



Berlin Productions Brings Flowers to Renaissance Park



Berlin Productions, a White Plains-based marketing and promotion agency, recently teamed up with City Hall to plant flowers in Renaissance Park. The company donated the flowers to commemorate their recent achievement of receiving Westchester Green Business certification from the Business Council of Westchester's Green Business Partnership. The firm's offices on Main Street overlook busy Renaissance Park. "There's a reason my company has been in White Plains for more than 25 years: It's an amazing city. Volunteering to beautify the downtown area is one way of giving back," said Rick Berlin, the company's president and CEO. Pictured: The Berlin Production Team poses with White Plains Mayor Tom Roach after all the flowers were planted. Front row, left to right: Melissa Gleave, Connie Gallo, Lucas Pukit. Back row, left to right: Tom Hayduk, Rick Berlin, Joe Faraci, Steve Klapow, Tom Roach.

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Fixing Westchester County's Budget Deficit

By Pat Casey

Last week, Westchester County Executive George Latimer presented the 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the county.

Reflecting the upward trend in the national economy, the report shows Westchester County is experiencing modest improvements in the local economy.

The County's gross sales tax receipts for the five months ended May 2018 and 2017 are \$187.6 million and \$175.2 million, respectively, an increase of \$12.4 million or 7.1%. The yearly amounts (in millions) for 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 and 2013 were \$525.2, \$507.4, \$500.6, \$503.3 and \$489.5.

The County's mortgage tax receipts for the five months ended May 2018 and 2017 are \$7.2 million and \$8.2 million, respectively, a decrease of \$1.0 million or 12.2%. The yearly amounts (in millions) for 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 and 2013 were \$20.1, \$19.7, \$18.4, \$15.0 and \$17.0.

The unemployment rate for the County was 4.2% for April 2018, slightly higher than 4.1% a year earlier. Although the County's joblessness rate is higher than the national average of 3.9%, it remains below that of New York State and New York City, which posted unemployment rates for April 2018 of 4.6% and 4.3%, respectively.

In the real estate market, home foreclosure filings in the County for May year to date 2018 are 496 and for the comparable period of 2017 are 524. Yearly filings for 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 and 2013 were 1,209, 1,411, 2,120, 2,326 and 2,697 respectively.

The County maintains an AAA credit bond rating from Standard and Poor's Corporation and Fitch Ratings and an Aa1 credit bond rating from Moody's Investors Service. This credit rating was reaffirmed in November 2017.

Despite the positive economic outlook,

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Pace Women's Justice Center Opens Walk-in Clinic in White Plains

By Pat Casey

The Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University, White Plains, opened a new 4,000-square-foot office space for the Pace Women's Justice Center (PWJC), Friday.

The office, which is geared toward encouraging clients to come forward in a safe and friendly atmosphere, was the former Student Life Center on the Pace Law School Campus. It features a new walk-in clinic.

The \$1.5 million project was funded by Pace University and private donors including a \$100,000 grant from Impact 100 Westchester.

PWJC provides free civil legal services and training for addressing domestic violence, sexual assault and elder abuse in



In attendance at the PWJC new office opening on Friday. Left to right, Row 1: Hon. Judge Kathie Davidson; Hon. Judge Linda Jamieson; NYS Sen. Shelley Mayer; Pace Interim Dean Horace Anderson; NYS Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins; Cindy Kanusher, Executive Director of the Pace Women's Justice Center; Pace University President Marvin Krislov; White Plains Mayor Tom Roach; Row 2: Westchester County Legislator Damon Maher; Westchester County Legislator Nancy Barr; Westchester County Legislator MaryJane Shinsky; CarlLa Horton, Executive Director Hope's Door; Jackie Hattar.

Westchester and Putnam counties.

"Pace University has always been dedicated to helping people and changing lives," said Marvin Krislov, president of Pace. "The Pace Women's Justice Center at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law does the important work of serving as a much-needed resource for some of the most vulnerable in our community. With this new center, I'm very pleased that we'll be able to help even more families."

PWJC currently serves over 3,000 clients per year. It moved from a small space adjacent to the Pace Law campus that was not sufficient to meet the growing numbers of survivors who are

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in need of its services.

PWJC's attorneys assist women in and out of the courtroom, helping them to obtain orders of protection, custody of their children, child support and divorces. Victims of interpersonal violence have many needs arising from the abuse, and PWJC believes that clients do better in the long term if they are treated holistically. Thus, PWJC connects women and the elderly with a broad range of social services such as shelter, medical care, counseling and immigration assistance, in order to help them find a pathway to safety.

PWJC also trains social service providers and police officers across the region in how to handle cases of abuse.

Cindy Kanusher, Executive Director of the Pace Women's Justice Center, said the clinic would be the first of its kind in Westchester and Putnam providing free legal services without an appointment in a warm and welcoming space, to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and elder abuse. She said the clinic would be a safe alternative to PWJC's satellite offices in the White Plains and Yonkers courthouses for clients who are afraid to go to court. Many victims fear facing their abuser in the courtroom, and immigrant victims are often afraid of the judicial system and deportation. PWJC serves clients without regard to immigration status, Kanusher

explained.

"Domestic Violence, sexual assault and elder abuse are pervasive problems that affect communities all over the country, including ours," said Kanusher. "The explosion of the #MeToo Campaign demonstrates the need for the Pace Women's Justice Center's walk-in clinic; more victims of abuse are speaking out and needing help and the clinic will remove obstacles that many victims face when coming forward. We know that the opening of this clinic will save lives. We will give people the critical help that they need to feel safe, and we will be at their side every step of the way throughout the legal process."

She added, "We are so thankful to everyone who generously contributed to the development of the new walk-in clinic, especially our partners Pace Law and Impact 100 Westchester."



Fixing Westchester County's Budget Deficit

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in preparation for the county's 2019 budget, the report shows a revenue deficit for 2017 of nearly \$32.2 million and a projected deficit of \$28.7 million for 2018.

Speaking to the media after releasing the report, Latimer said the county is in a budget crisis, which he credited to the Astorino administration's political hallmark of not raising property taxes over seven years. "There is a cost to that," Latimer said.

He credited the failed county airport plan with about \$20 million and closed union contracts with another \$9 million of the shortfall.

Upon receiving the report, Board of Legislators Chair Ben Boykin (D-White Plains) issued a statement: "This is an issue that the Board of Legislators and the County Executive inherited. It is going to take time to work through and stabilize the financial situation of the county."

Indicating that the projected 2018 deficit is before any money is budgeted for a settlement with the county's largest union, CSEA, which has been working without a contract for seven years, Boykin said, "This is a structural problem



Westchester County BOL
Chairman Ben Boykin.




Westchester County Executive
George Latimer

caused by no property tax increases for seven years, a failure to provide money for the settlement of labor contracts, and the neglect of crucial county infrastructure. This structural problem has been papered over in the past by one-shot revenue tricks and by walking away from critical talent needed to run the government effectively. ...A resolution will take several years to implement, but we will solve this."

County leaders are working out a game plan over the next two months, which might include new revenue options such as an Internet sales tax.


As far as increasing county property taxes to fix the shortfall, Latimer has indicated that will not necessarily happen; at least not at this point.

