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## P'ville Lights for Liberty Protest Focuses on Plight of Detained Migrants

By Martin Wilbur

More than 200 people crowded the gazebo area on Pleasantville's Memorial Plaza last Friday evening, protesting the United States' treatment of migrants and conditions of the detention camps near the southern border and across the nation.

The event was one of more than 700 Lights for Liberty demonstrations around the world and four in Westchester that called for the end of the camps and reunification of migrant children with their parents or guardians. Similar local gatherings were held in Chappaqua, Katonah and White Plains. The gatherings came about 36 hours before scheduled Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids were to begin on Sunday.

Holding a variety of homemade signs and candles or lights, several of those in attendance talked about why it was important for them to participate in the vigil. One sign during the event contained the names and ages of the six children who have died while in U.S. custody, all between seven and 16 years old. At one point a chant of "Close the Camps" went up.

"The things they are saying about the people who want to come into this country are the same things they were saying about our grandparents and our great-grandparents, exactly the same things they are saying about every group of immigrants who want to come into the country, and people have to be reminded of that, that they are no different than we are," said Les Von

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## Temporary Stop Sign Debuts at Chappaqua's King-Greeley Crossing

By Martin Wilbur

Motorists traveling through downtown Chappaqua will have to get used to a new stop sign, the latest change for the hamlet that is related to the ongoing streetscape project.

On Monday, a temporary stop sign was installed on King Street at the intersection of South Greeley Avenue. It will be in place until a new traffic signal for that location is up and running later this year, said Supervisor Robert Greenstein.

Greenstein said safety concerns and conditioning drivers to slow down after descending the King Street hill once the traffic light is in service were the factors behind the new stop sign.

Since the South Greeley Avenue stop sign had to be moved back from the intersection because of the reconfiguration

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LINDSAY EMERY PHOTO

An electronic message board advises drivers last weekend of the arrival of a stop sign on King Street at South Greeley Avenue.



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### What a Day

Daniel Bailen, bassist for the band BAILEN, performs at last Saturday's 15th annual Pleasantville Music Festival. For full coverage, see pages 16-17.

## North Castle Officials Pose More Questions for Eagle Ridge Plan

By Martin Wilbur

North Castle Town Board members and several residents last week raised various issues for a developer who has proposed a 91-room hotel, 70 apartments and 94 townhouses on 32 acres formerly owned by IBM.

At the continuation of the public hearings for the proposed Eagle Ridge project on North Castle Drive, representatives for developer Frank Madonna listened to a litany of questions and concerns. The requests ranged from having Madonna's experts justify why so much residential development is needed to supplement the hotel to density to firefighting and whether the project is consistent with the town's

Comprehensive Plan.

Although the property was rezoned to Office Business Hotel (OBH) 10 years ago and purchased by the developer and his partners in 2017, Madonna needs Town Board approval to allow for multifamily housing in that zone.

The town had rezoned the area in hopes of attracting a major hotel of up to 300 rooms to be built on the parcel. However, Madonna's representatives have contended that only a boutique hotel with other amenities supplemented by residential development would be economically viable.

Supervisor Michael Schiliro was one of the board members who mentioned that he would like to see that issue examined

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Losberg of Sleepy Hollow.

The rally, which was hosted by the progressive Indivisible Pleasantville and Up2Us groups, also featured a list of demands to the U.S. government read by Francesca Hagadus-McHale, a Mount Pleasant councilwoman, who helped organize the event in conjunction with Up2Us. In addition to putting an end to the camps, several of the other demands included recognition that the migrants, most from Central America, are seeking personal safety and a brighter future for their families, that seeking asylum is a universal human right and that every

migrant be treated humanely.

Hagadus-McHale said while much of the focus has been on the condition of the camps near the southern border, there are detention facilities in every state, and in Westchester, that are holding children. She urged those in attendance to reach out to members of Congress, vote in elections and lodge their objections through protests to what is happening.

"What would you do if your son was asked to join a gang and he said no and they said, 'Well, we're going to kill you and the rest of your family,'" Hagadus-McHale said. "You would leave. You would pick up your kids

and leave, and that is why there are caravans and caravans of people making their way to the United States, which is a country that accepts asylum and has always accepted asylum, except for some very brief, shameful periods and we're in one of those periods."

Members of the Dominican Sisters of Hope were also in attendance. Sister Anne Marie said the more she had learned about the conditions that migrants face, the more motivated she was to join others in protest.

"This country was built on the backs of immigrants and I think we have to be open to all people," she said.

Ossining resident Chuck Bell said his community is filled with long-term undocumented residents and called on Congress to pass immigration reform.

"There's no way for these long-term undocumented residents to get to citizenship under the laws that we have right now," Bell said. "We need Congress to pass comprehensive immigration reform and approve a path to citizenship and full legalization for the Dreamers."

Rep. Nita Lowey (D-Harrison) sent a statement that was read during the roughly half-hour rally. She was scheduled to be in Homestead, Fla. (where 2,500 children are being held) on Monday with several other members of Congress.

Lowey vowed that she and her congressional colleagues will ensure strong oversight over the Department of Homeland Security and hold it and the Trump Administration accountable for its actions.



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Some of the estimated 200 people who turned out last Friday evening to demand the end of detention camps for migrants during Pleasantville's Lights for Liberty rally.

She also opposed last month's supplemental funding bill because it lacked the proper oversight.

"We will speak truth to power," Lowey said in her statement. "Thank you for standing up for those who need our voices."

Merle Molofsky of Sleepy Hollow said her grandparents fled the pogroms of Eastern Europe in the early 20th century and she sympathizes with today's migrants. In fact, her ancestors falsified documents to get into the United States because they feared death, she said.

"With that background, how can I not feel for someone going through something like what they're going through?" Molofsky said.

## New York Streets, Alzheimer's Association to Partner at July 21 Game

The New York Streets of the National Arena League and the Alzheimer's Association are partnering to educate the Hudson Valley community and Streets fans about Alzheimer's disease during the final home game for the team's regular season on Sunday, July 21 at the County Center in White Plains.

The Streets will be hosting the Carolina Cobras at 7 p.m.

The Alzheimer's Association will have a table at the County Center during the game with staff on hand to talk about the

organization's programs, services and fundraisers. At halftime, there will be a short presentation about Alzheimer's.

All fans who attend the game wearing purple, the official color of the Alzheimer's Association, will receive a special \$10 ticket.

Fans can help find a cure by participating in the Walk to End Alzheimer's, held at more than 600 locations nationwide. Westchester's walk is set for Sept. 29. More information about the walk is available at alz.org/walk.



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## Is Your Biological Clock Ticking? The Trend toward Later Motherhood...

### Q: What's behind the trend toward later parenthood?

**A:** Women in the U.S. are waiting longer than ever to have children, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In fact, the average age of first-time mothers is now 26, up almost two years since 2014. In the last 10 to 15 years, we've seen the average age of first-time mothers increase greatly, mainly because women are pursuing careers and education first.

### Q: I'm turning thirty. Should I be worried about my "biological clock" ticking?

**A:** The best time for a woman to get pregnant is between the ages of 20 and 35. In this age range, you are most fertile and least likely to experience complications. Though there is a slight risk of declining fertility by the age of 35, it's only about 5 percent. Egg quality and quantity decline after age 35, and good ovulation cycles become less frequent. Eggs of poorer quality are released, making it more difficult to get pregnant.

### Q: Will older moms-to-be face risks?

**A:** A mere twenty to thirty years ago, the maternal age of 35 was considered advanced for childbearing; it was also considered the age at which a woman became — virtually overnight and automatically — a high-risk pregnancy. Today we know that if you're a healthy 35-year-old woman

who is pregnant, you may often have the same degree of risk in pregnancy as that of a younger mom-to-be.

If you're over 35 and considering pregnancy, you may have to visit your physician more frequently to ensure that the pregnancy is proceeding smoothly. I recommend scheduling an appointment for both preconception counseling and genetic counseling. This will help your physician identify and minimize any risk factors so you can improve your chances of a healthy pregnancy. Women over 35 can deliver healthy children and have a safe pregnancy. It's all about taking care of yourself, knowing your risks and coming up with a plan that is right for you and your family.

### Q: I'm worried that when I do decide to have children, I won't be able to. What are my options if I can't get pregnant?

**A:** Advances in technology help many women over 35 get pregnant and give birth to healthy babies. In vitro fertilization is a process by which a woman's eggs are extracted and combined with a sperm sample, creating an embryo that is transferred to the woman's uterus. In vitro fertilization now includes a procedure called pre-implantation genetic diagnosis that helps identify chromosomal and genetic abnormalities, ensuring physicians are implanting healthy embryos.



# P'ville Floats Costly Options to Fix Village Pool Problems

By Ed Perratore

The unexpected leak that shut down Pleasantville's kiddie pool last month is a thing of the past, but village officials must now turn their attention to a greater problem.

The main pool at the Lake Street swimming complex is showing its age.

"We're really happy to announce what most families with young kids already know, that we're back in business," said Pleasantville Mayor Peter Scherer at a public meeting last week. "The last group you want to disappoint as the weather gets hot is a bunch of toddlers."

The wading pool's troubles, however, required more sweat than funding.

"We had a leak in one of the return pipes running around the perimeter of the pool," said Matt Trainor, Pleasantville's superintendent of recreation and parks. "Gas tests identified and isolated the leak, and the pipe was fixed and replaced."

New liners for those pipes should prevent future leakage as well.

For the main pool, the village will not get off so easy. Officials acknowledge that they have done whatever was vital each year to keep the pool open. But now it is losing noticeable amounts of water. Among other woes, erosion and component failure have weakened the pool's overall structure. Needed are new pipes, pumps and filtration, plus resurfacing once the other work is complete.

Complicating the challenge is that the state's sanitary code, enforced by the county, requires that a public pool modified in any

way must also be brought up to code. The kiddie pool now complies, but the main pool does not, so merely replacing what's there would require further code compliance. The existing pool structure must be modified to accommodate new drain sumps and inlet fittings for the pool bottom, along with connecting piping.

Officials have been discussing options with Maurice Wrangell, a pool consultant and landscape architect who has served the village in the past. Trainor has also brought in Aquatectonic Architects, a department of Lothrop Associates LLP, with which he has worked in the past, and is checking with other firms as well.

Another concern is how to time such major work with the least inconvenience to residents. Village Administrator Eric Morrissey relayed a conversation he had with Wrangell that best characterizes the issue.

"The contractor will always sell it like 'We'll start it right after the season ends and get it done by Memorial Day,' but invariably it stretches to July," he said.

The cost, which could be upwards of \$2 million, is of particular concern partly because the village is also preparing for the Memorial Plaza civic space and Manville Road streetscape projects. In the coming weeks, officials will consider and price four options – or some variation – for the main pool.

First, proceed as usual, repairing and replacing parts as needed. However, major renovation cannot be avoided indefinitely.

Second, the village could fully demolish the



ED PERRATORE PHOTO

The main pool at Pleasantville's Lake Street swimming complex.

existing pool and replace it with a state-of-the-art one. It would be fully code-compliant and all elements would begin their service life at the same time. It's the most expensive option.

The village could also selectively limit reconstruction to what is in failing or near-failing condition and integrate whatever components are still useful. This would cost less than the second option for demolition and removal and new construction, but it still would have to cover the costs of replacing or rebuilding what will fail sooner from continued usage.

Finally, a substantially smaller pool could be constructed within the current one. It would be code-compliant, retain the existing pool basin and save on demolition and removal costs. But the pool's filtration system would still need replacing and this option would entail significant cost for a smaller pool.

Officials are currently leaning more toward the third option, selectively limited reconstruction. Regardless, all of the choices are likely to cost significant sums.

"For (the) next steps, we'll get proposals from the parties and see what it'll look like, price-wise," Scherer said.

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of the new sidewalk and outdoor space along with ongoing work downtown, there was concern that drivers traveling along both streets wouldn't be able to see if a car was approaching the crossing.

"The cars that are stopped at that stop

sign (on South Greeley Avenue), they can't see up the hill when they used to be able to because of the fact the building is blocking it, so that's why they need the stop sign by George's (Men's Shop)," Greenstein said.

The South Greeley-King Street intersection has been problematic for

motorists for years, particularly those who are unfamiliar with the territory. When traveling down King Street, drivers heading straight onto lower King or making a left onto South Greeley Avenue have the right of way over vehicles that have been halted by stop signs at both North and South Greeley avenues.

Greenstein said all of the stop signs at that intersection will be removed once the traffic light is functioning. Originally, the town had expected the new signal to be installed and working by as soon as September when school resumes but there may be delays in connecting the light, he said.

In preparation for the traffic signal, five pedestrian poles will also be installed starting within the next two weeks, Greenstein said. The poles will allow pedestrians to press a button to change the walk signal to green.

The first three pedestrian poles will be installed at the corners by Starbucks, North Country Sotheby's and George's, according to the supervisor. In order to accommodate the poles, there will need to be excavation to install footings followed by the pouring of concrete. Excavation to install the electrical conduits for the pedestrian poles will also need to be done.

New sidewalks and curbing, light poles and other decorative improvements have been or will be included throughout the downtown.

A larger sidewalk to accommodate tables and chairs is also being built at the South Greeley-King Street intersection across from Starbucks.

## North Castle Officials Pose More Questions for Eagle Ridge Plan

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more closely.

"It just makes me scratch my head that a hotel, with the lack of hotels in the space between I-287 and Danbury, isn't viable beyond 95 or 100 rooms," Schiliro said.

Councilman Jose Berra said the developer's response regarding firefighting and safety was inadequate. If the hotel, with 70 apartments on the top two stories is built, it would force the Armonk Fire Department to acquire a ladder truck, something that is estimated to cost about \$900,000, he said. With no other structure in the fire district that would require that equipment, it should compel the developer to contribute to its purchase, he said.

Berra also asked for an evaluation about whether a sprinkler system can be installed for the townhouses.

"I hate to see a big fire spread and putting

people's lives at risk," he said.

Councilman Stephen D'Angelo wanted to know whether the developer intended to retain ownership of the property for the long term. Information provided by the applicant only has revenue projections for five years.

Meanwhile, Councilwoman Barbara DiGiacinto reiterated her desire from two weeks earlier for Madonna to consider reversing the parcels which would house the various structures. She has called for the hotel and apartment complex to possibly be built on the larger 26-acre property and a limited number of townhouses on the smaller six-acre parcel.

She also didn't understand why the project is so dense.

"It's to me just sort of a little lopsided given the present zoning," DiGiacinto said.

"It's 91 hotel rooms but 164 residences and I'd like the rationale for why we have

so many more, proportionately more, residences, apartments, townhouses than hotel rooms."

A couple of residents asked the Town Board to study the cumulative effects of not only the Eagle Ridge proposal but in conjunction with the Mariani Gardens application, the 470 Main St. project and Madonna's other projects on Old Mount Kisco Road.

Armonk residents Stephen McLaughlin and Linda Fernberg said they were worried that if the other major projects near downtown Armonk are approved, it could have a significant effect on the hamlet.

"I'm deeply concerned with how much building is going on," Fernberg said.

Written comments and questions will be accepted by the town until Aug. 19. The feedback and requests for information and studies will be answered in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

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# County Seeks Relief From Merestead Restrictions, Seeks Increased Uses

By Martin Wilbur

Westchester County has filed a petition in state Supreme Court to relax requirements imposed on it at Merestead in Mount Kisco to increase public accessibility and raise money for rehabilitation and upkeep of the grounds.

County Legislator Kitley Covill (D-Katonah) and County Executive George Latimer led a tour last Wednesday around part of the 130-acre former estate of Margaret Sloan Patterson and her husband Dr. Robert Patterson on Byram Lake Road to announce Westchester's intentions.

Merestead was bequeathed to the county in 1982 to use as parkland and became county property when Mrs. Patterson died in 2000.

