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Scarsdale Updates Rules on E-Bikes and E-Scooters

BY STEPHEN E. LIPKEN

The Scarsdale Village Board of Trustees updated the code on electric bikes and electric scooters at the October 13 board meeting. Chapter 121, entitled "Bicycles, Electric Bicycles and Electric Scooters," states that no person shall operate a bicycle or scooter with electric assist upon any sidewalk in the Village. Bicycles or scooters with electric assist may only be walked upon sidewalks. The update came in response to safety concerns raised by the Advisory Committee on Scarsdale Senior Citizens.


Mayor Justin K. Arest

Scarsdale Mayor Justin K. Arest welcomed the public to the meeting, reporting that students were approached by an individual in a white van. "On Thursday, October 8 the Scarsdale Police Department and Scarsdale School District issued a joint notice to families outlining two reported incidents and providing important safety guidance," he said. "Our Police Department has increased patrols around schools and is coordinating closely with neighboring municipalities and other law enforcement agencies. Please contact the Scarsdale Police Department at 914-722-1200 or emergency 911."

Public Hearings included the issuance of up to 25 taxicab licenses for Calendar Year 2027; Application for a Special Permit to operate a Pilates Studio at 100 Christie Place and proposed Public Hearing on Local Law to amend Chapter 171 concerning Freshwater Wetlands. The new code would change the definition of watercourses to freshwater wetlands and require approval for cutting trees within 50 to 150 feet from a wetland.

"October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We honor those who are fighting breast cancer, remember those we have lost, celebrate the survivors in our community and encourage everyone to seek screening and early detection," Arest said.

"Halloween approaches at the end of the month. We encourage trick-or-treaters to carry flashlights, wear reflectors, stay on sidewalks, cross at corners, be accompanied by adults and create restricted access areas for trick-or-treaters. Drivers are encouraged to slow down."



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Global Opportunities Coordinator Heather Waters and Scarsdale High School Global Ambassadors Blake Miller, Ally Menzer and Bryn Bass spent a week in Australia as attendees of the 2026 Round Square International Conference hosted by Barker College in Sydney, Australia.

Round Square is an international community of more than 280 schools in 50 countries that collaborate on character education around six themes (the Round Square IDEALS) – International Understanding, Democracy, Environmental Stewardship, Adventure, Leadership and Service.

The delegates enjoyed meeting and talking with their peers from around the world, making new friends and learning about each other's countries. Keynote speakers asked students to look at themselves, their world, and seek to understand, connect and engage.

The conference also included service opportunities and cultural performances as teens discussed the things that connect us and the challenges facing our global society.

Understanding that many of life's important lessons come from practical experience, Round Square uses experiential learning, to shape students' character, and build their capacity to make a positive difference in the world as globally-minded, courageous and compassionate leaders.

Color In Motion Opens at the Westchester Children's Museum

The Westchester Children's Museum opened its newest gallery, Color In Motion, with an afternoon reception on October 11. The gallery is now open to all Museum visitors Wednesday through Monday, 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM.



Photo credit: Courtesy of Westchester Children's Museum

Color In Motion features five luminous stations (Light Table, Color Wheel, Color Shadow Wall, LumiLight, and Light & Reflection) along with a prismatic mural created by local artists The Happy Muralists.

"What this gallery represents is more than a vibrant, welcoming hall for our visitors. It represents what can happen when a community comes together. Volunteers, vendors, and artists came together to make this possible," said Jeremy Scalchunes, Executive Director of the Westchester Children's Museum.

With all the contributors present for the opening, Scalchunes walked guests through each area of the gallery and the intention behind each thoughtful exhibit. He acknowledged them for their vital contributions:

- Valencia Painting, who constructed the wooden Color Wheel
- Board President Marvin Campbell, who built the Light Table and designed and cut 250 hanging translucent acrylic shapes to create a Light & Reflection grand entrance
- Travis Suss, CEO and Founder of MakeInspires, who donated the LumiLight peg wall

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Dear Scarsdale Families,

We are writing to keep you informed about two recent student-reported interactions with a stranger in our community.

On September 28 in the afternoon, a student in the Fox Meadow neighborhood was approached by someone driving a white van and asked to help with something inside the vehicle. In a separate incident on October 7, before school, a student in the Greenacres neighborhood was similarly approached by someone in a white van and asked to help deliver a package. In both situations, the students acted correctly by moving to safety and notifying their parents.

Both incidents were reported to the Scarsdale Police Department (SPD) once students informed their parents, which is actively investigating and increasing patrols across town, particularly during school arrival and dismissal times. District and school personnel have also been alerted and remain vigilant.

We ask that you use this opportunity to discuss stranger safety with your children. Please remind them to never approach unfamiliar vehicles, to stay with friends whenever possible, and to immediately report any suspicious interactions to the nearest trusted adult, such as a school official, crossing guard, safety monitor, or police officer. Immediate reporting is crucial in helping law enforcement intervene effectively.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and shared commitment to keeping our school community safe.

