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## New Building Planned for Current White Plains YMCA Site

By Pat Casey

A new mixed-use building proposal with apartments and ground-level retail to replace the "falling down" structure currently housing the YMCA at 250 Mamaroneck Ave., in White Plains was met with unanimous approval during the July 16 meeting of the Planning Board.

Southern Land Company, based in Nashville, Tenn., has developed a design to include 177 apartments, approximately 1,800 sq. ft. of retail at ground level, and 268 parking spaces located in a garage under the building.

A Special Permit and Site Plan approval are being sought from the Common Council, the lead agency on the project.

The developer has already met with the Zoning Board of Appeals and received approval on May 1 on two

area variances to accommodate an irregular shape to the site, including a reduction in the front-yard setback to allow construction of the new building to align with other buildings on the streetscape along Mamaroneck Avenue. The Design Review Board has also approved the proposed design, with a minor widening of the pedestrian sidewalk in front of the building.

The new building will include eight stories with an apartment mix of: 16 studio apartments, 97 one-bedroom apartments, 52 two-bedroom apartments, and 12 three-bedroom units.

Ben Crenshaw, Sr. VP Design, Southern Land Company, working out of the company's North Eastern Regional office in NYC, explained that Southern Land builds, designs and

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## White Plains Completes 6th Annual Jump In and Swim



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Thirty-one 6th grade students from Eastview Middle School in White Plains who had identified themselves as non-swimmers took the plunge recently at the White Plains High School pool as part of the City of White Plains Jump In and Swim Initiative. The students participated in a free learn to swim program over the course of two weeks in which they learned about water safety and swimming fundamentals during the school day.

## Area Legislators Call for Fair Allocation of Cuomo Bridge Tolls

By Martin Wilbur

Two Westchester assemblymen last week called on the state to set equitable tolls on the new Mario M. Cuomo Bridge and strongly urged the Thruway Authority to provide discounts for Westchester and Rockland residents.

Assemblymen Tom Abinanti (D-Pleasantville) and David Buchwald (D-White Plains) provided statements to the New York State Thruway Authority Toll Advisory Panel, which met in Tarrytown last Thursday in anticipation of bridge toll hikes after the price moratorium expires at the end of next year.

Abinanti said that under the Thruway Authority's latest proposed formula bridge users would incur the entire cost of the bridge as well as contributing to system-wide Thruway improvements.



The new Mario M. Cuomo Bridge in a photo shortly after it opened to traffic last year.

"Tappan Zee Bridge tolls will rise to more than \$10 only if we use the Thruway Authority's new proposed formula requiring that Tappan Zee Bridge toll payers continue to contribute to the cost of the entire Thruway system and, in addition, assume all of the new costs of the new bridges," Abinanti said.

Buchwald said the new bridge is a linchpin for the regional transportation system, but Thruway officials have thus far failed to provide the public with meaningful information.

"Full transparency is essential. If the bridge toll is to be increased, the public deserves to know exactly how that relates to paying for the costs of the new bridge," Buchwald said. "I do not think it is appropriate to meaningfully raise tolls

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without everyone understanding the long-term financial situation, including the extent to which a toll increase would pay for the bridge and Rockland/Westchester Thruway improvements or if it would subsidize other Thruway operations.”

He and Abinanti called on the Thruway Authority to provide toll discounts for residents of Westchester and Rockland counties. Buchwald also pressed for a reduced combination toll for commuters who then travel into Manhattan so they won't be hit with two major tolls once the congestion pricing goes into effect.

Abinanti, whose district includes Tarrytown, where the eastern side of the bridge is anchored,

has proposed three potential formulas that he believes is fair. One alternative is to dedicate all Cuomo bridge tolls only to bridge costs. Another is to dedicate all revenues from each of the Thruway Authority's regions to pay for the costs of that region so the downstate region's tolls would be set to meet the area's costs.

A third suggestion would be to continue the current formula of using Thruway Authority revenues statewide to pay for all Thruway costs, including new bridges, and set the level necessary to meet all costs. He said Cuomo bridge construction costs were originally estimated at \$5.2 billion with a projected \$14 toll to pay for the project. However, the last figures

had costs at \$3.9 billion with the projected toll reduced by a least 20 percent, Abinanti said.

Six years ago, using 2013 numbers, Abinanti said he calculated that any of his three formulas could result in bridge car tolls of no more than \$6 to \$7 with local resident discounts.

“Bridge tolls will rise to more than \$10 only if we use an unfair formula requiring that bridge toll payers continue to subsidize the cost of the entire Thruway system and, in addition, assume all of the new costs of the new bridges,” Abinanti said.

Other area officials similarly urged the Thruway Authority for fair toll pricing. Rockland County Executive Ed Day said over the

past 20 years tolls on commercial traffic, particularly five-axle trucks, has lagged. The toll for a five-axle truck in October 2000 was raised to \$20 during rush hour and is now at \$32.75, he said.

As a result, a published report revealed that truck traffic on the bridge in 2017 was 2.4 million vehicles, an increase of one million trucks in the previous seven years.

“There is no question that it is well past time that the commercial toll rates for the bridge be dramatically increased,” Day said.

He added that any toll increase must set aside a percentage of revenue for dedicated transit capital improvements between Rockland and Westchester.

State Sen. David Carlucci

(D-New City), whose district also includes Ossining, said there should be no toll hike on the bridge beyond 2020 unless it can be justified. He said the advisory panel, which was entirely selected by Gov. Andrew Cuomo, had not met before last week since it's 2015 creation.

“Simply put, commuters cannot afford a toll hike on the Gov. Mario M. Cuomo Bridge, and any panel tasked with determining the toll rate needs to be accountable to the people,” Carlucci said. “Representing Rockland and Westchester counties, I know that residents are strapped financially, and a toll increase will pose a significant financial burden on them.”

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manages all of its projects, which he said proves their long-term commitment. The company has several completed projects around the country.

Crenshaw explained that the 300-foot-long building would include step-backs and terraces to break up the design, which is comprised of three sections. While the streetscape design seeks to encourage pedestrian walkability, there is no public open space planned for the project.

Access into the parking garage will be right in only from Mamaroneck Avenue and



Close-in view of one of three ground-level sections proposed for 250 Mamaroneck Ave.



Architect's rendering of the proposed elevation along Mamaroneck Avenue for the 300-ft-long mixed-use building.

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right out only onto Mamaroneck Avenue to accommodate existing traffic patterns.

Board member Lynn Oliva asked why the plan was not self-sustaining and did not include alternative energy solutions such as solar.

The developer was also asked what their plan was regarding natural gas hook-ups under the current Con Edison moratorium and if they would consider geo-thermal heating and cooling.

