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Chase Park to Get Memorial Bench

BY STEPHEN E. LIPKEN

At its May 13th meeting, the Scarsdale Village Board of Trustees accepted the gift of a memorial bench in Chase Park from Jonathan Balkin in memory of his wife, Susana Balkin, 42, a Fox Meadow resident and mother of 10-year-old twin boys, Andrew and Ryan.

Susana passed away in April after a four-year battle with blood cancer and complications following a bone marrow transplant. "Her legacy of resilience, strength, leadership and passion continues to light the way," said Deputy Mayor Dara Gruenberg.

Scarsdale Mayor Justin K. Arest acknowledged Mother's Day, "a time to honor the care and strength of the maternal figures in our lives. May is also Mental Health Awareness Month, reminding us to support one another and reduce stigma around mental health.

"And throughout this month, we celebrate Asian-American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, recognizing the many contributions these communities make to Scarsdale and beyond."

Then Mayor Arest read the following Proclamation: "Whereas Food-based Allergies afflict approximately 33 million Americans, nearly 6 million of which are age 18 and under with research showing that the prevalence of these allergies is on the rise among the population.

"Whereas reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly consumes an ingre-



Mayor Justin K. Arest

dient or trace amount of an allergen with most reactions in the United States caused by nine food types — shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat and sesame. Reactions from allergens can trigger signs and symptoms such as digestive problems, hives or swollen airways. In some cases food allergies have severe consequences causing anaphylaxis, a serious life-threatening reaction with rapid onset requiring emergency treatment."

Arest went on to say that allergic reactions have increased 377% in a decade and proclaimed May 11-17, 2025 as Food Allergy Awareness Week.

Mayor Arest pointed out that the authorized NYS Budget eliminates the MTA Payroll Tax for municipalities in Westchester, effective July 1 and will help ease financial burden on local government.

Scarsdale resident Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez expressed concern about the village's safety technology plan which includes license plate reader cameras and drone surveillance. "Systems of this scale have potential impact on privacy and civil liberties," she said. Kirkendall-Rodriguez urged the board to hold a public meeting to give residents an opportunity to provide input into safety technology policy.

Trustee Jeremy A. Gans presented a Resolution for appropriate funding for American Rescue Plan Funded Projects to avoid returning unspent funds back to the U.S. Treasury, "Resolved that the ARPA funds be included in the fiscal year 2024-2025 Amended Budget."



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From Despair to Hope: Conquering Peripheral Neuropathy

“My feet feel like they’re on fire.” “Each step feels like I’m walking through wet paint.” “I can’t sleep because my hands and feet tingle all night.” “I live in constant fear that I’ll fall.”

What do all of these people have in common? They each suffer from Peripheral Neuropathy (PN). It is estimated that more than 20 million people in the United States have PN. Unfortunately, this figure may be significantly higher as the disease is often misdiagnosed due to its wide array of symptoms.

Ginnette Diaz, Licensed Acupuncturist, founder of White Plains Acupuncture, shares the belief that PN is more common than even the worst estimate. “I’ve been treating neuropathy, in all its various forms, for over 15 years, and so often my patients come to me because of the symptoms, not because of a diagnosis. They read one of my news articles, or read the testimonial of another patient, and say to themselves, ‘Hey, I feel the same thing.’”

Frankie M. of Rye testified to this: “I remember my husband driving me to my consultation and I saw a woman running just outside our neighborhood. I was so envious- I

just kept thinking ‘I would give anything just to walk again.’ My primary care doctor told me my troubles with pain and balance were just symptoms of old age and gave me a prescription. I was so depressed.”

Fortunately, Frankie would eventually see Ginnette Diaz on the local news talking about similar symptoms and how she offers a real solution at White Plains Acupuncture. “I just knew I had to see her. She was my last hope.”

“Almost all of our patients come to us with a story similar to Frankie’s. They’ve been everywhere else. They’ve been told there’s no hope. They’ve been told it’s ‘just part of getting older,’” shares Jeinny, a Patient Care Technician at White Plains Acupuncture. “It just breaks my heart, but I know how much we can help people like Frankie, so I’m always so happy when they walk through our door.”

Peripheral neuropathy is a result of damage to the nerves, often caused by (and always compounded by) a lack of blood flow in the hands and feet. This lack of blood flow results in a lack of nutrients, and the nerves begin to degenerate and die. This causes pain and other sensations ranging from

uncomfortable to debilitating. Because neuropathy is a degenerative condition, once those nerves begin to deteriorate they will continue to do so until they are completely expired, leaving those suffering with crippling balance issues. “In this case, the absence of pain is not necessarily a good thing,” shares Ginnette Diaz. “This usually indicates that your nerves are hanging on by a fragile thread.”

Those diagnosed with peripheral neuropathy often face a very grim reality: Western medicine declares that there is no solution, while alternative therapies offer little to no results. Ginnette Diaz and the staff at White Plains Acupuncture have a track record that proves that they are different, and they pride themselves on being “the last resort with the best results.”

So exactly how is Acupuncturist Ginnette Diaz able to reverse the effects of this degenerative disease? Through a unique blend of one of the most time-tested therapies and the most cutting-edge. “Acupuncture has been used to increase blood flow for thousands of years, and it helps get the necessary nutrients to the affected nerves. But the real magic happens when I integrate ATP Resonance BioTherapy®. This is a technology that was originally developed by NASA to expedite healing and recovery.”

“I just can’t say enough about White Plains Acupuncture,” Frankie shares through tears of joy. “My husband and I moved here 3 years ago and he’s gone to the beach almost every day. I always stayed home because of the pain and discomfort. But yesterday, I walked on the beach with him! And next week we’re starting dancing lessons. I am truly living life these days.” “According to Frankie’s test

results, she has seen a 74% improvement in pain and functionality, which is on par with a majority of our patients,” shares Jeinny. “But more important than those test results is the joy she’s expressed in being here, and getting to hear about all the amazing things she’s able to do because she feels great!”

By seamlessly blending the ancient science of acupuncture with modern medical solutions, Ginnette Diaz has achieved a 90% success rate in reversing the effects of neuropathy. She starts each patient with an initial consultation during which a sensory exam is performed. “This not only aids in making a proper diagnosis, but it helps to define just how much nerve damage has occurred,” explains Ginnette Diaz. “This is important because if a patient has suffered more than 95% damage, there is little that I can do to help them. I’m familiar with the medical miracle but I know my limits as a practitioner and the limits of my medicine.”

When it comes to treating Peripheral Neuropathy, regardless of its origin, early detection greatly improves your chances of a full recovery.

If you or someone you love are suffering with chronic pain that presents as burning, tingling or ‘pins and needles,’ or you’ve recently been diagnosed with Peripheral Neuropathy (PN), it’s important to know that there are options.

