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## White Plains Rally Calls for Police Accountability

By Andrew Vitelli

Protestors marched alongside police and city and state officials Thursday evening, as hundreds attended a White Plains march calling for police reform following the deaths of Alton Sterling and Philando Castile.

“We must eliminate the insanity of the continual racism that is destroying America,” Rev. Franklyn Richardson of the Grace Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon said as the march concluded with a rally at Court Street. “We individually, in our own individual space, must take up the fight against racism. We must condemn it whenever we see it. We must not allow it to be a part of American culture.”

Starting at Calvary Baptist Church in White Plains, protestors marched first to the Win-



ANDREW COURTNEY PHOTO

Hundreds attended a White Plains march calling for police reform. Some of the signs bore the most poignant of messages.

brook Public Housing building where Kenneth Chamberlain, a 68-year-old former Marine, was killed during a confrontation with police in 2011. The march continued to police headquarters, where White Plains Police Chief Anne FitzSimmons led the group in prayer, before finally heading towards Court Street.

“We want to show America an example of a good community and of a loving community and a community that is going to ask those hard questions, hear the right answers, and make police and the community to be as one,” Calvary’s Rev. Erwin Lee Trollinger, the event’s organizer, said at the outset of the march. “This not an angry march. This is not a fighting march. This is a coming together march.”

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## White Plains Visited by Alexander Hamilton Direct Descendant

By Pat Casey

With a Broadway production about Alexander Hamilton making it big and bringing attention to one of our country’s most notorious founding fathers, White Plains became a focal point this past weekend of an historic tour.

A direct descendant of Alexander Hamilton visited the historic Purdy House and the White Plains Public Library Sunday to view a mural depicting Alexander Hamilton’s part in the Battle of White Plains.

The event was part of “Hamilton on the Hudson” an annual festival sponsored

by the Alexander Hamilton Awareness Society (AHA), to educate about Hamilton’s extensive presence in the Hudson River Valley of New York. The first Hamilton on the Hudson program was held in July 2013 in the mid-Hudson Valley to commemorate the 225th anniversary of New York ratifying the U.S. Constitution.

Douglas Hamilton, a five times great grandson of Alexander Hamilton, made the stops in White Plains, accompanied by members of the White Plains Historical Society.

Hamilton was personally greeted and

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## Mexican Exchange Students Visit Westchester Community College

Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino welcomed eight college students from the Mexican state of Puebla last week. The students are participating in a one-month exchange program at the Westchester Community College in Valhalla.

The program is part of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) in the areas of education and tourism between Westchester County and the state of Puebla.

Astorino signed the MOU during a visit to Puebla in February as a guest of Governor Rafael Moreno Valle. Westchester is home to over 45,000

Mexican-Americans and the majority of them originated from Puebla, more specifically the municipality of Atzitzihuacán.

“I’m proud of Westchester’s connection to Puebla and I am happy to welcome the eight students who’ll be studying here these next four weeks and enjoying all that Westchester has to offer,” said Astorino. “Westchester is a very diverse county and I’m always pleased to learn more about the many different cultures, nationalities and religions we have here. And wherever possible, we should enhance ties with the countries and local regions of origins of

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escorted by Mayor Tom Roach to Battle of White Plains Memorial Park and the library to see the "Hamilton at the Cannon" mural.

Members of the White Plains Historical Society were also invited to an event Saturday evening at the Nevis Mansion in Irvington where they met Douglas Hamilton and another Hamilton direct descendant, Alan Key.

Key is a descendant of Alexander Hamilton's son, John Hamilton who built Nevis Mansion in Irvington in 1835 and named it for the Island of Nevis, his father's birthplace. The mansion and 68-acre grounds are now part of Columbia University, and is their Physics Research Laboratory site.

According to the Bronx River Alliance website, "The summer of 1776 had been a disastrous season for the American Revolution. George Washington had lost the battle of Brooklyn in August, was forced to abandon New York City in September, and by late October he was marching his tattered army northward along the west bank of the Bronx River to avoid being trapped on Manhattan Island by British forces that had landed around New Rochelle."

"White Plains was a crossroads town commanding one of the few bridges over the Bronx River (or "Brunks" River as the maps of the day called it). White Plains also held a depot of desperately



PHOTOS COURTESY OF WHITE PLAINS HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Douglas Hamilton, in blue, is flanked by members of the White Plains Historical Society and White Plains Mayor Tom Roach to the left. They are standing outside of the Purdy House.

needed supplies."

"Reaching White Plains ahead of the British, the Americans dug in along a line of hills just north of present-day Main Street, determined to hold on long enough to ensure that the slow-moving supply wagons were safely north on the road to Peekskill. Almost as an afterthought Washington posted several regiments on the crest of Chatterton Hill, which sharply rose along the west bank of the Bronx River, and from which they could threaten the flank of the British if they attacked the American main line. Ordered by Washington to "do the best you can," the Americans fortified the place as best they could with cornstalks and awaited the

enemy while Alexander Hamilton placed his two-gun battery in a commanding position near the hill's highest point."

"Though termed inconclusive by many historians, the battle of White Plains had several outcomes. It marked the failure of

the last opportunity to trap Washington and end the Revolution, and it marked the arrival of the Hessians as a significant fighting force. White Plains also helped make the careers of three people: Alexander Hamilton, who distinguished himself as a young artillery captain; Johann Rall, whose initiative as a Hessian commander that day eventually gained him the command of a place called Trenton on the Delaware River; and the Headless Horseman, the nameless Hessian who lost his head at Chatterton Hill, and who legend has it went on to haunt Sleepy Hollow."

Alexander Hamilton went on to become a Founding Father of the United States, chief staff aide to General George Washington, one of the most influential interpreters and promoters of the U.S. Constitution, the founder of the



Douglas Hamilton, left, and Alan Key at the Nevis Mansion

nation's financial system, the founder of the Federalist Party (the world's first voter-based political party), the founder of the United States Coast Guard, and the founder of The New York Post newspaper.

As the first Secretary of the Treasury, Hamilton was the primary author of the economic policies of the George Washington administration. Hamilton took the lead in the funding of the states' debts by the Federal government, the establishment of a national bank, a system of tariffs, and friendly trade relations with Britain. He led the Federalist Party, created largely in support of his views; he was opposed by the Democratic-Republican Party led by Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, which despised Britain and feared that Hamilton's policies of a strong central government would weaken the American commitment to Republicanism.

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The march and rally followed fatal shootings by police of a number of black men, most recently Sterling and Castile in Louisiana and Minnesota, respectively, as well as the murder of five police officers in Dallas earlier this month. The marchers were joined by White Plains police of-

icers, as speakers stressed that they were speaking out not against police but for better policing practices. The Westchester Coalition for Police Reform handed out fliers with a list of objectives, including the establishment of independent oversight structures.

“I am not now nor have I ever been anti-law enforcement,” Kenneth Chamberlain Jr., the son of the former Marine killed in 2011 and founder of WCPR, said at the Court Street rally. “I am anti-individuals who feel that they can do whatever they want to whomever they want with impunity.”

Many of the marchers held signs reading “Black Lives

Matter,” “Stop Police Impunity,” and “#ThisStopsToday,” while others listed the names of black men and women killed by police in recent years. As they marched, people chanted “This is what democracy looks like” and, “The people united will never be defeated.” The rally was attended by officials including White Plains Mayor Tom Roach, council members Milagros Lecuona and Nadine Hunt-Robinson, and Assemblyman David Buchwald, a White Plains resident.

“This is a remarkable display of our capacity to rise above our differences and find unity in our similarities,” Richardson told the crowd at Court Street. “We must make America know that racism has no place in American society.”



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White Plains Police Chief Anne FitzSimmons led the marchers in prayer.



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Calvary Baptist Church Rev. Erwin Lee Trollinger, “This not an angry march. This is not a fighting march. This is a coming together march.”



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White Plains Mayor Tom Roach and NYS Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins were among the marchers at Thursday's rally.



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Marchers gathered at Calvary Baptist Church, White Plains.



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# White Plains Youth Campers Take Part in Safety Day Program

The City of White Plains Youth Bureau's Bits N' Pieces Camp hosted its third White Plains Kids Safety Day program at Church Street Elementary School, July 12. The program was designed to provide 181 kids, ages 6 to 11, with safety tips.

Program co-sponsors Bunge Ltd. and Volunteer New York! were joined by the City of White Plains, White Plains Department of Public Safety, Home Alone Safety, White Plains Hospital, American Heart Association, Metro North, AAA, Empress EMS, Con Edison and A La mode Ice Cream.

