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## End of the Line for Pleasantville United Methodist Church

### Congregation Disbands After More Than Two Centuries

By Martin Wilbur

The Pleasantville United Methodist Church officially disbanded on Sunday, ending a nearly 240-year presence in the community.

Word of the demise of the dwindling congregation, which has worshipped at the church located at 70 Bedford Rd. since the early 1960s, spread Sunday following a social media post by Nathan Vanderslice, who is listed on the church's website as a head usher.

The development was confirmed to The Examiner on Monday by Rev. Dr. Denise Smartt Sears, district superintendent for the Metropolitan District of the New York Conference for the United Methodist Church. Sears said that the

annual conference on June 8 approved the resolution to close the church.

"It is with a heavy heart that the remaining seven members of Pleasantville United Methodist Church voted to cease to exist as a worshipping community," Sears said in a statement.

Attempts to reach Pastor Johnny Ceasar and some of the remaining members on Monday were unsuccessful.

Sears said that Pleasantville United Methodist Church's history dates back to 1780. It grew out of a home on Bear Ridge and was part of the Croton Circuit of the Methodist Class Meeting. The congregation was known for its vibrant music ministry and church school, Sears said.

However, over the past 20 years, she said parishioners continued to move out of the area and new congregants weren't found to replace them.

For most of that time, the church relied on its annual Christmas tree sale



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The Pleasantville United Methodist Church had its congregation disband on Sunday. At the end the church was down to seven members.

in a portion of its parking lot to remain the tree sale was discontinued.

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## No. Castle Approves Controversial Rezone for Mariani Gardens

By Martin Wilbur

The North Castle Town Board approved a rezone of the Mariani Gardens property and a revision of the Comprehensive Plan for potential development of a 43-unit multifamily project despite repeated suggestions that the proposal would be too dense.

After a nearly four-hour public hearing last Wednesday evening that at times turned contentious, the board voted 3-2 to rezone the 4.1-acre property at 45 Bedford Rd. in Armonk from Nursery Business (NB) to the new specialty Residential-Multifamily-Downtown Armonk Zoning District that enables the application to advance. A special permit from the Town Board and site plan approval from the Planning Board are still needed for the project to be approved.

Supervisor Michael Schiliro, who cast the



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Rob Aiello, the project engineer for Mariani Gardens' residential proposal in Armonk, addressed an overflow crowd during last Wednesday's public hearing.

deciding vote, said it was a difficult decision but said the rezone is justified considering changing conditions in the real estate market. He noted that most of the opponents to the rezone and the Comprehensive Plan

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## Kisco Assisted Living Developer Files Another Lawsuit Against Village

By Martin Wilbur

A developer who has sought to build a 129-unit assisted living facility in Mount Kisco filed another lawsuit against the village in state Supreme Court last week claiming officials have reneged on an agreement to sell the land.

Brian Brick, an attorney representing development partner Robert Mishkin, outlined in the June 11 filing that the village remains obligated to sell to his client the 17.7-acre parcel at 270 Kisco Ave., a transaction that was stipulated as part of a settlement between the parties stemming from a 2002 federal Fair Housing Act lawsuit against Mount Kisco.

The 2002 lawsuit was prompted because Mishkin's entity, Town &

Country Adult Living, had hoped to expand an assisted living facility at 53 Mountain Ave. but was unable to obtain a necessary variance for the expansion.

Brick said last week that the village continues to hold a \$1.5 million contract down payment from Mishkin that he paid in 2007. The village also encouraged him to demolish the facility at 53 Mountain Ave. in 2011 because plans were progressing for the new project on Kisco Avenue, he said.

However, the village has refused to move forward with the sale of the Kisco Avenue property even after a Mar. 13, 2017, unanimously approved Village Board resolution that authorized the transaction, Brick said.

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# End of the Line for Pleasantville United Methodist Church

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Some community members posted that they are sad to see the congregation leave. Pleasantville Mayor Peter Scherer said he was in that camp.

"It has a long, long history in Pleasantville...and I think I'm right in saying that at one point there actually were two Methodist churches in Pleasantville," Scherer said. "A significant piece of history for sure. Obviously,

times change, conditions change but I am always sorry to think that institutions that have served our community in ways large and small end up no longer being viable."

Within hours of word spreading that the church had disbanded, speculation rose about what's next for the site. Vanderslice's post mentioned that the Se Kwang Korean Presbyterian Church, which has been renting space at the

Methodist church for several years, has been in negotiations to potentially buy the property.

If that fails to materialize and it is not used for a religious purpose, the roughly four-acre parcel is zoned for single-family residential, Scherer said.

During the past seven or eight years, the church had reached out to two separate entities that develop assisted living projects in hopes of selling the

land. However, the two companies, Benchmark Senior Living and Sunrise Senior Living, were unable to convince enough members of the Pleasantville Village Board to rezone the property to accommodate an assisted living project.

Other Methodist churches in the area are located in Valhalla, Mount Kisco, Ossining and Tarrytown.

*Lindsay Emery contributed to this article.*

## Kisco Assisted Living Developer Files Another Lawsuit Against Village

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delays and pervasive bad faith, the Village has to make a choice – either (a) it can sell 270 Kisco Avenue to Plaintiffs and issue Plaintiffs site plan approval, or (b) it can undo the deal and return to Plaintiffs their \$1,500,000 down payment, title to 53 Mountain Avenue, and adequate restitution for having had Plaintiffs close and demolish their existing business at 53 Mountain Avenue," the lawsuit states.

"You can't have it both ways. You can't keep it all for yourself and say 'Oh, we consider our obligation over and done with,'" Brick said.

The suit demands a jury trial seeking

unspecified damages to be determined at trial as well as punitive damages.

Village Attorney Whitney Singleton said on Monday that the plaintiff's claims are "wholly inaccurate." He said Mishkin failed to live up to various required obligations related to the application and that the plaintiff authorized release of the deposits he made to the village because of his failure to comply with those obligations.

Mishkin also sold his property on Mountain Avenue and relinquished all of his contractual rights to another entity, Hearth at Mount Kisco, LLC, in 2012, Singleton responded.

After several years, the applicant had

failed to secure New York City DEP approvals and could not close title to the Kisco Avenue property until that was obtained. Mishkin then brought in another investment group, HFZ Capital, in hopes of advancing the project.

"The village was tired of having contracts which weren't closing and the Village Board indicated to him that we would close if there were no contingencies and there were no further delays," Singleton said. "He would not agree to that."

Singleton said that there have been multiple lawsuits filed by the applicant over the years, all of which have been lost or withdrawn.

"The attorney is not familiar with the true facts of the case," Singleton said.

Brick, who has represented Mishkin since 2017, disputed that statement. He said his client withdrew a case in state Supreme Court when it appeared that the village was interested in moving forward with Mishkin and his new investors, HFZ Capital in late 2016 and early 2017.

Another suit, filed in federal court, was deemed to be unripe because the judge stated that the village had not yet determined the outcome of the application, Brick said.

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# Chappaqua Merchants Eager for Downtown Work to Wrap Up

By Lindsay Emery and Martin Wilbur

For some long-suffering merchants in downtown Chappaqua, it may not feel like the persistent upheavals in the heart of the hamlet will ever end.

However, in the next few weeks, the installation of new sidewalks along South Greeley and lower King Street which has inconvenienced shopkeepers and customers, is scheduled for completion.

John Kazawic, the resident engineer who is overseeing the infrastructure and streetscape project for the Town of New Castle, said all that's needed is a stretch of dry weather and no unexpected distractions for the subcontractors over the next couple weeks to enable the pouring of concrete and paving of the sidewalks to be finished.

The South Greeley Avenue sidewalk on the side of the Bank of America is being poured and should be done in the next couple of weeks, Kazawic said. The sidewalk work across the street by Pizza Station was recently completed.

"We're getting there," Kazawic said. "It's like ripping off the Band-Aid. We all know it was coming."

This week, crews will be working day and night in hopes of accelerating the work, he said.

Another factor that could determine the length of the remaining inconvenience is the subcontractors' schedule, Kazawic noted. Since there are two different subcontractors,



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The past few weeks has seen merchants and shoppers inconvenienced as new sidewalks are being installed along South Greeley Avenue and lower King Street.

if one of them is called away that could cause a delay even if the weather is clear, he said.

Knowing that the substantive work is in the final stages hasn't made the situation easier for storeowners to navigate. Several merchants said the project was needed for a long time and hope that there are benefits to reap.

Trisha Kallman, owner of hip-kid boutique on South Greeley Avenue, said her space and the neighboring stores have back entrances leading to the parking lot, but the storeowners on lower King Street don't have that luxury.

"You know, it's been a process. I'm trying to look at it, as I call it, productive pain – it's painful but there's a good outcome," Kallman said.

Alissa Sampogna, owner of The King's Scribe on lower King Street, said the biggest impact has occurred on the days when there is no on-street parking.

"People are making the effort to come out and it's not easy for them to get around, that does make an impact," Sampogna said. "I would also say that I think a lot of our customers are super loyal and committed and empathetic to what we're all going

through and are making a really big effort to come out and support (us) even though it is a bit of an inconvenience for them."

"The construction as you know, affected our business big time," mentioned Antonin Veshta, general manager of Aesop's Fable, a restaurant on lower King Street. "It's just something that has to be done. What are you going to do? They cannot do nothing. They have to do what they have to do. We hope now when it's over that people come and reward us for our patience here, you know what I mean?"

Supervisor Robert Greenstein said the change in the types of critiques coming from downtown is an encouraging sign.

"The complaints are very specific now. They're not just general complaints," Greenstein said. "They're happy that the sidewalks are being put down but they just want to make sure the residents have access to their stores."

The work that has been completed looks quite attractive, with more places to sit and more comfortable surroundings, said Sarah David, owner of House of 29 on South Greeley Avenue. She's hopeful that with the improvements will come increased foot traffic in the near future.

"It has to happen so we try to make the best out of it," David said. "And I'm really hoping that at the end of it...it will be more of a town where you want to hang out in the town."

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amendment agree that the site should be home to a residential development.

Much of the debate centered on the density of the project and its impact on the adjacent Bedford Road Historic District.

"Demographics change, needs change and although when we did the Comprehensive Plan update we talked about limited residential, even from then, even when they started that project, the needs where we live in the county have changed where, knowing this from the private sector, it's not economically viable to have a mixed-use type project there because then you have to figure out how to rent the retail or how to fill that space," Schiliro said.

The vote to amend a portion of the Comprehensive Plan comes 13 months after the Town Board updated the document calling for limited residential at the site. While limited residential was not clearly defined in the document, Anthony Veneziano, one of the developer's attorneys, said that limited residential meant a mixed-use development.

Board members Jose Berra and Barbara DiGiacinto opposed the rezone, arguing that the density would be excessive and the size and scale of the buildings would be inappropriate for the nearby historic district.

"There's just too much here and it's not something I can live with," Berra said. "I would really hope that it could be scaled

down. I realize, I understand the economics, I understand people want to be able to make money and capitalism's a good thing but we have to look at the overall town. So, in terms of density it presents all sorts of issues."

DiGiacinto said the overwhelming feedback she received from residents focused on the enormity of the project. She said that the Comprehensive Plan not only called for limited residential but also maintaining the current NB zone density. DiGiacinto asked Mariani to return with a scaled-down version.

"I don't know what the magic number is (in terms of units), but (it should be) a plan that doesn't fill this room to capacity with the majority of the people speaking against it," DiGiacinto said.

Meanwhile, councilmen Stephen D'Angelo and Barry Reiter supported the requests, concluding that the applicant addressed enough of the concerns, including the removal of all living space from the property's floodplain and structures from a deed restricted area closest to Maple Avenue.

D'Angelo said the proposed C Building, which will house 24 of the units and is set back about 300 feet from Bedford Road, is roughly the size of the existing nursery building. If there were fewer units, that would likely mean they would be larger.

"We worked very hard to make this a much better project," D'Angelo said.

The proposal of 43 luxury rental units

was reduced from 50 in the last iteration and the number of bedrooms is down from 93 to 76. Veneziano said the rents would range from an average of \$3,500 a month for the 24 one-bedroom units to \$10,000 for the four four-bedroom units. There would also be nine two-bedroom apartments and six three-bedroom residences.

Speakers lined up for most of the evening exhorting the board to see their point of view. Supporters of the rezone said the project would provide the community some certainty for the parcel for generations.

Kelly Skaggs, a parishioner at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church across the street from the parcel and a member of the North Castle Historical Society, said that while the proposal is not perfect, it represents positive change, similar to Armonk Square, as the needs of the community change.

"Likewise, a residential development at Mariani Gardens would be good for our community, bringing new business to Armonk Square and Main Street and a new set of residents who don't need to bring their cars to town and look for parking on Main Street because they can walk," Skaggs said.

Resident Neal Baumann, also a St. Stephen's member, said numerous changes have been made to the proposal to make it more palatable than a likely commercial use.

"I believe we are at the end of the line with this property and the owner," Baumann said. "If this application is defeated, the

property will be sold and an application will be submitted that most likely none of us will be happy with."

Nursery owner Mark Mariani has come before the board on multiple occasions asking for various accessory uses to supplement his "exotic landscaping" enterprise. Additional requests had included a catering service and for Soul Cycle to use a portion of the facility.

However, those in opposition outnumbered proponents. Thomas Rice, a 30-year Armonk resident, argued that such a major change to a hamlet entranceway would be "destructive" to the hamlet. An online petition to stop the proposal contained 443 names by Sunday evening.

"The question is whether it's the limited residential that you all approved and was approved in the Comprehensive Plan or whether we do a high-density apartment complex at one of the main entrances to our town, and I think it would be offensive to consider doing that, I think it is destructive to the nature of this hamlet," Rice said.

"That this board might give consideration to this plan simply shocks me," said resident Susan Shimer.

