiro. "With their deaths and with the migration of their contemporaries to Hollywood, a very vital link was lost."

There remain Temple Shaaray Tefila

members who have close personal connections to the Holocaust, he added. Current Holocaust Remembrance Committee Chair Lori Laub is a child of a Buchenwald concentration camp survivor while another, Arlette Baker, was taken in by her grandmother who was not Jewish and raised a Catholic in Paris through the end of the war.

Important programs are the hallmark of the synagogue.

"Our group is dedicated to presenting these cultural events every year at Temple Shaaray Tefila," Shapiro said.

The free concert will be performed in the synagogue's sanctuary at 7 p.m. next Wednesday, May 1. The public is invited to attend. Temple Shaaray Tefila is located at 89 Baldwin Rd. in Bedford Corners. For more information, visit [www.shaaraytefila.org](http://www.shaaraytefila.org).

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## The Weekly Feature from Entergy

### Greeley Alumnus Turns Magic Into a Special Night Out

By Martin Wilbur

Since childhood, Steve Cohen has been attracted to the allure of magic. He started performing at children's birthday parties and other small celebrations soon after entering middle school.

His immersion into the art led him to look for ways where he could make his livelihood through magic as an adult.

After graduating from Cornell and several unsatisfying jobs later, Cohen found what he was looking for. The Yorktown native, who is fluent in Japanese, had spent a few years in Japan teaching English, but he made sure to bring along his magic tricks.

He found a way to get booked at the Park Hyatt Tokyo and for two years worked every weekend. But Cohen, who specializes in close-up magic, which is also called parlor magic that was popular in New York City about 100 years ago, is essentially surrounded by his audience rather than on stage in an auditorium or other large venue.

"The problem is how do you perform for eight or 10 people in front of you and turn it into a viable business?" Cohen explained. "But I realized that I had to ramp up my performance from close-up magic that you might see in a bar or intimate spaces."

After returning to New York and working as a translator for a time, in March 2000 Cohen was able to be booked in space at the old Waldorf Astoria on Park Avenue, for his production that he called Chamber Magic. He tailored his 90-minute shows to allow for 50 to 60 people to attend, turning the show into a full-time business.

All shows are presented in cocktail attire; Cohen is dressed in a coat with a tail white shirt and bow tie, looking like he stepped out of 1919 instead of 2019. The audience is also expected to wear formal eveningwear. Cohen, who performs only for adults, said occasionally a boyfriend or husband might complain to their partner or



Steve Cohen performing at one of his Chamber Magic shows at the Lotte New York Palace Hotel in Manhattan.

spouse about the dress requirements, but it's part of the ambiance that he has tried to create.

He said he always thanks the audience for following the dress code.

"We've kind of cheapened the experience of magic," said Cohen, a Horace Greeley High School graduate whose father taught for many years at Robert E. Bell Middle School. "Magic is equivalent to going out to Carnegie Hall or Lincoln Center or to the Metropolitan Opera House. There's no reason why it shouldn't have the equivalent stature. So that's why I work really hard to make

the whole experience a perfect night."

Cohen performs conjuring, mind-reading, sleight of hand tricks and other baffling feats that only he knows how to do. The show may be in a formal setting but the references are 21st century.

"It's not like going to a Renaissance festival where performers are speaking in Olde English and trying to make you feel as if you were back in the day," said Cohen, who currently lives on the Upper West Side. "The trappings are very old school but the show itself is modern and I think that's part of what makes it appealing to people."

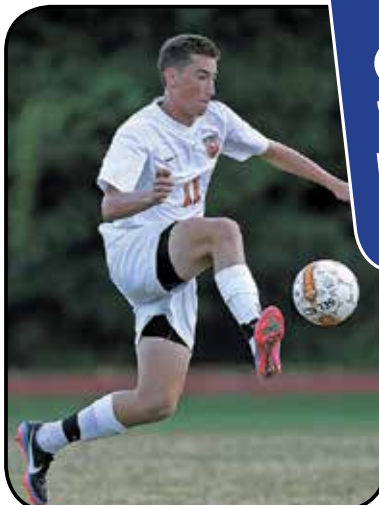
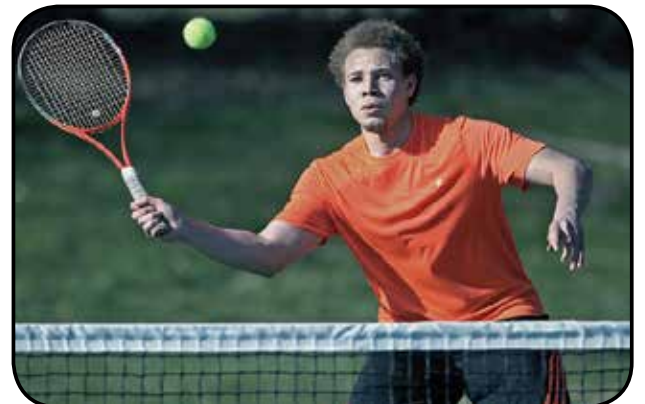
He schedules five shows a week – on Friday and Saturday evenings at 7 and 9 p.m. and a Saturday matinee at 2 p.m.

A few years ago, when the Waldorf Astoria announced remodeling plans and the famed hotel would be closing for about three years, Cohen had seven top-of-the-line New York City hotels reach out to him in hopes of being able to have them host his show.

Chamber Magic is currently performed in a salon in the New York Palace Hotel on Madison Avenue.

"It's very genuine," Cohen said. "The last thing you expect a magician to be is genuine."

For more information and for tickets, visit [www.chambermagic.com](http://www.chambermagic.com).



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# Chappaqua Fire Dept. to Participate in RecruitNY This Sunday

As part of the ninth annual RecruitNY statewide initiative, the Chappaqua Fire Department will open its doors to area residents so they can learn about what it takes to be a volunteer firefighter in their community.

The past several years has been challenging for volunteer fire departments across the state, as many are struggling with decreased membership and increased call volume. Like most volunteer departments, the Chappaqua Fire Department needs to bolster its ranks so it can continue to provide the optimum and necessary level of protection for its residents.

As part of RecruitNY, on Sunday, Apr. 28 from 12 to 4 p.m., the Chappaqua Fire Department, located at 491 King St. in Chappaqua, will join volunteer fire departments across the state at their respective firehouses for a unified recruitment drive. Not only will RecruitNY be an opportunity to highlight the rewards and responsibilities that come with being a volunteer firefighter, it will also raise public awareness about the need for volunteers.

Throughout the day, the Chappaqua Fire Department will conduct tours of the station and firefighter apparatus, allow visitors to try on firefighter gear and provide activities and fascinating information throughout the firehouse for visitors. Department personnel will discuss the requirements to be a volunteer as well as conduct demonstrations, answer

questions and let visitors know how to get involved.

Last year, more than 350 fire departments across the state held recruitment open houses. The Firemen's Association of the State of New York (FASNY) is planning for an even higher turnout this year.

"All are welcome to join us during RecruitNY," said Chappaqua 1st Assistant Chief Russell Maitland "This is a unique opportunity for residents to meet their local volunteer firefighters and learn a bit more about the fire service. Volunteer

firefighters are your neighbors who dedicate their spare time to help people in their times of need. We are always looking for new members, and it is our hope that after seeing the incredible camaraderie of the firehouse up close, more people will be interested in becoming a part of our very special family."

Over the years, FASNY has worked exceptionally hard to build and deploy a multi-tiered plan for helping the state's 1,700-plus volunteer fire departments recruit more than 25,000 new volunteer firefighters across the state by utilizing

federal SAFER grant funds for programs, including the "Fire in You" advertising campaign, FASNY HELP community college tuition reimbursement program and recruitment training classes.

Established in 2011, RecruitNY is a joint undertaking by FASNY, the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs, the Association of Fire Districts of New York State, Volunteer Fire Police Association of the State of New York and County Fire Coordinators Association of the State of New York.

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More than 25 sustainable energy companies will be exhibiting at the trade show. Sponsors include Best Energy Power, ClimateMaster, Con Edison, Daiken, Enertech, Fujitsu, Killfrost, Mitsubishi Electric, OLA Consulting Engineers, Ventacity Systems and Water Furnace.

The show will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hilton Doubletree, located at 455 S. Broadway in Tarrytown. Registration and more information, including the conference program and list of expert speakers, is available at [www.HowGreenIsMyTown.org/show](http://www.HowGreenIsMyTown.org/show).

# Ways to Avoid the Sale of a House Going to the Dogs

My wife Margaret is a practically perfect woman with only one discernable flaw: she dislikes dogs.

Hence, I have lived a happy marriage with only that one major difference between us. I love dogs and have always longed for one. But alas, I have had to settle for a couple of cats to share our home, a species I don't particularly relate to.

While "woof, woof" can be music to a dog lover's ears, there is sad news for those of you who plan to sell your home someday – your dog can hinder the sale.

Truth is that some prospective buyers will not share the affection you have for your dog. Any feeling they might have is usually disinterest at best and naked fear at worst.