Sincerely,
Andrew Patrick, Superintendent of Schools
Steven DelBene, Chief of Police

Westchester County Clerk Launches Property Alert Service

Do you know what is going on with your land records? Now, thanks to a new program launched by Westchester County Clerk Tom Roach, you won't have to wonder anymore. The new Westchester County Clerk Property Alert Service is a free program designed to help property owners stay informed about documents recorded with the Westchester County Clerk's Office. The Property Alert Service allows residents to register their name or property address, and receive an email notification when a deed or mortgage matching that information is recorded with the County Clerk's Office.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: "I applaud County Clerk Roach on this effort. Property owners should have an easy way to know when activity involving their name or property appears in our land records, and this free service puts another tool directly in the hands of residents. We are now giving residents timely information and an opportunity to review recorded documents and take action if something doesn't look right."

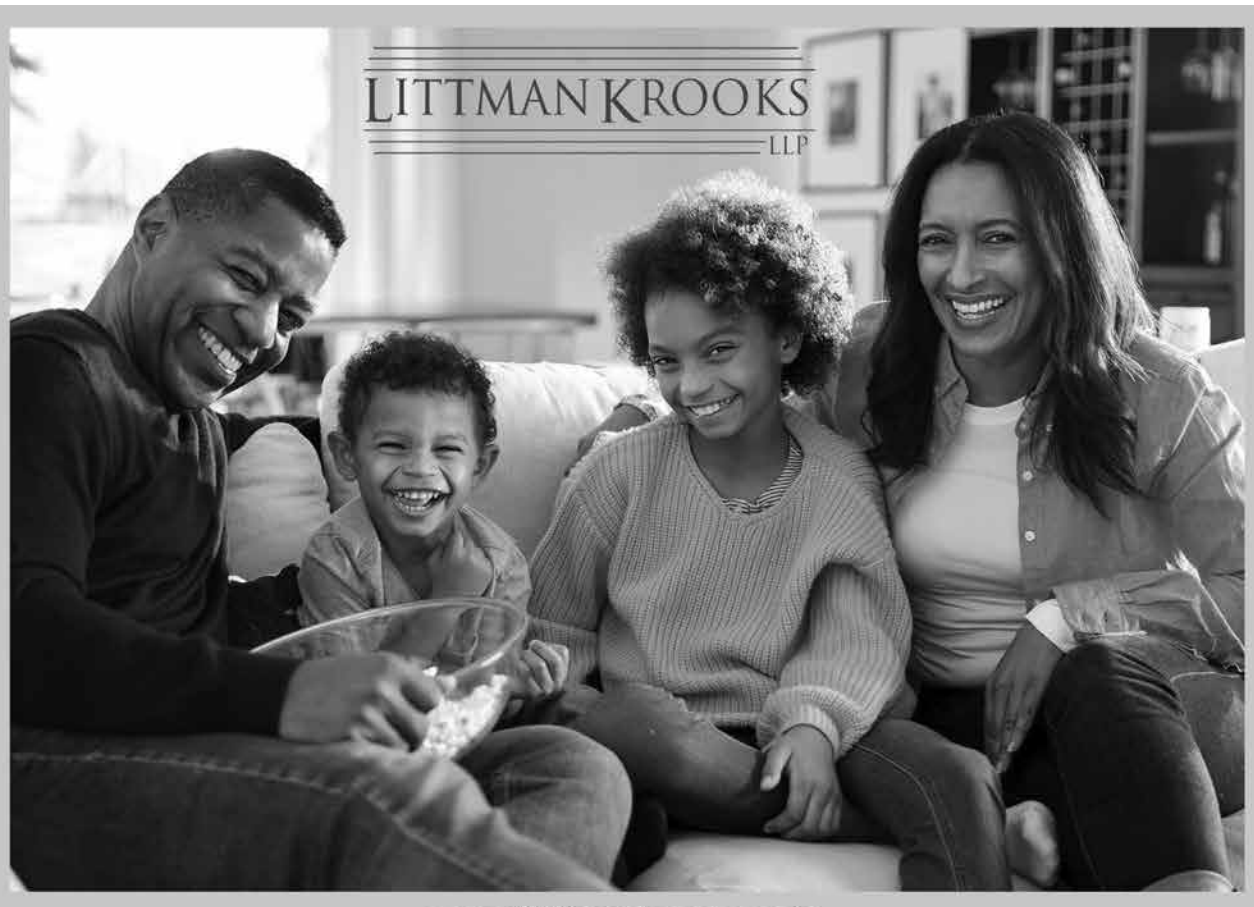
Roach said: "This is just the latest project to modernize the County Clerk's Office. We want to be as timely and efficient as possible and this is one way to make things easier for residents. We have been working with the Westchester County Department of Information Technology since January 2026 to develop the new system, and we are thrilled to now launch it."

How the Property Alert Service Works:

- Register Your Property: Property owners can voluntarily register the name or address they would like to monitor through the secure WCCPAS platform.
- Receive Email Alerts: When a document is recorded with the County Clerk's Office that matches the registered name or address, the user will receive an email notification.
- Review the Activity: The notification allows residents to review the recorded information and determine whether any additional action is necessary.

The service is provided free of charge and is intended to give residents an additional way to stay informed about activity associated with their property records.