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Scarsdale Public Safety Technology Update

The Village of Scarsdale is proud to share important steps being taken to further protect our residents and support our dedicated police officers through modern, responsible technology. With public safety as a top priority, and in keeping with our commitment to thoughtful innovation and transparency, the Village has taken formal steps toward adopting expanded public safety tools through a partnership with Flock Safety. These tools include advanced License Plate Reader (LPR) cameras and a Drone as First Responder (DFR) program.

This initiative builds upon the Scarsdale Police Department’s existing use of LPR and live-view camera technologies and, importantly, includes a six-month trial period and is contingent on receiving federal grant funding. The Police Department was proactive in pursuing this funding through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. If no grant is awarded, there will be no financial obligation to proceed. If awarded, the tools will be evaluated carefully for their effectiveness and fit for Scarsdale.

Why These Tools Matter

In today’s world, criminal activity is often mobile, sophisticated, and regional. Most crimes committed in Scarsdale are not crimes of opportunity by locals—they are committed by highly organized individuals or groups who enter our Village specifically to commit thefts, burglaries, or other serious offenses. These are not amateurs; they are equipped with stolen vehicles, false license plates, encrypted communications, and evasion tactics that challenge even the most prepared

departments. To meet this challenge, our officers must be equipped with tools that keep pace with their sophistication.

License Plate Readers instantly detect and alert officers to vehicles associated with stolen property, wanted persons, or ongoing investigations. They also help identify patterns and vehicles that may be casing neighborhoods. DFR drones respond in seconds, providing aerial views that enhance situational awareness—particularly during emergencies such as crimes in progress, missing persons, or natural disasters. Drones equipped with thermal imaging can locate individuals hidden in darkness or dense vegetation far more quickly than officers on foot.

This is not about blanket surveillance. It is about smarter, more targeted responses—allowing SPD to use its time, resources, and personnel as effectively and safely as possible.

What the Program Is—and Is Not

This initiative is not:

A red-light or speed camera system (which are not allowed in Villages and Towns in New York without special legislation)

A tool for issuing traffic tickets or mass surveillance

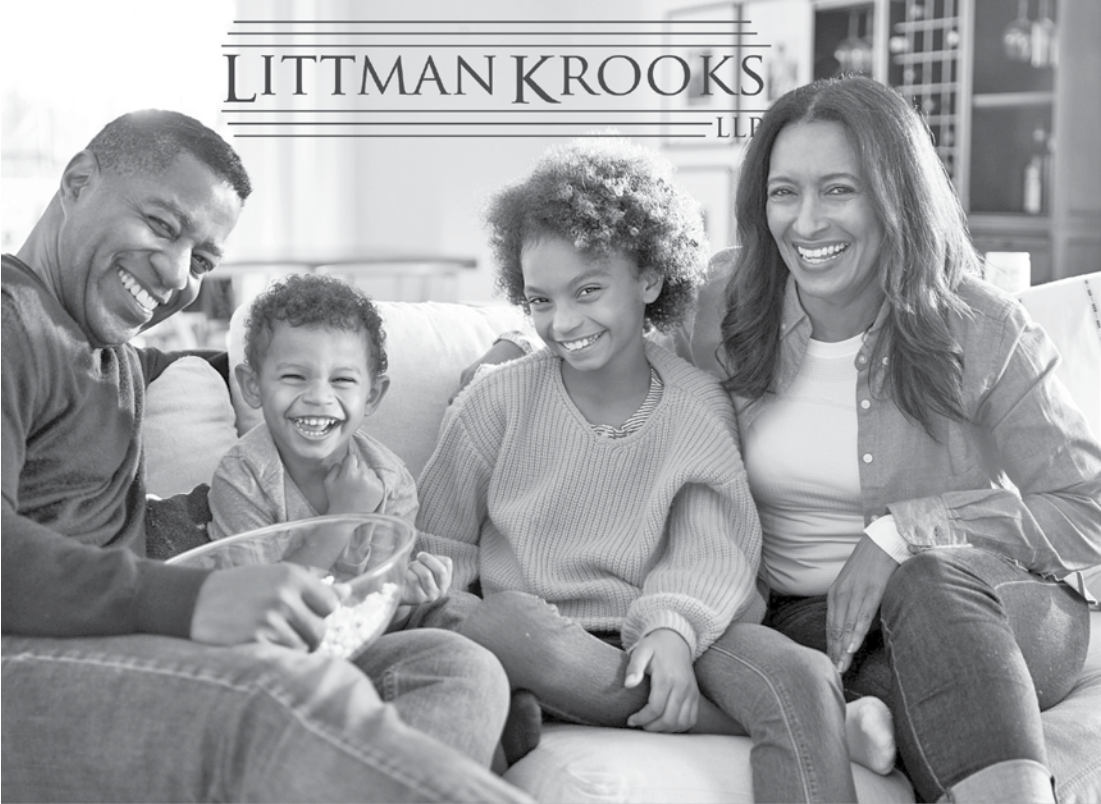
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This initiative is:

A strategic investment in safety

A tool to improve response times and decision-making

A means of protecting both residents and officers



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2025 Westchester County Regional Envirothon Winners

More than 180 students and teachers from schools in Westchester, Putnam and Ulster counties took part in the 2025 Westchester County Regional Envirothon on Friday, April 25 at Croton Point Park in Croton-on-Hudson. Fourteen public and private high schools were represented by 30 teams. Each competed in the prestigious Envirothon, which tested their knowledge of environmental topics including Forestry, Soils and Land Use, Wildlife, Current Issue - Roots and Resiliency: Fostering Stewardship in a Canopy of Change, Aquatic Ecology and an Oral Presentation on the Current Issue.

The winners were Rye Neck, 8R in Forestry, Scarsdale, 6R in Soils and Land Use, Fox Lane, 23R in Wildlife, Lincoln High School, 19R in Current Issue, Rye High School 10R in Aquatic Ecology and Rye Country Day 11R in Oral Presentation. Mount Academy 16L was the overall champion, Rye Neck 8 is the Westchester County winner, Mahopac 17 is the Putnam County winner, and Mount Academy 16 is the Ulster County winner.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: “The students’ passion for environmental issues are inspiring. They presented and discussed a wide range of conservation topics with confidence and skill. Congratulations to overall champion, Mount Academy 16L, and to Rye Neck 8, who will represent Westchester County at the New York State Envirothon, and to everyone who participated.”

Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation Commissioner Kathy O’Connor said: “Croton Point Park’s rich natural diversity and unique ecological features made it a fantastic setting for the Envirothon. With its Hudson River views, wetlands and historical significance, it’s a living classroom for ecological science.”