Real estate agents like me tend to moan when they book a showing for a buyer client and the listing instructions include comments such as "dog's name is Killer, but he's really very gentle." Or better yet, "it's best not to enter the garage where two large dogs will be in crates. If your buyer insists on entering the garage, do NOT try to pet the dogs."



By Bill Primavera

Showings should be as convenient as possible and the dog issue is be taken seriously and accommodated creatively, even if it puts a genuine hardship on the owner. Buyers are more likely to make an offer on a house they like if they get to spend more time in it. If there is persistent barking while they're viewing the house, they might want to leave as soon as possible.

A while back good friends of ours, two gentlemen who were great dog lovers, acquired three medium-sized dogs over a couple of years.

The dogs were all the same breed of English bulldog, a truly hyper variety with faces only a mother could love. They were the most ill-behaved dogs I've ever encountered. When my wife and I would visit our friends for dinner, the canine trio would jump on us until our legs would ache. My wife began to wear jeans for our visits, instead of her usual skirt and stockings, in order to brave the dogs' manic behavior.

While the dogs were mauling us, their incessant barking was accompanied by yelling from their owners demanding

that they calm down. My wife finally insisted that she could visit our friends' home only if the dogs were secured in another room while we were there.

When our friends moved to North Carolina, I was delighted to list their exceptional arts and crafts-style home. However, I insisted they take the dogs out of the house when it was to be shown. The owners agreed.

When we were looking for our own home, my wife and I booked a showing where, as soon as we got out of our car, we were greeted by a chorus of loud barking. When we entered the center hall of the house, a closed door to the right was literally being strained from its hinges by two large dogs hurling their bodies against our only defense against them. Even though we liked the overall look of the house, it was difficult to concentrate with such a distraction. We just wanted to leave.

More laid-back dogs that remain in a house when it is being shown might be found in crates. My heart goes out to them. Although we're told that dogs accept this kind of restriction, I have a hard time believing that and always feel guilty about their containment because of my visit.

Sometimes there is a residual dog

smell in a house of which the owners may be unaware. This can be an issue with cats, too, perhaps even more so because of the litter box.

One of the most distressing sights involving dogs is when hardwood floors are stained by urine and/or the surface is severely damaged by their claws. It's nearly impossible to correct that situation unless the floors are completely replaced.

I also sometimes receive sad calls from dog owners who have great difficulty in finding a landlord who will let them have a dog; some condos and co-ops restrict their presence as well.

Real estate buying and selling is fraught with challenging issues. But a realtor's job is to market a seller's home and his or her responsibility is to take all reasonable measures to ensure that the process doesn't go to the dogs because of dogs.

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# Center for Healing Focuses on Helping the Most Vulnerable Children

By Martin Wilbur

A sexually abused child has a difficult road to travel. For the past two years, residents of the JCCA's Cottage School in Pleasantville who have been victims have had the services of the Center for Healing in hopes of recovering from their ordeal.

Launched in 2017, the center provides evidence-based clinical services for the sexually abused or commercially exploited youngster, said Jessie Boye-Doe, hired as the Center for Healing's director the year before it opened.

Currently, there are 36 Cottage School residents between the ages of five and 21 years old who receive services, although the center also provides services for referrals from other JCCA facilities.

The scourge of sexually abused children and teenagers is so pervasive that even if the center had 100 specially-trained clinicians at its disposal, it would be unable to meet the needs of this population inside and outside of the school, Boye-Doe said.

"Unfortunately, child sexual exploitation is grossly under-reported because of the fact that it exists in an underground economy," said Boye-Doe. "Many people believe that the children who are exploited are more often than not foreigners, which isn't true. There are hundreds of thousands of U.S.-born kids who are exploited yearly."

One 2007 study, she said, concluded

that there were about 2,200 children in New York City who are exploited annually. However, the nature of the problem lends itself to the numbers of sexually abused and exploited children being vastly underestimated, according to Boye-Doe.

A team of professionals work with the child and the family to help the victim develop coping skills. Each family has access to individual and family psychotherapy sessions. The child remains in treatment once the goals are achieved.

Comprehensive biopsychosocial, psychopharmacological, educational and medical evaluations are available. The program uses the Trauma Symptom Checklist for Children (TSCC) and the UCLA Trauma Inventory for the child and family. Psychological testing and substance abuse assessment and/or treatment are available on the campus by licensed substance abuse specialists, if needed.

A key factor for success in many cases is for the child's family to be part of the treatment.

"In the past, we've held groups for the commercially sexually exploited and the attendance for parents has been relatively low," she said. "What we do here, when we work with parents is focus on sexual abuse and helping parents understand



Jessie Boye-Doe, the director of the JCCA's Center for Healing at the Cottage School in Pleasantville. The center was established two years ago.

There are various workshops as well as off-site training for professionals throughout the metropolitan area.

"We do so many trainings and so many consultations that we're impacting hundreds of kids every day," Boye-Doe said.

The idea for the center developed about five years ago. At that time, the JCCA had already established the Gateway program in 2008 for girls who were commercially exploited, said Boye-Doe, who has worked in Brooklyn and Stamford, Conn. as a victim's advocate in the court system and directed a child advocacy center. However, there were many Cottage School residents who had a history of being victimized sexually or boys who had been trafficked that were not eligible for the Gateway program, she said.

Boye-Doe said a prevailing misconception is that only certain populations of minors are likely to be abused. But sexual abuse or exploitation can happen anywhere. If a youngster doesn't feel loved at home or doesn't have access to money for typical youthful material possessions like a cell phone these factors can be exploited.

As teenagers continue to mature, typically they develop more defenses but that is not always the case, Boye-Doe said.

that their children have been victims of sexual abuse," Boye-Doe said.

In addition to the goal of treating youngsters who have been traumatized, the center's other key component is to train medical professionals, social workers, educators or anyone who would or should like to learn more about child abuse identification, prevention and intervention, she said.



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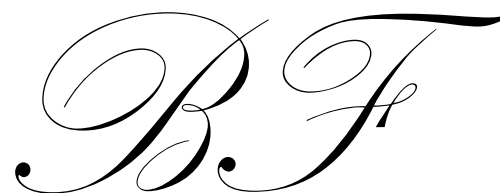
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# Key Facts That Everyone Should Know About the Measles

From Jan. 1 to Apr. 11 of this year, there were 555 cases of measles confirmed in 20 U.S. states, representing the second largest number of reported cases in the nation since the measles was eliminated in 2000, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Many of these cases have been reported in the Hudson Valley, primarily in Rockland County. Below is a Q&A with Dr. Valerie Cluzet, an infectious disease specialist with Health Quest Medical Practice, on this recent outbreak and how best to protect yourself and your loved ones.

**Q: What is the measles and how serious are they?**

Dr. Cluzet: The measles is an infection caused by a virus and is spread through infectious droplets when an infected person breathes, coughs or sneezes. It is highly contagious and can be spread by just being in the same room as someone who is infected, even if they are no longer in the room. (Measles droplets can float around in the air for up to two hours.) If you are exposed to measles and are susceptible – meaning you have not been fully vaccinated or infected in the past – you are 90 percent likely to get infected.

A measles infection can be serious. Up to one in 20 can get pneumonia. A more rare but serious complication is a brain infection called encephalitis. About one to two out of 1,000 children who get the measles will die. There is also a very rare but fatal,

long-term nervous system complication called subacute sclerosing panencephalitis (SSPE) that can develop seven to 10 years after the illness. Those at highest risk for complications are children under 5, adults older than 20, people with weakened immune systems (from leukemia, HIV, chemotherapy, etc.) and pregnant women.

**Q: What are the symptoms of measles and how soon do they appear after exposure?**

Dr. Cluzet: The measles virus typically causes fever, malaise, cough, runny nose and conjunctivitis, followed by a typical rash, which starts at the head and/or face and moves down the body. Symptoms usually start about 10 to 12 days after exposure, with a rash developing about 14 days after exposure. Infected individuals are contagious for about four days before the rash appears and before any symptoms start and for four days after.

**Q: How are measles treated?**

Dr. Cluzet: Unfortunately, there is no treatment for measles. Patients receive supportive care until they recover on their own. They should be monitored for complications, such as pneumonia or brain infection.

**Q: How are measles prevented?**

Dr. Cluzet: We have a very effective vaccine that provides about 97 percent protection against the measles after two doses. The measles, mumps, rubella vaccine, or MMR, is typically given at 12

to 15 months of age and at 4 to 6 years of age. One dose is about 93 percent effective at preventing the measles. In the U.S., introduction of the measles vaccine resulted in a decrease of measles by 99 percent. It is critical to maintain high rates of vaccination (90 to 95 percent) so those who cannot get the vaccine (infants) or who have weak immune systems will also be protected. This is what is known as herd immunity.

**Q: I've been exposed to someone who has measles. What should I do?**

Dr. Cluzet: Call your doctor. If you have had measles in the past or are fully vaccinated and have a normal immune system, you are very unlikely to develop it. If you are unsure about your vaccine or infection history, then your doctor can check for protective antibodies.