Covill said in the past few weeks the county filed a Petition for Equitable Deviation of an Indenture/Deed, Trust and Other Documents Concerning the Grant of Merestead in state Supreme Court in White Plains to seek relief from some of the limitations on use and requirements. She said some of the terms of the deed, trust and will, such as a requirement to feed the deer are silly. However, others, for example, that would prevent a security gate at the front entrance or a for-profit documentary filmmaker from using the property are unrealistic for a public park.

"It was just really like a frozen-in-time, don't-do-anything (agreement) and for that kind of place that's not only a shame but it also restricts it to the point of choking it off," Covill said.

Requested changes, according to the



County Legislator Kitley Covill, at podium, last week announced Westchester's intentions to allow the county to increase the uses and public access at Merestead in Mount Kisco. County Executive George Latimer, left, and other officials look on.

county executive's office, include liquidation of the entire balance of the trust fund left to care for the property, which is roughly \$4.3 million; removal of restrictions to allow for broader use of the property without violating the goals and objectives of the Pattersons; and authorization to sell certain items from the property with the proceeds being dedicated to Merestead.

In the spring, county officials highlighted the deteriorating condition of some of the

structures on the property. While grants have been applied for, the county needs a source of revenue from Merestead rather than raising taxes on Westchester property owners.

"We see the potential for Merestead to be a destination for many more people than currently enjoy the park's offerings," Latimer said. "Restrictions on the deed have limited the county to offer passive uses and certain artistic only (uses) but a committee of representatives from my administration and

the Board of Legislators is currently working to ease restrictions to allow for additional public use and enjoyment of the property."

If the county is successful in court, it could then retain a cultural planner to suggest additional uses and a path forward, Covill said.

She said it is difficult to predict the county's chances of prevailing in court because of the unusual nature of the petition. Covill said she was unaware of an example of a similar request.

However, officials' desire to have the financial wherewithal to maintain the land as well as having visitors enjoy the park is critical. Covill said the county wants to balance the wishes of Merestead's former owners while maximizing the use of the land.

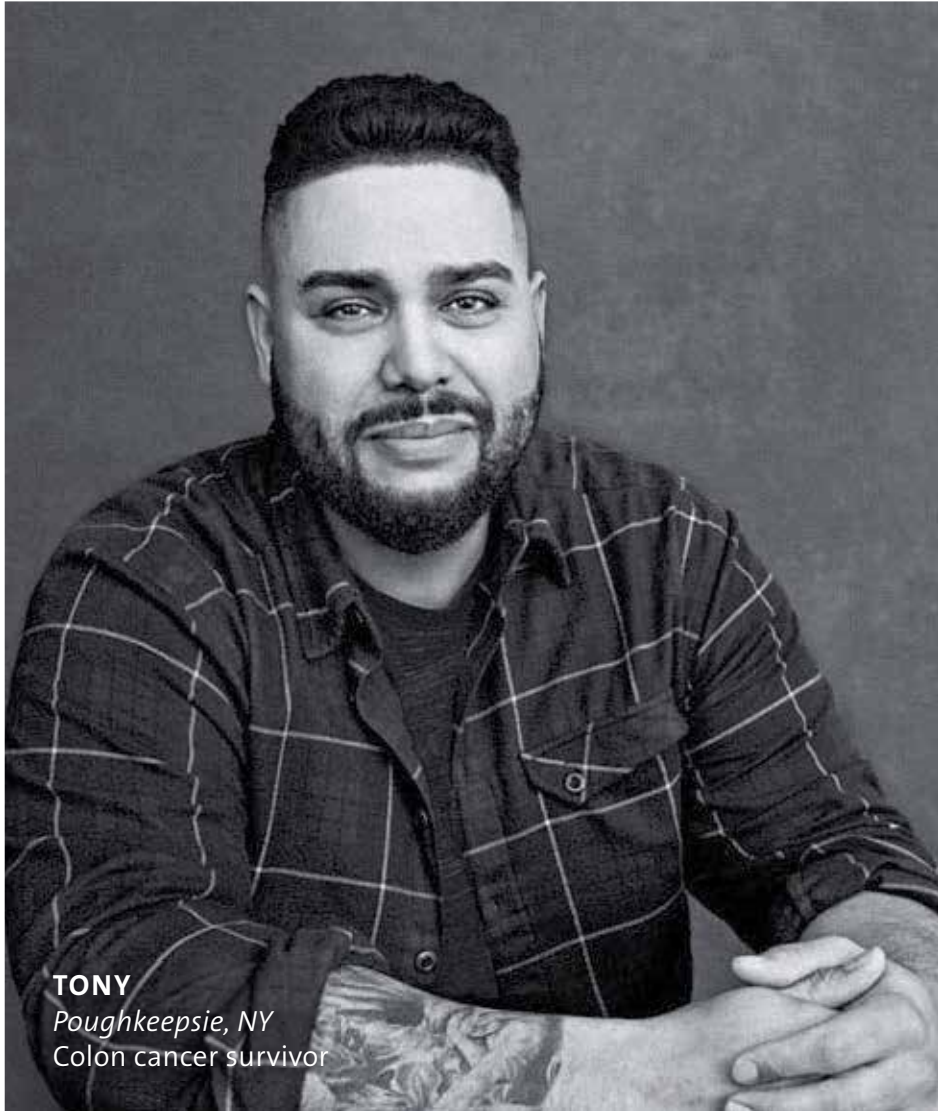
"In the end, I think our argument is compelling because we want to do that but you've got to help us out," Covill said.

There is a late August return court date on the county's petition, she said. It is not known how long it may take to get the issue resolved.

There have been certain limited uses at the park, including a small number of musical performances by artists under the auspices of Music from Copland House.

Merestead comprises a neo-Georgian country mansion that was built in 1907, and 12 additional outer buildings, including an historic farmhouse from 1850, carriage house and barn. It is on the National Register of Historic Places.

The mansion, which has an art collection and library, will soon be closed for major renovations.




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# Pleasantville's Manville Road Revamp Moves Closer to Starting Gate

By Ed Perratore

Pleasantville officials expect the Manville Road improvement project to soon receive an initial signoff from the state Department of Transportation (DOT) for intended upgrades to the intersection of Manville Road and Memorial Plaza.

The work would be the first segment of a sprawling plan first conceived more than 12 years ago.

But critics, including former mayor Bernard Gordon and former village trustee Jonathan Cunningham, are not backing down.

This first part of the project, aided by a \$1.25 million federal grant the state administers, would make numerous changes aimed at increasing safety for pedestrians and drivers in the heart of the village. It would remove the current slip lane that feeds traffic onto Manville Road from Memorial Plaza, replacing it with a right-turn lane at the light by widening the Memorial Plaza-Manville intersection.

In the area of the slip lane, there would be a park-like civic space with benches and trees, partly funded by a \$250,000 grant from the state Dormitory Authority.

The traffic signal at the intersection of Manville Road and Wheeler Avenue, which is very close to another signal at Washington Avenue, would be removed. Myriad other changes are also in the works including upgrades to sidewalks, signals, curbs, crosswalks and more.

Other scheduled improvements would be made to the commuter lot on Memorial Plaza, the nearby intersection with Bedford Road and other streets in the vicinity.

Pleasantville officials are keeping close tabs on the cost of the Manville Road project. The Village Board is set to soon vote on a \$2.6 million resolution, which they hope will be sufficient. The money must be allocated before the job goes out to bid, but contractors can charge as much as 25 to 30 percent higher if they're busy.

"We can get the best of construction estimates, but the market will dictate what the market will dictate," said Village Administrator Eric Morrissey. "They inflate their prices because they're not desperate for work."

Last Monday, Gordon and Cunningham objected to the slip lane's removal and predicted cost overruns and worse traffic backups. They suggested that if the slip lane must be eliminated, the village should add to its DOT application the possibility of an exit driveway from the Memorial Plaza commuter lot to northbound Manville Road. Approval for an exit driveway from the state would be helpful in case traffic worsened because of the slip lane's removal.

"The ability to have that curb cut is there in case the exit from the Memorial Plaza parking lot becomes a nightmare," said Gordon, who served as Pleasantville's mayor from 2001 to 2009 and a trustee for nine years prior.

Gordon also characterized traffic studies



A schematic rendition of Memorial Plaza's proposed civic space, prepared by the landscape architectural firm Wagner Hodgson of Hudson, N.Y.

the village commissioned as insufficient.

Cunningham, a village trustee from 2003 to 2015, argued for a northern driveway exit to give the village leeway in case the Manville Road part of the project exceeds cost estimates.

"Shouldn't we be negotiating with DOT to get a curb cut at the end of our lot to give us the flexibility to still exit traffic from the lot – even if we don't use it?" Cunningham asked.

The former trustee added that getting DOT permission was necessary to preserve the civic space from any resulting cost-cutting.

But Mayor Peter Scherer and Trustee Nicole Asquith took issue with the suggestion to run a driveway through the intended civic space. Citing the slip lane's unreasonably high accident rate, Scherer touted the expected pedestrian

improvements.

"This involves closing the slip lane. I think all of us believe that the analysis of the traffic suggests and makes clear that this is a reasonable thing to do," Scherer said. "This isn't the beginning of traffic Armageddon, and it will improve safety overall."

Asquith saw the objections as a threat to the notion of a pedestrian-friendly civic space and indicated a preference for scaling down the project, if necessary, to reduce costs rather than letting cars through.

"It's like creating a driveway or street through a park," Asquith said.

"The flexibility is in the materials we use to design that space. It's not as to whether that space exists or not," she added. "The moment you cut through it with a car, it's dead, it's over. There's no civic space."

Once the village receives approval from the state DOT, the project moves into final design approval, for which the state requires the development of technical construction documents for the Manville Road work. That process takes about six weeks.

Village officials hope to begin the Manville Road work along with the commuter lot reconfiguration, which does not require state approval, next spring. The civic space is currently slated to begin in spring 2021.

For more details on the Manville Road Improvement project, visit [www.pleasantville-ny.gov](http://www.pleasantville-ny.gov) and click on "Projects & Initiatives."

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# Mariani Gardens Discussion Moves on to Special Permit Request

By Martin Wilbur

Last month, Armonk's Mariani Gardens narrowly received approval for a zoning change that would allow for the development of 43 units of housing on the Bedford Road property.

This month, the applicant is taking the next step in North Castle's review process.

Property owner 45 Bedford Road, LLC submitted a special permit application on July 2 and had the matter referred by the Town Board at its July 10 meeting to the county and municipal planning boards.

The requirement for a special permit was added to the list of approvals needed by the developer because town officials were hesitant to provide a blanket 40-foot maximum height for the entire 4.1-acre property as originally requested in the rezoning application.

Mariani Gardens has proposed to build the 23-unit C Building, which would exceed 36 feet to the midpoint of the eaves, the standard used to calculate height for zoning purposes, and would actually be inches shy of 40 feet tall. As a result, the Town Board opted to require Mariani Gardens to obtain a special permit so there would be greater control over development at the site, particularly related to building height.

While the board approved the rezone on June 12 in a split 3-2 vote following a contentious public hearing, last week's vote to make the referral was unanimous. Councilman Jose Berra, who along with Councilwoman Barbara DiGiacinto were the



The existing nursery building at Mariani Gardens on Bedford Road in Armonk.

dissenting votes on the rezoning, said his opinion regarding the project's excessive density hadn't changed but he viewed the referral as "an administrative act."

Prior to the referral, discussion about the project continued involving the applicant's representatives, the board and a few residents. The most recent change in the plans, said attorney Mark Miller, representing Mariani Gardens, are that the A buildings containing four four-bedroom units closest to Bedford Road, would be turned 90 degrees to minimize the impacts of building frontage.

Opponents of the plan have argued during the hearing that the proposal is too big for the area, in large part because the property is adjacent to the Bedford Road Historic District.

Miller said the change reduces frontage of the two A buildings along Bedford Road from 60 to 47 feet.

DiGiacinto requested that as part of the referral the Planning Board should look at the possibility of a sidewalk along Maple Avenue from Bedford Road to Route 22. The parties, including Mariani Gardens, the town and the state Department of Transportation should also consider putting in a more clearly defined crosswalk spanning Route 22 to the entrance of Business Park Drive, DiGiacinto said.

She added that part of the attractiveness of the project would be walkability for its residents. The applicant should also talk to the owner of 40 Bedford Rd. regarding the feasibility of a sidewalk along Bedford Road to Armonk Square, she said.

"My rationale in terms of why there should be a sidewalk on Maple Avenue to Route 22, I'm sure many of these people who are going to be living in these new units, they may belong to the gym and they may want to walk to the gym as opposed to driving," said

DiGiacinto, referring to Equinox on Business Park Drive.

During the meeting, Armonk resident Linda Fernberg, who has opposed the project, reiterated comments suggesting that the approval of the rezone was perceived to be rushed. She said the time from the unveiling of the latest iteration in early May to the rezone five weeks later was perceived to be rushed by many residents.

More than 450 residents signed an online petition in opposition to the size and scope of the Mariani Gardens project.

"I don't know how you gave approval to a plan that was in no way, shape or form significantly downsized despite the applicant saying that it was," Fernberg said. "You have allowed an applicant to misrepresent the truth and you gave your approval to him. The residents of this town clearly objected to the size and density of this project and you have chosen to ignore them."

Councilman Stephen D'Angelo said the matter has been reviewed by the town since June 2018 before the rezone vote was held with multiple iterations of the plan presented and ample opportunities for the public to speak.

"We worked on it for a year to get it to that point, people made comments, they want to make changes and make it look more like the (historic) district," D'Angelo said.

Mariani Gardens is tentatively scheduled to appear before the Planning board on July 29. A public hearing on the special permit will be set for a future date.

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# No. Castle Approves Rezone to Bolster Sir John’s Plaza Parking

By Martin Wilbur

Two small lots adjacent to Sir John’s Plaza in North White Plains were rezoned last week by the North Castle Town Board to expand parking for the strip mall and a nearby mini mall.

The North Castle Town Board approved the switch from a Two Family Residence Zone to Central Business as well as subdividing the two lots at the North Broadway site to add them to the shopping center property.

Sir John’s owner Joseph Magnotta, who also owns the Broadway Plaza mini mall and what had been the two residential lots, had requested the zoning amendments and subdivision because he is operating with an 18- to 19-space deficit under today’s town zoning code requirements and has had trouble attracting new tenants without

sufficient parking.

“The Planning Board concluded that the proposed rezoning is consistent with the town’s (Comprehensive) Plan and would not expect an expansion of retail in the Commercial Business zoning district,” said Tom D’Agostino, one Magnotta’s representatives.

It had also been argued that the two parcels, at 2 Emmalon Ave. and 3 Emmalon Ave., which Magnotta purchased last year, would not be an imposition on the town because they had previously been zoned commercial. He bought the land from Andrew Martino and Sharon Freitas and the Estate of Dominick Martino. The land was rezoned to a residential designation years ago to accommodate the former owner.

There are currently 108 spaces at the site, said Eliot Senor, Magnotta’s architect.

Magnotta has applied for 40 additional spaces, although it is unclear whether all of those can be accommodated, he said.

Earlier this year, the Town Board was initially hesitant to approve the rezoning because they weren’t sure what businesses might move in to the vacant storefronts.

However, D’Agostino said last week that two of the vacant spaces, which had formerly been a bakery and bagel shop, would have the same uses. The existing deli wants to expand into another empty storefront in order to offer seating. Letters of intent have been secured for those businesses, he said.

Board members last week were satisfied with Magnotta’s efforts but wanted assurances that the parking lot would not be used as an overnight parking area.

“I would like to see parking of vehicles that are related to the businesses,” said

Councilwoman Barbara DiGiacinto. “It’s such a prime piece of real estate. I think people in North White Plains, people who travel in North White Plains, are so happy with the improvements on North Broadway and I don’t think this would be an improvement if this becomes more of an issue.”

Director of Planning Adam Kaufman said during site plan review the Planning Board could address that issue.

A couple of North White Plains residents who spoke last week both supported the rezone.

“I’m very much in favor of this because I don’t like to see empty storefronts,” said resident Michelle Fallon. “We’ve had too many along that Route 22 and I think it would be great to have some different things there.”

