



## New City Court Judge Appointed in White Plains

By Neal Rentz

The White Plains Common Council voted unanimously on March 2 to appoint Lynette Spaulding as city court judge.

Spaulding's 10-year term will begin on March 19.

"She has decades of experience with the Legal Aid Society," Council President Nadine Hunt-Robinson said last week as she put forth Spaulding's nomination. Spaulding is also active in the community, including formerly serving as president of the Black Bar Association in Westchester County, Hunt-Robinson said.

The judge's seat has been vacant since

Sept. 2019, Mayor Tom Roach noted last week. A judicial review board worked to recommend a candidate for the judge position, he said.

Since there were no other nominations for the judge position, the Common Council voted unanimously to appoint Spaulding to the Position.

A ceremonial swearing for Spaulding will be held at the April 6 Common Council meeting.

### Paper Bag Fee

The Common Council also voted unanimously last week to charge five cents for paper bags provided by stores.

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## WPHS Sophomore Wins State Poetry Championship



White Plains High School sophomore Zaida Polanco was named New York State Champion in the Finals of the Poetry Out Loud contest held on March 7th. Competing against 20 other Regional Champions in the State, Zaida is the first White Plains High School student to be named State Champion. She will now move on to compete in the National Tournament in Washington, D.C. in April with 50 other state champions.

## State Has the Most Coronavirus Cases in U.S.; New Rochelle a Hotspot

By Martin Wilbur

The number of cases of the coronavirus in New York State reached 142 cases on Monday, with Westchester accounting for 98 of those, Gov. Andrew Cuomo revealed in his daily briefing.

The statewide number is the most of any state in the nation, one more than Washington State. However, New York has had no fatalities and only eight people have been hospitalized. The remainder of the individuals are or have been quarantined at home, Cuomo said.

Elsewhere in the state, as of Monday, there are 19 cases in New York City, 17 in Nassau County, four in Rockland, two in Saratoga County and one each in Ulster and Suffolk counties, he said.

Virtually all of the Westchester cases can be traced to the 50-year-old New Rochelle

attorney who was the first positive case of the coronavirus, COVID-19, in New York State last Tuesday. There were a few large gatherings late last month at Temple Young Israel of New Rochelle, which has been linked to the spread.

In White Plains, Maple Medical reported that two physicians and one nurse practitioner tested positive for the COVID-19 virus after one of the Group's physicians had social contact with the New Rochelle attorney. According to a message on the Maple Medical website, the physicians are reaching out to all their patients who were potentially exposed to the virus. The message also advises that any Maple Medical patients who did not receive a call are not considered to be at high risk for exposure from these providers. Further, the Maple Medical office at 30 Davis Ave., White Plains has been closed. The offices

at 170 Maple Ave. have been cleaned and disinfected and are fully operational.

Similarly, Sunday evening, a Westmed provider who practices at the office located at 210 Westchester Avenue White Plains tested positive for COVID-19. A message from Westmed said, "It is likely that this provider's exposure is tied to the original case which occurred in New Rochelle. We have been in very close contact with the Department of Health, and they have indicated no additional testing or self-quarantine is needed for any providers, staff, or patients who had contact with this provider." This is because the provider in question has been self-quarantined since first notification of possible exposure was received, and before he became symptomatic.

"Westchester is our problem as you see from the numbers," Cuomo said. "That

is a relatively small community in New Rochelle; 98 cases (is) more than the City of New York and that makes the point about gatherings."

Cuomo, who declared a state of emergency on Saturday, said that one of the goals for officials is to avoid large-density gatherings, particularly in the areas where the virus has been prevalent and for vulnerable populations – the elderly or those with compromised immune systems or other underlying health issues.

State Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker said on direction from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), state officials will press the New Rochelle public school system to close. All of the private and religious schools in that community have been shuttered.

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“You need to look at this as a community and there are other public schools in that community,” Zucker said. “We’ll be meeting with them to keep all the schools closed.”

Cuomo said the state Department of Health and the state Department of Education were expected to craft a joint letter Monday afternoon stating that if a public school student tests positive that school will be closed for 24 hours to assess the facts and circumstances and to determine the steps forward.

Regarding the religious schools that have closed, Cuomo said “we could be talking

about weeks” before they are reopened.

Late last week the Mount Vernon and Hastings school districts closed. The Somers School District announced over the weekend that it would be closed at least through Tuesday because of a positive in that community. On Sunday, Scarsdale school officials announced the district would be closed on Monday, then extended the closure for 10 days after a faculty member tested positive for the coronavirus. White Plains schools remain open with no reported cases at this time. Dr. Joseph Ricca, School Superintendent, issued guidelines to

WPCSD staff from the state Department of Health outlining protocols.

Despite the rising number of positive test results, Cuomo said that unless a resident is part of a vulnerable population, people should remain calm and remain at home if they don’t feel well.

“Most people (who) get the virus, get sick, you stay home,” he said. “Most people have mild symptoms. Most people don’t get hospitalized. The dangerous aspect, again, is people in that vulnerable population.”

This was restated during a Westchester Government Facebook press conference

Monday afternoon during which County Executive George Latimer and County Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD, asked residents to be sensible, advising the most vulnerable to stay away from large high-density gatherings.

Cuomo asked that employers, to whatever extent possible, should allow people to take time off from work if they are not feeling well. The legislature plans to propose a paid sick leave bill to encourage people to work or stay at home.

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Roach had said previously that paper bags have a bigger carbon footprint than plastic bags and the goal of the legislation is to have shoppers use reusable bags.

Hunt-Robinson recalled last week that at the Council’s February work session the fee “could serve as a tax on the poor and the middle class.” However, Hunt-Robinson said she supported the legislation because 40 percent of the fees collected will be used to buy reusable bags for low and fixed income residents.

## LED Lights

Also at last week’s meeting, the Common Council voted unanimously to place LED lighting fixtures at several city owned properties.

The seven-year lease with Brightcore Energy LLC/Graybar Electric Company is expected to save the city save \$614,000 over



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10 years. The new fixtures are expected by the city to last between 10 and 15 years as opposed to two years for regular light fixtures.

The LED fixtures will be installed at the Delfino Park ballfields, the sanitation department garage, the city vehicle maintenance facility, the Ebersole Ice Rink and fire stations one, two, three, four, six and seven.

Brightcore Energy will replace the lights and the city will pay the bill through savings from the program. There will be no initial cash outlay by the city.

“It’s going to save us a lot of money,” Councilman Justin Brasch said, “It’s another example of our city leading on the environment.”

Roach said the LED fixtures will produce better light and are more reliable than regular lights.



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# White Plains Common Council Receptive to Church Homeless Shelter Proposal

By Neal Rentz

Despite opposition from a resident, members of the White Plains Common Council expressed support for a proposed temporary homeless shelter that would be located at Mount Hope AME Zion Church.

Westchester County is asking the White Plains Common Council for a Government Use Permit that would allow it to house homeless families when it has no more space to do so. The county would enter into a lease with the church.

