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Scarsdale to Hold Public Meeting to Address ConEd Construction

BY STEPHEN E. LIPKEN

Scarsdale Mayor Justin K. Arest gave an update on ConEdison and its work on Walworth Avenue and Fox Meadow Road at the August 11 village board meeting, after having met with the utility on July 15 and August 5.

Arest noted that ConEd is working on sewer laterals of 75 homes. Residents of at least 63 homes were expected to receive their inspection videos by August 14 with the remainder to follow shortly thereafter. The Village will require an independent inspector on site full time for duration of the project.

A contractor struck a gas line on Innes Road on August 14 while excavating, which resulted in the Scarsdale police and fire department closing the road until ConEd arrived on the scene and shut off the gas line.

A meeting will be held in Rutherford Hall, 1001 Post Road, on Tuesday, September 15 at 7 PM for ConEdison to address residents' questions and concerns.


Mayor Justin K. Arest

Mayor Arest recounted some August observances: "August 9 was International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples, a United Nations observance that honors the history, cultures and contributions of indigenous peoples around the world. August is also National Wellness Month, a reminder to prioritize our physical and mental health.

"Parking has been a challenge in Scarsdale for as long as anyone can remember," Arest continued. "Parking is a finite resource and our responsibility is to manage that resource as effectively as possible. We are not adopting new technology. Our aging coin meters are expensive to maintain, requiring continual coin collection and repairs."

Scarsdale is considering installing single-pay stations for parking instead of meters.

A Consent Agenda was approved, encompassing these Resolutions: 1) authorizing a Municipal Snow and Ice Agreement with New York State Department of Transportation for 2024-2029 with Supplemental Agreement for 2024-2025; 2) authorizing a Professional Service Agreement for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) at the Reeves Newsome Water Supply Station to monitor municipal water distribution, storage levels and operational pressures across local infrastructure; 3) appointing Irene Goodman to Advisory Council on Scarsdale Senior Citizens; 4) authorizing Financial Advisory Agreement with Capital Markets Advisors and 5) authorizing Cooperative Procurement of Replacement Water Meters.

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Suzie Hahn Named Scarsdale School Board President

Scarsdale Schools Superintendent Dr. Drew Patrick convened the annual Organizational Meeting at which newly elected Board of Education members, Omer Wiczyk and Kevin Ziegler were sworn in for their first terms. Following nominations, Board Officers were elected for the 2026-27 school year. Suzie Hahn was elected Board President, and Colleen Brown was elected Board Vice President.



Scarsdale Schools Superintendent Dr. Drew Patrick

The Board acted on several annual requirements for the new school year, including the re-adoption of all Board of Education policies; the appointment of District Officers, District Consultants and a resolution for the appointment of the Audit Committee; the certification of payroll registers; designation of Board Officers to appoint impartial hearing officers; designation of depositories and the official school district newspaper; authorization of the bonding of employees; and authorization of several reimbursement rates, and bid procedures.

Public Hearing on the Code of Conduct: Board of Education President Hahn called to order a Public Hearing on the Code of Conduct. As required by New York State regulation, the Code of Conduct must be reviewed and re-adopted by the Board of Education annually. Assistant Superintendent Eric Rauschenbach reviewed the Code of Conduct, the annual review process, and noted that the Committee did not recommend any changes to the Code for the 2026-27 school year. Hahn opened the floor to both the public and virtual audiences, no one came forward in person, one person spoke remotely.

Business Meeting: Hahn noted all Board members were present (Hahn, President; Brown, Vice President; Leah Dembitzer; Jim Dugan; Laura Liu; Wiczyk; and Ziegler). Dr. Patrick and members of his Administrative Cabinet were also present. Hahn formally welcomed newly elected Board members Wiczyk and Ziegler to the Board table and Brown into the Vice President role for a second year. Hahn also extended a special welcome to the ex officio student Board members — Lucy Eisenberg, who will be serving a second term, and newly elected Nathan Goldfarb. Though they weren't able to attend the meeting, Hahn thanked them for their service saying, "We very much look forward to hearing your thoughts and perspective as students here at the Board table this year."



Suzie Hahn

In her opening remarks, Hahn thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as Board President this year, saying, "I consider it a privilege to work with all of you. By volunteering for this role, for making this commitment, you model our school motto, non sibi, and I am proud to partner with you as we undertake our important work on behalf of our students, our school community, and the broader Scarsdale community."

She also noted, for the record, the 2026 Scarsdale High School graduates; thanked outgoing Board member Amber Yusuf for representing the Board at this year's graduation ceremony; and extended heartfelt congratulations to the Scarsdale High School Class of 2026, the 5th and 8th grade students who moved up, and the parents of all of the graduates.

In closing, Hahn stated, "The Board looks forward to its important work this year, collaborating with the administration, faculty, students and community to fulfill our mission to sponsor our students' full development so they can become effective, independent contributors in a democratic society and an interdependent world."

Dr. Patrick added his welcome to the first Business Meeting of the 2026-2027 school year and echoed Hahn's words of congratulations to Wiczyk and Ziegler. He also congratulated Hahn and Brown on their elections as Board Officers and Eisenberg, who will be returning for her second term as an ex officio student Board member, and Goldfarb for his first term, saying, "I am looking forward to our continued partnership as we navigate the new school year."

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Hoff-Barthelson Music School to Hold Auditions for the 2026-27 School Year

Hoff-Barthelson Music School invites young musicians from across Westchester and the surrounding region to audition for its Youth Orchestra and Pre-College Chamber Music programs for the 2026–27 academic year.

Through expert coaching, challenging repertoire, focused rehearsals, and meaningful performance opportunities, both programs help students strengthen their musicianship while developing the confidence, discipline, and collaborative skills that come from making music with others.

Audition Details at a Glance

Pre-College Chamber Music Placement Auditions (in person)

Wed., September 2, from 2 PM to 8:30 PM

Thursday, September 3, from 2 PM to 8:30 PM

Hoff-Barthelson Music School, 25 School Lane, Scarsdale

Placement auditions are held by appointment.

