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Pols Secure \$400G for Mt. Pleasant Library Children's Room Upgrades

By Ed Perratore

The children's room of the Mount Pleasant Public Library in Pleasantville will be getting a brand-new look, thanks to two state legislators who combined their efforts to secure nearly \$400,000 in grant funding.

In a joint press conference last Thursday, State Sen. Peter Harckham (D-Lewisboro) and Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti (D-Pleasantville) announced the award of a \$250,000 State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM) grant and a \$140,591 library construction grant from the state Education Department. Also on hand for the event were Pleasantville Mayor Peter Scherer and Mount Pleasant Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi.

The grants will pay for converting the library's HVAC system from oil to natural

gas, replacing the room's ceiling and installing LED lighting. Also on the wish list is a reconfiguration of the children's room.

Library Director John Fearon said the facility, a joint municipal library for the Town of Mount Pleasant and the Village of Pleasantville, has been surveying the community to build consensus on how best to update the space.

"In a couple of weeks, we're doing a public forum," Fearon said. "Everybody's welcome to come and talk about what it is we want for our children."

Harckham recalled taking his two now-grown daughters to the library.

"Our local community libraries are the epicenters of our community, gathering

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Never Forget

MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

One of the many family members of the 123 Westchester residents who died on Sept. 11, 2001, places flowers and an American flag by their loved one's name at The Rising, the county's 9/11 memorial. For more photos and coverage of the Sept. 11 anniversary, see pages 4-5.

North Castle Planning Board Recommends Mariani Special Use Permit With Conditions

By Martin Wilbur

The North Castle Planning Board last week recommended a series of conditions be followed by Mariani Gardens in order for it to receive a special use permit to allow 43 residential units on the site of the former nursery.

Following an hour-and-a-half work session and additional discussion devoted to the application at the planning board's regular meeting on Sept. 9, members issued a report to the Town Board stating that there needs to be adequate capacity created for the project in Water District #4 and Sewer District #2. The capacity must be in place for Mariani Gardens to receive a building permit.

A sidewalk on Bedford Road opposite the property leading to Armonk Square

and to the bus stop on the Maple Avenue side should be explored by the applicant. Adequate room for a right turn lane on Maple Avenue and the possibility of an expansion of the right of way to accommodate that turn lane was also recommended.

Other conditions include proper execution of the plan to provide a suitable gateway to the hamlet in the vicinity of the parcel as well as appropriate plantings in the public right of way.

The Town Board, which rezoned the four-acre property at 45 Bedford Rd. in June from the Nursery Business designation to a residential multifamily zone, should also "exercise their full and careful determination with respect to building height" and obtain cost estimates for the Maple Avenue road improvements.

The applicant, officially known as 45

Bedford Road LLC, has proposed 43 high-end rental units, including 24 apartments in a building that would reach more than 36 feet to the mid-point of the roof, triggering the need for the permit. The zoning allows for maximum building heights of 30 feet.

Mark Miller, the attorney representing the applicant, said he and his client were looking for a positive recommendation in time for the opening of next week's public hearing on the special use permit before the Town Board.

"Our goal for tonight, from the beginning, was for your board to be comfortable so you can produce a recommendation back to the Town Board expressing the issues you think they need to focus on so that they'll have that in time for their public hearing on Sept. 25," Miller said.

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Mount Pleasant Approves Establishment of Town Drainage District

By Joan Gaylord

The Town of Mount Pleasant is close to establishing a dedicated fund to address water drainage projects.

The Town Board approved last Tuesday the creation of the Mount Pleasant Drainage District that would allow the municipality to collect money through property assessments that would be used only for projects such as lake dredging and replacing failing drainage pipes.

Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi said a dedicated

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places where love of learning, in early life and later in life, (makes it) the one place without question where everybody is welcome regardless of ability or social status," he said. "The library is where you can come and be part of the community, learn what you want to learn."

"Libraries are an education center, a research center and a community center," added Abinanti. "It's nice to be able to bring back some of the taxpayers' money for such a good cause."

Obtaining grants for local libraries is also a way to lower property taxes, he added.

Fearon said that among the library board's goals for the renovation is better demarcation of the children's section and moving the area for preschoolers farther away from the adult space. The two spaces are currently adjacent.

To prevent the interruption of service while work is underway, library officials expect to relocate the children's section to the basement community room. The board hopes to agree on a working plan by the new year, bid the project out by next summer and have work completed before the start of 2021.

The Mount Pleasant Public Library has an active children's program, which includes story times for kids from infancy to preschool, family story times, evening "pajama" story times and musical concerts for children.

Pictured, left to right, are Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti, Mount Pleasant Public Library Director John Fearon and state Sen. Peter Harchkham holding up an oversized check for two state grants totaling nearly \$400,000.



ED PERRATORE PHOTO

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drainage district fund would allow the town to make repairs quickly and without needing to put projects out to bond, a practice that he said is costly and could delay the work. He said the need for the fund became apparent when silt washed into the town's lakes and required dredging but there was no money in the town budget to pay for the work.

Town Engineer David Smyth explained that Mount Pleasant regularly needs to address issues caused by heavy rainstorms and its impact on the town's aging infrastructure. He said that much of the town's drainage system consists of galvanized pipe installed in the 1980s. Flooding and collapsing pipes have become more common.

"When this happens, we don't

have time to find funding," Smyth said.

Money would be collected from all properties, both residential and commercial, outside of the villages of Pleasantville and Sleepy Hollow. Though the amount of the assessment has not yet been set, it would be part of the town tax bill and would be similar to assessments for ambulance service and other

town services.

"It could be \$15 or \$20 per household but, added up, it becomes a substantial amount of money," Fulgenzi said.

"This would allow us to manage the situation rather than react to it," he added, noting that projects arise each week.

Since last year, the town has also seen elevated levels of certain chemicals in the water in

the Kensico and Pocantico water districts.

There is a 30-day comment period that began last Wednesday before the approved resolution becomes law. It is also subject to a permissive referendum.

Assuming there are no petitions filed triggering a referendum, the assessment is expected to be part of next April's tax bill.



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Stretch of I-684 to See \$13M Paving and Safety Work This Fall

By Martin Wilbur

A roughly two-mile stretch of I-684 that has needed repaving for nearly 20 years will finally have that work completed this fall.

State and local officials announced at a gathering in Katonah last Thursday that the \$13 million project will see the roadway resurface on both the northbound and southbound sides between Harris Road and Exit 6 in Bedford along with various other safety improvements.

Residents who live in the area have been angered for years by the extreme noise generated by vehicles traveling at highway speeds over the concrete pavement surface, prompting the start of a petition drive a few years ago in an attempt to convince policy makers to address the issue.

Motorists who use that stretch of I-684 have also complained of a rough ride and damage to tires. Ambulances have avoided the highway because the vehicles bounce too much, putting patients en route to the hospital in danger, officials said.

"From the time I was elected (to the Senate) until now, I have found a tremendous amount of outpouring of not only complaints but a sense that we must have this done, to find a way to get this two-mile stretch of concrete redone," said state Sen. Shelley Mayer (D-Yonkers), who represents

Prep work has already begun, said state Department of Transportation (DOT) Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez. Most of the work is expected to be done at night with road and ramp closures between 9



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

State Sen. Shelley Mayer announced last Thursday that a \$13 million paving project for a two-mile stretch of I-684 will soon begin and be completed this fall.

p.m. and 5 a.m.

There will be detour signs posted on the highway along with electronic message boards informing drivers how to navigate the area during those hours.

Dominguez said new fiber-reinforced asphalt overlay will be used, which is a stronger and longer-lasting material, to replace the existing concrete pavement surface on the highway and the access and exit ramps to exits 5 and 6. The project also calls for replacing guiderails, repairing traffic signal loops, cleaning and altering drainage structures and repairing basins, she said.

In addition to reducing noise and enhancing safety, the commissioner said

the project will help the area's economic development by creating jobs. The state has invested about \$170 million in the I-684 corridor over the last 20 years, including \$71.3 million just in the last two years, Dominguez said.

"This project is just another example of continued commitment to this county and work that is ongoing all over the state to build, rebuild, maintain and preserve the infrastructure," Dominguez said.

On hand for the announcement was state Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins (D-Yonkers) who said that infrastructure is one of the most important items that the state could undertake. Mayer said that she pored over spreadsheets during

the last session to find the money to get the work done.

While the project has been needed for close to two decades, the Senate had failed to provide the appropriate amount of funding for most of that time.

"We're in the business of getting things done and making sure that things that have been stalled for too long for no good reason get moved," Stewart-Cousins declared.

Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains), whose district includes the stretch of highway, lauded Mayer and Stewart-Cousins for their dogged pursuit of the funds.

"This project will mean a smoother, quieter and, most importantly, safer ride for tens of thousands of motorists every day," Buchwald said.

Bedford Supervisor Christopher Burdick said town officials and their residents were fed up with the delays. The concrete surface has been the same for the past 50 years, except for patching.

"I'm delighted that this project will go way beyond a temporary fix," he said.

Katonah resident John Fry, one of the people responsible for the petition drive, said the work is badly overdue.

"It's just incredible that the whole 684, from White Plains to Brewster, has been resurfaced except this old 50-year-old surface here where the most people live, where the real estate values are most impacted," Fry said.

The estimated completion of the work is late fall.

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Local Communities Honor the Memories of Those Lost on Sept. 11



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Last Wednesday, the towns of New Castle and North Castle and the Village of Mount Kisco each held late-day ceremonies to remember the citizens and the first responders killed on Sept. 11, 2001. The solemn ceremonies took place near each community's 9/11 memorial that included proceedings to reflect on all those who perished on that day 18 years ago. Officials honored their emergency service workers and volunteers and residents turned out to pay tribute to the fallen.



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County Pauses to Remember Victims and Reflect During 9/11 Anniversary

By Martin Wilbur

Officials from across Westchester joined with the families last Wednesday of many of the county's residents who died in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to remember their lives during the annual 9/11 memorial ceremony.

Speakers during the hour-long commemoration at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla, which included elected officials, clergy and a retired New York City police officer-turned-victims advocate, also recalled the sacrifices of the first responders in the months following the attack and urged everyone to find the unity that Americans shared after the tragedy.

"They were humans just like us and they faced a test we hope we never face," said County Executive George Latimer of the nearly 3,000 who were killed. "My theology teaches us that they're at peace, it teaches me that they're in paradise, whatever paradise is. I have to believe that. We can't believe that the evil that was done that day was the final word. We have to believe that this day of voluntary service is there to change the narrative of 9/11."

During the ceremony, held under a large tent a short distance from the county's 9/11 memorial The



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

The American flag hangs from the ladders of two fire trucks in front of The Rising, Westchester's 9/11 memorial at Kensico Dam Plaza, last Wednesday.

Rising, officials read each one of the 123 names of Westchester residents lost that day. Family members of first responders who died after falling ill by breathing in the toxins while working at Ground Zero, read the names of those victims.

So far, 21 county residents have been identified as having died from 9/11-related illnesses.

Last year, Latimer revealed that the county was going to commission a memorial to commemorate the Westchester residents who died from those illnesses. Plans for that

memorial, which will be placed near The Rising, continue to move forward. A committee was formed earlier this year consisting mainly of family members of victims to help design an appropriate memorial.

Matthew McCauley, a retired New York City cop who worked in the recovery efforts at Ground Zero and is now an attorney fighting on behalf of victims and their families, said the memorial will be a symbol that Westchester will never forget those who sacrificed everything.

He has also made 18 trips to

Washington along with other former Ground Zero workers to urge Congress to continue funding the 9/11 Victims Compensation Fund.

"We were all where we wanted to be," McCauley said. "We were showing the world that we would not back down from terrorism and that we would work together – no races, no color, no politics. I can tell you that was how every 9/11 responder felt on that day and every day after that."

Board of Legislators Chairman Ben Boykin told the victims' families that Westchester will always stand with them and honor their loved ones' memories.

He said a legacy of those lost should be to confront hate and intolerance.

"The attacks of September 11, 2001 changed us," Boykin said. "They stole our loved ones, stripped us of our innocence, shook our sense of security, and, unfortunately, too often, have made us more suspicious of one another. As we recognize the sacrifice of the first responders and commemorate the lives of those who were taken from us, let us honor them by holding ever tighter to our values."

Following the ceremony, family members made the short walk to

The Rising, many with flowers to place by the plaque that contained their loved one's name while fighting back tears.

Latimer said the 9/11 memorials that have sprung up in communities across the nation are done for a purpose. There will come a time when those who remember Sept. 11, 2001, will no longer be around and it will be up to future generations to keep alive the memory of those who perished.

"We created things that are dramatic, breathtaking even, so that we won't forget and that we have a visual remembrance of it, so when this generation of Americans are gone, the next generation of Americans, the next generation of Westchester people will remember that once there was this moment in time and the people who made this sacrifice in that moment in time," Latimer said.

Anthony Tyndal, whose brother Niell Tyndal Jr., a Yonkers firefighter, died of a 9/11-related illness two years ago, said he hoped for greater unity in the future.

"Just be together, let's remember that not just one day a year but do it every day of the year," Tyndal said. "This country and the world shouldn't be divided."



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No. Castle Planners Recommend Mariani Permit With Conditions

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Various iterations of the all-residential plan have been proposed since early last year, drawing intense interest and criticism from some members of the community, particularly those who have been concerned that the proposal is too large and out of character with the adjacent Bedford Road Historic District.