"We're all very much in favor of this shelter," Councilman John Kirkpatrick said last week.

Mark Weingarten, an attorney representing the Mount Hope AME Zion Church, located at 65 Lake St., told the Common Council last week the county is seeking to lease the second floor of commercial property owned by the church for an emergency overnight overflow homeless shelter for families with children. The site would be used as shelter typically from 5 p.m. to 9 a.m., except when the day temperature is below 32 degrees, he said. There would be five rooms with no more than 16 persons at one time, he said. The shelter is consistent with the mission of the church, he said. "It does not adversely impact the land use in the area," he said.

At last week's meeting, Westchester County Commissioner of Social Services Kevin McGuire said the shelter would be used by people who contact the county at night seeking a place to stay. "This has been going on for years in White Plains," he said. The county did not want to face a situation in



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Westchester County Commissioner of Social Services Kevin McGuire addressed the White Plains Common Council on March 2.

which it ran out of appropriate locations for people who needed shelter, he said.

The county would interview people who would use the proposed shelter at the church on the next day and the county would seek appropriate placement, McGuire said. "It is not the intent to keep them night after night," he said.

"We are seeing the number of families coming to us going up bit by bit," McGuire said.

No more than 16 people would stay at the church and it would be used by families, not single adults, McGuire said.

If the Common Council approves the Government Use Permit the county would seek to enter into a lease with the church, McGuire said.

In the past there have been instances when the shelters in White Plains were at capacity, McGuire said. Had there been overcapacity the county would have needed to house homeless in hotels, he said.

Councilwoman Jennifer Puja thanked Mount Hope for its proposal for the homeless shelter which would be "furthering the mission of the church."

The only resident who spoke during last

week's public hearing, J. Ramiro Salazar, opposed the proposed shelter. Salazar, who said he was neighbor of the church and an accountant in the area, said, "Those children are going to be around" during the day in the neighborhood if the shelter was approved and he does not have a large fence on his property to divide if from the church property, Salazar said. "If they have a fence, be my guest," he said. Another concern is about an increase in garbage in the area if the shelter was approved, he said. "We are very concerned about our neighborhood," he said.

The Common Council voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

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# DEP Rejects Latimer's Appeal to Reopen Kensico Dam Road

By Martin Wilbur

County Executive George Latimer called on the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) last Friday to consider a limited re-opening of Kensico Dam Road, but the agency immediately rejected the idea.

The DEP closed the less than quarter-mile span over the Kensico Dam shortly after the 9/11 terrorist attacks to ensure the security of the dam and protect the water supply to millions of New York City residents. The road was a frequently used shortcut for drivers between Valhalla and North White Plains, particularly volunteer fire department and

ambulance corps personnel from the two communities that frequently provide one another with mutual aid.

Surrounded by several local officials and emergency responders on the Valhalla side of the road, Latimer said he requested that DEP Commissioner Vincent Sapienza allow the county to present a plan to be reviewed that would reopen the road to ease traffic congestion during peak hours while also protecting the health and safety of Westchester and New York City residents.

"We recognize that this road goes across the dam that holds back thousands of gallons of water," Latimer said. "We understand that it is a very important dam to secure for the

health and safety for hundreds of thousands of Westchester residents. But I also know that all across America, roads of strategic importance, roads that connect one side of a place to the other side of a place might also be targets for terrorists, and in some fashion those bridges are secured in a way to allow their use."

However, DEP spokesman Adam Bosch, citing Sapienza's response to Latimer in a letter to the county executive on Mar. 5, said there is no chance the agency will reopen the road.

"New York City will not consider any proposal to allow vehicles on Kensico Dam," Bosch said. "This would present



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

George Latimer, surrounded by local and county officials and several first responders, has asked the New York City DEP to reopen Kensico Dam Road over the dam, but the county's request has been rebuffed by the city.

an untenable risk to the water supply for more than nine million people in New York City and Westchester County, and to public safety for those who live, work and recreate downstream of the dam. The imperative to protect our water supply infrastructure, public safety and public health far outweighs any other consideration."

In Sapienza's letter, which the DEP made available, the commissioner pointed to the \$5 million traffic upgrade project it has undertaken to improve eight intersections in Mount Pleasant and North Castle near the dam. That project is in the midst of being done, Bosch said.

The county's law enforcement would also help devise a plan to help ensure public safety, Latimer said. He said that other potential targets such as the Golden Gate Bridge or the Verrazano Bridge, which pose even greater challenges to keep safe, are kept open. The road should not be open during the evening, he said.

North Castle Councilwoman Barbara DiGiacinto said the town's chief concern has been making sure first responders can reach emergencies as quickly as possible, especially when there is congestion during peak travel times.

"We're very concerned with the fact that this road closure does sometimes impede our first responders," DiGiacinto said. "In addition, the residents of North White Plains as well as business owners really suffer, particularly during morning and evening rush hour. I know that safety is, without a doubt, a prime consideration for all of us."

Mount Pleasant Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi said he understood the fear following 9/11 and the DEP's decision, but it's time to take another look.

"I do agree with the county executive that eliminating certain types of vehicles and hours of operation could be a major benefit," Fulgenzi said.

North White Plains Fire Commissioner Matthew Manfredi said New York City officials have repeatedly cited that the dam is a security threat but local officials haven't been shown proof that it can't be secured with the road opened during certain times of the day.

"I'd like to see those studies that they reviewed, the assessment studies and all the other stuff," Manfredi said. "We never got to see that information that they received 18 years ago."

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# 200 Local Youth Honored for Academic Achievement

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The program presented Alvin Clayton of Alvin Friends with the Business Person of the Year Award; Rev. Dr. Gregory Robeson

Smith, Pastor of Mt. Hope AME Church in White Plains received the Legacy Award; New York State Court of Claims Judge Walter Rivera received the Grant Reynolds Courage Award; Cheryl Brannan, Founder of Sister to Sister International, received the Omega Citizen Award and Mathias E. Moorehead, Sr. was presented with the Omega Man of the Year Award for outstanding Service to Beta Alpha Alpha.

The guest speaker, Derrick Mack, immigrated from Guyana to the United States at the age of nine. His family settled in Queens and he attended August Martin HS and LaGuardia Community College where he majored in Computer Repair and Engineering. In 1990, Derrick was hired

by IBM as a Systems Engineer. During his career at IBM, he held various positions; he was an IT Specialist, IT Architect, and a Manager. IBM also sent him on assignment to India, where Derrick and his family lived

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# Obituaries

## Sr. Theresa Kelley, RDC

Sister Theresa Kelley, RDC, formerly known as Sister Mary Edward, a Sister of the Divine Compassion, died peacefully at St. Cabrini Residence on Feb. 29.

Sister was born Dec. 12, 1925 in Auburn, NY, the daughter of James and Margaret



(Cunnam) Kelley. She attended Holy Family Catholic High School, received her BA from Good Counsel College and an MS in Special Education from the College of New Rochelle. Sister also received certification as a School Administrator and Reading Specialist.