The engineers explained that was economically not feasible and they had planned ahead before the Con Edison

moratorium went into effect and had made an agreement with Con Edison ahead of time.

During discussion before a final vote to send a positive recommendation for the Common Council to go ahead with the project as proposed, Board chairman John Ioris noted that the YMCA had suffered through financial difficulty for the past few years and the current building is in jeopardy.

The YMCA is expected to move some of its activities across the street to the St. Matthews Lutheran Church building at 3 Carhart Ave.



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# New Ridgeway Elementary School Principal Appointed in White Plains

By Neal Rentz

Jessica Torres was appointed as the new principal of the Ridgeway Elementary School at the July 15 White Plains Board of Education special meeting.

According to the school district, Torres was the finalist of more than 180 candidates in "a rigorous search process" which included interviews with the Superintendent's Cabinet and a Principal Search Advisory Committee representing all constituencies of the school community.

Torres will start her new job on Aug. 19.

Torres was a principal in New York City schools in Washington Heights and the Bronx. She has a Bachelor's Degree in psychology/sociology, Cum Laude, from SUNY/



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New Paltz, a Master's Degree in elementary education, Summa Cum Laude, from Lehman College and an Advanced Master's Degree in leadership for educational Change, Magna Cum Laude, from the Bank Street College of Education. She has experience as an elementary classroom teacher, a literacy coach, an assistant principal and founding principal of a New York City public School, Mount Eden Children's Academy.

Torres will replace former Ridgeway Principal Tashia Brown, who led the school for nine years.

"I'm excited to have been chosen as the principal of Ridgeway Elementary School and to join the White Plains family of educators," Torres said following the meeting.

# Harrison Police Department Upgrades to Electric Bicycle Patrols

On Friday, Harrison Police Department became the first Police Department in New York State to use electric bicycles.

"Our Department's existing bicycle patrols are a critical tool for us to deter crime and heighten our visibility downtown and elsewhere in the community," Chief Joseph J. Yasinski said. "E-bikes will allow us to take this successful program to the next level."

Yasinski also noted that bicycle patrols are a critical component of the Department's community policing initiative as they facilitate positive interactions with residents and business owners. "People are often more comfortable approaching an officer who is on a bike rather than inside a patrol car," Yasinski said. The motor-assisted e-Bikes enable officers to conduct longer and more effective bicycle patrols as compared to a traditional bicycle. Electronic bikes reduce officer fatigue, allowing officers to remain on bicycle patrol for longer periods of time and across a



Harrison Mayor Ron Belmont, second from right, with members of the Harrison Police Department Bicycle Patrol.

larger coverage area. Officers can also cover ground more quickly on the power-assisted bicycle when responding to an emergency or pursuing a fleeing suspect.

The new bikes, made by Bosch eBikes Systems, can reach speeds of up to 28 mph, about nine to 10 mph faster than an average bike rider achieves.

Harrison Mayor Ron Belmont said, "I believe this is a great investment in our bicycle patrol program and in the safety and security of the Harrison community."

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# Temple Israel Center of White Plains Welcomes New Rabbi

Temple Israel Center of White Plains welcomed Rabbi Annie Tucker as Senior Rabbi on July 15. She replaces the congregation's previous Senior Rabbi, Rabbi Gordon Tucker (of no relation), who retired in 2017 after serving in the role for 24 years.

"We are so excited to welcome Rabbi Annie Tucker to our community," said Marc Berman, President of Temple Israel Center. "Rabbi Tucker will build on our strengths and expand our horizons through her recognized leadership, deep knowledge of Judaism, innovative ideas and inclusive approach."

Rabbi Tucker, a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary and the University



Rabbi Annie Tucker

of Pennsylvania, has been Senior Rabbi of Beth Hillel Bnai Emunah in Wilmette, IL for the last six years and previously served as Associate Rabbi of The Jewish Center in Princeton, NJ.

"I am thrilled to be joining such an intellectually rich and vibrant congregation characterized by soulful worship, deep commitment to Jewish tradition and values, and a powerful sense of community," Rabbi Tucker said.

The new Rabbi brings a broad and impressive diversity of talents to Temple Israel Center and the greater Westchester Community. Educational innovation, lifelong

learning, and social justice programming are just a few of Rabbi Tucker's priorities as she begins her tenure at Temple Israel Center.

"My heart has always been in the Northeast, and I am blessed to be returning home closer to family, friends, and the amazing community of Westchester County! I am excited to partner with dynamic institutions and colleagues in the greater New York City area to model pluralism, inclusion, and the many great things that can be achieved when people work together."

Rabbi Tucker becomes Temple Israel Center's fourth Senior Rabbi in the last 80 years.

"I look forward to building upon the incredible legacy of Rabbi Gordon Tucker to create a congregation grounded in meaning, belonging, justice, and Torah," said Rabbi Annie Tucker.

Temple Israel Center is a Conservative synagogue in White Plains, with a nursery school and K-12 religious school serving Scarsdale, White Plains and surrounding communities.

## French Consul General Visits Odell House in Greenburgh

On July 19, the French Consul General, Anne-Claire Legendre visited the Odell House on Ridge Road in Greenburgh during a walk along the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route with Town Supervisor Paul Feiner.

The Greenburgh Town Board recently signed an agreement that would turn the historic house over to the town for renovation facilitated by a grant from New York State. The house was the site of Rochambeau's headquarters during a significant turning point in the American Revolutionary War.

After the visit Legendre posted on Twitter: "We are delighted to visit today the Odell House, to be acquired and restored by the Town of Greenburgh! Occupied by General Rochambeau in the summer of 1781, the house symbolizes the deep roots of #FrenchAmerican friendship and collaboration."

## White Plains Library Seeks Toy and Game Donations

The Trove and Edge, children's and teen areas, of the White Plains Library are asking for donations of items to be used in their upcoming programs.

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# White Plains Woman Charged with Assaulting Bus Driver

By Neal Rentz

Westchester County Police arrested a White Plains woman on July 19 and charged her with assaulting a Bee-Line bus driver last month outside the Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla.

Johniaza Torres, 24, of West Post Road was charged with Assault in the Second Degree, a felony. She was arraigned in Mount Pleasant Town Court on July 19

and released on her own recognizance.

The June 12 attack occurred at 10:30 p.m. after a female passenger demanded that the driver allow her to get off the bus directly in front of the hospital entrance, according to Westchester County police. The driver told the passenger that the bus could not discharge passengers until it reached a nearby bus stop, according to county police.

According to the county police, when the bus stopped at Hospital Oval East

and Emergency Drive to let passengers off the woman approached the driver and sprayed her with pepper spray. The driver experienced a burning sensation in her eyes and had difficulty breathing. She was treated at the medical center and released that night.

