



NY Yankees Participate in Mohawk Mess Fest



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Yankees Manager Aaron Boone (right) joins Muddy Puddles Project founders Cindy and Luis Campbell in the "Mess Fest" to bring joy to children's lives and raise money and awareness for Pediatric Cancer during the kick-off of Yankees HOPE Week at the Mohawk Day Camp, on June 11. (See full story by Albert Coqueran on page 15.)

Greenburgh CERT Volunteers Help Fire Victims

By Pat Casey

On Friday afternoon there was a fire in the building at 172 Saw Mill River Road in Elmsford.

There were no reported injuries, but the building was condemned by the Greenburgh Building Department and 35 residents were displaced.

Several individuals were relocated to the emergency shelter at the Theodore Young Community Center overnight.

The Greenburgh Police Dept. deployed the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) to the shelter. The Red Cross also was on the scene with five volunteers. As there were only 28 people in need it was agreed the Red Cross would provide the necessary sheltering. The remaining residents relocated to family or friends.

After the situation calmed down,

Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner commented that "the seamless coordination between the Police, the Red Cross and CERT resulted in the displaced residents being fed and having access to shelter within approximately six hours of previously being homeless."

"As usual the CERT volunteers did a professional job providing those in need with the help and respect required in such an emergency. Thank you: Sue Plath, Al Sarnotsky, Eva Yasgur, Jackie Egelman, Nina Cisterna, Danny Cisterna, Mark Jones and Harold Rose. Well done!" Feiner said in an email.

Feiner also invites Greenburgh residents to consider joining CERT.

CERT training prepares residents to help themselves, their families and neighbors in the event of a disaster. During

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Opposition to Privatization Strong at Airport Hearing in Armonk

By Sean Browne

Residents strongly opposed potential privatization of Westchester County Airport during a June 11 public hearing, telling officials that it could escalate the number of flights and create additional noise for surrounding communities.

The sentiment was voiced at Armonk's Hergenhan Recreation Center during the second of three public hearings on airport-related issues scheduled for this month by County Executive George Latimer. Latimer announced in May that he was seeking public feedback that would help guide county officials on the airport's future. The first hearing on June 6 in Rye Brook focused on the facility's Master Plan.



SEAN BROWNE PHOTOS

Left to right, County Executive George Latimer, Joan McDonald, Westchester's director of operations, and County Attorney John Nonna listen to comments during the second of three public hearings on Westchester County Airport held last Monday.

Last week, discussion centered on governance of the airport and presented another opportunity for Westchester residents to voice their opinions on the matter to Latimer's staff and the Board of Legislators.

"We now have a decision to make on the airport, you the public are now being brought into the dialogue so that you can express whether we should change the governance of the airport," Latimer said.

While some in the crowd of more than 100 residents favored privatization, the vast majority of the roughly 25 speakers were opposed.

Westchester County owns the airport,

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although it leases operation to AvPORTS, a private company that specializes in managing and operating airports, while the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) oversees air travel. The contract between the county and AvPORTS is renewed annually.

Some citizens from towns near the airport have reported a sharp increase in airplane noise in the past year or two and that would likely continue along with loss of control of the facility should privatization occur. The facility is the state's third busiest airport behind Kennedy and LaGuardia.

Mount Pleasant resident Jordana Silverstein said plane traffic has already become excessive.

"In the two hours and 10 minutes since the mic has been open no less than 25 planes have flown over my house causing the windows to shake," Silverstein said. "On Memorial Day we had 228 flights over my house and on a good day we have only several planes fewer."

In addition to air traffic, some planes fly too low on their approach to the airport, making the noise level worse, said North Castle Supervisor Michael Schiliro. Furthermore, private flights, which account for most of the air traffic, aren't regulated.

"There has been a concern about the increase in air traffic and the noise from

those planes," Schiliro said. "Commercial traffic is regulated at 240 sets per half hour, but the private is not regulated (from) what I understand."

Another concern is the impact that privatization of the airport would have on the environment, particularly the nearby reservoir.

The hearings are scheduled to provide feedback from the public in time for deliberation on the 2019 budget. Latimer said the public hearings would give the county strong feedback on how to handle the airport moving forward.

In the past there has been a lack of communication between the public and the county on the issue and he said he wants to change that.

"What has not happened in the past is a public discussion whether we should or should not change the governance of the Westchester County Airport," Latimer said. "We are here to discuss the future of governing the airport."

The third and final public hearing, which will address operations, will be held on Monday, June 25 at the West Harrison Senior Center at 7 p.m.

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an incident emergency services personnel may not be able to reach everyone right away. CERT members can support emergency responders and volunteer for projects the improve community emergency preparedness.

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The basic 20-hour CERT course is offered twice a year and is divided into eight classes (topics).

The Greenburgh CERT meets every month to conduct training, field trips and drills.



Greenburgh CERT members with Town Supervisor Paul Feiner (second from the right).



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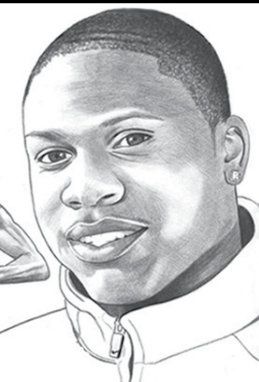
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County Legislator Perez Petitioning to Primary State Senator Stewart-Cousins

By David Propper and Anna Young

NYS Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins, the minority leader of the state senate, could face a Democratic primary this fall as a Westchester County legislator has begun circulating petitions to get on the ballot against her.

Legislator Virginia Perez, a Yonkers Democrat, is considering a run against Stewart-Cousins for the 35th senate seat. Stewart-Cousins is also a Yonkers resident and has been in the senate since 2006. Before becoming a state elected official, she was a Westchester legislator.

NYS Senate District 35 covers parts of White Plains, Yonkers, Greenburgh, Scarsdale, Tarrytown, Dobbs Ferry, Larchmont and New Rochelle.

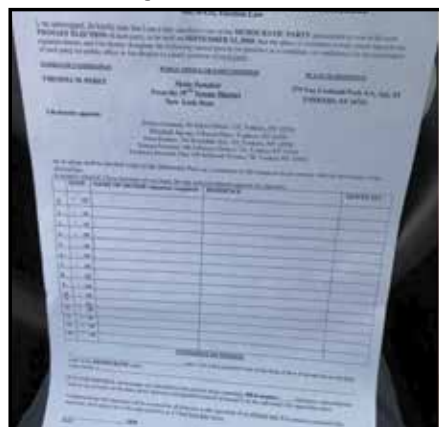
A petition sheet with Perez's name on it was provided to an Examiner reporter.

