

# Iona University Dedicates Kelly Center for Health Sciences

Iona University hosted a dedication ceremony for the Kelly Center for Health Sciences on January 12, 2023, recognizing benefactors Alfred F. Kelly Jr. '80, '81MBA, '19H, chairman and chief executive officer of Visa, and Peggy Kelly '81, '84MBA, who generously gifted \$5 million to name the building.

Located on Iona's new campus in Bronxville, the Kelly Center for Health Sciences will serve as the flagship building of the NewYork-Presbyterian Iona School of Health Sciences.

"It is a great honor to be opening the Kelly Center for Health Sciences, as we believe the NewYork-Presbyterian Iona School of Health Sciences will become a top destination for all those who feel called to serve others through these important fields of study," said Al Kelly. "This is a proud moment for our family and a historic milestone for our alma mater."

"The legacy of the Kelly Center for Health Sciences will be built through the many thousands of Iona students who go on to save and improve lives for generations to come," said Peggy Kelly. "Al and I are humbled by this gorgeous new facility, and we look forward to all that is still to come."

During the dedication ceremony, Iona University President Seamus Carey, Ph.D., said the opening of the Kelly Center for Health Sciences marked the beginning of a new era for Iona. Class-



Alfred F. Kelly Jr.

es began at Iona Bronxville for the first time on January 17.

"At a time when many private institutions of higher education are challenged to stay open, Iona made the move to purchase a new campus to accommodate growth," said Carey. "This building and this campus are wellsprings of hope, not

only for the students who will study here, but for the people and communities they will serve. The students who pass through this school and this building will make their mark on the world by providing health care with compassion. They will be distinctive not only for what they know, but for their generosity of spirit that is endemic in the Iona culture."

The Kelly Center for Health Sciences spans three floors and is nearly 32,000 square feet. With a design philosophy focused on holistic wellness, the building is bright, eco-friendly and infused with natural elements. Cutting-edge, collaborative spaces, meanwhile, promote interdisciplinary learning.

Building Highlights Include:

- Six classroom seminar rooms and a collaborative area
- Five simulation rooms with connected control rooms
- Four laboratory rooms, including a physical as-



sessments lab, bedside skills lab, flex occupational therapy lab and adult occupational therapy lab

- Two group therapy rooms
- Two patient examination rooms
- Interprofessional Education (IPE) collaboration space
- Two student lounges with seating, an 85-inch television display, kitchen and vending area
- Two debrief rooms
- Two administrative offices

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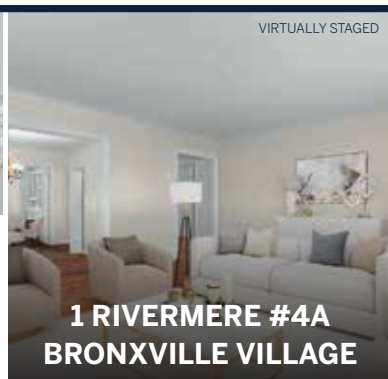
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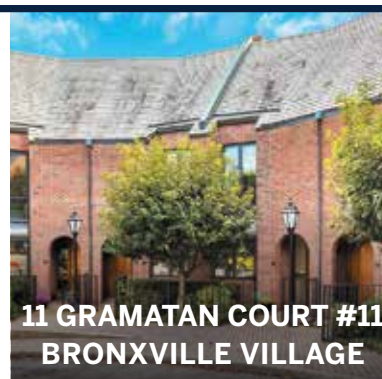
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# Work Session, Planning Board Meetings Held in Bronxville Village Hall

BY STEPHEN E. LIPKEN

Bronxville Mayor Mary C. Marvin held a Work Session on January 11, 2023. First item on the Agenda was safety crosswalks on Route 22. “We are sending a letter to the community about the crosswalk issue, a survey, one per household,” Marvin stated. Village Administrator James Palmer noted that the questions will be linked by email to a Facebook page; name of the participant is not required.

One crossing being considered is Pondfield and NY 22; another, Tanglewylde and NY 22.

There is already a pedestrian crossing on White Plains Road, outside the Bronxville Iona University Campus. Palmer added that White Plains Road is owned by New York State and has a non-conforming blinking light signal from the main campus.