Residents can register for the Westchester County Clerk Property Alert Service at: https://pas.westchesterclerk.com/



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Scarsdale Police Blotter

Monday, September 21, 2026, 9:46 AM: Multiple vehicles were parked in a no-parking zone along Farley and Montrose Roads, and village highway workers told police they were unable to do roadway maintenance. The vehicles were ticketed and towed.

Wednesday, September 23, 2026, 11:13 AM: A Yonkers man was charged with third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, making a U-turn and driving an uninspected motor vehicle after a traffic stop on Chase Road.

Thursday, September 24, 2026, 7:23 AM: A village highway department worker reported that he was unable to access a Brown Road sewer because a resident would not move her car. After police arrived, the woman agreed to park in another location.

Thursday, September 24, 2026, 12:20 PM: A man at the Scarsdale Public Library, 54 Olmsted Road, was screaming, cursing and yelling at library patrons, but left before police arrived.

Saturday, September 26, 2026, 2:50 PM: A Kingston Road homeowner asked police to check his residence after he received a "You home?" text from an unfamiliar phone number while he was away. All was in order.

Monday, September 28, 2026, 6:15 AM: A 64-year-old Scarsdale man was injured when he was struck by a Toyota driven by a 90-year-old Ardsley man. The driver told police the traffic light was green when the pedestrian was in the crosswalk.

Monday, September 28, 2026, 9:04 AM: Police responded to a report of a rooster in the backyard of a Brambach Road home. The homeowner told police she purchased the animal and intends to keep it in her yard. Police told the woman roosters and peafowl are prohibited and issued a summons.

Tuesday, September 29, 2026, 8:56 AM: A driver on Post Road told police that he got two flat tires on the passenger side of his vehicle after it struck rocks in the road. Police then moved the rocks off the road.

Tuesday, September 29, 2026, 12:59 PM: A Crane Road resident told police that multiple credit card accounts had been fraudulently opened in his name.

Friday, October 2, 2026, 3:40 PM: A North Chase Road homeowner reported that a man was captured on surveillance cameras entering his property and he later found his Ring doorbell was broken.

Saturday, October 3, 2026, 10:58 PM: Gabino Cantero-Rojas, 24, Stewart Place, Eastchester was charged with speeding, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, driving an unregistered vehicle, driving without a license, driving while intoxicated and operating a motor vehicle with an open container of alcohol after police observed him driving at 58 mph in a 30 mph zone on Post Road.

Sunday, October 4, 2026, 7 PM: Police ticketed a Mount Vernon man for failure to stop at a stop sign and second-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle after a traffic stop on Post Road.

Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 6:10 PM: A Garth Road man reported that he purchased a gold coin for $3,500 and was told it was genuine gold, but later found out it was fake after having it examined.

Friday, October 9, 2026, 9:15 AM: A Barry Road homeowner told police that a man came to her door and said he had a work order with her address from Optimum, but she had not ordered Optimum service. He drove away in a car without Optimum markings.

Friday, October 9, 2026, 11:25 AM: A Mercedes Benz parked too far from the curb on Shawnee Road was ticketed.

Friday, October 9, 12:47 PM: A caller reported that two vehicles were parked at the intersection of Oak Lane and Highland Way for about 20 minutes. Police found the vehicles were legally parked and the men in each car were not engaging in criminal activity.

Friday, October 9, 2026, 1:57 PM: Police freed two birds that were stuck in a batting cage on a Post Road athletic field.

Saturday, October 10, 2026, 12:46 PM: The Scarsdale Fire Department put out a fire in the oven of a home on Montrose Road. No injuries were reported.

Saturday, October 10, 2026, 9:51 PM: After neighbors complained about a loud party at a home on Ardmore Road, police told the homeowner to turn the music down. Police issued warnings to three other homeowners after similar complaints were made later that evening about loud parties on neighboring streets.

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Scarsdale Man Indicted for Murder in the Violent Death of His Mother

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that a Scarsdale man was indicted in connection with the July 2026 murder of his 71-year-old mother, Marian Green, at their home.

The defendant, Chester Green, 27, was arraigned October 14 before Judge Melissa Loehr in Westchester County Court for Murder in the Second Degree, a Class A-1 felony, and three counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree, a Class A misdemeanor.

The defendant pleaded not guilty and remains remanded at the Westchester County Jail. He is due back in court on December 2