Westchester County Planning Commissioner Blanca P. Lopez said, “Envirothon is a truly unique educational and competitive program that unites students from various school districts across Westchester and Putnam counties. This collaboration allows them to engage with professionals from Westchester County’s Departments of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, and Planning on a range of important environmental and conservation issues. We are immensely grateful for the continued funding and support from the Soil and Water Conservation District, which has made this event possible once again. Our heartfelt thanks also go to the dedicated volunteers who generously assist students and teachers throughout this enriching day of learning.”

Westchester County Soil and Water Conservation District Chair, Suzanne Nolan said, “We are honored to once again support the Annual Westchester Regional Envirothon. It has been inspiring to see the commitment of each student participant as they further their knowledge of the environment and resource management. Through the hands-on learning and collaboration with working environmental professionals who volunteer at the event, it’s both impressive and encouraging for the future of our county.”

The 2025 Westchester County Regional Envirothon was cosponsored by the Westchester County Soil and Water Conservation District (a subdivision of the Westchester County Planning Department) and Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, with support from Soil and Water Conservation Districts: Rockland and Ulster Counties, Watershed Agricultural Council, Bronxville Rotary Club, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Westchester County, Westchester Land Trust, Westchester Parks Foundation, Save the Sound, New York City Department of Environmental Protection, Westchester County Office of Sustainability, Westchester County Department of Environmental Facilities, and Rye Nature Center.

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Scarsdale Police Blotter

April 30, 2025, 5:38 PM: A 46-year-old Scarsdale resident told police that he secured his E-bike to a bike rack on Spencer Place at 7:33 AM and when he returned at 5:32 PM, the bike was gone.

May 5, 2025, 9:54 AM: Police responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident in front of the Shell Gas Station on Scarsdale Avenue. A check of the operator’s driver’s license revealed it was suspended. Tickets were issued for third-degree Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle and Operating a Motor Vehicle by an Unlicensed Driver.

May 6, 2025, 2:31 PM: While on patrol in the parking lot of the Scarsdale Pool, police observed a 2008 Honda Accord become disabled in front of the pool entrance on Mamaroneck Road. After helping the driver push the car off the roadway, police discovered the driver had several violations. He was issued summonses for Operating a Motor Vehicle with Improper Plates, Driving an Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Driving an Uninspected Motor Vehicle, Operating a Motor Vehicle without Insurance, and Operation of a Motor Vehicle by an Unlicensed Driver. Police towed the car to the Scarsdale Police Department impound lot.

May 9, 2025, 10:53 AM: A woman told police that she purchased tickets for the Knicks playoffs from a person on Facebook that turned out to be fake. She reported that she used Zelle to pay the seller \$600 and is not able to get a refund.

May 10, 2025, 7:05 PM: Police observed an auto with an expired inspection sticker on Heathcote Road, and issued the driver tickets for Operating an Uninspected Motor Vehicle and Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended Registration.

Governor Kathy Hochul Announces \$5 Million Initiative to Identify Innovative Solutions for Wireless Mobile Coverage in New York State

Governor Kathy Hochul announced the launch of the Connectivity Innovation – Mobile Service Request for Applications (RFA) to identify new ways of expanding reliable cell phone service in New York State. The RFA is a key component of the Mobile Service Connectivity Initiative announced by the Governor in her State of the State message, which also includes regional planning and investments in new fiber optic infrastructure to support expanded cellular coverage. ConnectALL, through this RFA, will provide up to a total of \$5 million in state funding to deploy innovative, scalable solutions that can address gaps in wireless cellular coverage. Applications must be submitted by June 17, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. ET through New York State’s Consolidated Funding Application portal. Complete program details and application materials are available at the ConnectALL website, broadband.ny.gov.

“In today’s digital world, reliable cellular service isn’t a luxury – it’s a necessity for public safety, economic opportunity, and quality of life,” Governor Hochul said. “This \$5 million investment through our ConnectALL initiative will help develop innovative solutions to ensure all New Yorkers have access to reliable wireless coverage, no matter where they live or work in our state. By empowering our local governments and other stakeholders to implement their own connectivity solutions, we’re taking a creative approach to closing the digital divide.”

Empire State Development President, CEO and Commissioner Hope Knight said, “The digital divide takes many forms across our state, and cellular coverage gaps continue to present both economic and safety challenges for many communities. This program will empower eligible entities with the resources they need to implement creative solutions that bring reliable cellular service to areas traditionally underserved by the current connectivity marketplace.”

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Upcoming Events at the Scarsdale Public Library

Preventing Financial Elder Abuse and Senior Scams

Monday, June 2

1 PM

According to the National Council on Aging, financial scams targeting seniors have become so prevalent that they're often referred to as "the crime of the 21st century." Join elder law attorney Lauren C. Enea, Esq., as she shares her insights on financial elder abuse and senior scams. Ms. Enea will cover key signs of financial and personal elder abuse, typical scams that are targeted toward the senior population as well as the important estate planning documents to help protect against financial abuse as one ages.

Lauren C. Enea practices exclusively in the fields of elder law and trusts & estates, protecting the rights of seniors, the disabled and their families. She is a partner at Enea, Scanlan and Sirignano, LLP in White Plains, NY. To register, go to <https://www.scarsdalelibrary.org/event/preventing-financial-elder-abuse-and-senior-scams-99621>

Pride Month Movie — Reflections in a Golden Eye (1967)

Tuesday, June 10

6:30 PM

A moody, intensely acted, extraordinary adaptation of Carson McCuller's gothic novel of the same name, *Reflections in a Golden Eye*, directed by John Huston, marks a moment in cinema history as the Hays Code was shifting to the modern MPAA rating system and provides a searing look at repressed desire - both heterosexual and homosexual.

In an unnamed fort in the American South in the late 1940s, Major Weldon Penderton (Marlon Brando) is unhappily married to his wife Leonora (Elizabeth Taylor). Penderton is a closeted gay man, prone to anger and anxious to advance his career in the Army. Encountering Private L.G. Williams (Robert Forster), who cares for the fort's horses, Penderton develops a confused attraction to the charismatic man. Williams, in turn, quickly develops a lustful infatuation with the beautiful and cruel Leonora who is herself conducting an affair with Lt. Colonel Morris Langdon (Brian Keith). The film follows the characters' obsessions, failures, and repressed desires as they build to a violent end.

To register, go to <https://www.scarsdalelibrary.org/event/pride-month-movie-113344>.

Attendees must be age 18 or over.

Author Talk: The Edge of Yesterday with Rita Woods

Saturday, June 14

2:30 PM

Join authors Rita Woods and Jimin Han for a discussion of Woods' newest novel, *The Edge of Yesterday*, a haunting contemporary speculative tale about time travel and finding yourself.