Chatter about Perez's ambition for the



Westchester County Legislator Virginia Perez.

state senate began at the beginning of the year. She has been a sitting county lawmaker since 2011. Perez has not publicly announced her intention.



Perez's Democratic Party petition for the 35th Senate District seat.

Stewart-Cousins has been the leader of her Democratic conference since 2012, though she's had to battle at times with a group of breakaway Democrats



NYS Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins.

that formed their own conference until recently when they again reunited.

Requests for comment from both Perez and Stewart-Cousins have not been returned.

Job and Bidding Construction Opps at Brookfield Commons

Phase II of the redevelopment of the Winbrook housing campus on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd will soon be starting. As the White Plains Housing Authority's goal of revitalizing this neighborhood as Brookfield Commons continues to move forward, the Housing Authority, along with its partners Trinity Financial, Inc. and Hudson Meridian Construction Group, welcome Winbrook residents, White Plains residents, community partners,

local workers, subcontractors and suppliers to learn how to become a part of the upcoming Brookfield Commons Phase II project. They are aiming to have significant participation from qualified Section 3 (local) individuals and companies as well as certified MWBE and Veteran owned firms in the construction of the project.

There will be two free informational sessions on June 27, at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.,

at the White Plains Housing Authority Community Room, 223 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

White Plains. Bring resumes and business cards.

The Brook Field Commons Phase II project will be comprised of a nine-story, 129 unit, 140,000 SF, mixed income building.

Hudson Meridian Construction Group is seeking workers and contractors for

the following trades: asbestos abatement, demolition, site work, piles, concrete, precast concrete, masonry, structural steel, waterproofing, roofing, joint sealants, fireproofing, metal panels, windows, storefront, door and hardware, drywall and rough carpentry, ceilings, flooring, painting, appliances, elevators, plumbing, HVAC, fire suppression, fire alarms, electrical, wood and plastic, landscaping, utilities.

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Mega Outdoor Yoga Event Returns to Court Street, White Plains

Get On Your Mat For Mental Health presented by the Mental Health Association of Westchester will return to Court Street, White Plains this Wednesday, June 20.

The outdoor mega-yoga event has drawn hundreds in the past. This year, the event features an hour-long open level yoga class led by renowned teacher Sarah Platt-Finger the private yoga teacher of Deepak Chopra and co-founder of ISHTA Yoga with her husband, Yoga Master Alan Finger. "Yoga is often referred to as a



Attendees enjoy outdoor yoga at a previous Get On Your Mat for Mental Health event.

physical practice, but it is just as much a practice for the mind as it is for the body," said Platt-Finger. "In fact, the ancient traditions of yoga see these two as being inextricably linked. When we experience yoga we experience embodiment of all that is available to us in the present moment—images, thoughts, sensations, and feelings— and we merge them into one unified state of consciousness."

Check-in and registration begin at 5:30 p.m. Attendees can enjoy live music by guitar teacher, musician and composer David Robles while perusing a yoga marketplace and sponsor exhibitors. Attendees also can strike their favorite yoga pose in a photo booth and take part in a social media awareness campaign, telling the world why they believe #MentalHealthMatters.

At 6:30 p.m. everyone will get on their mat for the yoga class.

"The Mental Health Association of Westchester knows how important it is to take care of not only one's physical health, but mental health as well. The practice of yoga and mindfulness can be effective tools for decreasing symptoms of stress, anxiety and depression," said Charlotte Ostman, MHA's CEO. "Get On Your Mat For Mental Health is an exciting community event that raises awareness and encourages open conversations about mental health issues, critical steps in erasing stigma. We are incredibly grateful for the support of the City of White Plains in this initiative!"

Get On Your Mat For Mental Health is suitable for all ages and levels. The first 125 registrants will receive a complimentary yoga tank top courtesy of White Plains Hospital. For more information and to register, visit www.mhawestchester.org. Pre-registration is \$30; children under 12 can register at the "little yogi" rate of \$15.

Sponsors of this event include TD Bank; New York Sports Medicine Institute; Natural Awakenings; 100.7 WHUD Radio; WAG Magazine; Westchester County Business Journal; and Wee Westchester.

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Celebrating White Plains' Amazing Dads

By Pat Casey

The White Plains Youth Bureau held its 6th Annual Father of the Year Awards celebration at Eastview Middle School June 9. The program honored 34 fathers for their leadership, service and as role models.

Students in the White Plains School District wrote short essays explaining why their Dad should be honored as a Father of the Year. The selections for the award were based on these essays.

Fathers receiving Father of the Year Awards were: Miguel Baldeon, Vaughn Bowman, Matt Brown, Christopher Colson, Kevin Edwards, Israel Garcia Ramirez, Mark Golab, Gary Melvin, Bret Mercer and Rodney Weinstein.

Fathers receiving Outstanding Farther Awards were: Joshua Andre, Rohan Benton, Robert Bernstein, Hugo Cacotla, David DePietro, Milton Farrar, Dwight Gilzene, Mo Glazman, Jose Gonzalez, Vinnedor Guillaume, Karl Hall, Wilfer Lopez, Bob Losic, Michael O'Connor, Hector Ortiz, Jaquan Person-Orlin Petrov, Michael Pollio, Miguel

Ravina, Phinneton Registe, Vitaly Shub, Jean Sirene, Mike Suben and Davon Wilson.

The students took their task seriously, contemplating on the special relationships they have with their fathers and expressing them in their essays. Here are a few excerpts:

"My Father means everything to me. He is the reason I do more than half the things I do now."

"What my Father means to me is love."

"I want to thank my Dad for taking care of me when I've gotten sick, for wiping my tears away, for playing with me, for reading with me, for feeding us even though he doesn't know how to cook, ..."

"My Dad wants me to become the best because my Dad wants me to be smarter than him."

"My Father is very close to me, he has

helped me through life to here and now he has dedicated his life to raise part of the new generation of people on Earth."

"My Father would do anything for his family, plus he is able to somehow, always be up for a game of soccer or a round of Monopoly."

"My Dad always wants the best for me so I can have a good life. When I'm older I will recognize him in all of my accomplishments."



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Families gathered at Eastview Middle School to celebrate 34 fathers who were honored at the White Plains Youth Bureau Father of the Year Awards breakfast.

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Wake Up North Broadway – the fate of the former Good Counsel site is within your control

On June 4th White Plains Common Council held the first DEIS hearing for the proposed rezoning of the former Good Counsel property. In layman's terms the DEIS is a document that the developer must submit showing all the related environmental factors for the proposed project. Important aspects to homeowners in the area include: traffic, noise, pedestrian safety, overcrowding, air quality, and the contaminated dumpsite on the back of the property. Citizens have five minutes each to speak about their concerns and ask questions, that must be answered as part of the DEIS process.