If you do not have protection against measles or are unsure, then you should receive the vaccine within three days of exposure to try to prevent infection. Individuals at risk for serious complications, such as infants under 12 months, pregnant women and people with compromised immune systems, can receive protective antibodies (within six days) to try to prevent measles infection after exposure. You should stay home from work, school or day care for two weeks to ensure you have not developed the infection.

**Q: If I've been vaccinated, am I fully protected? Should I get a booster?**

Dr. Cluzet: The vaccine is about 97

percent effective at preventing infection after exposure. Those who do develop infection (three in 100) usually have a milder illness. If you have had two doses of the MMR, there is no need to get a booster. If you are unsure of your vaccine history, you can either get a dose of the MMR or your doctor can check your blood to see if you have protective antibodies.

**Q: Why has there been an increase in measles cases in the U.S. and in this region recently?**

Dr. Cluzet: In general, measles vaccine coverage rates in the U.S. have been over 90 percent. However, in many of the cases seen, there are pockets of unvaccinated people. The infection spreads quickly in those communities. Typically, outbreaks occur when someone gets infected after traveling abroad to a country that is experiencing a measles outbreak.

**Q: With this recent outbreak, how can I protect myself and my children?**

Dr. Cluzet: The most important thing you can do is make sure you and your children are fully vaccinated. In outbreak settings, it is recommended to give the measles vaccine to infants as young as six months. (They will still need to get it again at 12 to 15 months and between 4 and 6 years old). You can also help educate others on the importance of vaccination to prevent these outbreaks and complications. If you are pregnant, have a weakened immune system or are unvaccinated or under-vaccinated (only one dose) child and live in an area where there are outbreaks, try to avoid public spaces where there will potentially be a lot of people.

**Q: Where can I find more information about the measles?**

Dr. Cluzet: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has a lot of useful information about the measles. Visit <https://www.cdc.gov/measles/index.html>.

## Pace Professor Honored by ArtsWestchester for Documentary Class

A Pace University professor who has traveled the world creating award-winning documentary films with her students has been honored by ArtsWestchester for her work teaching filmmaking in a unique, hands-on program at Pace.

Maria Luskay, a professor and program director of Master of Arts in Media and Communication Arts, was presented with the Sophia Abeles Education Award at the annual Arts Awards Luncheon on Apr. 11 at the Westchester Hilton in Rye Brook. She was one of seven artists honored at the event.

"What makes Pace University special is that we make sure our students get real-world experience alongside academic instruction," said Pace President Marvin Krislov. "Dr. Luskay's Producing the Documentary class is a fantastic example of that. Her students spend a semester as professional filmmakers, producing world-class documentaries. It's been a transformative experience for so many aspiring filmmakers, and both her students and I are deep grateful to Dr. Luskay for (her) vision and dedication."

"Mahalo," said Luskay as she accepted



Pace Professor Maria Luskay with university President Marvin Krislov after Luskay was recognized by ArtsWestchester for her documentary filmmaking class.

the award. "I say Mahalo because I just got back from spending a week with 20 of my students in Hawaii, telling the story of the people of the big island and the Kilauea eruption. I truly know what I am thankful for. Thank you to ArtsWestchester for this honor."

Each year, students in the Producing the Documentary class choose an environmentally and culturally relevant subject and travel to various parts of the world to create a documentary film. Students conduct interviews, film, edit and produce the documentaries under Luskay's guidance.

Her class recently returned from Hilo, Hawaii where 20 students and two staff members chronicled the effects the Kilauea volcano eruption and how the volcano has shaped the lives of the island's people for generations. The latest documentary will premiere at the Jacob Burns Film Center on May 7.

Students from the class have produced award-winning documentaries in locations across the world, including Cuba, Brazil, Costa Rica, Portugal, The Netherlands and Curacao. Last year, they documented the effects of Hurricane Maria on Puerto Rico. These films have been recognized and featured on WABC, as well as various newspaper and television news outlets.

Luskay, is a Pace alumnus and has been teaching at the university for more than 25 years.

## County Health Dept. to Offer Free Measles Vaccines

The Westchester County Health Department is offering the MMR vaccine that protects against measles, mumps and rubella on Tuesday, Apr. 30 and Tuesday, May 14 in White Plains.

To reserve a spot to get the vaccine, which is safe and effective, visit [www.health.ny.gov/gotoclinic/60](http://www.health.ny.gov/gotoclinic/60). The MMR vaccination clinics are scheduled for both days from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 134 Court St. in White Plains.



# P'ville Artist Auctioning Work as Part of Malawi Orphans Fundraiser

By Martin Wilbur

Since his retirement, Patrick Cooke has worked on his art mainly for his own enjoyment. This Sunday, some of his paintings will help children halfway around the world.

There will be a silent auction of 14 of his pieces at W Antiques in Mount Kisco in hopes of raising as much as \$8,000 to help children who have been orphaned as a result of the AIDS epidemic in the east African nation of Malawi. There will also be gift certificates, furniture and other items auctioned Sunday afternoon to reach that goal.

"It's for a good cause," Cooke said. "I'm not worried about selling them. If they don't buy, they don't buy."

Cooke, 87, a former bank executive who has lived in Pleasantville for over a decade, has been creating his art, largely consisting of abstract paintings and drawings, since he left the workforce more than 20 years ago. In the fall of 2016, he had his first exhibit at the Mount Pleasant Public Library.

His wife, Josie, helped make the connection. In 2012, she met Annie Mkandawire, a Malawi native who came to the area with her father as a missionary to the Pleasantville Presbyterian Church about 20 years ago. Mkandawire's father was the director of an orphanage in Malawi and he and his daughter would organize various fundraisers to help



Patrick Cooke has become a prolific artist in recent years, mainly creating abstract paintings. Some of his work will be auctioned Sunday in Mount Kisco as a benefit to help orphans in Malawi.

raise money for the facility. Most of the children at the orphanage lost their parent to AIDS.

Josie Cooke said over the past several years they have also been friendly with Luigi Del Vecchio, who works at Mediteraneo Restaurant in Pleasantville. Del Vecchio operates W Antiques, an antiques and consignment shop on Lexington Avenue in Mount Kisco. He has been trying to convince Patrick to sell his paintings at his shop.

"I reached out to Luigi because he's always been open to it and he immediately said yes," Josie said. "He's been anticipating

doing something anyway. This was the right time."

Patrick said his wife helped him select the 14 pieces for the auction from his collection of close to 100 works that he has at home or in storage. The paintings up for the auction have been hanging at W Antiques as part of an exhibit the entire month, which will culminate Sunday afternoon.

"I looked for more of the abstract or the unusual," Josie Cooke said.

From 2 to 4 p.m. each Saturday afternoon this month, Cooke has been at the shop as part of an artist's meet-and-

greet and he will also attend on Sunday.

While his work has been slowly surfacing in local exhibits, Cooke continues to attend two local arts classes most weeks, one on Thursdays at the senior center in Chappaqua, the other on Fridays at the senior center in Pleasantville. He has been slowly expanding the reach of his art, much of which hangs in his Pleasantville apartment, but he remains self-deprecating about his work.

"A lot of people showed up, and like I said, I didn't sell anything," Cooke said of the library exhibit, from which he received strong feedback. "If somebody wanted something that they could call me."

He painted a portrait of one person who had sought him out and the woman paid a fee for his work. Still, Cooke felt uncomfortable taking the money.

After a working life in the corporate world, Cooke is happy that he can receive satisfaction from creating art and have some others appreciate his efforts as well.

"Being able to do it and to have some success with it, helps me live," he said. "It's not the whole bag of wax, but it enhances life."

The silent auction at W Antiques will be held from 12 to 4 p.m. this Sunday and will include a reception with light refreshments. It is co-sponsored by Ronni Rosenfeld Interiors. W Antiques is located at 342 Lexington Ave. in Mount Kisco.

## Life Energy Arts Slated to Open in Mount Kisco on May 5

Life Energy Arts, a gallery of stunning photographs and paintings in downtown Mount Kisco, will have its official opening on Sunday, May 5 from 2 to 4 p.m.

The gallery's focus is the work of John Diamond, M.D., a leading holistic healer, whose artwork has been exhibited throughout the world. It represents a new philosophy – works of art created with the intention of being therapeutic for those viewing them.

For more than 50 years, Diamond has been a pioneer in complementary and alternative medicine. Perhaps best known for his discovery of the link between the emotions and the acupuncture meridians, his work is truly holistic and based around the concept of Life Energy, the innate healing power of the body. Fundamental to his work is the therapeutic value of art.

"I believe that the basic purpose of art should be heal," Diamond said. "All that matters to me as a painter and photographer is that it enhances the Life Energy of the viewer."

His artwork brings together all aspects of his years of experience in

health, healing and the arts.

Life Energy Arts is the vision of Karla Booth, a local teacher of the Alexander Technique and longtime associate of Diamond.