Greer Coffey is a principal dancer with a renowned Harlem company. Sebastian Coffey is an architect at a prestigious Midtown firm. The Coffeys are the ultimate dream couple until their world completely unravels. After Greer develops a career ending neurologic disorder, she finds herself back in her hometown of Detroit where, one night, she stumbles through a portal that transports her back to 1925 Detroit. Her encounter there with a handsome and distinguished doctor will have a ripple effect on their lives and on the future. To register, go to <https://www.scarsdalelibrary.org/event/jimin-and-rita-book-talk-114730>

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ConnectALL anticipates awarding a total of \$5 million through this RFA, with approximately three grant awards of \$1-2 million each. Projects must provide an open environment capable of accommodating connectivity to multiple mobile network service providers and demonstrate new technologies or existing technology used in innovative ways.

ConnectALL will hold an information session via webinar in coming weeks to provide details about the program and application requirements. To receive an email alert when webinar registration opens or to submit questions regarding the RFA, email Wireless@eds.ny.gov.

Governor Hochul's ConnectALL Initiative

Governor Hochul has made expanding broadband access a cornerstone of her administration's efforts to create a more equitable New York. Through the ConnectALL initiative, New York State is investing \$1 billion to transform the state's digital infrastructure, enhance competition among providers, and ensure that every New Yorker has access to reliable, affordable high-speed internet. To date, ConnectALL has overseen the successful launch and implementation of several programs to advance broadband access, including:

The Digital Equity Program will invest \$50 million, including a federal allocation of at least \$37 million, to implement the New York State Digital Equity Plan to close the digital divide. On March 24, ConnectALL closed the Digital Equity Program Capacity Grant Request for Applications through which ConnectALL expects to award approximately \$15.5 Million of the federal allocation.

The Affordable Housing Connectivity Program will provide up to \$100 million in grants to bring new broadband infrastructure to homes in affordable and public housing leveraging funds from the U.S. Treasury Department's Capital Projects Fund. The first awards under this program are securing \$10 a month broadband service and \$30 a month Gigabit service for more than 14,000 low-income households in Buffalo, New York City and Rochester. The program continues to accept applications from internet service providers and expressions of interest from housing owners and public housing authorities.

The Municipal Infrastructure Program will fund broadband expansion projects owned by a public utility or publicly controlled. To date, ConnectALL has awarded over \$240 million through the program, funding construction of nearly 2,400 miles of broadband infrastructure that will reach 98,000 locations across New York State. Visit the ConnectALL Projects Dashboard for more information on Municipal Infrastructure Program projects.

The ConnectALL Deployment Program will fund internet service providers to reach unserved and underserved locations, drawing on an allocation of \$664.6 million in federal funding from the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program, as described in the ConnectALL Broadband Deployment Initial Proposal. ConnectALL is currently reviewing proposals to serve locations with fiber optic and other reliable solutions.

The Connectivity Innovation Program advances innovation and new broadband solutions, business models, and technologies in order to increase private sector investment and entrepreneurship; drive equity and innovation in the broadband marketplace; and reinforce a thriving research, development, and manufacturing ecosystem to support connectivity innovation in New York.

State Senator Kristen Gonzalez said, "All New Yorkers, regardless of location, deserve access to reliable cell phone service and a connection to the digital world. I want to thank the Governor for opening this RFA and for investing in digital infrastructure and connectivity access in communities that need it most."

Assemblymember Steve Otis said, "Gaps in wireless cellular coverage present challenges to public health, emergency response, economic growth, education, and equity for individuals and businesses in areas without service. New York State has made a priority of filling these gaps throughout the state. This Connectivity Innovation grant opportunity is another creative way the ConnectALL office is seeking to encourage new approaches to close the remaining gap areas. Congratulations to Governor Hochul, Empire State Development, and the ConnectALL team for another innovative program to solve these broadband coverage challenges."

Parents Hold the Key

In its recently released Parents Hold the Key campaign, The Scarsdale Action for Youth (SAY) outlines the pitfalls of early alcohol use and reminds parents that locking up alcohol isn't just a physical action. It's a powerful way to protect your teen from serious harm.

Data from the annual PRIDE Survey reveals that in 2024, 20 percent of Scarsdale Middle School 8th graders (12-year-olds) reported alcohol use, compared to 12 percent nationally; and 67 percent of Scarsdale High School 12th graders reported alcohol use, compared to 41 percent nationally. The survey also makes clear that here in Scarsdale, the largest jump in teen alcohol consumption is seen in 9th and 10th grades with big increases in use occurring in the springtime around events like graduation and prom.

While there are many factors that contribute to underage alcohol use, Scarsdale teens report that it is easy for them to get their hands on alcohol (namely from a parent's home bar) and that they are most likely to drink at home or at a friend's house. The Key campaign encourages parents to be proactive about helping teens avoid temptation by:

Locking up your liquor, using locks on cabinets and fridges.

Count your beers. Keep inventory of your beers and alcoholic beverages.

Dye clear liquor to prevent it from being watered down.

Supervise the basement parties at your house and be clear about rules in your home.

Remember that Westchester has a social hosting law, which means you could be held criminally liable if alcohol is served to minors at your house.

On a positive note, research shows that a parent's disapproval is the #1 reason why teens refrain from drinking, so parents truly hold the key to whether or not their teenagers drink. Yet 40 percent of Scarsdale Middle School students reported that parents either never or seldom discussed problems with drug and alcohol use with them. Another 37 percent reported that parents discussed the repercussions of alcohol use "only sometimes".

Teens face pressure, curiosity, and opportunity, to use alcohol and often right at home. SAY encourages parents to talk with your teens about alcohol and how it hurts their wellbeing. Set clear expectations for behavior, and to reduce risk, monitor what's in your home and lock up your liquor.

For more tips and strategies or to learn more about the Key Campaign, go to the SAY website at <https://www.sayscarsdale.org> and follow SAY on social media.



Scarsdale Students Launch MOW Junior Board to Support Meals on Wheels

A group of Scarsdale High School students launched a new initiative to bring creativity, compassion, and youthful energy to Scarsdale Meals on Wheels (MOW). Under the guidance of local parents Allison Friedland and Lauren Grossberg, the students have formed a MOW Junior Board with the goal of enhancing the experience of recipients who receive meals through the organization.

The idea began with Becca, a ninth grader, and Ethan, a tenth grader, who each invited two friends to join a special project: assembling birthday bags for Meals on Wheels recipients. Each student donated approximately \$50 to purchase supplies. Together, they spent an afternoon creating and filling gift bags with items thoughtfully chosen for older adults—handmade cards, picture frames, hand lotion, hand sanitizer, notepad-and-pen sets, large-print playing cards, and large-print crossword puzzle books.