Youth Orchestra Auditions (by video submission): Audition videos should be submitted by Thursday, September 3, for consideration for placement at the beginning of the fall semester. Auditions are being accepted for the Chamber Orchestra and Festival Orchestra. Videos received after the deadline will be considered for the next available opening.

Take the Next Step in Hoff-Barthelson's Youth Orchestra Program: Hoff-Barthelson's progressive Youth Orchestra Program provides



an inspiring path through which students can refine their technique, broaden their musical perspectives, develop ensemble awareness, and experience the excitement of orchestral performance.

The **Chamber Orchestra**, conducted by Robert Schwartz, is an intermediate ensemble serving students in grades 6 to 10. It helps developing musicians strengthen their technical proficiency, musical expression, and ability to perform as part of a cohesive ensemble.

The **Festival Orchestra,** conducted by Leandro Gazineo, is Hoff-Barthelson's advanced, symphonic orchestra for high school musicians. Students explore demanding repertoire through intensive rehearsals and performances designed to advance their artistry and orchestral musicianship.

"Our orchestras give young musicians a place to pursue excellence while learning what it means to contribute to something larger than themselves," said Leandro Gazineo, Hoff-Barthelson's Director of Orchestral Programs. "Through focused rehearsals and ambitious performances, students develop discipline, confidence, and a deeper understanding of the music. Just as importantly, they experience the excitement and sense of community that come from building an orchestra together."

Students auditioning for the Chamber Orchestra or Festival Orchestra should submit videos featuring two excerpts from works of their choice, approximately two minutes each, that demonstrate their technical and musical abilities. Festival Orchestra candidates are encouraged to include at least one selection at or near NYSSMA Level 6. Additional scale or technical requirements vary by instrument.

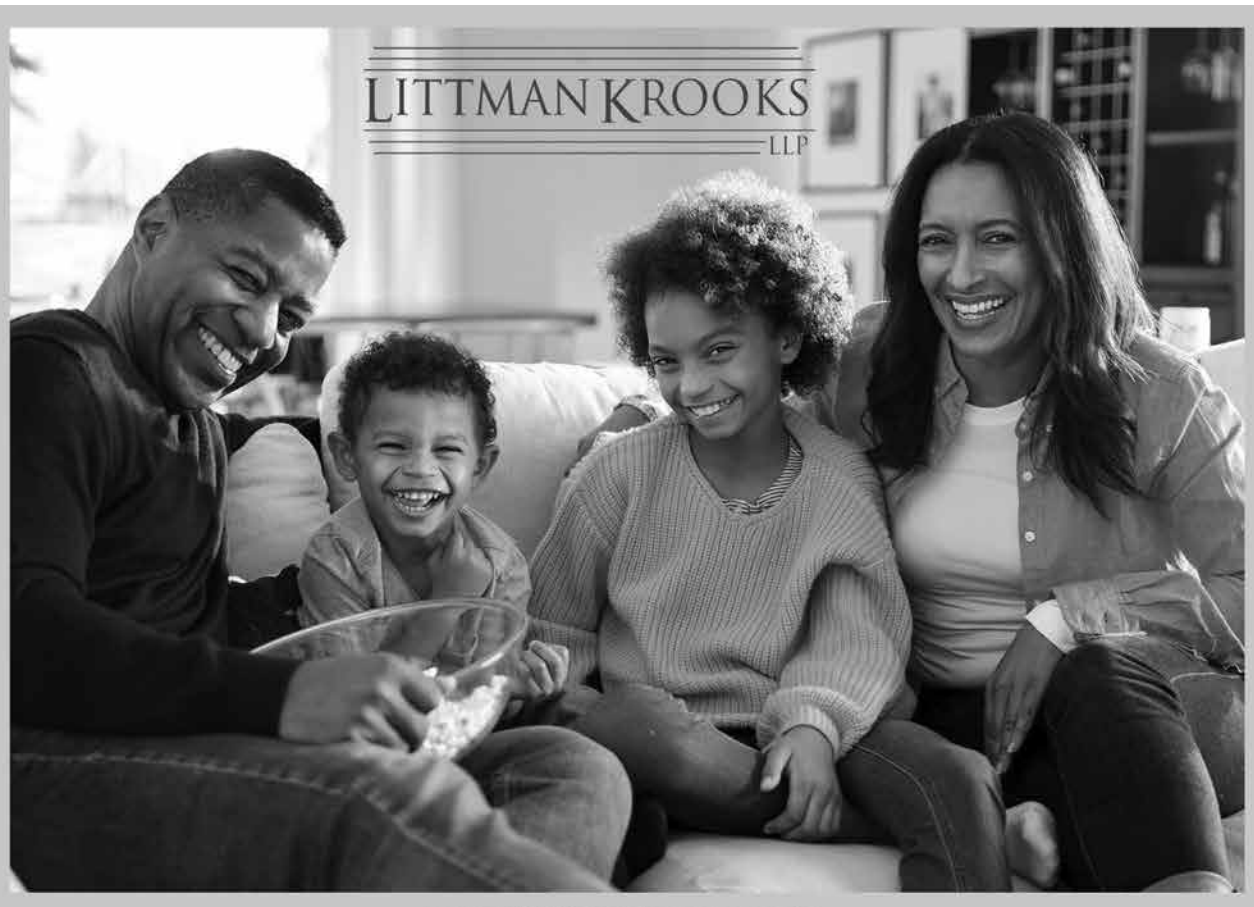
New students must complete the Youth Orchestra Program Audition Form before submitting their videos. Returning students may submit their audition videos without completing the form. Complete audition requirements, the application form, and video submission instructions are available at: https://hbms.org/youth-orchestras/

Discover the Art of Collaboration Through Chamber Music: Hoff-Barthelson's Pre-College Chamber Music Program allows intermediate and advanced instrumentalists, pianists, and vocalists to refine their artistry, develop essential ensemble skills, and experience the rewards of collaborative performance.