Veneziano said he and his client heard the concerns and will do their best to continue to improve the proposal.

"I pledge we will continue to work with you and I will continue to work with my client to do this," he said.

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# Hearing Scheduled for Memorial Plaza Overlay District Extension

By Lindsay Emery

The Pleasantville Village Board scheduled a public hearing for next week on extending the Central Business Parking Overlay District boundaries to accommodate development of the 70 Memorial Plaza mixed-use development next to the post office.

Village Administrator Eric Morrissey said the village's zoning map needs to be amended to extend the boundaries of the Central Business Parking (CBP) Overlay District so that all of the property is included in the overlay district.

Current plans call for the boundaries to be extended about 100 feet north on Memorial Plaza heading north toward Manville Road, said Building Inspector Robert Hughes. The proposed building is currently projected to fall about 40 to 50 feet outside the district, he said.

"You're in two different zones, you really don't want that, that becomes a nightmare for a property owner," Hughes explained. "So if you have an opportunity to try and fix it, you do."

To extend the district the Village Board is considering the sale of three small village-owned parcels that would be transferred to a public easement. One parcel is 995 square feet, another is 653 square feet and the third is 186 square feet, Hughes said. All of the land that would be transferred would become part of an outdoor pedestrian

walkway, he said. No part of the three village parcels would contain the building's footprint.

The parcels were appraised for around \$2,000 each, Morrissey said.

"What we're essentially doing is donating the property in exchange for that public access," Morrissey said.

At the board's June 10 work session, Trustee Steven Lord asked about liability once the parcels are transferred. Morrissey explained that the village would still have partial liability.

In front of the proposed building at 70 Memorial Plaza, there are proposed bump-outs, which were suggested by developer Pleasantville Lofts, LLC's architect Michael Gallin. The bump-outs would create room to place trees on the street to soften the size of the building.

There would also be angled parking on the side of the street where the building would be located.

Superintendent of Public Works Jeffrey Econom said a water main, sewer main and gas main would have to be moved to the middle of the road to accommodate the bump-out. It would also require drainage work, he said.

Last Wednesday, the village's Planning Commission closed the Pleasantville Lofts public hearing after no one from the public spoke on the application.

The proposed four-story mixed-use



An artist's rendering of the proposed Pleasantville Lofts, LLC mixed-used development on Memorial Plaza.

project would contain 79 apartments with commercial space on the ground floor.

During the Planning Commission hearing, Gallin presented an updated site plan showing an expanded courtyard featuring a fire pit, seats, tree planting, ornamental grass and perennials and an evergreen screen.

The Village Board will hold the public hearing on extending the overlay district at its next meeting on June 24 at Village Hall at 8 p.m.

**Kiddie Pool Update**

Morrissey reported that the kiddie pool at the village's swimming pool complex on Lake Street underwent pressure tests last Monday, which revealed leaks coming from about one-third of the radius of the pool. As a result, additional testing is required.

The pool is expected to remain closed for at least another two to three weeks, Morrissey said.

"If it is a crack or a break in the return line, we can spend some money to get that fixed but it's looking like it's going to be \$27,000 to \$30,000 to do that, the kiddie pool alone," he said.

The village announced shortly before the Memorial Day weekend that the kiddie pool would remain closed because of the leaks. It has yet to open this season.

*Abby Luby contributed to this article.*

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# New Castle Considers More Changes to Proposed Leaf Blower Law

By Martin Wilbur

A majority of the New Castle Town Board is committed to regulating the use of leaf blowers in town but what form the final legislation will take is still unknown.

The board reconvened its public hearing on the issue last Tuesday night, listening to more than two hours of comments regarding a reworked proposal that would ban gas-powered leaf blowers from June through September but allows their use the rest of the year, most notably during the heavy leaf season in the fall.

When the first draft of a local law was unveiled last year, gas-powered blowers would have been banned from May 15 through Sept. 30 until 2021 and then prohibited altogether by 2021. Under the old proposal, all blowers would have been prohibited during the summer.

The town's Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB), which proposed the measures, along with supporters of the legislation, have argued that gas blowers are an environmental menace, unnecessarily spewing greenhouse emissions into the air.

At last week's hearing, some residents who support cracking down on the use

of the gas-powered blowers said the revised proposal may not be strong enough but is a necessary first step.

"I see this as an environmental issue, a health issue and a quality-of-life issue," said Whippoorwill Lake Road resident Laura Fox. "I support the ban. I think it doesn't go far enough. We talked about a total summertime ban, which in my opinion, makes a lot more sense."

Meanwhile, those opposed to the proposals to date, including many landscapers, said that the technology for electric and battery-powered equipment hasn't improved to the point where it's a feasible alternative.

"They're not where they're supposed to be," Vinny Disisto, owner of Ossining Lawn Mower, who sells equipment to landscaping companies, said of non-gas blowers. "They're not really equal to what a gasoline blower is."

Disisto was one of several landscapers who said that reputable companies use the latest EPA-recommended models of blowers, which is quieter and safer, rather than antiquated equipment.

Tom Surace, another landscaper as well as a New Castle resident, said he uses liquified gas-powered machines that are quieter and emit fewer emissions than

battery-operated blowers. He provided the Town Board with a package of information, which he has provided to other municipalities, and urged board members to reach out to him.

"I would like my municipality, New Castle, to start implementing science in decisions and not arbitrary information," Surace said.

Supervisor Robert Greenstein, who visited Disisto along with Councilwoman Ivy Pool at his business on Thursday for a demonstration of different equipment, said speaking with the landscapers has provided critical new information. However, he said he remains committed to finding a solution that works for everybody and is better for the environment.

"I think a more environmentally responsible approach is a 12-month solution," Greenstein said rather than having separate rules for different seasons and exempting certain facilities and organizations, such as tennis and swim clubs. "That's why I'm interested in these EPA-certified pieces of equipment."

Pool said that finding a way to phase out the problematic two-stroke gas-powered motors is her goal. However,

the board isn't going to rush into passing legislation unless it's right for the town.

"We just need to do our due diligence and make sure that whatever we come up with is a good, reasonable compromise that at the same time addresses what I would consider to be real environmental and noise concerns," Pool said.

Councilman Jeremy Saland said at least week's hearing that he supports legislation but the board is still working through the issue.

"I still think we have to be creative in some way and we're listening to figure out the best way," he said.

The SAB has recommended evaluating and revisiting any approved legislation within two years. SAB Chairman Steve Wolk challenged those who attended last week's hearing remember that health and the environment are what's at stake.

"Are you going to say I made a few bucks? I made my grass look really nice. It's beautiful, I didn't have one clipping on my driveway," Wolk said.

The board adjourned the hearing until its July 16 meeting and will discuss the issue at an upcoming work session before the hearing resumes.

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# WCC Graduates One of the Largest Classes in School History

Westchester Community College's May 2019 graduation ceremony, one of the largest in the institution's history, included the announcement of the winner of one of the nation's largest community college student scholarships along with remarks from a local business leader.

For the 10th time, a WCC student was awarded a Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship, the nation's largest and most competitive scholarship for community college students.

Monica Victoria of Valhalla became

the college's latest winner of the highly competitive scholarship. The \$40,000 per year award covers tuition, living expenses, books and fees. Victoria was one of 61 scholars nationwide to receive the award.

In addition, recipients are eligible to apply for graduate school funding of up to \$75,000.

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is dedicated to advancing the education of students with financial need. By offering the largest scholarships, counseling and other support services to students from seventh

grade to graduate school, the foundation ensures high-performing, low-income students have the support necessary to develop their talents and excel educationally.

The foundation has awarded \$130 million in scholarships to 1,900 students and over \$80 million in grants since its creation in 2000.

As part of its mission, the foundation helps students in community and two-year colleges transfer to four-year institutions to pursue bachelor's degrees.

Also at the ceremony held at the County



Monica Victoria, who graduated last month from Westchester Community College, was one of 61 scholars nationwide to receive up to \$40,000 a year from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation to pursue higher education.

## Suspect Sought in Bus Driver Assault Outside Medical Center

Westchester County police are seeking the public's help in identifying a woman who assaulted a Bee-Line bus driver last Wednesday night outside the Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla.

The incident occurred at 10:30 p.m. when the female passenger demanded that the driver allow her to get off the bus directly in front of the hospital entrance. The driver told the passenger that she could not stop until a nearby bus stop was reached.

The passenger made verbal threats toward the driver, which were overheard by other passengers. When the bus stopped at Hospital Oval East and Emergency Drive to discharge passengers, the woman approached the driver and sprayed her



An image of the suspect in the attack on a Bee-Line bus driver last Wednesday night that was released by Westchester County police.

in the face with an unknown noxious substance. The driver experienced a

burning sensation in her eyes and had difficulty breathing.

A search of the hospital and surrounding areas was conducted by patrol officers but the suspect could not be located.

"The Westchester County police are asking for the public's help in identifying the person responsible for this attack," Commissioner Thomas A. Gleason said. "The safety of transit personnel and riders is a top priority and we investigate these types of incidents vigorously."

Anyone with information can call 914-864-7701 or e-mail [tips@wccops.com](mailto:tips@wccops.com). All calls and electronic tips will be kept confidential.

— Martin Wilbur

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# No. Castle Tabs Buchanan Official to Fill Administrator's Post

By Martin Wilbur

The North Castle Town Board looked to another Westchester municipality to find its next permanent administrator.

Kevin Hay, 45, who has served as the administrator in the Village of Buchanan since 2009, was unanimously appointed to the post last Wednesday night. He will start in North Castle on July 29.

"I'm looking forward to coming in here and continuing to provide excellent services to the residents of the town," Hay said moments after the board made the appointment official. "I can't wait to get here and get started."

His salary will be \$165,000.

Hay said with Buchanan being a full-service village, he has experience in overseeing a wide range of municipal operations, including infrastructure concerns, the wastewater treatment plant, finances and human resources.

Before spending the past decade in Buchanan, Hay, who currently lives with his family in Carmel, was the assistant to the village manager in Hastings-on-Hudson for about two and a half years. His stint in Hastings came after he served that village as an intern while earning his master's degree in public administration at Mercy College.

After graduating from Ithaca College with a degree in applied science, Hay worked as a restorative therapist at

Westchester Medical Center before going to graduate school.

He said during his internship in Hastings he realized that he enjoyed serving in municipal government, which has continued through his time in Buchanan.

"There are so many different areas to focus on and really, looking back, you're providing a great service to residents in your community, and I think in the Village of Buchanan they really appreciated the services," said Hay, who grew up in Pleasantville and is a graduate of Pleasantville High School.

The more than six-week gap from his Wednesday evening appointment to his start date enables him to tie up loose ends in Buchanan.

"I wanted to be fair to the village," Hay said. "They've always been fair to me here. So I'll wrap up as many ongoing projects as I can before moving over to North Castle."

Once Hay arrives, he will be the first permanent North Castle administrator in nearly a year. The Town Board did not extend former administrator Joan Goldberg's contract beyond last September and asked her to vacate her office about three weeks before the Sep. 30 expiration of her contract.

Since early November, Patricia Dwyer, the former Pleasantville village



Buchanan Village Administrator Kevin Hay will become North Castle's next town administrator in late July.

administrator, has served as interim. Town officials had thought they had found a replacement by early May, but the candidate they were set to offer the position to informed them he could not take the job because of personal reasons.

Buchanan Mayor Theresa Knickerbocker said the village will start

advertising for Hay's replacement this week.

"I am very sorry to see Kevin go. Not only was he responsible for day-to-day operations but he also became a big part of our Buchanan family," she said. "It's a great opportunity for him and I wish him the best."

## Town Fills Parks & Rec Post

Filling the administrator's post was not the only major appointment the Town Board made last week. It also approved bringing aboard Todd Orlowski as its new superintendent of recreation and parks, who currently holds the same position in Yorktown. Orlowski will take over on July 8.

The position was being filled by Jennifer Giusti since shortly after former superintendent Matt Trainor left the town to go to Pleasantville.

Supervisor Michael Schiliro said the town is fortunate to have found two new outstanding public servants to fill two key positions.

"We're blessed with terrific employees and leadership in town," Schiliro said, "and these two gentlemen are not exceptions."

Giusti was also reinstated to her previous job as North Castle's senior recreation leader.

Rick Pezzullo contributed to this article.

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# Police Blotter

## North Castle Police Department

**June 8:** An anonymous complainant reported that work is ongoing on Emmalon Avenue at 8:25 a.m. in apparent violation of the town ordinance. The responding officer informed the parties of the ordinance. Work ceased until 9 a.m.

**June 8:** An anonymous caller reported at 8:03 p.m. that a black BMW X3 with New York plates was driving at a high rate of speed on Wampus Avenue. The caller reported that the operator is a young white male with blonde hair and observed the vehicle park. The responding officers reported locating the vehicle unoccupied.

**June 8:** Report of a brush fire on Round Hill Road at 8:30 p.m. The fire was reported behind a residence on a hill. The call was transferred to the Westchester County Department of Emergency Services for dispatch of

the Banksville Fire Department. The responding officer reported that a fire pit had spread but the matter was corrected by firefighters.

**June 10:** A 911 caller reported at 10:27 a.m. that he witnessed a male leaving a suitcase next to a garbage can on Main Street, and then left the area. The only description of the party was a well-dressed white male in his sixties, operating a dark-colored sedan. Upon inspection of the package by the responding officer, it was determined that the suitcase was empty and posed no threat.

**June 10:** A caller reported an intoxicated individual is inside the laundromat on North Broadway at 8:39 p.m. and is disrupting customers. The responding officer was with the complainant who wished to have the party leave the premises. The officer gave a courtesy transport to the intoxicated subject.

**June 11:** Report of a large tree down across Route 22 at 1:10 a.m. The responding officer confirmed that a large tree was blocking all four traffic lanes. The North Castle Highway Department was notified and responded and reopened the roadway. The state Department of Transportation was notified for cleanup of tree debris and a damaged guardrail.

