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## Mt. Kisco Firehouse Renovation Estimates \$7M Over Bond

By Sean Browne

Mount Kisco officials learned last week that estimates for the renovations planned at Mount Kisco's three firehouses have ballooned to \$17.5 million, about 70 percent higher than what voters approved in a November 2017 referendum.

The revised cost of the project was provided by Richard Humann, CEO of H2M architects + engineers of Melville, N.Y. at the Apr. 29 Village Board meeting.

H2M's mistake came from a miscalculation of the square footage unit price, Humann said. The error came to light after bids came back in February for the Green Street firehouse that were well above the original estimates.

"When we do our cost opinions, we use an Excel spreadsheet that includes all of the prices for the various elements that went into the scope," he said. "In that spreadsheet, there is information

that represents square footage that is either going to be new or renovated. And I found that improper square footages were going to be used."

Because of that miscalculation, the actual cost for the renovation of the houses was revised upward to \$15.7 million, about \$5.4 million more than the estimates that were provided by the engineering and design company in the months leading up to the \$10.25 million referendum. The estimate for the bond included a 20 percent contingency.

However, the updated corrections were based on what the price should have been in January 2017, when the firm provided the village with pre-bond estimates. As a result of steep increases in construction costs over the last 18 months, the project that village residents and officials thought they were getting

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## Administrator Candidate Asks No. Castle to Scrap Appointment

By Martin Wilbur

North Castle officials thought they had their next permanent town administrator last week but a sudden family emergency has forced the candidate to ask the town to scrap the appointment.

Supervisor Michael Schiliro's office had announced May 1 that the Town Board was set this Wednesday to vote on bringing James Politi aboard to fill the position effective June 1. Politi has been the administrator in the Village of Nyack for the past 11 years.

However, Schiliro said that he was notified in a letter by Politi early Monday that he could no longer accept the appointment. Schiliro said he was understanding of his situation.

"I received a letter from Jim Politi this

morning that although he accepted our offer and the terms and conditions and everything, he had some serious family situation and condition and he was not going to take the appointment," Schiliro said. "So he apologized for his abrupt response to us."

Attempts to reach Politi Monday afternoon were unsuccessful.

Schiliro mentioned that he is not concerned because there was a strong and talented field of applicants for the town to choose from. Furthermore, Interim Town Administrator Patricia Dwyer has helped the town establish a strong process to separate the contenders interested in the post.

It is not known how quickly the town can select another candidate and offer

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## Assisted Living Developer Returns to Mt. Pleasant With Zeiss Drive Plan

By Martin Wilbur

Representatives for the developer of a proposed 92-unit assisted living facility on Zeiss Drive returned last Thursday to the Mount Pleasant Planning Board to pursue a special permit and site plan approval for the project.

Shelbourne Healthcare Development Group, LLC resurfaced last Thursday evening after meeting last year with the town and planning boards regarding its plans for the vacant 10.45-acre parcel that is located in the Office Business (OB) zone.

Since then, the Town Board has amended the OB zone to allow for assisted living facilities with a special use permit, said Pat Cleary, the town's planning consultant.

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Representatives of Shelbourne Healthcare Development Group, which has proposed a 92-unit assisted living facility for Zeiss Drive.

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# Mt. Kisco to Begin Registration for Municipal Solar Project

By Martin Wilbur

Mount Kisco residents hoping to access clean energy and save money on their electric bill will have an opportunity to sign up next week to be part of Westchester's first municipal community solar project.

On Monday, May 13, village residents and houses of worship, non-profit organizations and small commercial properties with a Con Edison Service Class 2 (SC2) designation located within Mount Kisco can register for the program online through the Solarize Westchester website.

Mayor Gina Picinich said there is a limit of about 100 customers who can register on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants are expected to save an estimated 10 percent on their energy bills, she said.

The project came to fruition after the village capped its landfill on Columbus Avenue. It is leasing the 1.5-acre property to the Wappingers Falls-based BQ Energy, a company that specializes in using landfills and brownfields sites for renewable energy projects. The company will install a solar array that will generate 575 kilowatts of energy.

"Sustainability is a key focus right now for communities across the United States but the important factor here is ensuring that sustainability efforts generate meaningful outcomes and that's what we're doing here," Picinich said.

The program could be functioning for

customers to start deriving electricity and realizing savings as soon as this fall, she said.

BQ Energy has contracted with Sustainable Westchester, which has been the community choice aggregator for multiple municipalities throughout the county, including Mount Kisco, to coordinate the registration and get subscribers on board for the program.

Village Manager Ed Brancati, who has overseen the project from the start, said Mount Kisco is committed to clean sustainable power generation, reducing electric costs for its customers as well as generating extra venue for the village through the lease of the landfill property to BQ Energy.

BQ Energy will be paying the village roughly \$100,000 a year to use the site, Brancati said.

Paul Curran, BQ Energy's founder and managing director, said the project is consistent with the company's mission of finding a productive use for land that would otherwise lay fallow.

"The Mount Kisco facility is a great example of repurposing land with little alternate value for a really important goal – the local supply of clean sustainable electric power," Curran said.

Picinich said with Mount Kisco receiving the go-ahead last week from BQ Energy and Sustainable Westchester to

begin registration, village officials wanted to provide the public with some lead time to give all those eligible to subscribe a fair and equal chance to sign up.

Last Saturday, as part of the village's Earth Day celebration at the Mount Kisco Public Library, representatives sought to educate interested residents about the program. Throughout this week, the village will be getting the word out through its website, social media and at Village Hall.

While being the first municipality to offer this type of program is a shot in the arm to the village.

"So being first is a good thing but what's more important, other than being a leader, is generating outcomes that make a difference," Picinich said.

The village has devoted time and effort to encouraging more renewable sources. Last year, the Village Board revised its zoning code to allow some property owners to install solar. As a result, a private solar project at Oakwood Cemetery was recently approved by the village that will accommodate an estimated 200 additional customers.

Mount Kisco did not require the zoning change to lease its former landfill site for a solar farm because municipalities are exempt from zoning regulations on their own property, Picinich said.

Eligible property owners can visit [www.solarizewestchester.com](http://www.solarizewestchester.com) starting Monday

to learn more about the program and to sign up. Registrants' properties must be located within the incorporated area of Mount Kisco to participate.

## Star Volunteer



Lois Barker, a 60-year-old Mount Kisco resident, was recently named Northern Westchester Hospital's 2019 Volunteer of the Year, receiving the Mary B. Robbins Beacon of Light Award. Barker has spent 13 years volunteering at the hospital, creating calm and soothing photo exhibits at the Twigs Healing Garden at the Cancer Health and Wellness Center.

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# Mt. Kisco Firehouse Renovation Estimates \$7M Over Bond

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would now cost about \$17.5 million, Humann said last week.

Work at the Green Street firehouse, home to the Union Hook & Ladder Co. and Mount Kisco Fire Rescue Police, was originally budgeted to cost \$4,640,000, would now cost \$6.8 million; estimates at the Mutual Engine & Hose Fire Co. firehouse on Main Street skyrocketed from \$1,940,000 to \$5,250,000; and the Independent Fire Company facility on Lexington Avenue projections went from \$3,720,000 to \$5,450,000. The latest estimates were provided to H2M

by two independent cost estimators, Humann said.

Alternatives now for the village include increasing its budget for the work, reducing the scope of the project to fit the existing budget or identify a middle ground.

"We're going to work with the village to try to figure out the proper scope, to talk to you about where the village's budget would need to be in regards to achieving whatever the needs are for the three fire stations," Humann said.

Mayor Gina Picinich said in conversations she had with H2M that it

is unrealistic to expect that the village will be able to properly renovate the firehouses for the amount that voters approved.

"We're never going to get back to the \$10.25 (million) unless we don't do the projects," Picinich said. "We're never going to get back to that."

For most of the discussion the board listened intently, asking several questions and showing little reaction to Humann's comments. Deputy Mayor Jean Farber expressed how disillusioned she and her board colleagues were at the turn of events.

"It's really heartbreaking," Farber said. "You guys are supposed to be professionals."

Humann said he and his architectural team hope to work with the village to find a scope of work that suits the needs of the fire department and is within Mount Kisco's financial reach. The firm would also be capping its fee based on the \$10.25 million bond, he said.

That prompted Trustee Isi Albanese to ask Humann "Are you going to pay the other half?"

"No," Humann responded.

The original plan included renovations to the interior and exterior of each of the three firehouses, including electrical upgrades, new generators, boilers and heat/cooling units, among other improvements. In addition to the renovations, the project was expected to add additional space.

The firehouses also need to be made ADA compliant and to provide for the needs of the firefighters, Picinich said.

She said a May 14 meeting has been scheduled with chiefs from each of the fire companies as well as the Board of Fire Commissioners to discuss the options available to the village.

## Administrator Candidate Asks No. Castle to Scrap Appointment

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the position to that individual, Schiliro said. Officials are hopeful that another candidate can be named this month but that may not be possible because whomever is selected would need time to give notice and leave their current position in good hands, he said.

"Because there was a very good process and there was so much interest, because we had a very hard decision when we made this decision, so that's a good problem to have," Schiliro said. "So we're not concerned at all. We're going to go back to the process very quickly and we

should have an appointment in the very near future."

A committee that included department heads, Deputy Supervisor Stephen D'Angelo and Dwyer had helped whittle down a large field of candidates and recommend three finalists for the Town Board to interview.

Schiliro said Dwyer will continue to serve as interim administrator until a permanent replacement is hired.

North Castle has been looking for a new permanent town administrator since September when former administrator Joan Goldberg's contract was not

extended. She had served the town nearly continuously for six years except for a brief period at the close of 2013 when a former board terminated her. However, she was brought back by the next board in January 2014 and served until last September.

While Goldberg's contact expired last Sept. 30, she was told to leave her post on Sept. 4.

Dwyer has served as North Castle's interim administrator for about six months.



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# Assisted Living Developer Returns to Mt. Pleasant With Zeiss Drive Plan

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"We believe we meet all the requirements for a special permit for the building," said James Ryan, a principal for the engineering firm John Meyer Consulting who is among the representatives for Shelbourne Healthcare. "I think Mr. Cleary stated that we should provide the board with specific information that we meet all the special permit criteria. So we will be doing that, of course, in our follow-up application."

The facility will be three stories and will include a memory care unit, Ryan said. Although there will be 92 units, there could be up to 99 residents.

Ryan said despite projections for a relatively low impact on traffic, a traffic study will be completed. The applicant estimates that the project would generate 19 cars during the weekday peak hour and 26 vehicles during the weekend peak hour. He said that the left turn out of the site onto Columbus Avenue could be problematic, with an estimated 51 seconds needed to leave the site. Currently, that intersection is rated at a service level F, Ryan said.

While the zoning calls for a .5 parking spaces per unit, or 46 spaces for the project, Ryan said Shelbourne Healthcare is proposing 60 spots.

The property has a steep grade but the building is being proposed for the lowest point on the property, which should limit disturbance, he said.

"By placing it where we did, we're avoiding having to blast and (do) an excessive amount of excavation on the property," Ryan said.

Despite assurances from the applicant's representatives, the owner of the nearby Rose Hill Shopping Center and his attorney expressed deep concerns about developing the parcel.