Participants receive 28 coaching sessions with expert faculty, frequent opportunities to perform, and the support of a community that values dedication, collaboration, and artistic growth. Students are placed in ensembles according to their age, ability, instrumentation, and availability.

"Chamber music challenges students to listen closely, communicate through their playing, and bring their own musical ideas to a shared interpretation," said Laura Giannini, Director of the Chamber Music Program. "As students learn to collaborate with their peers, they become more confident, thoughtful, and expressive musicians. It is tremendously rewarding to see the musical and personal connections that develop within each ensemble."

Placement auditions include a brief performance before a faculty panel. Students should prepare a solo selection of up to five minutes that best demonstrates their ability. Students performing at approximately NYSSMA Levels 4–6 should prepare two contrasting pieces or movements. Performances will be unaccompanied; no scales are required, and students will be asked to sight-read. Complete program information, audition requirements, and the form to reserve an audition appointment are available at: https://hbms.org/chamber-music/.



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Huguenot Lodge No. 46 Celebrates 230th Anniversary

Huguenot Lodge No. 46, Free and Accepted Masons, one of Westchester County's oldest civic institutions, will commemorate its 230th anniversary by honoring the Friends of the Ward House, Inc. and Westchester County Executive Kenneth W. Jenkins during the lodge's 230th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, September 19, from 6 PM to 8 PM, at the Mount Kisco Masonic Hall, 11 Carpenter Avenue.

To commemorate the milestone, Huguenot Lodge No. 46 has established the Jonathan Ward Heritage Award, an annual recognition honoring individuals and organizations whose vision, leadership, public service and stewardship have made enduring contributions to the history, heritage and quality of life of Westchester County. The award is named in honor of Jonathan Ward, son of famed Westchester Patriot Stephen Ward, and founding member of Huguenot Lodge No. 46, who served as sheriff of Westchester County, as a member of the New York State Senate, and in the U.S. House of Representatives. His legacy of service to both Freemasonry and the people of Westchester County continue to embody the principles the award is intended to recognize.

"For 230 years, Huguenot Lodge No. 46 has quietly served Westchester County through the principles of Freemasonry and a commitment to community," said Lee Justo, Master of Huguenot Lodge No. 46 and Deputy Grand Historian Emeritus of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. "The Jonathan Ward Heritage Award will ensure that each year we recognize individuals and organizations whose service has enriched our county and whose legacy deserves to be celebrated. We are honored to present the inaugural awards to County Executive Kenneth Jenkins and the Friends of the Ward House."

"It is a privilege to be recognized by Huguenot Lodge No. 46 during this historic milestone," said Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins. "Westchester's history belongs to all of us, and preserving places like the Ward House helps ensure future generations understand the people and events that shaped our County and our nation. I am grateful for this recognition and applaud everyone whose commitment keeps our history alive."

"The Friends of the Ward House is deeply honored to receive the inaugural Jonathan Ward Heritage Award as Huguenot Lodge No. 46 celebrates its remarkable 230th anniversary," said Sal Provenzano, President and Chair of the Friends of the Ward House. "Receiving this recognition during the 250th anniversary of our nation's independence makes it especially meaningful. We are proud to help preserve Jonathan Ward's legacy and grateful for Huguenot Lodge's longstanding friendship and commitment to protecting our shared history."

County Executive Jenkins will receive the inaugural award in recognition of his distinguished career in public service and his steadfast commitment to preserving Westchester County's history while strengthening its communities. Among his many accomplishments, Jenkins played a pivotal leadership role in helping secure the future of the historic Ward House, which was razed during the war by British troops and rebuilt by Jonathan Ward in the 1790s after the war. Jenkins actions ensure that one of the county's most significant colonial landmarks will continue to educate and inspire future generations.

The Friends of the Ward House, Inc. are receiving the award in recognition of years

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September 11 Ceremonies Planned



Westchester County marks 25 years since the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center with an Interfaith Prayer Vigil at 5 PM on Thursday, September 10 and a Memorial Service at 2 PM on Friday, September 11. Both events will be held at the Rising and 9/11 First Responders Memorial at Kensico Dam Plaza, 1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla.

Westchester County's September 11th Memorial incorporates the names of all the Westchester residents who died, the communities in which they lived and a quote about them from their loved ones. These words are engraved along the outside of the memorial's circular base. Steel rods extend from the base like the spokes of a wheel before reaching skyward and intertwining. The memorial is surrounded by landscaping that includes perennial plantings and park benches.

The memorial is located at the intersection of many pathways and viewpoints, and thereby extends its presence into the surrounding landscape. The Rising is an open structure. It can be approached from all directions and allows people of all ages and abilities to view it, as well as move through it.

To RSVP, email communications@westchestercountyny.gov.

Scarsdale Fall Parking Permits Available Through New Online Portal

Fall parking permits will go on sale Tuesday, September 1 at 7 AM for permits effective October 1, 2026. New this year: All parking permit applications must be submitted through the Village's online Permit Purchase Portal. Paper applications are no longer accepted.

How to Create a Permit Purchase Account

1. Visit scarsdale.gov/permitpurchase.
2. Select "Register as a New User."
3. Create your account using your contact information.
4. Make sure your email account can receive confirmation emails from the portal site.

If you already have a Permit Purchase account, you do not need to register again. Simply log in when permit sales open.

You can view available permit types, eligibility requirements, pricing, and parking locations at scarsdale.gov/parking. Before beginning your application, please have a copy of your vehicle registration and driver's license ready to upload. Applicants for merchant permits must also provide proof of employment with a Scarsdale-based business. The system does not accept .pdf formatted images.

Beginning Tuesday, September 1 at 7 AM, log in to the Parking Permit Portal to complete your application, upload your required documents, and pay by credit card online. If you prefer to pay by check, you may still complete your application online and then submit your payment at Village Hall. All permit payments must be made within 48 hours in order to process your application. Applications are processed in the order they are received, consistent with the Village's first-come, first-served permit process.

The new Parking Permit Portal is designed to streamline the permit process. Beginning with the Fall 2026 permit cycle, applicants will use the portal to apply for permits, upload required documentation, make online payments, and conveniently manage their permit information online, including updating vehicle and contact information. For more information, contact the Village Clerk's Office at (914) 722-1175.