Mayor Tom Roach, who opened the day said, "Programming like this is what sets White Plains apart from other communities. The goal of both our Youth Bureau and our Recreation & Parks Department is to look at the whole child and offer programming and enrichment activities that



strive to meet their needs in an age-appropriate way."

Coach and speaker John O'Leary (www.risingabove.com), who at age nine suffered burns on 98 percent of his body and was not expected to survive, gave an inspiring talk to campers, counselors and staff. The kids then made their way

through 10 safety stations with hands-on activities covering bike safety, disability awareness, electrical safety, emergency preparedness, fire safety, first aid, home safety, internet safety, sun safety and water safety. The safety day program was developed with resources and support from the Progressive Agriculture Foundation

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our newly arrived immigrants. Respect is part of it, but it can also be very beneficial to Westchester in terms of the economy and tourism."

During his visit in February, Astorino addressed the Congress of the State of Puebla.

Astorino has established a relationship with the Mexican Consulate of New York



Eight Mexican exchange students are welcomed to Westchester Community College by County Executive Rob Astorino.

and has helped to host various Consulates on Wheels throughout Westchester, designed to help newly arrived immigrants.

Puebla's Department of Education and Westchester

Community College have partnered to develop the courses of study for the students. The eight students are staying with host families from July 10 through August 6.

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# MTA Chairman: Upgrades to Bring Metro-North Into 21st Century

By Martin Wilbur

The Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) will enhance its systems through technology, change service to serve new ridership patterns and communicate more effectively with the public in the coming years, Chairman and CEO Thomas Prendergast said last week.

Prendergast, addressing business and political leaders last Friday before the Business Council of Westchester in Rye Brook, said a recently approved five-year, nearly \$30 billion capital project plan for MTA will help improve key stations and make information and ticket sales easier for commuters.

"We need to make sure we have a capital program that provides the money necessary to operate the system in a reliable way, protect the system and take it into the future," Prendergast said.

While ridership continues to spiral on the New York City subway system and remains strong on the Long Island Railroad, the greatest growth for the MTA has been on Metro-North. Ridership has increased 71 percent over the past 20 years, Prendergast said.

That pattern is expected to continue over the next 20 years as an additional one million people are projected to be living in the portion of the Hudson Valley served by Metro-North as well as another one million residents in New York City.

"With respect to the agency and the two commuter railroads, upgrading technology into the system that wasn't originally designed to have it presents some very difficult challenges for us," Prendergast said. "Expectations of customers are such, though, they don't care about that. They care about technology at a place where they're getting and seeing on our system what they see in other places."

By the end of 2018, all trains will have positive train controls, adhering to the congressional mandate to make commutes as safe as possible, he said.

Furthermore, being introduced this summer in stages are sales of tickets through mobile devices via an MTA eTix



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

MTA Chairman and CEO Thomas Prendergast talked to business and political leaders last Friday of upcoming improvements to Metro-North, the Long Island Railroad and the city's subways in the coming years. He is pictured speaking with New Rochelle Mayor Noam Bramson.

app. That went into effect last week on the Hudson line, is scheduled to continue next week on the Harlem line and the week of Aug. 22 for New Haven line commuters.

Over the next several years there will be greater efforts through countdown clocks at stations and communicating service interruptions and delays more effectively. In the social media age, the public expects information instantaneously and will learn updates through other means, although much of that could be erroneous.

"If we don't do it, somebody will do it for us and the likelihood of that being wrong information is very high," Prendergast said.

Five key stations on Metro-North are due upgrades including 125th Street in Manhattan, three in the Bronx and White Plains, he said.

Other changes well into the future will be construction that will give the MTA the ability to bring the New Haven line to Penn Station and certain lines from the Long Island Railroad to Grand Central Station. That enhancement is not expected

before the end of 2022, Prendergast said.

The biggest change in Prendergast's 41-year public transportation career is how systems like the MTA have been forced to react to the shifting employment patterns and millennials' general preference to live in more densely urban settings where de-

pendency on mass transit is necessary.

Prendergast said the commuter railroad has evolved from largely shuttling people to and from their jobs during the day Monday through Friday, to an around-the-clock, 365-day-a-year operation. There are also an increasing number of intra-county commuters and "reverse commuters." Ridership to White Plains for the morning rush is practically equal to the number of commuters leaving White Plains for Manhattan, Prendergast said.

As a result, service and scheduling has had to change to meet the demands of the public, something that isn't lost on MTA leadership.

"It's all about performance," Prendergast said. "People set their clocks to the trains they take. You donate a lot of your time to your professional life and your career and you try to do it in a way that balances these needs and these requests with the needs and requirements of your family. It's difficult. We need to be an organization where we're aiding and assisting you."



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# Zion Memorial Chapel, Mamaroneck

Zion Memorial Chapel is celebrating 20 years as Westchester County's only full-service funeral home dedicated to the Jewish community exclusively.

Located on the Boston Post Road in Mamaroneck, the unique facility is managed by Jennifer Graziano, a licensed funeral director, who says she feels called to serve clients through all aspects of the funeral planning process, including estate planning and grief counseling.

"When a family comes to Zion Memorial, we walk with them all the way," Jennifer said in a recent interview. "Our staff becomes personally involved." And because it is a family business, Jennifer explained that when a client calls for help at 1 a.m., it will most likely be one of the owners who answers the phone. Directors are available 24-hours-a-day seven-days-a-week.

Jennifer was a teenager when her father, Vincent Graziano, started the business in 1996. At the time, he was the manager of an orthodox funeral home in Brooklyn – Shomrei Hadas Chapel. As a licensed funeral director, he was trained by the rabbis to operate by Jewish laws.

Because of the high cost of funerals and the lack of homes offering uniquely Jewish services, Victor decided to go off on his own to run a business committed to the Jewish religion and tradition. Most Jew-

ish funeral homes are incorporated into or part of a larger Christian funeral home business. Zion Memorial Chapel is proud to share no conglomerate affiliation; the facility is separate, and not housed within a non-sectarian funeral home.

It was a challenge to open Zion Memorial Chapel in Westchester. Victor was concerned that he might be viewed as an outsider by the local Jewish community. He started small, investing his own money to keep the home running. But 20 years in business signifies success. With hard work and an overriding philosophy that a funeral is for the peace of mind of the living, combined with the dedication to accomplish just that, Zion Memorial Chapel became well known. Victor formed relationships with local rabbis and has worked closely with them and their member communities.

Zion Memorial Chapel also maintains a high quality of service, while keeping prices down, when compared to other kosher funeral homes, Jennifer added. "We have been approached by the conglomerates to join them, but we have maintained our independence."

"When clients come through the door

they immediately recognize the difference," Jennifer said. "And once they have been here for one funeral, they usually always come back. We work closely with each family to celebrate the life of their loved one. Each person is unique and special."

Zion Memorial staff walks families through all aspects of the funeral process, from what to do in preparation before a death, at the time of death, the service and burial and the grieving period that follows.

Jennifer grew up with the funeral business, but she went to college to pursue a degree in communications and later graduate school to become a lawyer. She brings her knowledge of legal affairs to the business and her calling to be of service to others helps create the compassionate environment that is Zion Memorial Chapel.

Also on the staff of Coxe & Graziano Funeral Homes in Mamaroneck and Greenwich, CT, Jennifer has become a recent radio star. While she would not say hosting a weekly radio show is a throw back to her earlier leanings toward a career in communications, Jennifer enjoys preparing for and doing the weekly shows, which she considers a service to the community. "The more people know about preparing for a death, the easier it is for them when the time comes to celebrate the life of a loved one," she says.

"Time to Talk" is broadcast live every Wednesday 9:30 to 10 am on WGCH 1490 AM radio and 12 Noon on WVOX 1460 AM radio.

To those recovering from the loss of a loved one Zion Memorial Chapel advises:

Each of us experiences grief differently, depending on our coping style and life experiences.

The healing process happens gradually, and can't be rushed or ignored.



Jennifer Graziano is a licensed funeral director and manager of Zion Memorial Chapel, Mamaroneck.

It's okay to cry...but it's also okay if you find that you can't. Crying is a normal response to sadness, but it's not the only one.

There's no set time frame for grieving, and different individuals may take different amounts of time to heal.

Allow yourself to face your feelings and express them. Try talking to a trusted friend or spiritual leader, joining a support group, or writing about your loss in a journal.