This meeting was packed with people overflowing into the lobby. Residents from Stewart Place, Ross Street, Lake Street and 50 North Broadway attended, and many spoke. Yet only one person spoke on behalf of the entire North Broadway area. Somewhat puzzling given the North

Broadway Civic Association, the oldest neighborhood association in White Plains with 600+ families as members forgot to show up – or did they?

This is starting to look like a repeat of the FASNY hearings were one neighborhood association to be significantly impacted by that project seemed to be silenced. Rumor had it, by the developer's public relations firm. Has the same thing happened again?

Does the North Broadway Civic Association really think that they will have no additional traffic, forcing all traffic to the narrow streets on Stewart/Ross and Warren? A fifth grader with a map could tell you this would be virtually impossible. Wake up people- the shortest route to this proposed project is to cut through the residential streets to the north of the Pace campus. And, did anyone tell you part of the project calls for the "altering", translated widening, of North Broadway

in your neighborhood?

With the south end of North Broadway being blocked by another approved project with 25,000 square feet of retail space, 276 apartments and 745 parking spaces directly across from the Westchester Mall where will traffic go? People will be forced to exit I-287 at the Pace exit and travel along North Broadway through your neighborhood to enter the City. Not to mention this does not even include traffic from the proposed Good Counsel project or the never-ending list of newly approved building sites around White Plains.

Vito Fragala, VP for the North White Plains Civic Association was the lone speaker from North Broadway. He clearly indicated the association's position - an update of the City's 1997 Comprehensive Plan, prior to a rezoning of this property. While I have the utmost respect for Mr. Fragala and the association, one

look around White Plains tells you that the Mayor is not going to update the Comprehensive Plan. City Officials are intentionally avoiding an update of the plan in favor of spot zoning to fast track as much development or should I say destruction to the City, all in record time.

Why are you people not flocking to these meetings, not speaking up, not writing letters to City, County and State Officials? While other area residents are lawyering up you are not even showing up.

Wake up North Broadway- the next meeting is scheduled for July 2nd. Check the City's Website for details. Stand up and speak to stop this rezoning now and to keep the City in the City, and out of our residential neighborhood.

—Barbara Allen,
Stewart Place, White Plains

Call to Religious Leaders to Discuss and Act on Recent ICE Practices

President Trump's directive to ICE to separate immigrant children from their parents is heartless, inhumane and disgraceful. One action step that could have an impact would be for churches and synagogues throughout the nation to become sanctuary locations. In the past ICE has not arrested immigrants who have sought help inside these religious organizations. This action step could save lives and help families avoid deportation. And it would send a strong message to President Trump and members of Congress that the religious leadership

won't stand for this.

If hundreds of churches and synagogues would take this action it would send a strong message to the President and to members of Congress to stop their inhumane treatment of innocent children and their families. It would be great if area clergy would meet to discuss. I would welcome the opportunity to meet with an interfaith council of religious leaders to discuss.

—Paul Feiner,
Greenburgh Town Supervisor

Westchester County Considering Red Light Cameras

At a special meeting of the Board of Legislators last week, a measure asking New York State to give the county permission to consider passing a local law that would allow red light cameras at county intersections was approved by a 16-0 vote.

"The measure was passed in order to get it into the hands of state legislators quickly, because the state legislative session is ending. But this does not mean that the county is on the verge of installing red light cameras," explained Board Chair Ben Boykin (D- White Plains).

In fact, if the state approves the request, the Board would still need to draft and vote on a new local law authorizing the cameras, a process that would involve careful consideration.

"Before any program actually moves forward, the Board will examine all

issues regarding any specific proposal for implementation in cooperation with the relevant county agencies and departments and with the County Executive's office," Boykin said.

"That means looking at statistics on the impact of red light cameras on safety and on changing driver behavior, as well as looking at where any such cameras would go, before deciding if red light cameras are a good idea," he added.

The Board also would examine how systems might work so as not to inadvertently flag drivers, as well as what the implications are, both for costs and for revenue. In addition, careful consideration would be given to the lessons learned by the cities of Mount Vernon, New Rochelle and Yonkers, which already have their own red light cameras in place, according to a Board press release explaining the proposal.

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Obituaries

Buel G. McQuay Jr.

Buel G. McQuay Jr. a White Plains resident, died June 14 at the age of 66.

He was born Oct. 16, 1951 in Yonkers to Mildred and Buel G. McQuay Sr.

After high school and college Buel played for a short time for both the NY Jets and NY Football Giants. He went on to become a Security Engineer, contracted by various financial institutions, most recently for JP Morgan Chase in New York City.

He married Linda Dralle on Nov. 12, 2011. Along with his wife Linda, he is survived by a brother and sister.

He is predeceased by a sister Janice McQuay-Psenning and brother Donald McQuay.

Frances Colotti

Frances Colotti, a longtime White Plains resident, died June 13 at the age of 89.

She was born Nov. 8, 1928 in Pelham to the late Frank and Charlotte Guccione.

On June 6, 1948 she married Nicholas Colotti at St. Catherine's Church in Pelham, he predeceased her in 2000.

Fran loved reading and crocheting. She was also a member of the Columbiettes.

She is survived by her children, Maria Colotti-Rosi and her husband Jimmy of

White Plains, Charlotte Colotti of White Plains and Ralph Colotti and his wife Terry of Randolph, NJ, a brother Charlie Guccione and her grandchildren; Daniela Rosi, Daniel Colotti and his fiancé Alyssa, Scott Colotti and Brian Colotti.

She is also survived by her cat Ashes.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Fran's Memory; www.stjude.org.

Ellen Jane Anderson

Mrs. Ellen J. Anderson, 77, a lifelong resident of White Plains, passed away peacefully with her son by her side on June 13.

She was born Feb. 12, 1941.

She is survived by her loving and beloved son, John.

She is also survived by her cherished brother-in-law, Jim, and sister-in-law, Mary Ann.

Further, she is survived by numerous nieces and nephews, including Bobby, Jr., Johnny and Eric, Jimmy, Danny and Mikey, and John, Jimmy, Susan, Kathleen and Amanda.

She is predeceased by her mother, Josephine, father, Cedric, and brother, Robert.

She is also predeceased by her husband, John, whom she missed with all her heart after his passing.

Ellen will be dearly missed by all.