While the granting of the special use permit is up to the Town Board, planning board members highlighted the issues they believe should be scrutinized. The planners were in agreement with the key issues they would like addressed, including building height and additional sidewalks.

During the work session, Planning Board member Larry Ruisi expressed some uneasiness regarding the number of new residences being proposed for the hamlet and the cost of the sewer and water.

Town Attorney Roland Baroni said that some of those questions were beyond the jurisdiction of the planning board. Should

the Town Board grant the special use permit, Mariani Gardens will still have to return for site plan review.

"The applicant understands that they'll have to come back to the planning board to address those details," said the town's Director of Planning Adam Kaufman. "Right now, we're focusing on these more global issues."

Miller informed officials that one hurdle that his client is currently facing has been the inability to reach the property owner of 40 Bedford Rd. to ask for permission to install a sidewalk along Bedford Road leading into the Armonk Square complex. The applicant would need to obtain an easement for that sidewalk to be built.

Films on Purpose to Screen Climate Documentary on Sept. 25

Films on Purpose, in partnership with arFilms on Purpose, in partnership with area Audubon chapters and Federated Conservationists of Westchester County, will host a free screening of "Paris to Pittsburgh" on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Chappaqua Performing Arts Center.

The film offers a hopeful message on the actions by ordinary Americans and their elected representatives to address the catastrophic effects of global climate change. A panel of environmental professionals will discuss the Westchester Climate Action Plan (CAP) currently in development by the Westchester County Climate Crisis Task Force.

The event begins with a reception that includes light food and drink and will conclude with a panel discussion immediately following the film. The 77-minute film will be presented at 7 p.m.

The panel will be moderated by Michael Gerrard, a Columbia Law School professor who teaches courses on environmental

law and energy regulation. Panelists will include Richard Slingerland, Tarrytown's village administrator and a leader of the CAP Community Resilience team; Nina Orville, a principal of Abundant Efficiency, founding executive director of the Southern Westchester Energy Action Consortium and the leader of the CAP Energy team; and John Parker, an attorney whose practice has focused on energy, environmental and land use issues and compliance and regulatory matters, who leads the CAP air sector team.

"Paris to Pittsburgh" documents the response by American individuals and local governments to the American withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement. The title refers to the words of Donald Trump who, in announcing his administration's withdrawal from the accord, said, "I was elected to represent the citizens of Pittsburgh, not Paris."

The film looks at the actions by local governments, including the City of Pittsburgh, and private individuals, to

address the emergency posed by global climate change through technology, investment and activism.

The film features voices from local leaders as well as everyday Americans presenting the stories behind climate-related recovery and resiliency, as well as innovative efforts to reduce carbon emissions, and the success stories of boomtowns formerly reliant on coal such as Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh, led by Mayor Bill Peduto who stood up to defy President Trump when the nation's withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement was announced, is now a city committed to energy efficiency.

Free tickets can be reserved on Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/film-screening-paris-to-pittsburgh-tickets-67787844267>. A \$5 contribution is recommended and can be made at the door. Reservations are not required.

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Local Cheese Distributor's Petition to Fight Proposed Tariff on Imports

By Martin Wilbur

That serving of delicious Havarti cheese from Denmark or parmesan from Italy may become a lot more expensive by next month.

Distributors and retailers throughout the United States, including those in the local area, are bracing for the impacts of a potential 100 percent tariff on imported cheeses that could be slapped on most of the products by the United States by the middle of October.

The under-the-radar levy is being threatened in response to a longstanding dispute between the European aerospace giant Airbus and Boeing, the American manufacturer of airplanes. Boeing has accused Airbus of selling their airplanes at below cost, with subsidies provided by governments in the European Union.

Joseph Gellart, the president and owner of the Armonk-based cheese distributor World's Best Cheeses, said that the United States has threatened the tariff on a variety of imported items such as cheese, jam and pasta in addition to some non-food products from countries in the European Economic Community, also referred to as the common market.

Some countries such as Norway, Switzerland and Australia are not part of the common market, although Gellart estimated that 90 percent of his imported product would be subject to the tariff. He said roughly half of what he distributes to supermarkets such as DeCicco's and Whole Foods and smaller stores throughout the region is imported.

In response, Gellart recently launched an online petition drive to bring the issue to the attention of the public and highlight to the Trump Administration how destructive the tariffs would be to American businesses and consumers if they are enacted.

"It's really hard to measure," Gellart said of the impact. "We are loading up some extra inventory and we shall see. It's effect on things, it's hard to measure."

A typical imported cheese, which sells for \$15 to \$30 a pound, might increase to \$25 to \$50, he said. It is not known how quickly the price would jump, because it's unknown how much product Gellart and others can stock up and what profit margin businesses can subsist on.

Another possibility is that the United States could only impose the tariff on countries that manufacture the Airbus planes.

Regardless, any impact would be negative, he said.

Smaller shops also expect to be hit. Ivy Ronquillo, owner of The Second Mouse in Pleasantville, said she'll probably stock up a little but doesn't have the storage space or the money to double, triple or quadruple her purchases of certain products.

She called the retailers like herself and the distributors "a human shield" in a fight between corporations and the federal government. Ironically, most of the imported cheeses arrive by boat, not airplane, Ronquillo said.

For some people, certain items could

become unaffordable, if they would be found at all, she said.

"The average consumer is not going to notice it immediately but they will at the holidays when people are buying more specialty food items," said Ronquillo, who noted that about 35 percent of her product is imported. "Havarti, a standard sandwich cheese, it's going to double in price in the supermarket. It's going to double in price here."

Gellart said supermarkets that pre-package their cheeses may be able to cut their portions to keep the prices from rising as quickly. For example, a four-ounce package of a certain cheese could be cut to three ounces.

"So when you pick it up and see the price, if it's one-third smaller. Stores will have to do that because regular size they'll just like faint," Gellart said. "It would be impossible."

He said he hopes to collect as many signatures on the petition in the next few weeks to send on to congressional representatives and the White House.

While American farmers will look to fill in the gap, Ronquillo said there's no substitute for many of the foreign cheeses.

"The American farmers will do their best to compensate but not without significant pain," she said.

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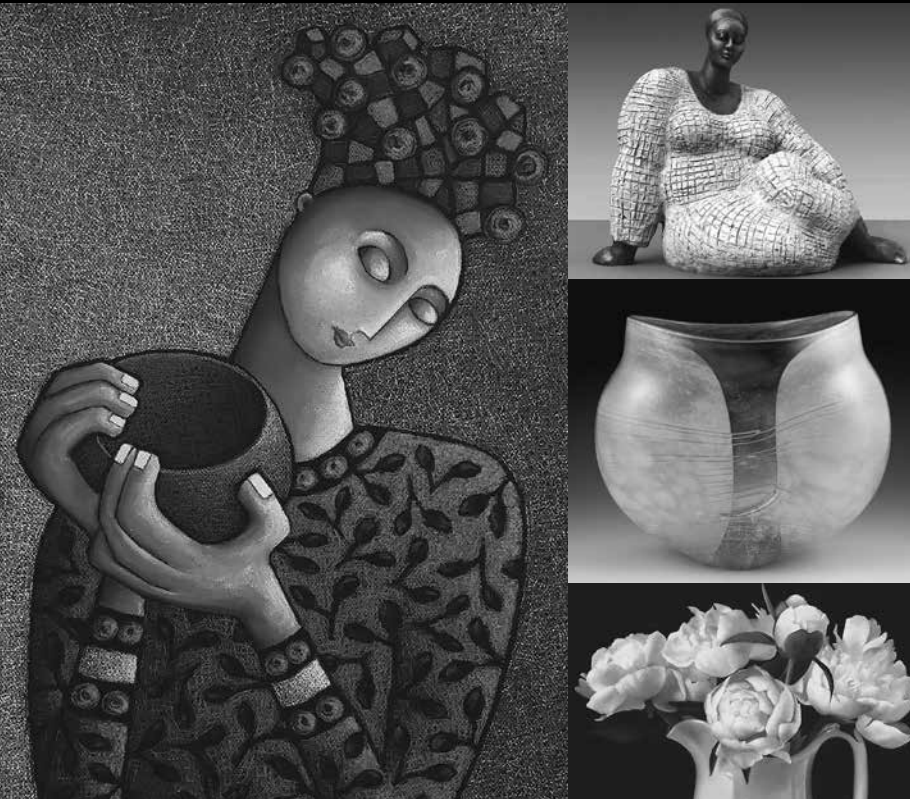
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This year's holiday extravaganza will run from Friday, Nov. 29 through Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020, opening at 4 p.m., an hour earlier on Saturday and Sunday, to accommodate young families. Children three years old and under are free.

Exclusive early bird rate tickets are \$18 per person and will be available through Nov. 15 at www.wwinterwonderland.com.

The early bird rate is a \$2 discount per person on the \$20 regular admission price. All tickets purchased are valid for any day of the 2019 season.

As with last year, the all-inclusive ticket includes unlimited access to the Winter Wonderland Holiday Circus, the Santa Experience, thrilling rides in the FUNderland Village, Lights of Wonder display, ice skating on the 70-foot by 90-foot outdoor ice rink, which includes skate rental, and much more.

For the sixth straight year, Westchester Medical Center will be the presenting partner and host of the circus. Robison will

sponsor the tree lighting ceremony, which takes place on Friday, Nov. 29 at 6 p.m.

New sponsors for 2019 include Wegman's and Verizon. They will be joined by returning sponsors Con Edison, Party Line Rentals and M&T Bank, sponsor of the family-friendly New Year's Eve ball drop on Dec. 31.

New exhibits and attractions will be announced in early November.

Westchester's Winter Wonderland is produced by the Westchester Parks Foundation and Westchester County Parks, Recreation and Conservation. Proceeds from this event benefit the foundation and allow the organization to advocate for and invest in the preservation, conservation,

use and enjoyment of the 18,000 acres of parks, trails and open spaces within the Westchester County Parks system. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.wwinterwonderland.com.

This year's hours of operation are Fridays from 5 to 10 p.m. and Saturdays from 4 to 10 p.m. Westchester's Winter Wonderland will be open Sundays from 4 to 9 p.m. on Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22. Starting Monday, Dec. 23, it will be open Monday through Friday from 5 to 10 p.m. and on weekends from 4 to 10 p.m.

Westchester's Winter Wonderland will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Wednesday, Dec. 25.

Retail Sales of Dogs and Cats Outlawed in Mt. Pleasant

The Mount Pleasant Town Board voted last Tuesday to prohibit all sales of dogs or cats from retail stores located within Mount Pleasant.

Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi said the resolution, which amends existing town code, was designed to ensure the protection of animals and encourage the adoption of pets from local shelters or responsible private breeders, not puppy mills.

The board returned to the issue, which it had first addressed two years

ago, in order to clarify the original law. As initially drafted, the town code allowed pet stores to sell animals obtained from an animal shelter or humane society.

Fulgenzi noted that this led to some confusion. The new law prohibits all sales from retail stores.

Councilwoman Francesca Hagadus-McHale noted there are currently no pet stores in town.

The resolution passed unanimously.

— Joan Gaylord

Millwood Man Arrested for Threatening Judge

Westchester County police arrested a Millwood man last Monday night for threatening a Westchester judge.

Steven McDowell, 41, of Pinesbridge Road was charged with the felony of making a terrorist threat. He was arrested at county police headquarters in Hawthorne and held pending arraignment last Tuesday afternoon in New Rochelle City Court.

New York State court officers reported to police that a person involved in a court action in Westchester had made a threat

to harm the judge. Detectives from the General Investigations Unit investigated the alleged threat and took McDowell into custody at his home Monday night.

The name of the judge and the court were not disclosed following McDowell's arrest because the matter is still under investigation.

No weapons were recovered during a search of the suspect's residence.

— Martin Wilbur

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF FOXWOOD CONDOMINIUM, ON BEHALF OF ALL UNIT OWNERS, Plaintiff v. MICHAEL CASARELLA and CHRISTINA CASARELLA, Defendant, Index no. 54254/2018. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated November 20, 2018, and entered in the above-entitled action on November 27, 2018 (the "Judgment"), I the undersigned Referee in said Judgment named, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Lobby of the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd., White Plains, New York 10601, the premises directed by said Judgment to be sold. The premises will be offered for sale, as one parcel, on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. The premises therein is described as being in the County of Westchester and State of New York, and designated as Tax Lot no. 2.121, Block 2, Section 69, Sheet 51 and commonly known as 121 Foxwood Circle, Mt. Kisco, New York 10549. The premises is more particularly described as follows:

THE land area of the Property is described as follows:

The Unit is designated as Lot 2.121, Block 2, Section 69, Sheet 51, on the Tax Map of the Town and Village of Mount Kisco and further described as follows:

The unit ("UNIT") designated and described as Unit No. 121 in the Declaration (the "Declaration") establishing a plan for condominium ownership of the land (the "Land") and buildings (the "Buildings") comprising Foxwood Condominium (col-

lectively the "Property") made by the Grantor under Article 9 - B of the New York Real Property Law, dated November 27, 1985 and recorded in the Office of the County Clerk of Westchester County on December 5, 1985, in Liber 8286 cp 59. Being further designated and shown on the floor plans certified by Jack P. Fermery, A.I.A., filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Westchester County, Division of Land Records, on December 5, 1985 as Map #22143. The Land is comprised of all that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Village and Town of Mt. Kisco, County of Westchester, and State of New York and more particularly bounded and described in herein. Together with an undivided .8686 percent interest in the Common Elements.