The mind and body are deeply connected. Though it may be hard at first, remember to take care of yourself physically so that you can allow yourself to begin to recover emotionally.

It's always okay to seek professional help when you need to.

Zion Memorial Chapel is located at 785 E. Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck; 914-381-1809; [www.zionchapel.com](http://www.zionchapel.com).

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## Police Blotter

### Greenburgh Police Department

**Assault.** On July 4, officers responded to a report of a dispute at the Mobil Service Station on Knollwood Road. Two employees had been in a confrontation with each other in the store. One cornered the other and then forcefully opened a door causing injury, bleeding and pain to his eyebrow. The victim decided to press charges. The offending employee was placed under arrest.

**Hit and Run.** On July 3, police responded to the parking lot of Tsuru Japanese restaurant, on a report of a hit and run to a parked vehicle. The owner of the damaged car said he was exiting the restaurant and observed a female placing a note on his vehicle. She reported that she was placing the note on his vehicle to inform him that she witnessed a blue Subaru hit his car and then drive away. The witness reported the blue Subaru was operated by a female driver. The complainant reported he did not get the witness's name or telephone number but is expecting an email from her with pictures of the second vehicle involved. The hit vehicle showed damage to the left rear bumper and fender. A DMV check of the NY license plate reported, delivered a name and address. Attempts to contact the owner yielded negative

results and the complainant was advised the incident would be documented and to follow up with his insurance company.

**Suspicious Incident.** On July 2, the complainant reports that she was sitting in her living room when she heard the front glass door open. She heard what sounded like keys in the door, and got up thinking it was her nephew. When she opened the door, it was not her nephew but an unknown male. The complainant yelled at him asking who he was numerous times, but he didn't say anything, just kept trying

to get inside. He eventually ran off. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, approximately 5'-3", about 30-35 years of age, wearing a white t-shirt and carrying a dark maroon string backpack. The area was canvassed by numerous police units with negative results.

**DWI.** On July 2, officers responded to a motor vehicle accident rollover on Sprain Road. The vehicle was heavily damaged and in the middle of the roadway. The driver told police he was at fault. The officers observed a strong odor of alcoholic

beverage coming from the month of the driver and that he had glassy eyes, slurred speech, and unsteady balance. The driver said he had five drinks during the day and that he felt fine. He failed all sobriety tests issued and refused to take more. He was arrested on scene for DWI and transported to Police Headquarters. A chemical test was conducted revealing he had a BAC level of .32%. The driver was transported to Westchester Medical Center due to the amount of Alcohol in his system, as well as for a precautionary evaluation due to the rollover of his vehicle.

## Eller and Norris to Lead Board of Ed

Sheryl Brady and Charlie Norris, who were elected in May for three-years terms on the White Plains Board of Education, took their oaths as incumbent Board members at last week's Board meeting. Rosemarie Eller and Norris were re-elected as president and vice-president respectively at the same meeting.

Timothy Connors, former White Plains Superintendent of Schools, took his oath of office to continue as Acting Superintendent, filling in for Dr. Paul Fried, who is out ill, until August 31.

At a Special meeting of the Board on June 27, a three-year extension of the contract with Jessica O'Donovan, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction was approved. A Memorandum of Agreement with the Administrators and Supervisors Association extended that contract through June 30, 2019.

Retirement resignations were accepted from Michelena Grande, Food Service Helper, Mamaroneck Avenue School and Silvia Rodriguez, Teaching Assistant, Middle School-Highlands.

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## An Open Letter to All Terrorists

This letter is to inform you that you have been provisionally successful. You have made me afraid and angry. And you have invited my hatred, my loathing.

I know, however, that if I work to try and remove these you will win, because I will find myself consumed by these feelings. To fight them will give them a power they do not deserve and you a power you do not deserve.

In my Catholic education and upbringing, I have been taught that I must love my enemy, but I can't bring myself to do that right now. What I will do is acknowledge that your actions have had an impact on me. It seems the conventional knowledge is that by acknowledging this

I have allowed you to win. But you have broken my heart and made me afraid. How can I not react this way when I think of children being crushed to death by a truck in Nice? When I think of the pure horror of mass shootings and the unthinkable frequency of these acts. When I think of good men being killed by Police. When I think of good Policemen being killed because of twisted plots of revenge.

The cycle moves on when we allow fear and anger to be turned into vengeance and blind rage.

No, I cannot respond by loving that enemy right now. And yes, I will allow the fear and anger to change me.

I am not going to find an AR 15 to buy.

I am not going to lock myself into my own dark and cold closet of prejudice and hate and then wrap myself up in my own confusion of reactionary violence. That would be how I would allow you to win.

Instead, I will work to counterbalance what you offer by offering love and kindness wherever I see the opportunity.

You have changed me. You have made me angry. You have hurt me deeply and made me cry in pain. You have made me afraid. Yes. You have. And as such, yes, you have changed me.

But, no, your darkness does not win, because you have also invited my love.

I will not engage you on your level. I will not seek to destroy for fear of my own

destruction. Rather, I will build. I will contribute compassion and warmth so that it may grow and outshine your hatred and fear.

Now, don't mishear me, because I will protect what I love. I am not offering you my other cheek. I am not offering you anything. I will defend. I will support the endeavors of defense of others. But where I am proactive I will offer compassion not aggression. Kindness not coldness. Love not hate.

And I will not do this to "win." Because love does not win. It prevails. It encompasses. It is everything.

—Nicole Brown Cromer,  
White Plains, St. James NY

## South County Trailway to Fill Missing Elmsford Link, Finally

Over the years I have received numerous emails/calls from cyclists and pedestrians who love walking/bicycling on the South County trail. There is a missing link in Elmsford. This is finally being addressed. I received the following update from the county with an update.

"The planning department has completed design for the missing link on the South County Trailway between Route 119 and Warehouse Lane. Funding for

construction was approved by the Board of Legislators in early June. A contractor should be selected soon and construction could begin late this year or by spring 2017."

According to NYC Bike Maps "the South County trail and North County trails are part of an ambitious rails to trails project that connect Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx to Putnam County trailways via a scenic car free bike path.

The South County trail is 14.1 miles. The North County trail is 22.1 miles. The North County trail connects to the 7.5 mile Putnam County trailway in Baldwin Place in Somers. The three trails provide a 43.7 mile route."

When I was a member of the Westchester County Board of Legislators in the 1980s and early 1990s I lobbied aggressively for the county to purchase the Old Putnam Railway and to turn the

abandoned rail into a bike path. At almost every meeting of the Board of Legislators for over a year I presented Legislators with petition signatures calling on the county to purchase the property as open space. One of the last votes I cast was for the acquisition of the property.

—Paul Feiner,  
Greenburgh Town Supervisor

## Become a Parent Aide Volunteer for April's Child

Find out how you can make a difference by attending April's Child (previously the Child Abuse Prevention Center) Volunteer Orientation, scheduled at your convenience during the summer. As a Parent Aide, you work directly in the home with the parent, helping them in dealing with life's daily challenges and effecting positive change through support and relationship building. The half-hour orientation is a prelude to an informative 12-hour training, which will take place in September.

Learn more about April Child's excellent 90 percent success record in helping children live in a healthy and safe environment. As a volunteer

you can expect quality training and ongoing supervision, personal growth, work experience, opportunities for new friendships and the reward of being needed and appreciated. English and Spanish/English speaking volunteers are encouraged to attend. April's Child serves all of Westchester County.

This fall the 12-hour training session will be two Fridays, September 9 and 16; both days are from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Call 914-997-2642 to schedule an orientation session and for more information.

Orientation and training take place in the White Plains office at 7 Holland Ave.

## Westchester Has Talent Call for Contestants

Rye Presbyterian Church seeks contestants for its first "Westchester Has Talent!" music performance competition. Interested persons or groups must have a permanent or temporary residence in Westchester County and have finished high school but not be older than age 30. The following genres of music will be welcome at this year's competition: Broadway, Classical, Folk, Gospel, Jazz, Pop, and World.

The competition will have two rounds. Round 1 will consist of submitting an application form, photo, and recording.

Round 2 will be a live performance the evening of Friday, October 28, in Rye Presbyterian Church, for a panel of judges and votes by audience members.

The winner will be featured in a full-length concert at Rye Presbyterian Church during the 2017-2018 season, at which time a monetary award will be given.