Christopher Columbus Hilliard

Christopher Columbus Hilliard (affectionately known as "Cookie") was the son of the late Gorham Nathaniel and Bertha Mae Davis Hilliard. He was born Jan. 8, 1942 in Castalia, NC.

He transitioned, peacefully into eternal rest on June 7 at Burke Rehabilitation Hospital, White Plains.

"Cookie" attended Nash County Training School. Upon graduation from White Plains High School in 1960, he immediately enlisted in the military. He dutifully served his country from 1960-1966 as a member of the United States Army 101st Airborne Division. After completion of his service, he was honorably discharged as an E-5 Sergeant.

Christopher began a 21-year career with the White Plains Police Department in 1968. During this time, he was assigned to various divisions where he received numerous awards and accolades for exemplary work and heroism.

Upon retiring, he enjoyed traveling with family and friends. He would gather socially with his fellow retirees to share a laugh and reminisce. But his greatest joy was "face-timing" with his two granddaughters, "Marie" and "Allie" who were the light of his life.

Christopher was preceded in death by his siblings Thelma Elizabeth Hilliard, Clyde Edward Hilliard, Randolph Hilliard and Dallas Thomas Alton Hilliard.

He leaves to cherish his memory his beloved daughter, Christine Hilliard-Jackson of Tuscaloosa, AL; two beloved granddaughters, Olivia Marie Jackson and Allison Danielle Jackson, also of Tuscaloosa, AL; his stepchildren Carolyn Denise Talley (Marvin) of Douglasville, GA; Clifford Morrow of Bremen, GA; Minister Donavon Morrow (Tyneesha) of Ypsilanti, MI and all of their children. Sisters Olivia Anne Hilliard and Gorham Gennette Spencer of Roanoke Rapids, NC; Brother Dr. Willie James Hilliard (Sharon) of Raleigh, NC; Sister-in-law Julia Hilliard of Pinehurst, NC; his aunt Verdell Hilliard of White Plains, three generations of nieces and nephews; a host of cousins, other relatives and many friends.



In Support of Denying the Petition to Re-Zone 52 N. Broadway

According to the White Plains Zoning Ordinance, consideration of the request for a site specific zoning district at 52 N. Broadway does not have to be considered by the Common Council. Therefore the question should be: Why is the City still considering the petitioner's request for rezoning?

The site's current zoning is RM-1.5, which the applicant, a private business entity, wants set-aside for the creation of its proposed "Planned Residential Development" district designation. Such a designation does not exist in the Zoning Ordinance. Therefore, the applicant is not requesting a change in zoning but wants the City to add a new Planned Residential Development district to its law for the petitioner's sole benefit. Such a consideration is really a function of the City's power and not that of a private petitioner. Thus, the City's convening a zoning committee to review and recommend if a new district should be created for the North Broadway corridor is the proper method.

A private petitioner's request for a new district designation, especially when it is site-specific is an attempt to defeat the purpose of the current district regulations for its own gain or advantage. Is not this the case for the owner of 52 N. Broadway?

Granting a petition to amend the City's zoning law based on a site-specific

application should only be granted because it is based on the health, safety and welfare criteria for all citizens of White Plains and because of the unique characteristics of the site.

However, the petitioner states that it is placing the high-rise rental housing building on the easterly portion of the site where the site slopes down about 30 feet. If a building needs to be hidden, there is something wrong. In addition, the petitioner ignores the negative effect on Stewart Place, Ross Street, Lake Street, Warren St. and N. Kensico Ave., and the firehouse located on Warren Street. Most of the streets are narrow. There has already been a pedestrian fatality at the intersection of Lake and Stewart due to the increased traffic on Lake Street.

The only factual benefit that the petitioner has presented is an increase in the property taxes that the proposed development could generate. Assessable property is not the basis for sound zoning regulations.

The applicant's petition does not address the problem of linking its specific design concept to the desired zoning district. What happens, if changing the district is granted and the design concept presented in the petition is later found not to be really feasible or constructible? This is when design changes and/or relief from the City are sought. Such occurrences are

usually not for the better.

So far the petitioner, basing its petition on the proposed design concept, has not prepared final construction documentation. Therefore, the designs presented in the documentation are hypothetical and not real plans for constructing the proposed buildings on that specific site. The petitioner presents in its petition documentation self-serving statements that the traffic impact is handled in its proposal; the proposed design concept is consistent with the City's comprehensive plan; the design supports public benefits such as senior citizen housing, student housing for its neighbor, Pace University; and high-rise rental housing. Is this truly in keeping with the comprehensive plan for White Plains? There is no evidence presented that the proposed district needs to be at 52 N. Broadway.

The petitioner's design concept of the site and the buildings is entirely hypothetical. Therefore, no decision granting the re-zoning should be made upon the petitioner's hypotheses.

The petition notes that the property was tax-exempt for 100 years and is now paying property taxes. This leads to a discussion of the public policy regarding the exemption of non-profit entities owning property.

Granting a tax-exempt status

confers recognition of the good work the organization does for the entire community. Owning the property as an appreciating asset is financially good, but once the organization sells the property and it is back on the tax roll, it would seem fair that there should be a method for recapturing the lost tax revenue. However, there remains no recognition of the fact that the public services and the investment of other property owners had contributed to the financial appreciation of the non-profit's site. It should be noted that on top of that, the lost revenue was covered by each tax paying property owner in the City.

What is wrong with the RM-1.5 regulations? The petitioner is silent on this question. What is clearly documented is that the owner wants the new zoning district created for its own convenience.

Knowing that the site is designated RM-1.5, why did the petitioner buy it? Knowing that a historic structure stood on the site, why buy it if the RM-1.5 district was not good for his business interests?

The citizens of White Plains do not owe the petitioner the requested re-zoning.

-John Mclean, RA, White Plains

Editor's Note: This statement has been edited for space purposes. The full document has been submitted to the White Plains Common Council for consideration.

Three Things To Change If You Are Going Through A Divorce



By Salvatore M. Di Costanzo

In many cases, a divorce is a traumatic experience for both parties. Usually, neither party has given any thought to the unintended consequences of death or disability during divorce. Until there is a final decree or judgment of separation or divorce, each party remains the spouse of the other.

Upon the death of one party, and without proper planning, the surviving spouse maintains all inheritance rights, whether by Last Will and Testament ("Will"), Revocable Trust or intestacy (meaning you have no Will). Moreover, all beneficiary designations, transfer on death accounts, fiduciary appointments (such as agents under a power of attorney, executors in a Will, trustees of a trust and health care agents under a health care proxy) remain intact until the divorce is complete.