Over her teaching career she taught at Good Counsel Elementary School, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Elmsford, St. Bernard's, White Plains, St. Mary's in Katonah, St. Anthony's in West Harrison, Kennedy Catholic in Somers and the Windward School in White Plains. Sister also worked as a Reading Specialist and was the Director of the St. Tarcisius Center for Religious Education of Children with Special Needs.

Sister Laura Donovan, President of the

Sisters of the Divine Compassion, said, "Despite her small stature, Sr. Teresa was a strong and devoted RDC. Ever thankful for all who responded to her needs, Teresa accepted the limitations of her failing health. All who visited her at Cabrini were struck by her ready smile and interest in the local events of the nursing home. At the same time, she maintained a high interest in all RDC community events and was ever delighted to learn RDC news."

Sister is survived by her Sisters of the Divine Compassion and many cousins and friends. Sr. Theresa was predeceased by her sisters, Nancy and Joan.

Donations in memory of Sr. Theresa can be made to the Sisters of the Divine Compassion, 52 North Broadway, White Plains, New York 10603

## Ronald J. Stytzer

Ronald J. Stytzer, of White Plains, died on Feb. 29.

He was born in Pennsylvania on Sept. 17, 1943.

If you were lucky enough to know Ron, you know he was larger than life. His love for his family, local business and education in the culinary arts showed in all that he did. He always wanted to help others, give his advice and get a great deal.

At the age of nine, his family moved to NYC to seek future opportunities. Ron attended the Food Trades Vocational High School and graduated with honors in 1961. After graduation, Ron worked at numerous prestigious restaurants throughout NYC first starting as apprentice then working his way to Sous Chef, Chef and Executive Chef.

In 1985, Ron became business partners of Razzberry Restaurant in Elmsford. Soon after, the business was rebranded to Antun's of Westchester, a full-service caterer. Ron



became sole owner in 1996 and in 2002, he welcomed his son, Richard, into the business. This was one of his proudest moments as he was able to share his passion and legacy with his son. They continued to provide exceptional catering as well as the famous Antun's Sunday Brunch, until the business closed in 2012.

Ron was an active member of the NYS Restaurant Association (NYSRA), LI Culinary Association, the NY Guild of Chefs, the Vatel Club and the Chef de Cuisine Association of America. He was the NYSRA Chairman of the Board representing the entire NY State in 1996 and 1997, was Chapter President in 1993, 1994 and 1999, was an active long-term Board Member and was honored as the Chapter Restaurateur of the Year in 2000. He was also presented with the Award of Special Recognition for

Dedicated Service in the Food Service Industry in 1997 by the National Restaurant Association and presented the prestigious Raymond Vaudard Medal of Excellence from the Chefs de Cuisine Association for his outstanding contribution as a Chef and Culinarian. Ron's finest award was his Gold Medal at the Culinary Olympics in Frankfurt, Germany in 1980 representing the USA.

For close to 20 years, Ron was a leader in the Business Council of Westchester. His passion for business growth, especially small business, helped fuel the success of the Westchester economy. He served as Vice Chair for Small Business and launched countless initiatives that are still active today. Ron chaired the Business Council's Business Hall of Fame and was integral in designing the plaque that is prominently displayed at the County airport. A passionate defender of Business on the County, State and National level, Ron never missed an opportunity to advocate for good public policy that promoted business and economic opportunity. His passion extended to working with young people and training them in the culinary arts while instilling in them his sense of pride and perfectionism within the service industry.

Ron leaves behind two sons and their wives, Richard and Jennifer of Yorktown Heights and Ronald Jr. and Margaret Ann of Commack and four beautiful and loved grandchildren Brayden, Iyla, Jessalyn and Briella.



## Local Student Places Second in Burke Brian Bee



The 9th annual Brain Bee competition, hosted by Burke Rehabilitation Hospital, was held recently on Burke's campus in White Plains. High school students who aspire to careers as brain surgeons or neuroscience researchers competed at the event. From Burke's and other regional competitions, Brain Bee culminates in an international world championship. The winners of this year's competition are (l to r): 3rd place, Amanda Kang, a junior at Plainview-Old Bethpage HS; 1st place, Bianca Vama, a senior at Bronx High School of Science; and 2nd place, Nitin Seshadri, a junior at Somers HS. Bianca Vama now will next compete in the National Brain Bee to be held at Kent State.

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# WESTCHESTER TRAINS & HOBBIES, WHITE PLAINS

By Neal Rentz

Hobbyists have long patronized Westchester Trains & Hobbies in White Plains and have recently traveled to its new location.

The store moved from the White Plains Mall to the Galleria Mall last spring. "I needed more space. The old mall was terrible to say the least. And we got a pretty good deal here," store manager Jon Sanders of West Harrison said last week.

The store focuses on selling hobby and other collectable items, such as models and model paints and tools, die casts, trains, wooden toys and slot cars, both old and new, Sanders noted. His store offers products from the early 20th Century to today, he said.

"We have toys for all ages. That's one of our real focuses," Sanders said.

Sanders said his clients come "from all over," including from Virginia to Maine and as far west as Ohio. "It's weird because there's two types of hobbyists," he said. "There are people who jump in and out of it and may be serious about it but aren't serious in the way of a collector."

"A builder hobbyist, which is more of what I am, wants to get things so that they can put it together and think about it and create something from it," Sanders said. "The collector hobbyists are the ones who'll go the distance to find something."

Sanders said his store's customers include youth in their teens, though most of his clients are in their 40's or older. "It's pretty



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West Harrison resident Jon Sanders is manager of Westchester Trains & Hobbies, which is located in the Galleria Mall in White Plains.

much a grab bag of everybody," he said.

Sanders said he was a model builder growing up. "I started off doing just basic

cars and things like that," he said. "It evolved into doing tabletop war gaming, figurine work and scenery work."

By the time he was in his teens he was building things for his friends, Sanders recalled. He began working at Westchester Trains & Hobbies when he was 20, originally on a part-time basis, Sanders said. Ten years ago he became manager of the store.

"I made my hobby my job, which is never a good thing," Sanders said. "I don't build for myself anymore. I haven't really done a model for myself in a very long time. But I get to do all the things and be around all the things that I loved doing growing up."

"I'm a collector. I'm a builder. I'm a little bit of everything with the stuff in here and I'm pretty darn good at it, so why leave?" Sanders said.

*Westchester Trains & Hobby is located in the Galleria Mall (one floor below the food court) at 100 Main St. in White Plains. For more information call 914-421-1262, visit <https://www.westchester-trains.com/> or send an e-mail to [trainman1064@gmail.com](mailto:trainman1064@gmail.com).*

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## State Has the Most Coronavirus Cases in U.S.; New Rochelle a Hotspot

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Effective last April, most employees in Westchester County became entitled to earned sick leave, under a law passed by the Board of Legislators in October 2018.

Zucker said people who are prioritized for testing include those who have returned from countries of concern, anyone who has been close to someone who tested positive or anyone in the hospital where there is no other cause for why they may have symptoms.