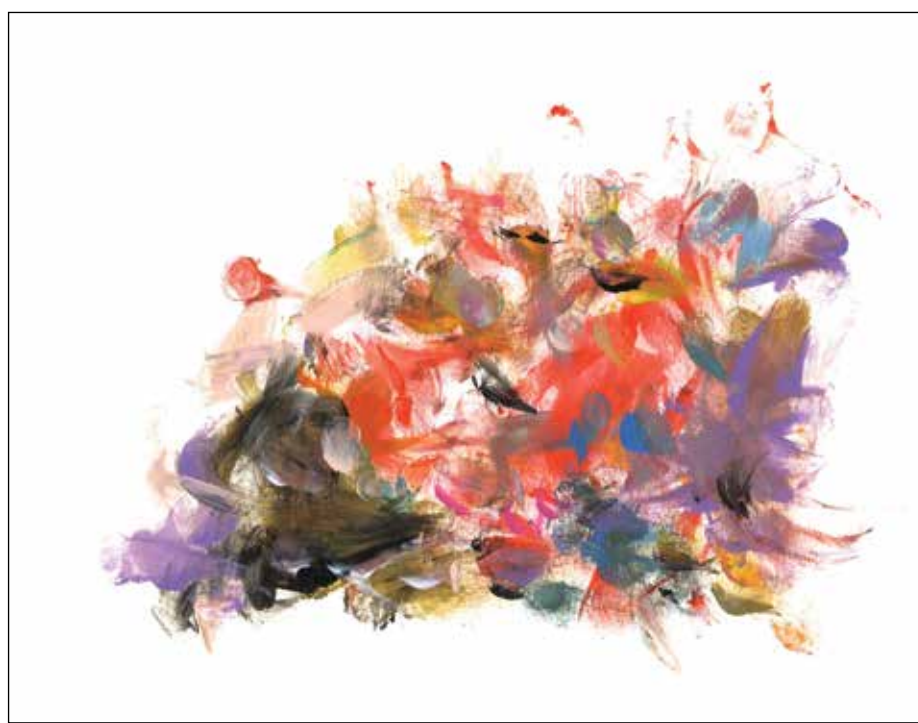
"I am thrilled to have the opportunity to present Dr. Diamond's work to a wider public," Booth said.

Booth said she would like to encourage people to visit and use the environment as a sanctuary for meditation and to experience the full power of Diamond's work.

As well as its gallery, Life Energy Arts offers classes and programs relating to his unique approach, including the use of music and art for well-being, meditation and the meridians and the emotions. There is also a reading room, where the public can learn more about Diamond's work and a store with educational and related products.

The May 5 grand opening will feature a catered reception, live music and a special presentation on Diamond and his work. Admission is free.

Life Energy Arts is located at 11-13 E. Main St. in Mount Kisco. For more information, call 914-533-7500 or visit



Photographs and paintings will be exhibited starting May 5 at Life Energy Arts, a new Mount Kisco gallery dedicated to promoting holistic healing.

[www.LifeEnergyArts.com/Gallery](http://www.LifeEnergyArts.com/Gallery). For more on Diamond and his work, visit

[www.DrJohnDiamond.com](http://www.DrJohnDiamond.com).

# Happenings

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## Tuesday, Apr. 23

**Drop in for Tech Help.** Receive help with any of your technology devices. PC, Google and Microsoft savvy volunteers will help with troubleshooting, downloading, Overdrive, Freegal, Hoopla or any other online service. First-come, first-served. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 3 to 4:30 p.m. Free. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkiscoliberal.org](http://www.mountkiscoliberal.org).

**Reading With Tobie and Karen.** A program for school-age children. Tobie and Karen are with The Good Dog Foundation. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 p.m. Free. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**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.mountkiscoliberal.org](http://www.mountkiscoliberal.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 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**"Of Father and Sons."** After his award-winning "The Return to Homs," documentarian Talal Derki returned to Syria, where he gained the trust of a radical Islamist family and shared their daily life for two years. Derki focuses primarily on their children, providing an extremely rare look at what it means to grow up with a father whose only dream is to establish an Islamic caliphate. Winner of the Grand Jury Prize for World Documentary at the Sundance Film Festival and nominated for a Best Documentary Oscar, this film captures the chilling moment when jihadism is born. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Members: \$9. Non-members: \$14. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

**Legendary Tuesday Night Jam.** This jam has fostered many great musicians over the years. Some have gone on to tour, win Grammy Awards and achieve celebrity status. You never know who you'll hear. Come on down, play or listen, dance, drink and enjoy. All levels of musical talent are welcome. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. No cover charge. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-747-4740.

## Wednesday, Apr. 24

**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).

**Adult Art Program: Acrylics Plus.** The group works in acrylics but also dabbles in other mediums. Facilitated by Nina Bertolino. Participants need to bring supplies from a list she provides. Ruth Keeler Memorial Library, 276 Titicus Rd., North Salem. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-669-5161 or [www.keelerlibrary.org](http://www.keelerlibrary.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.mountkiscoliberal.org](http://www.mountkiscoliberal.org).

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

**Chair Yoga With Alka Kaminer.** Experience greater flexibility, cardiovascular endurance and improved balance, strengthening and toning of muscles, better digestion, stress reduction, mental clarity, improved breathing,

relaxation and an overall sense of well-being. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-273-3887.

**"Senso."** Considered by many to be Italian master Luchino Visconti's greatest work, "Senso" is set during the 1866 Austrian occupation of Italy. The troubled Countess Livia Serpieri (Alida Valli) betrays her country for the love of an Austrian rogue, Franz Mahler (Farley Granger). As her resources dwindle, Livia comes to realize that their love might not be as pure as she had thought. With a new restoration and a proper U.S. release, one of the world's most beautiful films is finally getting the attention it has always deserved. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 2 and 7:30 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.

**Science Lab.** Become junior scientists and learn about different science topics through stories, crafts and experiments. There's a new topic every week. For children four to six years old. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 to 5 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**Knitting at the Library.** Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels. For ages 10 and up. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-864-8041 or [www.mountkiscoliberal.org](http://www.mountkiscoliberal.org).

**Chess Workshop for Young Adults.** Learn chess with the help of guided instruction and supervised play. Included will be the study of strategy and tactics to make you an even better player. For students in grades 5 and up. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. Free. Also May 8. Registration requested. Info and registration: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**DIY Earth Day Slime.** Celebrate Earth Day by creating earth day slime using glue, glitter and other materials. For children six years old and up. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco.

4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Space limited; registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

**Soul Voices: I'll Fly Away.** Soul Voices celebrates the diverse and talented student body of Purchase College. Comprised of young people of various backgrounds, interests and major study areas, the singers in the group come together to experience and express to their audience the unity possible via the great and universal gift of the human voice. Part of Purchase College's 25th anniversary of its Jazz Studies program. Purchase College's Music Building, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-251-6700 or e-mail [music@purchase.edu](mailto:music@purchase.edu).

**Art Series: Sir Lawrence Alma Tadema.** Celebrate spring with a look at Tadema's inimitable interpretation of the season. Look at his iconic work, "Spring," at the Getty in Los Angeles, as well as discuss the life and body of paintings from this Dutch-born artist. Born in 1812, Sir Lawrence reveled in creating images from classical antiquity, complete with all the luxury and decadence that the ancient Roman Empire was known for. 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).

**"Diane."** For Diane (Mary Kay Place), everyone else comes first. Generous but with little patience for self-pity, she spends her days checking in on sick friends, volunteering at her local soup kitchen and trying valiantly to save her troubled, drug-addicted adult son (Jake Lacy) from himself. But beneath her relentless routine of self-sacrifice, Diane is fighting a desperate internal battle, haunted by a past she can't forget and which threatens to tear her increasingly chaotic world apart. Followed by a Q&A with filmmaker Kent Jones with moderator Tracy Cochran. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$12. Non-members: \$17. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

## Thursday, Apr. 25

**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).

**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

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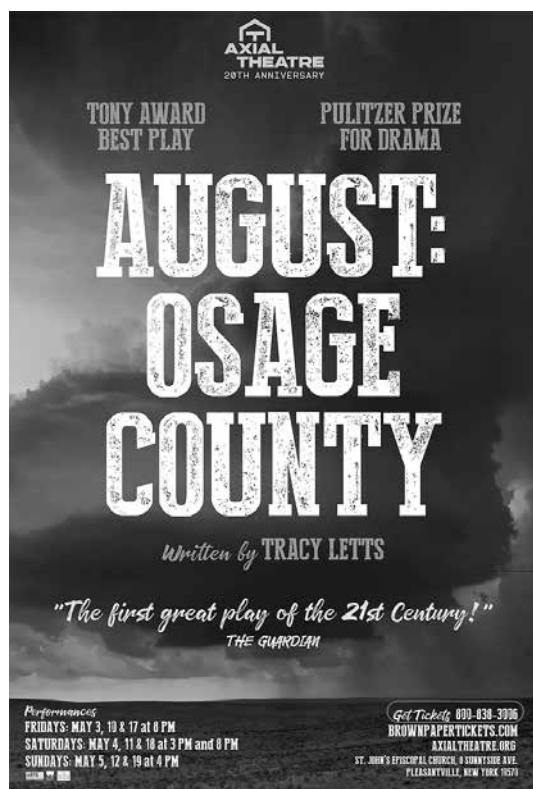


## Axial Theatre Presents Pulitzer Prize-Winning 'August: Osage County'

Pleasantville's Axial Theatre, celebrating its 20th anniversary year, will stage "August: Osage County" in an electric production of Tracy Letts' Pulitzer Prize-winning and multiple Tony Award-winning play from May 3 through May 19. Axial's co-artistic director, Catherine (Cat) Banks, will direct an ensemble cast.