An immediate search of the hospital and surrounding areas was conducted by patrol officers but the suspect could not be located. The case was then turned over to

Detectives Brandon Amlung and Michael Petruolo of the General Investigations Unit. They took Torres into custody at her home.

"The safety of transit personnel and riders has always been a top priority for the Westchester County Police," Commissioner Thomas Gleason said. "Our detectives were committed to closing this case with an arrest no matter how long it took. I commend them for their diligent efforts to identify and apprehend a suspect in this incident."

## Valhalla Man Sentenced in Child Sex Abuse Case

A 44-year-old Valhalla man was sentenced Thursday in Mount Pleasant Justice Court to six years' probation and must register as a sex offender for sexually abusing and endangering two children on separate occasions.

Albert Orjuela was arrested in January by Mount Pleasant police for inappropriately touching one child and acted in an inappropriate sexual manner in front of another child, according to the Westchester County district attorney's office.

Orjuela pleaded guilty in April to second-degree sexual abuse and endangering the welfare of a child, both Class A misdemeanors.

Town Justice Robert Ponzini sentenced

Orjuela to six years' probation with sex offender conditions and a six-year order of protection on the sexual abuse charge. For endangering the welfare of a child, he received three years' probation with sex offender status and a five-year order of protection.

The sentences will run concurrently, the district attorney's office said.



Albert Orjuela



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# High School Students Graduate While in County Custody

Ten students received their high school diplomas at a commencement ceremony held on site at the Westchester County Department of Correction last week.

Family, mentors and other invited guests rose to their feet as the students filed into the jail's Albert Memorial Chapel, clad in bright blue caps and gowns while 'pomp and circumstance' played.

The ceremony began with an invocation by Evangelist Vicki Mills and opening remarks by Dr. Michelle Darby, principal of the jail's Sprain Brook Academy. Fighting back tears, Darby took time to showcase the accomplishments of each of the 10 graduates, noting that the SWBOCES educational team and the Department of Correction's staff form close bonds with the young men and women, caring for them as if they were their own.

Darby noted that one of the graduates recently passed five Regents examinations in



Two proud graduates with their high school diplomas.

the span of a single week.

For many years, the County has partnered with BOCES to ensure that young offenders as well as adult learners have the opportunity to pursue a high school diploma while in jail. Inmates under 19 years old are considered a 'special needs' population by County jail officials based upon their cognitive, social and developmental needs. As a result, they receive a wide array of educational, therapeutic and recovery-related programs. Several of today's graduates have already received acceptance letters to Manhattan College, and are taking college-level courses at the jail and at no cost to taxpayers.

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## Two Historic Playland Rides Approved for Restoration

On July 15, the Westchester County Board of Legislators unanimously approved financing for the restoration of two of Playland Park's most famous rides, the Derby Racer and the Grand Carousel.

The approved work includes a complete overhaul of the park's 104-year-old Carousel, the roof of which was damaged in a fire in 2017. Also approved was the reconstruction of the building that houses the Derby Racer, which was built in 1927.

Both rides are on the National Register of Historic Places.

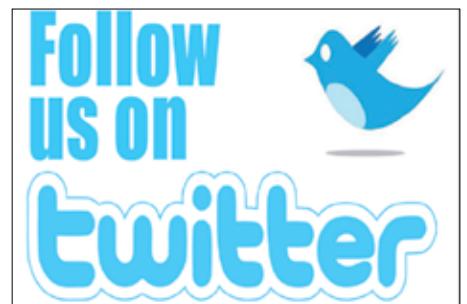
The Carousel project includes rebuilding the structure, the addition of fire breaks in the roof to inhibit the spread of fire in the future, the replacement of the sprinkler system and the installation of new electrical systems.

The county expects to recover a significant part of the cost of the Carousel work from insurance. In addition, the

county will receive around \$465,000 in Historic Preservation Grant money for the Carousel project from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

During its meeting on July 15, the Board approved funding of \$5.57 million for the Carousel reconstruction, and \$5 million for the Derby Racer.

The Carousel is expected to re-open next season.



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# SIGNATURE ACUPUNCTURE STUDIO, WHITE PLAINS

By Neal Rentz

Bronxville resident Taisha Gonzalez is a one-woman band at the Signature Acupuncture Studio in White Plains.

She is both the owner of the businesses, which opened in January, and the practitioner of acupuncture.

Gonzalez explained last week why she chose to open her first business on Martine Avenue. “Being a Latina businesswoman, I’m Puerto Rican, it was very important that I was in a diverse community and White Plains has all kinds of ethnicities and all kind of ages. So I thought it’s a great location and it’s a great mix of clientele,” she said.

Gonzalez said she likes acupuncture because it addresses the whole body. “So instead of just treating symptoms you treat the root cause,” she said. “A lot of times acupuncturists see conditions that doctors can’t treat by themselves. And it’s natural and it doesn’t require medication.”

It takes between four and six years of training to become an acupuncturist, Gonzalez said. Some of her classes were on the subjects of anatomy, psychology and medical diagnosing, aside from acupuncture classes, she noted.

Acupuncture has been successfully practiced for centuries, Gonzalez said. “It’s been effective for 3,000 years. It works in so many different ways. Acupuncture increases blood flow and oxygen, which helps treat



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Bronxville resident Taisha Gonzalez opened the Signature Acupuncture Studio in White Plains in January.

fresh injuries,” she said. “It also helps to control pain signals. That’s what it’s most popular for, treating pain” she said, adding acupuncture is effective for such other uses

as hormone imbalances and regulating heart rates.

“There’s nothing on the actual needle,” Gonzalez said. “We use the needle to try to regulate the body.”

“What makes our practice different than most acupuncture clinics is that I do both the medical side and the beauty side,” Gonzalez said. Acupuncture is used for cosmetic purposes “to pump up the skin,” she said.

In addition to acupuncture, the business also offers other services such as cupping, which uses heated glass cups to release toxins and fluids, and Guasha, which uses a natural jade tool to treat colds and fevers and eliminate face wrinkles.

“The most popular question I get is: Are the needles painful?” Gonzalez said. “The answer is it’s not supposed to be because the needles we use are hair thin. The size is like one or two hairs stuck together.” The needles bend, unlike hypodermic needles, she said. “If it does hurt it’s just like a quick, little mosquito bite pinch,” she said. “Usually people say that they feel like they have a natural high after. It feels like they had 10 massages in a row when they get off the table.”

Signature Acupuncture Studio is located at 277 Martine Ave. in White Plains. For more information call 914-222-5644, send an e-mail to [infosignatureacupuncture.com](mailto:infosignatureacupuncture.com) or visit <https://www.signatureacupuncture.com/>.

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Respondent(s)

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## Obituaries

### Grace Bonistall

Grace C. Bonistall, 92, of West Harrison, passed away July 15.