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Hundreds Rally in White Plains to Blast Trump Immigration Policies

By Martin Wilbur

Hundreds of activists converged in White Plains last Saturday demanding that President Donald Trump immediately reunite children of migrants who had been separated from their parents and to halt the widespread arrests of immigrants.

Grassroots progressive groups joined an estimated 600 to 700 other Westchester Keep Families Together rallies across the nation to protest the administration's immigration policies. They were accompanied by elected officials, local residents and relatives of Westchester immigrants who told harrowing stories of seeing family members arrested and hauled away by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials.

Jefferson Arpi, 15, of Peekskill, said his father, Manuel, was arrested last Oct. 31 and has been incarcerated in Alabama since. Arpi, his brother and mother all must work long hours to try and replace his income. As a result, Arpi said his schoolwork suffered this year and his brother is suffering from depression.

He said he has mixed emotions about the United States. While he is a citizen, Arpi's father faces deportation to Ecuador.

"We're just concerned about where is he going to go," Arpi said. "What state is he going to go to? Are we going to be able to see him? Is he going to come back? It's like a big loss to our family because he wasn't



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Family members of Westchester immigrants who have been arrested by immigration authorities were part of the White Plains Keep Families Together rally last Saturday.

just my dad, he was a teacher to us. He was so important to us."

The nearly two-hour rally was punctuated with chants of "Abolish ICE," which has become a new rallying cry since the separation of more than 2,000 children from their parents at the U.S.-Mexico border and last week's shocking Democratic primary win in the 14th Congressional District by Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

While the drama of young children separated at the U.S.-Mexico border has captured the most attention, protestors

at the rally said that ICE has also been conducting raids in heavily populated immigrant communities throughout the United States. In many cases, agents are rounding up non-citizens who are authorized to be in the country or arresting and trying to deport others after minor infractions, such as motor vehicle violations.

Abou Farman, of the New Sanctuary Coalition, said his organization is fighting for Debora Barrios, a Westchester resident, who for seven years attended every scheduled meeting with immigration

authorities since arriving in the United States. However, Barrios, never had an opportunity to go before the court in hopes of having her case resolved. Earlier this year, she left her job and her studies at Westchester Community College and is in hiding, having sought sanctuary in a Manhattan church.

Farman said there is no doubt that the ethnicity of her and countless others has played a key role.

"We have to remember that 95 percent of the people being handled by ICE are from Mexico, Latin America and the Caribbean," he said. "This is about racism and it's part of the history of this country."

"As long as Debora Barrios is in sanctuary, as long as racism lives, nobody is free," Farman added.

Congressman Eliot Engel said at the rally that he was "ashamed" of Trump's immigration policies and the scapegoating of people of certain backgrounds.

"This is not the America we know and it's not the America we love and they have no right to take the country from us and steal it from us and implement policies that are anti-American," Engel said.

County Executive George Latimer, who traces his great-grandfather's arrival from Italy in the 1880s, said his ancestors were in the same position about 130 years ago, escaping war, poverty or persecution for

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Residents Detail Safety, Quality-of-Life Concerns at Ralph's Ices

By Martin Wilbur

Neighbors of a North White Plains ices and ice cream shop have urged North Castle officials to reject selling an adjacent town-owned parcel to the proprietor because the business has degraded their quality of life.

Residents of Nethermont Avenue and other areas of the hamlet appealed to the Town Board last week to reconsider the potential sale of a nearly half-acre property to Ralph's Famous Italian Ices & Ice Cream at 850 N. Broadway. The



Neighboring residents last week opposed the North Castle Town Board selling a .47-acre property to the owner of Ralph's Ices because of repeated problems at the site.

residents argued that business owner Scott Rosenberg has failed to follow through on multiple requests from the town to install a mesh to prevent debris from falling off the cliff behind the establishment and had cleared an excessive number of trees.

The neighbors also voiced displeasure with the noise, strong odor of grease coming from the property and the dangerous safety conditions created during busy periods along congested Route 22 because of insufficient parking. A few homeowners also mentioned how since Rosenberg disturbed the hillside they have been infested with rodents.

In addition to Ralph's Ices, Rosenberg also owns and operates Toxic Wings at the site. Rosenberg needs to acquire the parcel to provide more parking and possibly open a third business at the location.

"I ask you to not sell that piece of property but to further establish it as open or green space," resident Betty Sanchirico told Town Board members at the June 27 meeting. "There's already way too much congestion and noise along the Route 22 corridor and we don't need to add to it by allowing this property to be changed."

Last week the Town Board postponed a vote on the transaction because the contract arrived the same day as last Wednesday's board meeting, leaving Town Attorney Roland Baroni no time to review its content. The town is looking to sell the property for \$125,000.

However, residents who spoke at the meeting argued that by selling the land the town will relinquish a small piece of open space, which is quickly vanishing in North White Plains. Resident Nora Kanze Manuele said a path where the public can walk would be lost.

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NYS to Investigate Pedestrian Safety Along W. Hartsdale Avenue

By Pat Casey

After years of concern about pedestrian and driver cyclist safety on West Hartsdale Avenue, Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner has expressed gratification that his requests might be met and a much-needed sidewalk along the Avenue is built.

"A sidewalk would be an enormous safety enhancement. I have written dozens of letters, spoken with officials, and so far have had no luck. But, won't give up," Feiner said in a recent email.

Feiner would like to see a sidewalk built so people can safely get to the Hartsdale train station, go to the shops on E. Hartsdale Avenue and Central Avenue. Also, there are three schools along the route.

In a positive turn of events, Feiner recently received a response from New York State DOT indicating that the Regional Traffic Safety and Mobility

Group will conduct an investigation.

"If NYS doesn't want to appropriate funds for a sidewalk, one much less expensive initiative would be to expand the shoulder at some sections of the Avenue," Feiner recommends. "I'm a cyclist and the small shoulder and pavement are at different grade levels. The pitch drastically drops on the shoulder area, which could be extremely hazardous for cyclists. There could be liability to NYS in the current climate of lawsuits. It would be cheaper to make the shoulder safer than to do nothing."

Feiner asks anyone with negative experiences cycling or walking up and down W. Hartsdale Avenue to contact him (preferably by email, pfeiner@greenburghny.com) and he will share the information with NYS officials.

SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS



Friday's Bomb Threat at Berkeley College Was Non-Specific

The bomb threat that closed the Berkeley College campus on Church Street in White Plains for a few hours on Friday also affected Berkeley facilities in Brooklyn, Manhattan and New Jersey.

The threat, which was called in to the New Jersey campus was said to be "non specific" by White Plains Police and the

Yonkers bomb squad responding to the alarm, according to media reports.

As a safety precaution, students were evacuated from all campuses and later all were reopened, when nothing was found.

The call might have been a hoax and the investigation is ongoing, according to police.

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Elizabeth Bracken-Thompson Recognized as Important Role Model

Elizabeth Bracken-Thompson, partner at Briarcliff Manor-based marketing and public relations firm Thompson & Bender, was recently honored by WomenInBusiness.org at their “Talk-Walk at the Dam” networking event on June 14 at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla.

“We are proud to honor Liz. She joins other past honorees recognized for their extraordinary success as women leaders in business, including Emmy Award Winners and World Record Holders,” said Toby Nadler, founder of WomenInBusiness.org.