"We're very afraid of this project for a reason," said attorney Joe Locascio, representing shopping center owner Vincent Castaldo. "The construction is going to be dangerous. There was mention of possible blasting. It's behind the shopping center, there's a 30-foot cliff. You always have problems with water and a couple of streams back there."

He also said that the town code calls for the facility to be within walking distance of a bus line but given the slope and the distance from Columbus Avenue that is highly unlikely.

Castaldo said he estimated from the topographic map where the building would be located is a 23 percent grade and the building would be about 2,000 feet from Columbus Avenue. He also fears there would be excessive runoff if the property is developed.

"It's a good use," Castaldo said. "It's a bad location for that use and that's the main problem."

Planning Board member Joan Lederman said she had concerns that a nearly 100-resident facility would overburden volunteer emergency services. Lederman, a volunteer ambulance corps member herself, said Shelbourne would need to make sure there is enough staff with expertise on hand at all times to address non-emergency health matters.

"These kind of facilities impact emergency services a great deal because I am a volunteer and we go to places like Atrium and we go often and we go there for calls that they should not call an ambulance for," she said.

Ryan said there will be sufficient staff to handle the minor incidents that can overburden a volunteer service.

He also said that his client would be happy to meet with neighboring property owners to address any concerns.

Board Chairman Michael McLaughlin said there is much work to be done by the applicant.

"We're early on in the process here," McLaughlin said. "As mature as (the plans) may look...there's still a lot of work that needs to be done and they indicated themselves there's a lot of work still to be done."

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# Mt. Kisco Restaurant Employee Had Hepatitis A; Advisory Issued

The Westchester County Department of Health learned Monday that an employee with Hepatitis A worked at Winston restaurant in Mount Kisco while infectious.

Anyone who was at the restaurant from Apr. 17 to May 1 may have been exposed, according to the department.

"I urge anyone who is eligible for treatment to get a Hepatitis A vaccine," said county Commissioner of Health Dr. Sherlita Amler. "There are no special medications used to treat a person once symptoms appear, but Hepatitis A transmission to others can be prevented through proper handwashing."

The Westchester County Department of Health is offering free preventive treatment this week to individuals who ate or drank at Winston between Apr. 23 and May 1. Preventive treatment is only effective if given within two weeks of the last day of exposure.

Therefore, those who dined on Apr. 23 must receive preventive treatment on Tuesday, May 7.

Those who dined on Apr. 24 through May 1 have more time, but must receive preventive treatment within two weeks of their exposure.

Anyone who was at the restaurant from Apr. 17 to Apr. 21 is outside the period for preventative treatment but should immediately contact their healthcare



The Westchester Department of Health is urging any patron who ate at Winston restaurant, shown above, in Mount Kisco during a recent two-week period to see a healthcare provider or monitor themselves for Hepatitis A.

provider if they experience symptoms.

No one with a prior history of Hepatitis A vaccination or Hepatitis A infection needs to be treated. The department will

offer preventive treatment at the Health Department Clinic, located at 134 Court St. in White Plains on Tuesday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on May 9, 10 and 11 from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Anyone who is looking to receive preventive treatment from May 9-11 must pre-register online at [www.health.ny.gov/gotoclinic/60](http://www.health.ny.gov/gotoclinic/60).

A parent or guardian must accompany anyone under 18 years old to provide consent. A restaurant patron can also be treated for exposure by their own health care provider.

Hepatitis A is transmitted by consuming food or drinks or by using utensils that have been handled by an infected person. It may also be spread from person to person by ingesting something that has been contaminated with the stool of a person with Hepatitis A. Casual contact, such as sitting together, does not spread the virus.

Hepatitis A is generally a mild illness whose symptoms include fatigue, fever, poor appetite, abdominal pain, diarrhea, dark urine, light colored stool and jaundice, which is the yellowing of the skin and whites of the eyes. Not everyone infected with Hepatitis A will have all of the symptoms. Symptoms commonly appear within 28 days of exposure, with a range of 15 to 50 days.

Preventive treatment is only effective

within two weeks of exposure to the virus, but symptoms typically do not appear until a person has had the virus for a few weeks. The illness is rarely fatal and most people recover in a few weeks without complications.

Winston, which is located at 130 E. Main St., is cooperating with the Health Department and is voluntarily closing on Tuesday, May 7 to conduct a thorough cleaning. After the staff have been vaccinated and the restaurant has been re-inspected and approved by the county Department of Health, the restaurant will reopen.

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# P'ville's \$51M School Budget Adds Two Positions; Tax Hike at .63%

By Martin Wilbur

Pleasantville School District residents will see a minimal tax rate increase next year under the district's \$51 million budget for 2019-20 that adds two positions and maintains all personnel and programs.

The Board of Education adopted the spending plan on Apr. 23 that will see a 2.34 percent tax levy increase, which complies with the state's property tax

cap, and a modest estimated tax rate increase of .63 percent.

Superintendent of Schools Mary Fox-Alter said trustees were able to include an additional second-grade teacher to address higher enrollment for that grade next year as well as another special education teacher at the middle school for its Therapeutic Support Program. Funds are also in place to add another day for the middle school's student

assistance counselor.

"We were able to not only maintain program but add two new positions and we focused on our initiatives under our strategic plan, including our Tech4All, our flexible furniture for all three buildings, our infrastructure upgrades, our bandwidth," Fox-Alter said.

A sixth second-grade teacher, one more than the grade currently has, is needed to cover the grade next year.

This year the first-grade class required six sections; with the students moving on, the additional teacher is needed in second grade for 2019-20, Fox-Alter said.

Unlike last year when some cuts were, there will be no reductions next year, she said.

Although Albany is providing an extra \$1 billion in state aid for public education, only an additional \$31,505 in foundation aid will find its way to Pleasantville.

In addition to the proposition on the budget on May 21, voters will also decide on an \$8.9 million bond. The proposition will be for security enhancements across the district as well as roof repairs, heating, ventilation and air conditioning upgrades and other infrastructure improvements. District officials have said the bond will be budget neutral because it would replace expiring debt dollar for dollar.

Voting will take on the budget and referendum from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the middle school's multipurpose room. There is also an uncontested school board race. Trustee Shane McGaffey is the only name on the ballot and is headed for a third term on the board.

## Voters to Decide on Byram Hills' \$94.5M School Budget for 19-20

By Martin Wilbur

Voters in the Byram Hills School District will have an opportunity in two weeks to vote on a \$94.5 million budget for 2019-20 that is tax cap compliant and retains all existing programs and services.

The Board of Education approved next year's budget on Apr. 23 that carries a 2.37 percent year-to-year spending increase, only .03 percent of which was discretionary spending, said Superintendent of Schools Jen Lamia. The district's tax levy increase for the upcoming year is 1.94 percent, comfortably below its maximum allowable threshold of 2.31 percent.

Lamia said prior to the budget's adoption by the board that school

officials value every tax dollar. The sliding enrollment in the district's recent history has eased some of the other fiscal challenges, she said. This year's enrollment is 2,307, down from 2,538 in 2014-15. That trend is expected to continue at least through the 2022-23 school year when it is projected to dip to 2,223 students, according to the district.

"We are experiencing an enrollment decline and that is how we are able to do that," Lamia said. "We do understand that in the future, should we have a boon in enrollment, the story is going to be quite different, but for now it is fiscally responsible to make sure that money is in the hands of the taxpayers."

The district has also spent resources on security enhancements, Lamia said.

"It has partnered with the Town of North Castle for an additional school resource officer and will have a security manager.

For 86 percent of the district's assessed valuation in North Castle, those taxpayers will see a 1.53 percent tax rate increase next year. Mount Pleasant property owners, who comprise 13 percent of the district, will see a 5.44 percent hike. The sliver of the district that's in New Castle will see a 4.5 percent tax increase while Bedford residents will have a decrease of 1.57 percent.

Voting on the budget and the uncontested school board race will take place on Tuesday, May 21 from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. at H.C. Crittenden Middle School.

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# Sweeping Changes Approved for Downtown Mt. Kisco Zoning

By Martin Wilbur

The Mount Kisco Village Board last week approved several key zoning changes for portions of downtown, the Lexington Avenue corridor and Radio Circle that officials hope will revitalize the commercial areas and enhance the village's vibrancy.

By a 3-1 margin, the board agreed to adopt a Downtown Overlay District that will comprise much of the Central Business 1 and 2 districts (CB-1 and CB-2) as well as a small piece of Maple Avenue. Trustee Isi Albanese abstained from the vote because he is a downtown property owner.

Village officials have sought to allow for the development of mixed-use projects that bring apartments along with commercial operations to the North Moger and South Moger parking lots.

Other changes call for a zoning revision to allow for townhouses along Lexington Avenue to encourage a greater housing mix and to add uses to Radio Circle, including biotech and pharmaceutical offices, hotel and conference centers, indoor auto storage, senior housing and assisted living, said Mayor Gina Picinch.

Updated parking requirements have also been made, most notably the reduction of the in-lieu-of-parking fee from \$25,000 to \$12,000 a space to be more in line with neighboring municipalities, Picinch said. Tweaks were also made to align the CB-1 and CB-2 parking requirements by

eliminating the first-floor requirement for parking in the CB-2 zone, and to modernize the standards for multifamily and commercial uses, she said.

The changes are an outgrowth of the village's revised Comprehensive Plan, which the board updated earlier this year.

"The thought in the planning community (is) that the changes that we are making in our community, particularly in the area of zoning, are important changes that respond to the changing environment, particularly in downtown in recognizing our Comprehensive Plan process," Picinch said.

A key revision in the Downtown Overlay District is permitting larger structures. The CB-1 and CB-2 zones, which each had a limit of three stories and 40 feet, can now accommodate a maximum building height of four stories and 50 feet in CB-1, which is now called the Downtown Area, and three-and-a-half stories and 45 feet in CB-2, now the Main Street area.

In the One- and Two-Family Residence District, which had a maximum allowable height of two-and-a-half stories and 25 feet, that is being increased to three stories and 40 feet.

Trustee Peter Grunthal said while there is always risk in making changes, particularly to zoning, it was time for the village to take the initiative to upgrade downtown. Officials have been



The Mount Kisco Village Board, hoping to revitalize downtown and make the village a destination, approved larger structures in downtown, including the possibility of mixed-use development in the current North Moger and South Moger parking lots.

criticized in recent years for standing by while vacancies spread throughout the commercial areas.

"This new zoning takes the bull by the horns and sets the stage to solve this problem to get a more vibrant and successful future," Grunthal said. "This is not whimsical. It's being done with the guidance of a top-notch consulting firm with very impressive individual consultants. It's being done paying very careful attention to the character and style of Mount Kisco so that we don't change the character of this town but we change the amenities of this town to make it a destination."

Deputy Mayor Jean Farber added that change is difficult but unless there is a new course the village will not meet today's challenges.

"To do nothing for me is giving up and I've very excited about all the work that's gone into this," Farber said. "It's not being done haphazardly. So much thought, so many conversations, so many opportunities for people to say how they felt and hopefully everything was taken into consideration."

However, Trustee Karen Schleimer, the board's dissenting vote, said she feared that the zoning changes will irreparably harm the village and its residents by introducing larger buildings to downtown and worsening an already acute traffic problem. Easing parking requirements will only add to the troubles, she said.