None of us know when we will die or become disabled, but if it happens during the pendency of a divorce, your spouse may receive a windfall and/or be in a position to make your financial and medical decisions. To prevent this from happening, you must follow these instructions.

First, it is imperative that you meet with

an elder law and estate-planning attorney to redraft your Will or Revocable Trust to disinherit your spouse to the fullest extent permissible under New York State law. In New York, a surviving spouse is statutorily entitled to receive a portion of your estate. This is referred to as the elective share and is equal to the greater of one-third of your estate or \$50,000.00. By changing your estate plan, you can redirect some, not all, of your assets to others, such as your children.

Unfortunately, upon the commencement of a divorce, the Court will issue an Order restraining the parties from changing the ownership of their assets. Your Will only pertains to assets in your individual name, with no joint owner or beneficiary designation, and your Revocable Trust only covers assets within it. Thus, these would be the assets that you can redirect. You will not be able to redirect jointly owned assets or assets that have beneficiary designations.

Another reason to redraft is to change your executors, trustees and guardians. If you die, you most likely do not want your spouse administering your estate. If you have minor children, there are opportunities to appoint someone other than your spouse as guardian of your minor children's property. It is important to consider a trust for your minor children

at this point as well. You generally cannot remove your spouse as guardian of the children's person.

Second, you must remove your spouse as agent under your power of attorney. I am aware of cases where a divorcee spouse continued to use a power of attorney in the face of a pending divorce proceeding to manage assets subject to the divorce.

If you lose your capacity during the pendency of the divorce, you need a trusted person who can continue the divorce proceeding and also ensure that your financial matters are handled properly.

Third, and probably the most sensitive topic, if you don't want your spouse making medical decisions on your behalf, redraft your health care proxy. Depending on the level of animosity in the divorce, you may be giving your spouse the opportunity he/she has been waiting for!

The above planning recommendations should be addressed shortly after the commencement of a divorce proceeding. If you do not have existing documents, then you need to prepare them.

Perhaps you made it through a divorce and never updated your estate plan or have no estate plan at all. A divorce necessitates the preparation of an estate plan, especially where children are involved. If you have an existing plan that was never updated

during the pendency of the divorce, it is important to note that while the concern of a spouse unintentionally inheriting property or acting as a fiduciary does not exist, a divorce does not revoke any dispositions or appointments you made in favor of your spouse's relatives such as an in-law.

Lastly, you cannot neglect beneficiary designations. After your divorce, you most likely will need to redo your beneficiary designations to match your estate planning goals and objectives and any obligations under the divorce decree. The preparation of customized beneficiary designation forms coincides with the drafting of a new estate plan.

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When Two Combine Their Tastes in One Household

Sometimes when two people decide to get married or live together, the going can be tough in combining tastes for furnishing and decoration, especially among those who have lived on their own and established individual preferences.

Most people would agree that men let their wives take the lead in decorating their home. It just seems to be the natural order of things, right? Not so with my wife and me.

I think one of the reasons my wife decided to marry me was that she was impressed that I had decorated my bachelor apartment so well. The furnishings inventory of mostly 18th century reproductions and some originals, influenced by my having grown up near colonial Williamsburg, was impressive for a single guy, as was my debt to various department stores and antiques shops. While not originally to her taste, which was strictly modern, my wife adapted to the early American style, maybe because such a great investment had already been made in it.

She came to the marriage with her modern bedroom set and a good copy of the tulip chair designed by Eero Saarinen. However, when we bought our first home in Brooklyn Heights, built in 1826, those modern things disappeared because they looked out of place. I reigned supreme as the decorator for some years to come.

By the time we settled into a new condo

building three years ago, I had conceded to my wife's preference for a more casual, modern look again. I was ready to be casual and comfortable.

So, we've been a good match in combining tastes, even when they change. In all these years, there has been only one disagreement about our décor – and it happened very recently. Enter the issue of the large Staffordshire figurines, two of which I liked and she hated.

Some years ago, I made a good buy on these figurines, the mainstay of Victorian mantelpiece decoration, and displayed them in a big English oak cabinet in our dining room. Little did I think they would become our one and only point of departure in taste. I share the story here because it may demonstrate how compromise works.

At our broker's open house when it was time to sell, we got busy de-cluttering and creating more open space on our tables and shelves, as I advise seller clients to do. In the process, I noticed that the



By Bill Primavera

two Staffordshire pieces had disappeared from the haunts they had long occupied. When I asked my wife where they were, she said, "Oh, I don't think we should display them. I never liked them, and you did say to de-clutter."

My precious Staffordshires relegated to clutter?

She offered no hint about where they might be, but I knew that her favorite hiding space was in our kitchen's lower cabinets. Sure enough, I explored and found them tucked in between the mop bucket and the Drano, no less.

I returned them to their rightful home without saying anything. They remained for a couple of days, then disappeared again. And again, I retrieved them. Left

in the dining room for a few days more, I was satisfied that my wife had given up trying to classify them as clutter.

The morning of our open house was quite busy with last-minute details. I didn't notice anything unusual until I set out on a personalized tour and entered the dining room. Darned if the figurines hadn't disappeared again!

Even though there were many realtors

in the kitchen, like a man obsessed, I actually moved a couple of people aside to access the regular hide-and-seek place. But surprise, surprise, the figurines weren't there. I then opened every drawer and cabinet in the kitchen, but they were nowhere to be found. I gave up.

A home stager with whom I worked regularly told me how to combine tastes peacefully.

"I find that since people are getting married later in life and they have already purchased pieces of furniture that they love and have grown attached to, the problem is that once they have found that perfect person they too come along with their own pieces that don't necessarily coordinate. His, mine and ours is how I refer to it. Usually it takes a little psychology, negotiation and compromise to dig a little deeper and combine their likes in decor so they complement each other."

I'm all for psychology, negotiation and compromise but it is very telling that when we had sold the house and packed up to leave, those Staffordshires were left behind for the new owners.

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Longtime White Plains Homeless Advocate to be Honored

On Wednesday, July 11, at Orienta Beach Club in Mamaroneck, SHORE and I CARE will honor White Plains resident and SHORE founding member Pierre Poux.

The Midsummer Dinner and Auction will raise funds for families in need of housing.

Albert A. Annunziata, Executive Director and Vincent J. Mutarelli, President of

The Building & Realty Institute of Westchester, will also be honored.

SHORE (Sheltering the Homeless is Our Responsibility), an all-volunteer, interfaith, not-for-profit organization, develops innovative permanent housing for homeless families in central Westchester.

SHORE links a wide variety of individuals, houses of worship, and civic and business groups in a continuing effort to provide shelter, permanent housing and other support services to the area's homeless population.