For more information, or to request application materials, please call 914-967-0842, ext. 16, or e-mail at [jcharneski@ryepc.com](mailto:jcharneski@ryepc.com). September 9, 2016 is the deadline for submission of application materials for Round 1.

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## Obituaries

### Robert Canteen

Robert Canteen, age 80, after fighting a long battle with Cancer, took his last breath on July 14 at his home in White Plains.

He was born November 8, 1935, in Georgetown, SC to the late Julia (Linen) and Rev. Joe Canteen. He was one of 12 children. He graduated from Howard High School, Georgetown, SC in 1957. Shortly after he migrated to Harlem, NY and on November 30, 1957 married his high school sweetheart Lillie Mae Washington.

Robert began his career as a truck driver in 1957 at Horn and Hardart. From there he continued his work at Sigma Industries and finally retired from Moxam Company in 2003, at the age of 68.

Surviving family includes his wife of nearly 59 years, Lillie (Mae) Canteen. This union produced four children: Roberta Canteen (deceased October 4, 1982), Felicia Canteen of White Plains, Roger E. Canteen and spouse Deana Canteen of Gastonia, NC, and Darrel Canteen of Crouse, NC. Also survived by two grandchildren Robert A. Canteen (Robbie) and Antonia Z. Canteen (Nina), and one step-grandson, Hunter Allen.

Surviving Siblings include three sisters: Irene and Thomas (deceased) Lance, Sarah and James Winns, Evelena and Ezekiel (deceased) Funny, Two Brothers: Herman and Dorothy Canteen, Ike and Cora Canteen. Further survived by a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Six Siblings preceded in death: Mack

and Maxine Canteen, Benjamin Joe and Flossie Canteen, Samuel and Suzie Canteen, Eliza and Isiah Jiles, Mary and John Barrett, Maggie and Thomas Wright.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 23, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Ballard-Durand Funeral Home, 2 Maple Avenue, White Plains.

### Sr. Mary Maney RDC

Sister Mary Elizabeth Maney, RDC, (formerly Sr. Mary Gerard), a member of the Sisters of the Divine Compassion for 65 years, died peacefully on July 12.

Sister Mary Beth, as she was known, was born in Geneva, NY on August 15, 1923, the daughter of the late Elizabeth Scheiberling Maney and John A. Maney. Prior to entering the Sisters of the Divine Compassion, she was employed as a Senior Stenographer in the NYS Dept. of Public Works, entering the community on September 8, 1951 and making final vows on March 6, 1959.

Sr. Mary Beth attended St. Stephen's Grammar School and DeSales High School, Geneva, NY, transferring to and graduating from Cathedral Academy, Albany. She attended Mildred Elley Business School, Siena College, Loudonville, NY for two years, and received a B.A. from Good Counsel College, White Plains in 1954 and an MS in Educational Administration from SUNY Albany in 1973. She held the NYS Dept. of Education Permanent Certificate in Social Studies 7-12.

Prior to her entrance into religious

life, she served during WW2 in the U.S. Coast Guard Women's Reserve-SPARS – 3rd Naval District, New York City. In the center, on the U. Albany Veterans' Wall of Honor, her portrait is one of 24 painted on the 36-foot long mural, which lists over 3,000 University honorees. Sister was a charter member of WIMSA, Women in Military Service for America, and was a life member of the American Legion of which her uncle, Edward N. Scheiberling of Albany was National Commander in WW2, 1944-45.

As a Sister of the Divine Compassion, her many ministries included teaching in parish elementary schools, Mt. Carmel, Elmsford, St. Bernard's, White Plains, Sacred Heart, Hartsdale, Lawrence O'Toole, Brewster. She served as undergraduate Registrar, Good Counsel College/Pace University for 23 years, continued as a part-time assistant in the Pace Graduate Registrar Office, White Plains and volunteered in the Sisters of the Divine Compassion Development Office. She also participated in the 'Summer in the City' program, Harlem.

Sister Mary Beth was privileged to tour the Holy Land, shrines of Mary-Knock, Ireland, Lourdes, France, Fatima, Portugal and appreciated her travels to Italy, Russia, Australia, Ecuador, South America and the Bahamas.

In addition to her Sisters in community of the Divine Compassion, Sister Mary Beth is survived by many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her siblings, Msgr. John Maney, Paul Maney, Stephen Maney, Gerard Maney, Kathleen

Monfrini, and Ruth Maney.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Sisters of the Divine Compassion, 52 North Broadway, White Plains, NY 10603.

### Ersilia Olivieri

Ersilia Olivieri, 98, passed away peacefully at home on July 9. She was born in Colledimezzo, Italy on October 13, 1917 and was married to Nicola Olivieri on January 8, 1939. In 1947, she immigrated to the United States and, with her husband, his brothers and their wives, helped to establish Elmsford View Farms. She will be remembered for her inexhaustible work ethic, her passion for the well being of her family, and for her devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mother. Ersilia was a parishioner of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and a member of the Elmsford Senior Citizens.

Ersilia is predeceased by her husband, Nicola, and a sister, Gina DeLaurentiis. She is survived by her three children, Anthony (Angel) Olivieri of Elmsford, Roger (Sandra) Olivieri of Wappingers Falls, and Theresa (Frank) Alfero of Matthews, NC, as well as her sister, Gemma Vizioli of Colledimezzo, Italy. She will be missed by her eight loving grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you please make a donation in her name to Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in Elmsford, NY.



## Westchester's "Backpacks to School" Bins Now Collecting Supplies

Westchester County is once again teaming up with The Sharing Shelf, a program of Family Services of Westchester (FSW), to collect and distribute school supplies so that children in need can start the school year ready to learn. This year people can donate online at [www.fsw.org/backpacks](http://www.fsw.org/backpacks) or visit the nearest drop-off location.

"Since launching our backpack partnership, we have helped give vital school supplies to thousands of children in Westchester County," said County Executive Rob Astorino. "As always, our goal is to help as many children as we can."

Backpacks to School is a collaboration between The Sharing Shelf and the

county's Department of Social Services. Local businesses have also opened their doors and will serve as drop-off sites for donations.

"We can buy and fill a backpack for \$25," said Deborah Blatt, of The Sharing Shelf. "This year, we've made it easy and created a special link that allows people to help us purchase everything at [www.fsw.org/backpacks](http://www.fsw.org/backpacks). We've seen an increase in demand each summer for new school supplies and backpacks. We need the community's support to make a positive difference in the lives of local children, many of who would otherwise start school without the basics."

Astorino also encouraged fathers and

school leaders to save the date for this year's Dads Take Your Child to School Day, taking place September 20. The event serves as a kickoff for fathers to be more involved in their children's schooling all throughout the year, offering opportunities for dads to sign up to volunteer, serve on PTAs, receive informational mailings and more. Ask your school about any special activities planned for the day. The countywide coordination is part of the #DadBeThere fatherhood initiative, which aims to actively engage fathers in all aspects of their children's lives.

**Operation Backpack collection bins in White Plains are located at:**

#### Westchester County

**Michaelian Office Building**  
148 Martine Avenue, White Plains  
(914) 995-2100

**Department of Social Services (DSS) Central Office**

112 East Post Road, White Plains  
(914) 995-5000

**White Plains District Office (DSS)**  
85 Court St., White Plains  
(914) 995-5889

**Family Services of Westchester – Main Office**

One Gateway Plaza, 4th floor,  
Port Chester

(914) 305-6825

## No Tuition Increase for Westchester Community College Students

For the fourth consecutive year, tuition for nearly 13,000 students at Westchester Community College (WCC) will not increase under a proposed budget submitted by County Executive Rob Astorino to the Board of Legislators on Monday.

"Working collaboratively with the college's leadership, we are able to

propose a budget that keeps tuition flat for the fourth year in a row," Astorino said. "WCC's students work hard to make a better life for themselves and their families, and we approach each budget with the goal of protecting their efforts. A tuition increase would mean an additional burden that many could not bear."

The \$122.5 million operating budget for the 2016-2017 school year includes a \$29.8 million sponsor contribution from the county, an increase of \$500,000 over last year. Total salaried positions at the college will remain flat at 547.

Additionally, WCC's capital budget will increase by \$800,000 to \$3.8 million. The five capital projects funded by the

budget include technology upgrades to the main and satellite campuses, roof replacements and infrastructure upgrades.

The Board of Legislators is scheduled to vote on the budget on August 1. The college's fiscal year begins on September 1.