The new WIN Development building under construction on South Moger Avenue is only two stories but appears to overwhelm the street, Schleimer said.

She asked that the vote be delayed to allow more public comment and suggested trying the mixed-use development only in the North Moger lot to start.

"This should not be a rush to a goal, but rather a well-thought out deliberate process since once the changes are made, the effects will be felt forever," Schleimer said.

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# Police Blotter

## North Castle Police Department

**Apr. 27:** The department was notified of a clogged drain and flooding condition near the south end of the Rye Lake Bridge on Route 22 at 7:23 a.m. The responding officer also stated there were numerous potholes in the right lane of southbound Route 22, south of the bridge. The state Department of Transportation was advised of both conditions.

**Apr. 27:** Officers reported that a vehicle's operator was unlicensed following a vehicle and traffic stop on North Broadway at 7:43 a.m. The vehicle was impounded.

**Apr. 27:** A caller reported at 4:55 p.m. receiving damage to the tire of her vehicle from a significant pothole on Route 22. The responding officer reported that the vehicle was removed from the side of the roadway. Several cones were placed around the potholes.

**Apr. 27:** Report of a dispute on Hillandale Avenue at 6:26 p.m. An E911 caller stated that her roommate is threatening to harm her husband and is in fear for herself and her child. The responding officers spoke to all involved parties. The roommate, who was determined to be a temporary guest at the residence, was directed to leave by the

investigating officers. The complainant and her husband did not want to pursue the incident at this time.

**Apr. 28:** A Washington Avenue resident reported at 3:41 p.m. that his downstairs neighbor has been playing his television loudly for a long period of time. The responding officer reported that contact was made with both parties. Matter adjusted.

**Apr. 30:** An officer reports several boxes in the roadway on Route 22 at 5:05 p.m. The officer cleared the debris to the side of the road and the state Department of Transportation was notified.

**Apr. 30:** A caller reported at 5:33 p.m. that a utility pole was struck on Middle Patent Road and that the vehicle fled the scene toward the Town of Bedford. The vehicle was located in Bedford, and the scene was cleaned up by Con Edison.

## Pleasantville Police Department

**Apr. 27:** Report of a larceny at 9 Marble Ave. at 2:07 p.m. No further information was given by police because the incident remains under investigation.

**Apr. 29:** Report of a burglary at 199 Tompkins Ave. at 10:26 a.m. No further information was available from police because the incident remains under investigation.

**May 2:** A 36-year-old Pleasantville man was arrested on Bedford Road at 10:54 a.m. following a traffic stop. The subject was operating a vehicle with a suspended New York State driver's license.

**May 2:** A 17-year-old girl, a resident of Cedar Knolls, was arrested at 6:31 p.m. for damaging a van parked on Memorial Plaza.

## Obituary

### Gennaro Colabatistto

Gennaro Colabatistto of Thornwood passed away at Northern Westchester Hospital on May 2. He was 82.

Colabatistto was the beloved husband of the late Marlene, who predeceased him on Apr. 25, 2017; the beloved father of Gennaro (Connie) Colabatistto of Great Falls, Va. and Raymond (Michelle) Colabatistto of Valhalla; and the cherished and loving grandfather of Nicholas, Juliana, Eva, Gino and Sophia. He is also survived by his devoted sister

Angela. Professionally, Gennaro was the owner and operator of Elite Floors, Inc. in Yonkers.

Visitation for family and friends was at Pleasant Manor Funeral Home, Inc. of Thornwood on May 5. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Rosary Church in Hawthorne on May 6. Interment with his beloved Marlene followed at the family plot at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne.

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The Westchester Parks Foundation and Westchester County Parks have announced the dates for the 45th annual Bicycle Sundays season.

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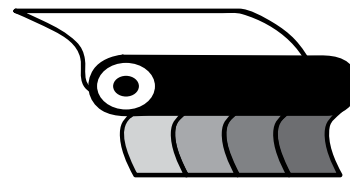
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# Dispute Over Playland Escalates as Opening Day Approaches

By Martin Wilbur

County Executive George Latimer refuted claims from Standard Amusements last week that the county has failed to uphold a 30-year agreement with the company to manage Playland and that the park is unsafe.

In a two-and-a-half-hour meeting with the Board of Legislators on May 1, Latimer and County Attorney John Nonna reiterated their reasons why they should scuttle the deal.

Other county officials vigorously defended the park's safety and the processes that are followed.

Latimer announced on Apr. 28 that he was canceling the deal because Standard Amusements was in breach of the agreement. A county audit revealed that \$7.7 million – about one-quarter of Standard Amusement's \$27.5 million investment – was spent on salaries, meals, travel, advertisements, marketing, consulting and legal fees, in breach of the agreement, County Attorney John Nonna pointed out to lawmakers.

"We are looking at something that we have a continuing concern about and if this relationship isn't going to work, then we need to end it," Latimer said.

Nonna said that under the agreement, Standard Amusements was to spend the money on capital improvements and tangible enhancements to the facility. He

said the audit from 2017 and into last year showed the resources weren't being spent properly, including about \$1.5 million in legal fees associated with helping the company secure the necessary funding.

"We couldn't understand how they were allocating funds to new rides on this list, painting, historic ride preservation and other tangible improvements when none of that seemed to be happening at the park," Nonna said.

Latimer said the park is a viable asset but the county needs help in managing and marketing the facility. The escalating dispute comes as opening day for the 2019 season approaches this Saturday. The county plans to operate Playland this season; the agreement was to have begun on Nov. 1.

In order for Playland to be successful, Latimer said, attendance needs to rise from last year's 450,000 visitors to at least 700,000 to 800,000, Latimer said. A modern marketing plan using 21st century tools, including social media, is what is required for Playland to again realize its potential along with the capital improvements.

"We do need external expertise to run this park and manage it properly," Latimer said. "The question is do we get that from this arrangement, and if we don't get that from this arrangement, what are our obligations to try and find that answer?"

Standard Amusements' representatives



JADE PEREZ PHOTO

County officials vowed that Playland is ready to open this Saturday despite an escalating controversy over alleged breach of contract by Standard Amusements. The company was to take over running the park later this year until 2049.

contend that it's the county that has been looking to extricate itself from the agreement since the start of the Latimer Administration. Last week, the company indicated it was willing to raise its investment to \$50 million.

Nonna said that before last week that offer was never made to the administration.

Standard Amusements issued a statement saying it has "always complied with both the letter and spirit of the Playland Management Agreement," including requests that were outside the scope of the contract. The agreement, the company states, allows for the inclusion of

overhead.

Standard Amusements also pointed out that there have been serious health and safety issues at Playland. Its statement added that the debate over how its funds were being spent obscures the county's "complete mishandling of food safety, failure to secure the wooden Dragon Coaster and lack of proper fire suppression technology at Playland."

On Monday, a letter from Nicholas Singer, founder of Standard Amusements, to the Board of Legislators requested a meeting with county lawmakers "to address any business inaccuracies articulated by the Administration and to discuss the numerous challenges facing the Park and how they might be solved."

"There are many existing issues at Playland," Singer's letter read. "The Park has been starved of capital investment since the 1980s, while the infrastructure has continued to deteriorate to dangerous levels. While this fact reflects poorly on previous administrations, it would be a greater injustice to continue to ignore these problems."

Joan McDonald, the county's director of operations, said before each season, certified state inspectors visit the park and every ride is inspected. A certificate of safety must be given before the park opens. Furthermore, the rides are evaluated on a

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# Dispute Over Playland Escalates as Opening Day Approaches

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daily basis by local inspectors before the grounds open.

Safety concerns expressed by Standard Amusements were from 2017 and have been addressed, she said.

"Each day before the park opens, the operator of that ride does an inspection

again to make sure the ride is safe to operate," McDonald said. "Every day that park is open we have a mechanic and an electrician on site to deal with any issues that come up during the course of the day. If a ride is not safe, we do not open it."

During last Wednesday's meeting, county legislators raised questions and

concerns. Legislator Michael Kaplowitz (D-Somers) said that without new rides a significant portion of potential visitors will not show up.

McDonald said the county is planning to spend \$125 million through 2025, including \$42 million that has already been committed toward improving the park.

Majority Leader Catherine Parker (D-Rye) said she was angered over Standard Amusements' public claims of safety issues.

"How dare Standard try to insinuate that I would risk my own child's safety with what they're claiming?" Parker said. "I just find that extremely disturbing."

She also questioned whether the company has the assets it claims to have since the audit revealed it spent \$1.5 million in legal fees trying to secure the necessary funding.

However, Legislator Gordon Burrows (R-Yonkers) urged the administration to look for an opportunity to repair the relationship with Standard Amusements because the likelihood of costly litigation makes for "a potential nightmare."

"We are a county that self-insures," Burrows said. "We have tremendous exposure here. I believe this park should be run in a public-private cooperation. I don't believe we should try to look for litigation. We should try to resolve this matter."

Latimer said that he was not looking for a fight but is looking out for the interests of the county and the taxpayers. He said it would have been easier to go along with the 30-year agreement, knowing that he won't be county executive for most of that time.

"It's the harder path to say, this might not be the right deal," Latimer said.

## Latimer Stresses Playland Safety, New Attractions This Season

By Jade Perez

As the controversy between Westchester officials and Standard Amusements intensifies, County Executive George Latimer held a press conference Monday morning at Rye Playland to declare the park safe and unveil new events and attractions.

The park is scheduled to open for the 2019 season this Saturday.

"We are supremely confident as we get ready to open this park that it is ready to go for the new season and we can address any of the questions that have been raised by whatever sources," Latimer said.

Director of Operations Joan McDonald and Parks Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor will lead a press tour this Thursday to review the steps that have been taken to ensure all rides and food concessions meet proper health and safety standards. Latimer said he has also asked state Labor Department representatives

make the tour. The agency inspects the rides.

He said Standard Amusements, which had an agreement to operate Playland for 30 years terminated last week by the administration, is looking to misrepresent a more than year-old issue to make it appear that safety is a current problem.

The county is partnering with ArtsWestchester this season to display public art at the park. There will be an art installation on the boardwalk.

"We believe that this is the kind of facility where people are coming in from the outside where they will enjoy having more public art and art displays," Latimer said.

There will also be two laser shows every evening from June until September at 7:45 and 9 p.m.

There will be 11 concerts on tap, including the Bruce Springsteen tribute band Tramps Like Us and a Journey



JADE PEREZ PHOTO

County Executive George Latimer highlighted some of Playland's events and attractions for the 2019 season on Monday. The park opens this Saturday.

tribute band called Voyage. Additional events will be announced in the upcoming weeks.

*Martin Wilbur contributed to this article.*



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# Mayer, Purchase Students Address Shortcomings of Campus Life

By Jade Perez

Skyrocketing tuition, student debt and crumbling and inadequate facilities are a few of the key challenges Purchase College students have endured during their time at school.

Last Friday, a group of about 10 students participated in a roughly 90-minute face-to-face discussion with state Sen. Shelley Mayer (D-Yonkers) hosted by the Purchase chapter of the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) and the Purchase Student Government Association, where they raised concerns, asked questions and related their experiences to Mayer. The senator chairs the state Senate's Education Committee.