The premises will be sold subject to the provisions of the filed Judgment, Index No. 54254/2018 the Terms of Sale, and an assigned mortgage held in the principal sum of \$331,550.00, with interest thereon.

The approximate amount of the Judgment, for the property referred to therein, is \$14,737.91, plus interest and costs, as provided in the Judgment. The successful bidder will be required to deposit 10% of the bid by certified or official bank check, unendorsed, made payable to the Referee in accordance with the terms of sale.

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Reading Red Flags for Your College Student's Mental Health Issues

With the beginning of the fall college semester, many parents worry about their child's ability to cope.

Today's college students face much higher rates of serious mental illness than in the past. In addition to higher rates of stress and anxiety, suicide has become the second leading cause of death on campus.

"Unfortunately, parents often don't know something is going on until they get a call from their child's roommate who read something on Facebook or when they see their child's grades at the end of the semester and find out their child failed or withdrew," said Dr. Richard Catanzaro, chairman of psychiatry at Northern Westchester Hospital and director of its Behavioral Health College Partnership.

"When parents live far away, they are often in the dark as their child's mental health declines, but there are red flags to look for and ways to help," he added.

Here are some things parents need to know.

1. College students are more vulnerable to serious mental illness due to the added stress of a new environment and new expectations, right when they've left their support system behind. College students have more freedom, but the lack of structure can be daunting. Socially and sexually, they're still figuring out who they are, while the prevalence of substance abuse on college campuses, particularly marijuana and alcohol, can trigger mental illness in someone with a predisposition.

2. College students are suffering from depression, extreme anxiety, bipolar disorder and schizophrenia. Schizophrenia's first episode commonly occurs in the late teens, coinciding with the early college years. It is believed that intense stress can be among the triggers of the disease in people genetically susceptible.

3. The rate of attempted and completed suicide on college campuses is rising; it's the second leading cause of death among college students. Untreated depression is the major cause. Substance abuse facilitates suicide attempts by lowering inhibitions.

Be aware of signs that something may be wrong. Are there changes in your child's behavior? If your child texts you nearly every day, and then you don't hear from them for three days, there might be something going on. Does your child sound different, such as being less open? Have they gained or lost a lot of weight? Stopped grooming themselves?

Keep lines of communication open. Your relationship with your child in college will echo the one you had with them in high school. Be open about your concerns and ask what you can do to make the transition from home to college easier. Even if the conversation is one-sided, let your child know you are there for them and available if they are having a problem.

Establish a regular communication schedule. To avoid communication



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HEALTH PHOTO

Dr. Richard Catanzaro, chairman of psychiatry at Northern Westchester Hospital and director of its Behavioral Health College Partnership.

blackouts, devise a schedule with your child before they leave home. Agree to text every three or four days, and let them know that you will worry if you don't hear from them. Once they are at school, don't communicate with your child's friends behind their back. That will erode trust, which is vital as you

monitor how they're doing.

If your gut tells you something is wrong, be transparent. Say, "you don't sound like yourself. What's going on?" If they insist they're fine and tell you not to visit, assert yourself as the parent: "I'm sorry. I'm paying for this. I'm coming up."

If you think there could be a real danger, call the campus health services and safety services and visit immediately. Be proactive. What's the worst that can happen? Your child has a tantrum and slams the door in your face? After they get over their anger, they'll understand that you are there for them. It's a misconception that if you upset your child, they'll cut you out of their life. Even if that happens, it usually doesn't last long. The opposite – not giving them enough support – is worse.

While campus mental health services are becoming more robust, they often don't offer enough. It's very common for parents to seek off-campus treatment. Being proactive as a parent and as a school is best. Students who receive treatment at the start of a mental illness, are more likely to get better faster and return to school.

When illnesses are caught early, and students receive proper support, they can get back on track. In those cases, you've not only fixed the acute problem, you've gotten them into treatment and given them a structure that will help them continue to do well in school, whether that's individual therapy or medication or both.

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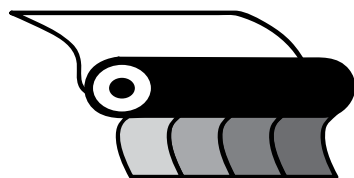
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Obituaries

William Blades

William K. Blades (Bill) of Valhalla died on Sept. 7 at White Plains Hospital. He was 90.

Blades was born on June 29, 1929, to the late William Sr. and Elizabeth (nee Borden) Blades in Spring Lake, N.J. He is survived by cousins Hal (Terry) Blades of Ocean, N.J., Dr. Fredrick (Sarah) Blades of Fair Haven, N.J. and Nancey Fatima (Fariborz) of McLean, Va. He was predeceased by Jean Worthington of Spring Lake, N.J. and Virginia Lackett of Freehold, N.J. He was also predeceased by his mother, Elizabeth, in 1975 and his father, Floyd, in 1977.

He married his one and only wonderful wife, Marquerite Windisch, in 1951, and they lived in White Plains before moving to Valhalla in 1961. Marquerite died in 1985.

Blades served in the U.S. Army in various locations – Alaska, Oakridge, Tenn., White Sands, N.M., Guam, Kwajalein and Fort Monmouth, N.J. – and received an honorable discharge with the rank of staff sergeant.

He graduated from White Plains High School and went to work for the New York Telephone Co. Later, he went to NYU at night and the NYU Management Institute, where he graduated in 1959. In his 35 years with the telephone company, he was a repairman, wire chief, engineer and project manager. His many endeavors included telephones and switchboards for handicapped users and custom telephone booths for Lincoln Center and other locations. He was the engineer responsible for the U.S. President's

switchboard and telephone communications when the President visited New York City and was the project manager for the first citywide 911 system installed at 1 Police Plaza in lower Manhattan, which placed all five boroughs under one dispatch center.

Blades also had many other large central assignments to his credit. He was a member of the telephone company's speaker's panel and gave presentations on the various aspects of the Bell System.

Blades was the lay pastor for the Elmsford Christian Fellowship in Elmsford for in the 1970s. Blades served on Mount Pleasant's Assessment Review Board for 27 years and was the board's chairman for two years. He also belonged to many organizations, including the Valhalla Ambulance Corps, where he was a past captain, served as a volunteer dispatcher for the Westchester County Fire Control and was an American Red Cross first aid instructor.

He was a member of the Valhalla Lions Club, the American Legion (Albany Post 1), the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, the Planetary Society, the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, the American Society of Marine Artists, the National Maritime Historical Society and the U.S. Naval Institute.

Most recently, Blades was honored by the Town of Mount Pleasant for his volunteer activities, his service to the community and his work as a volunteer for the town's Emergency Operations Center.

His excellent seascapes and ship paintings were exhibited in art shows and were either sold or donated to charitable causes.

He was an active amateur astronomer, well known for his down-to-earth talks on astronomy. He belonged to many astronomy groups including the New York Amateur Astronomers Association, headquartered at the Hayden Planetarium, where he was chairman of the Field Trips Committee and led various expeditions to eclipse locations and other events. He produced and directed a television series "Astronomy for Everyone," which ran for over 10 years. Bill always ended

the program with "Get out and enjoy the majestic night sky, good health, good viewing and good night."

Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home on Sept. 12. Graveside services were held at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne on Sept. 13.

In lieu of flowers, donations to either the Valhalla Ambulance Corps, the Valhalla Fire Department or Rosary Hill Home in Hawthorne would be appreciated.

Anthony Aquilino

Anthony Aquilino passed away on Sept. 10. He was 93.

Aquilino was born on May 5, 1926, in Bedford, the eighth of 13 children. He attended Bedford schools, and upon completion, enlisted in the U.S. Army at 18, serving from 1944 to 1946. He worked for many years for the U.S. Postal Service and The Bank of New York. He was also a volunteer firefighter in Bedford.

Aquilino married Catherine Trapasso on May 31, 1953. She predeceased him on May 23, 2013, after nearly 60 years of marriage. He is survived by his daughters, Theresa McKeown-O'Brien (Jim) and Andrea Sledzinski (Joseph), and by his son, Anthony (Mary). He leaves behind 10 grandchildren – Jamie McKeown, Anthony Aquilino (Lisa), William McKeown (Mary), Christopher Aquilino (Madolyn), Andrew McKeown, Ashley DeMello (Lou), Megan Foreman

(Danny), Justin Sledzinski, Matthew McKeown and Joseph Sledzinski – and two great-grandchildren, Isabella and Sid. He is also survived by three siblings, Nancy Duff, Joseph Aquilino and Angie Aquilino.

Aquilino was a kind and generous person who was loved by many and who rarely had an unkind word to say about anyone. He was well-read and loved to learn. In his late eighties, he purchased a computer and learned how to send e-mails and order from Amazon. Tony loved his family greatly and was a longtime New York Mets fan.

The family received friends on Sept. 15 at Beecher Flooks Funeral Home in Pleasantville. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Sept. 16 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Hawthorne followed by internment at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

The family is requesting that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Police Blotter

North Castle Police Department

Sept. 6: A female caller from Rock Cliff Place reported at 5:08 p.m. that her 75-year-old grandfather is conscious but is not alert. She suspected that he was stung by bees. The responding officer reported that the party was transported to White Plains Hospital with ALS on board.

Sept. 6: Report of a larceny from a vehicle on Pheasant Drive at 5:37 p.m. The complainant reported that the larceny apparently occurred while the car was parked at the listed location. The responding officers reported securing depositions and a report will follow.

Sept. 7: An Orchard Drive caller reported at 8:13 a.m. that there is noise from delivery trucks that are dropping off siding for a new home being built across from her residence. The responding officer spoke with the business owner and advised him of the ordinance. Matter adjusted.

Sept. 7: A caller reported at 11:33 a.m. that a bat has been captured in a can on Sunrise Drive. The responding officer assisted in advising how to secure the captured bat and made notification to the Westchester County Department of Health.

Sept. 7: Report of a suspicious person on Banksville Avenue at 11:49 a.m. The caller stated that a white female wearing black pants and driving a silver Honda said she is working for the U.S. Census Department and is on his property. The complainant asked her to leave his property and she refused. Officers responded and spoke with

the complainant. The party left prior to their arrival.

Sept. 9: A Denim Place caller reported at 4:27 p.m. that he is being harassed by a male party. The caller stated that the male party does not own the home but is a renter who is "monitoring" the way he lives. The responding officer reported that the situation is under control.

Sept. 11: An officer reported a disabled vehicle on Route 120 at 5:45 p.m. and requested a tow truck. The officer found that the operator had a suspended driver's license. The vehicle was impounded and the operator was issued a summons for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Pleasantville Police Department

Sept. 8: Report of criminal mischief on Brentwood Drive at 1:42 p.m. The matter is under investigation.

Sept. 10: A 38-year-old man was arrested on Wheeler Avenue at 7:38 p.m. and charged with fourth-degree grand larceny.

Sept. 12: At 2:29 p.m., there is an ongoing investigation regarding a past crime related to an identity theft incident on Saratoga Avenue.

Sept. 12: An 18-year-old Pleasantville man was arrested at 9:31 p.m. and charged with criminal possession of a forged instrument. The arrest was in connection to a fake identification.

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Nationally Recognized Armonk Art Show Returns This Weekend

By Martin Wilbur

One of the nation's top art shows makes its return to the area this weekend.

It's not a new event but the 58th annual Armonk Outdoor Art Show is scheduled for this Saturday and Sunday at Armonk's Community Park.

Calling it one of the best shows isn't boastful hyperbole. For the second consecutive year, Sunshine Artist Magazine ranked it the second-rated art show in the United States.

"Artists know it's a very competitive show to get into and I hear directly from artists because I visit different shows (and) they're absolutely thrilled to be admitted or they're disappointed because they don't get admitted," said Anne Curran, the executive director of the Armonk Outdoor Art Show.

Once again, about 600 artists from around the globe submitted their applications hoping to gain one of the 185 coveted spots. A 13-member panel of jurors chose the featured artists from more than 25 states around the country, Canada and Israel who work in a variety of medium.

The process of including new artists each year and bringing back others is one factor in keeping the show exciting and fresh, Curran said. While the Armonk Outdoor Art Show has been well-known in the art community for a long time, marketing it throughout the greater metropolitan area has also helped.

"Our gate has been up consistently the last three years and I think that speaks to the quality of the show as well as we're just doing



a better job at promoting the show and giving visibility to the art," Curran said. "That's first and foremost, the art, of course."

She said that this year organizers introduced the presale of tickets. It combines admission with special offers, including discount raffle tickets for two pieces of art that have been donated for the show. It also entitles early purchasers for a special dinner at Fortina, an Italian restaurant in Armonk, Sunday evening after the show closes.

While the art is front and center, the show also is a fun day for anyone who attends. There are free art-related activities for every age, from toddlers up through middle school. There is also a wide assortment of food, wine and craft beer vendors on hand, including Luke's Lobster, barbecue from Taylored Menus, Fortina and the Captain Lawrence



The 58th annual Armonk Outdoor Art Show, considered one of the best art shows in the United States, will draw 185 artists and thousands of visitors this weekend.

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"It makes it a day where you come for the art and stay for the fun, I hope, and that was the tagline for this year," Curran said.

Even better is that the proceeds from the show are returned to the community by paying for programs at the North Castle Public Library.

Curran said what makes the Armonk Outdoor Art Show's high ranking within the artist's community even more impressive is that the hamlet is a much smaller locale compared to the other Top 10 shows and it is organized and run almost entirely by a legion of roughly 300 volunteers.