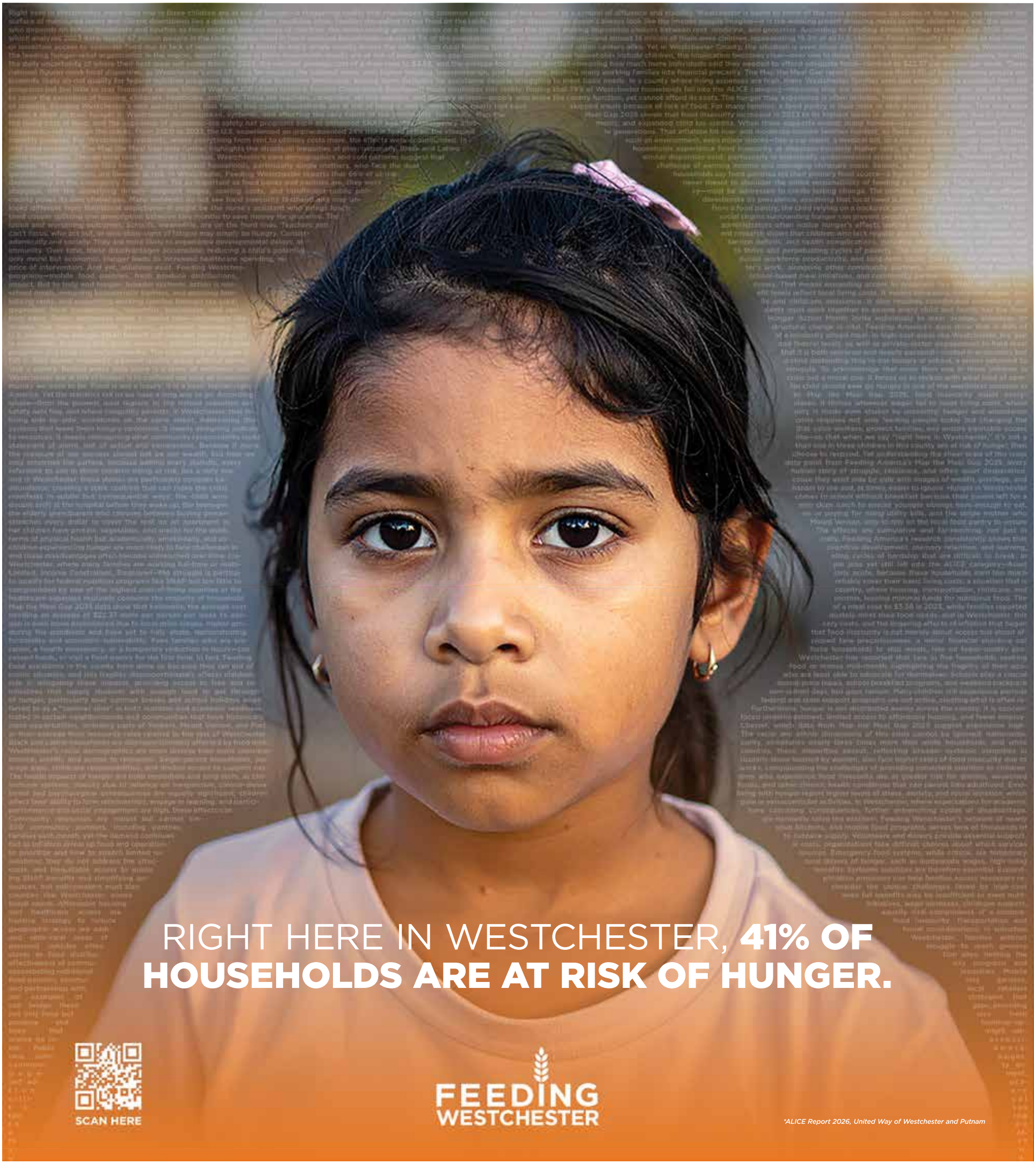
DA Cacace said: "Chester Green has been indicted for the murder of his mother, Marian Green, in a horrific and senseless act of violence that has deeply shaken our community. While nothing can undo this devastating loss, my office is committed to vigorously prosecuting this deeply disturbing case and pursuing justice for Mrs. Green and her loved ones."

Between July 5 at approximately 3 PM and July 7 at approximately 2 AM, it is alleged that the defendant repeatedly beat and stabbed his mother to death with a machete, an axe, and a kitchen knife inside their Butler Road home in Scarsdale.

The defendant was taken into custody at the scene by the Scarsdale Police Department.

The case was investigated by the Scarsdale Police Department, the Westchester County Department of Public Safety, and the Westchester County District Attorney's Office Criminal Investigators Squad.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Brianna Ciuffi and Caroline Zicca and Bureau Chief Jonathan Strongin, all of the Trials Division.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Dozens of WEDC graduates and current program participants will join the event to showcase their businesses alongside carefully curated supporting businesses from our area. The event will be hosted by Tom Gabriel, President and CEO of United Way of Westchester and Putnam, leading the interactive live pitch session.

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Tickets are available on the WEDC website at:

https://wedcbiz.org/event/wedcs-night-of-1000-successes/

$4.7 Million Grant to Improve Edgemont Sidewalks

A Federal Highway Administration Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant in the amount of $4.7 million has been awarded to the Town of Greenburgh for sidewalk and pedestrian safety improvements along Central Park Avenue, including several important improvements serving the Edgemont community.

The project will address approximately 6,150 linear feet of existing sidewalk gaps along Central Park Avenue, including sections within Edgemont, helping establish a continuous pedestrian connection between White Plains and Yonkers. Improvements affecting Edgemont include new sidewalks along portions of Central Park Avenue where none currently exist, a new pedestrian crosswalk at the existing traffic signal near the Hartsdale Post Office, ADA-compliant curb ramps, drainage improvements, pavement markings, and related pedestrian safety enhancements. These improvements will make it safer and more accessible for Edgemont residents to walk to local businesses, public transportation, and neighboring communities along this busy corridor.

This award follows the continued advocacy efforts of the Edgemont Community Council (ECC) to improve pedestrian safety throughout the community and the collaboration between the Town of Greenburgh and the ECC, including the ECC soliciting community support for the Town's grant application earlier this year.