**June 11:** Report of fraud at 12:01 p.m. on Lafayette Avenue. The complainant reported that an unknown party cashed a check from his business fraudulently.

**June 11:** A complainant reported at 6:38 p.m. that she and one of her friends are receiving threatening calls from a male subject, during which he said that the male is going to go to their place of employment on Main Street and beat

them up when they leave. A report will follow.

## Pleasantville Police Department

**June 7:** Report of a disturbance on Broadway at 3:46 p.m. A juvenile was arrested in connection with the incident. Police did not provide additional information because of the age of the suspect.

**June 9:** A subject reported a domestic dispute at headquarters at 1:31 p.m. Additional information was withheld because of the nature of the incident.

**June 13:** Report of damaged property on Marble Avenue at 9:09 p.m. A complainant stated that a vehicle struck and uprooted a no parking sign.

## Cortlandt Man Sentenced in Attempted Kidnap of Woman in Mount Kisco

A Cortlandt man was sentenced last week to seven years in state prison for attempting to kidnap a woman off the street in Mount Kisco in January, according to the Westchester County district attorney's office.

Kyle Gregg, 24, a Doris Lee Drive resident, received seven years each for second-degree attempted kidnapping and second-degree criminal possession of a weapon. Both offenses are Class C felonies.

The sentences will run concurrently, the district attorney's office stated.

On Jan. 5, the 50-year-old victim was walking southbound on North Bedford Road about 11:35 p.m. when a vehicle stopped alongside her. Gregg, who was driving a Nissan Sentra with Maine license plates, offered her a ride and she refused.

A short time later while further south

on North Bedford Road, Gregg stopped the vehicle alongside the woman again, this time demanding she get in the car. When she refused, the driver pointed a handgun at her and again demanded she get in the vehicle. The woman ran away and the driver fled the scene.

County police detectives determined the suspect's vehicle had out-of-state license plates and was possibly a rental car. Through further investigation, detectives were able to identify the driver.

Two days later, a deputy sheriff from the Putnam County Sheriff's Department observed the same vehicle and picked up Gregg at a traffic stop at Oregon Corners, near the Cortlandt-Putnam Valley border. Gregg was arrested later by Westchester County police. A loaded .22-caliber handgun was recovered during the arrest.

--Martin Wilbur

## Vito Manginelli

Vito Manginelli of Valhalla passed away while surrounded by his loving family at his residence on June 14. He was 56.

Manginelli was born in the Bronx on Nov. 1, 1962, to loving parents Vincenzo and Chiarina Manginelli (nee Servedio). He was the beloved husband of Roseann (nee Persichilli) and the devoted father of Amanda Fisher (Matthew) and Rina. He is also survived by his caring siblings, Rosa Ferraro (Tony) and Giovanna Spaziante (Frank). Professionally, Manginelli owned and managed his real estate business, Appula Management, for 30 years in Yonkers.

Visitation was at Pleasant Manor Funeral Home in Thornwood on June 17. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Rosary Church in Hawthorne on Tuesday, June 18 at 10:30 a.m. Entombment followed at Ferncliff Cemetery in Hartsdale.



Vito Manginelli

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# P'ville Planners Push Back on Depew Street Mixed-Use Plan Hardship

By Abby Luby

The developer of a Pleasantville mixed-use project is pursuing a waiver for construction in a wetlands buffer because the recent discovery of contaminated soil at the site and associated cleanup would constitute a hardship.

Last Wednesday evening, a skeptical Planning Commission reviewed the proposed project at 52 Depew St. from developer David Mann of Lighthouse Enterprises in White Plains and his representatives, requesting the project be considered a "special circumstance." If allowed, the building's 1,752-square-foot footprint would be within the buffer.

Mann has proposed purchasing and redeveloping the property formerly owned by LaDuca Auto Service on Depew Street and the adjacent 1 Vanderbilt Ave. The plan calls for a three-story, 73-unit apartment complex that would consist of 11 studio apartments, 49 one-bedroom apartments and 13 two-bedroom units on the top two floors. There would also be 4,500 square feet of commercial space on the first floor and a 109-space parking garage.

Because the village's wetlands regulations require a 50-foot buffer, commission members asked Mann to redesign the building and reduce its footprint so it would not intrude into the buffer.

But the applicant's attorney, David Steinmetz, argued that in exchange for

cleaning up the site contaminated by petroleum, presumably from the old LaDuca auto shop, that his client be allowed to build in the buffer. LaDuca vacated the property in January and relocated to Mount Kisco.

The \$2.6 million expense would be less attractive to institutional investment companies and risk-based lenders, which are essential to securing financing for the project, Steinmetz said.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is also requiring the site be cleaned up before any building begins.

"This [smaller building] negatively impacts our finances and results in an extraordinary hardship," he said.

Planning Commission member David Keller questioned how the clean-up cost would be a hardship for Mann since he would be reimbursed.

"I don't buy that the Brownfield situation qualifies as a special circumstance," said Keller.

Lighthouse Enterprises would have to pay the clean-up cost and wait two years for reimbursement from the Brownfields Program. The federal program offers financial assistance to mitigate sites with hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants. Mann and Steinmetz contended that the recently discovered contamination adds to their debt and

makes their project financially unfeasible.

"We have the added expense of the clean-up and because of that we know we are going to have a limit from what we get from an investor," Mann explained. "I have to find the rest of the funding from other sources who would require a higher return."

The mildly-heated exchange between Mann and Keller focused on the potential economic hardship. Keller said he wanted to see an outline of the development's projected future revenue and expenses. He added that all developers face financial risk and that the Village of Pleasantville was also invested in the project.

"It's not in dollars. In essence, building closer to the protected area, in some ways you're offloading some of your risk and expense to the village," Keller said. "You're asking us to provide a waiver to our laws which ordinarily we would not allow."

Mann argued that the village would benefit if the project could be built in the buffer.

"The contaminated wetlands are a blight on society right now," Mann said. "How bad do you think the current wetlands are now compared to how they will be after a clean-up, and then 10 years from now?"

The commission asked Mann to provide additional documentation that shows projected economic impacts, including a financial risk profile.

In addition, responding to the request for a smaller building, Mann's architect reconfigured the structure with six fewer units, but there would be aesthetic drawbacks. The exterior windows of some apartments and the views of others would be blocked. The redesigned plan would also remove four parking spaces.

"Our job is to see that this project will benefit the community in terms of scale, wetlands and the buffer," said commission member Henry Leyva.

The commission voted last week on its intent to become lead agency for review of the project.



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## Column

### Lombardi Was About More Than Winning, He Practiced Tolerance

June is LGBTQ Pride month and this year is the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, which sparked the Gay Liberation Movement.

In a way, professional sports can act as a cultural mirror. That endeavor's figurative reflection allows sociologists and sports historians to study and comment on whether our society may be progressing with tolerance.

It's fitting to look back at 1969, and in particular, view the status of pro football in our nation's capital. The National Football League was celebrating its 50th season. The last time D.C. football fans saw their club win the NFL championship was 1942. From 1955, with its last winning season, mediocrity and losing ruled Washington. Their fans were praying for a football miracle. Their prayers were answered as the franchise landed legendary Green Bay Packer coach Vince Lombardi.

Ten years before, Lombardi arrived in Green Bay, an NFL doormat. A longtime losing squad, Lombardi in his very first season coached Green Bay to a winning record.

From 1959 to 1967, the Packers were perennial winners, capturing five NFL championships. Lombardi radically altered the team's culture. The Jesuit-trained Lombardi made clear that bigotry had no place on his team. In his climb up the coaching ladder, Lombardi, as an Italian-American, had encountered intolerance. He told his charges if he ever heard a biased comment from anyone they were gone.

Winning football required getting the best players regardless of race, color, creed or sexual orientation. The Fordham alum ignored the unwritten and arbitrary quota on black players. In 1960, when the league's Board of Directors questioned him, Lombardi told its 45 members to run the business end while he ran the football operations.

Lombardi let it be known that businesses in Green Bay and those on

the road would have to serve all Packers or get none. Oneida Golf & Country Club employed Oneida Tribe members as caddies but would release them in the summer and hand out the jobs to local teenagers.

Lombardi publicly berated the club for this discriminatory practice and insisted Native Americans be used year-round.

"If they're good enough for spring and fall, they're good enough for summer," he said.

In 1965, when a black player told Lombardi of his pending nuptials to a white woman, the coach responded "You know what, I don't care who you marry, as long as you keep the Green Bay Packers team clean, your nose clean and play good football." In an unsuccessful attempt to halt the marriage, NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle met with Lombardi, but the Pope of Green Bay rebuffed Rozelle's request.

Washington coaxed Lombardi out of retirement and gave him total authority on all decisions regarding personnel and football operations along with a 5 percent ownership share. He also came to a team that had three gay players – running backs, Ray McDonald and David Kopay and tight end Jerry Smith.

The 6-foot-4, 248-pound McDonald was Washington's 1967 first-round pick, a selection made by owner Edward Bennett Williams. The back's first two seasons were subpar. Lombardi wanted McDonald to improve and make the squad. In a coaches' meeting, Lombardi told his aides to work with McDonald and work him hard. He also made it known, "if I hear one of you people make reference to his manhood, you'll be out of here before your ass hits the ground."

The player who had a turnaround season in Lombardi's clubhouse



By John Vorperian

was Smith. Lombardi repeatedly told him he was being judged by his on-field performance. Smith had been in the NFL for four years and with Lombardi's approach was named an All-Pro in 1969.

Similar to Lombardi's first year in Green Bay, Washington posted a 7-5-2 record. There was no next season for Lombardi, succumbing to colon cancer in 1970.

In 1975, after his NFL career, Kopay became one of the first gay athletes to publicly announce his sexual orientation. Smith never openly declared. In 1986, he passed away due to complications from AIDS.

Why did an old-fashioned football coach like Lombardi have such an open mind and promote tolerance? Lombardi's brother Harold was gay. Lombardi viewed gays as a group that deserved respect like blacks, Native Americans and Italians – in fact like all of us.

Lombardi's daughter, Susan, told journalist Ian O'Connor for ESPNNewYork.com, "My father was way ahead of his time. He was discriminated against as a dark-skinned Italian-American when he was younger, when he felt he was passed up for coaching jobs that he deserved. He felt the pain of discrimination and so he raised his family to accept everybody, no matter what color they were or whatever their sexual orientation was."

Indeed, Vince Lombardi was ahead of his time. Here's hoping this 1960s football icon's philosophy and practice becomes even more prevalent in 2019.

Sports historian John Vorperian was a contributing writer to "The 1966 Green Bay Packers" from McFarland Press. He also hosts "Beyond the Game," seen at [www.wpcommunitymedia.org](http://www.wpcommunitymedia.org).

### Tick Season: An Ounce of Prevention Is Worth a Pound of Cure

Summer arrives later this week and nature beckons. The benefits of spending time outside – from an increase in vitamin D levels to the healing powers of nature – are common knowledge, and outdoor activities are widely encouraged by various health organizations. But while you're out and about enjoying fresh air, don't forget to take precautions against the possibility of being bitten by a tick.

Ticks are tiny arthropods that live by feeding on the blood of other

animals and people. They often transmit a variety of complicated infections that, if untreated, can lead to dire consequences. But you don't have to let these tiny creatures get in the way of your enjoyment of nature. Just make sure to follow a few simple rules before and after your outing.

- Treat clothing and gear with products containing permethrin and your body with EPA-registered insect repellent.
- Cover up if you will be spending time in bushy or wooded areas or

wandering through fields of tall grass. Wear long sleeves and tuck your long pants into your socks -- while this look would be frowned upon by the fashion-conscious, it may, literally, save your life!

- Once home, check your clothes and body for ticks, and don't forget some of the not-so-obvious places, like your scalp, belly button and underarms.

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By Neal Rentz

Port Chester resident Richard Cirulli may technically be retired, but he is anything but inactive.

The former White Plains resident's sixth play, "Thoughts for a Lost Friend," will be staged at Armonk's Whippoorwill Hall on Sunday, June 30. There will also be a performance in September at the White Plains Performing Arts Center.

Cirulli holds doctorates in divinity in gnostic studies and business and economics. He works as a consultant.

"My emphasis now is I write books, I write plays, short stories," said Cirulli, who periodically contributes a column to The Examiner. "It deals with the baby boom generation."

"The Songs of Roland," Cirulli's recently-published Gothic New Age romance, is available at Barnes & Noble and through Amazon, and is also being sold internationally. His second book,

"Love Psalms," is scheduled to be released later this year.

Though Cirulli has been writing for most of his life – "I've always been a natural writer," he said – it has been a professional pursuit for about the last 10 years.

"Thoughts for a Lost Friend," will be performed by the nonprofit Demitasse Players, formerly known as the New Stage Players. It is Cirulli's fourth play that has been staged.

The story revolves around two aging baby boomers who dated in the 1960s, Cirulli said. One of their friends went to Vietnam and never returned.

There has been denial and hard feelings between the two friends, who have a reunion 40 years later, and the audience learns the reason for the hard feelings. The male lead appears to be the antagonist at the beginning, but by the end of the show is a protagonist.



Former White Plains resident Dr. Richard Cirulli will have his latest play staged in Armonk and White Plains this summer.

"I'm an existential philosopher," Cirulli said. "All my plays are very dark dramas, very existential."

"I've brought in some very talented actors and businesspeople," he added. "It's growing quite well in a period of three years."

Cirulli explained that the philosophy of the Demitasse Players' productions is to use the stage to educate people. His works deal with characters heading down paths of personal destruction. Audience members can see "that's either me or that's somebody I know," Cirulli said.

He makes sure there's a marketing survey of audiences following performances of his plays.

"We get real positive feedback," he said.

Cirulli mentioned that the theater company strives to do more than just entertain.