## Boomerang

# Bees Swarm People Smarm Rose Colored Glasses for the Real World



By Richard Cirulli

History has recorded Woodstock as that defining cathartic moment that changed America's social conscience. The media's panoramic lens captured the moment when 500,000 youths swarmed for a week of love and peace, the harbinger of the Aquarian Age. It was a movement that has impacted the world up until today, for better or worse, depending on one's social and political views. What the camera did not zoom in on was the behind the scenes activities of payoffs, extortion, drug deals, lawsuits, and the threat of rioting by the late arriving crowd demanding a free concert. Crowd behavior never changes, even in the Aquarian Age of love and peace. The media emphasized the positive spin on this moment by presenting America a view through rose-colored glasses. The media's lens was blind to the human boggy man, our psychological anthropology; in essence we are wired to look out for our own self-interests, even if we have

to create positive untruths about ourselves. History and America's perception will be the arbiters that determine if this event was a messenger of a new universal "truth."

It was also during this period when spiritual gurus from the east gained social acceptance by promoting an internal truth and peace, as opposed to seeking it externally in a materialistic world. The Woodstock era did bring about a change in our nation's mores, as well as, creating a new definition and myth about truth. Sadly, the spiritual gurus' call for inner peace and truth has been trumped by the media's efficiency in manufacturing "happiness" in our social media. It can be argued that the Woodstock moment was not just the harbinger of the new Aquarian Age, but also the turning point for influencing the media to place a positive spin on news, in the attempt to deny viewers of life's realities.

At work here is the new media phenomenon referred to as "smarm." "Broadly speaking, smarm is a form of extremely ingratiating behavior - unctuous attempts to curry favor while remaining positive,"

(Rosen 2016). Smarm permeates our media like an avalanche of deception thundering down the mountain of truth. Smarm is an excess of positive psychology with a mission to deny critical thinking to the masses. In essence, ignorance is bliss!

Buddha too, initially fell victim to smarm as a child of noble birth. He was cloistered behind his palace walls of false happiness and delusions. Once he stepped out to seek life's realities, he found his truth and enlightenment under the Bodhi Tree, not behind the walls of a false positive reality.

In today's world we are photographed with sophisticated photo filters, such as Perfect 365, that applies photo-shopped make-up so we can look amazing when posted in our virtual world. We have manufactured false photos of ourselves to deny our wrinkles and imperfections of truth.

Today's media evokes a positive spin to ensure viewers are not disappointed and can easily find "happiness" with just a click on the screen. Like alcohol and drugs, smarm numbs our sense of reality. What smarm can't stop is disease, aging,

wars, acts of terror and death.

Smarm will eventually harm the same audience it intends to protect. Research has shown smarm does not make you happier; the opposite occurs when one finds there are people happier than themselves.

A study conducted by German researchers described social media as a place "where invidious emanations and a rampant nature of envy plagued heavy users," (Rosen 2016). In a psychological study of the range of human deception by Amos Tversky and George Quattrone they concluded, "we will happily lie to ourselves if given a reason, and we think and act as though our false belief is true, ignoring hints of reality."

As a closing thought, maybe we should try clicking the off icon on our computers, take a walk outside our smarm virtual world, and seek the nearest Bodhi Tree. We may be amazed how much happiness truth will bestow upon us.

*Dr. Richard Cirulli is a retired professor, business consultant, writer, and innocent bystander at Large. He welcomes your comments at profcirulli@optonline.net.*

## Observations About the Most Essential of Household Fixtures

Have you ever had the experience when someone recalls something you've said quite clearly while you've totally forgotten it? I was amused at a recent showing of a new condo when my client was disappointed to find that all three bathrooms featured round toilet bowls, rather than the elongated models.

"They should have taken your advice about keeping the male anatomy in mind when making their selection," she said.

Ah yes, I had forgotten that I made that observation in print some time ago. Specifically, I had commented that for guys upgrading to an elongated toilet bowl can be the equivalent of switching from jockey shorts to boxers.

Actually, I've written several articles that had some mention of toilets. Let's face it, the function of the toilet is probably the single most important development associated with the convenience of modern living. I was reminded of this when I bought an 18th century home that still had the remnants of an original outhouse some 50 feet from the backdoor. I can only imagine what it would have been like to make use of it years ago on a cold winter night.

There was another observation I made when writing about a condo development originally planned for seniors where the toilet specs called for a model that was a mere 14 inches high, lower to the floor than the average, which can make a world of dif-

ference for aging, creaking knees. I commented that it might have been a better choice to feature one where the seat was higher, perhaps as high as 18 inches, only to receive an e-mail informing me that a lower position was better (and the reason for the Squatty Potty finding an investor on Shark Tank).

My interest in the most essential of household fixtures inspired more research. For years, I believed that the toilet was invented in the late 1800s by an Englishman named Thomas Crapper. Many have assumed that his name was adopted to crudely describe the toilet and the function itself. Seriously. But those old English words preceded Crapper's flush toilet by some centuries and the connection with his name is purely coincidental, unfortunate as it might be. Actually, Crapper was a Johnny-come-lately to the championing of the flush toilet.

About 300 years earlier, another Englishman, Sir John Harrington, wrote a treatise of the toilet's design and peddled its first installation to his godmother who happened



By Bill Primavera

to be Queen Elizabeth I. The flushing mechanism consisted of pulling a knob to empty a water cistern, which sat above the toilet bowl. A valve then released the water and waste from the stool pot into a collection vault beneath the floor, which had to be emptied routinely. The mechanism is still basically the same, advanced by improvements through the years.

I had rarely thought about how a toilet works, leaving any problems with its operation to my plumber. It's like my car, I fill it up with gas and it runs.

Today, a toilet is composed of two main pieces - the tank and the bowl, with the working parts in the tank. When the lever is

pushed, it pulls on a chain, which in turn pulls up a flush valve at the bottom of the tank, allowing water to rush into the toilet bowl. Immediately after the flush begins, the water level in the tank goes down, as well as a float ball. A rod attached to the float allows the fill valve to be opened and water from the house water pipe begins to flow into the tank.

So, water is coming in and going out at the same time. When the tank is almost empty, a flapper falls onto the discharge hole and seals it again. And water starts refilling the tank. That sitting water in the tank actually serves as insulation from smells and fumes from the pipes for removal.

In 1992, Congress passed legislation requiring new toilets to drain just 1.6 gallons per flush instead of 3.5 gallons, enhancing water conservation.

And, here's a closing takeaway concerning the toilet seat and its lid. While we would all agree that it's the gentlemanly thing for guys to return the toilet seat to the down position out of courtesy, most times the practice requires reminders. However, we should all engage in the practice of lowering the lid before we flush in that it prohibits the spray of bacteria into the air and onto surfaces around the toilet.

But these practices will probably continue to require reminders until such time that every toilet comes with automatically closing seats and lids.

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# The Wines Along the Final Stages of the Tour de France



By Nick Antonaccio

In my last two columns, readers have been immersed in my virtual tour of this year's Tour de France. I've focused on the history of the Tour (103 years), the contestants (198 riders from 22 countries) and the route (21 stages over three weeks, covering 2,200 miles). The 12 million spectators along the course, and the 3.5 billion worldwide viewers have witnessed the race at its best – and worst.

On our virtual tour we also highlighted the broad range of artisanal French wines. At each stage of the race, wines are featured from local vineyards along the circuit.

The route, and the local grapes, began in Normandy on July 2, wending its way south into the western Loire Valley (home

This week is the final test of this grueling race. After passing through Jura (Chardonnay), there is a brief ride into Switzerland, before turning west again, heading toward the foot of Mont Blanc. The bikers eventually pass through the outskirts of the Champagne region, a first. The final stage is the celebratory ride into Paris along the Champs-Élysées next Sunday, July 24.

The roads, hills and mountains along the route are dotted with so many wineries it is difficult to single out a handful as representative of the regions. So, for this leg of the Tour de France virtual tour, I turned to a reliable importer/distributor of fine French wines.

Serge Doré Selections, [www.serge-doreselections.com](http://www.serge-doreselections.com), with headquarters in Chappaqua, is headed by its founder, Serge Doré and his highly knowledgeable assistant Robin Burke. For over 20 years he has sought out artisans who are typically small, multigenerational farmers, with unique wines but limited production, generally under 1,000 cases.

Here are Serge and Robin's suggestions from the portfolio of excellent price/quality wines and are sold throughout The Examiner coverage areas. Most are current releases.