Other crossings addressed were Northway across NY 22, upgrading the intersection of Midland Avenue and Pondfield Road by narrowing crosswalks, brightening paint and improv-

ing signalization, as well as tweaking Westside Circle improvements for safe passage of pedestrians and cars.

Marvin also mentioned that a Resolution is being considered to lower the speed limit on all streets to 25 mph; Route 22, a State Road remains at 30 mph.


The next topic concerned trees and landscaping, including the issue of hedges on Village Property. Trustee William Fredericks remarked that although there are plenty of existing sidewalks, projecting shrubbery sometimes forces people onto the street. Any tree overhanging a sidewalk shall be eight feet above it and trees overhanging the street, 13 feet.

Palmer went on to say that a dying infected tree with branches over a sidewalk shall be taken down and the owner charged. Marvin averred that a neighbor cutting down unauthorized trees could cause flooding and wind tunnels on the adjacent property.

Addressing outdoor dining, Marvin averred that a consulting firm, Street Plans has



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# From the Office of the Mayor



BY MAYOR MARY MARVIN

JANUARY 17, 2023

As is custom, I begin every year as the new legislature convenes in Albany sharing the initiatives/wish list of Mayors throughout the state as compiled by the New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) of which I am an active member.

The following are the top priorities culled from an extensive list.

- The reimbursement of state tax revenues back to municipal governments. Return of tax dollars to local governments is essential to the strength of our communities, the retention and hopeful growth of New York's dwindling population base and most importantly the lowering of the property tax burden on our residents.

Though hard to believe, for the past 14 years, New York State has failed to increase this essential reinvestment. As you are all aware, this neglect has led to ever increasing municipal tax burdens and in

many communities, a harmful disinvestment in essential services. Over the same period, school aid has increased by more than \$6 billion, well exceeding the rate of inflation. State mayors are looking for something not even close to parity. As example, just a cost of living adjustment to the current \$75 million in this program would require a \$270 million infusion or a 38% increase.

- Since 2017-18, the state has provided millions of dollars in grant money to a variety of programs under the aegis of the Clean Water Infrastructure Project. Unfortunately, the program was constructed skewed toward emergency aid. Funding is not readily available for upgrades or preventative maintenance. Rather applicants need to demonstrate an emergency situation and not simply the need to prevent an emergency. Essentially, the program requirements defy logic. The Mayors' Association supports establishing an annual funding stream that could be used by all cities and villages to supplement both water and sewer infrastructure preventive maintenance costs. To make it fair and formula driven, every municipality could receive an allocation based on the amount of water and sewer pipelines owned and maintained by the community with special emphasis on storm water and sanitary sewer systems. As is evident, Bronxville could so benefit from a restructuring of this program.

- The Mayors have asked, for a decade now, to remove the tax cap disincentives for economic growth by amending the text of the current statute to exclude from the cap municipal expenditures on public infrastructure just as public schools and the State itself have done from their respective caps.

- NYCOM supports amending the bail law to allow public safety considerations in bail determinations and increasing the number of offenses that are bail eligible. The Mayors request that judges be allowed to consider an expanded list of criteria so that they may undertake a comprehensive and balanced assessment of "dangerousness" which is a determining factor in every other state when making a bail determination.

In addition to the above mentioned items, Governor Hochul announced in her recent State Inaugural Address certain state wide initiatives which often result in bills as they are a guideposts for the direction that she would like the Assembly and Senate to take. Since both houses are of her party, there is a high probability her priorities will be entertained/enacted.

One of her signature efforts is establishing what is called the New York Housing Compact. The goal of this initiative is to build 800,000 new homes over the next decade with local government participation required.

For those of us living in the area so designated "downstate" and qualify as a municipality served by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, we will have a 3% new home requirement over the next three years. By comparison, in upstate counties, the new home target will be one percent over three years.

In addition, the Governor proposes a new fast track approval mechanism directed by the State that will allow for mixed income multifamily projects in localities that do not meet their target numbers in the three-year window regardless of local zoning and regulations to the contrary. The plan is to create a new appeals process at the state administrative level through the court system to provide these approvals where localities do not.

Bronxville would also fall under the Governors additional housing initiative called the Transit Oriented Housing Development, where communities must rezone the area multifamily development within a half mile of a Metro North station. Given the small size of our Village, this would encompass a significant portion of our housing stock.