Cuomo said Monday that he spoke with Vice President Mike Pence who is working with the state to allow for private laboratory testing. After a delay, the states received permission to have state laboratories do testing, but the demand is more than can be handled, he said.

Laboratories such as Northwell Health, can complete 1,000 tests a day with automated testing as opposed to about 80 a day with manual testing, Cuomo said.

"I want to find the positives. We want to put them in isolation so that it's not spreading," the governor said. "The more positive people we find, the better. The more tests we run, the better. The more tests we run, the more positive people we will find, the better. Then we can do the containment."

Those that are not part of the vulnerable populations are unlikely to have serious issues even if they do get the virus, Cuomo said.

"There's a level of fear here that is not connected to the facts," he said. "There's more fear, more anxiety than the facts would justify."

For more information about COVID-19, including precautions, visit <https://health.westchestergov.com/2019-novel-coronavirus> or the state Department of Health at <https://www.health.ny.gov/>

People can also call the state Department of Health COVID-19 Hotline at 888-364-3065 or the Westchester County COVID-19 Information hotline 211.

On Monday evening Westchester County released the following list of postponed events: Westchester Climate Change Youth Summit, March 11; Department of Community Mental Health CODA Youth Summit, March 12; WOW Conversations, March 13; Friends of Marshlands Annual Meeting, March 15; Airport Master Plan Public Open House, March 19.

—Pat Casey contributed reporting to this story.

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# City of White Plains Updates Community Development Guidelines

At its March 2 meeting the White Plains Common Council adopted new guidelines for the Community Development Rehabilitation program. These updated guidelines will help to preserve residential neighborhoods by expanding the types of eligible rehabilitation projects to include cooperative apartments and condominiums, commercial storefronts, and soft cost expenses, such as required engineering and/or architectural drawings. Single and multi-family homes also remain eligible under the new guidelines.

White Plains Mayor Tom Roach said, "The

Community Development Rehabilitation Program, which is funded through a grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, has provided over \$14 million to facilitate the rehabilitation of over 1,700 single family homes and over 3000 multi-family dwelling units. The newly adopted guidelines will further strengthen the City's ability to assist homeowners."

Christopher Gomez, Commissioner of Planning applauded the Council's actions. "All of these grant funds support White Plains community members who may be struggling financially to maintain their

homes and businesses. The Planning Department is pleased to be able to offer assistance with financing, as well as supporting participants through all phases of the rehabilitation process."

Participants must "income-qualify" for assistance. If eligible, funds may be available to assist with roofing, plumbing, heating, siding, or handicapped accessibility. To inquire about participating, contact the White Plains Planning Department at 914-422-1300 or [www.cityofwhiteplains/communitydevelopment](http://www.cityofwhiteplains/communitydevelopment).

## Odell House Restoration to Begin, Donations to Match NYS Grant Sought

The Town of Greenburgh is now the official owner of Odell House Rochambeau Headquarters. The house is located on Ridge Road in Hartsdale. We have worked with members of the community for several years to achieve this goal and are so happy to know that this house, an important part of American history, is on its way to restoration. The House is on the National Register of Historic Places.

The work will begin immediately. An architectural firm has already been chosen to design the structural work that needs to be done first. The work should take about a month to complete. From that design, the contract for the contractors to do the actual stabilization work will go out for bid. We are hopeful that the designated contractor will start work by the beginning of June.

The town received a grant from NY State of \$600,000 in December for the restoration work. Now we need to begin matching that grant with another \$600,000.

The Friends of the Odell, a 501c3 tax-exempt organization is working to secure



Greenburgh's historic Odell House Rochambeau Headquarters.

grants and foundation donations but we need help since the state required the town to raise the additional \$600,000 as a condition to the grant.

Many people are interested in restoring this historic house. If you'd like more

information about the Friends of the Odell visit [www.odellrochambeau.org](http://www.odellrochambeau.org). All donations are fully tax deductible.

It's important that future generations understand the important role the house played during the Revolutionary War. We want to tell the story of the Philipseburg Encampment and the French American alliance. It will be a major stop on the Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route, a wonderful museum, a source of pride and a place of learning for all of us.

Mark your calendars for June 14 for Odell House Colonial Day. Sponsored by the Town and organized by the Friends, it will be a family day to learn about Colonial times, to see a militia in action and to meet George Washington and General Rochambeau.

Help us achieve our goal and get involved with the Friends of the Odell. Learn about the important role Greenburgh and Westchester played in winning the Revolutionary War and securing the liberty and freedom we all hold so dear.

—Paul Feiner, Greenburgh Town Supervisor

## State Medicaid Funding Threatens Over 60,000 Westchester Children

With New York facing its largest budget deficit in a decade in its 2020-21 state budget, the Westchester Children's Association stands alongside child advocacy organizations, service providers and local decision-makers in voicing its deep concern for the welfare of more than 7 million children and adults across the state who rely on Medicaid to access critical mental, behavioral and physical healthcare services and supports.

Medicaid connects Westchester's low-income children and children with disabilities to health resources instrumental to their mental and physical development, social and emotional growth and wellness and success in school and life.

Rising Medicaid costs have been identified as a central reason for the budget deficit, but

the proposed solution of shifting costs onto local government is not practical or healthy for Westchester's 60,611 children covered by Medicaid, because local governments do not have the resources to appropriately or adequately fund Medicaid, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Although mental health is the top health concern in Westchester – and was identified by residents as having the most positive impact on their health – access to mental healthcare in particular is overwhelmingly limited in communities across New York State, as reported by the 2018 Westchester County Transition Report from the Health Transitions Committee. Recent cuts in state funding to Children's Health Homes, a program for physical and behavioral care management, and child and family treatment

service rates make this an even worse time to limit state Medicaid funding.

Without Medicaid funding to provide significant and universal access to key mental health services, New York will see an even more dramatic increase in unmet mental healthcare need among vulnerable children and families.

Cost shifts, cuts and failures to fund Medicaid would deprive millions of New York children and families of indispensable health resources that support their welfare and uplift their communities. We urge New York State to do right by our children and families and maintain its share of Medicaid costs.

—Westchester Children's Association,  
White Plains

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# Infectious Disease Expert Warns Against Panicking Over Coronavirus

By Abby Luby

The medical director of the Infectious Disease Clinic at Westchester Medical Center said there has been unwarranted overreaction to the threat posed by the coronavirus.

Dr. Harish Moorjani, who has worked in the field of infectious diseases for 26 years, spoke to about 25 people at a special program at New Castle Town Hall last Saturday afternoon. He reassured the audience that the extent of the outbreak of the coronavirus, called COVID-19, in China would never happen in the United States. As of Sunday, there were more than 105,000 cases reported worldwide resulting in 3,584 deaths.

Using charts, graphs and images from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Moorjani spoke about everyday illnesses caused by coronaviruses.

"I don't see any potential for this to become a big problem in the United States," said Moorjani. "We see coronaviruses causing colds on a daily basis." He cited other deadly coronaviruses with deadlier outcomes, including the SARS outbreak in 2002, infecting 8,000 with a nearly 10 percent mortality rate. The 2012 outbreak of MERS saw a mortality rate of 34 percent from 2,499 cases.