In the Languedoc and neighboring Roussillon regions, blended wines prevail. Just as bikers must rely on their core strengths to prevail, so too in this land of Syrah and Grenache blends. Dore recommends Domaine Clavel – Copa Santa (83 percent Syrah, 17 percent Grenache) competes well with much more popular wines – a sleeper in a crowded field.

Provence is generally considered the birthplace of reasonably priced Rosé. In today's hotly contested arena for these wines, Dore recommends Domaine du Garde Temps – Tourbillon and Essencial de Paradis, both with Grenache bases.

As the race moves into the Rhone Valley, it is key for each team to select members that complement one another in support of the team leader. So too these wines. From the Southern Rhone, Dore recommends a blend from the Châteauneuf-du-Pape subregion: Domaine de Dionysos Cairanne (50 percent Grenache, 30 percent Syrah, 10 percent Mourvèdre and 10 percent Carignan), and one from the Gigondas subregion: Domaine du Grand Montmirail (60 percent Grenache, 30 percent Syrah, 10 percent Mourvèdre).

Moving north up into the Rhone region, performers with strong singular skills stand out. Here, Dore recommends a white from the Condrieu subregion (100 percent Viognier), a standout in a crowded field.

Down the homestretch in the Champagne region on July 24, everyone is in a celebratory mood. The winners have been decided and the losers lament what could have been. As Napoleon famously stated: "I drink Champagne when I win, to celebrate...and I drink Champagne when I lose, to console myself." Dore recommends Fabienne Prie, Brut Reserve, and Philippe Prie, Brut Tradition.

I recommend you raise your wine glass to several of the selected wines, as an introduction to reasonably priced fine wines and to cheer on the Tour de France contestants. Dore recommends likewise.

Collectively, we have shared the jubilation of multiple riders donning stage-winning shirts, and first-timers and veterans exceeding expectations. And we watched as an injured and flu-infected veteran dropped out of the early race, visibly dejected.

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'recommendations from a local importer'

to Muscadet, Vouvray and Chenin Blanc), then Spain and Andorra along the Pyrenees. Back into France, it traversed the Cahors (Malbec) and Languedoc (blends of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvedre) regions.

Last week, the route turned east, along the Mediterranean countryside into Provence (Rosé). The riders then headed north, up the Rhone Valley (many blends, including Châteauneuf-du-Pape in the Southern Rhone and Syrah in the Northern Rhone) and the steep, arduous Mont Ventoux.



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## The Restaurant Examiner



### Patsy's Pizzeria in New Rochelle Introduces New Summer Menu

By Jerry Eimbinder

Small plates have not only arrived on Patsy's Pizzeria's menu, they abound. At the New Rochelle waterfront restaurant, the small plate selection is globally diverse and includes Italian, Mediterranean and creative contemporary American dishes.

Two small plates can be the equivalent of a satisfying entrée. Customers have the option to choose from other sections of the menu, which includes pizzas, salads, pastas, sandwiches and various entrées. In addition, an accompanying supplementary menu lists special dishes and beverages. It changes daily and often includes seafood bouillabaisse.

Of the many small plate items on the new menu, the most unique is crispy baby artichokes. The artichokes are lightly fried



The signature dish at Patsy's Pizzeria is boneless beef short ribs, sweet chili glazed, served with Wasabi mash and string beans.

among the small plates are grilled and skewered Australian lobster tail served with a creamy scampi dipping sauce (\$18); fried Kobe beef meatballs in a skillet accompanied by tomato ragu and ricotta (\$12); and a plateful of creamy burrata cheese with Kalamata olives and roasted peppers, served over mixed greens and drizzled in a balsamic vinegar glaze (\$14).

DeJesus' focus on creative dishes and small plates has started a trend at other restaurants in the area.

The favorite of General Manager Megan Ramos is shrimp empanadas with chipotle Aioli dipping sauce (\$12).

DeJesus and Ramos, both Mamaroneck residents, were part of the team that opened Patsy's New Rochelle location last year. Of course, it's famous for its pizzas. The thin crust pizzas are baked in a coal and wood-fired oven, the same way the pizzas are cooked at Patsy's Manhattan location. Otherwise, the menus differ considerably.

Examples of the diversity of the New Rochelle menu: A lobster roll combines poached Maine lobster with thinly diced celery and red onions in house-made Cajun lemon aioli on a warm brioche baguette (\$18) and a fried eggplant



Patsy's Pizzeria in New Rochelle.

sandwich includes mozzarella, roasted peppers and salami (\$13).

Entrées range in price from \$19 for chicken scarpariello with red bliss potatoes, spicy cherry peppers and sweet Italian sausage in a white wine sauce to New York strip steak (\$32). The chicken can be ordered on the bone (the preferred way) or off. Entrées also include the restaurant's signature dish – boneless beef short ribs, sweet chili glazed, and served with Wasabi mash and string beans (\$24).

S'more dessert pizzas with toasted marshmallows, graham crackers and Nutella come in two sizes, priced at \$14 and \$18.

The regular menu is the same every day. The Sunday brunch à la carte menu includes lobster or salmon Benedict, steak and eggs, Belgian waffles, pancakes and omelets.

DeJesus is a graduate of William Angliss Institute in Melbourne, Australia. He was chef de cuisine at the Boathouse Cafe at the Loeb Boathouse in Central Park, sous chef at Compass and executive chef at Saju Bistro, a New York City theater district restaurant known for its French provençal

cuisine. Before joining Patsy's, DeJesus was executive chef at Palmer's Crossing in Larchmont from 2010 to 2014.

Patsy's is named after Pasquale (Patsy) Lancieri who opened Patsy's Pizzeria in 1933 in New York City. Lancieri learned how to bake pizzas at Lombardi's, the city's oldest pizzeria, established in 1905.

Patsy's Pizzeria opens daily at 11:30 a.m. and closes at 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. On Sunday, the à la carte brunch menu runs from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with the regular menu offered to 9 p.m. Seating on a scenic outdoor patio is available, weather permitting.

Happy Hour is Monday through Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. with drinks discounted at the bar. On Wine Wednesday, bottles are half off at tables.

A party room with a 120-guest capacity is available for private or corporate affairs.

Patsy's Pizzeria in New Rochelle is a franchise owned by Alex Muscarella, Ken Hicks, Russ Baldassare and Joe Napolitano. It is located at 2 Pelham Rd. For more information, call 914-365-2255 or visit [www.patsypizzanewrochelle.com](http://www.patsypizzanewrochelle.com).



Executive Chef Jerry DeJesus at Patsy's Pizzeria.

in extra virgin olive oil and served with a lemon caper dipping sauce (\$12).

"It's not on any other menus in Westchester County," Executive Chef Jerry DeJesus said.

One of the best sellers, DeJesus said, has been fried Kung Pao calamari in an Asian sweet and sour sauce (\$13). Also popular

### Snacks and Laughs Await Attendees on Empire City Casino's Comedy Night

By Jerry Eimbinder

Light snacking food and unique alcoholic/juice mixed drinks will be available to attendees during the Comedy Night program at the Empire City Casino in Yonkers on July 27. Dante Nero, an actor, writer and comedian who co-hosts the Beige Phillip Show podcast will provide the standup comedy.

The comfort-food munchies will include spicy Buffalo wings with celery, carrots and bleu cheese (\$10), sliders with chipotle mayonnaise and onion rings (\$10), "Disco Fries" with cheddar

cheese, bacon bits and ranch dressing (\$6), fried calamari with spicy tomato sauce (\$12), pulled pork sliders with pickles and barbecue sauce (\$10), and corn dogs with spicy ketchup and honey mustard (\$8).

Drink specials, priced at \$7 each, will include "Triple Up" Absolut Peach Vodka with orange juice and cranberry juice; "Punch Line" with Absolut Mandarin, ginger ale, cranberry juice and pineapple juice; "Headliner" with Absolut Citron, Triplesec, lime juice and cranberry juice; and "Ad-lib" with Myers Vodka,

grenadine, orange juice, pineapple juice and a Bacardi 151 float.

Dante Nero, born and bred in Brooklyn, was a martial artist before turning to comedy. He attended college on a fencing scholarship and worked as a bouncer and exotic dancer. He began his comedy career in 2001.

Dante has performed at the Comedy Cellar, Stand Up NY, Comic Strip Live, Gotham Comedy Club, and Caroline's on Broadway.

Comedy night will be presented in the Good Time Room on the third floor of

the casino from 8 to 9:30 p.m.