It all began in 1985, and Pierre Poux was there at the initial meetings when it was decided by members of St. Bernard Church's peace and justice committee in White Plains that something had to be done about the growing number of homeless men on the streets of White Plains. Working with other religious



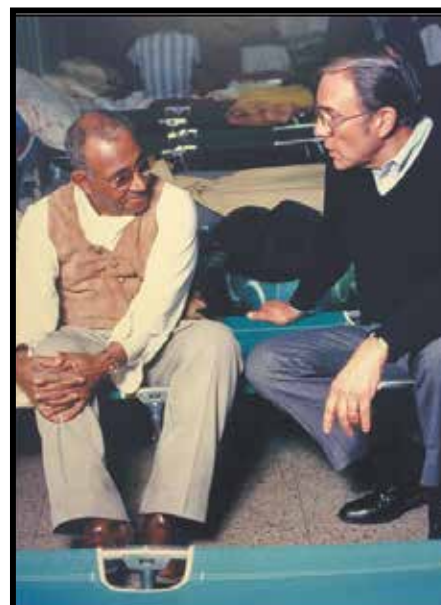
White Plains resident Pierre Poux to be honored at fundraiser to benefit the homeless in July.

groups, they began transporting homeless men to be sheltered at several houses of worship on a rotating basis.

In 1987 the organization staffed a continuous shelter for homeless men and women at a vacant Post Office building in White Plains. In 1989, SHORE, with Grace Church Community Center (GCCC), founded the 38-bed Open Arms Men's Shelter, now operated by GCCC.

In 1990/1992 SHORE purchased and rehabilitated two two-family homes in White Plains, for rental to four previously homeless families.

In 1995 to 2002, 14 units of housing were constructed in White Plains, half for low-income owners and half for rental to



Back in the early days of SHORE, Pierre Poux (right) at work in the rotating overnight men's shelters.

previously homeless families.

In 2003 to 2010, a two-family house was built in the Village of Ardsley, now home to two formerly homeless families with small children.

In 2010, SHORE undertook management of a renovated two-family house, home to two formerly homeless families in the Village of Sleepy Hollow.

Today, SHORE continues to provide management and support to the families who live in its housing units, while seeking out new opportunities to develop more affordable homes.

I CARE (Interfaith Council for Affordable Residence) was founded in 1991 by homeless housing advocates in Larchmont and Mamaroneck who recognized the critical family needs bordering even the affluent sections of Westchester County. I CARE's efforts created 12 affordable units (six houses) over 24 years.

For operating efficiency, it is planned that three of the six houses will be transferred to SHORE with the merger of the I CARE organization to follow.

In 2018, Westchester continues to have more homeless people than any other New York county outside of New York City, according to the Westchester Continuum of Care Partnership for the Homeless; 1,827 people (up from 1,797 in 2015), of which 739 are children, 601 are childless adults and 396 are families.

The Midsummer Dinner and Auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails and a silent auction followed by a dinner buffet and live auction at 7:30 p.m.

For more information email MidsummerDinner@gmail.com or visit www.shelteringthehomeless.org.

Health Studies Abound But Which Ones Are Valid and Reliable?



By Nick Antonaccio

In past columns, I've written about the overwhelming conclusions of multiple studies on the health benefits of a moderate consumption of wine.

Two glasses a day for men and one a day for women provide antioxidants and other compounds (polyphenols) that aid in preventing diseases, protecting against premature aging and providing overall health benefits.

I've also written on the deleterious effects of wine consumption. Certainly, all alcohol is potentially harmful to our overall health and for the unintended social consequences of excessive drinking. A number of studies have proven the negative effects of alcohol consumption, even at lesser levels than recommended. The British national health overseer urges consumers to eliminate consumption of wine or limiting it to one or two glasses per week.

While valid studies surely abound, I've read numerous "respected reports" of small control groups that draw conclusions concerning entire age groups and genders.

I've read numerous reports conducted over months, not years, that draw universal conclusions.

I've read numerous reports involving disease-afflicted volunteers that draw conclusions on every individual that walks the earth, sick or healthy, young or old.

In a perverse way, several reports are similar to those pervasive opinion polls to which we are perpetually exposed. Any topic and any issue seemingly will foment multiple conclusions. And multiple controversies. And embraced or rejected by the public to align with each person's private viewpoints or preferences.

For me, there hadn't been a convincing long-term study that provided indisputable evidence of the health impact of wine consumption.

Until last year.

The prestigious National Institutes of Health (NIH) announced a new study, one of the largest ever. As reported by The New York Times, this government agency would undertake a \$100 million global trial to determine the impact of wine consumption on the incidence of heart attacks, strokes and death in 7,800 volunteers aged 50 and older in 16 countries over a six-year period.

A lofty goal, and much needed in the face of conflicting reports that currently

exist in the infosphere.

When I reported on this encouraging new study, I noted several counterintuitive aspects of it and the suspicious provenance of its funding. Most notably, the overwhelming source of funding was being pledged by outside sources: five of the largest alcohol-producing companies in the world. But not to worry. Private-public studies are legal under certain circumstances and the public was assured these firms would have no influence on the study. It would be conducted by independent parties, under the auspices of the prestigious NIH.

Lo and behold, the NIH just this past week announced the termination of the study.

Why? According to an NIH advisory panel, a small number of government employees had conflicts of interest due to interactions with alcohol industry officials aimed at influencing the study's results. Surprise, surprise. The industry funding sources had attempted to influence the outcome and had successfully done so. The advisory panel found that employees attempted to "intentionally bias the framing of the scientific premise in the direction of demonstrating a beneficial

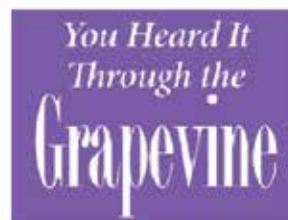
health effect of moderate alcohol consumption."

Deputy Director Lawrence Tabak advised NIH officials these actions cast "doubt that the scientific knowledge gained from the study would be actionable or believable."

The overseer of the NIH, its director, Francis Collins remarked, "Is it even possible at this point that the results of such a trial would have sufficient credibility to influence anybody's decision-making?" As obvious as this may be, I credit the NIH for terminating the study before it gained more traction and careened toward any false conclusions.

Finally, a case of government controls and checks and balances performing their intended purpose. Continuing this study clearly could have resulted in a disputed conclusion that would not have resolved its intended purpose. Perhaps the role of government in self-regulating itself is back on track.