Grace was born July 31, 1926 in Pittsburgh, PA to Albinus and Aurelia (nee Lascheid) Freund. For 20 years she worked as an engineering office manager for the Nestle Company in Purchase, and a company store manager. Grace was a parishioner of St. Anthony of Padua Church in West Harrison, where she was a member of the Ave Maria Guild, the St. Anthony's Choir, and the parish council.

On July 1, 1950 Grace married her husband, the late Clifford A. Bonistall at St. Basil Church in Pittsburgh.

Grace is survived by seven children: Carol (Paul) Harrington, Clifford (Elyse) Bonistall, David (Gail) Bonistall, Mark (Kathleen) Bonistall, Alan (Joann) Bonistall, Melissa (Paul) Morini and Susan (Tom) Vatalaro. Grace is also survived by her 21 grandchildren: Megan (Michael) Schuler, Kathryn (Michael) Casciano, Molly (Corey) Evans, Kristen (Ian) Link, Tara (Zach) Noland, Emily (Ryan) Postel, Beth (Nicholas) Romer, Amy (Sal) Longo, Steven Bonistall, Alan (Jackie) Bonistall Jr., Brandon Bonistall, Sara Morini, Olivia Morini, Julia Morini, Laura Morini, Liz Cowan, Abigail Cowan, Rachael (Willy) Haas, Thom (Mareena) Vatalaro, Jourdan (Jessie) Hinman, and Morgan Vatalaro, as well as her 19 great-grandchildren Tim, Tessa, Mia, Cara, Owen, Chloe, Reese, Luke, Ellie, Norah, Sawyer, Lincoln, Isabelle, Emmie, Ava, A.J. Jr., Sam, Harrison and Cecilia.

Besides her husband, Clifford, Grace is predeceased by her three siblings Vincent Freund, Albin Freund and Mary Alice Furman, her son, John Bonistall, and her granddaughter, Lindsey Bonistall.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made in Grace's name to either

PEACE OUTside Campus – The Lindsey M. Bonistall Foundation, or St. Anthony of Padua Church.

### George Hosey

George Francis Hosey of Hawthorne, White Plains, and Manchester Center, VT, passed away peacefully on July 11 at King Street Rehab in Rye Brook.

He was born April 2, 1936 to Henry George Hosey and Frances Wilson Hosey at Midwood Hospital in Brooklyn.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Patricia Harrington Hosey in 1990.

He is survived by his wife, Regina Marron Pockl Hosey, whom he met at St. Pius X Scarsdale Widow and Widowers Organization. They married in 2002.

He is also survived by his sons, James R., George P. (Karen), Lawrence F. (Eileen) and Kenneth F. (Jennifer) and seven grandchildren.

He graduated with a B.S. from St. John's University in Queens, and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He served 25 years in active and reserve service (artillery) retiring with the rank of Major.

He retired as a Senior Vice President and Managing Director of Manufacturers Hanover Corporation (now JP Morgan Chase). He was a very proud lender to a young entrepreneur, age 29, our current President Donald J. Trump who was entering his first venture in New York, The Commodore Hotel (currently New York Grand Hyatt) some 50 years ago. He approved over \$50 million in loans with zero losses. He represented the Bank Chairman on a task force chaired by the NYS Superintendent of Banks, which promulgated the new mortgage banking licensing regulations. He previously was Vice President and Chief Mortgage Officer

at Manhattan Savings Bank, Real Estate Appraisal and Brokerage Officer for John. J. Reynolds, Inc.

He began his career as a tax assessor for the City of New York from 1961 to 1964. He was past Chairman of The Westchester County Citizens Budget Advisory Committee. Additionally, he served 12 years on the Westchester County Planning Board, and also dedicated 12 years of service on the Town of Mt. Pleasant School Board and was its past chair. He was appointed to the Westchester County Domestic Violence Board and served as its chair. He was also active in the Mount Pleasant Cub Scouts Organization. He was appointed to serve on the Assessment Review Board for the Town of Mount Pleasant.

He was appointed to the financial board of the Dominican Sisters of Hope at Mariandale, Ossining, and currently served for many years. He volunteered as a Lector and Eucharistic minister at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in White Plains. He was an Archdiocesan Certified Bereavement Counselor and Separated and Divorce Counselor at St. John and St. Mary's Church in Chappaqua. He also served as an instructor in the annulment process at St. Joseph's Seminary for Deacons in Training. He was a former member of the William A. Dunphy Council of The Knights of Columbus for many years and currently a member of the Mount Carmel/St. John's Church newly organized Council of Knights of Columbus. He served as Grand Knight in Queens, at Council No. 394.

Kindly omit flowers. George's preference for donations in his memory would be appreciated to Archbishop Stepinac High School, 950 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, NY 10605; Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 920 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, NY 10605; Hospice of Westchester or the charity of your choice.

## New York Local Governments Sue IRS and Treasury Secretary Mnuchin

A lawsuit in federal court, filed July 17 seeks to challenge regulations that were recently finalized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Treasury Department that would deny a full charitable deduction for donations to the charitable funds for which states authorize tax credits, including both long-standing charitable funds and those created after the federal government severely limited the state and local tax deduction (SALT).

The case, Village of Scarsdale v. Internal Revenue Service et al., asserts that the IRS's regulations "usurp the lawmaking function and purport to unilaterally impose the current administration's political will in violation of clear statutory limits." In doing so, the regulations would cause charitable reserve funds explicitly authorized under New York State law to "suffer irreparable harm," according to the documents. This includes the charitable reserve funds established by the Village of Scarsdale and the Town of Rye after the SALT deduction was limited by the passage of the Federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (TCJA). If successful, the lawsuit would reverse the

IRS's regulations.

Both Scarsdale and the Town of Rye are members of the Coalition for the Charitable Contribution Deduction (3CD), which consists of Nassau, Suffolk, and Westchester Counties, 17 municipalities (including White Plains and Mamaroneck), 17 school districts (including White Plains City School District), and eight state and countywide professional and advocacy organizations.

"Starting today, we will stand up for New Yorkers already reeling from the cap on the SALT deduction by making our case in court that these regulations are arbitrary, capricious, and invalid," said New York State Assemblywoman Amy Paulin (D-Scarsdale), who took the lead role in developing New York's charitable reserve fund legislation, coordinated the coalition, and had attended the IRS's public hearing on the proposed regulations last October. "The denial of charitable deductions for donations to charitable reserve funds disproportionately hits communities like mine. In trying to satisfy the whims of this administration without running afoul of powerful interests, the IRS regulations

strayed far from the law that they were supposed to interpret. These regulations will cause real harm for villages like Scarsdale and taxpayers across the country struggling to remain in the communities they fell in love with and to send their children to the same nurturing, high-quality schools."