WomenInBusiness.org, recognized Bracken-Thompson as an important role model included in a finite compilation of influential women entrepreneurs, business owners, professionals and C-suite executives throughout the country. The organization has redefined the traditional concept of success and honors women for their moral leadership and outstanding signature business legacy of achievement.

Bracken-Thompson began her career with Gannett Suburban Newspapers, now called The Journal News, and rose to the position of vice president of marketing for Gannett’s entire 10-newspaper group. She then became Partner at Thompson & Bender.

At Thompson & Bender, Bracken-Thompson oversees all aspects of the firm’s advertising, integrated marketing, special



events, public relations and strategic planning initiatives. She has managed a diverse number of award-winning public relations and marketing programs for clients from the public and private

sectors, including: the opening of Kykuit, the Rockefeller home in Pocantico Hills; the launch of the one-name edition of The Journal News; the planning and event production for Westchester Magazine’s

Wine & Food Festival; publicity and marketing for Trump Tower in White Plains, Trump Plaza in New Rochelle, Trump Parc in Stamford and Trump Park Residences in Yorktown; and the grand openings of The Westchester in White Plains, New Roc City in New Rochelle and The Ritz-Carlton, Westchester.

In 2010, Liz was named one of Westchester’s “Power Dozen” by 914INC. magazine, and received the “Woman of Leadership and Excellence Award” in 2012 from Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson.

Bracken-Thompson is active in numerous community and professional organizations and serves on the boards of many organizations, including the Business Council of Westchester, the Hudson River Museum and the Westchester Parks Foundation. She is also the former president of the Westchester/Fairfield Chapter of PRSA and the Advertising Club of Westchester.

Pictured: Elizabeth Bracken-Thompson (left) with Toby Nadler.

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Mega Outdoor Yoga Event Returns to Court Street, White Plains

More than 200 people attended The Mental Health Association of Westchester's outdoor mega-yoga event Get On Your Mat For Mental Health on June 20. It was a beautiful summer's night following days of sweltering heat. The event was held on Court Street in downtown White Plains, returning to the newly renovated location after being relocated to another park in past years. Attendees enjoyed a yoga marketplace, sponsor exhibitors, music by composer and guitarist David Robles, and an hour-long 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. The MHA event has been hailed as "one of the world's most inspiring mega-yoga events" by Well + Good, a lifestyle and news publication devoted to the wellness scene.

Police Blotter

Two Men Charged in White Plains Federal Court with Mail Theft

Geoffrey Berman, US Attorney for the Southern District of New York and Peter Rendina, Inspector-in-Charge of the New York Office of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) announced the arrest last week of Steven Carson and Derek Brown, both charged with stealing mail from Postal Service mailboxes. Carson was also charged with using a stolen mailbox key to steal mail.

Both Carson and Brown were presented in White Plains Federal Court before Judge Judith McCarthy on June 28.

Both suspects were accused of conducting a mail theft spree.

According to the allegations of the complaint, on April 2, 2018 Brown redeemed a stolen gift card at a Gap store the same day that a Bronxville victim mailed the card. Two days later, on April 4, 2018, Carson deposited two money orders stolen from the mail into an account in Brown's name.

On April 20, 2018, Carson and Brown fled from police officers during a traffic stop in Eastchester after the officers recovered a bag full of mail in their car. The bag contained more than \$66,000 in stolen checks and money orders taken from the mail.

Carson was also captured on video surveillance on four separate occasions – April 18, 19, 20 and May 4, 2018 – opening locked Postal Service boxes and stealing mail in Bronxville.

The investigation is continuing.

Carson, 27, and Brown, 28, of Yonkers are each charged with one count of mail theft, which carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison.

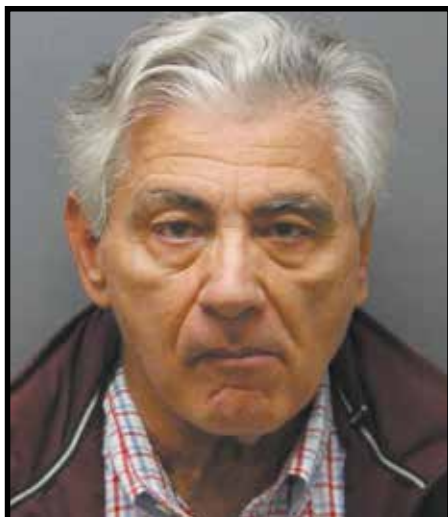
Carson is also charged with one count of stealing a Postal Service key, which carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison.

The maximum potential sentences in this case are prescribed by Congress. The sentencing of the defendants will be determined by the judge.

Former Doctor Charged with Defrauding Woman of Half-Million Dollars

The defendant, former physician Peter Corines (DOB 7/5/48), of Eastchester, was arraigned on an 11-count indictment after stealing more than a half-million dollars from a 98-year-old woman. He pleaded not guilty.

Corines was arraigned before



Peter Corines

Westchester County Court Judge Larry Schwartz last week on the following charges: one count of Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, one count of Attempted Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, five

counts of Attempted Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, three counts of Identity Theft in the First Degree, and scheme to defraud in the First Degree.

During a two-week period in November 2017, Corines allegedly stole from Bernice Judd Porter by fraudulently claiming to

be her power of attorney and pretending to be her on the phone or online with numerous financial institutions where the victim had accounts. More specifically, the indictment alleges that Corines engaged in a fraudulent scheme by obtaining the victim's Social Security Number, obtaining information about financial institutions, including banks and investment firms where the victim had accounts, posing as the victim when calling those financial institutions to redeem funds from those accounts, creating online accounts in her name without her knowledge, requesting checks from those online accounts, changing the victim's address with financial institutions where defendant opened online accounts, writing checks from her checkbook without her knowledge, depositing those checks into his own brokerage account, and his yacht and auto restoration and repair company's bank account, creating a joint Chase Bank account in his and the victim's name, without her knowledge, depositing checks into that joint account and withdrawing cash from other bank accounts owned by the victim.

By these means, the defendant allegedly stole \$540,106.60.

Corines is also charged with attempting to steal an additional \$262,171.49 during this same two-week period.

The defendant remains out on bail. His next court appearance is scheduled for July 10, 2018.

Former Tarrytown School Secretary Sentenced on Stolen Funds Charges

Carol Ressa (DOB 3/12/1964) of Lake Peekskill was sentenced to five years probation by Westchester County Court Judge Michael Martinelli for stealing money from the Tarrytown Union Free School District. According to the terms of her probation, Ressa must finish paying restitution of the balance due in the



Carol Ressa

amount of \$2,929.56 during her first 12 months of probation.

Ressa pleaded guilty in February to Grand Larceny in the Third Degree as a Public Corruption Crime, a class C felony. The defendant was a longtime employee of the Tarrytown Union Free School District and most recently worked as a secretary at the Sleepy Hollow Middle School.

Between October 2011 and March 2017, Ressa used her position as a public employee to steal thousands of dollars from the Tarrytown Union Free School District. In addition to stealing unauthorized checks drawn from a School District bank account and made payable to herself, the defendant also stole multiple checks and money orders which had been provided to the School District by Middle School students and their families to pay for various student activities. These included class trips, yearbooks and school lunches. After stealing these various checks and money order payments, the defendant deposited the stolen District funds into her personal bank accounts for her personal use. As a result of this scheme, the defendant stole over \$10,000 from the School District.

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the promise of a better life.