"So it's a great thing for our town that so many people are able to volunteer, and I think it also gives us something to be proud of, that Armonk is the home to this show that's now in its 58th year and has really hit its stride," Curran said.

The show is this Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Community Park, located at 205 Business Park Drive in Armonk. Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$12 for seniors. Those 18 and under get in for free. There is free parking on site.

For tickets and more information, visit www.armonkoutdoorartshow.org or on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



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The Chappaqua Rotary and the Town of New Castle celebrated the annual Community Day last Saturday outside the Chappaqua train station. There were plenty of activities for the kids, including pony rides, a variety of musical entertainment and some delicious food and treats. Residents could also learn about local organizations and nonprofit groups and there was a mobile truck for donors to give blood. It was a time for local residents to browse through the grounds and say hello to friends and neighbors



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Community Leaders Urge Verizon to Save Hyperlocal News Outlet

By Neal Rentz

Local clergy and representatives of several organizations held a press conference at Calvary Baptist Church in White Plains on Sept. 12 to call on Verizon to maintain the FiOS1 local news channel as part of its cable television service.

In November, the FiOS1 channel will end its 10-year contract with RNN in Rye Brook, which produces the programming. The move will cost 150 employees their jobs.

News12 will be on a second cable channel beginning on Nov. 16 to try and compensate for the loss.

Last Thursday, the Ministers Fellowship Council held a press conference to express its concerns about losing the local news channel, which speakers said would mean a loss of local news coverage. Rev. Lee Trollinger, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church and the council's president, said the loss of the FiOS channel would "be a detriment to our communities." Without the channel, Trollinger said he would be unable to be informed about local news.

"We need to have the outlet from Verizon," he said.

Kenneth Chamberlain Jr., who represented the Urban League of Westchester, said, "Hyperlocal news is as vital as ever in this community. Information and knowledge would be lost if the channel is taken off the air. We have these big news media outlets that may come in from time to time and they may cover a story or two but you get about maybe 60 seconds and then it's over. Without the hyperlocal news it will just disappear."

Chamberlain said the FiOS news coverage has been credible and reputable and the information is fact-checked.

"They present the facts in an unbiased way," he said.

Allison Lake, executive director of the Westchester Children's Association, added that the county depends on diverse media "to get our issues and concerns in front of the voting public, our elected officials and our decisionmakers."

Westchester is seeing demographic changes that warrant a variety of media outlets so that all voices are heard, Lake said.

"We definitely need strong independent media that is covering these serious issues in an intelligent, substantial manner," added Westchester People's Action Coalition Executive Director Nada Khader.

Lena Anderson, president of the White Plains/Greenburgh NAACP, said the local

chapters of the organization need the news channel.

"We are very much concerned that you would even think about pulling away because we need more than one source," Anderson said.

Messages left last week with the Verizon public relations department were not returned.

Representatives from several local organizations held a press conference at Calvary Baptist Church in White Plains on Sept. 12 to urge Verizon to hold onto its FiOS1 local news channel.



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Guest Column

Congress Must Provide Sufficient Funding for Community Health Centers

By Lindsay Farrell

Recent polls show that Americans view healthcare as a top priority. Yet a recent study showed that although the U.S. possesses one of the most sophisticated and expensive healthcare systems in the world, many areas are losing ground on key measures related to life expectancy.

This is why community health centers like Open Door Family Medical Center, which since 1972 has safeguarded the health and wellness of people in the lower Hudson Valley regardless of their ability to pay, play such a large role in the overall health and quality of life of our community.

A pioneer federally qualified health center, Open Door provides more than 300,000 patient visits annually at its centers in Ossining, Port Chester, Sleepy Hollow, Mamaroneck, Mount Kisco and Brewster, as well as its school-based health centers, and serves nearly 57,000 individual patients who might not otherwise have access to care.

When people delay getting care, either because they don't have insurance or cannot afford to self-pay, they often wind up in

need of far more expensive care when their condition worsens or they develop a chronic disease.

Community health centers formed more than 50 years ago because of the growing recognition that putting doctors in under-resourced communities was a powerful weapon against poverty and ill health. Today, they provide primary care to more than 28 million people nationwide. As is the case at Open Door, community health centers provide comprehensive, preventive primary healthcare with dental, behavioral health, women's health, nutritional services, vision, substance use disorder treatment and affordable pharmacy services.

Among the environmental factors at the root cause of illness, including nutrition and safe housing, access to primary care is a pivotal driver that determines how long one will live. Counties in the United States with a sufficient supply of primary care providers have lower mortality rates, according to a recent study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association-Internal Medicine.

Congress needs to commit secure and

sustained health center funding for the people and communities they represent. The work that community health centers do to extend and improve lives generates cost savings across the healthcare system, but the return on investment depends on long-term support.

Several bipartisan bills have been introduced in Congress that will provide long-term and stable funding for health centers, as well as for programs that help build the primary care workforce we need for the future.

We are deeply appreciative of the work of our leaders in Congress – senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand and representatives Nita M. Lowey, Eliot L. Engel, Sean Patrick Maloney and Antonio Delgado – and others who continue to support long-term sustained funding for health centers to ensure access to preventive healthcare and bridge the life expectancy gap. The health of our community depends on it.

Lindsay Farrell is the president and CEO of Open Door Family Medical Center.

More Women and Minorities Needed for Financial Planning Jobs

Americans' need for competent and ethical financial advice continues to grow, but the population of professionals who can provide such advice is shrinking.

At the same time, the demographics of wealth in the U.S. are shifting. The average net worth of African American families increased by 30 percent from 2013 to 2016, according to the Federal Reserve. Women now control more than one-third of wealth in the country, according to The Boston Consulting Group. And an "InvestmentNews" report found the top-fifth of Latinos, or more than 2.1 million households, have an average wealth of more than \$400,000.

Not reflecting these changes, however, are the demographics of today's financial planning workforce. Less than one-fourth of the more than 84,000 certified financial planner professionals are women, and only 3.6 percent are black or Latino.

The gap between the current state of the financial planning profession and what is needed in this shifting landscape presents

big career opportunities for female and minority candidates.

"We need more financial planners," said Brittney Castro, a Los Angeles-based Latina financial planner. "It's such a great career. You're helping people with their money, you make good money and you have ultimate freedom over your time. That's a win-win-win."

Financial planners earn a median pay of \$89,000, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which also projects that job opportunities within the financial advisory industry are expected to grow by 15 percent between 2016 and 2026. This means planners can enjoy lucrative careers with long-term opportunity and room for growth, all while helping others.

The ways in which diverse financial professionals benefit their communities is multifaceted, said Justin Sullivan, an African American investment adviser for an Atlanta wealth management company. Giving back is a central part of the work, Sullivan said, whether through

formal financial planning services or simple conversations with people in the community.

"I think we take for granted what people know, especially when you talk about groups that have not historically been exposed to wealth," he said.

Becoming a certified financial planner also provides opportunities to serve as a mentor for future generations and encourage even greater diversity in the profession.

"There are not many of us – women of color – who are financial planners, so I have a responsibility," said Rianka Dorsainvil. "I have to volunteer and raise my hand for leadership positions so other women of color can say, 'I see her in me, so I can do that too.'"

To learn more about financial planning careers, visit cfp.net/become-a-cfp-professional.

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Letter to the Editor

Ways to Get the State's Attention to Filling Potholes on the Roads

Many New York State roads continue to be full of potholes and in desperate need of repaving. Unfortunately, the state does not have adequate funds to repave roads in a timely manner or to promptly repair all potholes.

A constituent of mine, Jeff Bogart of Hastings-on-Hudson, came up with a great idea. New York State should authorize local

governments or residents to paint a circle (in a bright color) around the potholes located on state roads so motorists would be warned, in advance, of the dangers of the pothole. This could help other motorists avoid flat tires and could help the state Department of Transportation locate the potholes quickly.

Another option that the state should

consider: entering into contracts with local governments. Enable localities to fix the potholes and to be reimbursed.

I would welcome readers thoughts. My e-mail is pfeiner@greenburghny.com.

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Cider and Donut Festival, 5K a Day of Fun and Recollection

By Martin Wilbur

The Armonk community came out in force on a beautiful late summer morning last Sunday for the Cider and Donut Festival, the Byram Hills Preschool Association and the 5K Run for Love.

Wampus Brook Park, where the event was held, was filled with local residents by the time some 300 runners were sent on their way for the 5K Run for Love. Once the winners streamed across the line about 17 minutes later, the festival was underway.

For most, it was a day for fun for families and their children, able to mingle with friends and neighbors and eat some treats, including the hundreds of apple cider donuts that were cooked by Beascakes bakery. For those with young kids, some there were carnival rides and a variety of child-friendly activities.

For those who remember Jamie Love, a 2010 Byram Hills High School graduate who ran cross country in high school and competed while at the University of Vermont, it was something more.

The race was renamed for Love about six years ago after he died unexpectedly in his dorm room in February 2013 at 20 years old. A few weeks later it was determined that he had been stricken with cardiac arrhythmia.

His parents, Michelle and Jim, and sister Noelle were on hand Sunday at the park to greet well-wishers and to see many of their son's collegiate teammates and



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTOS

Thousands of apple cider donuts were baked and ready to be devoured at last Sunday's Cider and Donut Festival in Armonk.

friends.

"For us, so many people have shown us love and that's exactly what we want to show the community," Michelle Love said. "It's spread the love. That's all we need."

Once again, the race was dominated by former friends and fellow runners of Jamie's at Vermont. On the women's side Sydney Durand crossed the wire at 21:15, one second in front of her friend Valerie Moyer. It was another 19 seconds back to Shaylyn Tuite in third.

For the men, Colby Nixon won the race for the second consecutive year, coming in at 16:59. He was followed by Travis MacKenzie and Oscar Kemjika.

Nixon's brother ran track with Love at Vermont and both were friends with him.

"We had a lot of fun. He was always open to everything; let's go do this," Nixon recalled.



Some 300 runners break at the start of the 5K Run for Love, part of a full day of festivities at the Armonk Chamber of Commerce's Cider and Donut Festival last Sunday. Right: Colby Nixon was the men's winner in Sunday's 5K Run for Love.

Durand said that the race, held in mid-September each year, is an opportunity for Love's friends and teammates to reunite and recall some of the stories from their college days. It's also been an opportunity to become better acquainted with his family.

"The Love family is amazing and because of this event we've gotten to know them better, so it's been really great to make this," Durand said.

"He really made the most out of every day," said Maury Clark, another teammate of Love's at the University of Vermont. "This is a great way to get together and share good stories about Jamie."

Race Director Sean Ryan said the annual turnout from Love's college teammates is an indication of the impact he had on them.



"It shows the quality of this young man and how his friends are following up on his memory," Ryan said.

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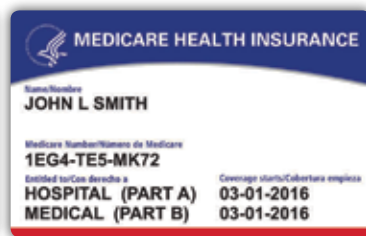
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Greeley Student Initiates Soap Sale to Help Local Homeless

Zeina Soliman, a senior and an honors student at Horace Greeley High School, is selling homemade decorative soaps at Scattered Books in Chappaqua to raise money for the Emergency Shelter Partnership (ESP) located in Mount Kisco, which provides short-term emergency shelter in northern Westchester.

For a donation, supporters can take home a beautiful hand-crafted artisanal soap imbued with the scent of one of several essential oils.

Previously, Soliman's soaps were prominently displayed at Desires by Mikolay where she received strong support for her fundraising efforts.

By having her decorative soaps available for purchase and displayed with a message about the area homeless, Soliman is raising money for ESP, a nonprofit organization, and awareness to the challenges some in the community face.

Soliman, who has a passion for helping those in need in the community, developed her idea because of a prior commitment to fundraise for ESP because of a volunteer experience she and her mother had preparing hot meals in the winter at one of the local religious congregation that was housing the homeless. Soliman was struck by the need for shelter in the cold weather months and she decided to create a business to raise money throughout the year.

Her specialty soaps have a shea butter base with floral scents and they are packaged with decorative accents and a message inside that talks about how the purchase helps the homeless. Soliman is paying for all the costs of materials so that all of the money from the purchases help people who need shelter.

"I'm passionate about this project not just because I want to raise money for Emergency Shelter Partnership, but also because I want to raise awareness for the cause," Soliman said. "Not many residents in northern Westchester know of the homeless population that we live with. If more people

knew about the issue, I believe we would all be able to help our homeless neighbors."

The organization provides short-term emergency shelter for those who need a place to stay during the coldest months of the year. Shelter is provided through a coalition of houses of worship and other community groups to anyone who needs a safe and warm place to sleep.

People gather at the police station in Mount Kisco by 9 p.m. each evening from November through March, where they are met by the ESP bus and an overnight supervisor who transports the group to the congregation that is hosting the shelter that week.

When the group arrives where the shelter

is hosted, volunteers from the congregation greet them with a hot meal and a room in which to sleep. Coffee and a breakfast bag are provided in the morning. A volunteer from the congregation also spends the night and is available to assist an ESP staff member in the event of an emergency.

By 6:30 a.m., the next day, the group is on the bus and returned to the Mount Kisco police station.