Since 2010, NYPIRG reported that tuition for four-year SUNY colleges have escalated 38 percent. Last year 58 percent of New York college graduates finished school with an average of just over \$30,000 in debt.

Even those from financially stable families face crushing student loan debt. Stephen DiFiore, a senior, said despite having a college savings account, he is still going to graduate this month having to owe \$20,000.

Kevin Dugan, the regional downstate supervisor for NYPIRG, added that the state's financial aid programs like the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) and the Excelsior Scholarship don't cover expenses such as food, housing, textbooks and transportation and don't meet the needs of all students. Many are left with the burden of high post-



JADE PEREZ PHOTO

State Sen. Shelley Mayer, the chair of the state Senate's Education Committee, met last Friday with students from SUNY Purchase to discuss issues they have had with tuition, debt and the problems they've faced on campus.

graduation debt, he said.

Teresa Wheeler, a senior and chair of the Purchase Student Government Association's Student Senate, said much of the older housing on campus is deteriorating. Sloping dormitory floors, poor internet access, lack of running water and falling ceiling tiles are commonplace, she said. Earlier this year, a ceiling in one of the dorm buildings collapsed between the first and second floors, Wheeler recalled.

"This is a preeminent school particularly for performing arts, which is near and dear to my heart, but the infrastructure is really unacceptable and we have to put enough money into it," Mayer said. "On the SUNY side, they wrote me notes on how much money we got, but it was nowhere near what we needed."

Along with the poor conditions of campus

living, another issue brought to Mayer's attention was the expensive meal plan and its lack of flexibility.

For students who live on campus, many select the default meal plan which costs \$2,620 per semester. With the plan, students are limited to three meals a day; if they want additional food, they must pay for it on their own. Many students don't have the money for extra food and go hungry until the next day, some of those in attendance stated.

Along with the meal plans' lack of flexibility, meals are often unhealthy and extremely expensive, leaving many to finish their plan weeks before the semester ends, Dugan said.

"There's a student that was unable to make it (to the open forum), but he actually ran out of his meal plan this week, which is a week before finals," he added.

Senior John Mastroberardino said poor roads inside and outside the campus have impacted those who commute to and from the school.

"People have told me stories about breaking the suspension in their cars or popping a tire because they went over a pothole a little too aggressively," Mastroberardino said. "Personally, I've run into issues not in a car, but on my bike. I've bent the front wheel on my bike, riding through a pothole just a little too quickly."

Mayer said that road repairs are part of the capital budget for SUNY campuses. She noted that while driving on campus she also noticed the damage on the roads and said a better job is required to acquire the necessary funds for capital expenses.

Despite the pressing concerns, Mayer concluded the meeting with a sense of hope and thanked the students for relating serious issues to her.

"This is why we collectively have to make sure that our voices are known," Mayer said. "My sense, very honestly, is that not only have you not been very much part of the conversation, but also I don't know how hard you pushed to have your voice heard. It may take a little louder noise than you're used to doing in order to make sure that somebody here pays attention to the fact of what the students think, but I am happy to work with you all."

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## Column

### For Mother's Day, the Best Gift May Be the Mediterranean Diet

By Amy Riolo

May is Mediterranean Diet Month, and with Mother's Day coming up this Sunday, most of us are busy planning the perfect present for Mom.

The usual gifts of flowers and cards are nice ideas, but the greatest gift you could give your mother is helping her achieve lasting health.

The best way to show love to your mother on Mother's Day is by making a meaningful contribution to her life. Let your mom know that you love her, and that's why you want her to live a long, healthy, and happy life. Introducing her to the healthful and delicious dishes from the Mediterranean region is a great way to do just that.

You've likely heard of the Mediterranean diet, which was recently

named best overall diet of 2019 and has been shown to help extend your lifespan by roughly a decade. This eating pattern has also been linked to preventing heart attacks, strokes, certain cancers and diabetes and reducing inflammation. It may even help lower your risk of dementia by a third.

The Mediterranean eating pattern centers around seasonal produce, fish and seafood, poultry, eggs, dairy and small amounts of meat and sweets. Part of what makes this diet so successful is that people in the Mediterranean region consider food to be a friend and ally – a source of pleasure, nutrition, history, medicine and tradition.

When combined with lifestyle choices like communal eating and physical activity, the Mediterranean diet is

believed to contribute to remarkable longevity in the region. For example, residents in Sardinia are 10 times more likely to live past 100 than people in the United States.

Mother's Day is the perfect time to help your mother make the lifestyle changes that can give her a longer and more joyful life. Celebrate your love for your mom and help her start living a healthier life.

*Amy Riolo is the author of "The Mediterranean Diabetes Cookbook, 2nd Edition: A Flavorful, Heart-Healthy Approach to Cooking" (American Diabetes Association, May 2019, ISBN: 978-1-580-40702-1, \$22.95). She is an award-winning, best-selling author, chef, television personality and educator.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Driver's Licenses for Undocumented Immigrants a Win-Win for the State

Pending legislation in the state Senate and Assembly that will enable undocumented immigrants to obtain driver's licenses is just good, common sense. It's best for all of us when everyone on the road is tested, licensed and insured. We all want safer roads. Additionally, the law has many other benefits including benefiting all New Yorkers economically.

According to the Fiscal Policy Institute (FPI), New Yorkers will have reduced auto insurance premiums as more drivers are insured. New York State will gain \$57 million in annual revenue and

\$27 million in one-time revenue from the purchase of driver's licenses, new cars, registrations, as well as sales and gas taxes. The New York City comptroller has stated that, "New York State would gain up to \$9.6 million in driver's license fees, while the MTA would see an increase of \$1.3 million in revenue from these fees."

While we wait for the federal government to determine how to address immigration reform in the country, we cannot continue to forego the public safety and economic benefits that will come to all New Yorkers from this

legislation. It would be best for our state to pass this legislation this year.

All the state legislators representing Westchester (with the exception of Senator Stewart-Cousins) are co-sponsoring this legislation because they see the benefits for all New Yorkers. Please urge Gov. Cuomo, Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, and Speaker Heastie to pass this legislation now.

**Mary Cronin**  
Croton-on-Hudson

### Cambareri Has All the Qualities to Serve on School Board

I wholeheartedly support the election of Jessica Cambareri to the Bedford school board.

Jess has the kind of temperament needed. She's measured yet deeply passionate about our schools. She is a mother of Fox Lane kids and is tied to the community. She has a great

understanding of diplomacy and how to get a meeting of the minds.

I have worked with her on the Fox Lane Middle School Association for the past three years and she works tirelessly for our school and community as a whole. It's not about her. She's running for our students, our community. We

will be better for it.

I sincerely hope she is elected. I will be voting for her.

**Betsy Ronel**  
Real Estate Agent, Houlihan  
Lawrence Bedford  
Parent of 7th- and 10th-grader

### Cambareri's Service, Character Would Help Bedford School Board

I am writing this letter in full support of Jessica Cambareri for the Bedford Central School District Board of Education. Jessica's "one unified district" philosophy, her focus on fiscal accountability and her track record of innovation and service make her an exceptional candidate.

Jessica consistently steps up. She has served as co-president of the West Patent Elementary School's Parent Association (WPESA) and as a member of both the Fox Lane Middle School Association (FLMSA) board and the middle school

principal search committee. She was also on the district's Strategic Planning Committee, which was responsible for creating Bedford's mission and core values. Most recently, she worked with the Fox Lane Middle School principal, teachers and staff to implement Fox Factor (a student-only talent show) that raised enough funds to allow for the beautification of the campus.

Jessica strongly believes that the district should provide opportunities where every student can achieve their full potential

with a desire to be a contributing member of society. What I appreciate about Jessica is her ability to think innovatively in creating these opportunities while being fiscally responsible.

Jessica's character, enthusiasm and history of exceptional service make her a candidate that I can unquestionably get behind.

**Fran Hauser**  
Bedford

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# Letters to the Editor

## Holy Innocents is Welcoming, Parishioners Embody Church's Teachings

Holy Innocents has always been a welcoming parish, defined by its people, not signs or pictures.

I invite Fr. Sheehan ("Holy Innocents Has Ceased to Feel Like a Welcoming Church," Apr. 23-29) to turn his head from the screen or out of his Shakespeare book to witness our parish bringing Matthew 25 to life. Is he aware of our youth group making breakfast runs to Manhattan at an hour most teenagers are still in bed on weekends, or their mission trips to live and work with the poor?

Perhaps he should attend a senior mass

and luncheon on the first Wednesday of every month, where a hot meal is served in a beautifully decorated and welcoming social hall. Maybe Fr. Sheehan should visit when our hall is filled to capacity with women at the Advent Tea to socialize, evangelize and focus on Mary to begin our Advent journey to Christmas.

He is most welcome to attend the annual Lessons and Carols presentation, where the community is invited to hear the word and sing the songs of the season. Does he know of the incredible amount of food generously given and delivered to

the Interfaith Food pantry by this parish? Maybe he would like to ride with one of our volunteers and stock the shelves instead of sitting in a movie theater.

How small-minded to judge a parish based on materialistic trappings instead of the people embodying Christ in everything they do.

As an Archdiocesan priest, perhaps Fr. Sheehan should re-read John 8:7 "let he who is without sin, cast the first stone," or Matthew 7:3-7, "first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your

brother's eye," before disparaging the Dominicans who have and continue to serve this parish so devotedly.

I would invite Fr. Sheehan back to Holy Innocents to experience the parish through the people, the body of Christ and their active participation, not through an empty church or signage.

**Roxanne Surace**  
Pleasantville, parishioner and  
volunteer since 1999

## Many Make Support Connection's Spring Benefit a Great Success

Support Connection's Spring Benefit, held on Friday, Apr. 26 was a great success due to the hard work and dedication of many people. Since 1996, Support Connection, a nonprofit organization located in Yorktown Heights, has been offering free, confidential breast and ovarian cancer support services provided by cancer survivors. The benefit is our second largest fundraiser of the year.

Over 320 people gathered at Villa Barone in Mahopac. A highlight of the evening was honoring 10 people with Spirit Awards for their commitment to the organization's mission and inspiring others dealing with breast or ovarian cancer. In addition, Barbara Cervoni received an Outstanding Achievement Award for her many accomplishments as she celebrated 15 years of dedicated service to Support Connection.

Organizing the Spring Benefit was truly a labor of love. Over \$50,000 was raised that will be used to help fund Support Connection's Peer Counseling Program for people dealing with breast or ovarian cancer. More than 100 sponsors and donors contributed money or items to make the evening a success. It is heartwarming to witness how caring people help Support Connection fulfill its mission.

Melissa Higgins, Support Connection's development coordinator, did a great job coordinating the entire event. She

worked tirelessly with over 20 volunteers who helped put the memorable evening together. Board members Denise D'Amico, Janet DeVito and Laurie Leahy volunteered to serve as co-chairs. Celeste Baccari did an amazing job creating the journal, generously printed by The Foley Group.

A very special thank you also goes to Vinny and the staff at Villa Barone. Once again, they rolled out the red carpet for Support Connection with guests treated like family. The food and service was outstanding. Entertainment was provided by the popular Class Action band. Guests were able to capture the essence of Support Connection's work with Corporate AV showing a video created by Bill Powers of PowersPR.