"That is the same thing that every parent wants and they dream to have that chance in America, because if that's not who we are then we're just another version of Russia," he said.

Rev. Doris Dalton, the executive director of the MLK Institute for Nonviolence in White Plains and chair of the Westchester County Human Rights Commission, said the intentional separation of children with their parents is a human rights abuse.

"These policies and practices do not reflect our democratic values or our commitment to human rights," Dalton said.

Congressional Leaders Visit Local Facility Holding Separated Immigrant Children

Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-NY17/Rockland-Westchester) was in Dobbs Ferry Friday with Reps. Eliot Engel, Gregory W. Meeks, Grace Meng and Lisa

Blunt Rochester for a congressional tour of Children's Village, one of four facilities in Westchester County holding immigrant children separated from their families at the border by the Trump Administration.

Following the tour, Congresswoman Lowey issued a statement from which the following excerpt was taken:

"I have been gravely concerned that 327 of the separated children have been flown roughly 2,000 miles from their families to shelters here in New York, including Children's Village. Shelters like Children's Village provide vital services for vulnerable children, but the Trump Administration's decision to put 2,000 miles between children and their families will make it much harder for families to be reunited quickly. Worse, the Administration has presented no realistic plan to reunite families, and has shown no urgency in addressing this crisis.

"In Congress, I am doing all I can to prevent the Trump Administration's cruel policies and reunite families. As the Ranking Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee, I am working to ensure that the Department of Health and Human Services is meeting the health needs of these children and has the direction and resources to send children from shelters to the care of a loved one, which is in the best interest of the child as well as the taxpayers.

"This past week, the Appropriations Committee was supposed to debate a bill that would fund HHS, including the Office of Refugee Resettlement, which manages the care and potential reunification of children. At the bill's markup, a number of amendments were to be offered that would have forced the Administration to release a plan to address family reunification, and provide reports on

the care of children, their contact with parents, and more. Unfortunately, rather than debate these amendments in public, House Republican Leadership decided to cancel the markup, for the second time in a week, to avoid this debate."

-Pat Casey



Obituaries

Angela Marciano-Caracuel

Angela Marciano-Caracuel, a Port Chester resident, went home to God peacefully June 27 with family at her side after a courageous battle with ALS.

Angela was born Jan. 8, 1960.

Angela dedicated her whole life helping and caring for others as she was a school substance abuse counselor throughout Westchester and maintained a private practice in psychotherapy in White Plains.

Angela is survived by her loving husband Eloy of Port Chester and her loving daughter Gabriella. She is also survived by her brother Joseph Marciano, her sister Victoria (David) Kordish, father-in-law Eloy Caracuel, brothers-in-law Martin, Michael, and Joseph, sister-in-law Maria, and nieces Sophia and Kayla Kordish.

She was predeceased by her parents Vittorio (Victor) and Theresa Marciano, and her mother-in-law Mary Ellen.

Donations in Angela's honor can be made to Mac Angels, an organization that supports families with ALS, at macangels.org.



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White Plains Begins Warning Period for Red Light Safety Camera Program

The City of White Plains Red Light Safety Camera program will begin taking photos of red light runners at designated intersections beginning July 3. Cameras will capture still images and video of red-light running violations. "This is a public safety program, and the city's goal is to deter red light runners and prevent collisions resulting from these violations," according to the Mayor's office.

During the first 30 days of activation, warning notices will be issued to the vehicle's registered owner. There will be no fine associated with this warning notice. At the completion of the warning period, Notices of Liability ("NOL") will be issued to violators. The NOL carries a fine of \$50 but does not result in any points being added to a license.

The traffic safety cameras will monitor these intersections:
Southbound Mamaroneck Ave
@ Bryant Ave
Eastbound Main St
@ Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd

Northbound Bank St @ Hamilton Ave
Westbound Hamilton Ave @ Bank St
Westbound Westchester Ave
@ South Kensico Ave
Southbound North Broadway
@ Hamilton Ave

The warning period is intended to give residents an opportunity to become familiar with the system, encourage drivers to slow down and come to a full stop on red.

Cameras will operate 24-hours/day and capture images of every vehicle running a red light at the designated intersections. Warning signs alerting drivers to the intersection safety cameras have been installed.

This program is administered by American Traffic Solutions Inc. (ATS), with each violation reviewed and approved by the White Plains Department of Public Safety prior to being issued.

The city received state authorization to establish a red light camera program in August 2015. The authorization was for a modest program with cameras permitted

at "up to 12 intersections" in the city. For comparison purposes, this amount of authorized intersections is on par with New Rochelle (authorized in 2014). The Cities of Mt. Vernon and Albany have state authorization for cameras at up to 20 intersections. Yonkers is authorized to place cameras at up to 25 locations. Nassau and Suffolk Counties and the City Rochester - at up to 50 locations, and New York City at 150 locations. Each of these red light camera programs is authorized for a 5-year period by the State Legislature, including the White Plains program, and must be renewed by the State Legislature.

"The city will closely monitor program and accident data in order to determine whether to seek a renewal from the State Legislature in 2020. Intersection safety technology is just one tool in the city's toolbox to make local streets safer for everyone, including other vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists. White Plains Police will continue to maintain a strong patrol presence throughout the city," a release from the Mayor's office said.

Pleasantville Music Festival Continues Zero Waste Goal

Music festival season is in full swing, and with only a few weeks before the 14th Annual Pleasantville Music Festival, an intrepid team is focused on minimizing the waste generated on one music-filled day.

According to waste360.com, a 2017 environmental report from Indio, California, revealed that Coachella, Stagecoach and Desert Trip festival attendees generate 107 tons of waste daily, yet only 20 percent of that is properly recycled. "The Pleasantville Music Festival's Zero Waste team's goal is that there be no waste produced by the thousands of fans, bands, vendors, staff members, and volunteers who attend," explained Sharon AvRutick, co-chair PMF Zero Waste Team/PleasantvilleRecycles. "To do so, we compost and recycle everything we can, and we promote reuse so there's less waste generated in the first

place," she added.

The team has worked to put in place specific initiatives to minimize waste, from ensuring that all utensils and serving ware provided by vendors are compostable to running six Waste Collection stations throughout the festival grounds. The team, manned by volunteers trained and organized by PleasantvilleRecycles, assist with sorting recycling, and composting at each station.

"We also coordinate with the vendors to ensure that leftover food is donated to a local shelter at the end of the day," said Edwin Kuo, co-chair of the Zero Waste Team. "We encourage everyone to bring reusable water bottles and provide ice-cold water for refills at all our stations," he added.

The team does a lot of education all day long. Many festivalgoers are curious about the zero waste initiative and have questions. They walk away enthusiastic about applying their new knowledge to their purchasing and disposal habits at home. We recognize that concertgoers don't always find it convenient to sort their waste, so we really appreciate and rely on

their help. It makes a huge difference," said co-chair Helen Meurer.

"It is gratifying to see how zero waste has become an integral part of the PMF. We had a modest start years ago when a few of us started simply pulling as many cans and bottles from the trash as we could. Last year, with a record number of people at the festival, our team diverted an impressive 1980 pounds of compostables and 610 pounds of recyclables from the waste stream. We are excited to see the difference we can make this year," said AvRutick.