"It's so encouraging and wonderful to see young people stepping forward," said Monica Grey, President of Scarsdale Meals on Wheels. "This intergenerational connection means the world to our clients. Every birthday bag reminds them that their community cares."

The students' enthusiasm didn't stop there. They officially named their group the MOW Junior Board and plan to launch an Instagram account to raise awareness. They are already brainstorming creative ways to fundraise and bring even more joy to the Meals on Wheels experience.

Scarsdale Meals on Wheels was founded in 1984. Although most clients are



seniors, services are not limited to older community members. The organization supports individuals experiencing mobility, health, or other challenges that limit their ability to access or prepare food independently.

Their mission:

To deliver nutritious meals to individuals experiencing mobility, health, or other challenges that limit their ability to access or prepare food independently.

Their purpose:

To supply nourishing meals regularly to ill, disabled and elderly persons whose physical, emotional, social or other conditions impair their ability to obtain or prepare adequate meals for themselves, and who have no other means of obtaining such meals, and for general charitable

purposes which will alleviate human suffering and distress.

In addition to delivering meals, Scarsdale Meals on Wheels emphasizes the "friendly visitor" aspect of the service—a vital means of checking in and checking up on recipients. As the organization puts it: "MOW volunteers deliver more than nutritious meals. They deliver caring; they deliver smiles!"

This new student-led initiative beautifully reflects that mission—nourishing not only the body, but also the spirit. With creativity, compassion, and teamwork, the MOW Junior Board is making a difference, one birthday at a time.

For more information about how to support Scarsdale Meals on Wheels or get involved, call the office at 914-723-4342.

Assemblywoman Amy Paulin Announces Passage of Her Key Reproductive Health Bills in State Budget

Assemblywoman Amy Paulin (D-Westchester) announced the successful passage of two major reproductive health protections she authored, A.1165/S.2165 (May) and A.4023/S.3172 (Hinchey), both of which were included in the New York State Budget. These critical measures codify emergency care requirements in New York law and modernize pregnancy loss reporting, protecting patient privacy, ensuring timely access to emergency medical care, and reaffirming New York’s leadership in defending reproductive rights.



A.1165, authored by Paulin, codifies into state law the longstanding federal requirement that hospitals provide stabilizing care to all patients experiencing emergency medical conditions, including pregnancy-related emergencies. With federal abortion protections under threat, this legislation ensures that pregnant patients in New York will continue to receive necessary emergency care without delay or interference.

“Given the uncertainty at the federal level, New York must act decisively to protect patients,” said Assemblywoman Paulin. “I am proud to have authored A.1165 to ensure that patients facing an emergency, including pregnant patients needing abortion care, receive the life-saving treatment they need.”

“New York is leading the way in protecting women’s rights to reproductive healthcare. Considering national threats to abortion rights, it is more important than ever to advocate for these rights within our state. This legislation guarantees that women receive essential care during pregnancy-related emergencies, giving them the peace of mind that they will be treated. Thank you to Assemblymember Paulin for advancing this bill and Governor Hochul for prioritizing women’s healthcare in the budget,” said Senator Rachel May.

A.4023, also authored by Paulin, modernizes New York’s outdated pregnancy loss reporting laws by eliminating mandatory reporting of pregnancy loss caused by induced termination unless specifically requested by the patient. It renames “fetal death” reporting as “pregnancy loss” reporting, ensuring greater sensitivity and protecting patient confidentiality.

“I am proud to have authored A.4023 and to have fought successfully for its passage,” said Assemblywoman Paulin. “This law will safeguard sensitive patient information, ease burdens on healthcare providers, and strengthen New York’s commitment to reproductive freedom and compassionate care.”

“Abortion was one of the few medical procedures in New York still subject to mandatory reporting—an outdated rule that stigmatized care and left a back door open for patient data to be exploited. Our legislation ends that practice and closes a loophole that could’ve been used to target patients across state lines. Everyone who seeks care in New York should be able to do so safely, with dignity, and without fear. I’m proud to have led this effort in the Senate and thank Assemblymember Amy Paulin for her partnership in getting this done through the budget,” said State Senator Michelle Hinchey.

Robin Chapelle Golston, President and CEO, Planned Parenthood Empire State Acts, said “At a time when reproductive rights are under constant attack from the federal government, this enacted budget takes key steps to ensure that New Yorkers are able to safely access abortion care. These important statutory changes will ensure that all New Yorkers can get emergency abortion care when they need it and the privacy of those who chose abortion care will

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Assemblywoman Amy Paulin Announces Passage of Her Key Reproductive Health Bills in State Budget

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be protected. Planned Parenthood deeply appreciates Assemblymember Paulin’s unwavering commitment to reproductive rights and justice and applauds her efforts to champion these important policy proposals.”

“By passing these two important bills as part of the FY2026 state budget, state lawmakers are reinforcing New York’s leadership on abortion access and supporting patients. With abortion access under existential threat, the timing couldn’t be more urgent,” said Allie Bohm, senior policy counsel at the New York Civil Liberties Union. “Taken together, these bills will modernize pregnancy loss reporting to better protect patient privacy and ensure that New Yorkers will continue to receive necessary emergency care, including emergency abortion care, no matter what the Trump administration does to undermine federal protections. We will continue to do everything we can to defend and expand New Yorkers’ rights to privacy, dignity, and critical health care.”

Assemblywoman Paulin concluded, “I am deeply grateful to Governor Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Michelle Hinchey, and Senator Rachel May for standing with me to get these important protections across the finish line. Together, we are ensuring that New Yorkers’ rights to privacy, dignity, and critical health care are fully protected. The passage of these bills further solidifies New York’s role as a national leader in defending reproductive health care access and patient rights at a time when these protections are under growing attack across the country.”

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Auditorium Ribbon Cutting



The official ribbon cutting for the newly renovated Scarsdale High School Auditorium took place April 28 in advance of the first spring concert. Not surprisingly, the highlight of the joyous occasions were the incredible performances of the Symphonic and Chamber Orchestras. This event was followed by the spring Band and Choral performances. A special thank you to our partners at Friends of Music and the Arts for supporting our performing artists and helping make the evening extra special!

Leibowitz Appointed New Assistant Principal at Fox Meadow Elementary School



Lori Leibowitz, EdD, has been appointed as the next Assistant Principal of Fox Meadow Elementary School. Assistant Director of Human Resources Meghan Troy said that, “Dr. Leibowitz is currently the Assistant Education Administrator for Gifted and Talented Programs in the Norwalk Public Schools. Prior to this role, she spent many years as an elementary school educator and teacher in the Greenwich Public Schools. Dr. Leibowitz holds an EdD in Learning and Organizational Change from Baylor University, a master’s certificate in Gifted Education from the University of Connecticut, an MA in Elementary Education from Sacred Heart University, and a BA in history from George Washington University.