I have been blessed to be Support Connection's executive director since our beginning in 1996. We have now offered support to thousands of women, their families and friends throughout the country. This is made possible by the people who believe in us and stand beside us every step of the way.

For more information about Support Connection's services, please visit [www.supportconnection.org](http://www.supportconnection.org).

**Katherine Quinn**  
Executive Director  
Support Connection

## Young Adult Social Night at Select Human Services on May 17

Join your friends for the first of three Select Human Services Friday Night Social on Friday, May 17 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The unstructured social format for young adults includes pizza, dessert and DJ entertainment. The cost is \$25.

In an effort to secure Direct Support Professionals, registration closes the Thursday prior to the event at noon. If you have not attended a program at Select, contact Linda Tibaldi at 914-

741-6300 ext. 118 or e-mail [ltibaldi@selecthumanservices.org](mailto:ltibaldi@selecthumanservices.org) for more information. The program is located at 17-19 Marble Ave. in Pleasantville. For more information visit [www.selecthumanservices.org](http://www.selecthumanservices.org) or visit on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SelectHumanServices>.

The remaining Social Night events are scheduled for June 14 and June 28.

## Why Should Taxpayers Foot Bill to Manage P'ville Farmers Market Parking?

Last week's lead article in The Examiner regarding Foodchester's farmers market in Pleasantville ("P'ville Farmers Market, Village Look for Answers to Manage Parking") raised more questions than it answered. The article indicated that the Village of Pleasantville Board of Trustees agreed to, or is seriously considering, Foodchester's executive director and president's request to assign a Pleasantville police officer and to hire a traffic monitor during weekly farmers market hours to address Foodchester's representatives concerns regarding traffic flow and safety.

Foodchester Inc. is the nonprofit organization that runs the Pleasantville Farmers Market. Some of the statements quoted in the article from Foodchester's representatives bear further scrutiny, which for the sake of brevity, I'll not

address in this letter.

As for the unanswered questions, they include:

1. Since the traffic concerns expressed by Foodchester's representatives are created by the farmers market, why doesn't Foodchester step up to provide their own trained uniform traffic guard and traffic monitor instead of asking the village's Board of Trustees to have Pleasantville taxpayers foot the bill?

2. Why is Pleasantville's Board of Trustees considering providing some of its already limited police resources and burdening taxpayers by hiring additional staff to address Foodchester's concerns created by the commercially successful Pleasantville Farmers Market?

**Howard Zane**  
Pleasantville

## Candidate's Drive, Initiative Would Be Welcome on Bedford School Board

I have only known Jessica Cambareri for about a year. I am one of the co-presidents at Fox Lane Middle School and Jess was our co-vice president this year.

To say I've only known her for a year is pretty unbelievable as I have heard of her and her commitment to our schools and district since my twin girls were in kindergarten at Bedford Village Elementary School. They are now sixth-graders at the middle school.

In that time, she has always been on my radar as someone to get to know and to look up to and learn from.

Her joy for this district is all encompassing. She is one who will take the bull by the horns and get things done. She is proactive and has amazing initiative.

She spearheaded Fox Factor at the middle school, a student-only talent show. It is also one of the best events I have

ever attended in this district. The money earned from this event helps support the Middle School Beautification team, which Jessica also runs.

I know that Jessica also believes in what I call Bruce Springsteen math: 1+1=3. The whole is greater than the sum of its parts. It takes a village to run this school district and to build something bigger than we are able to build on our own. Jessica's volunteerism and generosity of her time and energy is very evident to me and I know she will add value to the Board of Education. When we are all at our best working together, one plus one does make three and I know this is one of Jess's core beliefs.

Please consider voting for Jessica Cambareri for school board on May 21.

**Sherri Owles**  
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Join ArtsWestchester's biggest house party of the year and enjoy an evening of food, fun and art featuring Chef David DiBari, restaurateur John Crabtree, "Restaurant Hunter" Rob Petrone and more than 20 of the area's hottest restaurants as they come together for this year's ArtsBash party on Thursday, May 16 from 6 to 9 p.m.

The Family ArtsBash celebration will follow on Saturday, May 18 from 1 to 5 p.m., featuring a day of affordable, hands-on activities for kids of all ages. Festivities will take place throughout ArtsWestchester's historic building, located at 31 Mamaroneck Ave. in White Plains.

"The chance to explore ArtsWestchester's nine-story building filled with artists' studios and galleries while sampling food and drink from some of the lower Hudson Valley's finest purveyors is an opportunity not to be missed," said Petrone, the event's honorary chair and host and executive producer of "Restaurant Hunter" on Verizon FiOS1 News, Lower Hudson Valley. "The space is huge and fun to explore – yet there's this very personal



ArtsWestchester reprises its annual evening of food, fun and art on Thursday, May 16 with the Family ArtsBash.

touch to all of it. In the course of a few hours, you really feel like you get to know this creative community we have in Westchester through food and art."

Throughout the building, open artist studios will provide a unique opportunity to interact with some of the county's most creative forces. The

exhibition "Modern Families," which explores the diverse representations of "family," will serve as the party backdrop in the main gallery, featuring photographs by 11 artists, anchored by the work of Harlem Renaissance legend James Van Der Zee.

DiBari is one of Westchester's hottest chefs, fresh off the opening of his latest restaurant, Eugene's Diner & Bar in Port Chester. He is also the visionary behind The Cookery, The Parlor and The Rare Bit in Dobbs Ferry. Crabtree, meanwhile, is the founder behind the beloved Crabtree's Kittle House Restaurant & Inn in Chappaqua. Together with Petrone, the three have been a driving force in rallying restaurateurs from throughout the county to celebrate the art of food.

The 2019 ArtsBash is a fundraiser to support the programs and services of ArtsWestchester. It is co-chaired by Karen and Andrew Greenspan and Pat and Jim Houlihan along with Petrone, DiBari and Crabtree.

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# Millwood Man Sentenced in Sex Trafficking of Minors

By Martin Wilbur

The United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York and the FBI announced last Friday that a Millwood man was sentenced to nearly 10 years in prison for sex trafficking of minors and child pornography.

Victor Gonzalez, 41, was sentenced on May 2 in federal court in White Plains after pleading guilty to the charges on Jan. 24. U.S. District Judge Cathy Seibel imposed the sentence.

Gonzalez was sentenced to nine years and seven months in jail and will receive 10 years of supervised release. He must also provide restitution to the victims in an amount to be determined at a later date by the court.

“Victor Gonzalez admitted to the reprehensible crimes of trafficking underage girls for his commercial benefit and producing child pornography of one of his victims,” said Manhattan U.S. Attorney Geoffrey S. Berman. “He will now serve over 19 years in prison, where he will not be able to harm any more children.”

Authorities said that from at least 2014 to about June 2018, Gonzalez engaged in the sex trafficking of three teenage girls for his commercial benefit. He solicited Victim-1, who was 14 or 15 years old at the time, and Victim-2, who was 15 or 16 years old, for sex in exchange for money.

He met Victim-3, who was 17 years old, on an online dating website after he misrepresented himself as being in his 20s, the U.S. Attorney’s office said.

After establishing a relationship with

each of the victims, Gonzalez, using online services and the telephone, posted online advertisements for commercial sex services with the minor victims and arranged for the victims to engage in those services with adult men. He also transported the victims on multiple occasions to meet with those men in New York and Connecticut.

Gonzalez also sexually abused the victims himself. In addition, around January 2016, he produced a video containing child pornography of Victim-1, depicting himself engaged in

sexual activity with the victim.

“It is our responsibility as a community to protect the vulnerable and stop people like Mr. Gonzalez from ever harming girls again,” said FBI Assistant Director William F. Sweeney Jr. “However, the FBI needs your help and law enforcement cannot do this on our own. We work with dedicated detectives, community activists and charity organizations who do all they can to help these girls get away from these criminals and rebuild their lives. We also need help from the community.”

The FBI asked anyone who knows of young girls or boys in similar trouble, to contact the FBI at 212-384-1000.

Berman noted that outstanding investigative work was performed in this case by the FBI’s Westchester County Safe Streets Task Force, the Greenburgh Police Department and the New Castle Police Department. He also thanked the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office and the White Plains Police Department for their assistance.

### North 60 Scoping Session Hearing Set for June 6

The Mount Pleasant Planning Board last week declared itself lead agency for the highly anticipated \$1.2 billion North 60 bio-science and technology project and set a June 6 public hearing for the scoping document.

At its May 2 meeting, the board also accepted the positive declaration under the state Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), which means there is the potential for significant adverse environmental impacts necessitating more extensive review.

If approved, North 60, which would be located on 60 acres near Westchester Medical Center, will include up to two million square feet of biotech and medical office space, retail and a roughly 120-unit hotel.

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# Exploring How the Living Room Has Evolved Over Time

After having written 538 columns, I sometimes think I have exhausted every topic about homes to be explored.

I was feeling that way this week when, just the morning of my writing this, I received a very gratifying call from Jeanne Earle, who tells me that she reads *The Home Guru* every week. The second purpose of her call was to suggest a topic she had not seen addressed: the evolution of the living room. Thank you, Jeanne!

Before researching the subject, I sat back and considered my personal experience with the living room. I'm old enough to have been born before the introduction of the "family room" to American home house plans, when "living" was very much assigned to the living room. Outside of eating, all other family activities were in the living room prior to the advent of television. (Yes, I'm that old!)

I remember the layout of my parents' house which they had bought at about the time I was born. It was a stone and brick attached home, or "row" home, in a middle-class West Philadelphia



By Bill Primavera

neighborhood. There was no foyer. You entered the house directly into the living room, facing a staircase going to the second floor. I remember that staircase well. With no carpeting, I was able to descend it by bouncing on my fanny from the top to the bottom. How I loved that adventure.

The upholstered furniture – a large couch and two arm chairs – was covered with a very itchy indestructible fabric, blue for the sofa and green for one armchair and red for the other. As an attached house, the living room flowed directly into the

dining room, with an arch as the divider. My mental picture of that living room features my entire family – mother, father, older sister and brother and me – all gathered listening to the radio. My parents entertained family and friends in that space, but it was also where my siblings and I played games and did our homework. The room was well worn.

But today, and for many years, my living room has been a "pass by" room, reserved only for entertaining.

I was surprised to learn that the term living room was not used extensively

until the early 20th century. It was used commonly shortly after World War I, prior to which – get this – it was called the "death room." It so happened that after the end of the war, the influenza epidemic spread across the globe and millions of people died. With so many deaths, the deceased were kept in the front room of the house for mourning before being taken away for the funeral.

With improving health conditions, the name change was widely attributed to an influential article that appeared in the *Ladies' Home Journal*, suggesting that the room be renamed. Since it was used for various activities and was now more a lively place than a mourning room, the article suggested it be called the "living room."

In my own family, I have certain memories of the death room and living room, some pleasant, others not. My Aunt Helen, who lived to be nearly 100, told me that, upon his death, her father (my grandfather) was laid out in the living room for an extended period of time because, she said, the ground at the cemetery was frozen solid. She told me that the family would gather in the living room during this period to pay respects on a daily basis. At one of these gatherings, my grandfather's chest suddenly deflated

with an alarming sound, and everyone in the room screamed.