"There is a huge spectrum of the disease that is asymptomatic and people have recovered," Moorjani said. "I predict that the mortality rate for COVID-19 will drop to



Dr. Harish Moorjani, medical director of the Infectious Disease Clinic at Westchester Medical Center, spoke to local residents about the novel coronavirus, COVID-19.

1.2 percent. I fully expect that this will be nothing."

Putting COVID-19 into perspective, about 16,000 people have died from the flu and 280,000 people have been hospitalized during the 2019-20 flu season. Moorjani said since dealing with SARS and MERS, the U.S. healthcare system has systems in place to address COVID-19.

"There are thousands of airborne isolation rooms in the country and in this county," he said. "Everyone who is sick and seeks healthcare will be diagnosed. This epidemic

will come to an end very soon. People are panicking for nothing."

Moorjani said much of the distrust stems from China's poor communication and lack of transparency, which has fueled worldwide panic. The Chinese government has claimed that there have only been about 42,000 cases and just over 1,000 deaths. The actual numbers are just over 80,000 cases and 3,099 deaths, as of Sunday.

"Not only did China report the spread of the virus late, but they didn't contain the virus and millions of people traveled in and out of China, spreading the virus," Moorjani said. "China has no credibility and it resulted in panic. Then the media comes in and starts hyping it up like there's no tomorrow, telling people we're all going to die. It's crazy. It's not going to happen. The panic is unjustified."

What differs with COVID-19, Moorjani said, is that it apparently emerged from animals and that it has developed an affinity for the receptors in the throat and lungs in humans. He acknowledged that if the virus gets into the lung, that's when people get pneumonia, which can have severe consequences.

Moorjani pointed out there have been less than 100 new cases of COVID-19 reported in China in recent weeks, proving the epidemic

has leveled off. "Millions of others that were exposed to the virus in Wuhan didn't get sick because they were healthy and developed an immune response that fought the virus off," he said.

Moorjani predicted that the number of people who will contract COVID-19 would be a fraction of the population in the United States.

"The worst-case scenario is you're not going to see anything more than half a million people infected in this country. There is no common source (as there was in Wuhan) for the epidemic and it's not going to occur."

The most vulnerable are people whose health is already compromised, seniors and especially those with lung disease, cancer, HIV, diabetes or high blood pressure. Moorjani said smokers and those who vape may be also be susceptible.

He recommended the following protective practices:

- Use hand sanitizer multiple times throughout the day; the virus can't survive the alcohol in sanitizer.
  - If you touch a surface that has the virus, it's not going to get into your system unless you touch your face.
  - Stay at least six feet away from people coughing and sneezing who may have the virus, which can be projected via cough or sneeze a maximum of six feet lasting about five to six seconds. Once the virus falls to the ground or onto tables, chairs or on metal, it can stay for a few hours. On surfaces other than metal, the virus can survive for two days.
  - The illness is typically less severe for people who have had a flu shot.
  - If you think you have the virus, call your doctor before going anywhere. Your doctor will call the Department of Health who will arrange for you to get tested.
  - Zinc lozenges and gargling can help unblock the virus from the throat.
- Moorjani said New York State and Westchester County are well prepared. "Within two months we will have all the supplies we need like masks, sanitizers, protective equipment," he said. "In three to six months we will have a drug and within a year or a year and a half, we will have a vaccine. Even if I'm wrong and there is a pandemic in this country, we are well-equipped to handle it."

**Crossword by Myles Mellor**

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islands

35. Compass heading

36. IBM products

37. Electric swimmer

38. "I'm so glad!"

39. Visit

40. Resort with mineral springs

Down

1. Hitches, as a ride

2. Lodge

3. Former Supreme Court lady, Sandra

4. "Blue Sky" Oscar winner

5. Eastern

6. Whale show

7. Green legume

8. Cereal spike

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**Across**

1. However, in verse

4. Vegas or Palmas

7. Liveliness

10. Ad \_\_\_ committee

11. Burning result

12. Put away

13. G.I. entertainers

14. \_\_\_ Falls (honeymoon destination)

16. Whitney or Rushmore (abbr.)

17. Monopoly, e.g.

18. "Welcome" in Italian or new Mohegan lake restaurant

21. Gin flavoring

22. Some nest eggs, abbr.

25. Give a new coat to

29. Red Sox great David Ortiz would eat at this "Big" White Plains restaurant

30. Colombian cheer

31. Father or brother

34. Bouquet on some

9. Educ. group

15. Arrive at an airport

19. Number-two execs

20. Baltimore's birds

23. Out for the night

24. Aussie lass

26. Improvises musically

27. Fast

28. Salon activity

31. Ignition insert

32. Tempest-teapot link

33. Napoleonic marshal

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# Brick by Brick: Building a Patio from Scratch

Long before I became a realtor, I was first and foremost a homeowner, beset with all the challenges of upgrading an old, historic home. Most of the projects I tackled as a young man gave me the gristle for many of the home improvement articles I write here.

One of my first projects was to convert an amorphously shaped gravel patio area in the back of the house, actually our main entrance through a mudroom, into a bona



The brick patio, which the Home Guru built solo.

fide patio of brick.

I lined the driveway with gravel and built up low flowerbeds on either side from stone. The sloping walkway leading to the door was replaced by brick steps bordered by large slabs of bluestone, which ruined the shocks of my car when transporting them in the trunk of my car from a source an hour away.

For those of us who live in regions where temperatures fall below freezing during the winter, a brick patio laid on sand can be an excellent choice for an outdoor living space. The small gaps between the bricks and the grains of sand allow for slight movement when any moisture in the ground expands or contracts with the change in temperature, unlike a more rigid surface, which may crack. In addition, bricks give a warm, natural texture to traditional country landscapes, which was the look we wanted to achieve.

While many people recommend having friends help with the laying of a patio, I opted to go for it alone. In my earlier home-owning days, I found the laying of bricks and stones therapeutic, and in the years to come I would create many steps and walkways wherever I could.



The first step was to cut away the old lawn and dig a level space into the ground, deep enough to hit the soil's clay-like layer. The step I didn't take, but perhaps should have, was to rent a compactor to make this base truly level. Indeed, my patio would always have a mild undulation because of it, but to my eyes this was part of its hand-hewn charm.

Next came my deliveries of gravel (most of which went toward paving the driveway), sand and the required number of bricks for the patio, all of which went into separate mounds behind our garage. I used my big red wheelbarrow to make hundreds of trips between the garage and the patio site, first laying down gravel and then sand.

At this point I leveled and tamped down the surface carefully. Had plastic edging been available to me back then, I would certainly have installed it in a well-camouflaged fashion, but I settled instead for using slate and four-inch by four-inch wood beams to support the brick pattern.