The New York Times' Charles Isherwood called "August Osage County" "the most exciting new American play Broadway has seen in years," and The Guardian's Kate Kellaway said it's "The first great American play of the 21st century" when it made its debut on New York and London stages in 2007 and 2008.

It raises three fundamental questions: where did I come from, how did I get here and where do I want to go?" Banks said. "These questions live in the play at different stratum, from individual struggles to interpersonal relationships to even reflecting larger societal issues. The brilliance of this play, what drew me to it, is that the characters are deeply flawed and yet human, and therefore



worthy of compassion and empathy, as are we all."

Stephen Palgon, one of Axial Theatre's founding members and president of the Emmy Award-winning "Star Crossed Pictures," is co-producing the production.

The cast includes Anthony Barresi, Jr.; Michael E. Boyle, Jr.; Liz D'Ottavio; Stella DeBeech; D. Scott Faubel; Levi Joseph Green; Julie Griffin; Siobhan McKinley; Maria Oppedisano; Mickey Pantano; Jeff Schlotman; Alexandra Theodoropoulos; and Dan Forman.

Performances of "August: Osage County" are scheduled for Fridays, May 3, 10 and 17 at 8 p.m.; Saturdays, May 4, 11 and 18 at 3 and 8 p.m.; and Sundays, May 5, 12 and 19 at 4 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, located at 8 Sunnyside Ave. in Pleasantville.

Tickets are \$27.50 and \$22.50 for seniors and students. Tickets can be purchased online at Brown Paper Tickets or through Axial Theatre's website at [www.axialtheatre.org](http://www.axialtheatre.org). For more information, call 914-286-7680.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF OLA SERVICES, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 3, 2019. Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process on LLC. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: **OLA Services, LLC, 50 Broadway, Hawthorne, NY 10532. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF OLA ASSOCIATES, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 13, 2019. Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process on LLC. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: **OLA Associates, LLC, 50 Broadway, Hawthorne, NY 10532. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

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# May Bonfires: A 'Lest We Forget' Moment and Rousing Music Herald Spring

Our quest to bring the Celtic year alive continues. So far in our journey we've covered Lunasa (Aug. 1), Samhain (Nov. 1) and Imbolc (Feb. 1). Next up is Beltaine, which spans the eve of and daylight hours of May 1.

These three-month cycles don't mark the seasons we've grown used to. Indeed, for the Celts there were only two seasons – warm and cold. The cold season began with Samhain, and didn't end until sunset on Apr. 30.

Pronounced in a variety of ways, including BELL-tinnuh, the festival marks the beginning of the Celtic summer, when cattle would be driven out to summer pastures. To protect cattle, crops and family, great bonfires would be kindled during the night, often in pairs, and cattle driven between them – harmlessly – while family members danced around and across the embers. Hearth fires would be doused, and then rekindled from the light of the Beltaine fires. A nod from the gods would be enough to ensure a good crop, plenty of calves in the coming months and good fortune for all.

A recent trip to Philadelphia delivered a stark reminder that good fortune failed miserably for the Irish in the mid-1840s. My wife and I stayed in a nicely-renovated hotel on Front Street, a few hundred yards



JOAN MCGOWAN PHOTO

Glenna Goodacre's bronze sculpture in Philadelphia paying tribute to the Irish fleeing to the United States in the 1840s because of the Great Hunger.

from where boatloads of Irish immigrants landed in the New World.

Particularly poignant was a statue commemorating those who fled the Great Hunger, an Gorta Mór, from 1845 to 1851, when more than 1.5 million Irish died of starvation and disease brought on by a blight of their staple food, the potato. Their distress was greatly exacerbated by the limited effort of the British government to provide anything resembling effective relief.

It is worth mentioning that the Quakers, who founded Philadelphia, were instrumental in providing significant relief to the famine-stricken Irish.

## Irish Eclectic

Done by artist Glenna Goodacre, and a fixture at Penn's Landing since it was unveiled in 2003, the monumental bronze sculpture, 30 feet long and 12 feet high, depicts 35 life-size figures of people driven by starvation to leave their native land.

As I approached it from the west, a scene of immigrants unloading from a boat greeted me. My gaze fell upon the statue of a young boy, who in my mind could have been my great-grandfather, born in 1847, the darkest year of the famine. Walking around the statue, the scene slowly changed from shipboard to graveside, as the dead, so it has been written, were buried by the dying. Nowhere have I seen such a stirring memorial. New York's tribute in lower Manhattan is stirring, as is Boston's, but in this comparison, I am giving the nod to the City of Brotherly Love.

Another St. Patrick's Day is in the annals. A bracing day for the parade, a day earlier than the actual feast, which occurred on a Sunday and so was quieter than the norm. I was pleased this year to have heard not a single slur against the Irish for behavior on this, our patron saint's day.



By Brian McGowan

For me, the highlight came on Sunday evening with an outstanding performance of tunes old and new by the band Lúnasa, playing at Symphony Space in Manhattan with special guest performer Natalie Merchant. She appears on the band's latest CD, "Cas," whereon she sings "The Bonny Light Horseman," a timeless tune of love smitten by war. Merchant

sang it that evening in impeccable form, one of at least six songs she delighted the audience with, and including what is probably her most famous song from her 10,000 Maniacs days, "These Are Days." The audience was on their feet.

Lúnasa delights in bending the perception and delivery of Irish traditional music, staying true to the form while never being constrained by it.

Pleasantville resident Brian McGowan was born and raised in the Bronx and is a second-, third- and fifth-generation Irish-American and Canadian, as his immigrant ancestors followed several paths to the New World. Reach him at [brian.m.mcgowan1952@gmail.com](mailto:brian.m.mcgowan1952@gmail.com), or on Twitter (@Bmcgowan52M). To see more of his writing on "things Irish," follow his blog, "Rethinking Irish," at [www.rethinkingirish.com](http://www.rethinkingirish.com).

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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.

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**Toddler Storytime.** Finger plays, action rhymes, songs and stories to encourage an enjoyment of books and to stimulate early listening, learning and speaking skills. Recommended for children one to two-and-a-half years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 10:30 to 11 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday and

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

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

**Bridge for Intermediate Players.** This class is for people with some knowledge of the game. Led by Joel Goren. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**The Royal Opera: "La Forza del Destino."** Jonas Kaufmann and Anna Netrebko star in Verdi's epic opera, which demands the very best of singers for its powerful music and the fullest theatrical treatment for its story of bitter revenge pursued across miles and years. The production comes to The Royal Opera in a sensational staging from Amsterdam, packed with color and action. Directed by Christof Loy and conducted by Antonio

Pappano, music director of The Royal Opera. This performance is prerecorded. 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).

**Pre-K Storytime With Craft.** Stories, songs and a take-home craft. For children three to five years old. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 to 4:30 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.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.mountkiscoliberal.org](http://www.mountkiscoliberal.org).

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St., Mount Kisco. 5:30 to 7 p.m. Free. Info: E-mail [kiscotrees@gmail.com](mailto:kiscotrees@gmail.com).

**Great Books Forum Series.** "Drown" by Juno Diaz will be discussed. Discussion led by Professor Heather Ostman. Westchester Community College's Gateway Center, Room 131, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 6 to 8 p.m. Free. Info: E-mail Professor James Werner at [james.werner@sunywcc.edu](mailto:james.werner@sunywcc.edu).

**Stitch & Sip.** Similar to popular Wine & Paint nights, guests are invited to create a decorative needlework sampler (no experience necessary and appropriate for all skill levels) while enjoying wine and the company of other stitchers. Stop by for any length of time, long or short. Guests are invited to bring their personal projects to work on in a social setting. No experience necessary; appropriate for all skill levels. Horace Greeley House, 100 King St., Chappaqua. 6 to 9 p.m. \$10 suggested donation (includes wine, appetizers and craft materials.) Info: 914-238-4666, visit [www.newcastlehs.org](http://www.newcastlehs.org) or e-mail [director@newcastlehs.org](mailto:director@newcastlehs.org).