Upon the death of my father when I was a teenager, my mother decided to have an old-fashioned wake in our living room rather than at a funeral home. The coffin was placed where our sofa would normally be. I would never recommend this because of the memories it would later evoke. My mother, who must have had an odd sense of how to motivate people, would sometimes tell me to get up from lounging around on the sofa because "that's where Dad was laid out."

In the past I've written about how the more formal living room in today's house plans are shrinking in size in deference to larger family rooms where the family "living" activities are more likely to take place. In tomorrow's home, designed to be ever more efficient with space and energy, the living room may likely disappear entirely.

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# Longtime Mt. Kisco Deli a Family Affair for Owners, Patrons

By Martin Wilbur

When a visitor enters M&R Delicatessen in Mount Kisco, not only are they going to get a delicious breakfast, lunch or snack but it's as though they're transported to a different era or neighborhood.

That makes sense because brothers Matt and Ray Henley, celebrated 40 years in Mount Kisco last month. They have operated out of the same storefront at 135 E. Main St. since they relocated from Bronxville after a devastating fire seemingly wiped out the family business.

"It's just the friendships with the customers, the town," Ray Henley said. "You go anywhere in town, 'Oh, M&R, M&R.' They may not know your name but they'll say M&R. It's all good. You feel good."

But the bread and butter behind the brothers' success isn't just the over-the-counter schmoozing. M&R Delicatessen serves some great food with lightning-quick service.

Matt Henley said the store, which opens by 6 a.m. six mornings a week to catch the first wave of commuters, goes through a vast amount of chicken. The cutlets and chicken parmigiana are popular as are most of the chicken dishes, he said.

They make a mouth-watering pastrami-corned beef Reuben, something that not every deli can do well – or do at all.

"We do what like a restaurant would do. If you ever had our lasagna, it's the best lasagna you'll have anywhere," Matt Henley

said without sounding like he's boasting.

In addition to a full line of cold cuts, there are a variety of entrees and a wide range of salads, along with cole slaw, potato salad and macaroni salad. Like many delis there are a wide assortment of beverages, chips and goodies.

Then there are all the breakfast items, including the egg sandwiches, bacon and bagels and coffee, so M&R does a brisk morning business.

The brothers – Ray is 15 months older – were virtually born into the deli business while growing up in Yonkers. Their father worked as a clerk in another Bronxville store when he decided to go out on his own when the boys were seven and eight years old.

The store was on Palmer Avenue near St. Lawrence Hospital and Matt and Ray would help out on weekends and in the summer, then took over the business when their father died in 1973.

"He had passed away and we ended up just staying there," Matt said. "(Ray) had just come out of college, I was working there and we just kept the business going."

They kept it going until Nov. 20, 1978, when the entire building went up in flames. Unable to find a suitable location in Bronxville, Matt said he had a neighbor who had a business in Mount Kisco.

They agreed to the lease at 135 E. Main St. on Apr. 2, 1979, and have been serving the village for the last 40 years.

Ray, who along with his brother lives



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Ray Henley, left, and his brother, Matt, have been serving the breakfast and lunchtime crowds in Mount Kisco for 40 years.

in Somers, said it didn't take long to get accustomed to Mount Kisco.

"The town itself is nice," he said. "All the people are nice. It's become like one big family. People come back with their little kids and they have little kids."

The brothers credit the success of their operation to three longtime employees – their chef Reynaldo Romero and Carol Amuso and Joe Gardella behind the counter. They said Carol and Joe have plenty of fans.

"We've been here a long time. We know a lot of people," Amuso said. "I live in the

town, so I know a lot of the town people, but that wouldn't even matter because if you didn't live in town, you'd know everybody. I enjoy coming to work, I have to say.

Matt and Ray said they don't know how long they'll continue to get up before dawn every morning but it's been a rewarding life.

"Whatever you do, you have that self-satisfaction," Matt said. "Doing it 40 years, it's like routine. But it's still rewarding. We don't really know anything else."

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## Tuesday, May 7

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

**DIY Mother's Day Handprint Flower Pot.** Come in to make mom, aunt or grandma a lovely handprint flower pot. For children four to 11 years old. (Children under five must be accompanied by a caregiver.) Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30

p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

**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).

**Saw Mill River Audubon Nature Book Club.** "The Sound of a Wild Snail Eating" by Elisabeth Tova Bailey will be discussed. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Free. Info: E-mail office@[sawmillriveraudubon.org](mailto:sawmillriveraudubon.org).

**"Charlie Says."** A screening of this biographical drama based on the life and crimes of Charles Manson and his followers. Years after the shocking murders that made Manson synonymous with pure evil, the three women who killed for him – Leslie Van Houten (Hannah Murray), Patricia Krenwinkel (Sosie Bacon) and Susan Atkins (Marianne Rendón) – remain under the spell of the infamous cult leader. Confined to an isolated cellblock

in a California penitentiary, the trio seem destined to live out the rest of their lives under the delusion that their crimes were part of a cosmic plan – until empathetic graduate student Karlene Faith (Merritt Wever) is enlisted to rehabilitate them. Followed by a Q&A with director Mary Herron and moderated by critic Marshall Fine. The Picture House, 175 Wolfs Lane, Pelham. 7:30 p.m. \$15. Seniors, students and members: \$12. Info and tickets: Visit [www.thepicturehouse.org](http://www.thepicturehouse.org).

**Women Reading Women Book Club.** "Jamaica Inn" by Daphne Du Maurier will be discussed. Copies of the book available at the circulation desk. New members welcome. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Free. Info: Contact Denise Sommer at [denisedauriasommer@hotmail.com](mailto:denisedauriasommer@hotmail.com).

**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, May 8

**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 (except May 27). Info: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**Yoga for Toddlers.** Introduces children to basic yoga poses and mindfulness while keeping it fun with games. It will be taught by certified yoga instructor Karen Savir. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a towel or yoga mat. For children two to five years old. Caregiver supervision is required. Ruth Keeler Memorial Library, 276 Titicus Rd., North Salem. 10 to 11 a.m. Free. Also May 15 and 22 and June 5. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-669-5161 or visit the library.

**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

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**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 (except May 27). Info: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

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

**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.

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# Chasing Roger Tory Peterson: Birding Connecticut's Coastline

By Brian Kluepfel

They say that when the only tool you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail. Similarly, if the only thing you have under your car seat are binoculars, everything looks like a bird.

May 4 was eBird's Global Big Day, when birders of all stripes tally species and enter the info on the eBird app.

We honestly had no intentions of birding. We began the day counting the variety of artifacts at the PEZ Visitor in Orange, Conn. PEZ candy was founded by Austrian Eduard Haas III in 1927, and the rectangular candies are still made there, as well as along the Connecticut coast.

And the memorabilia! Countless celebrities, politicians and others have had their heads immortalized atop a PEZ dispenser. Of course, what did I notice? The birds of PEZ: three figurines from the movie "Rio 2" (Blue, Jewel, and Raphael); several versions of the Roadrunner of cartoon fame from the 1960s through the '80s; a like variety of Daffy Ducks; and a plump collection of the "Penguins of Madagascar." And naturally, there were several mean-faced "Angry Birds" of cinematic renown.

On to the most wonderful bookstore in the world, The Book Barn in Niantic. In one

of the buildings, dubbed "The Last Page," (a raven is painted on its outer wall) we found a biography of Roger Tory Peterson, founding father of bird guides. I regret not buying it, but I already had a Toulouse-Lautrec bio, maximizing my book-buying credits with my darling spouse. If I spent as much time and money as I wanted in The Book Barn, I would live on the floor of the main building with its resident cats, broke and contented.

On the highway back to Old Lyme, we were shocked to see three wild turkeys attempting, it would seem, to cross the raging expanse of Interstate 95. Cars swerved from the slow lane to avoid bird slaughter, as did we, but I'm uncertain of this trio's fate.

A stop at Rocky Neck State Park yielded the day's best birding (remember, it never started as a birding expedition). Pulling alongside a large wetlands area, we spied a number of Snowy Egrets and Great Egrets, sparring for fishing territory. Among them was a smaller blue-purple bird, which we identified as a little blue heron with the help of a fellow birder. A life bird for me (first-time sighting) and an absolute beauty of an avian.

Soon we were joined by a man in a tour

guide's hat and with a fair amount of gear. He seemed to know a lot, and in the end, he was about the best guy you could run into: Frank Gallo, author of the recently-published "Birding in Connecticut," (Garnet Books, 2018) an absolutely fabulous tome and must-have for those wishing to cover the Nutmeg State and see a lot of birds.

The difference between a meddling birder like myself and Gallo is vast: standing on a pier overlooking the wetland, he heard, amidst dozens of calls, a purple finch. In the distance where two stark-white Great Egrets obviously were, he spied two great blue herons camouflaged by the tall reeds, standing in exquisite profile. Among a raft of black ducks a few hundred yards distant, he saw a couple of gadwalls – a distinction I couldn't have made.



If you love birding, the state of Connecticut is for you – a vibrant coastline with an outstanding array of avian life and the PEZ Visitor Center in Orange, Conn., where you can find dispensers with all sorts of celebrity birds.

We bade Frank farewell and wished him luck on Connecticut's Big Day on May 17. (He was doing some advance scouting and urged the gadwalls to stay a while.) We arrived at the Old Lyme Inn, whose logo is none other than the Northern Flicker, the same bird which inspired Peterson's entry into birding a century ago.

The inn's co-owner, Chris Kitchings, once saved a group of Flicker nestlings when the tree they were housed in split and fell. When looking for an emblem of the once-dilapidated inn's resurrection, she looked no further than the bird Peterson thought was dead on the ground, only to watch it spring into life and fly off. (Her nearby store is called the Bowerbird, by the way; I sense a theme.)

Funny how a day with no birding can easily turn into one.

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## For The Birds

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

**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. Registration requested. Info and registration: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**DIY May Day Baskets.** Create a simple paper basket. For children four to 10 years old. (Children under five must be accompanied by a caregiver.) Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

**Fact or Fake: Exploring the Role of Media in Politics.** Presented by a League of Women Voters panel, this interactive workshop's topics will include media biases, spotting fake news, different ways to access news and the benefits of a comprehensive media diet. New Castle Town Hall, 200 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or [www.chappaqualibrary.org](http://www.chappaqualibrary.org).

**Art Series: Sir Alfred James Munnings.** A vocal critic of Modernism art, this English artist is highly collectible, with auction prices consistently ranging from \$6 million to \$8 million a painting. Heralded

for his landscapes, he was also considered to be one of England's finest portrait painters of horses. Additionally, look at the history behind equine and pastoral images. Discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**Zero Waste Leadership Summit.** Local student sustainability leaders discuss their work with zero waste initiatives. The summit will give students an opportunity to present to their peers on the projects they have worked on to encourage zero waste behaviors at their school. This program is in partnership with the Sierra Club Lower Hudson Group. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 7 to 9 p.m. Free. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

## Thursday, May 9

**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 celebrate creative spirits together while enjoying the ancient art of knitting. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Every Monday and Thursday (except May 27). Info: 914-273-3887.