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Upcoming Events at the Scarsdale Public Library

September Is Library Card Sign Up Month
All Scarsdale residents are encouraged to sign up for a library card! There are no fines, no late fees, and digital materials are available 24/7. Library cards provide access, connection, independence, and responsibility, and parents can sign up their children (of all ages) either in-person or online through the library website. Study rooms are available and students can reserve them ahead of time using their Scarsdale library card through the library's website. bit.ly/4x8qlt9

So You Think You Don't Like Modern Classical Music?
Tuesday, September 8, 6 PM
In this lively virtual presentation featuring both live music and recorded selections, Dr. Rosenbaum will take participants on a journey decoding today's classical music and demonstrate its enduring popularity. bit.ly/4pQqMLS

Beyond Baby: A Support Group for Moms of Toddlers-Preschoolers
Tuesdays, September 8 and 22, 7:15 PM
Take a break from the demands of parenting and invest in yourself. This twice-monthly emotional support group offers a welcoming space to connect with other moms, share experiences, feelings, and find encouragement while navigating the joys and challenges of the toddler and preschool years. bit.ly/4x8o7zp

Chinese Movie Matinee - Farewell My Concubine (1993)
Saturday, September 12, 1 PM
Enjoy a family-friendly Chinese language film. This program works to provide Chinese families with an environment where their culture is celebrated and appreciated through films. Each film will be screened in either Mandarin or Cantonese with English subtitles. bit.ly/4flWshn

What is a Power of Attorney and Why Do I Need One?
Monday, September 14, 2 PM
Discover the benefits and drawbacks of a durable versus non-durable power of attorney, the rationale behind granting broad gifting power, and why having a power of attorney in place now is more important than ever to ensure your health care and financial wishes are carried out as you age. bit.ly/4g5BASY

Scarsdale High School 101
Tuesday, September 15, 7 PM
Get honest advice and tips to help navigate high school from current high schoolers! Learn all about the countless hidden opportunities and programs these Scarsdale High School students wish they knew about when they were freshmen. bit.ly/453GedZ

Author Talk: *The Paper House* with Barbara Josselsohn
Tuesday, September 15, 7 PM
Join local author Barbara Josselsohn in conversation with Marcia Bradley for a discussion of her new magical realism novel perfect for fans of The Lost Bookshop, The Glass House and The Keeper of Lost Things. bit.ly/4pMCZ44

VIRTUAL: Successfully Navigating College Admissions This Fall
Wednesday, September 16, 7:30 PM
This Zoom program is recommended for parents and their high school teens. It provides a clear and strategic overview of what students should prioritize this fall for a successful college admissions journey and how to approach the process with confidence and less stress. bit.ly/4wz7g92

Movie Screening & Discussion - Strangers When We Meet (1960)
Friday, September 18, 2 PM
Join Marcus Renna in the Scott Room for a screening and discussion of the 1960 drama Strangers When We Meet. The film is adapted by Hunter from his novel of the same name about two married neighbors who are having an affair. A meditative, slowly-unfolding story in the vein of an old-fashioned soap opera. bit.ly/4yPUSTB

Bling's the Thing
Saturday, September 19, 2 PM
Make a difference making earrings! Design your own pair of earrings to keep, and make another pair to donate to a domestic violence shelter. A great opportunity to give back to others. For teens ages 12 and up. bit.ly/4fLj6po

Film Screening & Director Q&A - Uncorked Potential with Jack Kauffman
Tuesday, September 22, 7 PM
Join documentarian Jack Kauffman for a screening of Uncorked Potential: The Wild Wines of Chile showcasing the food, culture, and wineries of regions throughout Chile. With a blend of breathtaking landscapes, a fascinating look inside the winemaking process, and interviews with the people who craft it. bit.ly/45A1OH6

Piano Men - A Tribute to Billy Joel & Elton John
Wednesday, September 23, 7 PM
Celebrate the unforgettable hits of Billy Joel and Elton John in this lively tribute featuring pianist and vocalist Jay Daniels. With rich vocals and jazz-infused flair, Jay performs classics like Piano Man, Your Song, Rocket Man and more—bringing fresh life to the music of two pop legends in an evening of timeless tunes and nostalgic charm. bit.ly/3S6IwWP

Children's Author Visit - Tracey West
Friday, September 25, 5:30 PM
Tracey West, author of the popular Dragon Masters Series, is visiting the Scarsdale Library! Children will experience how West creates a dragon for her famous series and participate in a Q&A session. She will also sign one Dragon Masters book per child, so feel free to bring a copy from home! bit.ly/4pUKIgK

Teen Toolkit: Mental Health 101 for Teens
Monday, September 28, 7 PM
This interactive workshop introduces teens to the fundamentals of mental health and emotional well-being. Participants will explore the connection between thoughts, feelings, and behaviors while gaining a better understanding of stress, emotions, and common mental health challenges that many young people experience. The session will also introduce practical coping strategies, healthy habits, and ways to build resilience to support everyday well-being. bit.ly/4xeJP4V

Freedom of Speech and Due Process
Tuesday, September 29, 6 PM
Learn some of the deeper nuances and challenge your assumptions of these cherished rights. bit.ly/3Rs6HyO





Nominations Sought for Westchester's Senior Citizen Hall of Fame

Nominations are open for the 44th Annual Westchester County Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. Celebrate a senior who has made a positive difference in Westchester County through their contributions by nominating them for this year's Westchester County Senior Citizens Hall of Fame.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: "I am proud to announce the opening of nominations for the 44th Annual Westchester County Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. Each year, this cherished tradition allows us to recognize our extraordinary seniors who have made a significant impact in our communities across Westchester through their professional work, leadership and advocacy. I encourage residents to nominate seniors who inspire us all through their commitment to improving the lives of others."