**"Five Seasons: The Garden of Piet Oudolf."** Oudolf, who is best known here for his groundbreaking designs for New York's High Line and Chicago's Lurie Gardens, has radically redefined what gardens can be. This documentary

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF EMPIRE AV LLC.** Art. Of Org. filed with Sec. of State on 12/10/2018. Off. Loc. In Westchester Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to **3 FOREST CT, MONTROSE, NY 10548. PURPOSE: Any lawful business.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF FAERIE CUTE LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/19/2019. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC: **233 N Macquesten Pkwy, Mount Vernon, NY 10550. The business of the LLC is 233 N Macquesten Pkwy, Mount Vernon, NY 10550. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF OH-SO EQUAL, LLC.** Skateboard Magazine filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/02/2019. Office location: Westchester. OH-SO EQUAL designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and mailed by OH-SO EQUAL to: **11 High Meadows Rd., Mount Kisco, NY 10549. Purpose: Any lawful acts.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF REIVA BEAUTY, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/12/19. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of any process to: **6 Tanglewood Rd., Pleasantville, NY 10570. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 106 FISHER AVE LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/05/2019. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **c/o Susan Lewkowitz, 670 White Plains Rd., Scarsdale, NY 10538, Ste 110. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 395WYTHE LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/1/19. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **395 Wythe Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE FEISTY WOMAN LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/27/19. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of any process to **602 Williamsburg Dr., Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.**

**LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY COUNTY OF PUTNAM NOTICE OF TENTATIVE COMPLETION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL** (Pursuant to Sections 501, 506 and 526 of the Real Property Tax Law) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Assessor of the Town of Putnam Valley, County of Putnam, has completed the Tentative Assessment Roll for the current year and that a copy will be available at the Assessor's Office, Putnam Valley Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, New York 10579, where it may be examined by any person interested, starting on or about May 1, 2019 daily between the hours of 8AM - 4PM, May 8, 2019 between the hours of 6PM - 9PM and May 11th, 2019 between the hours of 8AM - noon until the 28th day of May, 2019 and that on such day the Board of Assessment Review will meet at the Putnam Valley Town Hall at 6PM to hear and examine all verified written complaints in relation to such assessment on application of any person believing his property to be over-assessed. A publication containing procedures is available at the Assessor's Office at the Putnam Valley Town Hall or online at <http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/contest/grievproced.htm>.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING- PLEASE TAKE NOTICE,** the Putnam Valley Town Board will conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 6:00 PM at Town Hall, located at 265 Oscawana Lake Road in Putnam Valley, NY. The Public Hearing shall be held for the purpose of the proposed special use permit of Homeland Towers, LLC (Homeland Towers), New York SMSA Limited Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless and Sprint Spectrum Realty Company, LLC for a personal wireless service tower and personal wireless service facilities pursuant to Section 165-61 (A) of the Town Code at the Town owned property at 265-273 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, NY (the "site"). All interested persons wishing to speak shall be permitted to do so. The facility is proposed to include a 160 foot monopole with antennas thereon, together with related equipment located within a secure fenced area at the base thereof. **IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING** the Putnam Valley Town Board will hold their Regular monthly Town Board Pre-Work Session Meeting. **BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD** Sherry Howard, Town Clerk, Dated: 04-16-2019

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL MEETING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** on May 8, 2019 at 6:00 PM the Putnam Valley Town Board will conduct a Discussion/Informational Meeting to hear public comments on the topic of AIRBNB's in the Town of Putnam Valley. **IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING** the Putnam Valley Town Board will be holding the regularly scheduled work Session Town Board Meeting. **BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD** Sherry Howard Town Clerk Dated: 04-12-2019

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF KESTELOO VENTURES, LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 4/5/19. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to principal business address: **1501 Half Moon Bay Drive, Croton on Hudson, NY 10520. Purpose: Internet Marketing.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF INSPIRED BY JESUS LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 3/19/19. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to principal business address: **111 North Road, White Plains, NY 10603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LLC. THE NAME OF THE LLC IS MARY DARRAGH MACLEAN LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on 4/16/2019. The County in which the office is to be located is Westchester. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail copy of any process against the LLC is: **Northwest Registered Agent 90 State Street, Ste 700 Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ORAINE PHOTOGRAPHY, LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 3/6/2019. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **Oraine Photography, LLC, 406 Homestead Ave, Mount Vernon, NY 10553. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

**TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT** The Following Statement Of Account Is Published Pursuant To A Donation Agreement Between An Anonymous Donor And The Town Of Putnam Valley, Dated December, 2001, With Respect To Care And Maintenance Of The Tompkins Corners Cemetery: **1. Principal Balance Remaining At 12/31/17**

\$178,554.63 **2. Accrued Interest** 1/1/18 To 12/31/18 \$695.7 **13. Expenditures** 1/1/18 To 12/31/18 \$100.00 **4. Net Balance Remaining At 12/31/018** \$178,554.63

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# 'Newsies' Delivers Powerfully at Westchester Broadway Theatre

By Evelyn J. Mocbeichel

Celebrate the 110th production at the Westchester Broadway Theatre (WBT), "Newsies" is an exciting and entertaining addition to the long list of productions that have graced the stage.

It would be easy to be bowled over by all that this production encompassed. Running now through May 26, this high-energy, engrossing, uplifting and lively production should not be missed.

It is based on the 1992 Disney movie about the real-life newsboy strike of 1899. Who could imagine a strike involving ragamuffin newsboys could be turned into an entertaining vehicle more than a century later?

Set in New York City, it is the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a ragged band of teenage "newsies" who dream of a better life far from the hardship of the streets. But when publishing titans Joseph Pulitzer and William Randolph Hearst raise distribution prices at the newsboys' expense, Jack finds a cause to fight for and rallies newsies from across the city to strike for what's right.

After receiving help from intrepid reporter Katherine Plumber, all of New York City soon recognizes the power of young people. With music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Jack Feldman and book by Harvey Fierstein, it was not surprising that the audience was treated to a fantastic evening of entertainment.

This production also had a large cast, with each of the talented actors singing and dancing their way into each scene with energy and acrobatics. The costumes, mannerisms and New York City street diction of the era were spot on as well.

Directed by Mark Martino with musical direction by Bob Bray, special recognition goes out to Shea Sullivan for the choreography. The entire ensemble was in sync throughout the entire evening. Whether it was tap or dancing with trash can covers on the feet – an old-time city kids practice – the numbers were remarkable.

"Newsies" stars Daniel Scott Walton as Jack Kelly, Mary Beth Donohue as Katherine Plummer and Stuart Marland as Joseph Pulitzer. Others in the cast are Galyana Castillo (Medda); Alec Cohen (Davey); Patrick Tombs (Crutchie); and Benjamin Wohl (Les). The rest of the cast features Bill Bateman, Chris Cardelia, Bruce Crilly, E.J. Dohring, Zeke Edmonds, Michael Gorman, David Grindrod, Aliah James, Stephen C. Kallas, T.J. Kubler, Kyle Laing, Gary Lynch, Holly Moss, Stephanie Eve Parker, Tyler Sparacio, Daxx Jayroe Weiser and Josh Zacher.

The casting for WBT productions is routinely extraordinary and this production is no different. The audience is instantly drawn into the chemistry between the cast members. At the show's conclusion, there was a rousing and



Part of the outstanding ensemble cast of "Newsies," which can be seen at the Westchester Broadway Theatre in Elmsford now through May 26.

enthusiastic standing ovation displaying the audience's appreciation.

A special shout-out goes to Walton for his strong performance in song, dance and acting that carried the feeling of what the newsies were going through. He was strongly supported by Donohue and Tombs in his role as Crutchie, when he evoked heart-tugging emotion as the audience felt his pain during his solo as a young orphan restrained in a poorly-run city detention center.

With its short run, don't wait to reserve

your tickets for this show.

Westchester Broadway Theatre is located at 1 Broadway Plaza in Elmsford. Parking is free. Tickets for the show and dinner range from \$59 to \$89 each, plus tax, depending on which performance is chosen. Beverage service and gratuities are not included in the ticket price. Discounts are available for children, students and seniors at selected performances.

For reservations or more information, call 914-592-2222 or visit [www.BroadwayTheatre.com](http://www.BroadwayTheatre.com).

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immerses the audience in his work and goes inside his creative process. The film also follows Oudolf to Southwest England, where he is immersed in a new project, a garden he considers his best work yet. This film reveals how Oudolf upends our conventional notions of nature, public space and even beauty itself. Followed by a Q&A with Jan Johnsen, owner of Johnsen Landscapes and Pools, a New York-based design-build firm, who counts many well-known people among its clientele. She is also a contributing editor to Garden Design. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville 7 p.m. Members: \$12. Non-members: \$17. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

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Theatre, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 8 p.m. \$30 to \$65. Info and tickets: 914-251-6200 or visit [www.artscenter.org](http://www.artscenter.org).

**Lucy's Laugh Lounge.** Featuring KC Arora, Katie Hannigan, Alex Pavone and more. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 8 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.