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Tuesday, June 19

Tuesdays@Dorries. The Rev. Doris K. Dalton is the newly elected Chair of the Westchester County Human Rights Commission. She is among 15 board members appointed by County Executive Latimer to the task of "fostering mutual understanding, tolerance and respect among all persons in Westchester County and preventing discrimination based on race, color, ethnicity, religion, national origin, citizenship, gender, age, sexual orientation, marital status, disability or wage history." Rev. Doris will tell us about the ways in which Commission appointees plan to fulfill its mission. She is also the Executive Director of the Westchester Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute for Nonviolence and an ordained Deacon in the United Methodist Church. Tuesdays@Dorries gathers conservation partners every Tuesday to share a meal and learn from presenters invited each week. Food ordering starts at 5:30 p.m. presentation 6 to 7 p.m. Dorries Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, 914-682-0005.

Simply Diamond/Simply Simon. The top hits of Neil Diamond and Paul Simon performed by Brian LaBlanc. Westchester Broadway Theatre, 1 Broadway Plaza, Elmsford. Dinner at 6:15 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. \$89 per person (plus tax). Show only: \$55 per person (plus tax). Info and tickets: 914-592-2222 or visit www.broadwaytheatre.com.

Free Concert. White Plains Summer of Music series at Court Street, 5 to 9 p.m. This week features Kat Wright. For Kat Wright and her stellar band it starts with

Soul. Her wide range spans sultry, delicate and heartbreaking, to the powerful, gritty and funky. NPR once described Kat as "a young Bonnie Raitt meets Amy Winehouse." As she parlayed her regional fan base into a national audience, this alluring songstress takes her act to new heights with the rockin' By My Side, her 2016 debut release. Kat's band, is Shane Hardiman on the keys, Bob Wagner on guitar, Josh Weinstein on bass plus a three piece horn section and drums.

Wednesday, June 20

Farmer's Market. White Plains Outdoor Farmer's Market on Court Street at Main Street; open 8 a.m.

Lunchtime Meditation. At the White Plains Library. A weekly meditation program. No registration or equipment necessary. Starts promptly at 12:15 p.m. Brief beginning instruction will be followed by silent meditation. An experienced guest teacher will attend the first Wednesday of each month. For information please contact: Christiane Deschamps at 914-422-1496 or cdeschamps@whiteplainsny.gov.

Mother Nature's Storytime. Nature-themed stories, nature walks, live animals and/or crafts. For children two to four years old; with a parent or caregiver. Dress for outdoor activity. Except in extreme weather conditions, a portion of each class is spent outdoors. Meets six consecutive Wednesdays. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 10 to 11 a.m. Members: \$50 for six-week session. Non-members: \$90. Pre-registration required. Info and registration: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Shop & Sip. Happy hour pop-up shopping at the ArtsWestchester Gallery, 31 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains; 6 to 8:30 p.m. Participating designers are Janet Sikirica, Lomar Farms, Dee's Thangz. Plus: Body Painting with Evan

Bishop (\$10 suggested donation).

Mega Yoga Event. Get On Your Mat for Mental Health outdoor yoga class on Court Street, White Plains; 6:30 p.m. Registration required visit www.mhawestchester.org.

Thursday, June 21

"Playing the Part." Built around a 14-hour interview, this film uncovers Ian McKellen's untold story. From his upbringing living through the war, becoming a pioneering stage star in repertory and West End theater companies, coming out and being a leader in the campaign for equality, to his mainstream film breakouts as Magneto and Gandalf in some of the largest film franchises of all time. His work and influence transcend generations, celebrated here in this fully authorized insight. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 2 p.m. Members: \$10. Non-members: \$15. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Preview of "Brand-New & Terrific: Alex Katz in the 1950s." For the first time in the New York metropolitan area, the largest museum exhibit to showcase Katz's work from his pioneering period in 1950s, will go on view. Organized by the Colby College Museum of Art in close collaboration with the artist (who will be 91 next month), it is currently on national tour. Featured are more than 60 works from public and private collections, including many rarely seen works from the artist's own holdings. Live jazz, wine and refreshments. Neuberger Museum of Art, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase 6 to 8 p.m. Free (with museum admission). Exhibit runs from July 1 through Oct. 14. Info: 914-251-6100 or visit www.neuberger.org.

Verona Quartet. The Verona Quartet returns for its final performance as Caramoor's Ernst Stiefel String Quartet-

in-Residence for a summer evening. The program includes the World Premiere of a Caramoor commissioned piece by Julia Adolphe, whose work has recently been performed by the New York Philharmonic. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 7 p.m. \$20 and \$40. Students (under 18): Free. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit www.caramoor.org.

"Killer of Sheep." Charles Burnett's 1978 drama examines mid-1970s life in L.A.'s Watts neighborhood through a series of vignettes involving a sensitive man living a tough life (Henry G. Sanders). Stunningly original and artistic, and by turns sad, funny and profound, "Killer of Sheep" was pulled out of obscurity after almost 30 years and restored and is now considered essential viewing. Part of "REMIX: The Black Experience in Film, Media and Art series." Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Members: \$9. Non-members: \$14. Part of Anniversary Screenings for members who use promo code A S2018 for a free ticket. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

"The Dog in the Dressing Room." A romantic comedy, written by Deborah Savadge and directed by Bram Lewis, where jealousies, games and secrets are uncorked along with the champagne. Starring Estelle Bajou, Gregory Perri and Jack Utrata. Savadge, is the winner of the Playwrights First Award and the Golden Prize for her play "Dark at the Center." Recommended for audiences 13 and up. The Schoolhouse Theater & Arts Center, 3 Owens Rd., North Salem. 8 p.m. \$38. Seniors: \$35. Also June 22, 23, 28, 29 and 30 at 8 p.m. and June 17 and 24 and July 1 at 3 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-277-8477 or visit www.schoolhousetheater.org.

Friday, June 22

So Percussion. A quartet of Brooklyn percussionists with a passion for new

Public Art Project Returns to Renaissance Plaza

Five years ago, during the summer of 2013, the City of White Plains installed a well-known public art project in downtown White Plains known as "Before I Die..." The project has once again come to White Plains Renaissance Plaza.

Before I Die is a global public art project that invites people to reflect on their lives and share their personal aspirations in public space. The original wall was created by artist Candy Chang on an abandoned house in her neighborhood in New Orleans after she lost someone she loved. Since then, over 2,000 walls have been created in



White Plains Mayor Tom Roach and Pamela Del Balzo, who brought the project to White Plains, in front of the inspirational wall at Renaissance Plaza in 2013.

over 35 languages and in over 76 countries all over the world and in numerous cities throughout the United States.