Department of Senior Programs and Services Commissioner Mae Carpenter said: "Our Senior Hall of Fame is a cherished tradition that celebrates our remarkable seniors whose dedication, leadership and service have strengthened communities across Westchester County. The Senior Hall of Fame is one of our most empowering events and I look forward to being in attendance as we celebrate our older generation."

To be nominated, a person must: Be at least 60 years old or older, live in Westchester, and not be a past Hall of Fame inductee (past honorees are at seniorcitizens.westchestercounyny.gov;

- Have made significant contributions to improving life in Westchester County;
- Be an outstanding leader or advocate;
- Have done professional work that reflects innovative solutions to fulfill unmet community needs (if a nomination is based on paid professional work).

Nominations are due by Wednesday, September 9, and will be reviewed by a judging committee. A nomination should be submitted for each person, with organizations and individuals to be allowed one nomination only. To download and complete your nomination, visit seniorcitizens.westchestercountyny.gov. If you have questions about the nomination process, contact Jill Sommer Stern at (914) 218-3968 or email JillS@EventstoRemember360.com.

This year's Senior Citizens Hall of Fame will be held on Friday, December 4, from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM at the Westchester Marriott Hotel, 670 White Plains Road, Tarrytown. The Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services, Westchester County Parks, and the Westchester Public/Private Partnership for Aging Services will host this celebration, which will include an induction ceremony and a festive luncheon.

Avoiding Identity Theft

Westchester County is encouraging residents to protect themselves against identity theft by following simple precautions that can help safeguard personal and financial information. The Westchester County Department of Consumer Protection has released 10 practical tips designed to help residents recognize common scams and reduce their risk of becoming victims of fraud.

The Department of Consumer Protection encourages residents to remain vigilant by safeguarding sensitive documents, protecting online accounts and recognizing common scam tactics. Small preventative measures can significantly reduce the risk of identity theft and financial fraud.

Identity theft prevention tips include:

- Shield keypads and paperwork from "shoulder surfers" when entering personal information in public.
- Shred bank statements, tax records and other confidential documents before disposing of them.
- Keep financial records, identification documents and checkbooks in a secure location at home.
- Protect outgoing and incoming mail by using secure USPS collection boxes and retrieving mail promptly.
- Help prevent check washing by using electronic payments when possible or permanent black gel ink when writing checks.
- Verify website addresses before shopping online and consider using a credit card or digital wallet for added security.
- Ignore unexpected emails or text messages requesting personal information and contact the company directly using verified contact information.
- Never share passwords, PINs or login credentials with unsolicited callers claiming to represent a financial institution.
- Avoid accessing sensitive information over unsecured public Wi-Fi unless using a secure VPN connection.
- Freeze your credit with the three major credit bureaus and regularly review your credit reports for suspicious activity.

For more information about identity theft prevention and other consumer alerts, visit the Westchester County Department of Consumer Protection at consumer.westchestercountyny.gov or the Department's Facebook, X, Instagram and TikTok accounts.



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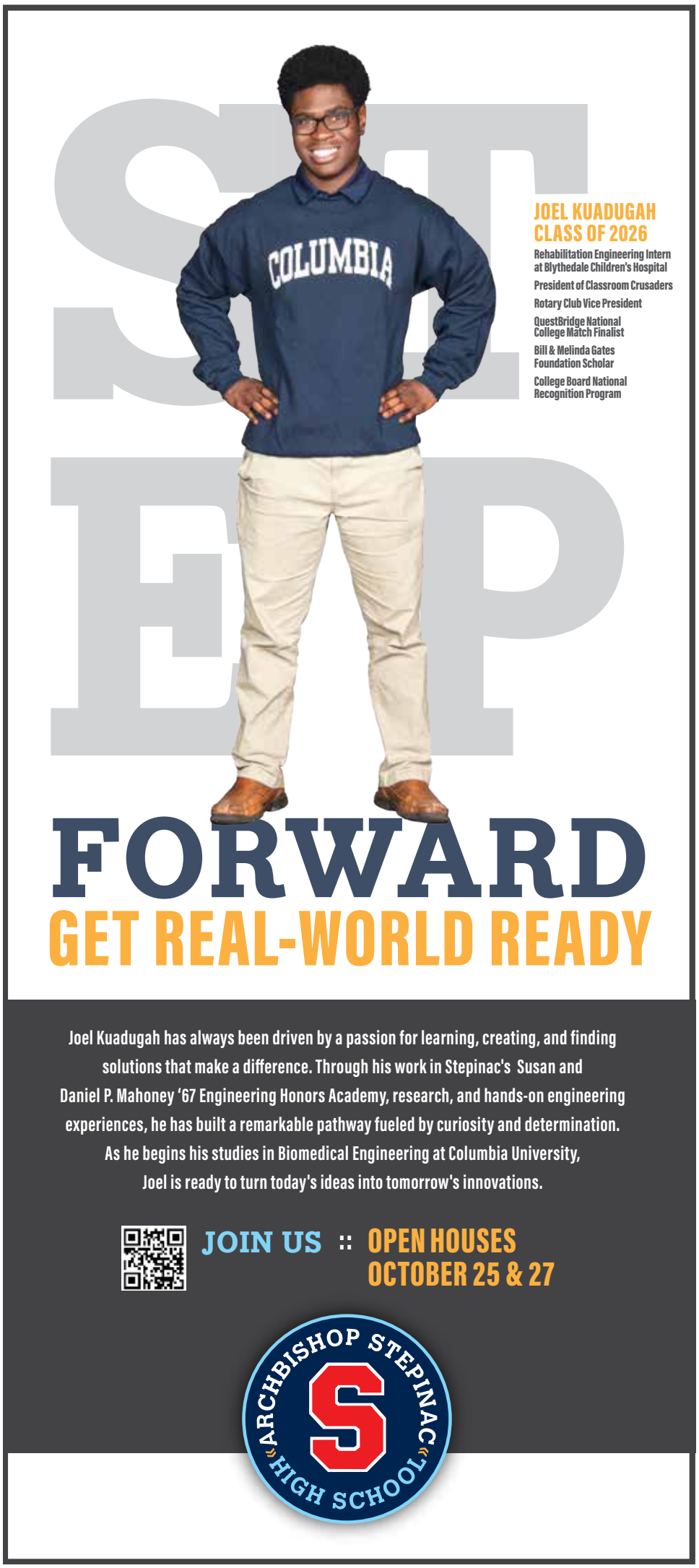


Table Hopping with Morris Gut: Prime Season for Oysters has Arrived

Here are some of the best spots to indulge in the Bronx and Westchester. Check ahead for availability...