When the bricks were ready to be laid, I opted for a standard running bond pattern where the edges of two bricks meet under the center of the brick above them. Had I

wished, I could have opted for many other varieties of patterns instead, such as herringbone, basketweave or radial designs. With a little ingenuity, a homeowner could even incorporate different sizes or colors of bricks to create a unique design.

As for me, the contrast between the red of the brick and the gray of the slate was intriguing enough, so I chose a simpler pattern to complement those colors. At the end I swept a fine layer of sand in between the bricks and I was done. (Today I would have finished by using a rented compactor a second time.)

For the most part, the patio was perfect. The only flaw in the design is that the patio was on the north side of the house, so we always had to shovel snow away cleanly from one end to the other as the sun would not melt it for us.

It took a summer's worth of work for me to build the patio, but the end result was worth it. We had many years of outdoor dining and relaxation under the shade of a large sugar maple close to the house. When the maple eventually succumbed to disease and had to be cut down, the patio still looked well designed and front door-worthy under the direct light of the sun.

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In the Matter of a Proceeding Under Article 10 of the Family Court Act  
**LIANNA RAMOS** (CIN# EM18967V) Docket No. NN-21557-19 **JOHAN RAMOS** (CIN# ES39924J) and Docket No. NN-21556-19 **JAYLON RAMOS** (CIN# FB62716D), Docket No. NN-21555-19A F/U No.: 125652 A Child(ren) under Eighteen Years of Age Alleged to be Neglected by **JEREMY CRUZ, SUMMONS** (Child Neglect Case)

Respondent.

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Dated: February 26, 2020

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Court



# A Lens on the State of Choice in the American Wine Market



By Nick Antonaccio

the extra investment.

By now most of you can anticipate my response: If you like a particular wine then it's a good wine for your palate, whether it's \$7 by-the-bottle or by-the-box or \$25.

There are relative merits and detriments of enjoying wines at differing price points. Most of my discussions evolve around production methods and marketing campaigns.

Many consumers believe the process for making wine is similar for all bottles. Further, the supposition is that all grapes are gently hand-picked at the epitome of ripeness, carefully sorted for rotten grapes, leaves and insects and then lovingly crushed, fermented, aged and bottled, all under the watchful eye of a master winemaker.

Although this process does occur in many wineries, it is a far cry from the vast quantity of wines sold in the United States. For the most part, winemaking is big business. Over 80 percent of wines produced and sold in the United States come from about 2 percent of the number of producers.

At these mega wine factories, massive quantities of grapes are harvested by industrial-size machines. Rotten grapes,

leaves, twigs and unlucky insects may adulterate the wine juice until they are filtered out. Engineers are responsible for blending grape juices to create consistent wines each year.

Add to this mix the countless virtual wineries in the United States – wineries that have no direct hand in the production of wine. These companies contract with wholesale producers who may have grown the grapes or may have simply purchased the grapes (or juice). The wholesalers then produce the wine and bottle it according to the specifications of the virtual winery.

Of the top 30 brands in the United States, only a handful of wineries are involved from start to finish. Very few grow their own grapes and produce or bottle the wine. This works well to meet consumer demand. Last year American wineries produced more than 800 million gallons of wine (84 percent in California). That's over 1.1 billion bottles, of which nearly 900 million cases were produced by 2 percent (less than 100) of domestic wine companies.

All of this is done in an effort to present consumers with inexpensive wine with a

consistent flavor profile. You know the wines: the mass-produced bargain wines priced at \$5 to \$6 a bottle. You've experienced the wines at restaurants, weddings, charity dinners, pool parties.

Pleasing wines at great prices, what's wrong with that? In an absolute world – nothing. But many smaller producers have leveraged their wines to capitalize on consumer expectations. Across the winemaking world, value wines are being hand-crafted with hands-on expertise. From small producers (5,000 cases or less) in the United States to family-owned wineries in Spain, Portugal, Chile, Argentina, South Africa and even France and Italy, excellent wines are now available for \$8 to \$15.

Most of these wines are head and shoulders above their mass-produced counterparts. They have a soul, a unique flavor profile that is attained from close oversight of growing and production techniques that modern technology provides.

The wine giants can be extremely creative in developing label designs and brand names. A number of wine labels sport artwork of bucolic vineyards and workers

lovingly tending vines. They are perfect images to entice consumers. In fact, mass-producers rarely visit, let alone tend, the massive vineyards from which they grow or purchase grapes. Is this inventive marketing or deceptive advertising?

As occurs frequently with the discerning palate, individual judgments are key in wine-buying decisions. The competition for shelf space and for sales volume can be confusing, even misleading. Discerning consumers seek advice from reputable wine shop merchants to consider their numerous choices regarding price and quality.

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*'There are relative merits and detriments of enjoying wines at differing price points.'*

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AGENCY MAY BE REQUIRED TO FILE A PETITION(S) FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OF THE PARENT(S) AND COMMITMENT OF GUARDIANSHIP AND CUSTODY OF THE CHILD(REN) FOR THE PURPOSES OF ADOPTION, EVEN IF THE PARENT(S) WERE NOT NAMED AS RESPONDENTS IN THE CHILD NEGLECT OR ABUSE PROCEEDING.

A NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT HAS THE RIGHT TO REQUEST TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT CUSTODY OF THE CHILD(REN) AND TO SEEK ENFORCEMENT OF VISITATION RIGHTS WITH THE CHILD(REN).

BY ORDER OF THE FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT(S) WHO RESIDE(S) OR IS FOUND AT [specify address(es)]:

**NIGERIA WILSON (Mother)**  
Homeless Current Whereabouts Unknown

## Legal Notice

A Petition under Article 10 of the Family Court Act having been filed with this Court, and annexed hereto

**YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to appear before this Court at 111 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., 3rd Floor Annex, White Plains, New York 10601, on March 18, 2020, at 11:00 o'clock in the morning afternoon of that day to answer the petition and to be dealt with in accordance with Article 10 of the Family Court Act or any future adjourned date.

Upon your failure to appear as herein directed, a warrant may be issued for your arrest and/or the Court may proceed to Inquest and hear and determine the petition as provided by law.

Dated: January \_\_\_\_, 2020.

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Court



# Happenings

## Tuesday, Mar. 10

**Tuesdays@Dorrry's.** Joan Grangenois-Thomas, Volunteer Executive Director, Sustainable Port Chester Alliance is fighting a battle for the ages; bringing power back to people who have been minimized and marginalized for decades. We'll hear about the Alliance's effort to increase civic participation, and the fight for affordable housing and responsible development in Port Chester. Joan spoke with us recently about Haiti, and returns to us wearing one of her many hats in local community organizations. Weekly table talkers. All are welcome. Food ordering begins at 5:15 p.m. Presentation 6 to 7 p.m. Dorrry's Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains.