## Car Show, Concert Part of Armonk Chamber’s July Third Thursday

A car show and a Billy Joel and Neil Diamond tribute band will be the highlights of the Armonk Chamber of Commerce’s next Third Thursday on July 18.

The third annual car show will start at 5 p.m. 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, exotic and supercars and sponsored by Miller Motorcars of

Greenwich

Among the models featured will be a Ferrari, McLaren, Rolls Royce, Aston Martin, among others. Two of Miller Motorcars’ picks will be displayed in the center of Armonk Square and at Wampus Brook Park for the concert.

Live music in Armonk Square will be performed by Willful Misconduct from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m., One Stop Pony, a uniquely authentic tribute band, will perform a live mix of Billy Joel and Neil Diamond tunes in Wampus Brook Park. Blankets, chairs, food and drinks are welcome. The Fortina Pizza truck will also be on hand throughout the evening to make hot personal-sized pies. The rain venue for the concert will be at the same time at the North Castle Public Library’s

Whippoorwill Hall.

Third Thursday Sale Days will be offered throughout the day at participating stores in town.

The final Third Thursday is scheduled for Aug. 15 with “Kids on the Town” in Armonk Square, featuring “World of Dance” international choreographer Michael Salem and Hanu, an Infinite Motion demonstration and dance party for kids and adults.

There will also be a variety of other children’s activities from 5 to 7:30 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., Ladies and Gentlemen will perform a variety of classic, soul, funk and R&B hits in Wampus Brook Park. Picnickers are welcome.

For more information about Third Thursday, visit [armonkchamberofcommerce.com](http://armonkchamberofcommerce.com).

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**PETITION AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE**  
Index No. 3048/2016

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Effect of filing: All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this petition are hereby notified that the filing of this petition constitutes the commencement by the Tax District of a proceeding in the court specified in the captioned above to foreclose each of the tax liens therein described by a foreclosure proceeding in rem.

Nature of proceeding: This proceeding

is brought against the real property only and is to foreclose the tax liens described in this petition. No personal judgment will be entered herein for such taxes or other legal charges or any part thereof.

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Right of redemption: Any person having or claiming to have an interest in any such real property and the legal right thereto may on or before said date redeem the same by paying the amount of all such unpaid tax liens thereof, including all interest and penalties and other legal charges which are included in the lien against such real property, computed to and including the date of redemption. Such payments shall be made to the Village of Pleasantville, Tax Office, 80 Wheeler Avenue, Pleasantville, New York 10570. In the event that such taxes are paid by a person other than the record owner of such real property, the person so paying shall be entitled to

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Dated: June 17, 2019  
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LIEN NO.	OWNER OF RECORD	ASSESSED TO (IF DIFFERENT FROM OWNER OF RECORD)	SECTION /BLOCK/LOT	LOCATION	AMOUNT DUE*
2016015	Tome, Agostinho Tome, Angie a/k/a Tome, Maria Angelina	Tome, Agostinho	106.8-1-34	60 Ridgeview Drive	\$4,473.44
2016033	Marino, Franco Marino, Anna	Marino, Franco	99.18-4-33	11 Academy Street	\$5,687.28

\*Amount due as of October 14, 2016. Such amount does not include any subsequent years’ taxes, interest or fees.



# Mt. Kisco Reports Progress on Illegal Units, Code Violations

By Sean Browne

The Village of Mount Kisco which has struggled to stem the proliferation of illegal apartments and code violations over the years, appears to be making progress on the issue.

Last week Building Inspector Peter Miley provided the Village Board with an update on the Mount Kisco Fire Safety Inspection Program, which is now in its third year. His report concluded that the focus on safety has had a positive impact on identifying violations and the ability of the village to work with property owners to remediate unsafe conditions.

The program is an ongoing effort to ensure safe and habitable conditions in all residential and commercial properties throughout the village.

"The board wanted to put together a comprehensive program, to help with safety in a lot of these dwelling units," Miley said.

Most commercial, multifamily and rental residential properties are inspected on an 18-month basis. Many of those properties are on their second or third inspection, according to village officials.

Within Mount Kisco, 693 properties require inspection and more than 1,500 inspections have been conducted since the program was launched. There have been 195 fire inspections and 185 re-inspections completed in multi-dwelling units and 719 fire inspections and 417 re-inspections done for commercial and business properties since the program's inception.

Miley reported that there have been 1,151 violations issued in the past three years.

Violations are issued for properties that have failed safety regulations.

About 12 percent of property owners who have received violations do not comply, according to Miley's report. Those cases are handled through the local courts.

Inspections have also identified properties with use issues and a failure to comply with zoning regulations. These included 134 additional dwelling units, 425 single-room occupancies, 57 basements and 21 attics that were deemed to be afoul of the code.

Many of these spaces have either been eliminated or are in the process of achieving compliance. Miley said 76 percent of residential properties on the village's Landlord Registry are now in compliance or are working to achieve compliance.

Inspectors also discovered several commercial properties that underwent change of use, modified site plans without approval or lacked a certificate of occupancy. About 85 percent of commercial properties that have been issued a violation are now in compliance or the owners are in the process of reaching compliance, he said.

A small number of properties cited for noncompliance regarding use, are undergoing a file review because the owner may have bought the property based on erroneous documentation. Last November, the Village Board created a Building, Fire & Zoning Code Enforcement Policy to provide the Building Department with consistent direction on these situations to create a fair path forward for property owners.

"The public has been very cooperative, the business owners have also been very

cooperative," Miley said. "It's making our job easier. There were some growing pains early on but the community has really come together and it's starting to show."

Mayor Gina Picinich said she was pleased with the progress but acknowledged that more work needs to be done. The goal is 100 percent

compliance, she said.

"When violations are identified, it is incumbent on the village to ensure they are corrected," Picinich said. "Our Building Department will work with property owners to get them there."



## Lightning Strikes

This AAU Lightning seventh-grade basketball team finished in third place during the weekend of July 6-7 at the Girls National Championship in Knoxville, Tenn. The team is based out of the Brewster Sports Center and is coached by Ayo Hart. Team members attend various area schools, including Fox Lane Middle School, H.C. Crittenden Middle School, Rippowam Cisca, St. Patrick's, Sacred Heart, Fairfield and Kent.

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## Obituaries

### James Ford, Helped Create Stone Barns, Dies at 53

James M. Ford, born on Dec. 26, 1965, passed away on June 28 at the age of 53.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Rebeca, and their sons David José and Daniel Luis. He was the beloved son of Laura Ford and brother to Jef, Troy, Brian and Darren Ford and the son of Jonnie Ford. He was also the adored son-in-law of Jose Luis Muñoz Cano and Rebeca Esther Maldonado. He is predeceased by his brother, Derrick, as well as his brother-in-law, Luis Muñoz Cano.

In addition to his numerous nieces, nephews and cousins, Ford also leaves behind a multitude of friends from all over the world who loved him deeply. He was blessed to be part of the wonderful nurturing community of Pocantico Hills and was a dedicated and committed member of the Church of the Magdalene.

Ford attended the United States Military Academy at West Point and served in the Army. Afterwards, he served briefly for Henry Kissinger before being hired by David Rockefeller as his personal assistant. For the next 25 years, they forged a special bond in which James served as his behind-the-scenes security, advance man and confidante. Much of those years included

traveling the world and assisting the great philanthropist and statesman in his work on the world stage.

On a local level, with the backing and support of Mr. Rockefeller and his daughter, Peggy Dulany, Ford set about bringing the right people together to create the Stone Barns Center for Food & Agriculture, as a memorial for Peggy Rockefeller who died in 1996. Stone Barns opened in May 2004 and set the standard for farm-to-table dining. Next to his family, this was one of Ford's proudest accomplishments.

The family of the late David Rockefeller said, "We are shocked and saddened to learn of the tragic loss of James Ford. For more than two decades, James was a treasured family associate, who worked closely and traveled the world with David Rockefeller.

"In his evolving role with Mr. Rockefeller over the years, James contributed mightily to many important projects, among them his pivotal role in the development and management of the Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture. James served as the first executive director of the Stone Barns and was a longtime member of its Board. Today, Stone Barns Center for Food and



James Ford

Agriculture is an internationally-known destination for sustainable farming practices.

"James was a larger than life personality and a valued employee. We send our deepest sympathy to his wonderful family, his wife Rebeca and their two sons, David and Daniel."

Ford was a very generous and loyal friend. Stories abound about how he performed countless kindnesses for others in simple and unheralded ways. He had many well-informed opinions on every topic, developed through his many years working by Mr. Rockefeller's side, as well as from his love of reading about all subjects. His passions were many; first and foremost was being involved in his sons' many activities. He also cherished his time with Rebeca and became a very enthusiastic dance partner. In addition, he always enjoyed Friday afternoon golf with his close friends. A deeply dedicated friend to many, he was unrivaled in his ability to make impromptu, heartfelt toasts in which every person in the room would feel his genuine love for them.

These are just a few of the many special things we will remember about James for the rest of our lives. He will be sorely missed.

Please join us in honoring his legacy through a scholarship fund set up for his sons, David and Daniel, for their long-term support. Check donations only can be sent to The James M. Ford Scholarship Fund, c/o Mr. David Kaliff, 505 Piermont Ave., Piermont, N.Y. 10968.

### Catherine Mante

Catherine F. Mante (nee Mitchell) of Pleasantville and Cape Cod passed away on July 7.

She was 91 years old.

Mante was born in Yonkers on May 11, 1928. She was the daughter of William and Mary (Gore) Mitchell. She was a passionate reader and needle crafter and oved to crochet. She always had several projects ongoing, while reading numerous books to fill her days.

Catherine was raised in Yonkers during the era of trollies and ferries and attended local schools. She went on to become a secretary in New York City. She was a member of the Holy Rosary Society and a parishioner of Holy Innocents Parish in Pleasantville.

Mante met and married her husband of 63 years, Andrew C. Mante, in 1950. They settled in Yonkers to raise their five children. "Dolly" as she was known, returned to work for the Yonkers School System where she was the executive secretary to five district superintendents. Since her retirement in 1992, she enjoyed spending time with her

family and her devoted dogs (Ozzie and Gia) at her homes in Cape Cod and Florida.

Mante leaves behind a large and loving family who will miss her dearly. She is survived by her children, Andrew (Donna), of Longmeadow, Mass., William of Ormond Beach, Fla., Paul (Debbie) of Surfside City, S.C., Carol (Kevin Leonard) of Pleasantville and Peter (Michele) of Palisades, N.Y.; her sister, Sr. Mary Christella, RSM, of Merion, Pa.; 10 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Catherine was predeceased by her husband, her sisters, Marie Anderson and Barbara Mitchell, and her brother, William Mitchell.

Visitation was held on Sunday, July 14 at Beecher Flocks Funeral Home in Pleasantville. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on July 15 at Holy Innocents Church in Pleasantville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Catherine's name to Memorial Sloan Kettering GIVING ([giving.mskcc.org](http://giving.mskcc.org)) or Hospice Care in Westchester and Putnam.

### Joyce Ritell

Joyce Marie (Carney) Ritell, born on Jan. 5 1931, passed away on July 11 at Phelps Memorial Hospital surrounded by family at her bedside.

She was 88.

One of two girls, Ritell was born a Carney on Mace Avenue in the Bronx. She began a career at Equitable Life Insurance, after which she married Henry Ritell. They partnered on a business lasting over 40 years, which Henry and sons still maintain today.

She loved creating and spending memorable moments with family and friends, she enjoyed travel, bowling, playing games and dancing. Literally

attached at the hip, Joyce and Henry danced through life, able to "cut a rug" with the best of the best.

Ritell is survived by her loving husband of 68 adventurous years, Henry Ritell; her five sons; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Visitation for family, friends and others whose lives she touched was on July 14 at Beecher Flocks Funeral Home in Pleasantville to reminisce, grieve and support one another. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on July 15 at St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church in Briarcliff Manor. Entombment followed at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

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# Memorial Plaza Mixed-Use Project Receives Site Plan Approval

By Lindsay Emery

The Pleasantville Planning Commission granted site plan and subdivision approval for the 70 Memorial Plaza mixed-use application last Wednesday, clearing the most significant hurdle before construction of the project.

The new development from applicant Pleasantville Lofts, LLC will be located next to the post office and is slated to have 79 apartments and about 7,700 square feet of ground-floor retail space facing Memorial Plaza. A 150-space parking structure will also be built.

Eight of the 79 townhouse units will be designated as affordable pursuant to the requirements of the village's zoning code for a period of no less than 50 years.

The surveyor has been sent the information about the final plat, which is identical to the last plat, and will also be generating descriptions of the parcels for the village to transfer those parcels, Pleasantville Building Inspector Robert Hughes said.

According to the resolution draft, the applicant must still secure approval from the Pleasantville Village Board to extend the

Central Business Parking Overlay District and to transfer three village-owned parcels to the developer totaling 1,843 square feet. The area proposed for transfer is for a public pedestrian walkway along the Cooley Street property line.

Pleasantville Lofts, LLC must also still receive approvals from the village's Architectural Review Board to reduce the appearance of building mass and the Zoning Board of Appeals to address minor variances in setbacks and to add a fourth three-bedroom unit. The applicant has proposed side yard setbacks of three feet on the south



An artist's rendering of the Pleasantville Lofts project on Memorial Plaza.

## Mt. Pleasant Approves \$2.5M BAN to Pay for Road Repairs

By Sean Browne

The Mount Pleasant Town Board unanimously approved issuing \$2.5 million in Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN) last Tuesday for road repair work throughout town.

Fulgenzi said while the money is not going to solve all of the town's road woes, it will help officials to start tackling the problem.

"We all know that we need a lot of road work done in this town," said Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi. "The amount of money that we budget every year cannot catch up with the damages that are caused by the winters that we have."

Earlier this month the Mount Pleasant Highway Department announced that paving

operations commenced on portions of eight streets last Monday, July 8. Starting this week, the department was scheduled to begin micro-surfacing on four roads –Rolling Hills Road, Halsey Place, Sleepy Hollow Extension and Linda Avenue from Kensico Road to Circular Street.

Paving was also scheduled to commence on four additional roads on Monday: Deerfield Lane North from Old Farm Road South to Laurel Lane; Laurel Lane from Deerfield Lane North to Cecilia Lane; Old Kensico Road from Hickory Lane to the cul-de-sac; and Lakeview Avenue from the Metro-North Railroad to Commerce Street.

Schedules are dependent on the weather. Roadwork in future seasons will be re-

evaluated later this year when the board starts work on the 2020 operating budget.

Councilman Nicholas DiPaolo praised multiple town departments for helping to see the work through.

"I would like to thank the comptroller's office, the highway department and the Town Board for all coming together on this," DiPaolo said. "We have clearly identified the roads as an important issue in our town. So I am glad that we were able to figure out a way to finance this."

DiPaolo assured taxpayers that the borrowed money will not trigger higher taxes. A similar level of debt is scheduled to be retired by the time payments for the BAN must start to be paid.

and 5.67 feet to the west where six feet is required.

A key condition for the application is to convert Cooley Street to two-way traffic connecting to Bedford Road and Manville Road and to make improvements to the village's Cooley Street lot. The improvements are expected to result in the loss of about 15 spaces.

To help offset those parking losses, there will be a shared parking arrangement allowing for public use for a portion of the 150-space parking structure.

The applicant will also need approval of encroachment into the public right-of-way on Memorial Plaza to create two landscaped "bump-outs," if that improvement is desired by the Village Board.

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## Guest Column

### Will Tougher Opioid Rules Really Make an Impact?

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) proposed tighter restrictions on opioid manufacturers to identify potential harms and risks. But many questions still need to be answered.

Despite efforts to curb the opioid epidemic, it remains a devastating issue. The Centers for Disease Control says more than 700,000 people died from a drug overdose from 1999 to 2017 and nearly 130 Americans die each day from an opioid overdose.