One Rare Steakhouse, 16 East Parkway, Scarsdale (914-330-8488) Restaurateur Harry Sinanaj opened a handsome bastion for beef right in the heart of Scarsdale. They also serve East and West Coast Oysters with all the trimmings. www.onerarestеakhouse.com

Bistro de Ville, 185 Summerfield Street, Scarsdale (914-574-6364) From the same creative team who brought us Farmer & the Fish Restaurants, this bistro brings a delightful daily dose of Gallic favorites. They feature Fisher's Island Oysters at lunch and dinner. www.bistrodeville.com

Freebird Kitchen & Bar, 161 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains (914-607-2476) Nick Fusco and his team serve a southern themed locally sourced menu, fresh oysters included. Great daily happy hours. Rooftop dining and imbibing. www.freebirdkitchenandbar.com

Eastchester Fish Gourmet, 837 White Plains Road, Scarsdale (914-725-3450) A longtime favorite for seafood lovers. Oysters served daily in the formal restaurant or Go Fish next door. www.eastchesterfish.com

Sea Shore Restaurant, 591 City Island Avenue, City Island, Bronx. (718-885-0300) Jeffrey Weiner and his veteran crew serve abundant platters of seafood at this sprawling 95-year-old institution, Blue Point oysters included. Daily happy hours. www.seashorerestaurant.com

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Beyond the Dorm Room Checklist: Legal Planning for College Students

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Sending a child to college involves more than selecting courses, furnishing a dorm room, and purchasing a meal plan. There are also important legal documents that every family should consider before the semester begins: a power of attorney and a health care proxy.

These documents may seem unnecessary for a healthy young adult, but emergencies are, by definition, unexpected. Once a child turns 18, a parent no longer has automatic legal authority to make decisions or handle matters on the child's behalf. This is true even if the student remains financially dependent on the parents, is covered by their health insurance, or is attending a college for which the parents are paying.

The Legal Significance of Turning 18

Until a child reaches adulthood, parents generally have legal authority to make medical and financial decisions for the child. Once the child turns 18, that authority ends. The student is now an adult in the eyes of the law, and parents may encounter significant obstacles if the student becomes ill, is injured, or is otherwise unable to manage their affairs.

For example, if a college student is hospitalized following an accident, medical providers may be restricted from sharing information with the parents. Similarly, parents may not be able to access the student's bank account, address an insurance issue, communicate with a landlord, or handle another urgent financial matter without proper legal authorization.

Advance directives allow the student to decide, in advance, who should have authority to assist if the need arises.

The Health Care Proxy

A health care proxy permits a student to designate a trusted person, usually a parent or another close family member, to make medical decisions if the student becomes unable to make or communicate those decisions personally. The student remains in control of all medical decisions for as long as the student is able to make them.

The document becomes especially important when a student is unconscious, under anesthesia, seriously injured, or experiencing a medical or mental health crisis that affects the student's ability to communicate. The designated health care agent can speak with physicians, review treatment options, and make decisions based on the student's wishes.

The student should discuss personal values and preferences with the selected agent. Although no family wants to contemplate a serious medical emergency, a brief conversation beforehand can provide invaluable guidance during a crisis.

A separate authorization permitting the release of protected health information may also be advisable. This can help parents obtain information and communicate with health care providers even when the student remains capable of making medical decisions.

The Power of Attorney

A power of attorney addresses financial and legal matters rather than medical decisions. Through this document, the student appoints an agent to act on the student's behalf.

Depending on the authority included in the document, the agent may be able to communicate with financial institutions, access accounts, address insurance claims, sign documents, handle housing matters, pay bills, file tax returns, or resolve other administrative problems. This can be particularly useful if the student is studying far from home, traveling abroad, or temporarily unable to manage these matters because of an illness or injury.

Signing a power of attorney does not prevent the student from continuing to control their own finances. It simply gives another trusted person the legal authority to assist when necessary. The document can also be revoked or revised while the student has legal capacity.

Choosing the Right Agents

The individuals selected under these documents should be trustworthy, responsible, and willing to act. A student may appoint the same person under both documents or choose different people for medical and financial matters. It is also wise to name a successor in case the first person is unavailable.

The documents should be prepared and signed before the student leaves for college. Copies should be provided to the appointed agents, and the student should know how to access them electronically. Because state laws differ, families should consult an attorney about the appropriate documents, particularly when the student attends college outside the student's home state.

A Simple Step That Can Prevent a Crisis

A health care proxy and power of attorney do not take independence away from a college student. To the contrary, they allow the student to decide who may help and what authority that person will have.

Most families will never need to use these documents. If an emergency occurs, however, having them in place can mean the difference between obtaining immediate assistance and facing delay, uncertainty, or even a court proceeding. Preparing advance directives should therefore be viewed as a routine part of getting ready for college, along with registering for classes, arranging housing, and packing for the semester.

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Nominations Sought for Annual Youth Service Award

The Westchester County Youth Bureau and Youth Board are seeking nominations for the Rosemarie Siragusa Memorial Youth Service Award which recognizes adults in Westchester County who demonstrate exemplary dedication to children, youth, and families through their volunteer work.

The Rosemarie Siragusa Memorial Youth Service Award has been presented annually since 2012 in memory of Rosemarie Siragusa, the founder and first chair of the Westchester County Youth Board. She dedicated her life to helping children and the award is given to up to three deserving adult youth advocates who have embodied her work and commitment.