This is the second major TAP grant awarded to the Town of Greenburgh with the support of the ECC. In June 2024, the Town was awarded $3,859,742 in TAP funding for pedestrian improvements along Old Army Road, following the ECC's advocacy and the submission of 69 letters of support from community members. That work should begin next year. Together, these two awards represent more than $8.5 million in federal funding for projects that will improve pedestrian safety and connectivity in and around Edgemont.

TAP grants are administered by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and implemented by local governments. According to the Town, construction of the Central Park Avenue improvements is anticipated to begin around 2028.

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Upcoming Events at the Scarsdale Public Library

Community Philosophy Seminar
Wednesday, November 4, 7 PM
Come together with your fellow curious Scarsdalians for a meaningful community conversation on philosophy and morality at our Philosophy Seminar. https://bit.ly/47f7M1b

Back To Email Basics
Friday, November 6, 1 PM
Join Jonathan Hecker, one of the library's Tech Room assistants, to get back to email basics and learn how to effectively and safely use them as part of your online life.
https://bit.ly/4i36QSw

Diwali Celebration
Thursday, November 12, 2 PM
Join the library staff in the Scott Room for an afternoon of dance and storytelling in celebration of Diwali. https://bit.ly/4ySfQB8

Beat Back Pain
Friday, November 13, 1 PM
Learn some of the misconceptions surrounding back pain and hear suggestions about how to improve back pain symptoms and mitigate future risk. https://bit.ly/4jgCvSF

Pastel Workshop for Teens
Saturday, November 14, 1 PM
This afternoon workshop with oil pastels is for teens. You'll learn several techniques: scumbling, sgraffito, color mixing, and stippling. Then you'll create a still life, landscape, or one of your favorite desserts. https://bit.ly/47jeAuE

Chinese Movie Matinee - Creation of the Gods (2023)
Saturday, November 14, 1 PM
Join the library staff for a family friendly Chinese language film. This monthly event is completely free. https://bit.ly/3VLHVvh

Poetry and Jazz
Sunday, November 15, 3 PM
The library and the Hoff-Barthelson Music School invite you to a Sunday afternoon of poetry and jazz. https://bit.ly/47T6Yzb

Trivia Night - Thanksgiving Traditions
Tuesday, November 17, 6:30 PM
Come to the library and show off your knowledge of the history of Thanksgiving, cooking, and fine dining with an evening of trivia and friendly competition. https://bit.ly/4BcylSu

DIY Autumn Garlands
Wednesday, November 18, 6 PM
In need of some Thanksgiving decor? Use the makerspace's Cricut smart cutting machines to make your own festive garland for fall! A drop in program, no registration required, while supplies last. https://bit.ly/4B6RvJk

VIRTUAL: Successfully Navigating College Admissions This Fall
Wednesday, November 18, at 7:30 PM
This Zoom program provides a strategic overview of what students should prioritize for a successful college admissions journey. https://bit.ly/3UmiH6h

Movie Screening & Discussion - How to Marry a Millionaire (1953)
Friday, November 20, 2 PM
Join Marcus Renna for this smart, glamorous, delightfully entertaining comedy featuring three of Hollywood's most notable 20th century actresses. https://bit.ly/4dGYVZD

Manga Book Club
Saturday, November 21, Noon
Fans of all manga and anime are welcome. Enjoy manga-themed activities and talk about your favorite series. This month's featured manga is Naruto! https://bit.ly/4ilMi8Y

An Afternoon of Folk-Blues Guitar with Tal Naccarato
Saturday, November 21, 2 PM
Don't miss the soulful acoustic guitar sounds of award-winning musician Tal Naccarato. https://bit.ly/4ilwjb2

Blood Drive
Monday, November 23, 11 AM - 5 PM
Stop by the Scott Room to donate blood with the New York Blood Center. Walk-ins are possible, but registration is recommended. https://bit.ly/47phlur

Bling's the Thing
Saturday, November 28, 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. For ages 12 and up. https://bit.ly/3VP0z5l

Westchester Raises Nearly $1 Million for Alzheimer's Association

Nearly 1,700 people participated in this year's Westchester Walk to End Alzheimer's® at Westchester Community College in Valhalla. The event has already raised nearly $1 million for care, support and research programs at the Alzheimer's Association.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins arrived at the Walk with a proclamation declaring it "Walk to End Alzheimer's Day" in Westchester, which he presented to David Sobel from the Alzheimer's Association. Jenkins also thanked local officials in attendance for supporting the more than 23,200 Westchester County residents currently living with Alzheimer's and their families. Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, irreversible brain disorder that is the main cause of dementia.



Left to right, Dr. Belinda Miles, Ken Jenkins, David Sobel and Esther McCarthy

The Walk reflected the momentum happening in Alzheimer's research, with tables featuring some of the new treatments available for Alzheimer's. Speakers during the Opening Ceremony touted the incredible progress made, even this year, with new approved blood tests for dementia making it easier get diagnosed and access treatments.

Janette Licanstrino, a longtime Walk participant whose mother is currently living with the disease, spoke about that progress: "We have new treatments that can slow the progression for some people, and blood tests are helping identify Alzheimer's earlier. Researchers are learning more every day." She continued, "That gives me hope—for my family, for your families, and for future generations."