To encourage the inclusion of affordable housing as part of this new growth/density program, affordable units will be assigned extra weight in the calculation of a community's progress towards their mandated goals.

To expedite rezoning and development of these new homes, specific relief from the environmental review process will be included for the homes subject to the Transit Oriented Development proposals.

Needless to say, a program of this enormity would have a major impact on all Village institutions.

I currently sit on a housing committee of the New York State Conference of Mayors and will be heading to Albany in early February to learn more about these programs as it is expected that the specifics will be revealed in the Governor's budget to be released on January 31st.

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# TPH Film Club in Bronxville Announces New Season

The Picture House Regional Film Center ([www.thepicturehouse.org](http://www.thepicturehouse.org)) announced that a second season of TPH Film Club Bronxville will begin on January 24. TPH Film Club brings subscribers together once a week for six weeks to screen an upcoming film in advance of its release. Following the film, there is often a Q&A with someone involved in the film's production, giving the audience an opportunity to get behind the scenes insight into the movie they've watched. Film Club is hosted by Stephen Whitty, critic at The Star Ledger.

The Picture House Film Club expanded to Bronxville in the fall of 2022, with its inaugural season starting on November 1. In January, TPH Film Club Bronxville returns in the newly refurbished Theater One.

Picture House Director of Programming, Clayton Bushong, said "TPH Film Club is at the heart of our organization's mission. It brings some of the best new movies to an audience of enthusiastic film lovers, enriching their experience of the film by bringing in special guests. Film Club subscribers learn about the making of the films they watch from the perspective of directors, producers, screenwriters, and actors. We've always been proud of the program's popularity at our Pelham location, and it's exciting to expand it to The Picture House Bronxville. It's a program that helps build and strengthen the TPH community, so we're looking forward to seeing it grow in Bronxville."

Subscriptions to TPH Film Club are a benefit of Picture House membership. The learn more visit [www.thepicturehouse.org/join-give/](http://www.thepicturehouse.org/join-give/).



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The Kelly Center for Health Sciences completely transformed what was formerly the library of the Concordia College campus, which Iona acquired in May 2021. Renovations began April 2022.

By retaining the existing structure of the 50-year-old building, as well as the interior floors, stairs and elevator, Iona and the project team not only minimized the time and cost of the project, but also the environmental impact. The building will also reduce fossil fuel consumption and carbon emissions by utilizing new heat-pump technology for heating and cooling. Other eco-friendly improvements include dimmable LED lighting as well as new double-pane windows, updated air systems and more.

Iona worked with industry leaders on the design and execution of the project, including SLAM, the architecture firm; Consigli, the construction company; and JLL, a real estate services and project management firm.

Established in July 2021 and supported by a \$20 million gift, the NewYork-Presbyterian Iona School of Health Sciences offers a new vision for collaborative education, modern workforce development and community care. NewYork-Presbyterian is consistently ranked one of the nation's top hospitals and is also a leader in medical education in collaboration with two renowned medical schools: Weill Cornell Medicine and Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons.

"We are pleased to celebrate the dedication of the Kelly Center for Health Sciences, and we are grateful to Al and Peggy Kelly for their generosity

and support," said Dr. Steven J. Corwin, NewYork-Presbyterian President and CEO. "Today is a momentous occasion, and it is just the start. We look forward to the continued development of the NewYork-Presbyterian Iona School of Health Sciences and educating the next generation of health care professionals."

Approximately 150 people attended the dedication ceremony, including Bronxville Mayor Mary Marvin and the Board of Trustees; New Rochelle Mayor Noam Bramson; Deputy Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins; New York State Assemblymember Amy Paulin; New York State Senator Shelley Mayer; and former United States House of Representatives Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, among others.

In a special video message recorded for the dedication ceremony, His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York, congratulated President Carey and offered thanks to Al and Peggy Kelly. One attribute he has noticed about Iona students, he said, is their commitment and drive to serving others. Iona's growth in the health sciences is therefore in full alignment, he added.

"This project is the perfect culmination of the advocacy work that Al and Peggy have made it their personal mission to fulfill – Catholic education and health care," said Cardinal Dolan. "The Kelly Center for Health Sciences will not only impact the lives of those who learn within it, but also the many thousands of lives that are going to benefit from the education that Iona students will receive."