**"The Color of Light."** A tender story of art, spirituality and love based on the real-life relationship between world-famous artist Henri Matisse and a young nursing student written by Jesse Kornbluth. The play explores how Matisse came to create what he called his masterpiece – the design and building of Chapelle du Rosaire in Vence, France. The simple love that develops between becomes the driving force behind his final and perhaps greatest work. The depth of their intimate friendship raises questions of art and religion, love and mortality, all brushed in the hues, tints and shades of Matisse's colorful pallet. Directed by Bram Lewis. The Schoolhouse Theater and Arts Center, 3 Owens Rd., North Salem. 8 p.m. \$38. Seniors: \$35. Also Apr. 26 at 8 p.m. and Apr. 27 and 28 at 3 and 8 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-277-8477 or visit [www.schoolhousetheater.org](http://www.schoolhousetheater.org).

### Friday, Apr. 26

**Miss Keila's Jukebox.** Children explore the world of music with instruments, props and even a parachute. For children six months to four years old. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East., Armonk. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

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**DIY Kindness Rock.** Join us to create your very own "kindness rock" using rocks, paint and other materials. Create inspirational messages to spread kindness. For children seven years old and up. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 3 to 4:30 p.m. Free. Space limited; registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

**Black out Poetry Craft.** Make cool poetry with a marker and some old pages of books. For ages 13 and up. North Castle

Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd East, Armonk. 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**Laurel and Hardy Shorts.** Film clips from "Liberty," "Brats," "The Music Box" and "Busy Bodies. Followed by discussion led by Philip Harwood. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or [www.chappaqualibrary.org](http://www.chappaqualibrary.org).

**Friday Night Film Series: "Grand Seduction."** Getting and keeping a doctor in a small Newfoundland fishing village is well near impossible but one man has a plan that he thinks will not only help his village but his career and family as well. Starring Brendan Gleeson, this comedy tells the story of just how far the residents of a small fishing town will go to get a doctor to commit to a residency with them. 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 Lords of 52nd Street: Legends of the Billy Joel Band.** They do not need to copy or reinvent the original music, since they are the guys you saw playing at Madison Square Garden, Carnegie Hall,

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Nassau Coliseum and the countless other venues during those Billy Joel concerts of the 1970s and '80s. The Lords of 52nd Street are the legendary bandmates who recorded and toured the world for many years with the Piano Man. They helped to create one of the most recognizable sounds in music. The band is led by Richie Cannata on tenor saxophone, Liberty DeVitto on drums and percussion and Russell Javors on rhythm guitar. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$28, \$33 and \$38. Info and tickets: Visit [www.tarrytownmusichall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusichall.org).

**"The Bodyguard."** Based on the 1992 Oscar-nominated film, a stage version of this breathtakingly romantic thriller stars American Idol finalist LaToya London. When former Secret Service agent-turned-bodyguard Frank Farmer is hired to protect superstar Rachel Marron from an unknown stalker, each expects to be in charge. What they don't expect is to fall in love. Includes Whitney Houston hits "I Have Nothing," "One Moment in Time," "Run to You," "I Wanna Dance With Somebody" and one of the best-selling songs of all time "I Will Always Love You." White Plains Performing Art Center, 11 City Place, White Plains. 8 p.m. \$28 to \$57. Also Apr. 27 and May 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 8 p.m. and Apr. 28 and May 2, 5, 8 and 12 at 2 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or visit [www.wppac.com](http://www.wppac.com).

## Saturday, Apr. 27

**Tag Sale.** Household items, jewelry, sporting goods, toys, small furniture, tools and clothing and much more. Refreshments will be available. Proceeds to support the programs of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1038. American Legion Post 1038, 27 Legion Drive, Valhalla. 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Info: 914-282-3169 or visit [www.alpost1038ny.org](http://www.alpost1038ny.org).

**Pleasantville Farmers Market.** The market is in the heart of Westchester County and centrally located in our beautiful, historic walking village. Experience the largest, year-round farmers market in Westchester, voted "Best of Westchester" five years in a row from 2014 to 2018. With over 50 vendors and seven nearby parking lots, Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rain or shine. Please note the market is a dog-free environment. Saturdays through Nov. 16. Info: Visit [www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org](http://www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org).

**Celebrate Arbor Day.** A tree planting, a mayor's proclamation and presentation of the Kids Tree Poster Art Awards. Leonard Park pond, Mount Kisco. 9:30 a.m. Info: E-mail [EarthDayMK@gmail.com](mailto:EarthDayMK@gmail.com).

**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.). North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 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).

**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. 10 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.

**20th Annual Native Plant Sale.** Since the sale launched 20 years ago, tens of thousands of native plants have found homes in area gardens and landscapes, supporting wildlife and providing ecological benefits to the community. The sale offers native plants exclusively, attracting people from throughout the tri-state region. Native Plant Center at Westchester Community College, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Plant Center members can enter at 9 a.m. Free admission. Info: 914-606-7870 or e-mail [wcc.nativeplant@sunywcc.edu](mailto:wcc.nativeplant@sunywcc.edu).

**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.

**Hoff-Barthelson Music School Master Class Series: Tara Helen O'Connor.** Watch this celebrated flutist perform. Hoff-Barthelson Music School, 25 School

Lane, Scarsdale. Noon. Free. Space limited; reservations strongly encouraged. Info and reservations: E-mail [hb@hbms.org](mailto:hb@hbms.org).

**Family Story Time and Music.** Led by Miss Stephanie. Part of the Town of North Castle's celebration of Earth Day. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**Climate Change Presentation.** Health educator Kathy Schwarz will lead a presentation on the changing climate, offering many suggestions on what we can do. Share your ideas with others. There are positive steps we can take to help turn it around. A vegan snack will be served. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1 to 2 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041 or visit [www.mountkisco.library.org](http://www.mountkisco.library.org) or [www.pullingattheroots.com](http://www.pullingattheroots.com).

**Opening Reception for "Rebirth – the Reawakening in Spring."** A timely exhibit of oil paintings, watercolors and photography celebrating the spring season showcasing art by more than a dozen local artists who have drawn inspiration from the annual reawakening and regeneration of life. Light refreshments will be served. W.P.A. Gallery at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Routes 35 and 121 South, Cross River. 1 to 3 p.m. Free admission. Parking: \$5 with county park pass; \$10 without a pass. Exhibit continues through June 2. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

**Make Your Own Decorative Sampler Workshop.** Children are invited to make a decorative burlap sampler featuring a fish and a variety of decorative borders. For children seven years old and up. Walk-ins welcome. Horace Greeley House, 100 King St., Chappaqua. 1 to 5 p.m. \$5 suggested donation. Info: 914-238-4666, visit [www.newcastlehs.org](http://www.newcastlehs.org) or e-mail [director@newcastlehs.org](mailto:director@newcastlehs.org).

**Community Collage.** Local artist Natalya Khorover Aikens will install a community crafted collage. Part of the Town of North Castle's celebration of Earth Day. North Castle Public Library lobby, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 2 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**Capturing the Landscape Through Plein Air Painting.** A lively with renowned plein air artists Elissa Gore and Larry Horowitz. The two master artists will discuss their works in the current exhibition "Staging Nature: A World Unto Itself," their relationship and engagement with painting outdoors and artistic development over the past 30-plus years. Followed by a Q&A. Light refreshments will be served. Madelyn Jordon Fine Art, 37 Popham Rd., Scarsdale. 2 to 4 p.m. Free. Info: 914-723-8738 or visit [www.madelynjordonfineart.com](http://www.madelynjordonfineart.com).

**Chess Workshop for Adults.** Come learn chess with the help of guided

instruction and supervised play. Included will be the study of strategy and tactics to make you an even better player. For adults. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 3 to 4 p.m. Free. Also May 4. Registration requested. Info and registration: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**Lucy's Laugh Lounge: Welcome to the Party!** Frankie Becerra is bringing his popular comedy showcase back for a special show. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 6 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.

**"A Bronx Tale."** Chazz Palminteri returns performing his one-man stage version of this hit movie and recent Broadway musical. Based on his childhood memories of working men and gangsters in the Italian-American neighborhood where he grew up, Palminteri originally wrote the scripts for the state and performed it in Los Angeles. He moved the production to New York where the stage version played to sold-out venues for four months and earned him Outer Critics Circle Awards for both acting and writing. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$48, \$65 and \$80. Info and tickets: Visit [www.tarrytownmusichall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusichall.org).

**Northern Westchester Hospital's Night of Comedy.** A urologist, a pediatrician, a pharmacist and a compliance officer are among the hilarious amateur comedians starring in the hospital's first-ever Night of Comedy to benefit NWH's school-based Health Education Program. The event was conceived and organized by Lisa Schwartz and Scott Horwitz. Schwartz is a member of NWH's Board of Trustees and community leader who lives in Bedford. Horwitz, a longtime Chappaqua resident who currently resides in Bedford Hills, has been making people laugh for many years with his unique style of observational humor and will serve as the evening's emcee. Chappaqua Performing Arts Center, 480 Bedford Rd., Chappaqua. 8 p.m. General admission: \$100. VIP access (including a pre-show party): \$500. Cabaret seats (including access to the VIP party and seats on stage with refreshments): \$750. Info and tickets: Visit [www.nwhcomedy.com](http://www.nwhcomedy.com).