The lawsuit was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York on the same day as the Attorneys General of Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York filed their own lawsuit challenging the same IRS/Treasury Department regulations.

Scarsdale and the coalition assert that in preventing individuals from receiving a full federal charitable deduction for making a contribution to a charity state or municipality when that donation has been encouraged at the state or local level with a tax credit, the IRS has broken "with judicial precedents, published guidance binding on the IRS and the Treasury Department, IRS administrative pronouncements and settled taxpayer expectations." Prior to the

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# How Your Street’s Name Influences Your Home’s Appeal

Besides serving as a way to find where you live, can the name of your street influence the perception of your home and its value, positively or negatively?

The thought occurred to me a while back when I read a newspaper report about a complaint among residents in a Putnam County town where a local motel housed a number of sex offenders. The motel’s street address was listed as Sodom Road.

The origins of street names can be a fascinating study, ranging from history, their locations, mystery or sheer whimsy.

I was first aware of how streets got their names when I went to elementary school in Philadelphia and the nuns taught us that the etymology of street names there were based on the plan developed by William Penn, where the major east-west streets were the names of trees: Vine, Mulberry, Chestnut, Walnut, Locust, Spruce and Pine among them, intersected by a numbered grid.

When we took a class trip to Washington, D.C., I found that all 50 states have streets named after them and most of them cross diagonally through an alphabetic and numbered grid system. Rather than making an address clear, the intention of that system was to confuse invaders and to guard the Capitol. Today it serves to confuse tourists.

When I moved to New York, I was relieved to find a grid plan that made finding any address very easy, except for the wildly erratic system in Greenwich Village, which was established before the grid system was in place. That resulted in having West 4th Street somehow managing to intersect West 12th Street.

Until the mid-1800s, the densely populated cities mostly had grid systems, which avoided chaos. For those who didn’t live in congested cities, and with increased value placed on nature, it became common to name streets after trees. As a result, my immediate neighborhood, an early one, features Hickory, Hemlock and Birch streets.

The roads in our communities might reveal the types of industries they originally supported – Mill Street, Milk Street, Commerce Street and Mechanics Road. Also, presidents were honored in every town: Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Madison and Kennedy abound across the nation. Other streets reflect their surroundings such as Mountain View, Lakeside and Hudson View.

But the most creative names came with modern housing track developments where builders became responsible for naming streets, harnessing the suggestive power of words that shape a neighborhood even before the first home is built.

Sometimes the personal interests of



builders attached themselves to street names. The most interesting I’ve found is a neighborhood in Mahopac known as the “fish bowl” where the streets are named Pike Place, Perch Drive and Trout Place. In the same community, my friends Jeanne and Gerry live in the “flower” neighborhood of Astor, Dahlia and Tulip. Nearby in Yorktown, we become American literary aficionados in Walden Woods with the names Whitman, Emerson and Thoreau.

From the 1970s and ‘80s, newer developments frequently adopted names of the developers’ wives or daughters, and only infrequently, sons. Today, that practice is generally discouraged by town planning boards because those street signs tend to be stolen more frequently, presumably by people of the same names.

We can either be drawn to or repelled by the mystery of some street names. I had a real estate client who challenged me to find a house for her on Watermelon Hill Road simply because she loved the name so much. My personal favorites in this region are Pudding Street, Bullet Hole Road and Lover’s Lane in Putnam Valley and Fiddler’s Bridge Road in Dutchess County. Where did those haunting names originate, I wonder?

As I travel our byways, I wonder whether Church Street or Seminary Road lead the

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# More Summer Flavors



## Collards Shine at the Southern Table, Pleasantville

By Morris Gut

I went to see 'Pavarotti' on Father's Day and it was a stirring documentary. The Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville was a good intimate theater to take it in. We were a bit hungry when we left so we headed over to The Southern Table on Marble Ave. It was our first visit, and right from the start quite pleasant, though noisy. The dining room was full, so we sat at the bar and the manager was quick to fill our cocktail order as we grazed the menu selections.

My southern girl and I decided to do a round of their appetizers. To start: Fried Green Tomatoes with dipping sauce, and



La Piccola Casa, Mamaroneck.

a Wedge Salad. Both were large orders, as seemed the case with most plates we saw passing by. And both were tasty. We followed with Collard Greens and a side of Mac and Cheese. Again, ample orders. First bite of the Collards and my companion declared: "That's the way I remember them as a child." They were darn good! The Mac and Cheese was too. Never got to the main courses. We will be back...

Southern Table Kitchen & Bar, 39 Marble Ave., Pleasantville, the newest of the pack offers a big dose of Southern hospitality along with such house specialties as: Cheddar Biscuits, Grit Bowls, Cajun-style Seafood Boils, and Chicken and Waffles. Seasonal Patio Dining. Open daily. Phone: 914-618-3355. [www.southern-table.com](http://www.southern-table.com).

## "Off the Smoker" at Krave, New Rochelle

It's on the menu Thursday through Sunday at Krave Restaurant: house smoked meats and BBQ served with fried dumplings and pickled cucumbers, including Beef Brisket,

Baby Back Pork Ribs, Jerk Sausage and delicious Pork Belly Sticky Buns. A vibrant Chyrisse Crisp and Chef Chrissy have brought Westchester an exciting new Caribbean/American Southern restaurant loaded with colorful, comforting dishes from the islands. There is a long sparkling bar/lounge area leading into the dining room, dramatically glass enclosed, part banquet seating. Start with an order of Lamb Meatballs, or Cod Fish Cakes. It is a lovely modern setting for such specialties as: 'Pass The Dutchie', traditional foods served in Dutch pots: Dutch Pot Fried Chicken; Jerk Pork and Jerk Chicken; Stewed Oxtail; Ackee with choice of fish; even Curry Goat on weekends. Whole fish include: Red Snapper, Salmon and Bronzini. If you're in a vegetarian mode, try the Tofu Chop Suey. Open Tuesday through Sunday. Krave, 8 S. Division Street, New Rochelle. Phone: 914-740-7240.

## Nutmeg Does the Farmers Markets

Nutmeg stands can be found all summer long at Farmer's Markets in Bronxville, Scarsdale, Chappaqua and Irvington, according to founder Cindy Bothwell, proprietor and creative force behind Nutmeg. Back in the cool café, there is seating for up to 25, soft background music, exposed brick walls and display cases filled to the brim with the tempting daily larder. Cakes and pastries galore. Love her Key Lime Pie! And those giant stuffed Empanadas baked fresh daily. Cindy calls her way of cooking and baking: "American home-style rustic" and insists on keeping up with the seasons. Delightful beverages include such exclusive artisanal makers as Joe's Coffee out of Brooklyn. Custom Cold Brew coffees, teas and smoothies on-site. Fresh-made soups, salads and sandwiches have been added to Nutmeg's menu and posted daily on the blackboard. Enjoy delectable cheddar scallion scones; caramelized onion and gruyere crostada; and cauliflower, leek and Asiago quiche. Nutmeg Café, 64 Main Street, Tuckahoe. Open daily. Phone: 914-779-1328. [www.thenutmegcafe.com](http://www.thenutmegcafe.com).