The admission cost is \$5 for Empire Club members and \$25 for nonmembers. First-time attendees can join the club by visiting any of the promotion booths beforehand. Membership is free and benefits include discount offers and free valet service.

The show runs from 8 to 9:30 p.m. in the Good Time Room on the third floor of the casino. Doors open at 7 p.m.

For more information about Empire City Casino's Comedy Night, visit <http://www.empirecitycasino.com>.



# Happenings



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 Pat Casey at [pcasey@theexaminernews.com](mailto:pcasey@theexaminernews.com).

## Tuesday, July 19

**Tuesdays at Dorry's.** There's no programming for July and August but we've always come to Dorry's on Tuesdays when we can. However, this July and August Dorry's will close at 5 p.m. In September we expect to resume presentations every Tuesday at Dorry's as usual. If you want to hang out and eat together this Tuesday, July 18, some of us will be at White Plains Coach Diner on Westchester Avenue, starting at 5:30. Join us!

## Wednesday, July 20

**Caramoor Outdoor Concert Series at Katonah Museum of Art:** Jake Hertzog Band. A true dual jazz-rock musician whose unique technique and approach to modern jazz guitar has gained him international regard and critical acclaim. He most recently headlined at the world famous Blue Note Jazz club in New York and has performed extensively across the U.S. and Europe. Includes complementary beer. Katonah Museum of Art's Marilyn M. Simpson Sculpture Garden, 134 Jay St., Katonah. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Concert at 6 p.m. Katonah Museum of Art members: \$15. Non-members: \$20. Guests may bring their own blanket and picnic. Info: 914-232-9555 or visit [www.katonahmuseum.org](http://www.katonahmuseum.org).

**"Miss Sharon Jones!"** An advance screening of this new documentary from two-time Academy Award winner Barbara Kopple. She follows R&B queen Sharon Jones — who has been called "the female James Brown" — over the course of an eventful year, as she battles a cancer diagnosis and struggles to hold her band the Dap-Kings together. Followed by a discussion and Q&A with Kopple moderated by critic-in-residence Marshall Fine. The Picture House, 175 Wolfs Lane. Pelham. 7:30 p.m. \$15. Seniors and

students: \$12. Info and tickets: 914-738-3161 or visit [www.thepicturehouse.org](http://www.thepicturehouse.org).

## Thursday, July 21

**Noon Day Concerts.** Free concerts will be held on Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m. in Renaissance Plaza located at Main Street and Mamaroneck Avenue in White Plains. This week Tribute to Glen Campbell.

## William L. Carter Summer Jazz Series.

Thursday nights at 7 p.m. in Yosemite Park, 32 Manhattan Ave., Greenburgh. The Free series fuses contemporary jazz with urban accents and features a variety of incredibly talented Jazz and R&B artists. Complete with great food, dance space, specialty vendors and a children's playground along with a sprinkler pad. A chair and musical spirit is all you will need for an enjoyable evening featuring on July 21st, The Kenny Lee 'All Stars' bring a blend of jazz and blues to the venue for an explosive emotional summer experience.

## Friday, July 22

**EagleMania: The World's Greatest Eagle Tribute Band.** EagleMania has dedicated itself to faithfully reproducing the sound of The Eagles for the past three years. Since their inception, EagleMania has been thrilling audiences all over the East Coast with their stunning five-part harmonies and their uncanny ability to emulate The Eagles note by note. Their show consists of all of the Eagles greatest hits, as well as some of the solo work of many of the individual members, including Don Henley, Glenn Frey and Joe Walsh. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$28, \$32 and \$36. Info and tickets. Visit [www.tarrytownmusichall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusichall.org).

## Saturday, July 23

**The Machine Performs Pink Floyd.** The Machine, America's top Pink Floyd show, has forged a 25-year reputation of excellence, extending the legacy of Pink Floyd while creating another legacy all their own. The New York-based band focuses on making every show an authentic Floydian experience for their fans. Known for performing a diverse mix of The

Floyd's extensive 16-album repertoire (complete with faithful renditions of well-known hits and obscure gems), The Machine's stellar musicianship, dramatic lighting and video and passionate delivery sets them above and beyond the rest. Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. 8 p.m. \$39 and \$49. Info and tickets: 914-739-0039 or visit [www.paramounthudsonvalley.com](http://www.paramounthudsonvalley.com).

## Jazz and Soul: Charlie Lagond.

The Small Town Theatre Company presents the second of four summer concerts featuring Charlie Lagond, co-founder of Lagond Music School, who has worked as a professional musician for over 35 years. He has performed around the world with artists including Chet Baker, Woody Herman, Buddy Rich, Bernard Purdie, Chuck Mangione, The Jackson Five, the Temptations, Natalie Cole and Kid Creole & the Coconuts. Wampus Brook Park, Maple Avenue, Armonk. 8 p.m. Free. Info: Visit [www.SmallTownTheatre.com](http://www.SmallTownTheatre.com).

## Sunday, July 24

**Downtown Thunder.** The Mount Kisco Lions Club fifth annual charity motorcycle ride to benefit Guiding Eyes for the Blind. Riders \$25, Rider & passenger \$40. A police escorted scenic motorcycle cruise through the Lower Hudson Valley, all you can eat BBQ, Nick's ice cream truck, music, raffles, merchandise and novelty vendors. Starts at Mount Kisco Village Hall, 104 Main St., Mount Kisco. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Kickstands up at 10 a.m. Return for a barbecue at the Boys and Girls Club of Northern Westchester, 351 E. Main St, Mount Kisco at noon. Riders: \$25. Rider and passenger: \$40. Info and pre-registration: Contact Bob Scop at 914-760-0014 or visit [www.mountkiscolionsclub.org](http://www.mountkiscolionsclub.org).

## Italian Heritage Festival.

Musical entertainment and dancers and activities for children. There will also be vendors who will be selling traditional arts and crafts and ethnic foods. Bring blankets or folding chairs for seating on the lawn. Rain or shine. Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla. 12 to 7 p.m. Free parking and admission. Info: 914-231-4033 or visit [westchestergov.com/parks](http://westchestergov.com/parks).

**Summer Wildlife.** Join us for an introduction to some of the center's animals with a focus on sweltering summer survival techniques. This entertaining and informative program allows visitors to hear, see, smell and touch many of our fascinating, furry, feathered and scaly friends. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 2 p.m. Members: Free. Non-members: \$8 per person. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

## Ongoing Events:

### Fireworks, Special Prices and Free Daily Entertainment at Playland

Playland's summer daily entertainment schedule is now in full swing, with the Kiddyland DJ, Katy the Great and Friends, Coaster's International Dance Party, and Funky Fairytales: Princess and the Pea, all taking place in the Kiddyland. Grab a seat in front of the Music Tower Theater stage to watch a lively song-and-dance performance "American Beat." Show times are posted in the park.

Special \$15 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights for those entering the park after 5 p.m. and includes unlimited rides until closing at 10 p.m. This special runs through Sept. 1.

Friday Night Fireworks are back, comprising a spectacular show choreographed to music. The shows begin at 9:15 p.m. and run every Friday from July 1 through September 2.

Celebrate International Friendship Day on Sunday, Aug. 7, when all ride admissions (including Juniors) are \$15 from 12 noon until the park closes at 10 p.m. Parking is \$15.

Playland Park is Westchester's premier amusement park. Guests can enjoy rides, catch a show, have a snack or a meal, play mini golf and take a stroll on the boardwalk.

Regular admission prices: \$30 unlimited rides; \$20 Junior (under 48") - Westchester residents with acceptable proof of residency are eligible for a \$5 discount on these prices. Spectator admission (no rides) is free for Westchester County residents and \$10 for non-residents.

Season Passes: \$95 for unlimited rides all season, with a \$15 discount for Westchester residents.

## Greenburgh Police Department National Night Out

On Tuesday Aug. 2, from 6 to 9 p.m., the Greenburgh Police Department is hosting its first National Night Out 2016.

This is an annual community building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make

our neighborhoods safer, and improve our living environment.

This event is meant to increase awareness about police programs in communities, such as drug prevention, town and neighborhood watch and other anti-crime efforts. We have united in the

past as a community for other events, and by uniting again we are demonstrating the solidarity of the great members and supporters of the Town of Greenburgh, and its efforts to continue to keep our children and streets safe and improve our quality of life.

National Night Out will be held at Greenburgh Town Hall, 177 Hillside Avenue, White Plains. We will have a night filled with activities, informative resources, entertainment and many community-minded individuals that will be supporting this event.