Nominations must be received by September 9 at 5 PM and can be submitted at https://youth.westchestercountyny.gov/rosemarie-siragusa-memorial-youth-service-award-nomination-form. The awards ceremony will be held on Wednesday, October 21 at 5 PM at the Michaelian Office Building in White Plains.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: "One of Westchester's biggest assets is its young people, but not every young person grows up in a stable, supportive environment that allows them to flourish and become a productive member of the community. Fortunately, we have exemplary residents throughout the County who are dedicated to a better quality of life for these young people and their families. For 14 years, we have taken time to honor a small number of these special residents who are nominated by their peers, friends and family. I encourage everyone to help us find these unsung heroes."

Westchester County Youth Bureau Executive Director Ernest McFadden said: "For many years, the Rosemarie Siragusa Memorial Youth Service Award has stood as a proud tradition of the Westchester County Youth Bureau and Youth Board, celebrating the extraordinary individuals who dedicate their lives to empowering young people. Imbedded in the belief that every act of service has the power to kindle hope and inspire possibility, the award recognizes individuals whose compassion, leadership and unwavering commitment help shape brighter futures for youth and their families throughout Westchester County. Such selfless efforts not only uplift the next generation but also strengthen the bonds of our communities, creating a lasting legacy of opportunity and hope for tomorrow."

Westchester County Youth Board Chairperson Dr. Alexandria Connally said: "Rosemarie Siragusa taught us that true leadership is measured not by titles, but by the lives we touch. This award honors those who continue her legacy by opening doors, inspiring hope and creating opportunities for the next generation. It is a privilege to recognize individuals whose service reflects the same passion, integrity and unwavering commitment to Westchester County's youth that Rosemarie embodied throughout her life."

For further information, contact the Westchester County Youth Bureau at WCYB@westchestercountyny.gov or call 914-995-2745.

Huguenot Lodge No. 46 Celebrates 230th Anniversary

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of volunteer leadership and unwavering dedication to preserving one of Westchester County's most treasured historic landmarks. Through advocacy, fundraising, and education, the nonprofit organization has ensured that the Ward House remains a lasting reminder of the county's colonial heritage.

The anniversary program and award presentations will be led by Justo, whose service as Deputy Grand Historian Emeritus reflects his longstanding commitment to preserving the history and traditions of Freemasonry throughout New York.

Proceeds from the 230th Anniversary Gala will support the establishment of the Huguenot Lodge Historical Society, a new 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to preserving, documenting and sharing the remarkable history of Huguenot Lodge No. 46, one of New York State's oldest continuously operating Masonic lodges.

Founded in 1796 as Westchester Lodge No. 46, Huguenot Lodge has been intertwined with the history of Westchester County and the nation for more than two centuries, counting among its members Revolutionary War patriots, elected officials, judges, military officers, business leaders and civic figures whose leadership helped shape the region and the country.

The Historical Society will work to preserve the lodge's archives, artifacts, photographs, regalia and historical records while developing educational programs, public exhibits, publications and digital resources that highlight the enduring contributions of Huguenot Lodge and Freemasonry to the history of Westchester County.

Tickets for the 230th Anniversary Gala are $125 per person through September 1 and $150 thereafter. Reservations and additional information are available at Huguenot46.com or by emailing leejusto@mail.com.

Scarsdale Police Blotter

Monday, July 20, 2026, 6:03 PM: A Weaver Street couple reported that their children left two envelopes containing a total of $1,000 cash in the back seat of their car when they dropped it off for service at 8:30 AM. When they picked up the car later that day, the envelopes and cash were gone.

Wednesday, July 22, 2026, 6:14 PM: A man riding his bicycle on East Parkway was hit by a car turning into a parking space. He was treated for minor injuries at White Plains Hospital.

Thursday, July 27, 2026, 9:47 AM: A 57-year-old Norwalk, Connecticut, man was ticketed for failure to stop at a stop sign and second-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle after a traffic stop on Christie Place.

Thursday, July 30, 2026, 7:42 AM: Police ticketed a 42-year-old Bronx man for failure to stop at a stop sign and third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle after a traffic stop on Walworth Avenue.

Friday, July 31, 2026, 5:16 PM: A Rectory Lane resident reported that he received two packages that were making suspicious noises. Police determined that the noise was from a neighbor's animal sensor.

Saturday, August 1, 2026, 10:12 PM: An 18-year-old Pelham man was charged with second-degree criminal trespass after police responded to a caller who reported a group of youths gathering at a vacant home.

Sunday, August 2, 2026, 9:57 PM: A 23-year-old Mamaroneck man was charged with second-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and speeding after police stopped his car on Mamaroneck Road.

Tuesday, August 4, 2026, 5:55 PM: Police were called to a Ferncliff Road residence after a woman reported being sprayed with chemicals from a power washer being used next door. The neighbor told police he was only using water to clean the house.

Tuesday, August 4, 2026, 6:57 PM: An Overhill Road resident told police that she received a suspicious call from Capitol One that asked for personal identification and financial information.

Wednesday, August 5, 2026, 1:13 PM: Police issued two summons—for driving without a seatbelt and third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle— to a 42-year-old Bronx man who was driving on East Parkway.

Thursday, August 6, 2026, 8 PM: A child told police that her grandparents were acting aggressively while she was in their Sycamore Road home. Police determined that the girl was being appropriately disciplined and took no further action.

Friday, August 7, 2026, 2:35 PM: A Brite Avenue resident reported that a package was stolen from her front porch.

Friday, August 7, 2026, 4:39 PM: A 66-year-old woman from Wappingers Falls was ticketed for failing to use a turn signal and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration after a traffic stop on Post Road.

Saturday, August 8, 2026, 10:22 AM: A Brewster Road woman reported that her neighbor is filming her and her vehicle without permission. Police told her that the neighbor did nothing illegal since he did not leave his own property.

Saturday, August 8, 2026, 3:36 PM: Police ticketed a 31-year-old Rosedale driver for speeding on Mamaroneck Road and third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Saturday, August 8, 2026, 10:13 PM: After a caller reported kids riding bikes on the Scarsdale High School track on Post Road, police told a woman and her child that bike riding is not permitted on the track and she removed the bikes.