## Take in the View at La Piccola Casa, Mamaroneck

Sit in the cozy bar/lounge at La Piccola Casa and take in the view of Harbor Island Park and the boats on the Sound across Boston Post Road. I find it most calming



Giant stuffed empanadas at Nutmeg, Tuckahoe.

throughout the year, but most especially during summer. Linger over a cocktail or enjoy a dish or two from Chef Walter Ricci's Italian/American menu.

Through the years Walter worked many popular kitchens in greater Westchester including the former Umberto's in Rye and Giorgio's in Port Chester which he ran for 10 years. The restaurant is housed in the landmark DeLancey House where author

James Fenimore Cooper lived for a time. Walter is serving his new updated menu featuring many of his well-known specialties: Italian classics with concentration on the finest ingredients. There's flavorful Baked Clams and Rack of Lamb.

Pastas are terrific, especially with seafood. Grab his Soft Shell Crab while they are in season. Walter does his own shopping daily. The restaurant is open 7 days a week for lunch and dinner. Free street parking. Reservations accepted. La Piccola Casa, 410 W. Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck. Phone: 914-777-3766.

## NYC Summer Restaurant Week, July 22 to August 16

For those seeking summer bites in the Big Apple, NYC Restaurant Week will run through August 16. Restaurants throughout the city are offering 2-course luncheons for \$26, and 3-course dinners for \$42. Do check ahead regarding menus, dates and times. One notable entry this year, the only restaurant listed in the Bronx: Artie's Steak & Seafood on City Island will be offering special Restaurant Week luncheon and dinner menus. Some of their best specialties are included: Lamb Sliders with Feta; Crisp Long Island Duckling; Wood Grilled Tuna; Jumbo Pork Chop and Baked Atlantic Cod. Artie's, 394 City Island Ave., City Island, Bronx. Phone: 718-885-9885; [www.artiescityisland.com](http://www.artiescityisland.com). It is a wonderful restaurant and close



Pork Belly sticky buns at Krave, New Rochelle.



Southern Table, Pleasantville.

to home. Check ahead for more details. For more info about NYC Restaurant Week: [www.nycgo.com/restaurantweek](http://www.nycgo.com/restaurantweek).

## Lola's Mexican Kitchen and Brother Jimmy's BBQ Close in White Plains

Walking down E. Post Road, White Plains, one day, I noticed a big rental truck being loaded with furnishings from Lola's Mexican Kitchen. I asked one of the men if Lola's was closing, and he nodded his head and said yes. Meanwhile, just next door, Jimmy's BBQ was dark, too. It was mid-afternoon and they certainly should have been open. Chairs were piled on top of the tables inside. I know that the restaurants are connected in more ways than one. They are run by a large multi-unit management company. There are actually connecting basements underneath the street. They also operated the short-lived Mulberry Street a few years back, where now sits Z Prime. Something is going on here, but hard to decipher at this writing.

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## New York Local Governments Sue IRS

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IRS/Treasury Department issuing their regulations, 70 active programs across 24 states already encouraged charitable contributions to various public and private programs with tax credits at the state or local level – all of which will now be denied a full charitable contribution at the

federal level.

The complaint also takes aim at the complex and confusing distinctions made by the regulations in order to create carve outs and "safe harbors" for various corporate entities who also benefit from federal deductions for charitable giving

and business expenses encouraged at the state level with tax credits – distinctions which "result in divergent consequences for substantively identical circumstances without any statutory authority, let alone a reasoned explanation, for doing so, the suit claims."

The local governments that comprise 3CD had previously stated their belief that the regulations are arbitrary and capricious, and therefore invalid. Under the Administrative Procedure Act, they now ask that the regulations be found unlawful and be set aside.



# Happenings

The Examiner is happy to help spread the word about your community event. Please submit your information at least three weeks prior to your event to [pcasey@theexaminernews.com](mailto:pcasey@theexaminernews.com). For a full listing of the upcoming week's events, visit [www.theexaminernews.com](http://www.theexaminernews.com) and click on **Happenings**.

## Tuesday, July 23

**Rock Out with Spencer.** Music dance and fun for toddlers age 2 to 5. 11 to 11:45 a.m. Galaxy Hall, White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

**Talkie Tuesdays.** Come and watch movie trilogies. Three great movie trilogies in July. For teens. 2 to 4 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

**Smash Mouth Live in Concert.** Multi-platinum, California pop-rockers. Southern rocker Nikki Hill will open the night. Nikki is a vocalist/lyricist/bandleader from New Orleans. AllMusic describes her performance as "impassioned... fiery soul and R&B with some rock and roll swagger thrown in for good measure." Gates will open at 6 p.m. and the event will run from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. with live performances all evening long. The event will be held rain or shine. Modelo, 26.2 Brew, Ballast Point Grapefruit Sculpin IPA, Captain Lawrence, and Pumphouse Wines will be on tap during this happy hour in the street. Purchase of \$10 wristbands are required for ages 21+ to drink alcohol outside.

**Neighborhood Nights.** Music with ZEV, 7 p.m., Druss Park, South Lexington Ave., White Plains.

## Wednesday, July 24

**Farmers' Market.** Downtown Farmers' Market on Court Street in White Plains. Hours of operation each Wednesday are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Lunchtime Meditation.** A weekly meditation program. Brief beginning instruction will be followed by meditation. No experience or special equipment needed. A guest instructor will lead the program the first Wednesday of each month; 12:15 to 1 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

**Tech Wednesday for Adults.** Video Editing 101. Participants will learn how to manipulate video files and have the chance to create their own clip. 12 to 1 p.m. at White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

**Neighborhood Nights.** Music with ZEV, 7 p.m., at Turnure Park, South Lake St., White Plains.

**Wayback Wednesdays.** Earth Wind and Fire tribute. 7 p.m. Court Street, White Plains.

**Dancing at Dusk.** Take a

journey of music and movement to Argentina! Explore the century-old history of tango, led by Grammy-winning Argentine bandoneon virtuoso Héctor Del Curto, with a performance by his trio, special guest 11-year-old clarinet whiz Santiago Del Curto and Argentine tango dancers. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 5 p.m. Adults: \$16. Children: \$8. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit [www.caramoor.org](http://www.caramoor.org).