According to festival director Bruce Figler, "the efforts of the Zero Waste team really make a difference—seeing the impact they have is really impressive, especially in contrast to other music festivals!"

Tickets to the Pleasantville Music Festival presented by Westchester Medical Center are available through Ticketweb and the Pleasantville Rec Center. More information about the event can be found at www.pleasantvillemusicfestival.com and about zero waste at the Zero Waste and sustainability effort.

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An Enduring Character: The Immigrant Experience of the Irish 'Bridget'



By Brian McGowan

What does an 1830s mansion in the Bronx and the saga of Irish immigration share? Plenty, especially on a recent Sunday when historian Margaret Lynch-Brennan gave a talk on her book, "The Irish Bridget: Irish Immigrant Women in Domestic Service in America, 1840-1930."

My wife and I attended this event at the historic Bartow-Pell Mansion in Pelham Bay Park, including a ribbon cutting for the new third-floor servant's quarters. It was a stark reminder of the harsh life that domestic workers, particularly women, experienced in the Hudson Valley in the 1880s, where having servants was a status symbol for the well-to-do.

Though most families had a single servant, the more affluent had several and the rich had scores. Those were the fortunate, living where chores were divided among many, and a woman in service could specialize as a cook, nursemaid or housemaid. The solitary servant would perform all those tasks, and more, for minimal salary. And those women came largely from rural Ireland.

Of the female domestic servants

working in New York City and Brooklyn in 1880, 44 percent were Irish-born. They gave birth to an enduring stereotype, the classic Irish servant girl named Bridget – or Biddy, Maggie, Katie or Peggy. All were names by which an Irish servant girl might be called, regardless of her given name.

As part of the massive outflow from Ireland, beginning with the Great Famine of 1845 to 1852, they came to America in droves. Some had experience in "service" in Ireland before coming here. Most didn't. They filled a need in their adopted country to do work that most American-born women shunned as beneath them.

For the "Bridgets," it was a leg up on the economic ladder, and the beginning of a chain of immigration, where money sent back to Ireland either paid for siblings to follow or supported family left behind. In fact, in the 1870s, one-third of the money circulating in Ireland came from whatever these selfless women could afford to send back home.

Lynch-Brennan provides us with a composite picture of Bridget. Ignoring the "No Irish Need Apply" advertisements of the age, she was a hard-working woman

of 21, not yet married, and had come to America on her own, a different experience than women of other immigrant groups at the time. Others typically would travel with spouses to America and remain at home rather than seek outside work.

For Bridget, the decision to leave

Ireland was often not hers but her family's and reflects the economic necessities in post-famine Ireland. Farms were no longer divided among all sons, as they had been since time immemorial. Only one son would get the farm upon a father's demise.

One daughter would receive whatever small "fortune," or dowry, her family could set aside as a marital inducement to the remaining eligible men. The rest, sons and daughters, would need to leave Ireland. And of the daughters, the most assertive, the healthiest, the most confident were chosen to emigrate and perhaps serve as the impetus for the rest to follow.

My own family recounts this tradition. Mary McGowan, eldest of my grandfather's sisters, was, in the 1880s, the first of her family to leave County Leitrim. She found employment with the Vanderbilt family, a foothold that enabled her to subsequently bring eight of her 10

siblings to America over 20 years. Almost all of the men, including my grandfather, found work on Commodore Vanderbilt's railroads and streetcar lines. Mary was the first link in the chain.

Lynch-Brennan highlighted a number of parallels to today's immigrant experience, including the estimated 50,000 undocumented Irish in the U.S. today. They are all subject to the same risks of detention and deportation every other immigrant group faces but not often considered in debates over restrictive immigration policies suggested as solutions to evils, real or imagined, that our country faces.

Lynch-Brennan's book is a great read. And if you haven't yet visited the Bartow-Pell Mansion (www.bartowpellmansionmuseum.org), it is a gem, just over the border in the Bronx.

Pleasantville resident Brian McGowan was born and raised in the Bronx and is a second-, third- and fifth-generation Irish-American/Canadian, as his immigrant ancestors followed several paths to the New World. Reach him at brian.m.mcgowan1952@gmail.com, or on Twitter (@Bmcgowan52M). To see more of his writing on "things Irish," follow his blog "Rethinking Irish" at www.rethinkingirish.com.

Guest Column

White Plains High School Honors 154 Students for Community Service

The White Plains High School Community Service Program honored 154 students for their commitment to volunteer work in the community.

Special recognition was given to: Seniors Frank Annunziato, Ben Covello, Nick Dispenze, Eileen Escobedo, George Kalyvas, Kelly Marx, Lauren Medico, Ryder Rose, Jennifer Sierra, Anna Tender and Junior Julia Sanchez for outstanding service of 480 or more hours during their high school careers.

The 3rd Annual Elaine London Community Service Award, named after the founder of the WPHS Community Service Program, was presented to Senior Nick Dispenza who volunteered more than 1,200 hours of service during his high school career.

These students were awarded the Gold Certificate of Recognition for their 301-plus hours of volunteer service: Kayla Andrade, Frank Annunziato, Lauren Cassidy, Katherine Chaves Ortiz, Ben Covello, Alyssa M. Cuomo-Perriello, Michael De Milio, Nick Dispenza, Eileen Escobedo, Jacob, Fleuricot, Diego Gallego Lizara, Christina Gordon, Ryan Grafman, Kyla Harding, Jacqueline Juarez-Rojas, George Kalyvas, Zachary Kelly-Spadafino, Noah Kramer, Jan Lopez, Kelly Marx, Lauren Medico, Lily Nguyen, Develyne Petion, Ryder Rose, Julia Sanchez, Jennifer Sierra, Ashley Smith, Maeve Staab, Nicole

Tapia and Anna Tender.

Students also received silver (181 hours of community service) and bronze (60 hours of community service) certificates of recognition.

Community Service is not a graduation requirement at White Plains High School but for more than 30 years this Program has granted service credit to students volunteering in the community. Each year there has been a significant increase in the number of White Plains High School students involved in the Community Volunteer Program. Currently more than 25% of the entire student body is enrolled in the Community Service Program. Many WPHS students have been awarded major scholarships from local civic organizations that consider volunteer experience an important criterion for selection.



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OMG! A Crazy World of Real Estate Shorthand

My wife gave me a real chuckle the other day when she asked, "By the way, what does 'btw' mean?" Margaret is actually very savvy in the technical world, but obviously this abbreviation had passed her by. We've all grown up with abbreviations and acronyms that probably originated at sea, such as SOS (originally for "save our ship") to POSH (for "portside out, starboard in"), and many others that developed on land for everyday living, as impressive as VIP ("very important person"), as French as RSVP ("respondez s'il vous plait"), as urgent as ASAP ("as soon as possible") and, the important one I learned attending college in a dry state, BYOL ("bring your own liquor").

Not all of us studied Gregg or Pitman, but a new shorthand developed, then exploded, with the invention of the personal computer, then the Internet, but especially when texting became our primary mode of communication with others. Who ever heard of LOL ("laughing out loud"), IMHO ("in my humble opinion") and the ubiquitous OMG! ("oh, my God!") before we logged on or texted?

But in RE ("real estate"), the world of abbreviations and acronyms frequently draws questions about meanings from realtors and blank looks from buyers and sellers as we start to automatically reference letters from the alphabet, from AO ("acceptable offer") to ZB ("zoning board"), CMA ("comparative

market analysis"), and CO ("certificate of occupancy").