Mayor Roach said, "The project received an enthusiastic response when we first brought it here in 2013. We felt it was time to bring the project back and once again create a space where everyone could come together in a positive way, as well as showcase the vibrancy of our city and the strength of our community."

The City Department of Public Works created the temporary "wall" on which the phrase, "Before I Die I Want To..."

is stenciled numerous times. The public is invited to take up a piece of chalk and complete the sentence in their own way, expressing their dreams, their goals and their positive thoughts. Participation is open to all. People throughout the world have actively and enthusiastically participated, helping to create numerous walls that are inspiring and heartfelt to read.

So, as you stroll through the Plaza during your lunch hour, or after you get your latte, don't forget to stop at the Before I Die wall, add your own thoughts, and read those of others in our community.

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music, artistic collaborations, community service and engagement and artistic education. The group will perform pieces ranging from 20th century "classics" to contemporary works including the World Premiere of Vijay Iyer's Mallet Quartet "Tourque." Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. Pre-concert talk with the artists at 7 p.m. Concert at 8 p.m. \$20 and \$40. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit www.caramoor.org.

Classic Stones Live: The Greatest Rolling Stones Tribute Show. Front man Keith Call has all the moves and swagger of Mick Jagger, and along with his partner Bernie Bollendorf, who portrays rock 'n' roll outlaw Keith Richards, they complete the duo hailed as "The Glimmer Twins." Their jaw-dropping resemblance to these two icons is simply amazing, but what truly makes 'Classic Stones Live' unique is their musical prowess, attention to detail and the spot-on renditions of all of your favorite Stones classics. Every last detail has been accounted for by this eight-piece band. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$28, \$32 and \$36. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Saturday, June 23

Farmer's Market. White Plains Outdoor Farmer's Market on Court Street

at Main Street; open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday for the season.

American Roots Music Festival. Acclaimed singer-songwriter Aimee Mann, named one of the top 10 living songwriters by NPR Music, headlines the American Roots Music Festival, now in its eighth year. Rising star multi-instrumentalist Valerie June brings her unique blend of Appalachian tradition, gospel and blues. Many other artists round out this day-long celebration of folk, country, bluegrass, gospel, blues, Old Time and intriguing folk fusion. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. Afternoon performances at noon. Evening performances at 7:30 p.m. Day only: Adults--\$30. Children--\$15. Evening performance: \$35 to \$90. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit www.caramoor.org.

Student Art Show. One River School inaugural student art show opening reception 5 to 7 p.m., 2081 Boston Post Rd., Larchmont.

Sunday, June 24

Story Walk. Take a stroll in the Native Plant Meadow and join children and families to read a favorite nature-themed story and walk among one of the short hiking trails. Greenburgh Nature Center,

99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. Open during regular hours. 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekends. Free. Continues through Sept. 23. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

"Sticks, Stones & Mud: An Art Exhibition of Children's Friendship With Nature." Strawtown Studio, a lower Hudson Valley environmental arts organization, has teamed up with Rockefeller Preserve for this special event, which includes a family nature art workshop where families will have fun exploring natural materials to create a work of art followed by a reception. Rockefeller State Park Preserve, 125 Phelps Way, Pleasantville. Workshop from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Reception from 1 to 3 p.m. Free admission. Parking: \$6. Registration for the workshop is required. Info and registration: Contact Julia at 914-631-1470 ext. 107 or visit www.RockefellerStateParkPreserve.Eventbrite.com.

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Yankees Bring HOPE to the Muddy Puddles Project at Mohawk Day Camp

By Albert Coqueran

The NY Yankees kicked-off 2018 HOPE Week at the Mohawk Day Camp on Old Tarrytown Road. The Yankees HOPE Week is a community initiative started in 2009 with the fundamental belief that acts of goodwill provide "hope" and encouragement to more than just the recipient of the gesture.

The entire Yankees organization including General Manager Brian Cashman, Manager Aaron Boone, his coaching staff and the players participate in Hope Week. Furthermore, the Yankees minor league affiliates located across the country plan and hold their own Hope Week community initiatives.

This year's weeklong Yankees HOPE Week was held June 11-15 and began locally at the Mohawk Day Camp in White Plains. Yankees General Partner and Vice Chairperson Jennifer Steinbrenner Swindal, Manager Aaron Boone, pitcher Sonny Gray, shortstop Didi Gregorius, leftfielder Brett Gardner, Bench Coach Josh Bard and members of the New York City Football Club, an affiliate of the Yankees organization, all participated in the event.

Yankees Hope Week initiatives are not announced to the recipients prior to each event. The Yankees surprised Cindy and Louis Campbell, the founders of the Muddy Puddles Project at the Mohawk Day Camp on June 11.

The Campbell Family founded the Muddy Puddles Project after their two-year old son, Ty Campbell, passed away from brain cancer at the young age of five years old. Ty fought a gallant three-year battle against the disease with his parents at his side the entire time.

While going through cancer treatments and Ty's prognosis not looking good, Cindy, trying to sustain a positive outlook, asked her son, "What he wanted to do when he felt better?" Ty's response "I'm

going to jump in a muddy puddle," resembling what his cartoon hero Peppa Pig did on television.

Ty never got the chance to jump in the muddy puddle as he passed away on Oct. 17, 2012. But many people across the nation, including the Yankees and the NYCFC and even his favorite cartoon character Peppa Pig have been jumping in puddles ever since for him. The jumping in mud events in remembrance of Ty Campbell are designated as "Mess Fest" and raise attention and funds for pediatric cancer research.

The Muddle Puddles Project was formed after Ty's passing when his parents requested in lieu of flowers and in honor of their late son that their peers let their children celebrate childhood by jumping in muddy puddles. The response was overwhelming as the Campbells received hundreds of photographs of children playing in the mud and jumping in puddles.

Thus Cindy and Louis Campbell founded the Muddy Puddles Project in memory of their late son "to inspire parents to let their children have more fun, while also raising much needed attention and funding for Pediatric Cancer research."

As part of HOPE Week, the White House's Corporation for National and Community Service awards honorees, the "President's Volunteer Service Award," to salute the volunteers who strengthen the nation's culture of service.

The Campbells also threw out the Ceremonial First Pitch before the Yankees played the Washington Nationals, on



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The NY Yankees Foundation presented a check for \$10,000, for pediatric cancer research to the Muddy Puddles Project, at the Mohawk Day Camp, in White Plains, on Monday, June 11. The Muddy Puddles Project was founded by Cindy and Louis Campbell in memory of their late son Ty, who passed away from brain cancer at the young age of five years old.

Tuesday, June 12. Moreover, the Yankees won the game 3-0, so the Campbell Family joined the postgame on-field

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