**Men's Night Out:** Living With Loss. Open to men who have lost a spouse or partner to breast, ovarian and gynecological cancers. A casual night out enjoying good food while in the company of others who understand how you feel. Travelers Rest, Route 100, Ossining. 7 to 9 p.m. Free. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

**"Honeyland."** The last in a long line of Macedonian wild beekeepers, Hatidze Muratova ekes out a living, working gently without netting or gloves and always leaving half the honey for the bees. But when a new family moves in with roaring engines, seven rowdy children, 150 cows and a profit-minded approach, her life and the bees' future are suddenly on the line. This sumptuous, intimate film is a glimpse of a disappearing way of life and a tender portrait of the delicate balance between humankind and nature. Winner of the World Cinema Grand Jury Prize at Sundance. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7:15 p.m. Members: \$12. Non-members: \$17. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

## Thursday, July 25

**Noonday Concert.** Free concert at Renaissance Plaza, White Plains, featuring Jazzmyn.

**National Theatre Live's "The Lehman Trilogy."** From a cold morning in 1844 when an ambitious young man from Bavaria sets foot on a New York dock to a time 163 years later when the firm he co-founded spectacularly collapses, this critically acclaimed and five-time Olivier Award-nominated play tracks the rise and fall of Lehman Brothers. Written by Stefano Massini, it is directed artfully by Academy Award-winner Sam Mendes. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 2 p.m. Members: \$25. Non-members: \$35. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

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**Neighborhood Nights.** Music with ZEV, 7 p.m., Space Jam Movie at 8:15 p.m. Gardella Park, Ferris Ave., White Plains.

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**Family Film Frenzy:** Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse (PG), 7 to 10:30 p.m., Saxon Woods Pool, 1800 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains; (914) 995-4480. Admission \$5 per person; free for children ages 4 and under.

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**Summer Jazz.** Rhythm Collective, 6:30 p.m. at William L. Carter Pavilion at Yosemite Park, 32 Manhattan Ave., Greenburgh. Food will be available for purchase.

**"Much Ado About Nothing."** LawnChair Theatre, Westchester's only traveling Shakespeare company, is back for its 14th season with another classic from The Bard. In partnership with the Rye Arts Center, this comedy is directed by Rachel Schulte. Bring a picnic and your favorite lawn chair or blanket. Rain venue information will be posted on the company's website. Crawford Park, Rye Brook; July 26 Rye Town Park, Rye; 6:30 p.m. Suggestion donation: Adults--\$20. Seniors and students--\$10. Info: Visit [www.lawnchairtheatre.org](http://www.lawnchairtheatre.org).

**Block Party: Mark Morganelli & The Jazz All-Stars.** A Brazilian jazz group performs for the third of seven Katonah Museum of Art concerts. Includes complementary soft drinks, craft beer, wine and specialty cocktails along with light refreshments. Rain or shine. Katonah Museum of Art, 134 Jay St., Katonah. 6 to 8 p.m. Members: \$20. Non-members: \$25. Children (under 18): Free. Info and tickets: Visit [www.katonahmuseum.org](http://www.katonahmuseum.org).

## Friday, July 26

**Lerner and Loewe's Brigadoon.** From Little Radical Theatrics (Fatima Viegas, Executive Producer). "Brigadoon" will take place Friday July 26 at 7 p.m., Saturday July 27 at 2 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday July 28 at 2

p.m. at the Joan R Pincus Theater in the Grinton Will Library, 1500 Central Park Ave., Yonkers. Tickets in advance: \$20 Kids/Students/Seniors; \$25 Regular Admission; Tickets at the door: \$23 Kids/Students/Seniors; \$28 Regular Admission; There is a Group Rate of \$16 per person for a group of ten (10) or more to one performance. To purchase tickets visit [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4255949](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4255949) or call 1-800-838-3006. Seating is assigned not general admission.

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

**Voyage Concert.** Journey tribute band. 7:30 p.m. Free with admission to park. Parking fees apply. Playland Park, Playland Parkway, Rye: 914-813-7000; [Playlandpark.org](http://Playlandpark.org).

**Daniil Trifilov in Concert.** This Russian piano phenomenon returns with a solo recital of Beethoven, Schumann and Prokofiev, following up on his rapturously received Caramoor performance of 2017. Since then, besides receiving raves from every corner of the globe, Trifilov has won Gramophone's 2016 Artist of the Year award and added two albums to his discography: "Transcendental," a double album of Liszt's works that won the Grammy Award for Best Instrumental Solo Album in 2018, and this season's "Destination Rachmaninov: Departure." Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 8 p.m. Adults: \$30 to \$103. Children: \$15 to \$103. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit [www.caramoor.org](http://www.caramoor.org).

## Saturday, July 27

**Farmers' Market.** Downtown Farmers' Market on Court Street in White Plains. Saturday opening day with music and special events. Hours of operation each Saturday are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Figurative Painting Class.** A figurative art class with Adam Handler, whose exhibit, "Between Nightmares and Fairy Tales: Works on Paper From 2014-2019" is currently at the Madelyn Jordon Fine Art gallery in Scarsdale Open to ages seven and up. Materials

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**Meet NASA Solar System Ambassador David High.** Westchester astronomer David High, who was inspired by writers Arthur C. Clarke and Isaac Asimov as a child, will deliver a presentation on the workings of the universe. For all ages. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkiscoliberal.org](http://www.mountkiscoliberal.org).

**International Orange:** Jazz Fusion. The band describes themselves as "guitar driven musical sunshine dancing to a global beat." New York City veteran musicians Todd Isler (drums) and David Phelps (guitar) started the band, which also now includes Leo Traversa (bass) and Adam Morrison (keyboards). Their original music marries the slide guitar of the American South to the sensibilities of India, Africa and Brazil. 8 p.m. The Schoolhouse Theater, 3 Owens Rd., North Salem. Tickets: <https://www.schoolhousetheater.org/>.

## Sunday, July 28

**Dragonfly Walk.** Learn all about the dragonflies at Muscott Farm from Bedford Audubon naturalist Tait Johansson. 10 to 11 a.m.; Muscott Farm, Route 100, Somers; 914-864-7282.

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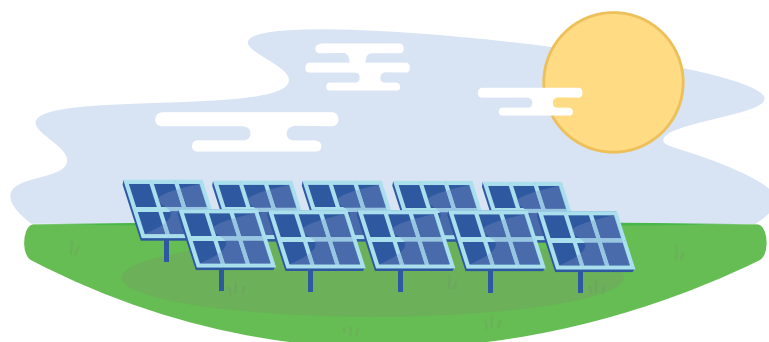
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# The Ultimate Celebrity Wine Resurrected From the Italian Renaissance



By Nick Antonaccio

Celebrity wines have become highly popular in recent years.