We’ve had the privilege to get to know Dr. Leibowitz throughout the thorough and lengthy hiring process. At every turn, she demonstrated a strong commitment to the students, and her care highlighted the importance of relationship building with faculty, staff, parents and students. Her warmth and compassion and ability to listen will serve her well in this role, combined with her strong academic and curricular background, Lori will be set up for success. I look forward to seeing all that she brings to Fox meadow in the future.”

Greenacres Pedestrian Safety

The Village of Scarsdale is seeking feedback from Greenacres residents regarding a potential traffic and pedestrian safety improvement on Sage Terrace, between Brewster Road and Putnam Road. In response to concerns about pedestrian safety, the Village is considering converting this section from a two-way street to a one-way street. Community input is important to help evaluate the potential impacts and guide the next steps. Share your views by completing the form at scarsdale.gov/GNA

Scarsdale Recognized for Leading Waste Reduction Efforts



The Village of Scarsdale was honored at Westchester County’s 6th Annual Eco Awards, held Friday, April 21 at Tibbetts Brook Park in Yonkers, for achieving the highest percentage reduction in waste across all municipalities in the County in 2024. Hosted in celebration of Earth Month, the event was led by County Executive Ken Jenkins and the Department of Environmental Facilities to spotlight outstanding environmental and sustainability achievements by individuals, schools, businesses, and local governments. Mayor Justin Arest, Village Manager Alex Marshall, and Department of Public Works representative Tyler Seifert accepted the award on behalf of the Village.

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Kate Mercado Named Brokerage Manager for Julia B. Fee Sotheby’s International Realty in Scarsdale

Julia B. Fee Sotheby’s International Realty announced that Kate Mercado will assume the role of Brokerage Manager for the firm’s brokerage in Scarsdale. Mercado brings a decade of residential real estate expertise to the position, including eight years with Julia B. Fee Sotheby’s International Realty.

During her tenure as an agent based out of the company’s Larchmont brokerage, Mercado has earned recognition as a Top 100 Julia B. Fee Sotheby’s International Realty agent and has been named one of Westchester Magazine’s top real estate agents.

Mercado has built a reputation for guiding clients through complex transactions with a calm, measured approach. “I love working with people to become the best version of themselves, which is why transitioning to management feels like a natural progression,” she said. “The human connection aspect of real estate has always been most gratifying to me—more than any particular property, what I value most is building long-term relationships with clients. I’ve often completed multiple transactions with the same clients and their family members, which speaks to the trust we’ve built together.”

“I am thrilled to welcome Kate to this leadership role. Having recruited her as an agent years ago, I’ve always recognized her innate leadership abilities and



how colleagues instinctively gravitate to her for guidance,” said Carolyn Fugere, Co-President and Chief Sales Officer for Julia B. Fee Sotheby’s International Realty. “For the past three years, I’ve had my eye on Kate as a potential manager, noting her stability, prowess, and ability to help people feel calm and supported. She is the perfect choice to lead our Scarsdale brokerage, and we’re especially excited to hire from within someone who embodies our brand principles so completely.”

Mercado’s approach to real estate is further informed by her prior career as a Licensed Creative Arts Therapist at Jacobi Medical Center. Her experience in the mental health field has given her invaluable insight into helping people navigate significant life transitions—whether joyful or challenging. This background has enhanced her ability to maintain perspective during emotional real estate transactions and remain steady in unpredictable environments.

A committed community member, Mercado has served as a City of New Rochelle Planning Board Member since 2018, having been appointed for three terms across two mayoral administrations. This dedication to service extends throughout her life, including her previous role as a PTA president. Mercado lives in New Rochelle with her husband and son.

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Scarsdale Passes School Budget

The Scarsdale community approved the Scarsdale School Budget on May 20 by a vote of 586 yes to 160 no, for an approval rate of 79 percent.

In the race for school board members, Colleen Brown was re-elected with 602 votes, Suzie Hahn was re-elected with 634 votes, and Laura Ying Liu was elected with 615 votes. All three individuals will serve three-year terms expiring June 30, 2028. There were 78 write-in votes. The District sincerely thanks the candidates for their interest in serving in this important leadership role.

“This year’s budget process was a challenging one. We are grateful to our community for their input during the process, and strong community support of our students through the adoption of this budget,” said Dr. Drew Patrick, Ed.D., Superintendent. “This budget will allow our schools to continue to reach the high standards we expect for our students while staying within the tax cap. We look forward to continuing to provide an exceptional educational experience for our students in keeping with our strategic plan priorities, Learning, Living, Leading.”

Suzie Hahn, President of the Scarsdale Board of Education echoed Dr. Patrick’s gratitude:

“On behalf of the Board, thank you to the community for your support of our schools and our students,” Hahn said. “I

would also like to thank District Clerk Honore Adams, Chair Meg Simon, all of the poll workers who volunteered their time, and the Scarsdale Middle School staff for ensuring everything ran smoothly. Congratulations to Colleen on her re-election and Laura on her election to the School Board. I look forward to serving with them and the rest of the Board in the coming year.”

Scarsdale High School also held an election for two Ex Officio student seats on the Board of Education. In accordance with a recently enacted law, the Scarsdale Board of Education developed a policy and process to guide the selection of student members. Four candidates for each of two positions were on today’s ballot. Congratulations to Anish Mehta, representing the Class of 2026, and to Lucy Eisenberg, representing the Class of 2027. Their service to their peers and the school community is eagerly anticipated.

The Board expresses its appreciation for all of the applicants and candidates, including Oliver Kaiden, Dylan Lemberg, Arun Nayakkar, Kayla Fieldston, Margot Lombaerde, and Amelia Wachs. The Board also wishes to thank the Scarsdale High School Government and Administration for organizing this first-ever student Board of Education election.

The Board will confirm the results and make them official at their next meeting on Monday, June 9, 2025

Parking Ticket Resolution – Pango Transactions

The Village of Scarsdale is working to make improvements to parking operations. These improvements are designed to enhance the experience of motorists when visiting the downtown and streamline the process of addressing violations. Individuals who receive a parking violation for an unpaid meter after making a payment through the Pango parking app may now submit proof of payment and a copy of their ticket directly to the Village Manager’s office. The Village Manager will review the materials to confirm if a valid transaction was made prior to the ticket. The information will be shared with the Justice Court to render a decision. The new process is intended to expedite the process of addressing violations and reduce the need to appear before the Justice Court. Drivers can find the form by visiting: <https://www.scarsdale.gov/1083/Pango-Transaction-Disputes>

Village officials understand and acknowledge the frustration motorists have experienced due to parking violations. We are actively working with our parking technology vendors to identify and resolve software and hardware issues as quickly as possible. We genuinely appreciate your patience as we address these challenges. If you’ve encountered a problem or have feedback to share, contact Deputy Village Manager Stephen Shallo at sshallo@scarsdale.gov.