**Lifeline Theater Music Program.** An outlet for unlocking the potential of children and adults with special needs through integrated arts and life skills programs. Drop in anytime and join founder Billy Ayres as he uses singing, dancing, creating plays, artwork and gardening to help participants realize their strengths and potential contributions to their communities. Ayres has created a technique called improvisational integrated music/drama. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. Every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: Visit [www.lifelinetheaterinc.org/index.html](http://www.lifelinetheaterinc.org/index.html).

**Toddler Storytime.** Finger plays, action rhymes, songs and stories to encourage an enjoyment of books and to stimulate early listening, learning and speaking

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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.mountkiscoliberalry.org](http://www.mountkiscoliberalry.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.mountkiscoliberalry.org](http://www.mountkiscoliberalry.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. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.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).

**Family Storytime.** Stories, songs, fingerplays and other activities. For children one to four years old and their siblings and caregivers. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 4 to 4:30 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**Read to Rover.** Dogs love listening to stories. Come meet Rover and read your favorite story. For children five years old and up. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 5 to 6 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkiscoliberalry.org](http://www.mountkiscoliberalry.org).

**"Plastic Paradise."** A screening of this documentary directed by Angela Sun that takes viewers on a journey of discovery through the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. It tells the story of what happens to all our daily plastic after we're done with it. The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is comprised of some of the eight million tons of plastic thrown into the ocean every year. A panel discussion will follow with expert panelists drawn from nearby communities. All welcome. Part of the Ossining Documentary and Discussion Series. Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave., Ossining. Seating at 6:15 p.m. Screening at 6:30 p.m. Free. Info: Visit [www.OssiningDocumentaries.org](http://www.OssiningDocumentaries.org).

**James Van Der Zee's Family Portraits.** Van Der Zee is one of the most iconic photographers of the 20th century. ArtsWestchester delves deeper into his photographic practice, its historical context and legacy in a lively discussion

with Drew Sawyer, the Brooklyn Museum's Phillip Leonian and Edith Rosenbaum Leonian Curator of Photography and Donna Mussenden Van Der Zee, the Van Der Zee's widow. ArtsWestchester, 31 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains. 7 p.m. Free. Info: Visit [www.westchester.org](http://www.westchester.org).

**Author Talk.** Local author and chef Suzy Scherr launches her new cookbook "The Honey Companion." There will also be a Honey Whiskey tasting, Q&A with Claire Marin, a beekeeper turned distiller, and book signing. Best Wine Purveyors, 210 Marble Ave., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Free.

**Solving the Retirement Income Puzzle.** An educational workshop for people approaching or entering retirement or the recently retired. Led by Social Security, retirement income and tax specialist Paul Petrone. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 to 8 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-273-3887 ext. 3.

**NARCAN Training.** Learn how to save a life and how to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose. A free NARCAN kit will be provided. Mount Pleasant Community Center, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 7 to 9 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info: E-mail [pvillestrongcoalitioncoordinator@yahoo.com](mailto:pvillestrongcoalitioncoordinator@yahoo.com). Registration: Visit [www.pleasantvillestrong.org](http://www.pleasantvillestrong.org) and click on events.

**"Young Picasso."** How did a provincial Spanish boy, rumored to draw before he could speak, become one of the greatest artists of the 20th century? In this absorbing look at the people and places that informed the young Picasso's genius, you'll visit his Málaga birthplace, Barcelona and Madrid, where, as a boy, he first saw Velázquez, Goya and El Greco in the Prado Museum. Then follow the 19-year-old to the Montmartre and Moulin Rouge of 1900s bohemian Paris, where he encounters Toulouse-Lautrec and other painters and sees the art of earlier masters and the African sculpture that would soon inspire his Cubist masterpiece Les Femmes d'Alger. Followed by a Q&A with Jim Coddington, the former Agnès Gund chief conservator at the Museum of Modern Art, where he was part of the team that restored Picasso's Les Femmes d'Alger. Part of the FrameWorks: Art on Film! Series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7:15 p.m. Members: \$12 Non-members: \$17. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

**An Evening With Bruce Cockburn and Leo Kottke.** Two Music Hall favorites come together for an evening of virtuosic guitar playing and masterful songwriting. Few recording artists are as creative and prolific as Cockburn. Since his self-titled debut in 1970, the Canadian singer-songwriter has issued a steady stream of acclaimed albums. He won the inaugural People's Voice Award and was recently inducted into the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fam. In nearly five

decades of recording and performing, the Grammy-nominated Kottke has set the highest standard for acoustic finger-picked guitar. His collaboration with Phish bassist Mike Gordon, "Clone" caught audiences' attention in 2002. The pair followed with a recording in the Bahamas called "Sixty-Six Steps." Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$48, \$53 and \$58. Info and tickets: Visit [www.tarrytownmusicall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusicall.org).

## Friday, May 10

**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. Every Friday (except May 24). Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

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**DIY Q-Tip Crazy Craft.** Create a flower daisy out of Play-Doh and other materials. For children four to eight years old. Children under five must be accompanied by a caregiver. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 2 to 3 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

**Explore Osmo.** Children explore, learn, create and interact with digital games in a whole new way. For children in grades 3-5. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 to 4:30 p.m. Free. Every Friday. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**PlantFest.** The opening of Teatown's two-day plant sale, now in its 28th year. Today's "First Pick" sale will offer perennials, annuals, hanging baskets, organic herbs and vegetables, native plants and pollinator-friendly and hummingbird-attracting varieties, as well as more than a dozen complementary vendors. Also includes live music, small plates created by local chefs, wine, local craft beer and hard cider and Jan Johnsen, an author from Croton-on-Hudson and New York Botanical Garden instructor, who will be signing copies of her newly released book, "Gardentopia." All proceeds benefit Teatown's environmental education and conservation initiatives. Teatown Lake Reservation, 1600 Spring Valley Rd., Ossining. 4 to 7 p.m. \$20. Info: Visit [www.teatown.org](http://www.teatown.org).

**A-HOME Spring Gala: Getting to the Heart of the Matter.** A-HOME

is celebrating 34 years of providing permanent supportive housing in northern Westchester with a fundraiser to support the organization's programs and initiatives. Crabtree's Kittle House, 11 Kittle Rd., Chappaqua. 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. \$275. Young professional ticket (under 35): \$150. Info and tickets: Contact Barbara at 914-741-0740 ext. 322 or visit [www.a-homehousing.org](http://www.a-homehousing.org).

**Friday Night Film Series: "Nothing to Hide."** What happens when seven longtime friends (three married couples and a divorcee) have a dinner party celebrating the lunar eclipse and decide to reveal every text message or phone call they would receive that evening? At times serious, funny and thought provoking, the film sets out to show that even the most open lives have their secrets. In French with English subtitles. Post-screening discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**The Music of Our Time: A Sonic Road Map.** Hoff-Barthelson Music School's annual Festival for Contemporary Music opens with a lecture presented by Copland House Executive Director and internationally recognized pianist Michael Boriskin. Boriskin invites all open ears and open minds on this musical adventure. Hoff-Barthelson Music School, 25 School Lane, Scarsdale. 7:30 p.m. \$25. Hoff-Barthelson students and parents: Free. Info: 914-723-1169, visit [www.hbms.org](http://www.hbms.org) or e-mail [hb@hbms.org](mailto:hb@hbms.org).

**The Capitol Steps: We Put the Mock in Democracy!** Over 30 years ago, the Capitol Steps began as a group of Senate staffers who set out to satirize the people and places that employed them. In the ensuing years, many of the Steps ignored the pleas not to quit their day job, and although not all of the group's current members are former Capitol Hill staffers, taken together the performers have worked in a total of 18 congressional offices and represent 62 years of collective House and Senate staff experience. Since their start, the Capitol Steps have recorded more than 35 albums, including their latest, "Make America Grin Again." Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$35, \$45 and \$60. Info and tickets: Visit [www.tarrytownmusicall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusicall.org).

**"Baby."** The Armonk Players presents this play that earned eight Tony Award nominations including for best musical and best original score. Directed and choreographed by Tom Coppola, three couples on a university campus deal with the painful, rewarding and agonizingly funny consequences of conceiving a baby. Lizzie and Danny are college students, barely at the beginning of their adult lives; Nick and Pam are 30-somethings, having

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trouble conceiving but determined to try; and Arlene and Alan are middle-aged parents looking forward to seeing their last child graduate from college when a night of unexpected passion leads to a surprise pregnancy. Whippoorwill Hall, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 8 p.m. \$20. Students (18 and under): \$10. Also May 11, 16, 17 and 18 at 8 p.m. and May 19 at 2 p.m. Info and tickets: Visit [www.ArmonkPlayers.org](http://www.ArmonkPlayers.org).

**"August: Osage County."** An electric production of Tracy Letts' Pulitzer Prize-winning and multiple Tony Award-winning play. Directed by Axial Theatre Co-Artistic Director Catherine (Cat) Banks and co-produced by Stephen Palgon, one of Axial Theatre's founding members and president of the Emmy Award-winning "Star Crossed Pictures." St. John's Episcopal Church, 8 Sunnyside Ave., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. \$27.50. Seniors and students: \$22.50. Also May 11, 17 and 18 at 8 p.m., May 11 and 18 at 3 p.m. and May 12 and 19 at 4 p.m. Info and tickets: Visit [www.axialtheatre.org](http://www.axialtheatre.org).

## Saturday, May 11

**Pleasantville Garden Club Plant Sale.** If you are a beginner gardener, the sale is a good one because members have

done all the prep work for you. Here, you can purchase proven, member-grown perennials so you know they will grow. Additional selections include new varieties of annuals, vegetables and herbs, hanging baskets and gift ideas for Mother's Day. Master gardeners will be on site to help with plant selections. Proceeds will be used for beautification and environmental projects in Pleasantville and the Town of Mount Pleasant. Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 8 a.m. to noon. Info: Visit [www.pleasantvillegardenclub.org](http://www.pleasantvillegardenclub.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. 23 (except for May 18). Info: Visit [www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org](http://www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org).

**Chappaqua Farmers Market.** Locally-raised and produced food to the community creating a connection between shoppers and small-scale food producers in the region. Chappaqua train station,

Chappaqua. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through November. Info: Visit [www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org](http://www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org).

**PlantFest.** The second day of Teatown's two-day plant sale, now in its 28th year. Today's "First Pick" sale will offer perennials, annuals, hanging baskets, organic herbs and vegetables, native plants and pollinator-friendly and hummingbird-attracting varieties, as well as more than a dozen complementary vendors. There will also be food trucks including The Big Fish from Mt. Kisco Seafood and 3 Little Pigs BBQ food trucks will sell lunch fare. All proceeds benefit Teatown's environmental education and conservation initiatives. Teatown Lake Reservation, 1600 Spring Valley Rd., Ossining. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Food trucks will be on hand from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free. Info: Visit [www.teatown.org](http://www.teatown.org).

**Coffee and Conversation.** County Legislator Kitley Covill and Mount Kisco Mayor Gina Picinich will hold a joint meeting and discussion with the public. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 10 a.m. Free. Info: 914-995-2804.

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**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.