"It lets people take a look and say, 'Wow, the next time I see this behavior I should insert myself, because if I do, I'll prevent something bad from happening as opposed to just letting it go,'" Cirulli said.

The play seeks to bring awareness to mental health issues that are often taboo subjects to address, he said. But by doing so, those struggling with mental illness can get the help they need.

The June 30 performance of "Thoughts for a Lost Friend" is scheduled for 2 p.m. at Whippoorwill Theater Hall. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the door. The second production will be on Sunday, Sept. 15 at 2 p.m. at the White Plains Performing Arts Center.

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# Armonk Chamber of Commerce's Third Thursdays Returns This Week

The Armonk Chamber of Commerce is excited to bring back its popular Third Thursday summer community celebrations in 2019, starting this week.

Each day will begin with in-store sales, specials and promotions at local businesses throughout the day and music and activities in the evenings.

New this year are live evening concerts in Wampus Brook Park to cap off the July 18 and Aug. 15 celebrations. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets, chairs, food and drinks for a picnic under the stars. Fortina's pizza truck will also be on hand to serve personal pies.

This Thursday, there will be a Chili Cookoff in Armonk Square from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. featuring individual interpretations by 10 local restaurants and eateries. A people's choice award will be presented for the winning recipe.

Live music begins at 5 p.m. with the School of Rock, and Vinyl Countdown will perform from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

On July 18, there will be a car show from 5 to 7:30 p.m. It will start with a parade around downtown, followed by a staging at St. Stephen's Church at 50 Bedford Rd. It will include a mix of classic and performance cars.

On that day, live music in Armonk Square will be performed by Willful Misconduct from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Then,

## Alzheimer's Association Addresses Key Issues at Symposium

About 70 people turned out for an Alzheimer's Association symposium "Racial and Ethnic Disparities of Alzheimer's Disease: Exploring a Genetic Link" at the Gateway Center's Davis Auditorium at Westchester Community College in Valhalla on June 1.

State Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins (D-Yonkers) and Westchester Deputy County Executive Kenneth Jenkins gave the opening remarks, followed by AARP Executive Council member Jamir R. Couch,

An expert panel discussed insights from their research of Alzheimer's disease and took questions from the audience. Social worker Teresa Santos spoke about memory screenings and André Early and Pastor Viviana DeCohen closed the event with observations about their caregiving experiences.

June is Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month, a time dedicated to increasing public awareness of Alzheimer's disease, available resources and how the public can get involved.

To learn more about Alzheimer's, share your story and how you can support the cause, visit [www.alz.org/hudsonvalley](http://www.alz.org/hudsonvalley).

from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., One Stop Pony, a uniquely authentic tribute band, will perform a live mix of Billy Joel and Neil Diamond songs in Wampus Brook Park. The Late Show's Paul Shaffer called One Stop Pony "the best Neil Diamond tribute act out there."

The series wraps up Aug. 15 with "Kids on the Town," featuring child-friendly music and dancing with Michael Salem, along with other children's activities in Armonk Square from 5 to 7:30 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., Ladies and Gentlemen will perform a live variety of classic, soul, funk and R&B hits in Wampus Brook Park.

Picnickers are welcome.

The hamlet of Armonk has a great selection of restaurants and boutiques to suit every taste. Third Thursdays are a perfect reason to come and spend the day.

For more information, visit [www.armonkchamberofcommerce.com](http://www.armonkchamberofcommerce.com).

The Chili Cookoff will once again be part of this week's return of the Armonk Chamber of Commerce's Third Thursdays in the hamlet's downtown. There will also be live music and merchants will offer sales, specials and promotions.



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# Bedford Playhouse Ready to Party This Saturday Like it's 1969

## Peace, Love and Music at Gala

By James Anderson

This summer marks the 50th anniversary of Woodstock, the 1960s phenomenon of peace, love and music.

On June 22, the Bedford Playhouse is celebrating the milestone anniversary and its own successful first year of operation following an extensive renovation with a Woodstock party called Peace, Love and Playhouse.

The event, which will also serve as the theater's inaugural fundraising gala, will feature an evening of food and drink and a lineup of bands celebrating the music of the '60s and new music inspired by the counterculture. Guests are encouraged to dress in tie-dye and jeans and relive a bit of what the summer of 1969 was like musically and culturally.

Bedford Playhouse Director of Marketing and Communications Lindsay Hearon said proceeds from the evening will be put toward the operational costs for the 72-year-old theater, which reopened last year as a community-oriented arts facility.

"We want to throw a huge party and use it as the first real fundraising opportunity

to bring in people that are so happy that we are now in northern Westchester," Hearon said.

While Woodstock's anniversary is inspiring all kinds of retrospectives this summer, it was "one of the most pivotal music (events) in our nation's history and possibly music history," according to Hearon.

Live music on the theater's big stage this Saturday night will be performed throughout the evening by three well-known local cover bands – Not Dead Yet, Guilty Pleasure and Paul Green Rock Academy.

Following its 2014 closure, the Bedford Playhouse was rebuilt as a nonprofit, community hub, offering a venue for art, culture, speakers and films. The renovations were inspired by public feedback and a desire to have a community gathering place, Hearon said.

The newly-renovated playhouse blends historical signage and brickwork with a modern interior. Also, a newly furnished cafe area serves theater patrons and walk-ins. The cafe offers refreshments, light-lunch options and a coffee shop-like atmosphere where visitors can focus on work or meet with friends.

Hearon said the playhouse uses a "hybrid strategy" of showing popular movie



This Saturday night local residents will have a chance to relive the music and culture of Woodstock and the 1960s with a party at the Bedford Playhouse. The event, where guests will dress in tie-dye and jeans, will serve as a fundraising gala for the theater.

blockbusters along with independent films.

"(Hopefully), there will always be something at the playhouse that appeals to (everyone)."

In addition to films, space is offered for book clubs, birthday parties, speakers and workshops. For example, during the reconfigured theater's first year of operation, it held a speaking event featuring actress Glenn Close where she spoke about

and premiered her film "The Wife."

Another event saw widely-published author Andrew Solomon speak about his book "Far From the Tree: Parents, Children and the Search for Identity."

Saturday's Peace, Love and Playhouse Woodstock party will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. Tickets start at \$150. For tickets and more information, visit [www.bedfordplayhouse.org](http://www.bedfordplayhouse.org).



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# Boys & Girls Club Raises Over \$800G at Annual Gala

The Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester smashed records at its 25th Humanitarian Awards gala on Friday, June 7, raising \$821,000 at the event held at Rippowam Ciskia School's upper campus.

More than 420 guests celebrated the club's kickoff to its 80th anniversary, having inspired kids to be their best while giving back to the community.

This year's event co-chairs were Heather and Kristoffer Durst and the theme was Scandinavian Summer Fest. Youngsters from the club performed a "Mamma Mia" medley, hair artisans created exquisite creations, guests savored delicacies from Mount Kisco Seafood's raw bar and live band The Noiz played until the late hours under a festive tent.

R. Todd Rockefeller, principal at BNC Agency, was the humanitarian honoree.

"My mother dropped me off at the club when I was four; now as an adult, having served as part of club leadership, I am grateful for the opportunity to volunteer with an organization where you can see the difference and measure the success in improving the lives of our kids," Rockefeller said.

Dan Ginnel received the John Beach Award and was introduced by Stuart Marwell, president of the Boys & Girls Club's Board of Directors and CEO and president of Curtis Instruments, Inc.

"I have served on the board for 32 years and I am a club kid," Marwell said. "I credit my leadership skills to the club and am committed to ensuring that many others have this same privilege."

Yensi Rodriguez, a current club member, inspired the guests by saying "I'm proudly here today to tell you how amazing the Boys & Girls Club is. Being involved at the club can help us discover our purpose and provide opportunities to reach our dreams."

Also in attendance was Marie Kazibwe, the Youth of the Year and New York State Youth of the Year. There are more than 135,000 club kids in New York State and Kazibwe will be heading to the regional competition in New York

City next Monday. Youth of the Year is a national signature initiative where teens are judged on academic performance, commitment to community and their vision for tomorrow's youth.

The Mount Kisco-based Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester serves over 700 kids every day and is part of the national organization serving more than 4.3 million children annually.

Among the attendees at the 25th Humanitarian Awards gala on June 7 were Bedford resident Martha Stewart and Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester CEO Alyzza Ozer.



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## Some Invaders Strangle Our Landscape, Others Eat it Up

Ah, the ways of nature and how we roll with them on our properties can be challenging indeed.

Recently, I read an article online warning of nine plants we should never have on our properties because of their invasive nature, literally taking over the landscape. I was reminded that of the nine deadly sinners, I harbored three of them on my last property.

In order of viciousness in bullying their way into the landscape, they were: wisteria, bamboo and trumpet vine.

Wisteria was on the property when I arrived. Bamboo and trumpet vine, I invited in, the first because I thought it was beautiful and the latter to quickly cover an aging stockade fence.

On the same day, I read about how a different kind of predator, white-tailed deer, was removing everything from what is known as the underbrush of our woods and forests, threatening their survival.

On my property, deer relished my hosta, phlox and climbing geranium, as well as the leaves from the lower reaches of my weeping cherry, leaving



By Bill Primavera

naked branches. Even though I sprayed everything the deer like to eat with Bobbex repellent, whose smell is so foul that it repels me as well, I sometimes failed to spray every 30 days during growing season. I would sometimes wake up one morning to find that my plantings had been eaten.

Too bad that these two phenomena, plant and animal, don't somehow cancel each other out, but that's just the way the balance of nature is tampered with.

Half of my 1.5-acre property was wooded and, when Irene and Sandy took down a swath of sugar maples, cherry and ash, almost a quarter-acre was laid bare. But nature, regenerative as it is, gave me a new, dense thicket of samplings there.

There was one problem: they were all locusts. Deer gobble up maple saplings but eschew those of the locust because they are very thorny. I was aware that, if I want to have my woods repopulated with maple and cherry, I'd have to buy them from a nursery at a stage where they've already grown beyond a deer's eager

reach.

To deal with the deer problem, I fenced in my entire property, excluding the driveway which was then the property's only entry point. To deal with the invasive plants, I had another plan – containment.

When I first moved to that property, I fell in love with draping garlands of wisteria hanging more than 60 feet in the air, hanging from one tree to the other. It was gorgeous. But an arborist warned that all the host trees would soon be dead – and some already were – if I didn't cut the strangling vines off at their core.

Taking his advice, I was actually depressed viewing those hanging, dead vines with all the blossoms gone. I wonder what would have been the harm if the host trees died. I suspect the strength of the thick wisteria vines could have held the trees' carcasses up on their own.

From that point, I continued to allow wisteria to grow on my property, but I pruned the vines before they climbed into the trees. It was the same with my trumpet vines. When I planted the aggressive trumpet vines, I contained them by placing the roots within a large bucket so they didn't take over the property.

Some years ago, when I was visiting

friends in Orange County, Calif., I was taken by the beauty of the bamboo that shielded their pool from their neighbor's property and I made a mental note of wanting to have some of my own.

But I had already heard the stories of how it can invade a property to the point of destroying basement walls and pushing up driveway blacktop. Nevertheless, I chose to plant some on the perimeters of my property, having been assured by my landscaper that it was not the most aggressive variety. But that caution doesn't matter in some communities.

In Malverne, L.I., the town council passed a law making the planting of any bamboo variety a crime punishable by a \$350 a week fine until it is removed or 15 days in jail.

Imagine, while you might find the beauty of an invasive plant arresting, you can be arrested for planting it.

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# Quality Service and Privacy is Hallmark of Chappaqua Hair Salon

By Martin Wilbur

When you think of most hair salons, it's easy to envision a bustling place with at least a couple of rows of chairs and a hairstylist behind almost every one, especially heading into a weekend.

That doesn't work for Pam Margan, the proprietor of Capelli Hair Ltd on King Street in Chappaqua and the sole hairdresser at her shop. In fact, before opening her first salon in Armonk and later relocating to Chappaqua, she asked the owner of a shop, where she was one of 10 hairstylists, to put her alone in a back room.

"I don't know what it is. I like to concentrate on a person," explained Margan, who has owned her own business for 27 years, the last 20 years in Chappaqua. "I don't like a lot of action going on. So I've always been like that. I started like that. Why would I ask to work all by myself? Anybody else would want to be up front."

The advantage for her customers is that Margan can give her undivided attention to every person who walks into her cozy but airy 320-square-foot space. The store has two stations, one where she cuts, the other for coloring. A third chair is positioned in front of a sink to shampoo customers.

That's it. There are no manicures, pedicures or facials. Just cutting and

coloring, and that suits Margan just fine.

"I have very likeminded clients, so that's not a problem," she said. "I attract people who like my way of doing things. My clients have my demeanor."

Many of her customers have been with Margan for years, dating back to her days in Armonk. Some travel from lower Westchester or from the other side of the Hudson River to secure her services, which are in such demand no walk-ins are permitted. You must have an appointment, sometimes weeks in advance.

She doesn't even like to have overlap of clients, which can happen from time to time if one arrives late and another early.

"I can't rush people," Margan said. "First of all, to get your hair done today is not inexpensive. You're not coming in here like a barbershop. I'm not buzzing out that hair in 10 minutes. It's going to be done artistically."

Over the past decade, Margan, always quite health conscious, has been emphasizing organic products, a trend in the industry, although 100 percent organic doesn't exist, she said.

Sometimes that can limit the selection of hair color for clients. But Margan uses her artistic flair, often mixing several colors to create new colors. Generally, though, her shop attracts the more traditional customer.



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Capelli Hair Ltd, featuring the hairstyling of Pam Margan, is a one-woman operation.

well. Margan mentioned that most of the men are frequent visitors because they are particular about their appearance, often because they are professionals who require expert grooming.