Keeping up with these abbreviations is a continuing learning process that can lead to misunderstanding, double interpretations and silly sounds (my favorite is FISBO, "for sale by owner," which when I first heard it sounded to me like a digestive remedy).

This subject first came to mind a while back when I was having a rather uncomfortable conversation with a service provider, a rare situation since most suppliers are very eager to please and to win our business, but this one, who installed tiling, refused to give me a solid estimate of what it would cost to have some tiles repaired and replaced at the water line of my pool.

When I shared with him that I was hoping that it might be around a \$500 job, he retorted, "No way! It's going to be a lot more than that!" When I asked how much more, he said, "I won't know until I actually do the work and then it will



By Bill Primavera

all be 'TM.'" The only TM I knew was transcendental meditation, which I thought I would surely need when our conversation was concluded, but when I got up the courage to ask what TM was, he was happy to educate me: "time and materials." This dubious practice of quoting jobs without a quote, or at least some stated limits for costs is one I would caution all homeowners to avoid (at any cost)! But I immediately added TM to my shorthand list to be ITK ("in the know").

Why everything in the real estate business must be abbreviated, I can't say, but I suspect it all originated as a way to save space in listings and ads.

Read any ad about a house and you won't find a complete word anyplace, but rather just a series of letters, some whose meanings are more difficult to guess than others. Consider this house description: EF ("entry foyer"), LR ("living room"), DR ("dining room"), EIK (doesn't the abbreviation for "eat in kitchen" sound like a shriek?), FR ("family room"), BD or BR ("bedroom"), BA (bath), SGD ("sliding glass doors"), WIC ("walk-in-closet") WDSTV ("wood burning stove"), BSMT ("basement"), GAR ("garage") and DK ("deck"). The ad might also state that it needs TLC ("tender loving care") and, years ago, it might offer the possibility of a M/D ("mother/daughter"), but we realtors can't use that discriminatory term anymore.

Styles of homes also have their own codes as with COL ("colonial"), CONT ("contemporary"), RR ("raised ranch"), SL ("split level") and CC ("Cape Cod").

Not to be overlooked for confusion are those abbreviations with double meanings such as AC ("air conditioning," but it can also mean "acre") and FHA (which can mean either "Federal Housing Authority" or "forced hot air").

And some sound either funny or crude, such as PUD ("planned unit

development"), HOA ("home owners association"), HUD ("Department of Housing and Urban Development"), and NOO (which is not an emphatic negative, but rather "non-owner occupied").

Then there are all the financial terms to keep straight, such as APR ("annual percentage rate") and ARM ("adjustable rate mortgage," one of the factors that caused the bubble, then the bust, in the market).

Those that definitely need explanation the first time around may be DVAC ("central vacuum"), HVAC ("heating, ventilation and air conditioning") and the one I'll never remember if I live to be 100 years old, GFI or GFCI ("ground-fault circuit interrupter," a special electrical receptacle that protects us from electrocution in high risk areas such as bathrooms and kitchens).

Before I'm ready to draw a conclusion and say AMEN (not meaning "amenities"), I'll relate a incident in which I was convinced that abbreviations, while convenient, may be taken too far.

I was in a back-and-forth email conversation with a seller's agent concerning an offer I was trying to make on behalf of my buyer client. She said she would be sure to "follow-up" with the response of the seller by email. Granted, it was a somewhat low-ball offer, but I was initially startled when the return email's subject line said simply, "FU."

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Wine Marketing Begins to Embrace 21st Century Technology



By Nick Antonaccio

"A picture is worth a thousand words."

"Every picture tells a story, don't it?"

These phrases have a deep-rooted legacy in American culture, both written and sung. As products of their time, they conveyed an aesthetic that was as much a symbol of their time as they were iconic mileposts marking a change in the public's interaction with society and each other.

To my 20th century sensibilities, these phrases connoted the evolution, and juxtaposition, of two-dimensional perspectives.

In the mid-20th century, marketing campaigns were beginning to understand the power of images over text as a

words.

But the medium for these messages is rapidly changing.

Who can forget Rod Stewart's driving, raspy voice singing "Every Picture Tells a Story" in 1971. (My how time flies. It seems the early '70s were only a few decades ago, not nearly a half-century.)

Today, his song title, and theme, conveys a concept unheard of until the last few years.

The change I refer to in these two examples is the advancing technology of augmented and virtual reality. More specifically,

how manufacturers, including wine companies, are integrating new technologies into their core advertising and marketing.

The new technologies infiltrating our real and virtual lives are virtual reality and augmented reality.

The distinction is rather clear. Virtual reality immerses the wearer of a specially designed headset/goggles in alternative realities. Augmented reality adds to, but doesn't replace, our current real experiences.

It is augmented reality that is popping up in a new advertising campaign recently launched. I read an example of these two technologies a while ago. Virtual reality is swimming with the sharks; augmented

reality is downloading an app and watching a shark seemingly leap out of your screen. Remember the Pokémon Go app of a few years ago? Augmented reality.

Here in 2018 we have an app that presents a video that tells a story and it's worth a thousand words.

An Australian company markets a brand named 19 Crimes. It is a growing collection of Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz, a Chardonnay and a few red blends, all catering to the American palate of fruit-forward, nicely rounded wines. Many are available at retail shops in our area for about \$10.

What makes the brand distinctive is its underlying theme. Beginning in 1783, the British government banished to Australia criminals convicted of one of 19 specific crimes, otherwise punishable by hanging. These were the early colonists who have been immortalized in history. Several of the crimes are a bit outlandish, including impersonating an Egyptian (number 5), stealing fish from a pond or river (10), stealing roots, trees or plants (11) and clandestine marriage (15).

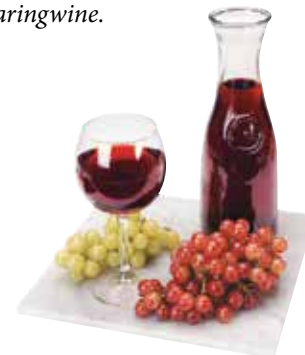
Each bottle of the 19 Crimes collection displays a photo of one of these criminals. Download the free app, point your smartphone at the bottle and the photo of the criminal comes to life, regaling you

with the convict's trials and tribulations.

I find this to be a very effective marketing tool. And the consuming public agrees. The wines are flying off the shelves, at a pace of one million cases a year. Another lure, embraced by younger consumers, are the corks, randomly numbered for each crime, which have become collectibles.

Contrary to the declining sales of Australian wines in the United States, 19 Crimes is bucking the trend, thanks to a brilliant marketing campaign and bolstered by augmented reality. And every video tells the story, don't it?

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'...wine companies are integrating new technologies into their core advertising and marketing.'

means to market products. It became a standard of advertising, as expressed in numerous product, political and social advertisements, that well-crafted photos and video clips were more impactful than text and were worth a thousand, or more,

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Musical By Westchester Teen to Premiere at Emelin Theatre This Month

"Chameleon," a musical with book, music and lyrics by Tate Robinson, a 17-year old Westchester high school student, and presented by Mamaroneck-based Artistree Performing Arts, premieres at the Emelin Theatre in Mamaroneck, July 12 and 13.