Meaningful change is needed – and the FDA may have taken a significant step in the right direction last week when it proposed tighter rules on opioid manufacturers. The proposal puts pressure on manufacturers to identify any characteristics that would mitigate the risks of overdose, abuse or development of addiction. It also offers guidance on the FDA's benefit-risk assessment framework and details how it will compare the effectiveness and safety of new drugs with existing drugs on the market.

The FDA's proposal has some positive aspects but more needs to be hashed out.

**Risk of addiction and overdose.** In the draft, the FDA declares that companies should indicate whether their drugs have novel or greater risks than others on the market, and provide the potential public health implications of their products in terms of risks to non-patients, including members of the patient's household, visiting relatives, friends and others.

This leads to numerous questions: How could the risk be measured? By

potency? Abuse deterrent formulations? The route of administration? What about opioids with multiple mechanisms of action that can potentially affect efficacy, but also affect safety profile/adverse events such as those that exist in Tapentadol or Tramadol?

These work on additional neurotransmitters in addition to opioid receptors to treat pain but can themselves cause unique adverse effects.

**Ongoing evaluation.** The FDA says its benefit-risk evaluation isn't completed when a product is approved; instead it continuously re-evaluates the safety of approved opioid products based on post-market data required from companies. The proposal, however, doesn't mention existing medications that have been and already impacted the market, which is problematic.

If such risk profiles are to be applied to new medications, current opioids such as Oxycontin (Purdue) and Duralgesic patches (Johnson & Johnson) should be scrutinized, too. After all, these medications have affected countless patients leading to lawsuits involving several states.

**Be careful.** Opioids have presented a unique challenge to health care providers. They have great benefits if prescribed



By Dr. Yili Huang

to people who endure legitimate pain, but they can pose significant harm if they are misused or abused.

While tighter rules may be necessary, we should not minimize the many benefits associated with opioids because of potential risks. Statements from drug companies regarding risks should be pre-empted by a disclaimer of benefits in cases such as treatment of acute (postoperative/trauma) pain, pain associated with ongoing cancer, palliative care and hospice, as well as in cases of alternative drug shortages.

Companies should not be de-incentivized to pursue development of medications that treat pain. They should be incentivized to develop safer pain medications.

Patients should always have the right to choose the path of their own health care and our role as health care providers is to educate and inform. If implemented correctly, this new proposal has a chance of accomplishing just that.

*Dr. Yili Huang is a licensed and board-certified pain management anesthesiologist and the founder and director of Phelps Hospital's Pain Management Center. He is also an assistant professor of anesthesiology at the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell.*

### How to Prepare for and Tackle Unexpected College Costs

Smart financial decisions can help your family make good college investment decisions. Unfortunately, unexpected costs throw many families for a loop. To plan realistically, consider the following:

- **Pad Your Budget.** Many college expenses are variable – from fun stuff, like entertainment and trips, to the serious, like books, supplies and other educational fees. Pad your budget in case these costs are larger than anticipated.

- **Look Beyond the Letter.** Those receiving financial aid from their school should look beyond their Expected Family Contribution (EFC). Forty-three percent of parents of college students nationwide report paying more than their EFC, according to a recent survey by College Ave Student Loans and conducted by Barnes & Noble College Insights. The bright side? Of those families that received financial aid award letters, 17 percent appealed, with 58 percent of those parents successful in receiving more aid from the school.

- **Stretch Book Budgets.** The cost of textbooks and supplies often surprise families. While the exact amount is

unpredictable, the College Board reports that the average student spends \$1,240 each year on course materials. Purchasing used, renting or downloading textbooks electronically are all smart strategies for reducing costs.

- **Grow Your Budget.** Families surveyed were nearly split on whether a child helps pay for the cost of college – 49 percent said yes, 51 percent said no. Having a child contribute can teach responsibility and grow your overall budget, whether that contribution comes in the form of a part-time job or a work-study program. Another substantial way a student can help is by reducing or even eliminating housing costs and becoming a resident adviser.

- **Borrow Strategically.** If you need to borrow to pay for college, first take out federal loans in the student's name, which carries special benefits, such as public service forgiveness and income driven repayment options not typically available on private loans. When federal loans in the student's name don't cover you fully, determine whether private student loans or private parent loans may be right for

you and your family. Those from College Ave Student Loans, for example, are available at competitive rates and feature a wide range of repayment options. Its customer-friendly experience – from application through repayment – takes some of the stress out of the equation.

- **Control Loan Costs.** You can reduce the overall cost of a loan by starting to make payments while in school, even if it's only a small amount. To see the impact that various repayment options have on total loan costs, use the student loan calculator available at collegeavestudentloans.com.

"Whether parents are advocating for more financial aid, helping create a budget or helping pay off loans, their support serves as a cornerstone in many student's financial plans," said financial industry veteran Joe DePaulo, CEO and co-founder of College Ave Student Loans. "Being realistic and having a plan can help families face both the expected and unexpected costs of college."

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**SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS**



## July 23 Open House to Address Rezoning of Chappaqua Hamlet

The Town of New Castle will be holding an open house on Tuesday, July 23 where community members can learn about and discuss Chappaqua's new form-based code as officials consider rezoning portions of the hamlet.

There will be two sessions for the open house, which will take place at Town Hall, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

A form-based code is a land development regulation that fosters predictable built results and a high-quality public realm by using physical form, rather than separation of uses, as the organizing principle for the code.

It also offers an alternative to conventional zoning regulation to address the relationship between building facades and the public realm, the form and mass of buildings in relation to one another and the scale and types of streets and blocks.

The regulations and standards in form-based codes are presented in words and clearly drawn diagrams and other visuals. They are keyed to a Regulating Plan that designates the appropriate form and scale

of development, rather than only making distinctions in land-use type.

Ultimately, a form-based code is a tool; the quality of development outcomes depends on the quality and objectives of the community plan that a code implements.

The potential rezoning comes after the town adopted an updated Comprehensive Plan two years ago after a multiyear public outreach process. The plan sets specific goals to preserve the town's bucolic, residential character and its historic resources while promoting new mixed-use development in the hamlets to meet the community's housing needs and to promote thriving commercial and civic spaces.

The plan recognizes that a healthy hamlet in the 21st century is much more than a retail destination, but also a place for community gatherings and civic events, a place where residents can live, congregate and spend their time comfortably and one that is aesthetically pleasing and easy to navigate for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles. It also offers exciting dining and entertainment options.

A need to revitalize the Chappaqua hamlet as a more modern, mixed-use community was acknowledged in the updated plan. Development of a form-based code to address the hamlet is a priority item for the town.

In April, the New Castle Town Board

awarded Kimley-Horn, Torti-Gallas + Partners, RESGroup and Joel Russell, Esq. the Chappaqua Rezoning Project. This project will produce a draft form-based zoning code, a build-out analysis and a Generic Environmental Impact Statement. Work began in May and will continue through the end of the year with consideration of final draft legislation next spring.

To review the updated New Castle Comprehensive Plan, visit <https://plannewcastle.us>. For more information or to pose questions, e-mail [plan@mynewcastle.org](mailto:plan@mynewcastle.org).

### State Comptroller Announces Tax Cap at 2% for Fiscal Year 2020

State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli announced last Thursday that the property tax levy growth for local governments with fiscal years that close on Dec. 31 will be capped at 2 percent for the 2020 fiscal year.

That figure affects the tax cap calculations for all counties, towns, fire districts, 44 cities and 10 villages.

"The allowable levy growth will be 2 percent for the second year in a row, however, mixed economic signals may require local governments to respond to changing financial conditions," DiNapoli said in a statement. "Local officials should be vigilant when crafting their budgets."

The tax cap, which first applied to local governments in 2012, limits tax levy increases to the lesser of the rate of inflation or 2 percent with some exceptions, including a provision that allows municipalities to override the tax cap.

During the 2014 through 2018 fiscal years, municipalities with a fiscal year ending on Dec. 31 had their levy growth capped at less than 2 percent.

For a list of allowable levy growth factors for all local governments, visit: [www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/realprop/pdf/inflation\\_allowablegrowthfactors.pdf](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/realprop/pdf/inflation_allowablegrowthfactors.pdf).

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# Westchester Psychologist Looks to Help Women Overcome Insomnia

By Lindsay Emery

Dr. Shelby Harris wrote most of her new book while her two children either napping or sleeping.

There may not seem to be anything particularly notable but it is ironic because Harris's book is about sleep problems and so many Americans suffer from insomnia or other sleep-related disorders.

Last week on a rainy Thursday evening there were plenty of visitors who descended on Scattered Books in Chappaqua to buy a signed copy of Harris's book, "The Women's Guide to Overcoming Insomnia: Get a Good Night's Sleep Without Relying on Medication."

Harris, a Briarcliff Manor resident and a clinical psychologist with a private practice in White Plains, began writing the book after hearing about how many women talk about sleeplessness. She found that they would mention it to someone fleetingly or wouldn't mention it at all because it is viewed almost as a weakness.

Harris has also noticed that women felt like they had to deal with the problem on their own but now they don't have to suffer in silence.

"Some things are normal when you're going through various hormonal changes and can be treated, some things can't always be treated, but there are things that are modifiable," said Harris, who is also a clinical associate professor at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and is the former director of the Behavioral Sleep Medicine Program at the Sleep-Wake Disorders Center at Montefiore Medical Center.

Women facing insomnia is not just an anecdote. Research has shown that while about one in four Americans report problems with insomnia, 60 percent of women have trouble sleeping.

Harris is seeing younger and younger woman, especially in the age of modern technology. She said sleep is not an on-off switch and certain routines should be followed to help turn our brains off to fall asleep. These strategies may not be easy, but Harris said they work.

In her practice, Harris sees people of all ages for sleep disorders, from babies to the elderly. She specializes in Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT) and also provides anxiety and depression treatment for older adolescents and adults.

In her practice and in her book, Harris focuses on evidence-based sleep treatment

that doesn't rely on medication. In the sleep field, experts have been trying to reduce dependence on medication because there are other effective treatments.

She said many of her patients are either trying to rid themselves of sleep aids or want to avoid starting medication. Harris hopes people realize there are viable options.

"I want people to learn that medication doesn't have to be the only option," Dr. Harris said. "It's one option, but it doesn't have to be the only option."

She explained that many people become fixated on getting eight hours of sleep and worry when they don't have a perfect night of shut-eye.

"We're human," she said. "I don't sleep

perfect every single night, (but) not every night is the same."

In the fall, Harris plans on starting a CBT treatment group for women with insomnia who are going through menopause. The sessions will be a time for them to talk about how they are going through the same experiences and what role hormones play in the sleep that they get to get.

Clinical psychologist Dr. Shelby Harris was at Scattered Books in Chappaqua last Thursday to promote her new book "The Women's Guide to Overcoming Insomnia: Get a Good Night's Sleep Without Relying on Medication."



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# A Day of Fun, Sun and Great Performers Mark P'ville Music Festival

By Martin Wilbur and Lindsay Emery

There was plenty of sunshine and cold drinks, the grounds at Parkway Field were packed and the music flowed all day.

Those ingredients made last Saturday's 15th annual Pleasantville Music Festival one of the most memorable in the event's history.

"This is awesome," said Gary Cramer of Santa Rosa, Calif. who attended the festival for the first time with his girlfriend, Samara Geller, a White Plains native. "It's been a lot of fun. I mean, I'm trying to stay cool, trying to stay out of the heat a little bit. It's been awesome and everything it's been billed to be."

Nine hours of nearly non-stop music covering an assortment of genres, capped by headliner alternative rock band Everclear and preceded by Grammy winners Soul Asylum, and a warm but bearable day made it the place to be. Advance ticket sales were strong, according to organizers, and by mid-afternoon the field in front of the Main Stage was a sea of music lovers.

Not only were the roughly 5,000 spectators excited but the performers fed off their energy. Folk rock/pop guitarist and violinist E'lissa Jones thought when she had been assigned to play in the Chill Tent that it would be a laid-back experience.

"It was so much fun!" Jones said after she completed her 35-minute set. "It was amazing. This was not what I expected when they said a chill tent. I was thinking there was a small little intimate (setting),



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BAILEN was one of six acts that played on the Main Stage.

where there's a couple of chairs and I was like this is lit. The audience was receptive. They were great."

Two acts that rocked the Party Stage were Mickey James with his contemporary rock 'n' roll and The New Respects, a Nashville-based family pop, soul and rock quartet comprised of twins Zandy and Lexi Fitzgerald, playing guitar and bass, respectively, their brother Darius on drums and cousin Jasmine Mullen, the lead vocalist.

A huge throng gathered in front of the stage when both groups were performing. Zandy Fitzgerald said that inspiration and

helping people feel hope, joy and love are their biggest motivators.

"So when we see it happen during a set, it kind of inspires us and it's a cyclical thing so we want to see it again," she said. "From an instrument-wise, Alabama Shakes was a huge inspiration, Michael Jackson's a huge inspiration. Emily King. People that were good at making music that was specific to them but also digestible to the masses."

"The heat was real," added Lexi Fitzgerald. "But just seeing any time we have people stand in like super uncomfortable situations and sing with us and dance with us, it's unreal. It's a good time."

The festival's executive director, Bruce Figler, said during the afternoon that he was pleased with how this year's festival unfolded. The crowd was large and enthusiastic and they were enjoying the music, the weather and the camaraderie.

"The only judge I can see is attendance and how many people are here and they're happy," Figler said. "Every year we have a somewhat different lineup and every year I'm going to roll the dice and see if I got it right. It's not always what I want, it's what's available. It's based upon reality and not imagination."

Pleasantville Mayor Peter Scherer was ecstatic at the turnout and the reaction. He said a good weather forecast in the days leading up to the festival help boost ticket sales, but it was the mood within Parkway Field that made it special.

"So it's really just a wonderful scene,"



Jasmine Mullen, the lead singer for the group The New Respects.

Scherer said. "As you can see, you have a crowd of people around the stage feeling the vibe of the music and enjoying it in a gentle and peaceful way. I've had people say to me 'You know there's something different about what goes on here,' and I think they're right. So that's what keeps us coming back."

The day wasn't only about music but about families. Parents with young children were able to enjoy various kids' activities toward the back of the field, there were arts and crafts vendors and more than 15

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# A Day of Fun, Sun and Great Performers Mark P'ville Music Festival



Dave Pirner of Soul Asylum

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different food vendors with varied cuisine and treats.

Pleasantville resident Tony Delmastro said he has come every year the festival has been held and enjoys the scene regardless of who is performing.

"It's great people, great fun, great food," he said. "It's just a good day to be out, enjoy the weather, enjoy the music. It's fantastic."

Tony Miniaci and Julie Asher of Lyndhurst, N.J. look forward to the festival each year and it no longer matters who is playing. In fact, Miniaci said that he likes sampling the new, young bands because they have their "wide-eyed dreams."

"I buy tickets before they even announce a lineup," Miniaci said. "I like live music and we see over 25 concerts a year. We love live music. Like I said before, I'm in my happy place."



Families brought their children to enjoy the Pleasantville Music Festival last Saturday at Parkway Field.



The Bruce T. Carroll Band played on the Chill Tent Stage.



The drummer for Micky James.



There were plenty of activities to keep kids busy at the festival.



Everclear frontman Art Alexakis



Many festival goers arrived early to set up their tents in Tent City.



Connor Taylor played the guitar for Tales of Joy.



Hector Ares and Tales of Joy performed on the Pamnation Party Stage.



Aimee Mann appeared before headliners Soul Asylum and Everclear on the Main Stage.



Julia Bailen, the lead guitarist for BAILEN.



Bruce Figler, executive director of the Pleasantville Music Festival.