**Wonder Women Of Stem Workshop.** To celebrate Women's History Month, each week of this workshop series for grades 4-8 will explore a different field of STEM and learn about historic women who were innovators in their field despite the challenges of their time. This week at 4:30 p.m. Katherine Johnson, One Giant Leap. NASA could not send astronauts into space without math! "Hidden Figures" Mathematician, Katherine Johnson was responsible for ensuring that astronauts reached the moon and returned safely with calculations of trajectories. Participants will be engaged in various aerospace challenges and activities while learning about the early days of the Space Race that lead to the USA going to the moon. Stay after the workshop to watch the film Hidden Figures (PG, 127min) that tells the story of Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughn and Mary Jackson. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

**Women In STEM Film:** Hidden Figures. As the United States raced against Russia to put a man in space, NASA found untapped talent in a group of African-American female mathematicians that served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in U.S. history. Based on the unbelievably true life stories of three of these women, known as "human computers," we follow these women as they quickly rose the ranks of NASA alongside many of history's greatest minds specifically tasked with calculating the momentous launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit, and guaranteeing his safe return. Dorothy Vaughn, Mary Jackson, and Katherine Johnson crossed all gender, race, and professional lines while their brilliance and desire to dream big, beyond anything ever accomplished before by the human race, firmly cemented them in U.S. history as true American heroes; 6 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

## Wednesday, Mar. 11

**Mother Nature's Storytime** (Ages 2 to 4) Year-round, Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Children, along with a parent or caregiver, enjoy days at the Nature Center with nature-themed stories, nature walks, live animals, and/or crafts. Dress for outdoor activity. Except in extreme weather conditions, a portion of each class is spent outdoors. Class size limited to 12. Pre-registration is required; no refunds. To register for Mother Nature's Storytime,

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**Downtown Music at Grace.** Scottish baritone Ivor Klayman has sung most of the major baritone roles in the 19th and 20th Century operatic repertoire, and the title roles in Nabucco, Macbeth, William Tell, The Pilgrim's Progress and Prince Igor. He has appeared as soloist in oratorio and concert works ranging from Bach to Walton and presented song recitals of Mahler, Schubert, Schumann, Vaughan Williams and Wolf. He's joined by pianist Svetlana Gorokhovich for this all English program featuring A Shropshire Lad- settings by George Butterworth of poems by A.E. Houseman, and the strikingly beautiful Sea Pictures of Edward Elgar. A 30-minute concert, 12:10 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church in downtown White Plains. Admission is free, donations accepted. This concert is made possible, in part, with the support of Carmen and Rafa Forte and Linda and Robert Heath.

**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 p.m. For more information, please contact Christiane Deschamps at 914-422-1496 or cdeschamps@whiteplainsny.gov., White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

**Leasing: What to Consider and Negotiate.** Fred Krawchick, founder of B Moss Clothing and SCORE mentor, will discuss the ins and outs of negotiating a workable lease for your business. It will examine the terms included in most leases along with the pros and cons of assigning responsibilities between landlord and tenant, determining the proper rent levels and finding the right location. SCORE Headquarters at White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains. 2 to 4 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Visit [www.westchester.score.org](http://www.westchester.score.org).

## Thursday, Mar. 12

**Realtors and Attorneys Education Seminar.** Statewide Abstract will host this continuing education seminar. The realtor seminar will cover all aspects of the 1031 Exchange while the attorney seminar topic will be "Solving Title Issues." Steven R. Ebert, Esq. will discuss the tax advantages and strategies that can impact transaction costs, acquisitions and sales strategies. He leads the real estate practice at the law firm of Barton LLP, which advises on both corporate and private client matters. Attorney Patricia LaPorta will provide insight to fellow attorneys on "Understanding a Title Report/How to Clear a Title Report" with an emphasis on commercial property. LaPorta is a Vice President and New York State counsel at First American Title Insurance Company. Followed by a happy hour networking session. Westchester Hills Golf Club, 401 Ridgeway, White Plains. Realtor session from 2 to 5 p.m. Attorney session: 3 to 5 p.m. Free. Space limited; advance registration required. Info and registration: 914-683-5900 or e-mail

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Mari Anastos at [MANastos@StatewideA.com](mailto:MANastos@StatewideA.com).

## Friday, Mar. 13

**The Facts Not Fiction Book Group.** Join like-minded patrons for a lively book discussion group featuring non-fiction titles. Led by Mark Tracten, a current resident who grew up in North White Plains and attended the Valhalla School system. Since 4th grade his love of books found him working in school and public libraries through high school and in later life working in publishing. Now retired, he is past-president of two publishing companies, Brunner/Mazel Publishers and the US division of Crown House Publishing, a British based company. 6 p.m., White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

**Women In STEM Film:** Contact (PG13, 1997, 153min) Jodie Foster was nominated for a Golden Globe and won a Saturn Award for her portrayal of Dr. Eleanor Arroway, a visionary scientist who has an unshakable conviction that somewhere in this boundless universe an intelligence yearns to communicate with us here on Earth; 6 p.m., White Plains Library.

## Saturday, Mar. 14

**Fair and Affordable Housing Expo.** Receive answers to your questions about home ownership and information about lenders, realtors and counselors to guide you through the home ownership process; view displays on affordable home ownership and rental opportunities; and tips on how to find affordable rental housing. Westchester County Center, 198 Central Ave., White Plains. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. Info: Contact the Housing Action Council at 914-332-4144 or e-mail [hac@affordablehomes.org](mailto:hac@affordablehomes.org) or Westchester Residential Opportunities at 914-428-4507 ext. 306 or e-mail [mzarfes@wroinc.org](mailto:mzarfes@wroinc.org).

**St. Patrick's Day Parade.** White Plains St. Patrick's Day Parade kicks off at 12 p.m. on Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains.

**The Untold Story:** The Alienation of Black Female Suffragists and Women of Color. An event to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment. Delve into the history of the women's suffrage movement – who was included, who was intentionally excluded and how those inclusions and exclusions shaped the policies of the suffrage movement. The keynote speaker is Dr. Carol Faulkner, professor of history and associate dean for academic affairs at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs Syracuse University. Manhattanville College's Reid Castle, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase. 1 to 4 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-untold-story-of-the-womens-suffrage-movement-tickets-91185222455>.

**Milestones.** A feast for the eyes and ears, Bartok's ingenious creation stands alone in the chamber music literature, an astonishing synthesis of percussion and keyboard. Also featured are two more milestones: Dohanyi's delectable Serenade, the 20th century's first string trio, and Tchaikovsky's String Sextet "Souvenir de Florence." Recital

Hall at Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 5 p.m. \$13.75 to \$62.50. Info and tickets: 914-251-6200 or visit [www.artscenter.org](http://www.artscenter.org).

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## Sunday, Mar. 15

**Feeding Fun.** Join naturalists for a hands-on program and learn about the care that goes into feeding the indoor animals as well as the birds of prey and barnyard. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: Free. Non-members: \$8. Also Mar. 28. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit

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**Kids Open Mic.** Perform solo or bring your band. Refreshments and snacks available for sale. Kids under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Lagond Music School, 9 Haven St., Elmsford. Doors open and sign up begins at 6:15 p.m. Performances from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Performers: Free. Non-performers: \$5. The third Sunday of every month. Info: 914-345-0512 or visit [www.lagondmusic.org](http://www.lagondmusic.org).