Chameleon is the tale of two brothers struggling to get out of a dead-end town. The music is an arrangement of lyrics and music that stretches from jazz to hip hop, soul to R&B and everything in between.

The two brothers at the center of the story share a tragic upbringing. Their lives as musicians in a band are complicated by difficult interpersonal relationships and conflicting love interests. "Chameleon" while fictional, examines internal conflicts most people experience when they are in difficult circumstances. Although it's an intense story, it has light moments as well as themes of personal redemption and change throughout, thus named "Chameleon."

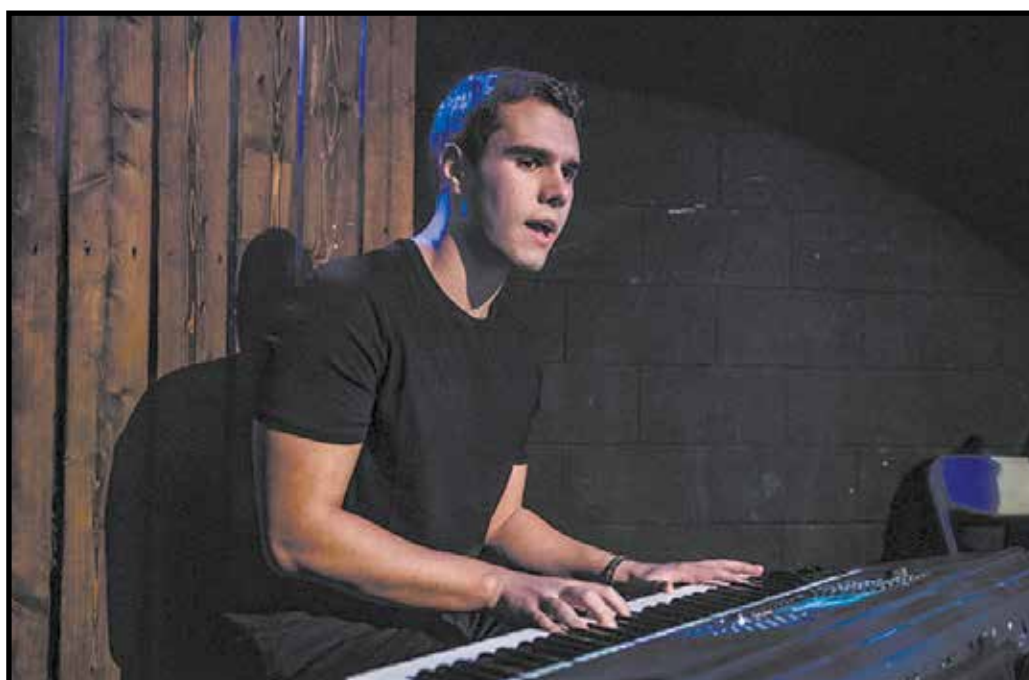
The musical began as a written story, but Tate came to the realization that his love of music, playing piano and writing songs was the right avenue to bring the story to life. He spent the majority of the summer of 2017 working on the script and music.

During the spring of 2018, a portion of

the musical was showcased at Tate's high school, the Brunswick School in Greenwich, Conn., as part of the school's performing arts festival. Following the success of this production, his teachers encouraged him to take "Chameleon" to the next level and seek a professional channel to produce the show.

Tate met with Heather Capelle, owner and artistic director of Artistree Performing Arts. She immediately fell in love with Chameleon and its poignant story and soulful music. Capelle had a clear vision of how she could leverage her network of top talent and resources, to bring the story to life on a professional stage.

"It's so exciting to work with such a talented group of actors and musicians," said Tate. "Director and choreographer, John Gray and Artistree's musical director Michael Taglieri have brought their expertise to this project to bring "Chameleon" to its full potential. It has been amazing to work with these extremely talented people and I can't wait for opening night." Artistree's Veronica



Westchester resident Tate Robinson has written a musical about the life of two brothers seeking better lives. "Chameleon" will be presented at the Emelin Theatre in Mamaroneck this July.

Mittenzwei helped edit the book, and Peter Capelle, Artistree co-owner and head music director orchestrated the show.

"We are so thrilled to be supporting such a talented young artist," said Heather Capelle. "It's hard to believe that a story with such depth and enchanting music

was written by a teenager. The fact that he's from Westchester, right here in our own backyard, makes the project even more special."

Chameleon will be presented July 12-13 at 8 p.m. at the Emelin Theatre, 153 Library Lane, Mamaroneck. Tickets available at Emelin.org, \$20 adults, \$10 students.

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Tuesday, July 3

Independence Day Celebration. White Plains residents are invited to celebrate Independence Day with a free community event and fireworks display 6 to 10 p.m. at White Plains High School on North Street. Residents are encouraged to come early, bring blankets and chairs and enjoy a fun-filled evening of music, games, entertainers, food, and fireworks. This year's celebration will feature a performance by West Point's Benny Havens Band on the main stage. The Benny Havens Band is a leading popular music ensemble in the armed forces, primarily serving the United States Corps of Cadets at West Point. Children and their families will enjoy a visit from the Animal Embassy, the Miz Liz variety show, Oceans Rock, DinoMan, Henry the Juggler and the Bubble Bus in the Kids' Corner. Inflatable Party Adventures will offer inflatable rides for \$2 each. Food concessions include delicious barbeque, fried dough, ice cream, burgers, Walters Hot Dogs, Kona Ice. The fireworks show, presented by International Fireworks, will begin at approximately 9:20 p.m. In the event of inclement weather the city will make an announcement about the event by the afternoon of July 3rd via its website, www.cityofwhiteplains.com and social media.

Wednesday, July 4

Independence Day Fair. This celebratory, family-friendly event is in honor of America's founding and hosted by the Bedford-Armonk Rotary Club. Features readings of the Declaration of Independence, petting zoo, stilt walker, log cutting, an 18th century equestrian demonstration, pony rides, crafts, historic house tours, hayrides, live music, discovery centers, fishing, pet adoption, student art show and food from the grill and other refreshments. A festive way for families to explore the National

Historic Landmark home of founding father and America's first Chief Justice John Jay. John Jay Homestead, 400 Jay St. (Route 22), Katonah. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. Food and most activities available by ticket purchase. Info: Visit www.bedfordarmonkrotary.org or e-mail bedfordarmonkrotary@gmail.com.

Pops, Patriots and Fireworks. Celebrate July 4th by paying tribute to Leonard Bernstein alongside other grand symphonic works with the esteemed Westchester Symphonic Winds and two stellar alumni from Caramoor's Schwab Vocal Rising Stars. Then stick around for a proper ending to the evening with Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, and of course, fireworks. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 8 p.m. \$30, \$40, \$50, \$60, \$70, \$75 and \$90. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit www.caramoor.org.

Kensico Dam Music Fest and Fireworks. DJ entertainment followed by a live concert with patriotic favorites and fireworks after dark. Kensico Dam Plaza, 1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla. DJ entertainment at 6 p.m. Concert at 8 p.m. Fireworks at 9:15 p.m. Free. Info: 914-231-4033.

Ossining Waterfront Summer Concert Series: Jon Bates Band. Bring your dancing shoes because this party band will get you up on your feet before and after you watch the dazzling fireworks display explode over the Hudson River. Concessions provided by some of Westchester's best food trucks are available. Louis Engel Waterfront Park, Westerly Road, Ossining. 7:30 p.m. Free.