**Wolves of North America.** Learn about the mythology, biology and ecology of wolf families and discover why it's a special time for packs in North America. Whether the wolves are living on the Arctic tundra or the woodlands of the southwest, wolf families are out searching for prey as they celebrate the birth of pups. Guests will visit ambassador wolves Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and possibly the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves as well. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 11 a.m. Adults: \$14. Children (under 12): \$11. Also May 19 and 27 at 11

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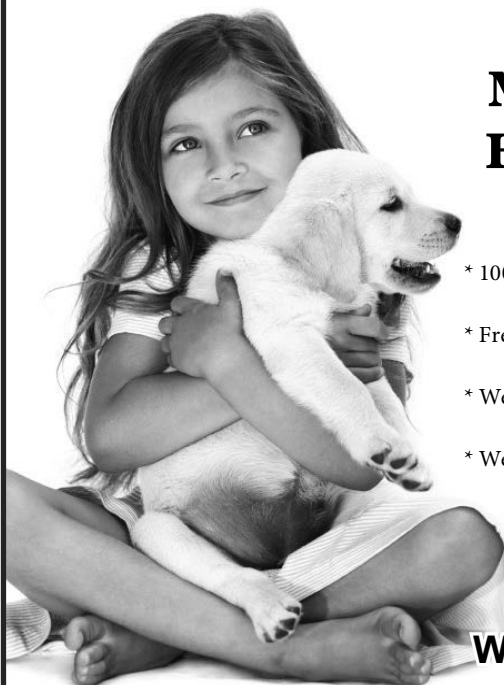
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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 106 FISHER AVE LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/05/2019. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may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

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**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.**

**FORMATION OF ELMSFORD CHICKEN, LLC** filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/10/19. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Ashish Parikh, 100 Menlo Park Mall, Ste. 500, Edison, NJ 08837. **Purpose: Any lawful activity.**

**APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF THE TAILORY, LLC** filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/25/19. Formed in PA 2/18/14. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC on whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail copy of process to Anthony Lopes, 3901A Main St., Ste. 203A, Philadelphia, PA 19127. The office address in PA is 1105 Tyson Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111. Cert. of formation filed with Kathy Boockvar, Acting Secy. of State, 302 N. Office Bldg., 401 North St., Harrisburg, PA 17120. **Purpose: Any lawful activity.**

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# The Interaction of Man and Nature in the Production of Wine



By Nick Antonaccio

A few years ago, I visited a small, highly regarded winery in northern California. I enjoyed superb wines, excellently crafted by the owner/winemaker.

During the course of my interview, I asked the logical question of the confident and somewhat egotistical owner: "What do you attribute the success of your wines to?"

His answer surprised me: "Mother Nature. She accounts for 90 percent of the success of my wines."

I thought about his humble statement and began to reflect on the evolution of the vineyard and the intricate and interdependent processes it goes through. Which has more influence on the final product: the seemingly randomness of nature or the measured, scientific approach of a winemaker? Is it the finesse and artistry of the individual winemakers or the design of Mother Nature that consistently produce great wines?

There are numerous steps in the production of wine. I have chosen a select few to evaluate the impact of man (a term

I proffer as a species, not a gender) and nature (also a genderless term). In man's eternal interdependency with nature, varying influences result in variable results. Who exerts the greater influence and achieves the greater impact: man or nature?

**Step 1:** Which grape variety to plant? Man's influence: grape varieties have varying requirements in order to flourish. Pinot Noir is very fickle; Cabernet Sauvignon much less so. Nature's influence: match the variety and the surroundings and nature will cooperate; disregarding a grape variety's genetic needs is a recipe for failure. The greater influence: nature.

**Step 2:** Which vines to plant – those evolved in nature or those hybridized? Man: beginning with maxim number one above, man continuously strives to improve his chance of success, seeking to overcome the inconsistencies of nature.

Nature: begin with strong genetics but tolerate a bit of tweaking. The greater influence: very close. Man has been able to overcome nature's order of self-selection, but within narrow parameters. Here I give the nod to man.

**Step 3:** Where to plant? I believe this is the overwhelming criteria for a successful end product. The concept of terroir (a term in and of itself a concession to nature)

reigns supreme: the soil, microclimate, sun exposure and elevation will most determine the success or failure of a wine – and a winemaker. Man: understand and manipulate nature and success is within reach. Nature: cooperate or perish. The greater influence: nature.

**Step 4:** Human intervention in the vineyards or natural selection? Man: introduce manufactured fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides to enhance (short-term) yield. Nature: survival of the fittest will result in the greatest expression (and sustainability) of a grape variety and resulting wine. The greater influence: nature.

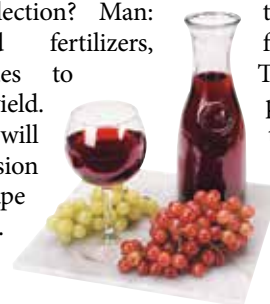
**Step 5:** The influence of weather. Grapes are an agricultural product; grape growers are farmers, subject to nature's whims. Nature has exclusive domain over rain, the amount and duration of sun and late season frost. However, man, through scientific advances, is able to cope with nature's dominance and thereby achieve previously unattainable yields and quality in the face of natural disasters and calamities. The greater influence: nature, by her randomness and omnipotence.

**Step 6:** Harvest. The end of the debate – or not? Once grapes are in the shelter of the winery, man has exclusive domain. Or does he?

A critical aspect of winemaking is fermentation: the sustained intervention of yeast with crushed grapes to break down natural sugar into alcohol and carbon dioxide. Man: by influencing this process (introduce nuanced strains of yeast, control the duration), a personalized wine may be created. Nature: without the ideal temperature and environment, fermentation will stall or cease. The greater influence: a tie. Nature provides the basics, but man is able to influence the process.

Nature clearly has the upper hand. Man's ability to cope with the vicissitudes of nature determines his success. Without a winemaker's individual influence, there is a commonality among wines, but without nature's nurturing, often erratic, behavior there is no baseline wine for man to craft. I now understand the central coast winemaker's mantra.

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 25 years he has conducted numerous wine tastings and lectures. Nick is a member of the Wine Media Guild of wine writers. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at [nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com](mailto:nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com) or on Twitter @sharingwine.



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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).** The name of the LLC is: Nate The Dog Man, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: 02/14/2019. The County in which the Office is to be located: 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 a copy of any process against the LLC is: **415 South St, Apt 4A, Peekskill, NY 10566. Purpose: any lawful activity.**

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF QUILT-STONES, LLC.** filed with SSNY on 4/25/18. Office in Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **126 Kelbourne Ave, Sleepy Hollow, NY Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

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**TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY WORK SESSION AGENDA MAY 8, 2019 6 PM**  
1. Pledge of Allegiance 2. Vote on Special Use Permit for Cell Tower 3. Informational Hearing on possible regulations of transient rentals (Airbnbs) 4. Discussion regarding addition of decibel level to Noise Ordinance. 5. Discussion on accepting donated land. Will the Town continue to do so, or will we cease this practice? 6. Dr. Fran Wills: presentation about School Vote on May 21, 2019. 7. Designation of our town camp as parklands. Vote to be held on May 15th. 8. Recreational vehicle discussion. Do we wish to change 165-27J

or not? 9. Discussion: removing prohibition on war games such as paintball, soft shell. 10. Update: County's request for False Alarm Penalty Fee. 11. Appoint Sam Oliverio as Town Board liaison to the Lake Peekskill Youth Committee. 12. Amend Resolution # R19-133 regarding temporary maintenance staff. 13. Authorize the Facilities Department to excess equipment from the Assessor's office. 14. Appoint Alexis Acevedo as the Lake Peekskill Beach Monitor for the 2019 season. 15. Appoint Marianne Forlano as a Beach Monitor for the Lake Peekskill District for the 2019 season. 16. Appoint Joseph Aviles as a temporary, seasonal laborer for the Lookout Manor District. 17. Audit of monthly bills.

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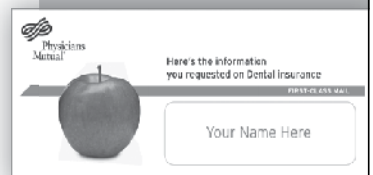
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# The Weekly Feature from Entergy

## Local Singer/Songwriter Releases Eyeglass Line for Cancer Awareness

By James Miranda

Sleepy Hollow singer/songwriter Bianca Muñiz and eyeglass company King Children released a new line of glasses called "As You Are" last month to promote her new song of the same name and breast cancer awareness.

In December 2018, Muñiz, a two-time cancer survivor, partnered with King Children, a company that produces custom 3D printed eyeglasses. It's her debut in the design world, which is something she's always wanted to do alongside her music career. It also is the perfect avenue to promote her new song.

"Basically, the goal was to just take the essence of who I am and put it in glasses form and create something that I want to wear every day," said Muñiz, who designed the glasses herself and were based on sketches she used to draw as a child. "Everyone knows I'm clumsy. One of the prototypes I got back in January, I sat on them and didn't know I sat on them. That fact that I still haven't broken

these is a miracle."

The eyeglass line features four different colored frames: Auburn, Pacific Blue, Nile Green and Coral. Prices at \$95, all can be fitted for prescription glasses, sunglasses or just the frames. Muñiz also released a bracelet line with MantraBand on Apr. 11 titled "Come As You Are."

The partnership serves multiple purposes other than style for Muñiz. The collaboration came just after she finished writing her newest song "As You Are," which was released on all music platforms on Apr. 19. She wrote the song after facing unwanted ire on her social media pages for the content she posts.

So, when King Children came along, she saw it as the perfect opportunity to market the eyeglass line, continue to advocate about breast cancer and promote her new song's message of self-love.

"That's what I do, it's what helps me – helping other people, talking about my journey and how I feel," Muñiz said. "I wrote this song for myself. It's as if love was

the first thing talking to me and telling me it's ok, love is always here, you yourself are love, so accept yourself."

The 24-year-old's experience on social media also reminded her of when she discovered The Breasties, a New York City-based nonprofit organization that supports women affected by breast and gynecological cancers by creating a reliable community, free events and retreats. She turned to them for a community as well as for love and support after her double mastectomy.

And that's where the final purpose of the eyeglass line comes into play. Muñiz and King Children will donate 25 percent of the proceeds from each pair of glasses to The Breasties as her way to give back to them for all they've done for her.

"[Giving back is] in her nature and who she is. She shows up unlike any other and is the epitome of the power of this community," said Brianna Majsiak, who is one of four co-founders of The Breasties and met Muñiz after a



Bianca Muñiz and eyeglass company King Children released a new line of glasses called "As You Are."

workout event another co-founder, Paige More, organized.

"The four of us founders don't take salaries from the nonprofit, we all work full-time jobs and voluntarily choose to put our free time and energy into making retreats, events, camps, etc. possible. The money from King Children and Bianca's collaboration, like anything that comes to The Breasties, will directly support women affected by breast and gynecological cancers."

This collaboration was the first of its kind

for Muñiz and she hopes to do more in the future with King Children and MantraBand. "As You Are" is also a part of Muñiz's newest album that's planned for release next fall.

"These glasses are very me. I feel like [they represent me], and 'As You Are,' that's the message of the song," Muñiz said. "I am hoping to create more glasses with [King Children]. I have a few other ideas, so hopefully that's something that can continue, that's really great. Nothing's set in stone yet."

# Happenings

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