Junior League Honors Scarsdale Students for Volunteerism



At a May 20 ceremony at Wayside Cottage, the Junior League of Central Westchester awarded \$1,000 Volunteer Service Awards to four high school juniors for outstanding community service. Scarsdale students Catherine Zhang and Alina Yang were among the honorees. Catherine is an active member of the Girl Scouts and tutors English through Connect and Learning. Alina is the founder and president of Guardians of the Heart, a nonprofit dedicated to youth education on cardiovascular health, and also volunteers with the American Heart Association.

The Cost of Aging: Is Long Term Care Insurance Worth It?



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It's widely understood that long-term care is expensive and getting even more so. Costs have risen faster than overall inflation, and the aging U.S. population has long been a source of concern for programs like Social Security and Medicare. Long-term care insurance (LTCI) has sometimes been proposed as a partial solution to this growing challenge.

However, the concept isn't without

complications. Life expectancy has generally been on the rise. When long-term care insurance first gained attention in the mid-1970s, the average life expectancy for a 65-year-old was about 16 years—14 for men and 18 for women. Now a 65-year-old man is expected to live 16.95 years and a woman is expected to live 19.75 years.

Assuming longevity continues to rise alongside increasing healthcare costs and a growing prevalence of dementia, LTCI has become a riskier business for insurers. As a result, premiums must rise and underwriting standards become more restrictive.

The situation is even more complicated than it first appears. Many seniors who purchased long-term care insurance (LTCI) eventually let their policies lapse—something the industry anticipated and factored into its pricing. However, in the early years, lapse rates were lower than expected, leading to more policyholders holding onto coverage and filing claims.

While the U.S. population is aging, today's seniors are, in many ways, healthier than previous generations. Rates of smoking, cancer, and several chronic diseases have declined. Yet at the same time, the prevalence of disabilities has risen—often triggering LTCI claims and increasing costs for insurers.

Parsing LTCI data can be challenging due to the many variables involved, but the American Association for Long-Term Care Insurance offers a valuable source of real-world insights. Their statistics cover everything from average claim amounts and premium trends by enrollment year to denial rates by age—unsurprisingly, nearly half of applicants in their 70s are declined coverage.

Only a small percentage of seniors purchase long-term care insurance, and these policies cover just about 5 percent of the total long-term care expenses nationwide.

So, should you consider buying LTCI? It depends. Some individuals

may qualify for Medicaid and receive help with long-term care costs. Others may have enough savings and income to self-fund their care for many years.

The key takeaway: if you're thinking about buying LTCI, timing is critical. Eligibility and premiums are far more favorable if you apply when you are younger than if you wait under you are older.

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TABLE HOPPING with Morris Gut

Outdoor Farmers Markets Reopen in Greater Westchester!

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RIVERDALE Y SUNDAY MARKET, 4545 Independence Ave., Bronx. Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Dec. 14. <https://riverdaley.org/sunday-market/>

BRONXVILLE FARMERS MARKET This bustling market runs every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Thanksgiving. Stone Place at Paxton Ave. www.bronxvillechamber.org/bronxville-farmers-market

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SCARSDALE FARMERS MARKET in Scarsdale Village. The tents go up every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Spencer Place at Chase Road. www.downtoearthmarkets.com

RYE FARMERS MARKET operates Sundays, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Rye parking lot, Theo Fremd Ave. www.downtoearthmarkets.com

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MOUNT KISCO FARMERS MARKET at the S. Moger Train Station. Every Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. through November 16. <https://mkfarmersmarket.com>

FARMERS MARKET AT JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD The farmers market will run every Saturday through October, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. First pick for members. John Jay Homestead is at 400 Jay Street (Rt. 22), Katonah. Due to a restoration project, the market will be held in Katonah Village, Lot 2. www.johnjayhomestead.org

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IRVINGTON FARMERS MARKET, Main Street School Lot, 110 Main St., Irvington. Sundays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. www.theirvingtonfarmersmarket.org

TARRYTOWN/SLEEPY HOLLOW FARMERS Patriot's Park, Broadway. Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. www.tashfarmersmarket.org

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PEEKSKILL FARMERS MARKET, 1 Bank Street, Peekskill. The 2025 season will kick off on Saturday, June 7th, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine. <https://discoverpeekskill.com>

COLD SPRING FARMERS MARKET NOW AT BOSCOBEL The popular Cold Spring Farmers Market has moved to the historic Boscobel Estate Museum & Garden in Garrison. A lovely setting. It takes place every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. <https://coldspringfarmersmarket.org>

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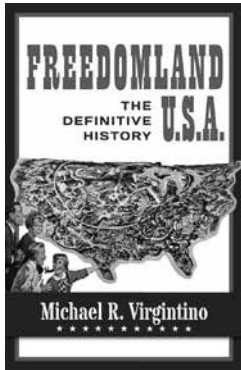
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Calendar of Events



Freedomland USA Revisited with Author Michael Virgintino and Artist Connie Manna
Thursday, June 18, 4 PM
Harrison Public Library, 2 Bruce Avenue, Harrison
A blast from the past! Join artist Connie Manna and historian Michael Virgintino and learn about Freedomland, USA, a theme park dedicated to American history in the Baychester section of the North Bronx in New York City. Through a well-researched narrative, personal and newspaper accounts, interviews, and exclusive photos, journalist and author Michael R. Virgintino presents the definitive history of Freedomland, from the people behind its creation, and the executives, entertainers, and sponsors who kept it running, to in-depth looks at each of its historically themed lands, and an analysis of the park's inevitable bankruptcy in 1964. Connie Manna will have her painting Freedomland, which was inspired by the theme park, on display in the library. Visit harrisonpl.org.



Wave Hill Exhibition Reception with Artists
Saturday, June 7, 4PM-6PM
Glyndor Gallery, Wave Hill,
4900 Independence Avenue, Bronx
Sara Jimenez will lead visitors on a guided walk-through of Folding Field, her project of site-specific sculptures installed in and around several of Wave Hill's iconic trees, followed by a reception for artists featured in the group exhibition, *Trees we breathe*. The Sunroom Project Space includes two indoor installations by Sonja John and Amanda Phingbodhipakkiya, and the Glyndor Terrace Garden has an outdoor, interactive sculpture by SuRan Song & William M. Weis III. Visit wavehill.org



Scarsdale Farmers Market
Sundays, May 4 - November 23
The Village of Scarsdale is pleased to welcome back the Scarsdale Farmers Market for the 2025 season. The market will be held on Sundays from 9 AM to 2 PM. The farmer's market is held on Chase Road and a portion of Spencer Place. Each week, the market will feature a rotating selection of regional farmers, food artisans, and local craft makers, offering a wide variety of fresh produce, prepared foods, and handmade goods in the heart of downtown Scarsdale. The Scarsdale Farmers Market is made possible through a partnership between the Village of Scarsdale and Down to Earth Markets, a mission-driven organization that operates community-based farmers markets across the region. The Village provides public space and municipal support for the market, while Down to Earth Markets oversees day-to-day operations, vendor management, and community engagement.