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been engaged to review outdoor dining issues including the amount of garbage generated, noise, adherence to fire codes, traffic safety and loss of parking spaces for customers of non-restaurant establishments. Sidewalk dining is available on Park Place, making it one-way. Outdoor dining will be allowed from April 15th until November 20th.

The Work Session was followed by a Planning Board meeting, in which Alloy Design Studio Principal Chris Tramutola, architect discussed re-grading the Crescent Road leading to the Bronxville Iona University Campus entrance.

The site is currently a flat drive with 4

steps to enter the building. The proposed plan will gently slope the drive and sidewalks, eliminate the steps and allow flush access into the building.

Along with the minor change in elevation, the existing plaza will be repaved with a decorative paver and a short seat wall will be added at the end of the plaza. The seat will have bronze lettering signage displaying "Iona University" on the side facing Route 22.

Coffin signs are located at the north and south ends of the campus along route 22 and have Iona lettering on them. They are referred to as coffin signs as they are low and have similar shape and length of a coffin.

# Stepinac High School Inducts Local Students into the National Honor Society

Fifty-nine Stepinac High School students were inducted into the National Honor Society (NHS) during a ceremony held at the school.

Fr. Thomas Collins (Class of '79), President, officiated and congratulated each student at the annual event which was also attended by parents and other family members and members of the administration and faculty of the renowned all-boys Catholic high school.

The NHS was created to recognize the nation's outstanding high school students. Each year, students are inducted into Stepinac's chapter based on their high academic performance, their service to the school and community, their demonstrated leadership skills and their good character.

Stepinac's NHS 2023 local inductees and their hometowns are:

Bronxville: Antonio Mignone

New Rochelle: Peter McFarland, Bryce Staten, Jason-Conrad Zablan

The mission of Archbishop Stepinac High School is to offer young men of the Archdiocese of New York a highly competitive academic and extracurricular program that will prepare them for college and leadership roles. The faculty and staff accomplish these objectives by pursuing excellence and creating a supportive, disciplined atmosphere with a strong sense of camaraderie and Christian values that is unique to the Stepinac experience. For more information, visit [www.Stepinac.org](http://www.Stepinac.org).

## 52 Donors in Stepinac High School Community's Recent Winter Blood Drive Will Help Save the Lives of 136 Area Hospital Patients

Fifty-two donors answered the call to address the region's blood supply shortage in the recent Stepinac High School community's winter blood drive to benefit the New York Blood Center (NYBC). In so doing, they "will help save the lives of 136 area hospital patients," the NYBC reported.

Members of Stepinac's administration, faculty, staff, students, parents and other supporters from the community donated life-saving blood at the one-day drive held in the gymnasium of the renowned all-boys Catholic high school.

Stepinac's latest drive came when it is most needed as the winter months are always a difficulty time to maintain blood inventories. With recent challenges—rising flu, COVID-19 and RSV cases—are exacerbating the region's blood supply level.

As each donated pint can save three lives, Stepinac's winter drive will help save lives including cancer patients, accident, burn, and trauma victims, newborn babies, mothers delivering babies,

transplant patients, surgery patients and others in need. The NYBC also notes that 4.5 million Americans receive blood transfusions each year and 40,000 pints are transfused each day in the U.S.

In addition, much of today's sophisticated medical care (transplants, heart surgeries, etc.) relies on blood transfusions; car accident and trauma victims may need as many as 50 or more red cell transfusions and severe burn victims may need as many as 20 platelet transfusions.

In an email sent to Stepinac, Camilo Rubio, NYBC Account Manager of Donor Recruitment, said: "Congratulations on hosting a successful blood drive.... please extend our gratitude to all who donated, attempted to donate, or assisted in our efforts to ensure the campaign was a success."

To make a blood donation and learn more about the NYBC, a nonprofit organization that is one of the largest independent, community-based blood centers in the world, visit [www.nybc.org](http://www.nybc.org).