Margan, who came from an artistic family, initially had no interest in becoming a hairstylist even though she pursued getting licensed. She first studied dramatic arts but wasn't suited to handling the frequent rejections.

Then, Margan opted for a career as a social worker but missed the first day of an orientation, which would delay her getting a job. With nowhere else to turn, she walked into a Scarsdale hair salon, told the owner she was good and began working part-time.

Eventually she opened her own shop in Armonk 27 years ago and has been cutting and styling hair ever since, spurning offers from other salons. She maintains a faithful customer base in a highly competitive business – and can operate the way she likes.

"I'll tell you, I'm very lucky. They're very dedicated clients," Margan said.

Capelli Hair Ltd is located at 160 King St. in Chappaqua. It is open Tuesdays and Thursdays through Saturdays and occasionally on Sunday. Service is by appointment only. For more information, call 914-238-1725.

"Remember, traditional types of individuals are not going to be going for any wild stuff (like a) buzz cut on one side," Margan said. "These are traditional customers. I don't get any requests for anything really out there. I do, but rarely."

While her customer base is predominantly woman, she has her share of male clients and children as

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## Tuesday, June 18

**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).

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

**Essential Oils Summer Survival.** Join instructor Kathryn Feeley for a lesson on how to use essential oils for summer skin care. Make an "after sun" spray to take home. Supplies provided, as well as recipe books with other ideas. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 5 to 6 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0038.

**Mount Kisco Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting.** Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 6:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkisco.library.org](http://www.mountkisco.library.org).

Italian Language and Culture. Mara De Matteo, born and raised in Italy and passionate about her native language, combines lively conversation with grammatical instruction in her classes. She creates interactive lessons on the richness of Italian culture, past and present. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Every Tuesday (except June 25). Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**Armonk Readers Book Club.** "Another Brooklyn" by Jacqueline Woodson will be discussed. Led by Diana Cunningham. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:45 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**Chappaqua Library Board of Trustees Meeting.** Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779.

**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, June 19

**All Access Healthcare:** Social Determinants of Health. Increasing recognition has been paid to the role that social, economic and environmental factors play in one's overall health. By addressing issues outside of traditional healthcare, often more cost effectively, overall health outcomes will be improved, cost to the system will be lowered and health disparities reduced. The government and other payers have started to recognize this as a key issue and there will be increasing programs put forth to address this. Includes a special presentation and panel discussion. DoubleTree by Hilton, 455 S. Broadway, Tarrytown. 8 to 10 a.m. Westchester County Association members: \$35. Non-members: \$45. Info and registration: Visit [www.westchester.org](http://www.westchester.org).

**Baby Time.** A fun interactive lap-sit story time that includes songs, rhymes and a few very short stories. The experience gives babies an opportunity to socialize and parents a time to share. Recommended for newborns through 12 months old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 10 to 10:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday and Wednesday (except June 26). Info: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**Bridge Group for Advanced Players.** Are you good at bridge but you'd like to get better? Come learn from the masters. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10:15 a.m. to noon. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

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

**Toddler Storytime.** Finger plays, action rhymes, songs and stories to encourage an enjoyment of books and to stimulate early listening, learning and speaking skills. Recommended for children one to two-and-a-half years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 10:30 to 11 a.m. Free. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday (except June 24, 26 and 28). Info: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**Preschool Storytime.** This interactive story time uses picture books, songs, finger plays, action rhymes and other activities to encourage the enjoyment of books and

language. Recommended for children two-and-a-half to five years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday (except June 24, 26 and 28). 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.mountkisco.library.org](http://www.mountkisco.library.org).

**Picnic Story Time.** A picnic story time in the beautiful summer weather. Bring a blanket and lunch. (Do not bring nut products.) All ages welcome. Ruth Keeler Memorial Library, 276 Titicus Rd., North Salem. 11:30 a.m. Free. Info: 914-669-5161 or [www.ruthkeelermemoriallibrary.org](http://www.ruthkeelermemoriallibrary.org).

**Pelvic Floor Health: Beyond Kegels in the Chair.** Educational and experiential, this workshop will empower women with a new awareness of their pelvic floor. Come learn the anatomy and physiology, the weakness, dysfunctions and techniques to relax, strengthen, balance and maintain optimal health. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1 to 1:45 p.m. Free. Also June 26. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**People Love Yarn.** Share your knowledge or learn from the group. All skill levels welcome. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 1 to 3:30 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: Contact Louann Rooney at [rooneylm@optonline.net](mailto:rooneylm@optonline.net).

**Book Discussion Group.** "Great Believers" by Rebecca Makkai will be discussed. Led by Martha Iwan. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkisco.org](http://www.mountkisco.org).

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

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

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

**DIY Hedgehog Rocks.** Create your own adorable hedgehog that you can carry around in your pocket. For children seven to 13 years old. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

**Dancing at Dusk.** Cady Finlayson and Vita Tanga blend traditional Celtic fiddle tunes with American folk and world music influences. Jigs, reels and much more will make for a spirited evening of fun for the whole family. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 5 p.m. \$8 and \$16. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit [www.caramoor.org](http://www.caramoor.org).

**Support Group for Families in Recovery.** Mountainside Chappaqua now offers this family support groups to those who have been impacted by a loved one's addiction. These sessions are designed to provide family members with the recovery and support services they need to heal in tandem with their addicted loved ones. For parents, spouses, children, friends and others whose loved ones have struggled with drug or alcohol misuse. Group members are encouraged to share their stories, setbacks and successes with those who have encountered similar challenges. Mountainside Chappaqua, 480 Bedford Rd., Chappaqua. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free. Meets the third Wednesday of every month. Info: 800-762-5433.

**To Stir, Inform and Inflame: The Art of Tony Auth.** Auth's cartoons, seemingly simple and always direct, influenced public opinion and politicians for more than 40 years. Auth, a Pulitzer Prize winner, documents the changing political and cultural landscape of our time. This talk will include cartoons that touched the lives of newspaper readers all over America. Lecturer David Leopold is an author and curator who has organized exhibits for the Library of Congress, the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts and others and has organized the archives of Al Hirschfeld's work at Lincoln Center. Chappaqua Performing Arts Center, 480 Bedford Rd., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or [www.chappaqualibrary.org](http://www.chappaqualibrary.org).

**Art Series: Frederick Remington.** Born in upstate New York in 1861, this sculptor and painter focused on images of the American Old West and its history and figures, including the American Calvary, traditional cowboys and Native American representations. Coming into prominence at the time when American

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# The Spheres of Influence That Impact Our Perception of Wine



By Nick Antonaccio

We all enjoy exploring our interests in wine, hopefully expanding our knowledge and awareness in the process. Whether it's settling in to our newest "favorite wine" or seeking

out new producers or grapes, our ever-changing journey along the "vineyard trail" is marked with adventure and triumphs.

Wine has many spheres of influence along the way. Each glass of wine that we enjoy is the end-product of numerous

components that come together in a unique manner to satisfy our ethereal sense of pleasure.

These components are pure magic. At times they are purely visceral; at other times, highly subliminal. It depends on our willingness to be seduced and the skill of the magician at hand.

The spheres of influence that impact our visceral perception of wine are wide-ranging. They include the esoteric factors that winemakers consider in producing

*'It depends on our willingness to be seduced and the skill of the magician at hand.'*

your glass of wine, from the terroir selected to the fermentation and aging processes utilized, each affects the body and balance of the wine; the aroma and flavor components of your glass of wine; and the subjective art of pairing wine with food.

The highly subliminal spheres of influence that impact our enjoyment of wine are numerous. They include the opinion expressed by a wine critic that shows up in the press or on a wine shelf talker; the decision of an importer and/or distributor to purchase – and promote –

one particular wine and not another; the lottery that takes place when retail wine shops must decide which wines to display on their shelves; and the pervasiveness of social media with its influence on the public's wine preferences.

As we experience each sip of wine from a glass, a parade of influencers permeates our senses.

The first sip is visceral. It carries the signature of the winemaker, who crafted

his or her wine to please your palate. As the wine arouses your taste buds, it relates its heritage. The influence of the indigenous soil, climate and sun combine to create a distinct and unique perception of the wine.

The second sip is less visceral, leaning toward the subliminal. It may whisper of the long journey and the many hands the wine passed through to arrive at this pivotal moment in its life. The winemaker, whose wine-stained hands crushed the grapes, aged the fermented juice and bottled it; the importer, who most likely traveled many miles to the winery to sample the wine; and the marketing agent, who crafted the compelling verbiage to tempt you.

The third sip is highly subliminal. It speaks volumes of the point-of-sale factors that may have influenced your decision to fork over the cash for the wine. It may have been the "cute" animal on the label, the compelling, ethereal description of the wine offered by the wine shop salesperson or the seductive "special sale" sticker that lured you to the wine in the first place.

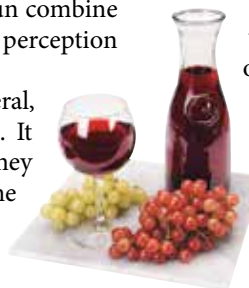
By the fourth sip your palate (and your

brain) is begging you to hit the pause button. But before you kill too many brain cells, you refresh your impressions of the wine and tweet them to your followers. Alas, this may have been a mistake. You have amassed a merry band of wine compatriots and all too soon you are barraged with comments by those who wish to share their opinion of the wine, those who feel compelled to recommend similar wines and those who want you to sign up for their wine blog.

You wisely put down your smartphone and savor the final drops from the bottle. You realize that each bottle of wine is a living, breathing organism, with a storied history and a unique personality. You look forward to immersing yourself in a new lifestory when you open the next bottle.

As The Lovin' Spoonful sang: "Do you believe in magic?"

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Tonalism, Impressionism and the Hudson Valley School were all in various points of significance on the American arts landscape, Remington had a unique voice archiving this period in American history. 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).

## Thursday, June 20

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

**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 (except June 25 and 27 and July 4). 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 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Every Monday and Thursday (except July 4). 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. (except July 4). Info: Visit [www.lifelinetheaterinc.org/index.html](http://www.lifelinetheaterinc.org/index.html).

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11 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday and Thursday (except June 25 and 27 and July 4). 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 (except July 4). Info: Visit 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkiscoliberal.org](http://www.mountkiscoliberal.org).

**Mahjongg Club.** Intermediate players welcome. Participants must bring their own set. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1 p.m. Free. Every Thursday (except July 4). Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkiscoliberal.org](http://www.mountkiscoliberal.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 (except July 4). 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 (except July 4). Info: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**DIY Edible Dirt Cups.** Eating dirt and worms has never tasted so good. Create your own "dirt" cup and enjoy a tasty treat. All ages Children under five years old 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.

**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 (except July 4). Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkiscoliberal.org](http://www.mountkiscoliberal.org).

**Armonk Chamber of Commerce's Third Thursday.** The first of three Thursdays this summer where merchants offer all-day sales and deals along with music and activities. This month there will be a chili cookoff featuring different types of chili from 10 local restaurants and eateries. Main Street, Armonk. Music from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Chili Cookoff from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Armonk Square. Also July 18 and Aug. 15. Info: Visit [www.armonkchamberofcommerce.org](http://www.armonkchamberofcommerce.org).

**Timo Andres in Concert.** Weaving selections from Janáček's "On the Overgrown Path" among compositions by his fellow contemporary composers, pianist Timo Andres presents a seamless listening experience from old to new, highlighting similar threads throughout the works. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 7 p.m. \$13 to \$42. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit [www.caramoor.org](http://www.caramoor.org).

**"Grit."** In 2006, mud exploded into the sky at an Indonesian gas drilling site, burying 16 villages and displacing 60,000 people. This arresting new documentary invites audiences into the survivors' muddy world, with a young survivor named Dian as our guide. As the unstoppable flow of hot sludge continues – it is predicted to continue for another decade – "Grit" bears witness to Dian's transformation into a politically active teenager as she and her mother launch a campaign against the company that caused the disaster. Followed by a Q&A with filmmaker Cynthia Wade. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$12. Non-members: \$17. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

**"La Traviata."** New Rochelle Opera, Westchester's longest running opera company, will present Verdi's classic. The production will be directed by company co-founder and artistic director Camille Coppola, with orchestra and chorus conducted by Brian Holman. The opera will be sung in Italian with English supertitles. Ursuline School's Frank J. Auriana Theatre, 1354 North Ave., New Rochelle. 8 p.m. \$40. Seniors: \$37. Students: \$15. A discounted ticket price of \$34 is being offered for all tickets to tonight's performance only if reserved and paid for in advance. Also June 21 and 22 at 8 p.m. and June 23 at 3 p.m. Info: 914-576-1617. Tickets: 800-838-3006 or visit [www.nropera.org](http://www.nropera.org).

**"Gladstone Hollow the Farm Play."** Two-time Emmy Award Winner Dorothy Lyman will present this powerful play about three generations of women who gather in the Catskills over a long weekend to decide the fate of their family farm. The six-character play is comprised of an ensemble cast that includes Lyman, Eric Bryant, Meredith Handerhan, Thea McCartan, Frank Shiner and Jeanne Lauren Smith. It is a funny, heartwarming and at times a gut-wrenching story. Directed by Bram Lewis. The Schoolhouse Theater & Arts Center, 3 Owens Rd., North Salem. 8 p.m. \$38. Seniors: \$35. Also June 21, 22, 27, 28 and 29 at 8 p.m. and June 23 and 30 at 3 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-277-8477 or visit [www.schoolhousetheater.org](http://www.schoolhousetheater.org). Tickets are also available at the box office.

## Friday, June 21

**Early Step Forward Turns 13: A Westchester Success Story.** Across the United States, preschool age children are more apt to be expelled than at any other age. Hear how Westchester's smart investment in a new social-emotional consultation program has kept young children in their child care programs, setting a foundation for brighter futures. Greenburgh Public Library, 300 Tarrytown Rd., Elmsford. Registration and continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Program from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Free. Registration required. Info and

registration: Visit [www.eventbrite.com/e/early-step-forward-turns-13-a-westchester-success-story-tickets-60210561410](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/early-step-forward-turns-13-a-westchester-success-story-tickets-60210561410).