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Sunday, June 22
10 AM - 2PM
Families and their canine companions are invited to the Scarsdale Paw-looza at the intersection of Spencer Place and Chase Road. Activities include a puppy cuddle station, doggy photo booth, biscuit and pup cup bar, and a donation drive for pet supplies. The SPCA's Mobile Adoption Unit will be on site with dogs, puppies, cats and kittens that are available for adoption. Sponsored by Destination Scarsdale and SPCA Westchester. For more information, go to Sp-cawestchester.org

Make a Splash This Summer with Scarsdale Aquatics!
The Scarsdale Recreation Department's 2025 aquatics programs are back with something for everyone at the Scarsdale Pool Complex. From swim lessons and early morning laps to pool parties and themed Splash N Play Days, there's no shortage of fun. Programs include Aqua Tots, After Camp Swim, private lessons, a competitive Swim/Dive Team, and more. A 2025 pool membership is required. Register now at scarsdale.gov/catalog or contact the Recreation Department for more information.

JCC Mid-Westchester Hosts the Israel Film Center Festival 2025
June 6 to 12
Bendheim Performing Arts Center, 999 Wilmot Rd, Scarsdale
The JCC Mid-Westchester (JCCMW) is excited to announce that they have partnered with Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan to host the Israel Film Center Festival.
The Israel Center Film Festival runs every June and is the largest festival of Israeli films in New York. In the midst of this time of conflict in the region, the JCCMW will screen a selection of award-winning films presenting visions of

human stories from a thriving artistic industry. The festival will kick off on Friday, June 6 with a matinee showing of Pink Lady. On Sunday June 8, Highway 65 will be screened with a talkback between the film's director, Maya Dreifuss, and Hila Madar Itzkowitz, Senior Community Shlichah (emissary) for Westchester, Director of the Westchester Shinshinim. The Shoshani Riddle will be featured on Tuesday, June 10 with a Q&A session with director Michael Grynszpan. Closing night of the festival will be on Thursday, June 12. There will be a reception prior to the screening of The Property, and a Q&A session with Dana Modan, the film's director. Learn more about the films and purchase tickets at jccmw.org/lsrael-film-center-festival.

Concert Under the Stars
Wednesday, July 2, 7:30 PM
Westchester Band's Independence Day concert begins at 7:30 PM at the Scarsdale Municipal Pool, 311 Mamaroneck Road. Fireworks begin at 9 PM. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, and picnic dinner. Free admission. For more information, go to westchesterband.org.

Meet Local Author John Carnevalla — This Side of the Tracks
Saturday, June 14, 12 Noon
Harrison Public Library, 2 Bruce Avenue, Harrison
Join in for a talk and book signing with author John Carnevalla who will be discussing This Side of the Tracks, a collection of stories and memories. In this book, he invites everyone to journey through a collection of short stories that reflect his perspective on growing up in the Brentwood area of Harrison. It is a place that shaped his early years and influenced the person he would become. These stories are woven together by memories from his childhood in the 1960s, offering glimpses into a world filled with friendships, laughter, and experiences that defined his youth. Within these pages, one will find

not only his recollections but also photographs and narratives that were once featured in local newspapers, capturing moments of community and connection.

Summer Co-Op Social Hour
Tuesday, June 10, 6 PM
STEM Alliance Office, 141 Halstead Avenue, 2nd floor, Mamaroneck
Co-Op is turning 60 in 2026. They're kicking off the countdown to Co-Op's 60th Anniversary so join them for a casual social hour to reconnect, share memories, and hear a sneak peek of their 60th anniversary celebration plans for Spring 2026. Come meet other Co-Op alumni, staff, families, and volunteers, both past and present, over drinks and light bites. To register, go to https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLS-fpO_alidW_cV4aQ879AvyWN3TVCPjSkX-lsn-RYvyPbAb1A/viewform?blm_aid=38068276

An Evening with Dar Williams
Friday, June 13, 8 PM
Emelin Theatre, 153 Library Lane, Mamaroneck
Folk legend and Westchester native Dar Williams is known for her impactful lyrics and an influence on today's folk music scene. Rising out of the vibrant mid-90s Boston scene, her successful career as a singer-songwriter spans over 25 years. Williams's success took off after Joan Baez, a key figure in folk music, claimed Dar Williams to be a "folk artist worthy of attention." Her style is inspired by the eclectic influences of alt-rockers, Berklee jazz musicians, slam poets, and folk artists like Patty Griffith, Melissa Ferrick, the Throwing Muses, Vance Gilbert, and Jonathan Brooke. Experience some of her most enduring songs live, like Mercy of the Fallen, When I Was a Boy, and The Christians and the Pagans. Tickets are \$55-\$67. Visit emelin.org for tickets.

Cultural Heritage Festivals
Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla
Albanian Festival
Sunday, June 1, noon to 6 PM
African-American Festival
Sunday, June 22, noon to 6 PM
Enjoy traditions and foods from around the world at Westchester County's summer cultural festivals. All festivals will be held rain or shine. Seating is informal; bring blankets or folding chairs for seating on the lawn. No coolers will be allowed. Admission and parking are free. For more details, visit parks.westchestergov.com/heritage-festivals.

Sprint to Flint
It's time for local runners to lace up their sneakers again because Sprint to Flint is back at Flint Park in Larchmont on Friday, June 13. For the second year in a row, the race will feature a Tots Walk & Run (a 200 meter dash for the youngest runners) in addition to the one mile and 5K race. As in year's past, there will be live music along the route, a post-race party with pizza, a DJ, and, of course, an awards ceremony. The Tots Run for children age 6 and under begins at 6 PM, the one mile race at 6:30 PM, and the 5K at 7:15 PM. The event will be held rain or shine. To register, go to <https://events.elitefeats.com/25flint#register-now>

Dance the Night Away This Summer
Have fun and get a great workout at summer Zumba classes at Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla. Led by instructors Steve and Annia Jones, you'll sweat, move and have fun in a Latin dance workout class. Free admission and parking. Classes are held Tuesdays from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM June 10, 17 and 24; July 1, 15, 22 and 29; August 5, 12, 19 and 26. Classes are held from 6 PM to 7 PM September 2, 9 and 16. For details, visit parks.westchestergov.com/zumba-classes-at-kensico-dam-plaza



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