# What's Happening at the Bronxville Public Library



## **ADULT CRAFT: Picture Frame Jewelry Holder** **February 2 from 1:30 to 2:30pm**

This event will take place in person in the Yeager Community Room. Space and supplies are limited. Register in advance by stopping by or calling the Adult Reference Desk: 914-337-7680 ext. 824

## **Supercharge Your Student's Executive Function Skills (via zoom)** **February 2 from 8 to 9pm**

Is your student seeming less than motivated? Grades on the lower end? Not sure how to help? Sometimes, executive function is the solution. In other words, we'll talk about the six tips to help get things done! Tal Kitron will lead you through the executive function process. Designed for parents and students, this webinar will leave you invigorated, informed, and ready to achieve. Register at [https://applerouth.onecanoe.com/registration/create/?event\\_code=EVT83DBD](https://applerouth.onecanoe.com/registration/create/?event_code=EVT83DBD)

## **Fridays with Miss Raquelle** **February 3 from 11 to 11:30am**

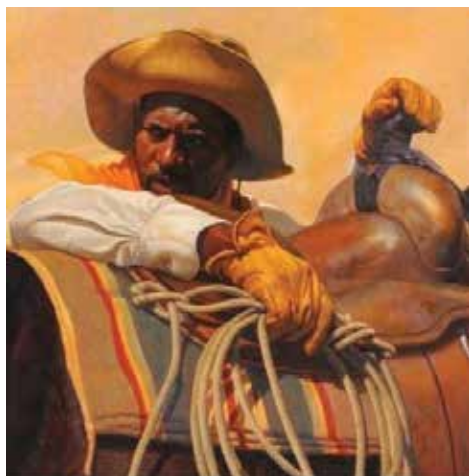
In the Yeager Room. All Ages Welcome. No registration required.

## **Jazz, An American Art (Zoom)** **February 6 from 3 to 4:30pm**

To receive the link, register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7c7pLYz04t>. Jazz was born in the U.S., but is our gift to the world. This presentation delves into its origins, evolution, styles and milestones. We'll explore its structure, artists, and the components that are common to all eras – including those elements that are shared by other genres of music, a fascinating parallel. And of course, we'll listen to an earful of magnificence. Presented by: Barry Wiesenfeld. For more information or to contact Barry, visit [www.barrybassist.com](http://www.barrybassist.com).

## **Take-n-Make Bag (PreK-Grade 2)** **February 7 (Ongoing)**

First come, first served, pick up at children's desk. While Supplies Last.



## **The Untold Story of Black Cowboys in America (online)**

**February 7 from 7 to 8pm**

with Journalist Ashonti Ford  
Learn all about the about the history of Black Cowboys with Pulitzer Center Grantee Ashonti Ford. Ford has been awarded several Pulitzer Center grants to uncover international and domestic issues that affect farming communities, migrant workers, women, and children—as well as to dig into untold aspects of Black history. For ages 12 and up. Register at <https://greenburghlibrary.libcal.com/event/9764006>

## **Wednesday Matinee: Notorious** **February 8 from 1:30 to 3:15pm**

Working undercover for the U.S. government in Rio, the daughter of a convicted Nazi traitor marries a ruthless Nazi spy, but then begins a love affair with her American contact. Torn between passion and patriotism, they must sacrifice their feelings or risk destruction. RUNTIME: 102 MINUTES | RATED: NOT RATED

## **Octavia Butler: Her Life & Legacy (online)** **February 9 from 7 to 8pm**

Register at <https://greenburghlibrary.libcal.com/event/9783371> for link to a Zoom presentation about Octavia Butler's life and work with Vassar College professor, Dr. Eve Dunbar. Brought to you by our Westchester Library System partner library.

## **The Roots of Black Music in America (Zoom)** **February 9 from 1:30 to 2:30pm**

Karlus Trapp's delightful, educational, and entertaining presentation "The Roots of Black Music in America" is a 100 year journey back through time to hear, experience anew, and learn about the music of America's black musical giants. It is a joyful and informative program that comes alive through songs, stories, and history. Please be warned: If you view/attend this show, you may find yourself uncontrollably smiling, singing or humming for hours afterward. Presented by: Veteran troubadour, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, producer, music educator, and native New Yorker Karlus Trapp. Register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7c7pLYz04t>

## **Valentine Crafts (Grades K-5)**

**February 9 from 4 to 5pm**

Call to register 914-337-7680 ext 834  
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## **What Stays and What Goes? An Organizer's Guide to Making Decisions (Zoom)** **February 13 from 3 to 4pm**