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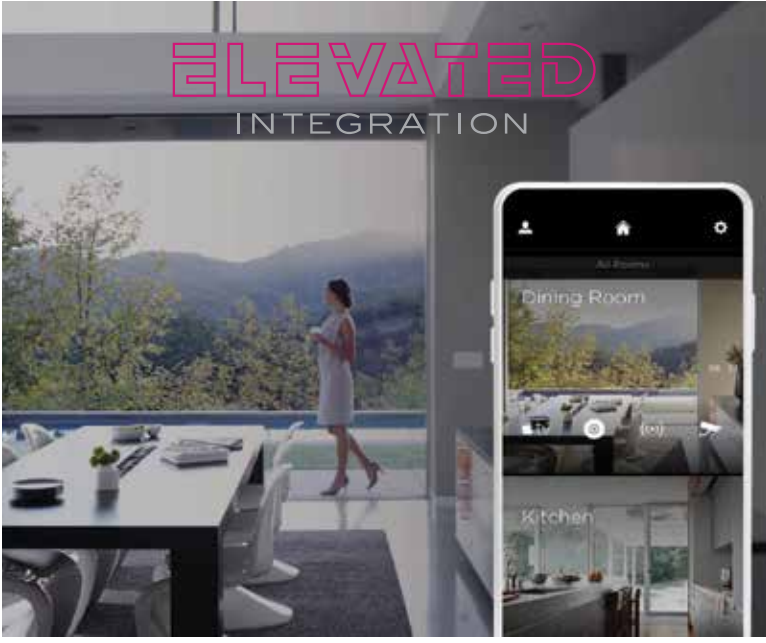
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## When Home Decorating Should Be 'A Matter of Time'

Normally I don't watch television in our living room, although there is one there just in case we want to tune in when our extended family visits. My wife and I prefer viewing in our master bedroom.

We are lucky to live in Trump Park in Yorktown where we decided to downsize from our six-bedroom historic colonial to a two-bedroom condo with all the expected features and services that make life easier. Sometimes that's of benefit.

Not so long ago, having had an operation to remove a painful bunion, I was marooned at home, unable to drive or walk with ease for two months. The first time I was able to limp with crutches to the front desk in the lobby after the procedure, the wonderful concierge, Gina, asked how my recovery was going. Trying to be optimistic, I replied, "I'm getting there."

Her response was almost epiphanic to me: "Well everything is just a matter of time, isn't it?"

That message also applies to home decorating that comes together when we do it ourselves. Whenever I see a model home, I marvel at how a professional



By Bill Primavera

designer can throw together a beautiful living space with so many creative ideas so quickly. Some peoples' minds are just wired that way; obviously mine is not.

I remember years ago when I invited a Good Housekeeping editor to my home. She surveyed my garden and asked how long I had lived at my property. When I responded "20 years," she said, "It shows." It wasn't until another 10 years that I was happy with what I had done there.

I know I'm not alone. When the question "How long did it take for you to decorate your home" is asked online, most people respond "I've been in my house three years and I'm STILL not done." Some will elaborate and share that they enjoy the "process." Another response was "I just kind of bought things here and there, changed them out, changed my mind and now I am starting to fix it exactly how I want it."

My wife's theory is that when a decorator works on a model home, it's easier because the assignment is impersonal.

With our last move, our biggest dilemma

was dealing with too much "soul." All of our belongings, which fit in nearly 4,000 square feet, needed to go to less than half that space. This time around, my wife wanted more open space than we ever had in our antique home. But after six months in our new condo, slowly adding this and that from many things we had previously vowed to sell or give away, we've definitely missed that opportunity.

There was a second problem, one that time helped solve. I had always resisted the idea of having a television in our living room, no matter where we lived. In our old home, we had it only in the master bedroom and a small one in our library. When our whole family visited, we all would pile into the bedroom if we wanted to watch a show together, and my wife always hated that.

She insisted that in our new home there must be a large television installed above the fireplace/mantel that we were having designed and installed by master cabinetmaker Jan Efraimsen of Woodtronics in Yorktown. I had angst about that for months. It was probably the biggest decorating conflict my wife and I had ever had in our long marriage. I have always detested visiting beautifully designed homes costing over a million dollars to find a big "black hole" of a television over the fireplace in a living

room. In a family room, fine.

When Efraimsen's crew arrived to install the magnificent mantel with its gorgeous Carrera marble inset and rich baronial style design, I was inwardly balking at the idea of having the television on top of it. I stayed awake thinking about it. I knew that once the new TV and sound system was installed, I would be stuck looking at that big black screen, center stage, for the rest of my life.

With plenty of pleading, my wife gave me one last stay of execution. We decided to place it on the far side of the room above a bookcase in the corner. Thank goodness it took some months to plan, design and build the cabinetry for my living room because it helped me avoid the bullet of a lifetime eyesore. Once again, time came to my rescue.

Moral of story: It's not such a bad idea to take baby steps with decorating. You may be living with it for a lifetime.

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## The Weekly Feature from Entergy

### *Peanuts Characters Come Alive at Arc Stages This Weekend*

By Martin Wilbur

Who doesn't enjoy Charlie Brown and the rest of the Peanuts gang?

If you're part of the large portion of the population that grew up on Charles Schulz's comic strips or watched the Peanuts' holiday specials over the years, then be at Arc Stages in Pleasantville this weekend.

Its Community Stage has scheduled four performances of the musical comedy "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." Director Whitney Gail Aronson said audience members regardless of age will have a great time.

"What I realize it's about life and relationships and finding your place, and again, happiness is an enduring theme that keeps on coming up again and again," Aronson said.

All of the most popular Peanuts characters will be portrayed by the cast of eight. Many of the actors have appeared with Arc Stages before, including the Community Stage's last production "Avenue Q."

Tommy Leo, who has the role of Charlie Brown, said while there are challenges for an actor to play a child when they are an adult, there are important takeaways from the story. Children will enjoy seeing their favorite Peanuts characters come to life on stage and adults will enjoy it as well.

"I feel like with a lot of kid shows there are a lot of underlying themes and messages, so

they just go over your head as a kid, but as an adult you can really learn so much," Leo said.

Crystal Gonzalez (Lucy) said preparing for the show has been great fun, although the high levels of energy needed to portray a child may be the biggest hurdle for her – if not the hour-and-a-half it took for her to style her hair like her character before a recent rehearsal.

Gonzalez said to prepare for the role she recalled some of the roughly 17,000 of Schulz's comic strips and various television specials from her childhood and laughed at the thought of Lucy pulling back the football.

"There's so much from my childhood reading these comments that I'm bringing in now, how she leans on the piano when talking to Schroeder and how she feels," she said.

It was essential for Aronson to find someone who could play the piano to portray Schroeder, so she tabbed the show's musical director, Adam Spiegel, to be on stage. Although a composer and musician, Spiegel has had a few onstage credits before with other theater companies.

He will bring his Nord Stage 3 electric piano and Arc Stages has built a shell of a full-size piano. There will also be a drummer and bassist to accompany that will accompany him.

The show will also feature a fair amount of dancing despite most of the cast having limited experience. That hasn't presented a problem in rehearsals, said choreographer Emily Staudt.



The cast of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" is ready for four performances this weekend at Arc Stages in Pleasantville.

"The cast has really risen to the level that I asked of them, a lot of things they've never done before," Staudt said. "I think a few of the cast members had done a little bit of tap dancing before. There's a three-minute tap dance number in the show. They're amazing. They're completely crushing it."

Then there is actor Luis Quintero who is cast as Snoopy, perhaps the one adult character on stage during the show. It's the first time Quintero said he has played an animal, although he does have speaking lines; he addresses the audience, not the children.

All cast members said they are looking forward to a weekend of fun for themselves

and the audience.

"It's such a fun show and I think everyone knows about Peanuts in one way or another, whether it's the Christmas special or the comic, so to really bringing these characters to life is so much fun," said Kat Saraceno, who plays Peppermint Patty.

The remaining cast members are Julia Cowitt (Marcie), Charlotte Harter (Sally Brown) and Topher Nuzzo (Linus).

Performances are scheduled for this Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$22 to \$28. For tickets and more information, call 914-747-6206 or visit [www.arcstages.org](http://www.arcstages.org).



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## Tuesday, July 16

**Game Changers.** Play board games with your friends. For children six years old and up. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 to 5 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 will be donated to a battered women's shelter. For all ages. 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.mountkiscoliberalry.org](http://www.mountkiscoliberalry.org).

**DIY Marbled Planets.** Using shaving cream and paint, make your own beautiful marbled planets. For children of 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.

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

**Mount Kisco Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting.** Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkiscoliberalry.org](http://www.mountkiscoliberalry.org).

**Armonk Readers Book Club.** "There There" by Tommy Orange 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).

**Full Moon Wolf Walk.** Celebrate the July full moon with more than 40 moon-loving wolves. While enjoying nature's summer chatter by the outdoor fire pit, guests will enjoy seasonal treats and the symphony of howls. Guests will learn about the history of wolves in the United States, their importance in a healthy ecosystem and the efforts to save these magnificent creatures for future generations. Guests will also take a short moonlit walk to visit ambassador wolves Alawa, Zephyr and Nikai. Please bring flashlights. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 7 p.m. \$20. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit [www.nywolf.org](http://www.nywolf.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, July 17

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

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

**Mother Goose.** Listen to stories and sing along with the librarian for a fun morning. Storytime incorporates picture books that focus on colors, shapes, letters and more. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Every Wednesday. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

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

**Meditation Series: Midday Mind Break.** Benefits of meditation include increasing focus and memory; increased health; reduced stress, anxiety and pain; and increased productivity and happiness. Led by Alka Kaminer. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd., East, Armonk. 12:15 p.m. Free. Also July 24. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**Chair Yoga With Alka Kaminer.** Experience greater flexibility, cardiovascular

endurance and improved balance, strengthening and toning of muscles, better digestion, stress reduction, mental clarity, improved breathing, relaxation and an overall sense of well-being. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1 p.m. Free. Also July 24. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**"Purple Noon."** Alain Delon was at his most impossibly beautiful when this film was released, making him an instant star. This ripe, colorful adaptation of Patricia Highsmith's vicious novel "The Talented Mr. Ripley," directed by the versatile René Clément, stars Delon as Tom Ripley, a duplicitous American charmer in Rome on a mission to bring his privileged, devil-may-care acquaintance Philippe Greenleaf (Maurice Ronet) back to the United States. What initially seems a carefree tale of friendship soon morphs into a thrilling saga of seduction, identity theft and murder. Part of the new monthly film club. Adapted: Page to Screen! Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 1 p.m. Members: \$10. Non-members: \$15. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.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 Group Discussion.** "Amity and Prosperity" by Eliza Griswold, the winner of the 2019 Pulitzer Prize for general nonfiction, 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.mountkiscoliberalry.org](http://www.mountkiscoliberalry.org).

**"Rolling Thunder Revue: A Bob Dylan Story by Martin Scorsese."** A film that captures the troubled spirit of America in 1975 and the joyous music that Dylan performed during the fall of that year. Part documentary, part concert film, part fever dream, it's one-of-a-kind experience from Scorsese. Featuring music by Dylan, Joan Baez, Patti Smith, Bobby Neuwirth, Mick Ronson, Roger McGuinn and Joni Mitchell, alongside new and archival interviews with Sam Shepard, Sharon Stone, Allen Ginsberg and Dylan himself. Part of the Sounds of Summer: Music Films Old and New series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 2 and 7:15 p.m. Members: \$10. Non-members: \$15. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

**Affordable Care Act Navigator.** A trained navigator provided by the county Department of Health will be available to help people with choosing and signing up for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act and the state health marketplace. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 2:30 to 7 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Also Thursdays from 1 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Appointment required. English only on Wednesdays. Appointments available in Spanish on Thursdays and Saturdays. Info and Wednesday appointments: 914-336-6026. Info and Thursday and Saturday appointments: 914-336-6935.

**A Universe of Stories, a Universe of Songs.** Songs and stories about the moon,

sun, stars and planets. We'll also celebrate the heroes of space exploration. For children three to 10 years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 4 to 5 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-769-0548.

**Science Lab.** Become a junior scientist and learn about different science topics through stories, crafts and experiments. A new topic is discussed each week. For children four to six years old. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 to 5 p.m. Free. Also July 24. 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.mountkiscoliberalry.org](http://www.mountkiscoliberalry.org).

**Chess.** Learn the rules of the game, basic openings, various tactics and basic endgame strategies in a supportive and fun learning environment. Recommended for beginner and intermediate players in grades K-12. (Chess sets that meet the United States Chess Federation standards will be provided. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Also July 24. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**Dancing at Dusk.** Take the kids on a trip to the South Pacific through demonstrations of traditional dances in colorful costumes from Tahiti and Hawaii. Come celebrate ancient and modern hulas with Tabu's exuberant music of the ukulele, Tahitian auhuroa, apartima and fast-paced drums of the Otea. Performed by Lei Pasifika. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 5 p.m. Adults: \$16. Children: \$8. 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.

**New Castle 2019 Summer Concert Series: Rebecca Haviland and Whiskey Heart.** This country band performs in the second of six Wednesday evening concerts. Recreation Field, South Greeley Avenue, Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free.

**Art Series: J.M.W. Turner, Part II.** A continuation of a look at Turner's masterpieces with a look at his later watercolors and incredibly nuanced landscapes. Also look at how he moved into a world filled with light and what propelled him to explore the ephemeral qualities of the sky in such amazing detail.

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# Portsmouth: New England's Idyllic Coastal Town

Portsmouth, N.H., founded in 1623, is America's third oldest city. Nestled on the banks of the picturesque Piscataqua River, it's a perfect blend of sophistication, culture and old Yankee tradition with plenty of history and great restaurant.

In 1905, Russia and Japan were at war, so President Theodore Roosevelt choose Portsmouth as the perfect, safe haven for representatives of the two countries to meet and sign a peace treaty. After weeks of tenuous negotiations, they signed the treaty at the Portsmouth Naval Yard.

It's where Paul Revere took his first historic ride and warned Portsmouth that the British were secretly storing arms down river at Fort William and Mary. One night, 400 brave souls surprised the British and made off with all the ammunition. This daring raid was critical to the American Revolution because the ammunition helped defeat the British at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

For a taste of Portsmouth's historical past, visit Strawberry Banke, a 10-acre living museum of 42 preserved 18th century buildings. In the Aldrich House, learn about writer Thomas Bailey Aldrich and how his book, "Story

of a Bad Boy," inspired his friend, Mark Twain, to write "Huckleberry Finn."

There is also the Shapiro House where you'll find Mrs. Shapiro, a Russian-Jewish immigrant making latkes and kreplach, which you can sample. (You probably won't find latkes in Williamsburg, Va.)

You'll love strolling through this New England historical city with its fashionable boutiques, incredible restaurants, cafés, art galleries and antique shops. You'll be astonished by the number of fabulous restaurants. Most have decks where you can eat or have cocktails overlooking the water. Portsmouth is the unequivocal lobster roll capital of America. I've never devoured so many outstanding lobster rolls with overflowing hunks of lobster claw on homemade buns.

My favorite restaurant is the Cava Tapas & Wine Bar, where mouthwatering tapas are prepared before your eyes. Order duck breast with hazelnuts, duck skin, chevre, cherries and Medjool dates stuffed with Manchego cheese and Serrano ham. I loved the Portsmouth Gas Light Co.'s pulled pork nachos – beer braised pork on crispy corn tortilla chips topped with melted pepper jack

cheese, green onions, jalapeños, tomatoes and cilantro. The Salt Kitchen & Bar at the Wentworth by the Sea Hotel & Spa has wood-roasted oysters and prosciutto wrapped Maine scallops, which were delectable.

Portsmouth has live music somewhere every night. The Press Room has jazz nightly and on Tuesday nights is open mic night where you'll be blown away by the performances of local musicians. The city's cultural masterpiece is The Music Hall, a gorgeous nearly 900-seat Victorian theater built in 1878. They have opera, pop music, comedy, theater, dance and appearances by bestselling authors.

For breakfast, head over to Popovers on The Square and devour the mouth-watering popovers, a roll made with egg batter, stuffed with scrambled eggs and bacon.

Portsmouth's waterfront park has free concerts during the summer. Sail on the Gundalow Company's Piscataqua, an authentic replica of the sailing river barges used to transport goods in the 18th and 19th centuries. Make



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For more information, visit [www.portsmouthchamber.org](http://www.portsmouthchamber.org) or [www.goportsmouth.com](http://www.goportsmouth.com).