Emcee Lisa LaRocca echoed that sentiment, saying: "Today is about action — turning strength into progress and hope into real change. We're here because we understand the challenges, we lift up the people we love, and we are united in our determination to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia."

During the Walk, participants carried flowers in different colors that represent their connection to the cause: blue for those living with the disease, purple for those who have lost someone, yellow for caregivers, and orange for supporters.

The Westchester Walk to End Alzheimer's was made possible by its volunteer Committee, including Executive Leadership Team Chair Arthur Ettinger. The Alzheimer's Association also thanks the Walk's generous sponsors, including national Presenting Sponsor Edward Jones, local Presenting Sponsor WMCHealth, and local sponsors M&T Bank Charitable Foundation, Atria Senior Living, and Stickley Furniture.

The Westchester Walk to End Alzheimer's accepts donations through December 31 at westchesterwalk.org.

Before December 31: Year-End Financial and Estate Planning Opportunities

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As 2026 draws to a close, many people focus on holiday preparations and making plans for the new year. However, the final months of the year also offer valuable opportunities to reduce taxes, support loved ones, and make important financial decisions.

Take Advantage of Annual Gift Tax Exclusions: One of the simplest ways to transfer wealth to the next generation is through annual exclusion gifting.

In 2026, you can give up to $19,000 to any number of individuals without using your federal lifetime gift and estate tax exemption. Married couples can give $38,000 per recipient, subject to gift-splitting rules.

For example, a married couple with three children and five grandchildren can transfer up to $304,000 in 2026 without reducing their lifetime exemptions.

To qualify for the annual exclusion, you must complete these gifts by December 31, and the funds must clear your account before year-end. Certain gifts to trusts do not qualify for the annual exclusion, even if the amount gifted falls within the annual exclusion limit, unless the trust contains special provisions that allow the gifts to qualify. Also, unused annual exclusions do not carry forward to future years.

Gifts that exceed the annual exclusion do not automatically trigger gift taxes. Instead, these gifts reduce your available lifetime federal gift and estate tax exemption and require you to file a gift tax return.

Pay Tuition and Medical Expenses Directly: Many families overlook another valuable gifting opportunity: paying someone else's tuition or medical expenses directly.

Federal gift tax law allows you to pay qualifying tuition expenses directly to an educational institution without using your annual gift tax exclusion, regardless of the amount. This applies to tuition at qualifying schools, including private elementary and secondary schools and colleges. It does not extend to room, board, books, or other educational expenses.

For example, grandparents can pay a grandchild's college tuition directly to the university and still give that grandchild an additional $19,000 in 2026.

Similarly, you can pay qualifying medical expenses, such as a family member's surgery, dental care, or other medical treatment, directly to the medical provider without using your annual gift tax exclusion, regardless of the amount paid.

The key is making payments directly to the institution or provider rather than reimbursing the individual.

Consider Funding a 529 College Savings Plan: For families interested in helping children or grandchildren with future education expenses, a 529 college savings plan offers another tax-advantaged opportunity. A special five-year election allows an individual to contribute up to $95,000 in 2026 to a beneficiary's 529 plan and treat the contribution as spread over five years for gift tax purposes. Married couples can contribute up to $190,000. However, this election uses the annual gift tax exclusion for that beneficiary for five years, meaning that additional gifts to the same beneficiary during that period will require reporting on a gift tax return.

Review Retirement Distributions and Charitable Giving: If you are subject to required minimum distributions (RMDs) from retirement accounts, confirm that you have satisfied your distribution requirements before year-end. Failure to take an RMD can result in significant tax penalties.

Individuals age 70½ or older can also consider qualified charitable distributions (QCDs), which allow them to transfer up to $111,000 in 2026 directly from their IRA to qualifying charities. These distributions can satisfy all or part of an RMD while excluding the qualifying amount from taxable income.

For those who regularly support charitable organizations, this can be more tax-efficient than withdrawing funds and then making a donation.

Consider the Impact of Gifts on Long-Term Care Planning: Before making substantial gifts, consider whether you or your spouse might need long-term care in the future.

While annual exclusion gifts offer federal estate and gift tax advantages, they are not automatically exempt from Medicaid transfer rules. In New York, gifts made within five years before applying for nursing home Medicaid can create eligibility penalties, even when the gifts fall within the annual gift tax exclusion.

This distinction is particularly important for older adults considering transferring assets to children or grandchildren.

Start Planning Before the Deadline: Year-end planning involves more than minimizing taxes. It provides an opportunity to use available financial and benefits strategies while protecting your long-term security.

Whether you are considering gifts to family members, helping with education expenses, or evaluating retirement distributions, thoughtful planning before December 31 can help you enter 2027 with greater financial confidence.

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Table Hopping with Morris Gut: Where to Celebrate Diwali!