## Postponed County Events

Due to concerns surrounding the spread of COVID-19 in Westchester, the following Westchester County events have been postponed out of an abundance of caution, and will be rescheduled in the future.

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# Everyone Is Irish On St. Paddy's Day



By Morris Gut

The leprechauns are coming. St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday, March 17, will be celebrated with all its local color. Throughout Westchester, towns and villages are hanging shamrocks on storefronts and homes giving the Hudson Valley

its sparkling moment in the Emerald Isle. If you want to partake in the traditional foods, spirits and reveling sprinkled with a good dose of blarney, here are suggestions. Be sure to check ahead for special events, and larger groups are advised to make advanced reservations. Erin Go Bragh!

**Dunne's Pub** - 12 Shapham Place, White Plains' 914-421-1451, [www.dunnespubandrestaurant.net](http://www.dunnespubandrestaurant.net). Declan Farrell of Vintage in White Plains took over this spot, added a few touches of his own, and

it still thrives. An authentic Irish pub with good hearty food and a live Irish music session every Wednesday night.

**Rory Dolan's** - 890 McLean Ave., Yonkers, 914-776-2946, [www.rorydolan.com](http://www.rorydolan.com). To many in the greater Westchester Irish community this is the motherload. There will be feasting galore all day and evening. Try to get there off peak, if possible. There is a parking lot.

**Hudson Grille** - 165 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, 914-997-2000, [www.hudsongrillenyc.com](http://www.hudsongrillenyc.com). There is a contemporary vibe in this eatery, which translates into good food and drink. Big networking crowd daily. Tented outdoor seating. And, Lilly's next door.

**Wolf & Warrior Brewing Co.** - 195A E. Post Road, White Plains, 914-368-8617, [www.wolfandwarrior.com](http://www.wolfandwarrior.com). Brewmeister Michael Chiltern brings White Plains its first microbrewery and it's a good one. The daily brews are listed on a big colorful blackboard. A comforting kitchen menu, too. Chiltern promises an authentic Irish home brew to mark the occasion.

**Growlers Beer Bistro** - 25 Main Street Depot, Tuckahoe, 914-793-0608, [www.growlersbeerbistro.com](http://www.growlersbeerbistro.com). You can feel the rattle of the Metro-North railroad as it passes by. A great selection of craft brews available daily. Knowledgeable staff. Good

kitchen, too.

**Diner Brew Co.** - 40 Division Street, New Rochelle, 914-229-3472, [www.dinerbrewco.com](http://www.dinerbrewco.com). Chris Sheldon's new tasting room is a charmer with its retro-diner feel. Distinctive house-made brews and ciders, and free popcorn for the taking. Good conversation, too.

**Trattoria Vivolo** - 301 Halstead Ave., Harrison, 914-835-6199, [www.trattoriavivolo.com](http://www.trattoriavivolo.com). It is a solid Italian restaurant housed in a vintage diner; but come St. Patrick's Day chef/owner Dean Vivolo's Mom, who is Irish, adds her personal touch to the menu.

**The Quarry** - 106 Main Street, Tuckahoe, 914-337-0311, [www.thequarryrestaurantandlounge.com](http://www.thequarryrestaurantandlounge.com). Good tavern fare and friendly networking make this a comforting spot to unwind. The Quarry will be all dressed in green for the day with Irish specialties and spirits.

**McShane's Public House** - 123 N. Main St., Port Chester, 914-937-7800, [www.mcshanesportchester.com](http://www.mcshanesportchester.com). Two former Irish bartenders brought a taste of the Emerald Isle to Port Chester and the crowds have been following. Special mention: Corned Beef Reuben and Lamb Sliders are popular.

**Hudson Valley Restaurant Week March 16 to 29**

Time to start planning. It's being touted as 'the sequel' and it is an appropriate tag for this popular dining out promotion sponsored twice a year by The Valley Table Magazine. The early spring event will include scores of past participants and some new from all over the Hudson Valley even stretching the



Dunne's Corned Beef Reuben with spinach and mashed potatoes.

borders into Fairfield County, Scarsdale, White Plains, Mamaroneck and New Rochelle, with patrons anxious to cash in on the seasonal bounty at reasonable prices. Restaurants are expected to offer 3-course luncheons for \$22.95, and 3-course dinners for \$32.95. Sometimes there are caveats, so be sure to verify the hours and the menus that are being served. Reservations are advised. For additional information and an up-to-date list of participating restaurants go to: [www.valleytable.com/hvrw](http://www.valleytable.com/hvrw).

*Morris Gut is a restaurant marketing consultant and former restaurant trade magazine editor. He has been tracking and writing about the food and dining scene in greater Westchester for 30 years. He may be reached at: 914-235-6591. E-mail: [gutreaactions@optonline.net](mailto:gutreaactions@optonline.net).*



Beer flight at Wolf & Warrior, White Plains.

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### Local Photographer's Exhibit to Open Saturday at Mt. Pleasant Library

Award-winning Westchester-based photographer David Rocco will be showcasing some of his prized photographs at the main branch of the Mount Pleasant Public Library in Pleasantville starting this Saturday, Mar. 14 with an opening reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Light snacks and soft beverages will be available.

Rocco will display a selection from his more than 12,000 photos of the construction of the Gov. Mario M. Cuomo Bridge and demolition of the old Tappan Zee Bridge, including his award-winning photograph of the controlled demolition of the east anchor pier of the original span.

He will also display several photographs that he took of the damage and destruction caused by Superstorm Sandy in October 2012 and of his travels along the Hudson River.

The exhibit, which will be displayed in the community room, will run through Apr. 12. The Mount Pleasant Public Library's main branch is located at 350 Bedford Rd. in Pleasantville.



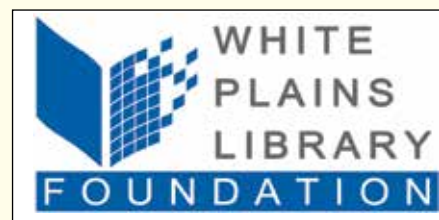
David Rocco

### White Plains Library Foundation March 14th Gala Postponed

In response to guidance that recommends social distancing to minimize the spread of COVID19, the White Plains Library Foundation is postponing its March 14 Gala. The Foundation made this decision out of an abundance of caution and concerns about the evolving circumstances in Westchester County.

Thank you for the incredible outpouring of support for the Foundation's 25th Anniversary. We look forward to celebrating with you (and Erik Larson) at a future event, details to follow. Questions? Please contact Nancy Rubini, WPLF Executive Director, at [nrubini@whiteplainslibrary.org](mailto:nrubini@whiteplainslibrary.org) or 914-422-1495.

We'll also be in touch about getting guests their copies of *The Splendid and the Vile* by Erik Larson.



- Westchester Climate Change Youth Summit, March 11
- Department of Community Mental Health CODA Youth Summit, March 12
- WOW Conversations, March 13
- Friends of Marshlands Annual Meeting, March 15
- Airport Master Plan Public Open House, March 19

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