Sunday, August 9, 2026, 5:36 PM: A Scarsdale man told police that while he was at the village pool on Mamaroneck Road, his Toyota 4Runner was hit by another vehicle while it was in the parking lot.

Tuesday, August 11, 2026, 8:01 PM: A man driving on Cushman Road reported that a pothole caused his Maserati convertible to have a flat tire, and he could not get a towing company to remove the vehicle.

Saturday, August 15, 2026, 11:29 AM: Police investigated an anonymous complaint that a homeowner on Brewster Road was doing construction work on his home without a permit, and found the homeowner repairing a gutter. No permit is required for gutter repair.

Saturday, August 15, 2026, 4:18 PM: An unlocked 2025 Land Rover Sport was reported stolen from the driveway of a home on Harvest Drive.

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Scarsdale Calendar



Goats on the Go!
Sunday, September 13, 1 PM to 2 PM
Muscoot Farm, 51 NY-100, Katonah
Take a pygmy goat on a walk around the farm! This hands-on experience allows children to provide important socialization, enrichment, and exercise for animals, helping to enhance their well-being. Pre-registration is required, and the program is open to children ages 10 and up. Cost is $20. To learn more, call (914) 864-7286.



Tai Chi: Inner Flow
Wednesdays, September 16 to October 7
Saturdays, September 19 to October 10
10 AM to 11 AM
Jewish Community Center Mid-Westchester, 999 Wilmot Road, Scarsdale
Discover the calming practice of Tai Chi in this welcoming series led by instructor Paul Lucien. Through gentle, flowing movements and mindful postures, you'll cultivate greater balance, strength, flexibility, and inner calm while focusing on deep, intentional breathing. Often described as "meditation in motion," Tai Chi is known to reduce stress, relax the body, and quiet the mind. All levels are welcome. For more information, email info@jccmw.org.



Intro to Cyanotype Printing
Saturday, September 19, 1 PM to 3 PM
Tuesday, September 29, 1 PM to 3 PM
Jewish Community Center Mid-Westchester, 999 Wilmot Road, Scarsdale
Join artist Julia Swyers to discover the beauty of cyanotype, a photographic printing process known for its rich blue-and-white images. In this workshop, you'll learn about the light-sensitive chemistry behind cyanotypes, coat your own paper, and expose and develop original botanical prints using natural materials. Leave with your own unique handmade prints. This beginner-friendly workshop is open to everyone—no artistic experience is required. Admission is $55 per workshop. For more information, email arts@jccmw.org.



Autumn Wildflower Walk
Saturday, September 26, 2 PM to 3 PM
Trailside Nature Museum
Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Reservation Road, Pound Ridge
This guided exploration of the fall landscape will identify the many wildflowers only visible during the autumn months and explain their historical uses. For additional information, call (914) 864-7317.

Boscobel Chamber Music Festival
Friday, September 4, 6 PM to 7:30 PM
Sunday, September 6, 6 PM to 7:30 PM
Tuesday, September 8, 6 PM to 7:30 PM
Thursday, September 10, 6 PM to 7:30 PM
Boscobel House and Gardens, 1601 Route 9D, Garrison
Performances include works by Mozart, Mendelssohn, Beethoven, Dvorak, Haydn and Brahms. Ticket prices range from $25 to $85 for adults, $15 to $45 for musicians and children under 16. Learn more at boscobel.org.

Saxon Woods Garage Sale
Saturday, September 12, 10 AM to 4 PM
Saxon Woods Park, 1800 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains
Browse secondhand treasures like clothing, household items, furniture, toys, sports equipment, books and more. Admission is free. Rain date is Sunday, September 13. For more information, call (914) 231-3450.

Up the River Blues Festival
Saturday, September 12, 12 Noon
Louis Engel Waterfront Park, Ossining
Music by Doug Deming & the Jewel Tones, Felix Cabrera, the 3Bs, Jellybean Jake & the Coconut Heads, Big Frank & the Healers, and Jennie Angel. Food trucks, craft beer and vendors. Free admission. Learn more at https://www.uptheriverbluesfestival.com/.

My Fair Lady
Thursday, September 17, 1 PM to 4 PM
Jewish Community Center Mid-Westchester, 999 Wilmot Road, Scarsdale
Spend an afternoon at the movies and enjoy My Fair Lady, the beloved 1964 musical starring Audrey Hepburn and Rex Harrison. Based on the Broadway musical and George Bernard Shaw's Pygmalion, the film follows a phonetics professor who takes on the challenge of transforming Eliza Doolittle, a working-class flower seller, into a refined society lady. Free admission. For more information, email adultprograms@jccmw.org.

Membership Fair
Tuesday, September 22, 1 PM to 4 PM
Scarsdale Woman's Club
Interested in becoming a member of the Scarsdale Woman's Club? Learn more about this not-for-profit organization that sponsors educational programs and philanthropic activities, as well as social events. For more information, email swc1918@verizon.net.

Armonk Outdoor Art Show
Saturday, September 26, 10 AM to 5 PM
Sunday, September 27, 10 AM to 5 PM
205 Business Park Drive, Armonk
Spend a day or two enjoying the work of exceptional artists within a beautiful tree-lined venue. A variety of food vendors are on-hand to offer a large selection of food and drink, including beer and wine. The Family Activities tent provides free children's activities including art lessons and projects throughout both days of the show. Net proceeds benefit the friends of the North Castle Public Library. For more information, email info@armonkoutdoorartshow.org.

Fall Campout
Saturday, September 26, 5:30 PM to Sunday, September 27, 8:30 AM
Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Road, Scarsdale
Join the center's Naturalists to see for yourself what life comes out after dark and enjoy the preserve's lilting morning music. Together, you can learn the basics of camping and test the waters while staying close to home. Visitors will be guided on a night hike, meet some nocturnal animal ambassadors, roast marshmallows around a campfire and much more! A simple breakfast will be provided. Bring your own camping gear including tents, sleeping bags and sleeping pads as supplies are not included. $75 for adults, $25 for children. For more information, call (914) 723-3470.

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