Diwali, the Hindu 'Festival of Lights', is a major holiday throughout India and the rest of the globe. It is a fine time to enjoy the vibrant colorful flavors of India culture and cuisine. It peaks on Nov. 8th this year, but the celebrations continue all month. It is marked by rituals, parades, and plenty of good food. Here are some local spots to take in those exotic flavors. Dine in or take out:

Coromandel Cuisine of India, 464 North Ave., New Rochelle. 914-235-8390 The best Indian take-out in the Queen City. You may remember them from their former Division St. location. www.coromandeltogo.com

Coriander-Modern Indian, 154 Larchmont Ave., Larchmont. 914-235-1306 Proprietor Shawn Nagpal and his team offer a modern touch to their regional Indian cuisine. www.corianderny.com

Mumbai Katta, 227 Westchester Ave., Port Chester. 516-953-3265 Anita and Jayant Gawde have opened a vibrant ode to flavorful regional Indian street food. They will mark the traditional 5 day festival Diwali. Anita is a dynamo in front and back of the house. www.mumbaikatta.com

Neha Palace, 27 Meyer Ave., Yonkers at Cross County Shopping Center. 914-476-5900 Diya Ramchandani's big, elegant restaurant and catering venue serving Halal cuisine. www.nehapalaceyonkers.com

Marigold Cuisine, 434 White Plains Road, Eastchester. 914-202-9455 Michelin recognized chef Hermant Mathur, who was personal chef to the Prime Minister of India, offers a creative modern take on India cuisine. www.ordermarigoldrestaurant.com

Shirley's India, 1 Leroy Place, New Rochelle. 914-632-6736 Take out only. Kerala specialties. Catering and live action stations. https://www.shirleysindia.com/home

Kokum Grill & Wok, 2 Eastchester Road (corner of North Ave.), New Rochelle. 914-265-6279 The new kid on the block near IONA. www.kokumgrillandwok.com

NH44 Indian, 219 E. Hartsdale Ave., Hartsdale. 914-574-5262 Jeevan Pullan and Rashan Balan named their restaurant after the longest highway in India. Indian specialties with aplomb. www.nh44indian.com

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Color In Motion Opens at the Westchester Children's Museum

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- Board Chair of Exhibits Milena Fernandes Arnadi, who designed the Color Shadow Wall
- The Happy Muralists, Marla Beth Enowitz and Jessica Maricevic, Ed, who painted the Prismatic Experience, a rainbow mural with colorful bands that connect the walls of the gallery

"It is an honor to be included in a small part of the magic that takes place at the Museum on a daily basis," said Jessica Maricevic, Ed.

The tour concluded with a spotlight on the LumiLight exhibit, dedicated to Barbara Marchewka, a local teacher at the Murray Avenue School in Larchmont and a founding educator at the Westchester Children's Museum. The exhibit was inspired by a childhood classic where visitors create glowing designs and patterns by pushing colorful, translucent plastic pegs into an illuminated grid featuring 945 peg slots. Travis Sluss, Founder and CEO of MakeInspires, supported the project.

"What better way to have Barbara's light shine than through the LumiLight. Led by fellow founding educators Beverly and Harmon McAllister, the Friends of Barbara Marchewka came together to raise the funds necessary for materials. Because of them and Barbara's legacy, the LumiLight was born," stated Jeremy Scalchunes.

Antigone Allen, a friend of Barbara Marchewka since 1975, shared memories of her: "She was the ultimate educator. She was so dedicated to students, science, and learning. This Museum meant a lot to her. It was a very important part of her retirement years, and she would be very amazed and very grateful."

For Museum tickets, hours, and membership information, visit discoverwcm.org.

Westchester Jewish Community Services Receives Ignition Grant

Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS) has been awarded an Ignition Grant from A More Perfect Union, making it one of only 50 Jewish organizations nationwide and the only one in Westchester County selected to lead nonpartisan work to protect the 2026 midterm election.

The grant funds Bilingual Election Education, through which WJCS will serve as a trusted messenger of voter and poll worker information in English and Spanish through four Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics in Hartsdale, Peekskill, Mount Vernon, and Yonkers. The project will reach clinic clients including new voters, seniors, people with disabilities, people with substance use disorders, and people who primarily speak Spanish. The work is already underway and will continue through Election Day, November 3. Afterward, the WJCS will turn this project into a short playbook other Jewish institutions can use for future election cycles.

"At WJCS, we believe everyone deserves to have their voice heard and to be an active participant in the democratic process," said Stephan Spilkowitz, Director of Engagement and Culture. "That's why we are proud to support civic engagement among those we serve, ensuring that citizens of all backgrounds and beliefs can exercise their right to vote."

Nearly one in five Westchester residents speaks Spanish at home, and roughly a quarter of them don't speak English well. Since a 2005 federal voting rights settlement, Westchester has been required to provide all election materials in Spanish as well as English. Still, printed materials only help if they reach the voters who need them. Voters with disabilities face similar gaps: they make up about one in six eligible voters nationwide, yet they still vote at lower rates than people without disabilities and are more than twice as likely to have trouble registering. Reaching these voters where they already get care in Yonkers, Mount Vernon, Peekskill, and Hartsdale helps close that gap.

Through Ignition Grants, A More Perfect Union turns national pro-democracy investment into local action, putting resources directly into the hands of the community organizations doing the work. Since launching in 2023, the Ignition Grant program has funded 239 grants totaling more than $360,000. An initiative of A More Perfect Union's Jewish Partnership for Democracy, the program identifies the highest-impact democracy work a Jewish institution can take on, builds the tools to make it achievable, and funds partner organizations to run it in their own communities.