A phenomenon of the last quarter century of winemaking in the United States has been the advent and increasing popularity of wines endorsed by, or oftentimes owned and produced by, artists from all segments of the entertainment industry, not to mention the lesser-known Silicon Valley entrepreneurs and titans of the finance industry.

Many wines with celebrity labels on bottles are vanity wines, an expression of wealth and ego satiating. But others are true labors of love and, with significant investments, are highly acclaimed.

The current desire of wealthy Americans to create a unique expression of their vinous preferences has its roots in Western Europe.

For centuries, dating back to the ancient Roman and Greek eras, wine has been considered an integral part of one's lifestyle. Royalty and the wealthy owned their own vineyards, producing wines that paired well with their sophisticated and luxurious dinner menus. Middle class families sought out local wine merchants to satisfy their desire for wines.

Many farmers and sharecroppers at the bottom rung of the social ladder tended their own backyard patches, typically harvesting

just enough to sustain themselves from crop to crop. European artists of the Renaissance era were sometimes paid for their efforts by goods rather than cash. Wine was an acceptable, and at times, favored form of payment.

My affinity for 15th and 16th century Italian artists, from Leonardo da Vinci to Michelangelo, Raphael, Botticelli and Caravaggio, led me to the theme for this week's column. I was aware that several Renaissance celebrities owned their own vineyards, producing wines that matched their personal palate and preferences.

I recently came upon an archeological discovery that elevated my admiration for one of my favorite cultural masters. In 2015, in a patch of land in Milan, researchers from the Museo Vigna di Leonardo identified the remnants of a vineyard belonging to da Vinci. Apparently, the master artist, inventor and scientist, who gave meaning to the modern-day term Renaissance man, also dabbled in oenology.

Through DNA techniques, the organization identified the wine produced by da Vinci and restored the vineyard to its original footprint and viniculture. The first harvest of 330 bottles will be auctioned this September, in conjunction with the 500th

anniversary of the master's death.

The vineyard had been thought to be lost to the ravages and vagaries of centuries of urban development and war. Once again, modern science has intervened in history to allow us a glimpse into da Vinci's life and lifestyle.

First, the backdrop. After completing a commission in the dining room of a Dominican convent in Milan for the Duke of Milan, for what was to become one of the most famous and recognized paintings of all time (guess which painting; it has a wine and food theme), the Duke gifted da Vinci a 2.5-acre vineyard near the convent. Leonardo immersed himself in the science and practices of vineyard management and wine making, referring to wine as "the divine liquor of grapes."

Unfortunately, the very next year he lost the vineyard and departed Milan when the French invaded and conquered the city-state. But da Vinci's many accomplishments were well known and the French king invited him to return to Milan and his vineyard. The vineyard was sustained long after da Vinci's death, but was destroyed by Allied bombings in World War II.

Fast forward to 2015. Based on advanced DNA techniques, scientists were able to test

samples of the rootstock of the destroyed vineyard. They determined that the original vineyard produced a wine similar to the modern-day white wine Malvasia. The vineyard was restored in 2015 as it was originally planted, yielding its first crop in 2018.

I'll keep you informed on the details as the wine auction gets closer. What a thrill it would be to enjoy a celebrity wine that meticulously replicates the unique expression of da Vinci's vinous preferences.

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 25 years he has conducted wine tastings and lectures. Nick is a member of the Wine Media Guild of wine writers. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com or on Twitter @sharingwine.



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## Happenings

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Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: Free. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

**Irish-American Heritage Festival.** Music, entertainment, crafts and food vendors. Ridge Road Park, 287 Ridge Rd., Hartsdale. 1 to 5:30 p.m. \$5. Children (14 and under): Free. Info: 914-864-PARK or visit [parks.westchestergov.com](http://parks.westchestergov.com).

**Orchestra of St. Luke's.** The summer season comes to a close with the Orchestra of St. Luke's, led by its Principal Conductor Bernard Labadie and violinist Christian Tetzlaff. The program includes one of the most popular violin concertos



in the repertoire, Mendelssohn's E Minor, alongside his "Hebrides" concert overture and Beethoven's First Symphony. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 4 p.m. Adults: \$30 to \$91. Children: \$15 to \$91. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or [www.caramoor.org](http://www.caramoor.org).

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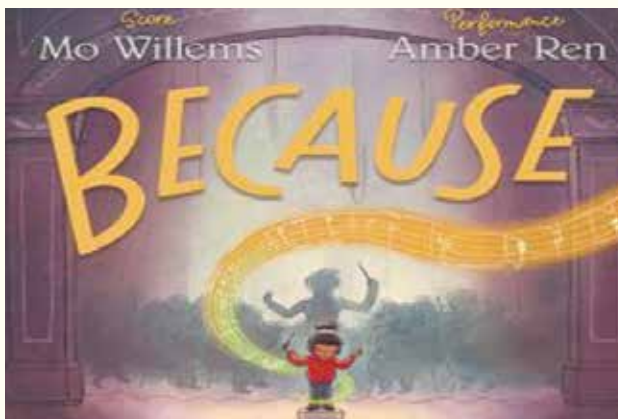
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The StoryWalk, a partnership between the City of White Plains Recreation and Parks Department and the White Plains Public Library, combines a children's story with a popular walking route. The StoryWalk is a great way to inspire parents, teachers, and care givers to take young children on a short stroll and



introduce them to a new book at the same time.

This month's StoryWalk will run through Friday Aug. 23.

The Bryant-Mamaroneck Park is located on the corner of Bryant and Mamaroneck Avenues. The park entrance is on the Mamaroneck Avenue side. Parking is available in the City of White Plains Mamaroneck Avenue parking lot (lower level).

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PRESENTED BY THE HUDSON VALLEY GATEWAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Celebrating the  
**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
WOODSTOCK**

**Cosmic American Derelicts**

4:00pm - 5:00pm

**Lisa Polizzi's Janis Joplin Experience**

5:15pm - 6:15pm

**StoneFlower Band - A Tribute to Santana**

6:40pm - 7:40pm

**Kiss the Sky - World's Greatest Tribute to Jimi Hendrix**

8:00pm - 9:30pm

**Fireworks Finale**

9:30pm

**WINE ✨ BEER ✨ FOOD ✨ FAMILY FUN ✨ FIREWORKS**

**08.03.2019**

1PM TO 10PM PEEKSKILL RIVERFRONT

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