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

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**Pollinator Week Walk.** Enjoy a leisurely stroll to celebrate National Pollinator Week along the Peninsula Trail in Mount Kisco. See wildflowers and butterflies, and hear the birds sing. Village Historian Harry McCartney and naturalist Jim Gmelin will be there to describe the highlights of this local treasure, just a few yards from downtown. Meet at the Village Court parking lot on Lexington Avenue across from Lieto Drive, Mount Kisco. 6 p.m. Also June 22 at 10 a.m. Info: E-mail [EarthdayMK@gmail.com](mailto:EarthdayMK@gmail.com).

**Friday Night Film Series: "A Man Called Ove."** Based on the bestseller by Fredrick Backman, this Swedish comedy about cranky, curmudgeonly widower Ove reminds us that no man is an island, no matter how much he might try to be. Ove's grumpy existence is shaken to its core when new neighbors move in next door. In Swedish 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).

**All About Bette: Bette Davis On Film.** Two-time Academy Award-winning actress Bette Davis had a career that lasted nearly seven decades. Married four times, and a major star at Warner Brothers, learn more about this outspoken actress, through access to her personal archives. With interviews and film clips, learn about this gifted and enigmatic star. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or [www.chappaqualibrary.org](http://www.chappaqualibrary.org).

**Hollow Bones.** A family-friendly love  
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# Action Items to Take After Completing Your Estate Plan

You finally did it! You met with an elder law attorney to put your affairs in order.

Like most people, however, you have done nothing with your estate plan since meeting with your attorney other than to file your documents with the rest of your personal papers. As I tell clients, your estate plan is an ongoing process, especially immediately following the execution of your estate planning documents.

Here are some of the more common oversights made after the drafting process is complete.

## Beneficiary Designations

Assets that pass outside of your will, such as life insurance, individual retirement accounts (IRA) and annuities, are disposed of by beneficiary designation. Often, beneficiary designations are overlooked. Where there is no designation, your assets may not be disposed of in accordance with your wishes. This can cause significant tax consequences if the account lacking a designation, for example, is an IRA.

Where an estate plan includes trusts or a dispositive scheme that is unequal,



By Salvatore M. Di Costanzo, Esq.

beneficiary designations should be customized by your attorney. Let's say your will contains trusts for your children if they are under 30 years old. If you don't customize a beneficiary designation form to specify that that your life insurance or IRA should pass to the trust being created under your will, the account will be distributed to minor children. In effect, the purpose of your will wouldn't be accomplished.

If you have customized beneficiary designation forms, you need to work with your financial institutions to place them on file.

## Properly Safeguarding Documents

Your will and other important documents should not be placed in a bank safe deposit box. When you die, your safe deposit box is often frozen by the bank. If someone needs to probate your will, a court order must be obtained to open and examine the contents of the safe deposit box in the presence of a bank officer.

Instead, your attorney should maintain your original will and any trust you may have created. For your remaining

documents, or all of your documents, if the attorney is not involved, you should consider a lock box or safe in your house. Choose wisely who has access, and when access is needed, there will hopefully be no obstacles.

## Power of Attorney, Health Care Proxy

Delivery of your power of attorney to your financial institutions is imperative. If you have a prior power of attorney, consideration should be given to revocation. In order to revoke a prior power of attorney, you need to deliver a new one to your prior agent and to any bank that holds the old one.

In most instances, financial institutions have their own power of attorney form. While not required by New York law, it is a good idea to complete your financial institution's form as well to avoid any unnecessary red tape.

Your health care proxy should become part of your medical files. Unlike the power of attorney, copies of a health care proxy should suffice. Make sure your agent has a copy and knows your wishes as well.

## Transferring Assets to Your Revocable Trust

If a revocable trust is part of your estate plan, you must attend to the transfer of certain assets to the trust for your estate plan to work properly. Usually, your

attorney will transfer any real property to your trust. You need to personally attend to the transfer of your brokerage and bank accounts.

The purpose of a revocable trust is to avoid probate. Unfortunately, many people prepare revocable trusts and never attend to the transfer of assets or miss an account. In these situations, your will must be probated to administer these assets after your death, making the time and money spent on your revocable trust meaningless.

## Family Discussions

Finally, having a discussion with your loved ones regarding your planning, especially your health care decisions, is crucial. It serves no purpose to keep your affairs a secret, leaving your loved ones to figure it out after your death. If your children are your fiduciaries, you should introduce them to your advisers. They should be empowered with knowledge so that their job is made easier.

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# Happenings

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story by award-winning playwright, actor and multidisciplinary artist Brad McKnight. This staged reading from Hudson Stage is of a story that explores the depth of connection between a teenage girl and a bird who can truly speak her language. A meditation on language, partnership and parrots. Whippoorwill Hall, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7:30 p.m. \$10. (Tickets will be available at the door.) Info: 914-271-2811 or visit [www.hudsonstage.com](http://www.hudsonstage.com).

**Empire State Stand Up Showdown Preliminary Contest.** Preliminary rounds have nine comedians going up against each other and only three advance to the second round. The grand prize winner at the end of the contest wins \$1,200. The crowd and judges both count toward helping comics advance. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. \$25. Info and advance tickets: Visit [www.lucyslaughs.com](http://www.lucyslaughs.com).

**Tribu Baharú in Concert.** The exuberant performances of champeta music – a fusion of Colombian, African and Afro-Caribbean styles – are driven by lively vocals, sparkling Congolese guitar and high-energy bass and drums. A Tribu Baharú performance recreates the joyous, impromptu spirit of the verbena dances that are popular in Colombian neighborhoods during festivals.

With traces of soukous, zouk, calypso, soca, rap and more, Tribu Baharú celebrates the colorful Colombian musical spectrum. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 8 p.m. \$13 to \$42. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit [www.caramoor.org](http://www.caramoor.org).

**"Paris is Burning."** Where does voguing come from, and what, exactly, is throwing shade? This landmark documentary provides a vibrant snapshot of the 1980s through the eyes of New York City's African American and Latinx Harlem drag ball scene. Made over seven years, "Paris Is Burning" offers an intimate portrait of rival fashion "houses," from fierce contests for trophies, to house mothers offering sustenance in a world rampant with homophobia and transphobia, racism, AIDS and poverty. Featuring legendary voguers, drag queens and trans women, including Willi Ninja, Pepper LaBeija, Dorian Corey and Venus Xtravaganza, the film celebrates the joy of movement, the force of eloquence and the draw of community. Part of the Retro Revival Series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. Members: \$9. Non-members: \$14. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

## Saturday, June 22

**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. This week, market sprouts present ninja training with The Grit Ninja from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and the music series features jazzy blues and folksy country Americana by The Bumper Crop Boys from 10 a.m. to noon. Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rain or shine. Please note the market is a dog-free environment. Saturdays through Nov. 16. Info: Visit [www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org](http://www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org).

**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).

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**Mount Pleasant PBA Day.** Come check out police motorcycles and bicycles; the department's special response team; vehicle rollover and driving simulators; car seat installation; D.A.R.E. giveaways; jumping castle; dental ID kits; police K-9 demonstration; the emergency services unit; and the police helicopter. Also enjoy hot dogs, drinks and balloons. Rain or shine. Mount Pleasant Town Hall, 1 Town Hall Plaza, Valhalla. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-1941 or visit the Mount Pleasant Police Department Facebook page or on Twitter @mppdny.

**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.

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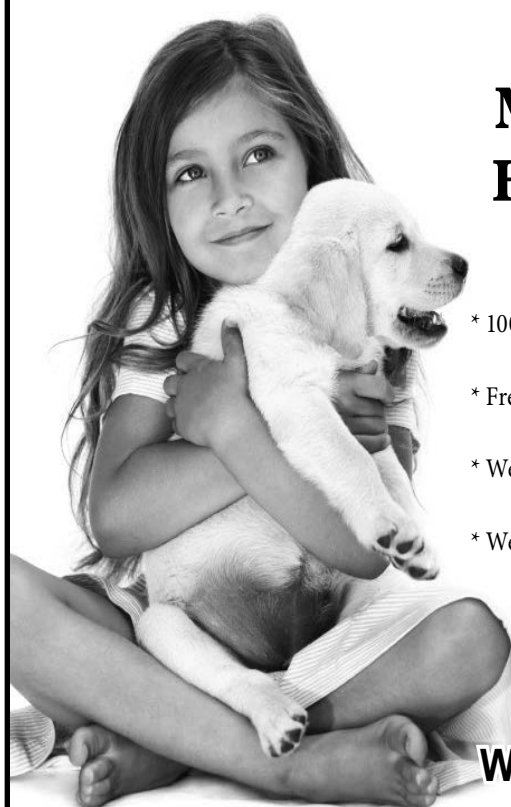
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## It's Time to Enjoy What Strawberries Can Bring to Your Table



By Joanne Witmyer

One of the most anticipated arrivals in June is the appearance of fresh, local strawberries at farmers markets.

In our community, there are festivals celebrating this delicious berry. For those who like to get their hands in the soil, opportunities to pick your own strawberries abound in nearby towns. The experience of enjoying a freshly plucked, sun-warmed

strawberry is a sensory pleasure.

This fruit can also add complex and interesting flavors, along with vibrant color, to recipes such as the ones I'm sharing with you.

### Nutella®-Filled Strawberries

This recipe was inspired by my nephews, who love Nutella on almost anything. This hazelnut cocoa spread is a twist to the traditional chocolate-covered strawberry recipe, and you can make these treats much more quickly, which means you get to enjoy them sooner. Makes about four servings.

#### Ingredients:

- 1 pint of strawberries (about 25 medium-sized)
- 2/3 cup Nutella
- 2/3 cup roughly chopped hazelnuts

#### Instructions

Hull the strawberries, slice in halves and carve out a space in the center of each half (similar as to how you would prepare hard-boiled eggs for a deviled egg recipe).

Place Nutella in a small plastic bag, squeeze into a corner of the bag and cut off – creating a piping bag – so you can fill each strawberry half. Sprinkle some of the chopped nuts on top. Refrigerate the strawberries for up to three days in a covered container.

#### Ingredients:

- 1 cup of strawberries, stems removed
- 3/4 cup fresh basil leaves
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon sea salt
- Freshly ground black pepper to taste

#### Instructions:

Add all ingredients to a blender and mix until smooth. Taste, then decide whether to add more black pepper. Refrigerate in a lidded glass jar for up to two weeks.

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## Nourish

### Strawberry-Balsamic-Basil Vinaigrette

Creating your own salad dressing can be a wonderful way to encourage adding more leafy greens to your meals. Here is a recipe for one cup.

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Are you thinking about moving to an assisted living community? Do you worry that you can't afford it? Discover the tremendous value of wonderful retirement living, services and amenities. Refreshments served. Bethel Springvale Inn, 62 Springvale Rd., Croton-on-Hudson. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. RSVP required. Info and RSVP: 914-739-4404 ext. 2204.

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

**American Roots Music Festival.** Acclaimed folk duo The Milk Carton Kids bring a full band and their heartfelt melodies to headline Caramoor's ninth annual American Roots Music Festival. Tennessee-based multi-instrumentalist Amythyst Kiah is a quickly rising star with a raw, hypnotic old-time sound steeped in African-American roots music. Many more artists add an exciting array of folk, country, bluegrass, gospel, blues, Old Time and intriguing folk fusion performances to this daylong celebration of our musical heritage. Enjoy the best of the summer with great food, friends and foot-tapping fun. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. Afternoon program begins at noon. Evening program begins at 7:30 p.m. Day only: Adults--\$30.

Child--\$15. Full festival: \$40 to \$92. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit [www.caramoor.org](http://www.caramoor.org).

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**Whole Music Concert: A Holistic**

**Approach to Music for a Lifetime.** Whipoorwill Hall, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 2:30 p.m. Suggested donation: \$15. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**Your Jewelry as Treasure.** Jewelry for many families is their most important asset. Yet a family's jewelry box is often unknown territory. Specialists from D'Ericco Jewelers will appraise and discuss the value of gems and family jewels. Don't forget costume jewelry. Mount Kisco Public Library 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkiscolibrary.org](http://www.mountkiscolibrary.org).

**Woodstock Party.** It's the 50th anniversary of Woodstock and the Bedford Playhouse is hosting this fundraiser for the venue with an evening of flower power, fantastic food and drink and a lineup of live bands celebrating the music of the '60s and new music inspired by the counterculture. A tricked-out VW bus-turned-photo booth planted at the entrance will set the tone for a fabulous night complete with a psychedelic dance party. Get out your platforms, tie dye and embroidery — and take a trip back to 1969. The current lineup of rock bands on the big stage include Guilty Pleasure, Not Dead Yet and Paul Green Rock Academy — with some surprises throughout the evening. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford. 7 p.m. \$150 to \$2,500. Info and tickets: Visit [www.bedfordplayhouse.org](http://www.bedfordplayhouse.org).

**Good Old-Fashioned Comedy Show.** Bill Cannon and Andrew Bayroff are bringing some of the best comedians to

Pleasantville. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. \$20. Info and advance tickets: Visit [www.lucyslaughs.com](http://www.lucyslaughs.com).

**All in a Family.** Featuring Grammy Award-winning American folk singer Loudon Wainwright III and acclaimed songwriters Suzzy Roche and Lucy Wainwright Roche, enjoy an evening of thoughtful songs and plenty of familial harmonies. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$35, \$45 and \$55. Info and tickets: Visit [www.tarrytownmusichall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusichall.org).