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**Lucy's Laugh Lounge: Kaitlyn Murphy Fundraiser.** Murphy Murphy and Riley Lassin are co-producing and hosting this fundraiser show. A portion of the proceeds will go to The YellowHammer Fund, which helps supports women in Alabama who are in need of women's health assistance. YellowHammer is also working to help make progressive changes in reproductive rights nationwide. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. \$20. Info and advance tickets: Visit [www.lucyslaughs.com](http://www.lucyslaughs.com). Type in the promo code Examiner at the prompt when buying tickets online.

**Wing Nite for Men Only.** Open to men whose lives have been affected by a spouse or partner going through breast, ovarian or gynecological cancers. Relax and have a night out with the guys. Enjoy good food as well as the company of others who understand how you feel. Travelers Rest, 25 Saw Mill River Rd., Ossining. 7 to 9 p.m. Free. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

## Thursday, July 18

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

**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 every Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: Visit [www.lifelinetheaterinc.org/index.html](http://www.lifelinetheaterinc.org/index.html).

**Toddler Storytime.** Finger plays, action rhymes, songs and stories to encourage an enjoyment of books and to stimulate early listening, learning and speaking skills. Recommended for children one to two-and-a-half years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 10:30 to 11 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday and Thursday. Info: 914-741-0276 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**Bounce the Baby.** Enjoy simple stories, fingerplays and lap-sit songs for early literacy skills. Incorporates board books that focus on singing to, moving with and playing alongside your babies as instructed by the librarian. For children three to 18 months old. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Also July 25. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

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

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

**Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia.** This program offers facts about the impact of Alzheimer's, the difference between dementia and Alzheimer's, disease stages and risk factors, current research and treatments as well as Alzheimer's Association resources. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Free. RSVP required. Info and RSVP: 800-272-3900.

**LEGO Challenge.** Make space-themed LEGO creations like the Mars Rover, space aliens and rocket ships. Open to all ages. Ruth Keeler Memorial Library, 276 Titicus Rd., North Salem. 4 p.m. Free. Also July 25. Info: 914-669-5161 or [www.ruthkeelermemoriallibrary.org](http://www.ruthkeelermemoriallibrary.org).

**Pre-K Storytime With Craft.** North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

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

**DIY Galaxy in a Jar. Create your own stunning galaxy within a mason jar.** 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.

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

**Armonk Chamber of Commerce's Third Thursday.** The second of three Thursdays this summer where merchants offer all-day sales and deals along with music and activities. This month there will be a car show and parade featuring a mix of classic, exotic and supercars, the band Willful Misconduct will perform at Armonk Square and later in the evening the Billy Joel and Neil Diamond tribute band One Stop Pony will perform at Wampus Brook Park. 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 Aug. 15. Info: Visit [www.armonkchamberofcommerce.org](http://www.armonkchamberofcommerce.org).

**"The Best Democracy Money Can Buy."** The Ossining Documentary and Discussion Series will mark the anniversary of American democracy by screening a documentary about attacks on the democratic principle of one person one vote. Rolling Stone investigative reporter Greg Palast goes from Kansas to the Arctic, the Congo and to a swanky Hamptons dinner party held by billionaire hedge-fund manager John Paulson, a Trump donor and economic advisor. He also confronts Kris Kobach about his fraudulent crosscheck voter-purging lists at a Republican Party picnic in Wichita, Kan. This real-life detective story is told in a film noir style with cartoon animations, secret documents, hidden cameras, exposing the darkest plans of the uber-rich to steal America's democracy. Followed by a panel discussion. Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave., Ossining. Seating at 6:15 p.m. Screening at 6:30 p.m. Free. Info: Visit [www.OssiningDocumentaries.org](http://www.OssiningDocumentaries.org).

**Opening Reception for "Cool & Collected."** This exhibit features Mark Bartkiw, Julie Maren, Siobhan McBride, Vicki Sher, Audrey Stone and Kit Warren. The show is an exciting opportunity for the gallery to explore new talent and to introduce a new group of artists to its collectors. The show is curated by Lani Holloway and Kenise Barnes. Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 947 Palmer Ave., Larchmont. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through Sept. 7. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and by appointment. Info: 914-834-8077 or visit [www.kbfa.com](http://www.kbfa.com).

**Milos: Guitar in the Garden.** BBC Music Magazine named Milos as one of the "champions of the classical guitar who have shaped its sound in the last century." He has appeared at almost all major concert halls and festivals around the globe. The program will include works by Bach, Villa-Lobos, Granados, Duplessy, Lennon and McCartney and others. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 7 p.m. Adults: \$30. Children: \$15. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or [www.caramoor.org](http://www.caramoor.org).

**Evening Howl for Adults Only.** Enjoy visiting the wolves during their favorite hour – dusk. Learn about the mythology, biology and ecology of wolves in North America while enjoying a spread of wine and cheese. Guests will take a short sunset hike to howl with Ambassador wolves Atka, Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and potentially behold the center's critically endangered red wolves and Mexican wolves, too. For adults 21 years old and up. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 7 p.m. \$20. Pre-registration required.

Info and pre-registration: Visit [www.nywolf.org](http://www.nywolf.org).

**Summer Concerts in the Park.** The Town of Mount Pleasant will host the third of seven Thursday night concerts. Tonight, Out After Curfew will be performing. Preceded by student opening acts. Carroll Park, James M. Carroll Park, 202 Kensico Rd., Thornwood. 7 p.m. Free. Info: Visit [www.mtpleasantny.com](http://www.mtpleasantny.com).

**"Boyz in the Hood."** This classic of black cinema will be screened to honor the legacy and influence of the late filmmaker John Singleton, who died in April at 51. Singleton's directorial debut follows the formative years of three friends coming of age in South-Central Los Angeles at the height of the crack epidemic and mounting gang violence. Singleton unflinchingly captures the triumphs, tribulations and injustices specific to the black American experience and does so with deep familiarity, palpable rage and an unprecedented humanity. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Members: \$9. Non-members: \$14. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

## Friday, July 19

**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. Also July 26. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

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**Ossining Food Truck Fridays & Concert Series: KJ Denhart.** Ossining continues its summer concert series with an evening of food trucks, craft beer, wine and cider and music. Louis Engel Waterfront Park, 25 Westerly Rd., Ossining. Food trucks at 5 p.m. Music at 7 p.m. Free admission. Info: Visit [www.OssiningChamber.org](http://www.OssiningChamber.org).

**"Much Ado About Nothing."** LawnChair Theatre, Westchester's only traveling Shakespeare company, is back for its 14th season with another classic from The Bard. In partnership with the Rye Arts Center, this comedy is directed by Rachel Schulte. Bring a picnic and your favorite lawn chair or blanket. Rain venue information will be posted on the company's website. Recreation Field, South Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 6:30 p.m. Suggestion donation: Adults--\$20. Seniors and students--\$10. Info: Visit [www.lawnchairtheatre.org](http://www.lawnchairtheatre.org).

**Friday Night Film Series: "Downsizing."** Matt Damon heads the cast of this comedic, poignant, insightful look at contemporary culture and a society that has stretched its resources too thin. Christoph Waltz and Kristin Wiig round out the cast shepherded by director Alexander Payne. This social satire follows one man as he

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# Top Health Hazards to Avoid While Enjoying the Summer

White sandy beaches. Sunrise hikes. The sizzle of the grill.

For many of us, summer means family, fun and adventure. Yet the season can also bring unexpected dangers, from insect bites to heat stroke with potentially serious consequences.

Here I'll explain five summer health hazards medical professionals encounter and how you can avoid them and improve your summer safety.

## Accidents

Sure, the feeling of soft grass or sand between your toes is appealing. However, I see a tremendous increase in cuts and lacerations to feet during the summer months. To protect your feet, always wear shoes when walking outside.

More people hit the road in the summer. Unfortunately, more people on the road means more car accidents. Always wear your seat belt, even in the backseat. Make sure children are

properly secured in car seats.

## Check the Backseat for Children

Did you know that three dozen children are killed each year from being left alone in hot cars? Sometimes busy or exhausted parents either forget they didn't drop off their child as planned or get distracted. Get in the habit of always checking the backseat before leaving your car.

## Heat-related Illnesses

Hot, humid weather leads to an increased risk of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Symptoms of heat exhaustion include excessive sweating, fatigue, foggiess and even fainting. Heat stroke can cause a high body temperature, headache, nausea, red skin that feels hot to the touch and an altered mental state.



By Dr. James Dwyer

To avoid heat-related illnesses, stay hydrated, avoid direct sunlight during hot weather, wear loose clothing and always apply sunscreen.

## Insects

Bugs can lead to bigger problems than a ruined picnic. When it comes to bugs, the biggest danger in the Hudson Valley is tick-borne illnesses. The best-known of these is Lyme disease, symptoms of which include fatigue, joint pain, muscle ache, fever and a distinctive "bull's-eye" rash.

Another tick-borne illness, babesiosis, presents itself like malaria with symptoms that include high fever, anemia and body aches and chills.

To avoid ticks, wear long pants when hiking, tuck the bottoms into your shoes and use insect repellent with DEET. Always check yourself

and children for ticks after outdoor activities. Should you find an engorged tick on your body, a doctor will likely prescribe antibiotics and monitor for symptoms.

## Food-borne Illnesses

Everyone loves an old-fashioned summertime barbecue or picnic. Unfortunately, so do bacteria and other parasites. Increased heat and humidity allow bacteria to grow on food.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture cautions that food that is left out of the refrigerator for more than two hours may not be safe to eat. When the temperature is above 90°F, don't leave food out for more than one hour. Always have a cooler with ice available to store leftover perishables so they don't spoil and become unsafe to eat.

To learn more about Northern Westchester Hospital, visit [nwchc.net](http://nwchc.net)

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# Happenings

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decides his life would drastically improve if he were to follow a new trend and shrink himself down to five inches tall and join a community that lives large in wealth and splendor while it lives small. 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).

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

**A Far Cry.** Self-conducted, thoughtful, and innovative, the 18 members that make up this orchestra presents a program stretching around the globe and across generations. Nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Chamber Music/Small Ensemble Performance in 2015 and 2018, the group has earned a reputation for top-drawer playing and engrossing programming. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 8 p.m. Adults: \$30 to \$62. Children: \$15 to \$62. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or [www.caramoor.org](http://www.caramoor.org).

**"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown."** A musical comedy based on the characters of the Peanuts comic strip. Directed by Whitney Gail Aronson, with musical direction by Adam Spiegel and choreography by Emily Staudt. Arc Stages, 147 Wheeler Ave., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. \$22 to \$28. Also July 20 at 7 p.m. and July 21 at 2 and 7 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-747-6206 or visit [www.arcstages.org](http://www.arcstages.org).

**"Between Me & My Mind."** Following

the critically-acclaimed world premiere at Tribeca Film Festival, this film offers an intimate look inside the mind of legendary Phish guitarist and vocalist Trey Anastasio. A few minutes into this private and personal film, it is clear Anastasio is exploding with his unique brand of songwriting and creativity. As the front man of one of America's longest lasting and most successful touring bands – with a lucrative solo career as well – Anastasio's virtuosic musicianship has made him an icon. Beloved by his die-hard fan base for the depth of his artistic output and the boundless enthusiasm that he exudes on stage and off. Part of the Sounds of Summer: Music Films Old and New series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 9:15 p.m. Members: \$10. Non-members: \$15. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

## Saturday, July 20

**Pleasantville Farmers Market.** Experience the largest, year-round farmers market in Westchester, voted "Best of Westchester" six years in a row from 2014 to 2019, with over 50 vendors and eight nearby parking lots. This week, there's an arts and crafts event with The Nemecs from 9:30 to 11 a.m., the music series pop and rock music by Downtown Saturn from 10 a.m. to noon and lead sponsor Phelps Hospital Northwell Health will visit from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 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).

**Coffee with Wolves.** Enjoy your 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 visitors should remain quiet and subdued, as this is a peaceful, private moment for all involved. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 9 a.m. \$12. Also July 28. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit [www.nywolf.org](http://www.nywolf.org).

**Zumba Fitness.** Achieve long-term benefits while having a blast in one exciting hour of calorie-burning, body-energizing, awe-inspiring movements meant to engage and captivate for life. For all fitness levels. Dance Emotions, 75 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 10 a.m. Every Monday and Wednesday at 9 a.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. Drop in or weekly discount rates available. Info: Contact Peggy at 914 960-4097.

**Herb Garden Days.** The New York unit of the Herb Society of America is revamping its traditional Herb Fair for 2019 at John Jay Homestead. Instead of having the traditional fair in September, this year's event is a series of Herb Garden days, coinciding with the Saturday farmers market. The theme herb for this month's event is lemon. Visitors will learn about every aspect of this popular herb and be inspired by its many uses and benefits. Herb Society member Wendy Podell is leading a children's activity for the day, making a bird of clay using sage as feathers. John Jay Homestead, 400 Jay St. (Route 22),

Katonah. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free admission. The third Saturday of each month through September. Info: E-mail [hersocietyny@gmail.com](mailto:hersocietyny@gmail.com).

**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 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.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 July 27 and 28 at 2 p.m. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit [www.nywolf.org](http://www.nywolf.org).

**Drawing Class With Joseph Frank.** Drawing for children five to eight years old. The themes surrounding these activities will relate to celestial space and astronomy. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 11 a.m. to noon. Free. Also July 27. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-273-3887, then press 4.

**Adult Salsa Class.** Addie-Tude Performing Arts Center, 42 Memorial Plaza

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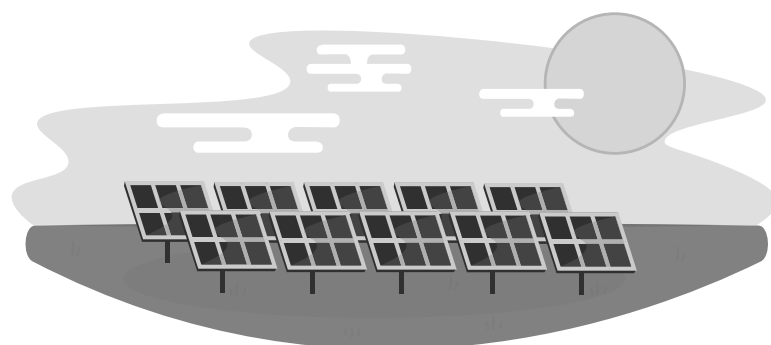
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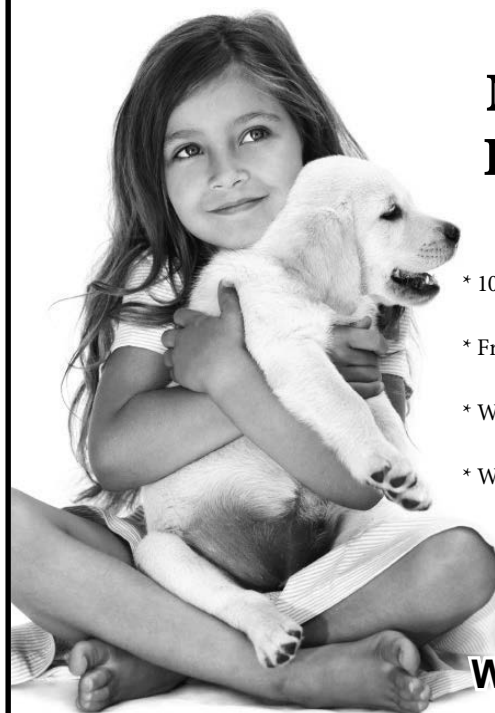


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## Mercy College Seeking Qualified Vets for Math Education Program

Dr. William Farber, director of the Veterans to Math Teachers Program (MeirPro) and associate professor of mathematics education at Mercy College, has a mission. He needs to find 10 U.S. military veterans interested in teaching secondary school-level mathematics for tuition free scholarships for an advanced degree at Mercy College.

Mercy College has been awarded a major grant of \$1.16 million from the National Science Foundation (NSF) Teacher Scholarship Program. The grant is for a project to advance mathematics education, with a particular emphasis on United States military veteran retraining for new careers as secondary mathematics teachers.