"What excites me most about this round of grants is how connected our grantees already are to the people they serve," said Aaron Dorfman, Founder and Executive Director of A More Perfect Union. "Whether it's a congregation building relationships with local election officials or joining a national network training poll chaplains, we're not funding from a distance. We're partnering with organizations that are already trusted voices in their communities and helping them turn that trust into concrete action for free and fair elections."

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Scarsdale Calendar



Owl Prowl
Friday, November 6, 7 PM to 9 PM
Muscoot Farm, 51 NY-100, Katonah
Short talk and night walk on farm roads to listen and look for owls. For adults and children 10 years of age and older. To register, go to https://www.sawmillriveraudubon.org/



Discover the Art of Monoprinting
Saturday, November 7, 10 AM to Noon
Jewish Community Center of Mid-Westchester, 999 Wilmot Road, Scarsdale
Explore the playful and expressive world of monoprinting as you experiment with found objects, natural materials, gel plates, and acrylic paints! Learn several easy-to-try techniques and create a collection of unique, one-of-a-kind prints. No previous art experience is necessary—just bring your curiosity and willingness to experiment! Cost is $55. For more information, email adultprograms@jccmw.org.



Westchester's Winter Wonderland
Friday, November 19 to Thursday, December 31
5:30 PM to 9:45 PM
Kensico Dam Plaza, 1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla
A 1.2-mile drive-through journey of holiday lights includes Santa, elves and Rudolph's Runway. NovemberFest from November 19-22 is a holiday walk through dazzling lights, glowing tunnels and festive scenes. For more information, visit https://wwinterwonderland.com/.



Medicinal Plant and Tree Tour
Saturday, November 21, 10 AM to 11 AM
Lasdon Public Gardens, 2610 Amawalk Road, Route 35, Katonah
Urban Naturalist Bruce Rosenberg will lead a tour to examine more than 20 plants and trees that have medicinal qualities and are used to treat physical and mental conditions. All of these plants can be grown in your own backyard and are available at local nurseries. He will also briefly discuss some of the active chemical constituents of those plants which help fight infection, inflammation and a host of other ailments. Registration required at lasdonpublicgardens.org.

Scams, Schemes, and Swindles: Stay One Step Ahead!
Thursday, November 5, 1 PM to 2:30 PM
Jewish Community Center of Mid-Westchester, 999 Wilmot Road, Scarsdale
Scams are becoming increasingly sophisticated, and no one is immune. Jim Maisano, director of the Westchester County Consumer Protection Department, will share practical strategies for protecting yourself from financial exploitation. Learn how to recognize and respond to scam artists and telemarketers, avoid costly home improvement rip-offs, and protect yourself from identity theft and other schemes designed to gain access to your money and confidential information. Admission is $18. For more information, email info@jccmw.org.

Breathe Deep NYC
Saturday, November 7, 9 AM to Noon
Pier 17-The Seaport, 89 South Street, New York City
Lung cancer survivors, caregivers, loved ones and advocates can learn more about lung health and cancer research and participate in a community walk along the waterfront and a Lung Health Resource Fair with educational and support resources. For more information, email info@LUNGevity.org.

Wine Tasting/Silent Auction
Thursday, November 12, 7 PM
Scarsdale Woman's Club, 37 Drake Road
A selection of wines is paired with a silent auction benefiting the club's local philanthropic and community initiatives. For more information, email swc1918@verizon.net.

50th Anniversary of Annie
Saturday, November 14 to Sunday, November 29, 1 PM
Friday, November 20, 7 PM
Yorktown Stage, 1974 Commerce Street
Based on the popular comic strip by Harold Gray, Annie has become a worldwide phenomenon and was the winner of seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical. The beloved book and score features some of the greatest musical theatre hits ever written, including Tomorrow. For more information, go to yorktownstage.org.

Renaissance String Quartet
Sunday, November 15, 3 PM
Rosen House Music Room, Caramoor, 149 Girdle Ridge Road, Katonah
Driven by a desire to reimagine the capacity of the string quartet, the ensemble commands a diverse repertoire of classic, underrepresented, and new works to champion an inclusive vision for the future of classical music. The afternoon's program includes works by Mozart, Bartok and Florence Price. A wine and cheese reception begins at 2:15 PM. Tickets are $35. Learn more at caramoor.org.

An Afternoon of Music & Joy
Sunday, November 15, 4 PM
Westchester Reform Temple, 255 Mamaroneck Road
Kol Hazzanim: Westchester Community of Cantors will present Jewish contributions to 250 years of American music. $25 admission until November 5, then $36. For more information, email lori@wjcouncil.org.

Nature Center Seeks Board Members
The Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Road, Scarsdale, is seeking community-minded leaders interested in joining its Board of Directors. Board members help provide strategic oversight, support fundraising and community engagement, and serve as ambassadors for its mission.
For residents who care about environmental education, conservation, wildlife, and strengthening community connections, this is a meaningful way to get involved and help shape the organization's future.
To express interest or learn more about joining the Board of Directors, contact Executive Director Alix Dunn at Alix@naturecentergb.org.



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