**"You Can't Take It With You."** Chill Bucket Productions, a new theater company, presents a staged reading of Kaufman and Hart's classic 1936 comedy. The story follows the lives of members of the Sycamore family, an eccentric clan living in New York City, their relationships with the zany characters they surround themselves with and their interactions with the seemingly normal Kirby family. The Kirby family is invited over for dinner when Tony Kirby, Jr. and Alice Sycamore strike up a workplace affair, and the madcap, idealistic comedy ensues, reinforcing the idea that you can only live life to the fullest by doing whatever makes you happy. The Church of St. James the Less, 10 Church Lane, Scarsdale. 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by donation. Info and tickets: Visit [www.chillbucketproductions.com](http://www.chillbucketproductions.com).

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF GO-LAB LAW, PLLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on May 31, 2019. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process

against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the PLLC served upon him/her is: 100 Fisher Avenue, Suite 118, White Plains, New York 10602. The principal business address of the PLLC is 248 West Street, White Plains, New York 10605. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

**NOTICE OF FILING COMPLETED ASSESSMENT WITH TOWN CLERK** (Pursuant to Section 516 of the Real Property Tax Law) **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the final assessment roll for the year 2019 for the Town of Putnam Valley, County of Putnam has been completed

ed by the undersigned Assessor, and that a certified copy will be filed in the Office of the Town Clerk on or about the 1st day of July, 2019 where the same will remain open to public inspection. The final assessment roll is also available for inspection online via a link from our town website at [www.putnamvalley.com](http://www.putnamvalley.com). **SHERYL LUONGO, Assessor Dated: June 3, 2019**

**Town of Putnam Valley Town Board Meeting June 19, 2019 6 PM** 1. Pledge of Allegiance 2. Departmental Reports 3. Supervisor's Comments 4. Proclamations for Putnam County Youth Award Recipients: Ryan Marsh and Luke Zadrima 5. Legislative Reports 6. School Reports 7. Board action on the petition presented by residents of Floradan Estates concerning the removal of the ban on new Improvement Districts. **Districts:** 8. Authorize Supervisor to sign a contract with Northeast Aquatic Research. 9. Appoint Claire Cassidy as Beach Monitor for Hilltop Estates. 10. Appoint Greg Scibior as a Lake Peekskill Beach Monitor. **Parks & Recreation:** 11. Personnel changes. 12. Refunds **Building Department:** 13. Daily Fee Report 14. Budget Transfers 15. Public Comment 16. Audit of bills

Notice is hereby given to interested parties that a Public Hearing will be held by the **Putnam Valley Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday June 27, 2019 at 6:30 at Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake**

**Road** for the purpose of considering the following petitions and requests together with all other matters that may properly come before the Board at this time. **AGENDA Held Over** 1. **Steger, Kurt, 330 Lake Drive, 83.66-1-2; LP** Request lot coverage and side yard setback variance for detached workshop. 2. **Cassar, Barbara, 39 Chippewa Road, 51.73-1-10; R-3** Request a side, rear lakefront and lot coverage variance for proposed deck. New Application 3. **Perez, Octavio, 55 Ridgecrest Road- 83.56-1-5,6 & 7; R-1& LP** Request for side and front yard setback variance for the construction of a single family residence. 4. **Barger Pond Park District, 49 Roberts Drive,-74.17-1-67 & 68; R-1** Request variance for installation of dock under Town Code 165-27 D (1) & (2). 5. **Brown, Andrew, 21 Cove Road, 41.9-1-23;R-3** Request side and rear lake variance for new deck. 6. **Coren, Lana, 182 West Shore Drive, 62.10-1-32; R-3** Request side yard setback variance for generator and propane tank. **BY ORDER OF THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WILLIAM MASKIELL CHAIRMAN**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CAM-EO HOME INSPECTIONS, LLC.** Arts of Org filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/6/2019. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

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# WBT's Summer Production Will Have You 'On Your Feet'

By Evelyn J. Mocbeichel

It's easy to imagine that the latest production at the Westchester Broadway Theatre (WBT) would be a rousing, exciting one simply by hearing the title, "On Your Feet."

Learning it is the biography of singer Gloria Estefan and the Miami Sound Machine, it's an assured a good time. Running now through Aug. 4, this is the perfect family-oriented, summer entertainment show for audiences of all ages.

Based on the lives of the Grammy Award-winning husband-and-wife team Gloria and Emilio Estefan, the story starts with their humble beginnings in Cuba, with each family starting a new life in the United States. Gloria's family fled Cuba when she was a child and settled in Miami where her mother cared for her and her younger sister while their dad went off to the Vietnam War.

Coming fairly close to covering Gloria's real-life biography, WBT always manages to capture the essence of any storyline they present on stage. It's impressive how the set designers can switch from lush Miami scenery, complete with palm trees and ornate fountain, to the family's kitchen, offices of record producers and numerous other settings, with a seemingly blink of an

eye. Even the bus crash scene that severely injured Gloria, and was covered extensively in the news at the time, was effectively done, wowing with its creativity of such an event.

The cast is large for this production and they are all full energy, with a 10-piece band on hand, giving the show its big band feel and Latin musical flavor. The dance numbers and choreography are spectacular and the music is contagious, bringing back the songs that catapulted Gloria and the Miami Sound Machine into Grammy history.

Despite Emilio and Gloria's arrival in the States without many resources, their families survived the upheaval. They met when Gloria was 17 and their combined talents enabled them to break through all barriers to become a crossover sensation at the top of the pop music world.

This production follows their rise to fame through raw talent and perseverance. From international superstardom to life-threatening tragedy, "On Your Feet" takes you behind the music and inside the real story of this record-making and groundbreaking couple who, in the face of adversity, landed on their feet.

The story is based on an original book by Alexander Dinelaris. The show is directed and choreographed by Donna



Jose Luaces and Maria Bilbao as Emilio and Gloria Estefan in the Westchester Broadway Theatre production of "On Your Feet," that is being shown now through Aug. 4.

Drake, with musical direction by Bob Bray. The production features one of the most inspiring stories in music history and includes the iconic hits "Get on Your Feet," "Don't Want To Lose You Now," "1-2-3" and "Coming Out of the Dark."

The show's star, Maria Bilbao, as Gloria Estefan, convincingly makes the audience feel as if they were watching a flashback into the life of the real Gloria. It's easy to see why the multi-talented Bilbao was chosen to star in this production.

Also part of this strong cast is Jose Luaces as Emilio Estefan; Karmine Alers as Gloria Fajardo; Lauren Cosio as Rebecca; Michael Gorman as Phil; Sandy Rosenberg

as Consuelo; and Byron St. Cyr as Jose Fajardo. Other cast members are Sydney Alise, Allyson Carr, Edgar Cavazos, Arthur Cuadros, Logan Epstein, Liesl Jean Jaye, Edgar Lopez, Felix Marchany, Sherena Medford, Tristan Miller, Natalia Nieves-Melchor, Nico Seidita and Alexis Semevolos.

Westchester Broadway Theatre is located at 1 Broadway Plaza in Elmsford. Tickets range from \$59 to \$89, plus tax, for dinner and the show depending on the time and date of the performance. For tickets and information, call 914-592-2222.

For group reservations, including discounts for groups of 20 or more, call 914-592-2225. To reserve luxury boxes, call 914-592-8730 for private parties of six to 22.

Matinees are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday and some Fridays, with lunch at 11:30 a.m. and the show at 1 p.m. There are performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. and the show at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees serve lunch at noon with the show at 1:30 p.m. while on Sunday evenings dinner is at 5:30 p.m. with the show at 7 p.m.

Also check the website for ongoing special offers at [www.broadwaytheatre.com](http://www.broadwaytheatre.com).

## Happenings

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morning coffee with the wolves. Visitors are encouraged to bring their newspapers and spend a relaxing morning with the ambassador and red wolves. We'll provide the coffee and the wolves. The wolves can be very active in the early morning so we ask that visitors remain quiet and subdued, as this is a peaceful, private moment for all involved. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 8:30 a.m. \$12. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit [www.nywolf.org](http://www.nywolf.org).

**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 June 29 at 11 a.m. and June 30 at 2 p.m. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit [www.nywolf.org](http://www.nywolf.org).

**Northern Westchester Jewish Festival.** Enjoy a day of music, food and fun for the whole family, featuring a performance by the renowned musical group the

Maccabeats. Mount Kisco Village Hall parking lot, 104 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission. Hosted by UJA Federation-NY and multiple local Jewish organizations. Info: 914-739-0500, visit [www.firsthebrew.org/announcement/june-23-jewish-festival](http://www.firsthebrew.org/announcement/june-23-jewish-festival) or e-mail [fhc@firsthebrew.org](mailto:fhc@firsthebrew.org).

**African-American Heritage Festival.** Music and entertainment, crafts and food vendors. Kensico Dam Plaza, 1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla. 12 to 7 p.m. Free admission. Info: 914-231-4033.

**Story Walk Launch.** Join a naturalist on a short walk to the Native Plant Meadow while enjoying a nature-themed story. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Free. Story Walk continues through Sept. 22. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

**Knitting Guild Workshop.** Cindy Haub will be teaching how to do color work using both hands. Both continental and throwing the yarn techniques will be visited and there will be extra concentration on tension issues. You must be comfortable knitting in the round and able to read charts. Presented and sponsored by the Westchester Knitting Guild. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Free. Info: Contact Myra Cohen at 917-697-4321 or e-mail [myco81@aol.com](mailto:myco81@aol.com).

**Pack Chat for Kids.** This is the best introduction to wolves for families with young children. Kids will learn about the mythology surrounding wolves and the important role they play in the natural world. This is an exciting time for wolves as they are out searching for prey as they prepare for the birth of this year's pups. Guests will visit ambassador wolves Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and possibly the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 2 p.m. Also June 29 at 2 p.m. and June 30 at 11 a.m. Adults: \$14. Children (under 12): \$11. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: 914-763-2373 or visit [www.nywolf.org](http://www.nywolf.org).

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

**Versailles: Portrait of a Royal Domain.** King Louis XIV transformed his father's pastoral hunting lodge at Versailles into a lavish palace that served as the seat of government and culture in France. Enjoy a musical feast with two chamber operas exalting the splendor and majesty

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# County's Sept. 11 Illnesses Memorial Committee Selects Leadership

The Westchester County 9/11 Related Illnesses Memorial Committee has selected leaders who will work to create a memorial that will be located adjacent to The Rising at Kensico Dam Plaza.

Matt McCauley and Peter Woods were elected by the committee, which includes family members of the victims, to serve as co-chairs. Patti Mallinson and Ellen Peifer will be working on the Request for Proposal for the project, review artists' submissions for the memorial and work with the committee to select the final design. Anne Byrnes and Veronica Sullivan will work on fundraising.

"These newly-selected leaders of the 9/11 Related Illnesses Committee are dedicated individuals who will undoubtedly memorialize those we have lost, and unfortunately will continue to lose, in a way that brings peace to their families, friends and neighbors," said County Executive George Latimer.

McCauley is a retired NYPD officer and paramedic, who worked as a first responder on 9/11 at Ground Zero. He is a lifelong Westchester resident who currently works as an attorney on 9/11-related issues and is an active member of the Feel Good Foundation.

Woods is retired NYPD sergeant, who worked as a first responder on 9/11



County Executive George Latimer, pictured here following last year's Sept. 11 ceremonies, had announced that a new committee would work to create a memorial to honor those who have died from illnesses due to their work at or near Ground Zero following the 2001 terrorist attacks.

and at Ground Zero for five months. He lives in Hartsdale with his wife and two daughters and is a Hartsdale Fire District fire commissioner.

"County Executive George Latimer has been a longtime supporter of first responders and the 9/11 community

throughout his entire career," McCauley said. "It is great to see that he understands the importance of having a memorial. In the immediate aftermath of the 9/11 attacks, our first responders were present at Ground Zero. Now as many of them are becoming sick and dying, it is important for our county to recognize the sacrifice."

"It's a special honor to be co-chair of the 9/11 Related Illness Memorial," Woods said. "We owe a great deal to our first responders who have passed due to 9/11 illnesses. They gave the ultimate sacrifice. We must keep their memory alive."

Mallinson is a Harrison resident who lost her husband, Harrison Police Officer Walter Mallinson, in 2017. She currently works as a teacher in Harrison. Peifer, also a Hartsdale resident, lost her husband, NYPD Captain Ronald G. Peifer, in 2014. She is a retired teaching assistant and active volunteer at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Elmsford.

Byrnes is a Pleasantville resident who lost her husband, FDNY Battalion Chief Kevin Byrnes, in 2004. She is an active volunteer at Holy Innocents Church where she promotes bereavement groups. Sullivan, another Pleasantville resident, lost her father, James Patrick

Sullivan, a Transit Authority employee who assisted in the recovery effort, in 2015. She currently works as a teacher in Rye.

If you know someone who has died due to 9/11-related illnesses or is interested in joining the committee, contact Matt McCauley at [MMcCauley@turkenheath.com](mailto:MMcCauley@turkenheath.com) or by calling 914-343-5251.

The next meeting of the Westchester County 9/11 Related Illnesses Memorial Committee is scheduled for this Wednesday, June 19 at Kensico Dam Plaza at 5:30 p.m.