The NSF funding is earmarked for 10 veterans to complete a master's degree in mathematics education. The potential students need to be identified by May 2020.

"As a veteran of the United States Navy who transitioned to teaching mathematics, I believe in the reciprocal

strengths that veterans bring to the profession and that teaching brings to veterans' lives," Farber said. "I am convinced that these mature men and women will provide qualities of leadership, strength and teamwork to the profession, improve capacity building in their schools and act as professional and personal role models for secondary school students."

If you are a veteran who already has earned a bachelor's degree and have earned at least 21 to 24 credits in mathematics, a master of science in math education, you can qualify for a career as a secondary math teacher, which can lead to state certification. A GPA of 3.0 is also required.

The program runs from May 27, 2020 to Aug. 3, 2021.

The full scholarship is \$32,800 for 36 graduate credits and includes 140 days of clinical internship at a Yonkers secondary school.

For more information or to apply, contact Professor William Farber at 914-674-7675 or e-mail wfarber@mercy.edu.

## More Than 300 Students Awarded for Successful School Year at Playland

County Executive George Latimer commended students from across Westchester last Tuesday for their hard work and dedication during the school year with a ceremony at Playland Park.

The Do Well, Play Well Program, which is spearheaded by the Westchester County Youth Bureau, recognizes students who have attained high academic performance, excellent attendance or initiated significant improvements in their school community during the 2018-19 academic year. Youth who met the program's criteria were presented with a free season pass to Playland and a certificate acknowledging their academic performance.

The program has doubled in size, attracting more than 300 youths who achieved a final GPA of at least 3.5; a letter from the student's principal or guidance counselor indicating that the applicant improved attendance from the beginning to the end of the school year; or a recommendation from the student's principal or guidance counselor indicating a unique circumstance where a student made significant improvements in their academics or behavior in school or community.

"The Do Well-Play Well initiative confirms that small gestures, such as the offering of a free season pass to Playland, may have greater impact on youth morale and agency," said Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden, executive director of the Westchester County Youth Bureau. "By



County Executive George Latimer with Westlake High School sophomore Kathleen Bennett, center, and Westlake senior Julia Behring, two of the students who were awarded free passes for the summer at Playland.

encouraging young people to perform well academically and socially, Westchester County will benefit from the future generation of motivated and scholastically sound leaders."

The free season pass to Playland includes free admission to the park and unlimited rides.

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(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.

**Jazz Festival.** Celebrating its fifth year in collaboration with Jazz at Lincoln Center, Caramoor's Jazz Festival is a highly anticipated highlight of the summer with jazz performed by phenomenal talent amid lush gardens and distinctive venues. Stay for an entire day of music leading up to the evening headliner – 10-time Grammy Award-winner Eddie Palmieri, one of the finest pianists of the past 60 years and recognized as a true American musical icon. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. Music begins at noon. Full festival: Adults--\$40 to \$78. Children--\$20 to \$78. Day only: Adults--\$30. Children--\$15. (Tickets are \$5 more if bought on the day of the festival.) Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit [www.caramoor.org](http://www.caramoor.org).

**Painting Class With Joseph Frank.** Painting for children eight to 11 years old. The themes surrounding these activities will relate to celestial space and astronomy. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Free. Also July 27. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-273-3887, then press 4.

**Opening Reception for "Reflections."** An alluring odyssey in landscape, still life and seascape images. Artist Jarvis Wilcox and

sculptor Edward Walsh realize the poetry of our present world, creating impressionistic images that animate our transient quests. As a student of Goya and Velasquez, Wilcox revels in the density of rich colors, applying layers of oil paint in dynamic patterns. Shimmering seas, vary from the peaceful to the monumental imposing compositions of unavoidable density of the paint upon canvas. Walsh experiences vivid impressionism that he translates in dense mediums manipulated in volume, shape and line suggesting both human and animal forms that excite the imagination. Curated by Audrey Leeds. The Art Gallery at the Rockefeller State Park Preserve, 125 Phelps Way, Pleasantville. 1 to 3 p.m. Free. Parking: \$6. Exhibit continues through Sept. 8. Gallery hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every day. Info: 914-631-1470

**Shadowbox Sculptures.** Using reclaimed objects found in various places in New York City, explore storytelling through shadowbox sculptures. The story you choose to tell can be personal, political or spiritual, whatever you feel comfortable sharing. Students are encouraged to bring in objects of their choosing, be it photographs, letters or whatever you wish to use for your piece. Pelham Art Center, 155 Fifth Ave., Pelham. 1 to 5 p.m. Members: \$79. Non-members: \$88. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-738-2525 or visit [www.pelhamartcenter.org](http://www.pelhamartcenter.org).

**"Apollo 11"** 50th Anniversary Movie. A screening of the brand-new documentary "Apollo 11," in commemoration of the 50th

anniversary of the moon landing. Rated G. Light refreshments will be served. All ages. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1:30 to 3 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkiscopubliclibrary.org](http://www.mountkiscopubliclibrary.org).

**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 July 21 and 28 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).

**Eaglemania.** The world's best Eagles tribute band has evolved into a nationally touring tribute. Their music appeals to a wide variety of age groups, and the combination of heartfelt ballads, rock anthems laden with guitar harmonies and the unmistakable sound of vocal harmonies as only the Eagles can do. Eaglemania performs all of the hits of the Eagles as well as Don Henley, Glen Frey and Joe Walsh's solo albums. Their attention to detail and their ability to accurately reproduce the sound of the Eagles leaving their fans with an experience that they do not soon forget. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$28, \$33 and \$38. Info and

tickets: Visit [www.tarrytownmusicall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusicall.org).

**Stand-Up With Story: Can I Tell U Something?** Standup comic and Pleasantville native Alyssa Sequoia brings the funny to Westchester in the next installment of her monthly series. After being diagnosed with a rare form of Crohn's disease, Sequoia spent years in and out of hospitals trying all the prescribed medications, she found herself no better off as she set out on a quest to reclaim her health. She draws on her experiences as part of the show. Joining Sequoia will be fellow female comics Karen Krents, who has appeared on "Saturday Night Live," who also produces a monthly show in New Jersey, Heather Candella, a regular on the metropolitan area comedy scene, and Rebecca Cadiz. The Hudson Valley Writers Center, 300 Riverside Drive, Sleepy Hollow. 5 p.m. \$10. Info and tickets: Visit [www.alyssa360.com](http://www.alyssa360.com).

### Sunday, July 21

**Downtown Thunder.** The Mount Kisco Lions will hold this annual charity motorcycle ride benefitting Guiding Eyes for the Blind. Includes a police-escorted ride through the scenic Hudson Valley, all-you-can-eat barbecue, ice cold drinks, music, free raffles, merchandise and novelty vendors and Nick's ice cream truck. Registration is at Mount Kisco Village Hall, 104 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. Post-ride festivities and picnic at Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester, 351 E.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF FORMATION AUTHENTIKA LLC:** Application for Authority filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/29/2019. Office location: WESTCHESTER County. LLC formed in Delaware on 03252019. SSNY has been designated as an 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 LLC served upon him/her is 399 West Street, Harrison NY 10528. The principal business address of the LLC is 1214 West Boston Post Road #125, Mamaroneck, NY 10528. Delaware address of LLC is 16192 Coastal Highway, Lewes, Delaware 19958-2677. Certificate of LLC filed with Secretary of State of Delaware located at 401 Federal Street,

Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF GOLAB 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 FORMATION OF CAMEO 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. SSNY shall mail process to **Came o Home Inspections LLC, 2 Ann Place, Valhalla, NY, 10595. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DAYTON LLC.** Arts of Org. filed with Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/30/2019. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served, SSNY shall mail process to: David B. Petshaft, P.C., 222 Bloomingdale Rd. Suite 116, White Plains, New York 10605. Purpose: any lawful activity.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE,** the Putnam Valley Town Board will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 6:00 pm. to hear comments on a proposed local law to remove the moratorium on establishing Improvement Districts. **IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING** the Putnam Valley Town Board will be conducting the regular work session Town Board Meeting. **BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD** Sherry Howard Town Clerk Dated: 07-11-2019

**NOTICE 7/2019** Please be advised that the next meeting of the **Putnam Valley Planning Board** will be held at **Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road on Monday July 22, 2019** for the purpose of considering the following applications:  
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Focused on building community and celebrating Westchester's towns, cities and villages, Playland this summer is hosting Town Days every Tuesday through Friday through Aug. 30.

Town Days started last Tuesday and continue each day alphabetically. Local communities and their corresponding days include Mount Kisco Day on Thursday, July 25; Mount Pleasant Day (which includes Pleasantville) on Friday, July 26; New Castle Day on Wednesday, July 31; and North Castle Day on Friday, Aug. 2.

On their designated day, residents of that community can stop in at the administration building near the park's Fountain Plaza to receive a coupon sheet of discounts that include one free mini golf entry, one two-for-one ride admission, one free beach or pool admission and \$1 off one food value meal at Nathan's, Smash 'n' Shake or Pizza Village.

There is also a \$5 discount for parking for a return visit to the park during the 2019 season.

Each municipality is also being invited to display booths of information and showcase what makes it a unique and great place to live. Towns will get a 10-foot by 10-foot area in Fountain Plaza for no charge. Limited tables and chairs are available but it is suggested that town personnel or vendor that is there on a town's behalf bring their own. If a pop-up tent is used, it must be weighted. Also, Playland must be notified in advance and receive approval regarding what the vendor would like to bring. No solicitation, sales or consumables will be allowed.

A permit will be required and set-up is required at least 30 minutes prior to the park opening.

For more information, call Playland at 914-813-7016 or visit [www.playlandpark.org](http://www.playlandpark.org).

## County Airport to Receive \$14.8M in Federal Money for Runway Upgrade

Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-Harrison) announced last Thursday that more than \$14.8 million in federal money has been appropriated to repave and improve the safety of the Westchester County Airport runway.

The funding is in addition to the \$4 million provided in May through the U.S. Department of Transportation. The money will be used to rehabilitate 4,857 feet of Westchester County Airport's runway, which was last repaved in 1998.

Other work includes the installation of replacement identifier lights, the reconstruction of the existing taxiway lighting system and the replacement of supplemental wind cones and precision approach path indicators.

"These two recent federal grants for Westchester County Airport totaling

almost \$20 million help relieve a fiscal burden on the county and have a real impact on the residents of the Lower Hudson Valley," Lowey said. "As chairwoman of the House Appropriations Committee, I will continue working to protect and improve critical transportation infrastructure across our country and in the Lower Hudson Valley to ensure safety and grow our economy."

County Executive George Latimer thanked Lowey for the money to pay for the improvements.

"The repaving of the runway is needed as 4,000-plus feet of runway continues to age," he said. "Our priority is safety and making sure that the airport facilities are always in top working order. This work will also bring many good paying jobs to Westchester."

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Main St., Mount Kisco. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Ride at 10 a.m. Picnic at noon. \$25 per rider. \$40 for rider and passenger. Pre-registration available. Info and pre-registration: Contact Bob Scop at 914-760-0014.

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

**Feeding Fun.** It's mealtime and see what's on the menu for the animals and learn how the critters are kept healthy. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: Free. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

**Arab-American Heritage Festival.** Music, entertainment, crafts and food vendors. Ridge Road Park, 287 Ridge Rd., Hartsdale. 1 to 7 p.m. Free admission. Info: 914-864-PARK or visit [parks.westchestergov.com](http://parks.westchestergov.com).

**Tennessee Williams Revisited.** A staged reading of the little-known poems of one of America's greatest writers with narratives describing the theater connections and personal experiences of the actor/performer Miller Lide. 3 Owens Rd., North Salem. 3 p.m. \$25. Info and tickets: 914-277-8477 or visit [www.schoolhousetheater.org](http://www.schoolhousetheater.org).

**Chamber Feast.** Featuring a host of alumni from Caramoor's mentoring programs. Pianist Andrew Tyson and violist Dimitri Murrath, both Evnin Rising Star alumni, and Ernst Stiefel String Quartet-in-Residence the Aizuri Quartet (whose violist and cellist were also Evnin Rising Stars) will be featured in a program of Brahms, Mozart and Caroline Shaw's "Blueprint." Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 4 p.m. Adults: \$30 to \$57. Garden listening: \$10. Children: Free. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or [www.caramoor.org](http://www.caramoor.org).

### Monday, July 22

**Master Networker Meeting.** Join this high-energy interactive membership network of learning-based, service-oriented entrepreneurs and business leaders. Come be a guest any Wednesday to learn more about this world-class business training and referral program. 719 Bedford Rd., Bedford Hills (next to ShopRite). 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday. RSVP suggested. Info and RSVP: Contact Tina Campbell at 914-441-1383 or e-mail [tinacampbell@masternetworks.net](mailto:tinacampbell@masternetworks.net) or drop in.

**Mommy and Toddler Yoga.** Stretch and shine with your toddler during this playful introduction to yoga using games, songs, stories and more. For children one to four years old. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday. Info: 914-273-3887.

**Here We Are Together: Story Time for Children.** From newborns to school-age children, with a parent or caregiver. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Free. Every Monday. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkiscoliberalry.org](http://www.mountkiscoliberalry.org).

**"Parallel Love: The Story of a Band Called Luxury."** What happens to a rock 'n' roll band when three-fifths of its members become Eastern Orthodox priests? That's what Luxury, a band from Athens, Ga., had to deal with after a devastating auto wreck they suffered on tour in 1995 while just on the cusp of success. Best described as The Smiths-meet-Fugazi, Luxury's hyperarticulate musicians tell their poignant story – and play their soaring melodies on top of wild post-punk instrumentation – in this vibrant, gripping film. Part of the Sounds of Summer: Music Films Old and New series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Members: \$10. Non-members: \$15. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

**The Nature of Things.** See and touch exotic animals up close. Learn about endangered species and conservation hands-on. The Nature of Things is an environmental outreach program that presents quality live animal presentations. For children four years old and up. Ruth Keeler Memorial Library, 276 Titicus Rd., North Salem. 4 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-669-5161.

**Camp Crafts.** Join in for some classic summer fun. For children six years old and up. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 to 5 p.m. Free. Every Monday. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**Expand Your Universe Art Workshop.** Various medium will be used to create projects that will encourage imagination while having fun learning about paint and colors. Different surfaces and experimenting with art tools will be tried to see what the results might be. This week, wax pictures will be made. Wear old clothes or a smock. For children five years old and up. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Monday through August there will be a different medium used to create projects. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

**Pajama Storytime.** Come and hear stories at the library in your pajamas. Bring your favorite soft cuddle buddy or a pillow. Feel free to bring a small, light snack. All ages. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. Free. Every Monday. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**Belly Dancing.** Learn this captivating Middle Eastern dance and enrich your cultural knowledge. Whether you want to dance professionally or just have fun and get in shape, this is the place to start. Josie's International School of Dance, 42 Memorial Plaza, Level B, Pleasantville. 7 p.m. \$20.

Every Monday. Info: 914-332-8670 or visit [www.josiedance.com](http://www.josiedance.com).

**Author Talk.** "Heartbeat: How I Grew From Victim to Survivor" by Michael Dymant will be discussed. Dymant survived two life-threatening cardiac surgeries, emerging healthy in both body and spirit. An investment banker, he now volunteers to support other patients undergoing similar experiences. New Castle Town Hall, 200 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or [www.chappaqualibrary.org](http://www.chappaqualibrary.org).

**Open Mic Comedy.** This is where the comedians come out to work on new jokes, change old jokes or just experiment with words that they just learned. This is not a traditional comedy show. The performers can say and do whatever they want, and we believe in giving the artists a space that they can be bold, creative, daring, insulting and controversial if they choose. No waiter or bar service in the showroom. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. Sign up at 7 p.m. Show at 7:30 p.m. Free. Every Monday. Info: Visit [www.lucysloughlounge.com](http://www.lucysloughlounge.com).