Horace Greeley High School senior Zeina Soliman helps the local homeless by raising money for Emergency Shelter Partnership through the sale of her homemade decorative soaps.



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A Bit of Nostalgia: When Homes Came in a Big Box From Sears

Recently I read a reference to a "Sears home" and was reminded of my experience with this bit of nostalgia in the American home sketchbook.

As a realtor who works very much in the present, I nevertheless always seek out the history of older homes, having owned one for some years from the 18th century. And, the history of the Sears home is one of some interest.

A while back, I received a call from a 92-year-old man telling me that he had read every one of my articles since I started writing as The Home Guru. I was quite flattered. When he told me that he wouldn't consider having anyone else sell the house that he had lived in since he was married, I was delighted.

But, when he told me it was a Sears-Roebuck house, built from a kit, I was thrilled. I couldn't wait to see it.

My enthusiasm dampened a bit when he added, "But I warn you, to reach my home you must climb exactly 50 steps up from the street!" Okay, I'm game, I thought. If this 92-year-old can cut it, certainly I can too.

When I arrived at the home in the quarry neighborhood in North White Plains, we ventured the climb to the flat plateau in the sky where the charming home was perched, almost exactly as it was constructed in 1930.



By Bill Primavera

Having been married to his first wife for more than 60 years, then left a widower for a while, he had just remarried and was heading to New England. The home he was leaving behind for another generation of home adventurers is also delightful as a piece of Americana.

Sears, Roebuck and Co. first conceived of selling ready-to-assemble homes by mail order in 1906 in response to a financial dilemma. High inventory costs threatened to close their building supplies department, until a new manager named Frank W. Kushel had the idea of letting the factories ship supplies directly to

the buyers in the form of complete home kits.

The trustworthiness of the Sears catalogs already helped the buying public become comfortable with the idea of buying items sight unseen. By the time the first Book of Modern Homes and Building Plans was printed in 1908, customers were ready to trust Sears with what was likely to be the biggest purchase they would ever make.

Kits weighed 25 tons and were shipped by a combination of railroad boxcar and sometimes truck. Often families would wait at the train station in a state of

high anticipation. Like Ikea today with furniture, the innovations and efficiencies Sears brought to its home kits made home ownership affordable to families who previously could only dream of having a place of their own.

The innovative "balloon-style" framing helped reduce the hours needed to assemble a house by 40 percent compared to standard construction methods. In fact, the process of assembling the homes from kits was simple enough that neighbors sometimes pitched in to do the job themselves, barn-raising style. All the major pieces were numbered, every beam, shingle and clapboard, and there was just the right number of nails so there would never be any guesswork for the novice builder.

Today, that attention to detail helps owners identify their houses as being authentic Sears Modern Homes. The numbers are still visible on many of the untreated pieces.

Modern Homes incorporated the newest technologies for comfortable living, gradually adding central heating, indoor plumbing and electricity to most of their designs. They also utilized the newly invented drywall and asphalt shingles, which were light weight, easy to install and fire resistant.

From 1908 to 1940, about 75,000 homes were sold through the mail-order Modern Homes program. There were 447 different housing styles available that branched into

three distinct lines: Honor Bilt, the most expensive line with the highest grade materials; Standard Built, recommended for warmer climates; and Simplex Sectional, the smallest and simplest designs.

Not only did prospective homeowners have many designs to choose from, but the designs allowed for customization. Floor plans could be reversed, breakfast nooks and ironing board cabinets added and trim customized. Sears even assembled home kits based on any other home design.

Sears offered mortgage financing for a few years, but the Great Depression caused many loans to go into default. The company ended the service soon afterward.

It's not always easy to identify a Sears home, especially as homeowners were given such freedom in customizing the designs. To determine if a home is from Sears, check to see if it was built between 1908 and 1940. (A few old kits were sold through 1942.) Then check if there are any shipping labels or the aforementioned printed numbers in the home framework.

Another good sign of a Sears Modern Home is a record of a mortgage issued by Sears.

Even after all these years, Sears homes are still prized by collectors and are known for being of high quality in even their most humble variations.

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P'ville Resident, Retired Police Chief Authors Crime Novel

By Abby Luby

Louis Dorio was a still young patrol officer for the Harrison Police Department in 1984 when he was given a limited assignment as a detective.

Within four days, the bodies of two girls were found across the street from a local high school and Dorio's detective lieutenant told him, "It's your case, kid."

Some 35 years later, Dorio has penned the vivid details of the investigation in his newly-published, real-crime novel titled "Murder Finds the Suburbs." It was released in July by Outskirts Pres.

The longtime Pleasantville resident based his novel on the actual case known as the Bag Murder Case.

"I was involved as lead investigator from the moment the bodies were found," Dorio said. "It was a complete surprise for Harrison, considered a safe suburb with three colleges, major corporations and an airport. People always said murder isn't supposed to happen here. That was the mentality."

The blurb for the book states "Small Town Police Department Meets Big City Crime." Dorio has fictionalized the case by changing character's names and locations.

"I included everything in the story – finding the bodies of the girls after they were killed in the Bronx, the autopsies, tracking down the killers and getting them convicted."

The story intertwines circumstantial evidence that crossed Dorio's desk,

testimonies of the accused killers and their ultimate convictions. The main character, Rocco DeMarco, faces danger when he encounters a character modeled after a homicidal former enforcer from Fidel Castro's Cuba, who came to the United States as part of the Mariel Boatlift in 1980.

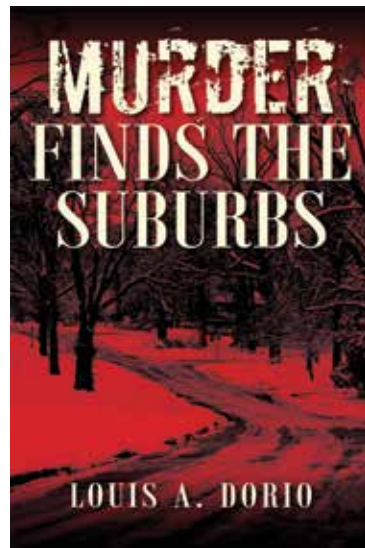
"All three of the accused got convicted, one died in prison, the other two left are still serving 50 years-to-life sentences," Dorio explained about the real investigation. "It was a personally rewarding case for me."

Similar to Stephen King, whose ideal reader is his wife, Dorio's wife, Adrienne, served the same function while he was writing the book.

"It was my wife, who is an avid reader, who first urged me to write the book," he said. "It took me a little over four years from when I first sat down to write it to getting it published."

Along the way, Dorio received feedback from friends who are writers and a professional editor.

Born and raised in White Plains, Dorio retired as Harrison's police chief in 1996 after working on the force for 20 years.



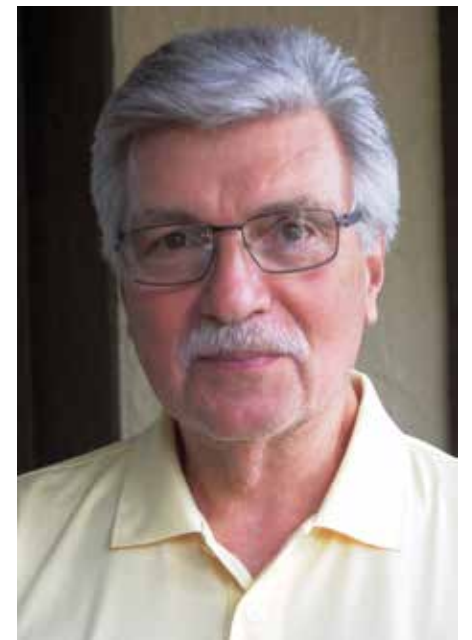
He rose through the ranks from patrolman, to sergeant, lieutenant and captain before spending the last three years as chief. Before joining the department, Dorio served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Oriskany in the Gulf of Tonkin during the Vietnam War, then took a job with the Westchester County Highway Department, and then left after six months to become a police officer.

He has been an adjunct professor of criminal justice at Westchester Community College

and has previously taught at several other colleges in the county.

Dorio has lived in Mount Pleasant since 1977, the last 16 years in Pleasantville, where he resides at Foxwood Condominiums after calling Hawthorne home for nearly 27 years. He has two daughters and five grandchildren.

Personal signings of his book are planned in the near future at Pleasantville's The Village Bookstore and Scattered Books in Chappaqua. Dorio recently dropped off a batch of signed copies of "Murder Finds the Suburbs" at The Village Bookstore. He put them on the counter and a woman waiting to buy some books asked the cashier what



Former Harrison police chief Louis Dorio, a longtime resident of Hawthorne and Pleasantville, recently saw his first novel released, "Murder Finds the Suburbs," a fictionalized account of a real-life murder investigation he led about 35 years ago.

Dorio's book was about.

"The cashier told her 'Why don't you ask him, he wrote it,' as she pointed to me," Dorio recalled. "The woman bought the book. It was my first sale."

Dorio is also scheduled to speak on www.westchestertalkradio.com. on Sept. 27.



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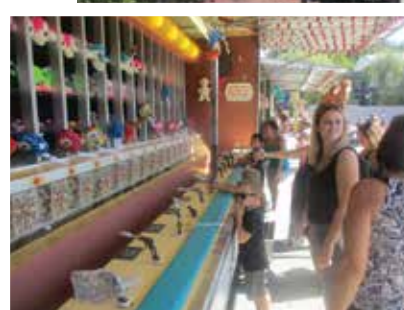


The crowds turned out last weekend in Mount Kisco for the Chamber of Commerce's second SeptemberFest. For most of the three-day event, there were big crowds comprised of families enjoying the many carnival rides, the delicious food from the food trucks parked behind Village Hall and local entertainment. For those looking for a bargain, Saturday and Sunday were the days where merchants took to the sidewalks along South Moger

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Splurge for their tasting lunch. My favorite dishes are caviar with Meyer Lemon Gelee and Cream Fraiche. (The lemon wakes up the caviar.) There's yellow fin tuna ribbons with avocado, radish and ginger Marinade;

Gulf Shrimp wrapped in bacon with sweet cherry mustard and thyme; Peekytoe Crab with mustard, melon juice and shaved fennel; slowly cooked halibut with shimeji mushrooms and a tomato-lemongrass infusion.

Jean-Georges is rated with two Michelin stars and is special in more ways than nearly any restaurant anywhere. After lunch, stroll through Central Park, take a rowboat around the picturesque pond, visit the zoo or take a ride on the carousel.

The Fulton

Located at 89 South St., The Fulton is JoJo's newest restaurant, situated on the East River and perched across from the Brooklyn Bridge. At night, the drop-dead views of the bridge's twinkling lights, passing boats and the illuminated buildings are breathtaking. (Ask for an upstairs



By Richard Levy

table with a bridge view.)

Splurge for their tasting dinner for one of the most delectable meals you'll ever have. One of my favorite dishes is the Grand Plateau, a tower of six little neck clams, six oysters, six shrimp cocktail, three Peekytoe crab lettuce cups and one live scallop marinated in green chili ferment and kambu water. You can almost taste the ocean.

You can also try the fluke crudo (sliced fluke with a habanero vinaigrette garnished with Sichuan bud, mint, chervil, salt and pepper); Longevity Noodles, which are incredible with chunks of lobster in chicken broth garnished with Serrano chili peppers, scallions and bean sprouts; the bass en croute, The Fulton's famous signature dish, consisting of whole black bass baked in pastry (with an image of the bass on the pastry), served with tomato consume and béarnaise sauce. It's the most delicious seafood

dish I've ever devoured.

Then there's the roasted monk fish medallions (Calabrian chili, lemon, capers, spinach and crispy potatoes), which is almost a religious experience.

For dessert, The Fulton's chocolate mousse, which includes vanilla ice cream, passion fruit sorbet, dark chocolate mousse on top of caramel, honey roasted peanut bark, should not be passed up.

Arrive early and take in the historic South Street Seaport. Stroll around this famous New York landmark, which comes alive at night with colorful bars, unique shops, quaint buildings and vintage boats in the harbor.

Make plans to travel into the city for lunch at Jean-Georges or dinner at The Fulton. Or spend a romantic weekend in Manhattan. Stay in a boutique hotel, have dinner at The Fulton on Friday, take in a Broadway show Saturday night, and on Sunday morning sleep in and order room service for a very romantic morning. As your pièce de résistance, have lunch at Jean-Georges.

Both restaurants have gluten- and dairy-free options. Make reservations early. Dress is casual-elegant or you can dress to the nines.

For more information, call Jean-Georges at 212-299-3900 or The Fulton at 212-838-1200.

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Happenings

Tuesday, Sept. 17

Reading With Tobie and Karen. For school age children. First-come, first-served. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 p.m. Free. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcatslibrary.org.

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

DIY Pirate Telescope. Every pirate needs a telescope to spy on the enemy. Make yours from a paper cup and toilet roll. For children three to 11 years old. (Children under five must be accompanied by a caregiver.) Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

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

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.mountkisco.library.org.

Pajama Storytime. Join Miss Debbie for an evening that includes stories, songs and fun. Pajamas and stuffed animals are welcome. For children two to five years old and their families. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 6:30 to 7 p.m. Free. Every Tuesday (except Oct. 8). Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Armonk Readers Book Club. Author Mary Beth Keane will be on hand to discuss her new novel "Ask Again, Yes," a profoundly moving story about two neighboring families in a suburban town, the bond between their children, a tragedy that reverberates over four decades, the daily intimacies of marriage and the power of forgiveness. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:45 p.m. Free. Registration requested. Info and registration: 914-273-3887 ext. 3.