Thursday, July 5

Noonday Concert. Every Thursday 12 to 2 p.m. at Renaissance Plaza, White Plains. This week features Tracy DeLucia Band.

City Center Concert. Free concert in the courtyard at City Place, White Plains. Rain location, third floor of City Center. 6 to 8 p.m. This week features Liz Vice.



Evening Howl for Adults. Enjoy visiting the wolves during their favorite hour – dusk. Learn about the mythology, biology and ecology of wolves in North America while enjoying a lovely spread of wine and cheese. Take a short sunset hike to howl with ambassador wolves Atka, Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and behold the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican wolves. For adults 21 years old and up. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 7 p.m. \$20. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

Friday, July 6

Entergy Screening Under the Stars: "Despicable Me 3." Bring blankets and chairs for seating. Entertainment at 6 p.m. Movie begins at dusk. Kensico Dam Plaza. Free. Info: 914-231-4033.

Ossining Waterfront Summer Concert Series. Soul Projekt, playing an original mix of funk, jazz, blues, soul and gospel, this New Orleans-inspired and Ossining-based band will bring the vibrant atmosphere of the city to the riverside. Concessions provided by some of Westchester's best food trucks are available. Louis Engel Waterfront Park, Westerly Road, Ossining. 7 p.m. Free.

Jasper String Quartet. The Jasper String Quartet brings its passion for performing emotionally personal and significant pieces. Presenting two contemporary pieces alongside classic works from Beethoven and Mendelssohn, the Jasper String Quartet — an alumni quartet of Caramoor's Ernst Stiefel String Quartet-in-Residence program — are the perfect centerpiece for a summer evening concert. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 8 p.m. \$25, \$30, \$35 and \$40. Students (18 and under): Free. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit www.caramoor.org.

Saturday, July 7

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.

Children's Art Workshop. The Mamaroneck Artists Guild is hosting a

monthly series of children's art workshops. This month, iPhone photography will be explored. Recommended for children 5 to 12 years old; younger children are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Mamaroneck Artists Guild, 126 Larchmont Ave., Larchmont. 9:30 a.m. \$15 donation. Info: 914-834-1117 or visit www.mamaroneckartistsguild.org.

Pack Chat for Kids. This is the best introduction to wolves for families with young children. Kids will learn about the mythology surrounding wolves and the important role they play in the natural world. This is an exciting time for wolves that are out searching for prey as they celebrate the birth of this year's pups. Guests will visit ambassador wolves Atka, Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr as well as the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 2 p.m. Adults: \$14. Children (under 12): \$11. Also July 8, 15 and 22 at 11 a.m. and July 14 and 28 at 2 p.m. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: 914-763-2373 or visit www.nywolf.org.

Sunday, July 8

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.

Polish Heritage Festival. Music and entertainment, crafts and food vendors. Kensico Dam Plaza, 1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla. 12 to 6 p.m. Free parking and admission. Info: 914-231-4033.

Muddy Sneakers. This program introduces the wonders of the natural world. Put down the Legos and pick up a stick. Join this wild excursion through our woods, puddles and fields and play in nature. All ages. Greenburgh Nature

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Cool Off in the Pool at Kitrell Park and Gardella Pool

White Plains residents can splash and swim the summer away at the Gardella and Kittrell Park Pools. Gardella Pool is located on Ferris Avenue and Kittrell Pool is located on Fisher Avenue. The swim season is officially underway with both pools open weekdays from 2:30 to 7:30



p.m. Weekend hours and Wednesday, July 4 hours are Noon to 6:30 p.m. at both pools.

A White Plains Pool Membership pass is required for admittance to both pools. With proof of residency memberships may be purchased at the Recreation office located

at 85 Gedney Way. The cost of membership is \$25 per adult and \$15 per youth and/or senior citizen.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ALVIN IRBY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on January 21, 2016. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: 124 E 117th St, Apt 4D, New York, NY 10035. The principal business address of the LLC is: 124 E 117th St, Apt 4D, New York, NY 10035. **Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

Notice of Formation of ALTOGETHER SOCIAL, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/1/18. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF AR JAY HOME INSPECTIONS, LLC Article of Incorporation filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 5/14/2018. County of Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to P.O.Box 204, Armonk, N.Y. 10504. **Purpose: Home inspections & Any Lawful general Purpose.**

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Marc-Andre Hamelin in Concert. Hamelin is an accomplished and unrivaled virtuoso when it comes to the renowned works of the established repertoire for piano. He brings to his Caramoor debut one of Schumann's greatest works for solo piano, central to the early Romantic period, and Schubert's elegant masterpiece – the last sonata for piano he would ever write. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 4 p.m. \$35, \$55, \$60 and \$75. Garden seating: \$10. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit www.caramoor.org.

New York Opera Conservatory Summer Concert Series. This Taconic Opera summer program for emerging opera singers offers an opportunity to hear the upcoming generation of professional singers as they gain valuable experience perfecting their craft. The conservatory helps to fill an unmet need among singers to gain valuable hands-on experience through actual performance. Tonight, solos from Mozart's "Mass in C" will be performed. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 801 Kitchewan Rd.

(Route 134), Ossining. 7 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.TaconicOpera.org.

Alex Katz in the 1950s at the Neuberger Museum of Art Through Oct. 14

For the first time in the New York metro area, "Brand-New & Terrific: Alex Katz in the 1950s," the largest museum exhibition to showcase the artist's work from his pioneering period in 1950s, is now on view at the Neuberger Museum of Art, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase.

The exhibition, organized by the Colby College Museum of Art in close collaboration with the artist (who will be 91 in late July), 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. Brand-New & Terrific will be on view at the Neuberger Museum through Oct. 14.

The exhibition's title stems from the artist's manifesto, written in 1961, in which he proclaimed that his brightly colored, flat, recognizable, figurative works were "brand-new and terrific." They were a response to Abstract Expressionism,

which dominated the art scene at the time, and his contemporary take on traditional painting. Katz pared down and simplified his portraits, landscapes, seascapes, and figure studies to their most fundamental elements, rendering them in blunt, bold, and flat colors with sparse detail, transforming his circle of family and friends, his wife (and muse), seaside bathers, and everyday scenes in middle-class America. His subjects might be two city kids standing in a field in front of two telephone poles; a woman standing on a beach at the water's edge; or an outdoor group portrait. The subject matter was instantly recognizable, despite the absence of carefully delineated features. By reintroducing and reinterpreting the figure, Katz was, in fact, a game-changer; he opened the door for the subsequent Pop Art movement. "I feel art is for all people and should be accessible to all people," he once wrote.

The exhibit is organized by the Colby College Museum of Art in Waterville, Maine, and funded in part by grants from the Wyeth Foundation of American Art and the Maine Arts Commission, an independent state agency supported by the National Endowment for the Arts. Generous support for this venue at the Neuberger Museum of Art is provided by the Friends of the Neuberger Museum

of Art and by the Purchase College Foundation.

Museum Hours: Wednesday to Sunday: noon to 5 p.m., Wednesday: noon to 8 p.m. Monday: closed. Admission: \$5 General Public, \$3 Seniors 62+, \$3 Students. Free to all on the first Saturday of every month; Wednesdays 5 to 8 p.m.

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