### Tuesday, July 23

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

**Sign and Play With Chloe.** A fun, musical, early communication program for children and caregivers to enjoy together. Based on the award-winning Baby Signing Time series, this class uses songs and games to help families learn to communicate using real signs from American Sign Language. Taught Chloe from Chloe's Kids, a certified instructor and professional children's entertainer. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

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**Regular Meeting Start Time: 6:00pm**  
**AGENDA PUBLIC HEARING** The following public hearings have been scheduled for July 22, 2019 at 6:00PM (or as soon thereafter as agenda conditions permit) at the Putnam Valley Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, New York, 10579. All interested parties are invited to attend and will be heard. A copy of the application materials and plans may be inspected during normal business hours at the office of the Planning Board Clerk, Town of Putnam Valley Town Hall. **1. Bellamy, Jody- Watson Way (TM#51.19-1-1 & 2/File2019-0196)** The subject property consist of + 1.68 acres of land and is located on Watson Way and within the R-3 Zoning District. The applicant is Proposing to construct a single family residence, with well and septic system. A Site Development Plan and Major Grading Permit is required. **SKETCH 2. Orentreich, David, 855 Route 301 (TM#39.1-9/File 2019-0189)** The subject property consists of + 73.94 acres of land and is located on 855 Route 301 and within the PC Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to construct a 2,200 sq.ft. improvement to be utilized for equipment storage. Amended Site Plan approval and Major Grading Permit are required. **3. Lamanna Residence- 39 Roberts Drive (TM#85.5-1-37/File2019-0194)** The subject property consist of + 1.0

acres of land and is located on 39 Roberts Drive and within the R-1 Zoning District. The applicant is seeking an Amended Site Plan for deviating from previously approved Site Plan and increasing the paved driveway area. **DISCUSSION 4. Filho Residence, - 135 Bell Hollow Road (TM# 51.1-4/ File: 2019-0190)** The subject property consists of + 19.2acres of land and is located on 135 Bell Hollow Road and within the R-3 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to construct a swimming pool, terrace and outdoor kitchen. A Site Development Plan, Major Grading and Wetland Permit is required **MINOR SITE CHANGE 5. Cerar, John- 38 Butterfly Lane (TM#74.14-1-22/File2017-0163)** **6. Soloviev, Stacey- 52 Chapman Road (TM# 61.1-8/File 2015-0137)** **EXTENSION 7. Orentreich, David- 855 Route 301 (TM# 39.1-9/File 2018-0181)** **APPROVAL OF MINUTES 8. Approve Minutes of June 17, 2019**

**Town of Putnam Valley Town Board Meeting July 17, 2019 6 PM** 1. Pledge of Allegiance 2. Departmental Reports and presentation by Town Historian, Dan Ricci. 3. Supervisor's Comments 4. Legislative Reports 5. School Report 6. Set public hearing for De-Icer law. 7. Authorize Supervisor to sign a contract with Fireworks Extravaganza for Town Day fireworks display. 8. Authorize Supervisor to sign municipal advisor service

agreement with Sage Municipal Advisors, LLC. **Highway 9. Driveway Opening Permit for Bellamy. Parks & Recreation 10. Personnel changes. 11. Refunds Building Department 12. Daily Fee Report 13. Budget Amendments and Transfers 14. Public Comment 15. Audit of bills**

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# A Concise History of Champagne and its Bubbles. How? When? Who?



By Nick Antonaccio

Ah, Champagne... Historically referred to as the wine of kings and the king of wines, Champagne has a storied and checkered past, often as much by happenstance as by astute winemaking. It has become a

fabled, preferred beverage for special, celebratory occasions as a symbol of good fortune and happiness. More recently, chefs, sommeliers and gourmards alike have recognized its exceptional pairing abilities with most food groups.

The history of the Champagne region is replete with tales of regal royal dinners and nights of debauchery – all attributable to the allure (and alcohol content) of Champagne. Even in war, Champagne was held in high regard and copious amounts were consumed. When Napoleon reigned as the emperor of France, he was obsessed with Champagne.

"I drink Champagne when I win, to celebrate; and I drink Champagne when I lose, to console myself."

Often overlooked or shrouded in intrigue, the historical backdrop to its

popularity is worthy of mention.

The Romans traveled through this region in northeastern France, east of Paris, before the time of Christ. In their wake they left a thriving still wine industry that continued for centuries as a major source of wine to Parisian citizens. Its proximity to Paris, and England, provided an advantage over other French wine regions, in spite of the fact that regions such as Burgundy produced higher quality wines.

The birth of the French nation in the fifth century was celebrated in the heart of Champagne – the Reims Cathedral. The region flourished as a still wine producer for centuries. The Parisians and the British buoyed its financial success into the 17th century.

However, the wines were not of high quality, but rather of high alcohol and great quantity – for a number of reasons.

The northern climate was not conducive to warm weather or long growing seasons. Hence the wines were thin and

austere. Worse, after the grapes were harvested and fermented, the early onset of winter prematurely halted the full fermentation of the wines, leaving residual sugar and yeast when the wines were subsequently bottled. By the time these partially fermented wines were sold into the retail market, the weather had warmed and triggered a second fermentation,

creating an effervescence that dismayed the French producers and their customers. After all, their goal was to produce still wines.

But not the British customers. Distributors purchased barrels of the still wines to defray costs and bottled the wines themselves for onward sale to consumers, adding sugar to enhance the taste. British nobility and royalty developed an affinity for the sweet, bubbly style. But the wines were inconsistent at best. Worse, the built-up pressure in the bottles caused many to explode.

Enter Christopher Merret, a British scientist. In 1662, he posited that the natural (and added) sugars in the partially fermented bottles created the carbon dioxide-induced bubbles. The British began experimenting with methods to improve the wines during bottling. It is believed the British distributors were producing the modern-day version (Méthode Champenois) shortly thereafter.

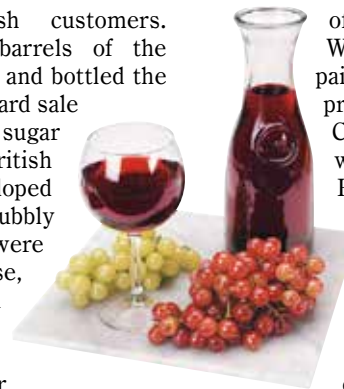
At this time, back in Champagne, a Benedictine monk had been tasked with finding a way of improving the still wines being produced by his monastery. After numerous attempts to improve the poor quality and remove the bubbles, he gave up. Instead, the monk, Dom Pérignon, decided to cater to the British desire for the intentional bubbly style. Using the techniques he had developed to reduce

the bubbles, he created a superior bubbly product, which was very successful and later emulated.

Therein lies the irony of modern Champagne. While Dom Pérignon was painstakingly seeking to prevent the bubbles in Champagne, the British were busy enhancing them. Rather than being the widely believed father of the Champagne style, the good monk was rather the father of the refinement of Champagne.

Since the breakthroughs of the British and the French in the 17th century, Champagne's popularity has continued to grow in sales and esteem. Today, more than 300 million bottles are produced annually, receiving high accolades for their quality, complexity and finesse. A far cry from its feeble beginnings.

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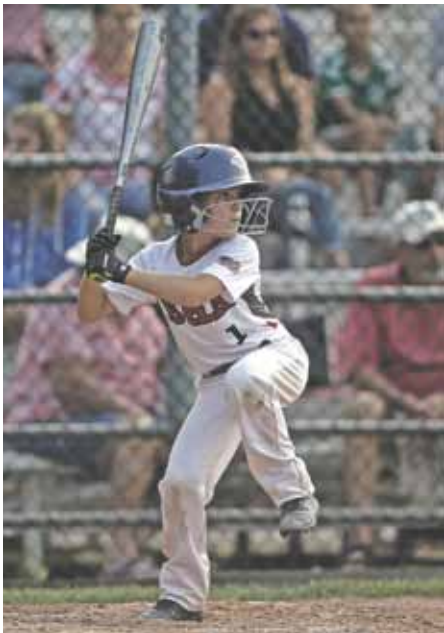
Joseph Lombardo of Bedford Hills/Katonah delivers a pitch in last Wednesday evening's 6-2 home win over Bedford/Pound Ridge.



Shortstop Vincenzo Valvano tries to make a tag at second base in the victory over the visiting Bedford/Pound Ridge Lightning.



Brendan Asta gets set to run the bases in the Bedford Hills/Katonah win over the Lightning.



Bedford Hills/Katonah batter Antonio Cambareri is poised to hit the ball a long way.



Gio DiLeo keeps his eyes on the ball as he bats for the Bedford Hills/Katonah 10U team, now unbeaten in 10 games this summer.



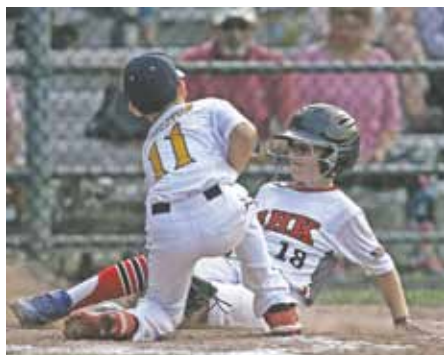
Second baseman Antonio Cambareri stays ready in the BHK infield during last Wednesday's win.



Bedford Hills/Katonah infielder Colin Isabella throws to first base for an out during last week's home game.



BHK's Colin Isabella follows the flight of his foul ball down the first-base line.



BHK's Joseph Lombardo slides home with another run in the 6-2 victory last Wednesday night.

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Staten Island starting pitcher Anderson Munoz fires to the plate in Friday night's game at Dutchess Stadium.



Staten Island first baseman Spencer Henson fields a pickoff throw as Hudson Valley's Garrett Hiott dives back to the bag in the Renegades' 16-4 victory on Friday night.



Jordyn Muffley of the Hudson Valley Renegades grounds out to end the first inning on Friday night.



The Renegades' Nick Sogard rounds the bases in the 16-4 rout of Staten Island that completed a three-game sweep at Dutchess Stadium.



Yankee infielder Ezequiel Duran throws to first to complete a double play in the fifth inning long before the Renegades' Jordyn Muffley arrives at second base.



The Yankees' Luis Santos grounds out to third in the second inning vs. Hudson Valley.



Andres Chaparro of the Staten Island Yankees blasts a home run over the fence in left field in the first inning of Friday's game.



The Renegades' Garrett Hiott scampers to third base in the first inning of their 16-4 win over Staten Island.



The Renegades' Joe LaSorsa came on in relief and earned his third win of the season, yielding just one run in four innings of work.



The Yankees' Spencer Henson launches a homer to dead center field in the top of the first inning against the host Renegades.



Renegades third baseman Luis Arcendo settles under a pop fly in foul territory vs. the Yankees.

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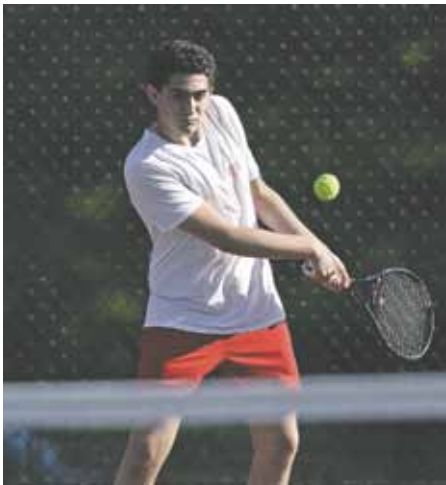
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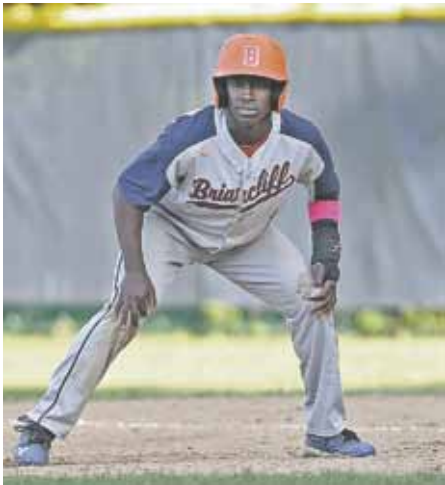




The Bears' Ashley Sutton awaits a pitch as she bats in a Briarcliff home game.



David Levitt, playing first singles for the Bears, concentrates on a backhand return in a home match late in the season.



Speedster Jason Oppong takes a lead off of first base in a late-season game at Westlake.

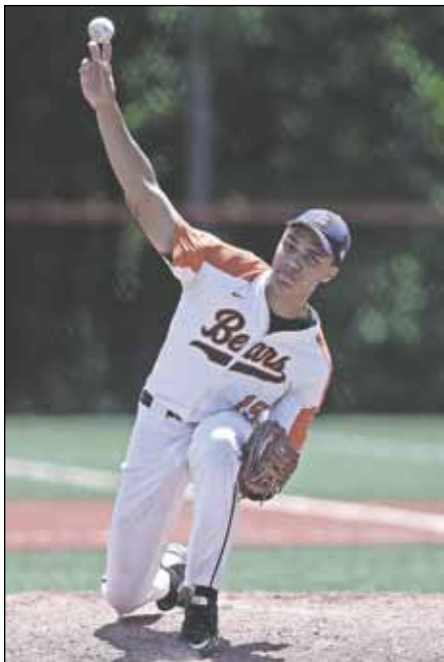


Lauren Rogers competes in the 1500 at the league championships.

# BRIARCLIFF

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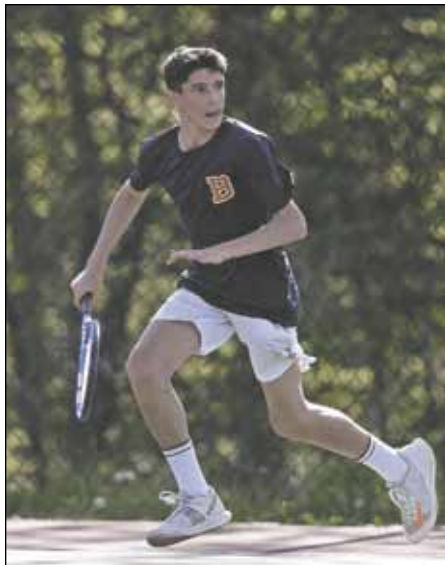
### *A Look Back*



The Bears' Joseph Murray delivers a pitch to the plate during the sectional playoffs.



Kyle Proctor controls the ball behind the cage in the Bears' sectional playoff victory over Westlake.



William Najarian scampers across the court to retrieve a shot in a match at second singles.



Senior Spencer Rockmore takes the ball toward the cage during the Bears' win over Mattituck in the state's regional playoffs.



Kelly O'Donnell moves the ball up the field in an early-season home game.



Slugging catcher Michael Hardy runs to third base in the Class B sectional final against Westlake.



Alex Hong clears a hurdle during the league championships, hosted by the Bears.



Ashley Goldstein sets her sights on the back of the cage during the Bears' rout of visiting Harrison.





Jake Murakami lines a pitch toward right field in Greeley’s home game vs. the John Jay Patriots.



The Quakers’ Eli Rosenblum dodges his way to the front of the cage in the playoff win over Tappan Zee.



The Quakers’ Lily Ives draws plenty of attention as she prepares to fire a shot during a game at Tappan Zee.



Track and field standout Kira Lindner was the state’s Division 1 champion in the discus.

# HORACE GREELEY

## Spring 2019

### *A Look Back*



Freshman Tanvi Prasad delivers a pitch for the Quaker softball team.



The Quakers’ Jack Wei hits a forehand return during the league championships at John Jay in Cross River.



Jack Rifkin controls the ball behind the cage during a home game early in the season.



Horace Greeley infielder Jake Anderson tracks a pop fly headed toward short right field.



Greeley’s Rhania Akii-Bua competes in the 100 meter hurdles at the state qualifier meet.



Charlotte Noto stays ready at first base during a game at Byram Hills.



Bella Arrese makes her move to the cage in the Quakers’ seesaw lacrosse game against visiting Byram Hills.



Greeley senior Kenta Togo moves forward to put away a volley in the Quakers’ win over Scarsdale for the Section 1 team championship.



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