"Angels are Made of Light." From Academy Award-nominated director James Longley, this stirring and beautiful documentary traces the lives of young students and their teachers at a school in the old city of Kabul. Interweaving the modern history of Afghanistan with present-day portraits, this film offers an intimate, gorgeously presented vision of a society living in the shadow of war. Part of the Global Watch: Crisis & Social Action series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$10. Non-members: \$15. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Saw Mill River Audubon Nature Book

Club. "American Eden" by Victorian Johnson will be discussed. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Free. Info: E-mail office@sawmillriveraudubon.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, Sept. 18

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.

Livable Communities Celebrate Aging Village Fair. This seventh annual event for seniors and their families will include StepWise Balance Fitness for an upbeat approach to fall prevention, which includes Tai Chi and Line Dancing. Also, experience the county's Telehealth Intervention Program for Seniors (TIPS) where seniors can have their vital signs monitored for free and receive a packet on Department of Senior Programs and Services programming. The Lois Colombo Trio will perform live jazz. Mount Pleasant Community Center, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free. Registration required for lunch. Info and lunch registration: Contact Jennifer Crawford at 914-813-6263 or jqsu@westchestergov.com.

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.

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.

Mother Goose. Listen to stories and sing along with the librarian for a fun morning. The session 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. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or 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.mountkisco.library.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. Info: 914-273-3887 or 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. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

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

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.

Science Lab. Become junior scientists and learn about different science topics through stories, crafts and experiments. For children four to six years old. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 to 5 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

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. 18. Info: 914-864-8041 or www.mountkisco.library.org.

Mount Kisco Arts Council Summer Concert Series. Frank Enea and the Crooked Hearts will be performing this evening. Fountain Park at Village Hall, 104 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 6:30 p.m. Free. Info: Visit the Mount Kisco Arts Council's Facebook page or on Instagram.

Support Group for Families in

We're happy to help spread the word about your community event. Please submit your information at least three weeks prior to your event and include the words "Happenings Calendar Submission" in your email subject line. Entries should be sent to Martin Wilbur at mwilbur@theexaminernews.com.

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.

Author Talk. Conservationist and author Paul Rosolie will be speaking about his new novel, "The Girl and the Tiger." The story introduces the unforgettable heroine, Isha, a young Indian girl whose brilliant, tender and untamed heart dismays the rigid social order of her school. Part "Mowgli," part "Anne of Green Gables," Isha is sent to live with her grandparents in a small farming village on the edge of a sacred grove. Free at last to read and explore to her heart's content, she discovers the tiger's lair beneath an ancient banyan tree and on one fateful night, a secret that will change her life. Chappaqua Performing Arts Center, 480 Bedford Rd., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4748 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Art Series: Thomas Hill. A member of the Rocky Mountain School, Hill created some of the most enduring images of the vast and untamed wilderness known as America's western frontier. Also consider the classical style and subject matter prevalent in American art at the time. 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.

Thursday, Sept. 19

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.

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.

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,

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New Comedy Club Ready to Take White Plains By Storm-y

By Martin Wilbur

White Plains is about to get in on the comedy scene in a big way.

This Friday night, Z Prime Steakhouse, located at 189 E. Post Rd., is kicking off a weekly White Plains Comedy Club, where Frank Pellegrino is banking on attracting significant names in the industry.

Ironically, while the initial show will feature a significant appearance, the headliner isn't a comedian. Adult film actress Stormy Daniels will tell stories and answer questions from the audience. (Spoiler alert: Daniels remains fully clothed.)

The following weekend will feature Golden Globe and Emmy Award winner actor, comedian and producer Jeremy Piven.

"It's an exciting week," said Pellegrino, founder of NoMa Comedy (North of Manhattan Comedy), who five years ago brought a successful comedy series to Lucy's Lounge in Pleasantville. "We're calling this first week with Stormy Daniels and Jeremy Piven the opening week. They all bring something really exciting to the table. There's something for everybody."

Pellegrino said while there have been occasional pop-up shows in White Plains, there has been no regular venue that comedy lovers can turn to.

He said the owners of Z Prime Steakhouse, which has a downstairs private room for parties that can seat between 110 to 130 people, were interested in offering



Jeremy Piven and Stormy Daniels are the first two headliners at the White Plains Comedy Club, which kicks off this Friday night.

some sort of regular comedy night.

With there being a comedy void in White Plains, Pellegrino thought it was the right time to develop a regular weekly series. No more than about 40 minutes outside of Manhattan and with a larger venue, he said he believes bigger names will be attracted to White Plains.

For the first two weeks, he hit it big with Daniels and Piven.

"It's years of connections at this point, which is such a weird thing to say, but it's just knowing the people, knowing the managers and the agents, networking at the clubs in the city, shaking hands and kissing babies," said Pellegrino, who also serves as tour manager for a couple of comedians.

To start, the comedy night will be



Friday, although in Piven's case he will be performing both Friday, Sept. 27 and Saturday, Sept. 28. Most nights there will be two shows, an early seating at about 7:30 p.m. and a second show at 10 p.m. (Daniels will be only doing one show this Friday.)

Pellegrino said the programs will run for roughly 90 minutes with a traditional comedy format, with a host to warm up the crowd for 10 or 15 minutes, a feature performer for 20 to 25 minutes and the

headliner on stage for 45 minutes to an hour.

The cover charge for all scheduled shows at this point are \$20 to \$35 per person. There is a two-item minimum, which could be an appetizer and a soft drink, less prohibitive than the standard two-drink minimum comedy club. Pellegrino said the minimum includes patrons who want to come down to Z Prime Steakhouse early for dinner, not just in the showroom.

The restaurant has also developed a showroom menu if someone wants to have dinner but not a heavy steakhouse meal.

"We want to make it as easy for people as possible," Pellegrino said. "Lucy's is down the block from the train station. (This) is about five blocks from the train. There's plenty of parking all around. So, yeah, we're saving you about two-and-a-half, three hours all around and you're getting just as good a show with us as you're getting in Manhattan."

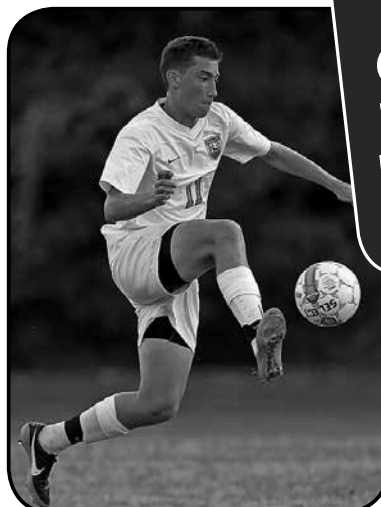
The other announced shows will feature Judy Gold on Oct. 4 and Fred Rubino on Oct. 11. There have been additional weeks booked, although due to agreements with some of the performers, the lineups will be rolled out closer to the show dates.

"I built these two things up here," Pellegrino said of Lucy's Laugh Lounge and now the White Plains Comedy Club. "We wanted a comedy community, so it's nice. It feels good."

For more information, visit www.WhitePlainsComedy.com.



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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.

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.

Bagels & Books. “The Man with No Borders” by Richard Morai will be discussed. Ruth Keeler Memorial Library, 276 Titicus Rd., North Salem. 10:30 a.m. Free. Info: 914-669-5161 or www.keelerlibrary.org.

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.

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, 125 Lozza Drove. Valhalla. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday and Thursday. Info: 914-769-0548 or 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. Every Thursday. Info: 914-273-3887 or 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.mountkiscoblibrary.org.

Bereavement Support Group. Receive the emotional, educational and social support needed to successfully manage their issues. Phelps Hospital, Room 545, 755 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. Noon. Free. Info: 914-366-3937 or e-mail Vitality@northwell.edu.

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.mountkiscoblibrary.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.

Pirate Storytime. Come for songs and story time celebrating international Talk Like a Pirate Day. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 to 4:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

National Read a Book Day. Celebrate National Read a Book Day with “Charlotte’s Web” transformed. Make your own spider and web to compliment E. B. White’s famous story. For children five to 11 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. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 5 to 6 p.m. Free. Thursdays from 5 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m. to noon. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoblibrary.org.

Oh, My Aching Knees! Explore options that can get you back your life. Learn about non-operative and surgical treatment options and find out if robot-assisted relief is right for you. Light refreshments will be served. Northern Westchester Hospital’s first floor conference room, 400 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Visit www.Sept2019knee.eventbrite.com.

Friday, Sept. 20

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

Music With Miss Laura. Stories, songs, finger plays and movement activities. For children from 18 to 36 months. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 11:30 to noon. Free. Every Friday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Color With Me. Create your own masterpiece. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 to 5 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.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. 6 p.m. \$20. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

Opening Reception for “Art Heroes

iPhone Paintings.” A collection of two dozen portraits of the local artist Stuart Vance’s heroes painted on the iPhone 7 using the Brushes Redux app and printed on Vibrachrome aluminum. The Radius Gallery at Arc Stages, 147 Wheeler Ave., Pleasantville. 6 to 8 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues throughout Oct. 25. Info: 914-747-6206.

Friday Night Film Series: “At Eternity’s Gate.” This incredible film, by artist-turned-filmmaker Julian Schnabel, looks at the later part of Van Gogh’s life through the artist’s eyes. With unique sound and visual imagery, in French and English, this film reminds us how great artists see the world in a different way. 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.

Westchester County Crossword Puzzle Tournament. Registration at the door the night of the event. Includes a reception following the event. Westchester Table Tennis Center, 175 Tompkins Ave., Pleasantville. 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Solo contestant: \$40. Duos: \$50. Spectator: \$8.

Westchester Photographic Society. An entertaining evening as members exhibit images of their photographic adventures. A fun night for members and guests. Must be at least 18 years old to attend. Westchester Community College’s Technology Building, Room 107, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 8 p.m. Free. Info: 914-827-5333 or visit www.wpsphoto.org.

“The Bridge in Scarsdale.” Local theater company Chill Bucket Productions memorializes the late author Robert Remington Wood with a theatrical staged reading of his unpublished play, which was produced Off-Broadway in 2002 to critical acclaim. The venue for the reading, an 1851 stone church, will allow the audience an intimate setting to experience this rarely-performed gem. Followed by a post-reading talk-back with the cast and creative team and refreshments. St. James the Less, 10 Church Lane, Scarsdale. 8 p.m. \$15. Info and tickets: Visit www.chillbp.com.

Caleb Teicher and Nic Gareiss. Among the most celebrated contemporary dancers of our day, the pair adds innovation to America’s rich music and dance traditions in a captivating performance. They blur the boundaries of different genres by exploring song, improvisation and percussive dance. Fusing jazz, tap, lindy hop, Appalachian clogging, Irish step dance and swing, they create a breathtaking evening of expressive movement rooted in time and place, yet uniquely their own. The dancers host a Q&A session following the hour-long performance. Irvington Theater, 85 Main St., Irvington. 8 p.m. \$25 to \$40. Info and tickets: Visit www.riverarts.org.

“The Wait Room.” The Sing Sing Prison Museum and Bethany Arts Community present this production’s East Coast premiere, an outdoor dance program honoring the lives of women whose loved ones are incarcerated. Commissioned by San Francisco’s Flyaway Productions. Louis Engel Park, 25 Westerly Rd., Ossining. 8 p.m.

\$25. Also Sept. 21 at 3 and 8 p.m. and Sept. 22 at 3 p.m. Info: 914-236-5407 or e-mail info@singsingprisonmuseum.org. Tickets: Visit <https://thewaitroom.eventbrite.ca>.

LoHud Comedy Presents Brian Scott McFadden. McFadden, a comedian and stage actor, is a regular on the New York comedy club circuit and has been seen on “The Late Show with David Letterman” and “The Late Late Show” with Craig Ferguson. Also, as a voiceover artist, he has a vast range of accents and character voices in his repertoire. McFadden was recently seen on the big screen in “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty” with Ben Stiller. Followed by a wine and cheese reception. The Schoolhouse Theater, 3 Owens Rd., North Salem. 8 p.m. \$25. Info and tickets: 914-277-8477 or visit www.schoolhousetheater.org.

Saturday, Sept. 21

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 will be arts and crafts with the Nemecs from 9:30 to 11 a.m., an electric vehicle showcase from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Lead Sponsor Phelps Hospital Northwell Health will visit. Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rain or shine. Please note the market is a dog-free environment. Saturdays through Nov. 23. Info: Visit 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.

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.

Demystifying Medicare and Healthcare Coverage for Seniors. This engaging, interactive program of the library system’s Westchester Seniors Out Speaking is perfect for anyone trying to navigate the complicated healthcare system for older adults. It will help those who already have Medicare, as well as people soon to be 65, planning their retirement or assisting relatives and friends with their medical decisions. The workshop outlines the various parts of Medicare and lays out the costs associated with health insurance provided by the government and private companies. Topics include original Medicare, Advantage Plans, prescription drug plans (Part D), Medigaps (supplemental plans) and various cost-saving programs (MSPs, Extra Help, EPIC, etc.). Katonah Village Library,

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If You're Suffering From Back Pain, Acupuncture Can Help

Many people can benefit from acupuncture as a conservative treatment for pain and many other medical injuries and conditions.

Acupuncture improves the body's functions and promotes the natural self-healing process by stimulating specific anatomic sites – commonly referred to as acupuncture points or acupoints. The most common method used is the insertion of fine, sterile needles into the skin. Pressure, heat or electrical stimulation may further enhance the effects.