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SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **Susan Lewkowitz, 670 White Plains Road Ste. 322, Scarsdale, NY 10583 914-723-4290. Purpose: any lawful purpose.**

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## EXAMINER SPORTS

# Lauren O'Connor Keeping Rec Softball a Competitive and Fun Activity

By Albert Coqueran

Frank Mageletta, the longtime White Plains Recreation Department Supervisor retired last year after over 26 years of service to the White Plains community. For 15 of those years, Mageletta was the Supervisor of the popular White Plains Recreation Softball Leagues, which grew in popularity under his tenure.

Nonetheless, White Plains Recreation Softball was left in very competent hands when the Recreation Department announced that Lauren O'Connor would take over as Softball Supervisor under her title of Senior Recreation Leader.

O'Connor had been employed by the White Plains Recreation Department for eight years before accepting the position of Softball Supervisor, a monumental responsibility which encompasses a variety of challenges.

O'Connor is responsible for arranging sponsored teams to join the leagues and incorporates their playing schedules. She also must substantiate that the fields are fit for play and that umpires are available to officiate each game. She also makes the decision when games have to be postponed due to weather and records the



White Plains Recreation Department Senior Recreation Leader Lauren O'Connor is spending her first summer as Softball Supervisor overlooking the popular White Plains Rec Softball Program. O'Connor also plays for famed Healy Electric in the Women's League and two Co-ed Division teams.

wins and losses for standings purposes. O'Connor also supervises that all managers and players participating in the Softball Program abide by the rules and protocols under the standard of the White Plains Recreation Department.

However, O'Connor, as Softball Supervisor, is not alone while attempting to meet the many daily challenges. Lou DeMarco, an Assistant Softball League Coordinator has stayed on to assist O'Connor



AL COQUERAN PHOTOS

Brewskies (pictured) is the reigning White Plains Rec Women's League Playoff and League Champions. Presently they are tied in first place with Healy Electric at 8-2, with five weeks remaining in the season and one game to play against each other on August 4.

nor. DeMarco is a staple of White Plains Recreation Softball, having worked for the White Plains Recreation Department for 54 years.

Also, O'Connor has hired Ryan Mathews, as an Assistant League Coordinator.

Mathews is the son of the late Guy Mathews, the longtime and heralded Guidance Counselor and Assistant Hockey Coach at White Plains High School.

To grasp a complete perspective of the challenges this crew faces while operating one of the most popular summer activities in White Plains, understand, that there are three leagues competing in White Plains Recreation Softball; the Women's League, Men's League and Co-ed League.

The Women's League has six teams competing for the League and Playoff Championships. Comparably, the Men's League consists of Five Divisions with a total of 38 competing teams. Furthermore, the ever popular social venue, the Co-ed League has three Divisions with 24 teams vying for League and Playoff superiority. There are a total of 68 teams playing during the summer in the White Plains Recreation Softball Leagues.

"I think the competitiveness of this program attracts teams. Also, White Plains has a lot of businesses especially in the downtown area. A lot of the Co-ed business teams were looking to get into the league. I have three Co-ed Divisions this year," said O'Connor.

O'Connor comes from a lineage of Recreation experience, which has helped her maintain her perspective concerning the vast tasks at hand. Her grandfather, Joe Curtis is a former Commissioner of Recreation for the City of White Plains and New Rochelle. O'Connor's mother Kath-

leen O'Connor is the well-known Commissioner of Westchester County Parks and Recreation

"Mom helps me out a lot. We have a relationship where when I do ask her about work, she answers me not as a mother but as another recreation professional, as a



Mansion on Broadway (pictured) won the White Plains Rec Softball Men's A Division League and Playoff Championships last year. Presently, MOB finds themselves in third place at, 8-3, chasing first place 6th Boro and second place Riemans Auto Body.

boss in that aspect. She definitely has been a strong backbone for me and has helped me," O'Connor acknowledged.

Additionally, O'Connor is not just the Softball Supervisor; she is a player as well, while participating on three different teams in the White Plains Softball Leagues. O'Connor is one of the exceptional players in the League and very in demand for her playing skills.

For many years she has donned the

green-and-gold uniform of the Healy Electric Peaches. O'Connor also plays on the first place Max Impact team of the Co-ed A Division and the first place Sprint team in the Co-ed B Division.

O'Connor understands the potential for conflict of interest but put all that in perspective to each team when she assumed the position of Softball Supervisor. "I really try to separate myself. I expressed to everyone at the Managers Meetings that when I am on the field playing, I am not at work," explained O'Connor. "I make it very well known that if you have an issue you can call, e-mail or text me but talk to me afterwards not on the field, as the umpires are in charge during the games," stressed O'Connor.

Brewskies is the reigning League and Playoff Champions of the Women's League. Brewskies beat O'Connor's Healy Electric 2-1 in the three-game Playoff Championship Series last year. Presently, Brewskies and Healy Electric are tied on top of the Women's League at 8-2, with Buffalo Wild Wings two games back at 6-2.

A new entry this year into the very competitive Men's A Division, 6th Boro, is leading the pack with a 9-2 record. The steady year-to-year Riemans Auto Body is in second place at 9-3, with the current Men's A Division League and Play-

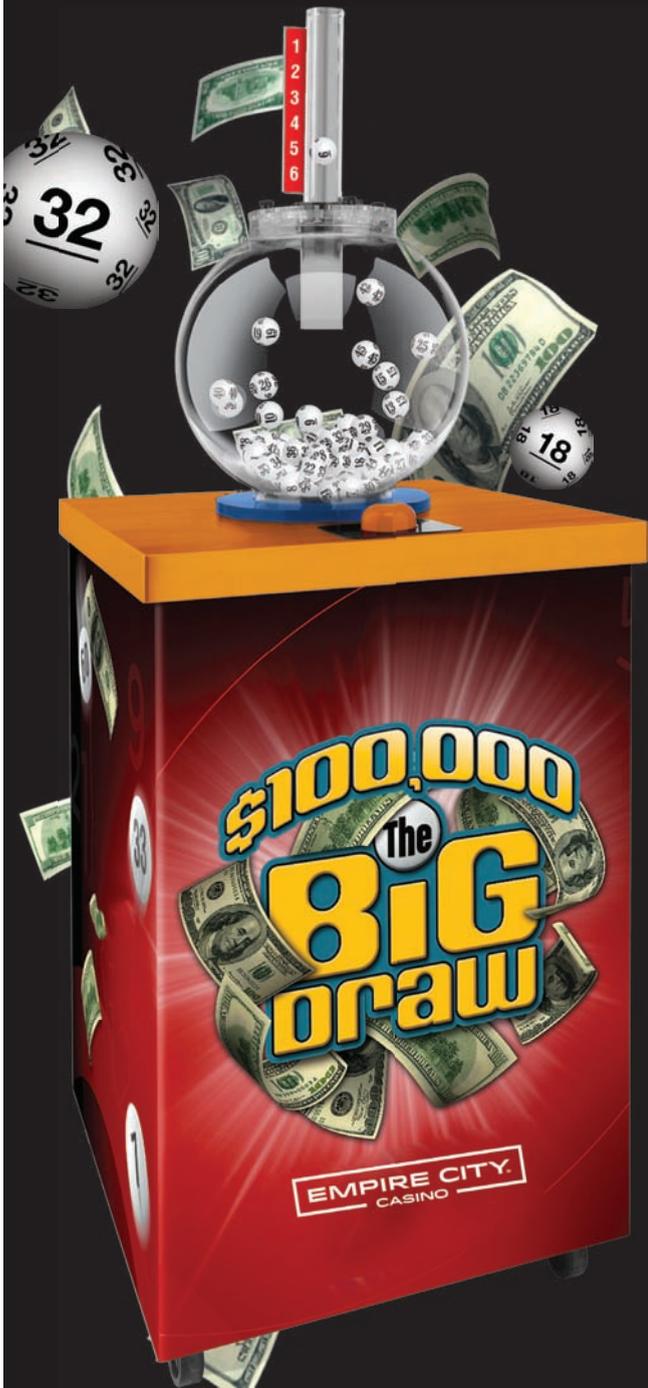
off Champions Mansion on Broadway in third place at 8-4.

O'Connor, in her first year at the helm of the Softball Leagues understands that the challenges will keep emerging throughout the summer and then the Fall League will commence. "I am enjoying it. I really like having the opportunity to run the program. I take pride in the program and I really desire for people to want to play here," expressed O'Connor.



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