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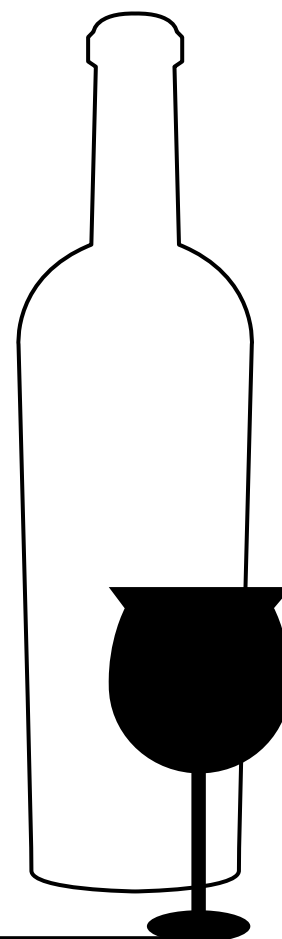
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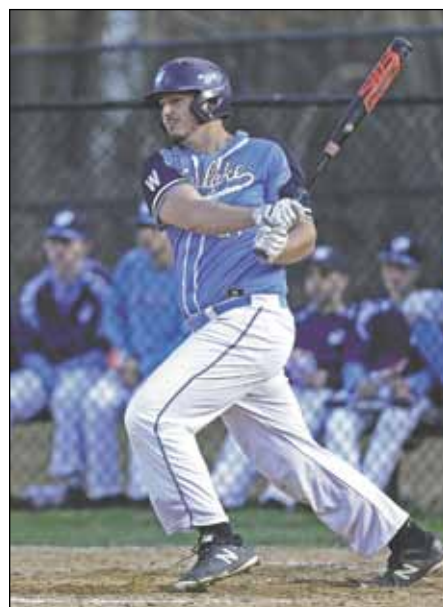
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Westlake shortstop Stephen Donato fires the ball to first base in the state regional playoff game against Marlboro.



Second baseman Gianni Garritano throws to first for an out during a home victory.



Wildcat first baseman Sal Nardone watches the ball jump off his bat.



Senior southpaw Tom Iazzetta pitches in the Wildcats' home win over Dobbs Ferry midway through the season.



Vin Spaziante swings for the fences in the Section One championship game.

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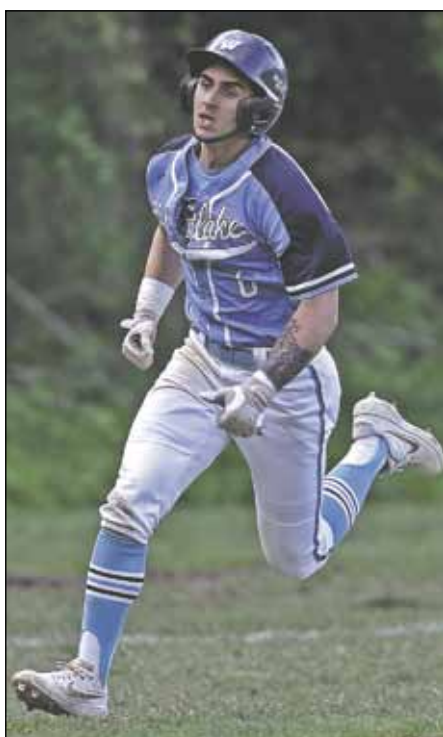
The Wildcats' Tom Carpenter smacks a pitch toward left field vs. the Dobbs Ferry Eagles.



Richie Petrillo heads toward third base during a Wildcat home game.



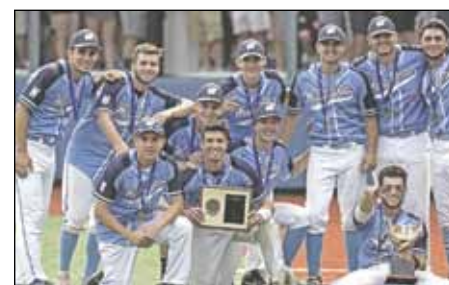
Michael Mancuso hits a foul ball down the line near third base in the Class B regional playoff game.



Senior Michael Zulli scores a run in the Wildcats' home win over Briarcliff late in the regular season.



Joe Pennini watches the flight of his game-winning sacrifice fly that lifted the Wildcats to a 12-inning victory over Briarcliff in the Section One championship game.



Westlake seniors celebrate after they captured the team's first sectional championship in 19 years by defeating Briarcliff in 12 innings.





Senior goalie Ian Leahy stays ready as he guards the cage during the Section 1, Class D championship game.



Senior midfielder Noah Benson is about to score one of his six goals in Briarcliff's playoff win over visiting Westlake.



Jack Ricciardi heads for the cage in the Bears' road win over the Pleasantville Panthers in early May.



The Bears' Kevin O'Donnell starts to celebrate late in the fourth quarter of the sectional playoff victory over Westlake.



The Bears' Anthony Capasso gets set to unleash a shot toward the cage in the Class D championship game against Pleasantville.



Briarcliff junior Charlie Boyer controls the ball behind the cage in the Bears' home playoff victory over Westlake.



The Briarcliff lacrosse team celebrates after defeating Pleasantville in overtime in the Section 1, Class D championship game at Lakeland High School.



Senior attackman Spencer Rockmore heads toward the cage during the sectional final vs. Pleasantville.



Michael Donoghue moves the ball up the field after winning a face-off in the sectional title game.



Freshman Matt Waterhouse scores the first goal of the game in the Bears' 10-3 rout of Mattituck in the state semifinals at Adelphi University.



Nick Reish races up the field with the ball during Briarcliff's win at Pleasantville midway through the regular season.

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# Former Pace Outfielder Now Finding Success Off the Field

By Andy Jacobs

It's been just over a year since Tara Bernstein played her final game for the Pace University softball team.

Since then, the affable 22-year-old Queens, New York native with big dreams has taken on the challenge of pursuing a career path in the ever-changing world of sports media. An integral member of the first Setter team to win the Northeast-10 softball championship, Bernstein is now determined to become a name to know in the years ahead.

Armed with a degree in journalism from Pace, where multiple internships helped prepare her for the uncertain journey awaiting, Bernstein has been on a whirlwind tour of diverse adventures ever since her athletic career came to an end. She was the in-game host for Westchester Knicks games at the County Center during the winter and currently serves as the pregame host for the Mets at Citi Field. In between, she's done some modeling, competed in a beauty pageant and been the red-carpet reporter for a popular Yankee pitcher's benefit softball event.

"Being a young female and being well-rounded in the field, not just speaking in front of the camera, but also doing the behind-the-scenes things, I think that was super important," said Bernstein last week, looking back at some of the experience she gained while an undergraduate. "Softball created so many open doors for me. It was a huge part of me and taught me a lot about work ethic."

An All-City shortstop at Bayside High School, she arrived in Pleasantville in the fall of 2014 secure with her decision to leave her backyard, yet remain within easy reach of the opportunities available in New York City.

"I wanted something a little bit different and a little bit away from home," she said.



In-game host Tara Bernstein entertains the fans at a Westchester Knicks game at the County Center this past season.



Tara Bernstein in action during her four years playing for the Pace University softball team, which won its only Northeast-10 championship her sophomore season.

"So Pace was definitely the right option. I decided to play college softball here in a competitive NE-10 Conference and also be close enough to the city that I could take on the internships as well."

The highlight of her freshman softball season came during a doubleheader sweep of Le Moyne when she blasted a home run in both games. Her sophomore year, she started 41 games in the outfield for the Setters, who wound up defeating Southern New Hampshire in the NE 10's title game on their own Briarcliff campus home field.

Bernstein's senior season didn't go quite as planned with an injury delaying its start for her, but in limited playing time she finished with a team-best .425 on-base percentage.

"The first few games, I had a concussion and I was out for a month or two," she said. "So that was really hard. But it just taught me to bounce back from adversity."

Despite the diminished role she had her final season, Bernstein still managed to leave a lasting impression on her coach.

"Tara Bernstein was a great competitor for Pace softball throughout the course of her four years," said Claudia Stabile, who has been guiding the Setters since 1982. "She was a mainstay in our outfield and truly contributed to our success. She was one of the reasons we won the conference tournament back in 2016. As a player, she was outstanding. As a student, as an athlete, as a person, you cannot find a more wonderful, conscientious person who has been a true asset. She's meant so much to Pace University and Pace athletics as a contributor just because of the person she is."

That person she is, with a combination of girl-next-door charm and an extrovert's supreme confidence, was largely molded by her father, Joel, a musician who played with a couple of the most well-known local rock & roll bands back in the 1980s



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heyday of the Long Island club scene.

"My dad is a star," she said. "He literally is the music guru everywhere. Everyone looks up to him when it comes to music, and he's super talented. He's someone I just look up to because he taught me if you're gonna do something, at least do it 110 percent."

The way she figures it now, the success she's already having in her evolving career would not have been nearly as likely without the guidance and support she received from him.

"He is super hard on me," Bernstein conceded. "At first, I would always be saying, 'Oh no, why is he so hard on me?' But now I'm realizing years later it was for a reason and it's the cause of where I am today. His work ethic and him pushing me to be the best I can be, sometimes I really didn't like it and there were sacrifices and consequences. But he definitely has the

driven, confident attitude where if he's gonna do something, he's gonna do it great."

Bernstein is now able to repay him with tickets to games at Citi Field because what started out as a part-time internship with the Mets has turned into a full-time hosting role requiring her presence at all 81 home games. A big fan of the team, she relishes each day she gets to go to the ballpark in Flushing.

"Being a lifelong Met fan, I have my own brick outside the stadium," she said. "I would beg my dad to take me to the games. Now I'm just here every single game and I'm able to bring my family into the games and enjoy the moment. Baseball, the game is amazing. It's just a good place to be. If fans were to come to a game, they could catch me all around the

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Back at Pace for a visit recently, Tara Bernstein relaxes during a brief break from her hectic schedule.



# Pace University Southpaw Selected in the MLB Draft by the Milwaukee Brewers

With the 763rd pick (25th round) of the 2019 Major League Baseball Draft, the Milwaukee Brewers selected left-handed pitcher Dan Wirchansky (Stony Point, NY/North Rockland/RCC) of the Pace University baseball team.

Wirchansky, who graduated in May, becomes the 12th player under head coach Hank Manning to be selected in the MLB Draft—the first since 2016.

“This is well deserved for Danny,” said Manning. “He had a great career here at Pace, and his numbers prove that. He can not only pitch at an extremely high level, but he is also an excellent competitor—both good attributes when you get into professional baseball. Brewers got a good one.”

Wirchansky finished out his career earlier this spring as one of the best pitchers in Setters’ program history.

His dominance was especially prevalent over the last two seasons, which began with him tossing a perfect game in Pace’s season opener in 2018. He followed that up by going 5-1 as a junior, and leading the entire nation in ERA (0.71).

This past season, Wirchansky put together a 6-2 record with a 1.38 ERA (second in the NE10). He ranked third in the nation with a WHIP of 0.86. Wirchansky struck out 102 batters in 78.1 innings—a mark that not only led the NE10, but also shattered Pace’s single-season record.

Wirchansky struck out nearly 13 batters per nine innings in NE10 play, while allowing one or fewer runs in nine of his 12 outings. He was named to Northeast-10 All-Conference First Team, in addition to being selected to D2CCA, NCBWA and ABCA All-Region squads.



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Pace University standout Dan Wirchansky delivers a pitch during a home game this past season.

## Former Pace Outfielder Now Finding Success Off the Field

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ballpark or on the field or just by looking up at the screens.”

While Bernstein was quite familiar with the home of the Mets before she started working there, she had never been inside the County Center in White Plains prior to taking on the ubiquitous role of in-game host for the G League’s Westchester Knicks last November. During most of the timeouts, she could be found standing somewhere close to the midcourt line, microphone in hand, either presiding over a fan contest or leading kids in a rendition of ‘Baby Shark Dance’ or maybe even helping launch free Knicks T-shirts into the balcony.

“It was just super fun to see all these die-hard fans come to the game, remember my name, ask me questions,” she said of her first season with the team. “I got to create a lot of friendships at the arena. It’s really great and I love it. It brings out my personality. I was able to just walk around, say hello to fans, pick them for contests, get to know them and just really hype up the crowds so they get the team going.”

But her hosting roles with the Mets and Westchester Knicks are just a part of the impressive résumé Bernstein has been compiling. In college, she did some broadcasting of Pace basketball games and had internships with NY1 News and NBC Sports Radio. She also covered the 2017 All-Star Game in Miami for Major



Tara Bernstein fires the ball back to the infield during her Setter playing days a couple of years ago.

League Baseball.

Her red-carpet reporting for CC Sabathia’s Celebrity Softball Game benefit at Yankee Stadium a month ago enabled her to add to the star-studded list of athletes she has interviewed, among them Derek Jeter, Mariano Rivera, Tracy McGrady and her two favorites so far — Tiki Barber and Joe Torre.

“It’s funny, when I interview these celebrities or public figures, I treat them like they’re just normal, regular people and like they’re my friend,” she said. “So when I have conversations with them, it’s not even thinking about questions. What’s something that’s unique about

them people don’t really know? Just adding something a little different about them. I also create cool handshakes with them because that brings out my softball personality into my media personality.”

If that isn’t enough, Bernstein also recently completed a model shoot and billboard for Modell’s Sporting Goods, mentors kids at Middle School 95 in the Bronx, will be teaching a broadcasting class at Hofstra University this summer and then competing in the Miss Long Island pageant in August.

“A big part of it for me,” she said, “being a young woman in the field, playing a college sport or a sport my entire life, it’s like you don’t need to have one identity. You can have multiple identities. What I mean by that, for me, it’s not just being a pretty face on camera. It’s having substance within, being able to throw a ball, being able to lift weights, but still able to smile and look girly on camera.”

“It’s being multi-faceted and not having just one identity,” added Bernstein, who has been particularly inspired by softball star/ESPN broadcaster Jessica Mendoza. “I can be an actress, I can do CrossFit, I can be a host, I can be a reporter and still play in the dirt with softball. I’m looking forward to continuing to pursue all my gigs and just being humble and being that

girl who’s from New York City. Going to small-town Pleasantville and living up here, just making my way through.”

Her former college coach, for one, is not about to bet against Bernstein achieving many of her lofty goals.

“The way she carries herself, displays herself, the maturity she has, we are very proud to say that she’s a Pace University athlete,” said Stabile. “There is no doubt in my mind that Tara Bernstein is gonna do terrific in the profession she so chooses. I think that if she’s given an opportunity, she’s gonna flourish.”

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