Other acupoint stimulation techniques include manual massage, moxibustion or heat therapy, cupping and the application of topical herbal medicines and liniments.

Traditional Chinese medicine is based on an ancient philosophy that describes the universe, and the body, in terms of two opposing forces: yin and yang. When these

forces are in balance, the body is healthy. Energy, called "qi," (pronounced chee)

flows along specific pathways, called meridians, throughout the body. This constant flow of energy keeps the yin and yang forces balanced. However, if the flow of energy gets blocked, like water getting stuck behind a dam, the disruption can

lead to pain, lack of function or illness.

Acupuncture therapy can release blocked qi in the body and stimulate function, evoking the body's natural healing response through various physiological systems. Modern research has demonstrated acupuncture's effects on the nervous system, endocrine and immune systems, cardiovascular system and digestive system. By stimulating the body's various systems, acupuncture can help to resolve pain and improve sleep, digestive function and sense of well-being.

Nearly eight out of 10 people will suffer from back pain at some point in life. Back pain is one of the top reasons people seek medical treatment. Current western medical treatment includes pain medications, steroids, surgical intervention and muscle relaxers. While

these choices may help for short periods, it is not a permanent fix and more often than not cause more harm than good.

The good news is that current research suggests that acupuncture provides significant relief for back pain. Guidelines from the American Pain Society and American College of Physicians say doctors should consider acupuncture

as an alternative therapy for patients with chronic low back pain that's not responding to conventional treatment.

While I agree with that statement at some level, in my opinion it's best to be evaluated by a doctor and seek out acupuncture before you resort to using pharmaceuticals, which may lead to addiction problems.

Most people wonder what happens at their first acupuncture session. First, your acupuncturist will ask about your health history. Then, he or she will examine your tongue's shape, color and coating, feel your pulse and possibly perform some additional physical examinations depending on your health needs. Using these unique assessment tools, the acupuncturist will be able to recommend a proper treatment plan to address your particular condition.

To begin the acupuncture treatment, you lay comfortably on a treatment table while precise acupoints are stimulated on various areas of your body. Most people feel no or minimal discomfort as the fine needles are gently placed. The needles are usually inserted for between five and



By Andrea Gurciullo

30 minutes. During and after treatments, people report that they feel very relaxed.

The frequency and number of treatments differs from person to person. Some people experience dramatic relief in the first treatment. For complex or longstanding chronic conditions, one to two treatments per week for

several months may be recommended. For acute problems, fewer visits are typically required, usually eight to 10 visits in total. An individualized treatment plan that includes the expected number of treatments will be discussed during your initial visit.

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26 Bedford Rd., Katonah. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Walk-ins welcome; pre-registration preferred. Pre-registration: 914-231-3236. Info: Visit www.westchesterlibraries.org/westchester-seniors-speaking-out.

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. This month's herb is rosemary. Visitors will learn about every aspect of this popular herb and be inspired by its many uses and benefits. There will also be related children's activities. Visitors to the farm market enjoy delicious herbal cookies and muffins, recipes and fact sheets about featured herbs of the month. John Jay Homestead, 400 Jay St. (Route 22), Katonah. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free admission. Info: E-mail hersocietyny@gmail.com.

Autumn Games. Adults 55 and up are invited to a day of activities and athletic challenges for all levels of fitness. Mount Pleasant Community Center, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. Info and registration: Visit www.phelpshospital.org/autumn-games.

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 Whipoorwill Rd. East. Armonk. 10:30 a.m. Free. Every Saturday. Info: 914-273-3887 or 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 Sept. 22 at 1 p.m. and Sept. 28 at 11 a.m. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

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

"Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban." Dark wizard Sirius Black (Gary Oldman) has escaped from Azkaban prison and some believe he plans to exact revenge on Harry Potter for causing the downfall of his master, Lord Voldemort. With

the help of Ron, Hermione and their new Defense Against the Dark Arts professor, Remus Lupin, Harry struggles to thwart the Dementors, find Sirius Black and uncover the mysteries of the night that left him an orphan. Part of the JBFC Potter-thon. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. Noon. Members: \$9. Non-members: \$13.50. Children (13 and under): \$7.25. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Drop in for Tech Help. Receive assistance with any of your technology devices. PC, Google, Microsoft savvy volunteers help with troubleshooting, downloading, Overdrive, Freegal, Hoopla or any other online service. First-come, first-served. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Free. Every Saturdays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and every Tuesday from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkisco.library.org.

Michael Albert Workshop. Meet and greet Westchester-based pop artist and founder of the Sir Real Fruit Juice Company Michael Albert and participate in an open collage workshop session for art lovers of all ages. All participants will receive a free signed limited-edition poster of one of Albert's creations. Light refreshments will be served. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1 to 3 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkisco.library.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 Sept. 29 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.

The Roy R. Neuberger Prize Award Presentation and Reception. A public ceremony to present the 2019 Roy R. Neuberger Award to recipient Yto Barrada. Wine and hors d'oeuvres to follow. Open to the public. Neuberger Museum of Art, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 5 to 7:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Visit <https://conta.cc/31yiSKx>.

The Battle of the Bands. A fundraiser for the Chappaqua Performing Arts Center featuring three local bands – Red Grenadine with The Horn Dogs, Ripchord and The Station Agents. Each band will play for a half-hour and there will be a 15-minute intermission between each set. Beverages, wine, beer and soft drinks, along with light bites will be available for purchase. Mark Goodman, radio DJ, SiriusXM host, TV personality and actor, best known as one of the original five VJs on MTV, will emcee the

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event. Chappaqua Performing Arts Center, 480 Bedford Rd., Chappaqua. Meet-and-greet cocktail party at 6 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. General admission: \$50. Pre-party: \$150. Info and tickets: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4311403>.

NYC Comedy in the IRV. The first in a series of three comedy nights featuring a lineup of New York City comics. The show, hosted by Ophira Eisenberg, the host of NPR's "Ask Me Another," will feature veteran comedians Moody McCarthy and Andy Pitz. Irvington Theater, 85 Main St., Irvington. 7:30 p.m. \$35. Info and tickets: Visit www.irvingtontheater.com.

Reggie Harris and Pat Victor in Concert. Harris is a singer-songwriter, storyteller and cultural ambassador on a mission to education, entertain and inspire. For over 40 years, he has captivated audiences through the United States, Canada and Europe. Victor burst on the scene as an innovative slide guitarist known for fresh interpretations of traditional and contemporary songs. For seven years, he toured as one-third of Brother Sun, the powerful harmonizing trio, garnering critical acclaim, two #1 CDs on the Folk DJ charts and a continent-spanning tour schedule. Common Ground Coffeehouse, 25 Old Jackson Ave., Hastings-on-Hudson. 7:30 p.m. \$20 and \$25. Info and tickets: Visit www.commongroundconcerts.com.

Lucy's Laugh Lounge: Mark DeMayo. DeMayo headlines the Police Off the Cuff showcase. Also featuring Bill Cannon. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. \$20. Info and tickets: Visit www.lucyslaughlounge.com.

An Amazin' Evening of Myth and Baseball With the 1969 Mets. Take a trip down memory lane with New York Mets legends Art Shamsky, Ed Kranepool and Ron Swoboda as they commemorate the 50th anniversary of their unlikely, astonishing 1969 miracle season as they defeated the Baltimore Orioles to win the World Series in their eighth season. They will share stories from their incredible season and take questions from the audience. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$35 and \$45. VIP package, including a meet-and-greet, photographs with the players and an autographed baseball: \$155. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Sunday, Sept. 22

Miles for Meals 5K Walk and Run. Feeding Westchester presents this third annual event during Hunger Action Month. Feeding Westchester's mission is to end hunger in Westchester County. As the heart of a network of more than 300 partners, it sources and distributes food and other resources to towns across the county to help ensure that no one goes hungry. Also includes a fun-filled day of family activities, food, vendors and more. All participants receive a t-shirt and goodie bag. All proceeds benefit Feeding Westchester. Pace University, 861 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. Registration at 8 a.m. Kids 1K Fun Run (for children four to 12 years old) at 9 a.m. 5K Walk and Run

at 9:30 a.m. Fun run registration: \$15. 5K registration: \$40. Info and registration: Visit www.feedingwestchester.org.

Coffee with Wolves. Visitors are encouraged to bring their newspapers and spend a relaxing morning with the ambassador and red wolves. The wolves can be very active in the early morning, so visitors should remain quiet and subdued. Coffee and the wolves will be provided. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 9 a.m. \$12. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

Finding Truth and Losing Everything: A Journey Out of Fundamentalism. Chavie Weisberger grew up in a tight-knit Hasidic community. She was married at 18, divorced at 25 and came out as queer at 30. She then spent five years fighting for, and ultimately winning custody, of her three children and finding her footing in secular society. Weisberger now serves as the director of community engagement at Footsteps, where she supports others on the journey to find their truth. Preceded by brunch and followed by a talk. All welcome. Please bring feminine hygiene products to be donated to a local women's shelter. Free childcare is available upon prior request. Greenburgh Hebrew Center, 515 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry. 10 a.m. Free. RSVP required. RSVP: Contact Robin at Sisterhood@g-h-c.org. Info: Visit <http://www.g-h-c.org/welcomeback>.

Nature's Nurturers. Have you ever wondered how birds, reptiles, amphibians and mammals care for their young? This program will focus on parents and their offspring in the animal world. Explore the different classes of animals and how their care varies. Learn about maternal and paternal care in the wild. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

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

Rachel Podger in Concert. Praised as "Britain's finest period violinist" by BBC Music Magazine, Podger has injected new life into the Baroque tradition. Her affinity for the Baroque began at an early age when she sought more from her modern studies and followed her curiosity to begin mastering the Baroque violin. She went on to co-found the period group Palladian Ensemble, was an early member of Floriegium, led The English Concert from 1997 to 2002, and in 2018, was named Gramophone's Artist of the Year. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 3 p.m. Adults: \$30 to \$65. Children: \$15 to \$65. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit www.caramoor.org.

Sinatra: The 1962 World Tour. Recent inductee into the world-famous Friars Club, Frankie Sands, is one of the top Frank Sinatra tribute artists in the country and will re-create Sinatra's 1962 World Tour using a six-piece

band consisting of the same six instruments in the original band along with the original arrangements. A rare opportunity to hear some of Sinatra's best work, performed with a small, intimate jazz band, the voice on full display. Comedian Chris Monty will also be appearing. White Plains Performing Arts Center, 11 City Place, White Plains. 4 p.m. \$35 and \$40. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or visit www.wppac.com.

"A Night With Janis Joplin." The Tony-nominated Broadway musical celebrates Joplin and her biggest musical influences – trailblazers like Aretha Franklin, Etta James, Odetta, Nina Simone and Bessie Smith, all of whom inspired Joplin to become one of rock 'n' roll's greatest legends. Like a comet that burns far too brightly to last, Joplin exploded onto the music scene in 1967 and, almost overnight, became the queen of rock 'n' roll. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 7 p.m. \$45, \$55 and \$65. (For \$30, upgrade to a meet-and-greet package.) Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Monday, Sept. 23

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 or drop in.

Morning Shorts. "Nemecia" by Kirsten Valdez Quade will be discussed. New Castle Town Hall Conference Room A & B, 200 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 10 a.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

National Fall Prevention Day. Falls are not a normal part of aging, so what can you do to prevent falls? A panel discussion on falls, fall prevention and balance program with an introduction to exercise classes. Mount Pleasant Community Center, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or Caputo Community Center, 95 Broadway, Ossining from 10 a.m. to noon. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Contact Ellen Woods at 914-366-3937 or e-mail vitality@northwell.edu.

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 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Create a Banned Book T-shirt. Censorship leaves us in the dark. Learn about banned books and why it is important. Create your own banned books t-shirt. For children seven years old and up. 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.

Just Write! A creative writing club led by published poet and librarian Mary Johnson. Come and write in a friendly, encouraging

environment. Writers of all levels and new members welcome. Open to anyone 16 and up. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Author Talk. "The Man With No Borders" by Richard C. Morais will be discussed. Morais offers a moving story of forgiveness and redemption in which a dying man comes to terms with his mortality and long-buried family secrets. New Castle Town Hall, 200 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.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.

Tuesday, Sept. 24

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.

Bridge for Advanced Beginners and Intermediate Players. Learn what it takes to become a better bridge player and have fun doing it. Classes offer a mini-lesson and in-class hands to bid and play. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1 to 3 p.m. Free. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Drop-In Breastfeeding Support Clinic. Join other moms and Certified Lactation Counselor Cabiria Dougherty at this drop-in clinic for breastfeeding concerns and questions big and small. This clinic is designed to lessen the pressure to perform that can arise from the usual hour-and-a-half home visits or 30-minute office visits, and afford time to observe more than one feeding in a relaxed and welcoming space. Latch assessments and suggestions for improved positioning and feeding outcomes are the main focus, but moms with babies at all ages and stages are welcome. Questions about pumping, weaning, solids and more are answered with evidence-based, current knowledge and judgement-free respect. Drop in any time. NUR Space, 596 Warburton Ave., Hastings-On-Hudson. 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. \$30. Every Tuesday. Info: Visit www.nurspace.com/nur-calendar/drop-in-breastfeeding-support-clinic-mf83s.