**Mystic India: Colors of India.** This Bollywood dance spectacular depicts ancient India's transition into modern India, featuring live musicians and dancers performing breathtaking acrobatics. An ensemble of impeccably trained dancers combines authentic Indian and modern techniques, bringing the streets of Mumbai and New York into perfect harmony. This stunning visual display fuses dance, theater and spectacular special effects. Westchester Community College's Academic Arts Theatre, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 8 p.m.



# The Dichotomy Within the Wine Industry Unfolds Across the Front Page



By Nick Antonaccio

I've often written of the vast disparity of wealth in the wine industry. While it's likely a microcosm of society in general, it constantly amazes me as I report statistics that the aggregate of small winery owners controls an infinitesimal percent of wine sales. On the other hand, 2 percent of all winemakers in the United States control 84 percent of all wine produced.

There are many winemakers, essentially farmers, who struggle to survive. For them it is a labor of love each year. These include the small family wineries focused on sustaining the natural order in their vineyards in the United States and the fifth-generation family plots throughout Western Europe.

At the opposite end of the economic spectrum are those enjoying the riches of their vast wine empires. These are the behemoth corporations focused on sustaining their bottom-line profits.

The small winemakers work their land, collecting dirt under their fingernails.

The wealthy corporate owners wield their marketing and financial prowess, managing their wealth at their keyboards with manicured hands.

This dichotomy came to the forefront of world events last week. We all read and watched the sad details and analyses of the Notre Dame fire. In the immediate aftermath of the blaze it became quite clear to me that the French revered Notre Dame as an historic treasure, but moreso as a cultural and spiritual symbol of the French people.

And they responded. Within days of the devastating fire, close to \$1 billion was pledged to restore the cathedral. It is heartening to see such an outpouring. French President Macron has set an aggressive goal of five years for the full project. Others have estimated a timeline between 10 and 30 years at a cost of \$1 billion to \$3 billion.

Allow me to return to

my theme.

The generosity that has raised such a lofty sum for the restoration has come in large part from two of the largest conglomerates in France, both with significant interests in the wine industry.

First, Francois-Henri Pinault, head of Kering, S.A., the largest luxury goods

producer in France, personally pledged 100 million Euros (\$112 million). The Kering group includes the fashion houses of Gucci and Yves Saint Laurent; it also includes a number of prestigious, and profitable wineries, notably Chateau Latour in Bordeaux, Clos de Tart and Domaine Eugénie in Burgundy, Château Grillet in the Rhône Valley and Eisele Vineyard Estate in Napa Valley.

Now, \$112 million is a mind-boggling sum to the other 99.99 percent of winery owners around the globe.

Not to be outdone, another head of a French global luxury goods house announced his donation. Bernard Arnault, head of Louis Vuitton Moët Hennessy (LVMH), and the wealthiest man in France (third wealthiest in the world) has donated 100 million Euros each from his corporation and his family. So \$248 million is likely greater than the aggregate wealth of the majority of winemakers across the globe.

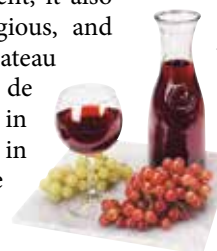
LVMH includes the eponymous fashion house and winery. Moët Hennessy, the famous Champagne company (Moët Chandon and Dom Pérignon brands), owns 25 additional wine brands. These include Veuve Clicquot and Krug in Champagne, Chateau Cheval Blanc and Chateau d'Yquem in Bordeaux, Clos des

Lambrays in Burgundy, Cape Mentelle in Australia, Cloudy Bay in New Zealand, Bodega Numanthia in Spain, Terrazas de los Andes in Argentina and a majority ownership of Napa Valley cult winery Colgin Cellars.

As you might imagine, in the cauldron of current French politics, many French citizens, including the Yellow Vest movement, are up in arms over this ostentatious display of wealth. In the face of the economic stress facing many French, they believe these corporations and individuals should consider aiding the needy as well as their national treasure.

Je salue the French elite for their financial support to restore Notre Dame. The economic dichotomy amongst winemakers will persist, but we have witnessed the beneficence the powerful can offer for the common good of all French citizens.

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\$24. Seniors, students and faculty: \$22. Children (under 13): \$18. Info and tickets: Visit [www.sunywcc.edu/smartarts](http://www.sunywcc.edu/smartarts).

### Sunday, Apr. 28

**A Walk in Search of Our Feathery Friends.** Bring binoculars and join avid expert birder Michael Bochnik for a hike around the preserve looking for birds and learning how to identify them. Cranberry Lake Preserve, Old Orchard Street, North White Plains. 9 to 11 a.m. Free. Info: 914-428-1005.

**Nature & Health Workshop: "How an Environmental Connection is Good for Your Health."** A discussion led by Dr. Kurt Beil. Leonard Park Teahouse, Leonard Park, Mount Kisco. 9:30 a.m. Free.

**Kids Color Fun Run.** The Pleasantville Fund for Learning presents this race for kids. Rain or shine. Pleasantville High School, 60 Romer Ave., Pleasantville. Registration at 9:30 a.m. Race at 10 a.m. \$20 per child. Info and pre-registration: Visit [www.pffl.org](http://www.pffl.org).

**Pound Ridge Historical Society Annual Meeting.** Presentation of the annual report, election of new officers and trustees and awarding the Hiram Halle Prize to a student who lives in Pound Ridge. The student must be in their sophomore, junior or senior year

with the interest and drive to create and execute a project that highlights some aspect of Pound Ridge history, bringing their town's past to life. Followed by unveiling a of a new bronze memorial to Hiram Halle, who bought and restored 33 homes, which revitalized the town's economy during the Depression. All welcome. Conant Hall, 257 Westchester Ave., Pound Ridge. Noon. Free. Info: 914-764-4333.

**Earth Week Celebration.** A day of volunteer projects and workshops. Opportunities to get your hands dirty include planting gardens, turning the compost, removing invasive species, clearing trails and mulching footpaths. Participate in workshops on beekeeping and backyard composting and be an environmental steward in our tree planting ceremony with state Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 12 to 4 p.m. Free. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

**Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation Concert.** Clarinetist Pascal Archer and pianist Adam Kent perform works by Brahms, Poulenc and Honegger. The congregation's choir, under the direction of Lisa N. Meyer and pianist Georgianna Pappas, will perform music by Schubert, Brahms and Bernstein, including

works from "West Side Story" and "On the Town." Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 468 Rosedale Ave., White Plains. 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation: Adults--\$20. Seniors and students--\$10. Children (13 and under): \$5. Maximum family donation: \$45. Info: 914-946-1660 ext. 6 or e-mail [concert@cucwp.org](mailto:concert@cucwp.org). Tickets: Visit [www.cucwp.org](http://www.cucwp.org).

**Nature Origami.** Create spring-themed works of art out of paper. For children seven years old and up; with an adult. Class will be held outside weather permitting. Cranberry Lake Preserve, Old Orchard Street, North White Plains. 1 to 2:30 p.m. \$4 per person. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-428-1005.

**Phelps Food, Wine & Beer Fest.** Celebrity Chef Peter X. Kelly returns as the featured guest at this fifth annual event to benefit Phelps Hospital's FARMacy and Wellness program. Includes selections from more than 20 Westchester-based restaurants. Guests may sample delicacies at elegant dining stations, enjoy fine wines sponsored by local wine store Best Wine Purveyors and beer tastings sponsored by local breweries – all of which will complement the chef's fare. Abigail Kirsch at Tappan Hill, 81 Highland Ave., Tarrytown. 1 to 4 p.m. \$100. Info and reservations: Contact Marissa Coratti at 914-366-3104 or at [mcoratti@northwell](mailto:mcoratti@northwell).

















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**New Castle Historical Society's 53rd Annual Meeting.** Featuring Guest Speaker Monica Randall, author of "Phantoms of the Hudson Valley: The Glorious Estates of a Lost Era." Phantoms of the Hudson Valley captures the architectural splendor of 26 palatial estates that have had periods of disrepair or have been demolished along the Hudson River. These stately mansions recall the aristocratic luxury of a bygone era, with their turrets and spires, rambling porticos, gleaming columns and glaring gargoyles. Randall will also discuss some of the restless phantoms she learned about while interviewing the current owners and caretakers. Church of St. Mary the Virgin, 191 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 2 to 4 p.m. Info: 914-238-4666, visit [www.newcastlehs.org](http://www.newcastlehs.org) or e-mail [director@newcastlehs.org](mailto:director@newcastlehs.org).

**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. Fourth Sunday of every month. Info: 914-241-0136 or contact Commander John A. Graziano at 914-248-7134.



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To make an appointment call 914-849-7900. Visit [wphospital.org/armonk](http://wphospital.org/armonk) for more information.

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