Happy Tea Hour. Now's your chance to enjoy a full cup of loose-leaf tea. Enjoy a full cup of freshly brewed tea using the leaves left over from previous tea programs. This is a great way to savor the flavor a bit longer, explore the preferences of your palate and enjoy conversation centered around tea, without a formal program. Bring your own mug or use the paper ones. Bring your own snack. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 2 p.m. Free. Every Tuesday. Sign-up required. Info and sign-up. 914-273-3887 ext. 3.

It's Time to Experiment With Those Other Wines



By Nick Antonaccio

Are you stuck in a wine rut? Still drinking your go-to wine from last year? Or worse, from the last decade?

In today's pressurized work and social environment, thinking outside the box may not seem

all it's touted to be. There's a certain comfort in reaching for your favorite wine, knowing that it will generally meet your expectations every time.

Worse, are you intimidated each time you have to make a decision on what wine to drink? Do you think it takes some innate DNA gene to truly appreciate wine?

If you are nodding your head right now, then it's time to venture into today's plethora of excellent wines. Today, there are more well-made wines available than ever before, at prices that meet everyone's price point. And there is a simple path to take.

I've found that one of the best ways to acquire a "wine-sense" is to simply buy a case of mixed wines, take them home and

'Today, there are more well-made wines available than ever before'

start drinking. It's fun and you'll be amazed how quickly you'll hone your preferences and gain an understanding of the basics of wine. Here are three easy steps to follow:

First, visit your go-to local wine shop. Purchase a case of six white and six red wines from around the world. Yes, you may prefer red or white, but notwithstanding any allergic reaction to a particular grape, you may find your palate favors a wine your psyche doesn't. Remember those steamed Brussel sprouts you avoided in your youth? Remember how your opinion changed when as an adult you first tasted Brussel sprouts roasted with garlic in extra virgin olive oil and aged balsamic vinegar?

Graeme Goldstein, the wine guru at Art of Wine on Bedford Road in Pleasantville, has a customer-friendly approach. He tastes a significant number of the wines he sells.

"I think it's important to be able to describe a wine from first-hand experience," Goldstein said.

Be sure to set a suitable price range for

your budget. I suggest an average price-point of \$15 per bottle and a range of \$8 to \$20.

Try wines from grapes with which you have familiarity, but break away from the region of origin you've been consuming. Like Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand? Why not South Africa, Napa Valley, Chile or Bordeaux and the Loire Valley in France?

Try wines from grapes you may never have heard of. Like big, bold Cabernet Sauvignons? Consider experimenting with Tannat, Touriga Nacional and Barbera. The possibilities proliferate on wine shop shelves.

The fun begins in the second step. Each time the opportunity arises at dinnertime, open one of the bottles and pair it with your meal. This may seem daunting at first, but fear not. Certain guidelines will help you through the maze. Try the opened bottle without food. Do you detect certain aromas of flowers, berries or fruit? Do the aromas and taste overpower your individual palate? Conversely, are they too bland?

Next, and most important, try this

same bottle with the meal at hand. You will notice a perceptible change in your opinion of the wine.

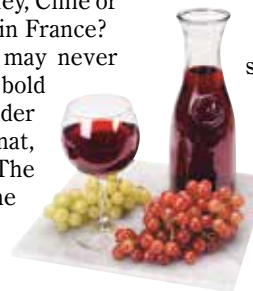
The third step: Jot down the particulars of the wine you just tasted. Record country, vintage, grape variety, your food pairing and what you liked and didn't like about it. Simple notes are the best.

Once you've exhausted your case of wine, review your notes. Return to your wine merchant and have him or her select another case of wine that focuses on your newly-developed wine palette and repeat the three steps.

As you continue this refining process, you'll feel more comfortable each time you walk into a wine shop or are presented with a restaurant wine list.

Be gone intimidation! Welcome self-confidence!

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Battle of the Bands Fundraiser for ChappPAC Set for Sept. 21

On Saturday, Sept. 21 at 8 p.m., the Friends of Chappaqua Performing Arts Center (ChappPAC) will be presenting The Battle of the Bands Fundraiser at ChappPAC featuring three local bands.

Mark Goodman, radio DJ, SiriusXM host, TV personality and actor, best known as one of the original five VJs on MTV, will serve as the emcee for the event.

A meet-and-greet cocktail party with the bands will be held prior to the event at 6 p.m. for those who purchase tickets at that level and for those who are part of the Founding Members Circle. General admission tickets are \$50 each and a reserved seat with the pre-party costs \$150. Tickets can be purchased at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4311403.

The three bands taking part in this event are Red Grenadine with The Horn Dogs, Ripchord and The Station Agents. Each band will play for a half-hour and there will be a 15-minute intermission between each set. Beverages, wine, beer and soft drinks along with light bites will be available for purchase.

Goodman, a former Chappaqua resident, loved the idea to have a vibrant performing arts theater in his old backyard.

“As a lifelong music lover and someone who spent many years in Chappaqua, I am thrilled to host this event and help raise much-needed funds for ChappPAC,” he said. “And I get to hear some great music at the same time.”



Radio DJ Mark Goodman will be the master of ceremonies for this Saturday's fundraiser for the Chappaqua Performing Arts Center.

“We are very fortunate that each band has agreed to use one set of instruments to keep the setup time between each act to a minimum,” said Michele Gregson, chair of the Friends of ChappPAC. “Having local bands who are comprised of Northern Westchester residents really speaks well

for the talent we have in the northern part of our county. And many of the band members are from the towns surrounding ChappPAC – Chappaqua, Millwood, Mount Kisco, Armonk and Bedford.”

The idea for the Battle of the Bands was the brainchild of event chair and Friends of ChappPAC Board member Sena Baron.

“A group of us on the Friends board went to see a number of bands over this past winter and early spring to see if the idea was viable,” Baron said. “We were lucky that we were able to put together three great local bands to take part in this event.”

The Friends of ChappPAC is the

nonprofit organization sanctioned by the Town of New Castle, which owns the theater, to fundraise to pay for facility enhancements, programming and to run the theater on an ongoing basis. The Friends are currently undergoing a major fundraising campaign for its Founding Members Circle, which includes various financial levels of donations.

For more information about supporting Friends of ChappPAC, e-mail friendsofchappac@gmail.com.

The 425-seat theater is located within Chappaqua Crossing, between the Saw Mill Parkway and Route 117. Parking is located conveniently in front of the facility.

Byram Hills Students Named National Merit Semifinalists



From left, Byram Hills High School's three National Merit semifinalists: Elena Lowe, Christina Ferrari and Kallie Hoffman.

Three Byram Hills High School seniors have been named semifinalists in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program.

The students are Christina Ferrari, Kallie Hoffman and Elena Lowe.

“These three students have worked incredibly hard throughout their academic careers. I am very happy that they are being recognized for their achievements on a national level,” said Principal Christopher Walsh.

The Byram Hills semifinalists were among about 16,000 chosen in the 65th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity

to continue in the competition, which offers 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$31 million. The scholarships will be awarded next spring.

“Over 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing and about half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title,” according to a National Merit Scholarship Program release.

“This is a wonderful accomplishment for our students, a high honor,” said Kristina Wilson, a Byram Hills Guidance Department liaison.

THERE'S A WORD FOR IT

A vocabulary-building quiz By Edward Goralski

Late Summer Picks. Kids are back in school, it is getting dark earlier, but late summer is a great time to find some wonderful pickings at your local farmer's market. Hopefully this word quiz will provide some wonderful pickings to add to your vocabulary before the fall season is upon us.

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| 1. groggy (adj.) | A) inspiring horror | B) slow to react | C) marvelous |
| 2. dabble (v.) | A) to work superficially | B) move with speed | C) hang loosely |
| 3. polyglot (n.) | A) a person of great learning | B) a multilingual person | C) a complex person |
| 4. brusque (adj.) | A) very abrupt | B) polished, but not shiny | C) befitting beasts |
| 5. festoon (v.) | A) to cause irritation | B) become more intense | C) decorate |
| 6. connivance (n.) | A) a fit of rage | B) a social relationship | C) collusion |
| 7. importune (v.) | A) to be of importance to | B) beg persistently | C) obtain |
| 8. organon (n.) | A) a body of principles | B) a prescribed usage | C) something uplifting |

- ANSWERS:**
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|---|--|
| 4. A. Very abrupt or curt; rudely blunt | 1. B. Stunned or confused and slow to react (as from blows or exhaustion); dazed |
| 6. C. Agreement on a secret plot; collusion | 2. A. To work or involve oneself superficially or intermittently, especially in a secondary activity or interest |
| 7. B. To beg persistently and urgently; insist | 3. B. A multilingual person |
| 8. A. A tool or instrument used to gain knowledge; a body of principles for a particular science, philosophy, or discipline | |

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Mount Kisco Housing Authority Public Housing Program The Mount Kisco Housing Authority will re-open it's waiting list for Public Housing on 9/16/19. The list will remain open until 9/20/19. Applications can be obtained by **providing a self-addressed, stamped envelope** either by mail or in person between the hours of 9am & 12pm or 2pm & 4pm at: **Mount Kisco Housing Authority 200 Carpenter Ave, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549; Tel: 914-666-7578** All requests for an application must be submitted or postmarked no later than 9/20/2019. The waiting list will close on 9/20/2019 at 4pm. **Applicants on the waiting list for other programs must apply separately for this program & will not lose their place on that waiting list by applying for this one.*

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Putnam Valley has received a wetlands application from the following applicant: **WT 18/19 131 Lake Drive Corp. 131 Lake Drive TM# 83.82-1-42 WT19/19 John & Christina Piecuch 8 Bryant Pond Road TM# 63.-3-39**

INVITATIONS FOR BIDS FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE AND RECYCLABLES FROM VARIOUS DISTRICTS WITHIN THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY DUE DATE: OCTOBER 1, 2019, 2:00 PM The Town of Putnam Valley is soliciting bids for the collection and disposal of residential garbage, solid waste and recyclables from various Districts within the Town. Sealed proposals must be received by the Town Clerk of the Town of Putnam Valley by 2:00 pm, October 1, 2019 at the Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. Bidders may obtain information on population and number of households for the purpose of this bid. Bids must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the "Town of Putnam Valley" in the minimum amount of \$1000.00. A packet with all bid specifications and contract documents may be obtained from the office of the Town Clerk, The Town shall have the right to accept any or

all of the items on each proposal form and to advertise for new proposals, if in its opinion the best interest of the Town will thereby be promoted. The transfer station will no longer be used, therefore you need to locate your own tipping facility. We also request that you bid on a one, two or three year contract. The Town reserves the right to select any option. **Sherry Howard, Town Clerk Dated 9/12/2019**

Town of Putnam Valley Town Board Meeting September 18, 2019 6 P.M.

1. Pledge of allegiance. 2. Departmental Reports. Highway to discuss Tinker Hill; Ron Cummings to speak. 3. Presentation by Board of Elections: Commissioners Anthony Scannapieco and Catherine Croft. 4. Supervisor's Comments 5. Legislative Report 6. School Report 7. Authorize Supervisor to pay Fowler Fuel \$24,500 for the emergency replacement of The Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps' failed and broken furnace. 8. Appoint Michael Mocuiski to the Board of Assessment Review for the period 10/1/2019 to 9/30/24 Highway 9. Appoint Jeffrey Lutz as temporary laborer at \$14. Per hour with no benefit to work with LPID while they have bulk pick up. Districts 10. Declare certain equipment as surplus and authorize it to be sold as scrap. Parks & Recreation 11. Personnel changes 12. Refunds Building Department 13. Daily fee report for August. 14. Budget Transfers 15. Public Comment 16. Audit of monthly bills.

Notice is hereby given to interested parties that a **Public Hearing will be held by the Putnam Valley Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday September 26, 2019 at 6:30 at Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road** for the purpose of considering the following petitions and requests together with all other matters that may properly come before the Board at this time. **AGENDA New Application 1. Levy, Noah, 280 West Shore Drive, 62.6-1-3, 4 & 5; R-3 Request variance under Section 165-27 D (1) & (2) for dock extension and variance under Section 165-27 G (1) for shed. A side and lake**

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front variance for shed. 2. Sposato, Adam, 694 Sprout Brook Road, 72.15-1-23; R-1 Request variance under Section 165-44 A (1) & (2) of the Zoning Code for proposed accessory apartment. **BY ORDER OF THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WILLIAM MASKIELL CHAIRMAN**

NOTICE 9/2019 Please be advised that the next meeting of the Planning Board will be held at Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road on Monday September 23, 2019 for the purpose of considering the following applications: **Regular Meeting Start Time: 6:00pm AGENDA PUBLIC HEARING** The following public hearings have been scheduled for September 23, 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. Kelly, Rick- Birch Hill Road (TM#73.-1-89/File 2019-0197) The subject property consists of +/- 20.9 acres of land and is located on Birch Hill Road and within the R-2 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing a single family residence with driveway, well, septic system, retaining wall and rain garden. A Site Development Plan and Major Grading Permit is required. 2. Putnam Valley Fire Station- Oscawana Lake Road (TM#72.20-1-7.12& 7.11/

File2019-0199) The subject property consist of +/- 10.3 acres of land and is located on Oscawana Lake Road and within the R-2 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing soil remediation of contaminated fill that was placed on the Fire Department and the Ambulance Corps. Properties. The remedial design project includes re-grading the unstable slopes and construction of a clean soil cover over the top of the contaminated fill. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** 3. Approve Minutes of September 9, 2019

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