As professional organizers and co-authors of the self-help book Beyond Tidy, Marie Limpert & Annmarie Brogan will teach you techniques on how to make well thought-out decisions on what to keep and what to let go. They will then answer questions and provide solutions to common challenges that get people stuck. Register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7c7pLYz04t>

## **LD/ADHD/2e: How to Support Students Who Learn Differently (ONLINE)**

**February 14 from 8 to 9pm**

Some students need a different approach to thrive. The right interventions can make all the difference at home and at school. This webinar will offer expert advice that will help your student grow in confidence and make your life

as a parent a little easier. Register at [https://applerouth.onecanoe.com/registration/create/?event\\_code=EVT83DC4](https://applerouth.onecanoe.com/registration/create/?event_code=EVT83DC4)

Motivating Your Child: Help them Start and Finish Homework and other "Boring" Tasks  
February 22 from 7 to 8pm  
We've all been there – our well-intentioned efforts to motivate our students quickly devolve into nagging and arguments. Motivating our kids and teens and teaching them to take ownership of their schoolwork isn't easy. That's where we come in. Join our founder and educational psychologist, Dr. Jed Applerouth, for time-tested tips on how parents and educators can motivate students at home and at school. If talking to your student about homework and grades feels like pulling teeth, this webinar is for you. Register at [https://applerouth.onecanoe.com/registration/create/?event\\_code=EVT83DC7](https://applerouth.onecanoe.com/registration/create/?event_code=EVT83DC7)

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# BCW Celebrates Hollywood On Hudson with Special Reception and Tour of Lionsgate Studio



From left, Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins, BCW Chairman Jamie Schutzer, National Resources President Joe Cotter, BCW President and CEO Marsha Gordon, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and Great Point Studios CEO Robert Halmi

More than 100 business leaders and BCW members attended a special reception at iPark in Yonkers on January 5th to get a behind-the-scenes peek at the Great Point Studios/Lionsgate facility that is transforming Yonkers into Hollywood on Hudson.

Great Point Studios CEO Robert Halmi, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins attended the evening reception, where they described a city that is quickly becoming the East Coast equivalent of Burbank, California, a satellite community of Los Angeles where many media and entertainment companies operate production facilities.

Halmi, a Westchester County native, has repeatedly stated that he chose Yonkers to build three film and television production studio campuses because the city lies within a critical 25-mile radius from Manhattan. "We have everything on campus, from all the latest technology, lights, LED panels, flying cameras, anything anybody could need to make whatever they could dream of," said Halmi, adding that his facility will transform Yonkers. "We're building a business that will be here forever and people will move to be here. People will think that they're coming to Hollywood, but they're coming to Yonkers. It's going to be the same thing."

By the completion of construction in December 2023, the \$500 million Great Point Studios in Yonkers will be the largest media production facility in the Northeast, and it will consist of three locations. The location in downtown Yonkers on Wells Avenue will be the headquarters and primary

production center. The South Campus at the former Rising Ground/Leake & Watts property will house the largest LED screen stage in the United States. The North Campus on North Broadway will be leased by Mediapro, a European film and television production company that also occupies space at the Wells Avenue location.

"This is truly Hollywood on the Hudson and I'm very excited about that," said Mayor Spano. "We know it means jobs. We know that it means revenues for the city. We also know that it means people will have a new idea about Yonkers."

"We all know somebody who is going to be inspired by what happens here," said State Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins. "We will compete with Hollywood with the talent and the vision, and with the cooperation of all the people here, we will become everything we all envision."

Last month, the Connecticut-based iPark, an entity of National Resources, closed on its \$52.6 million acquisition of the former Rising Ground/Leake & Watts complex. Great Point Studios' South Campus will also house a new media high school for the Yonkers Public Schools. The new school will open unprecedented opportunities for Yonkers youth interested in media careers at a time of explosive content production due to online streaming.

"From the fiber optic network that Great Point Studios is creating to allow instant editing of footage on site as it is recorded, to the educational initiative that will allow Yonkers students to land six-figure media jobs upon graduation, this company is at the forefront of innovation," said BCW CEO Marsha Gordon.

# Misdemeanor Mental Health Court Opens in Westchester

Ninth Judicial District Administrative Judge Anne Minihan announced the launch of the Westchester Misdemeanor Wellness Court (WMWC), a specialized court for individuals charged with misdemeanors in Westchester County living with a serious mental illness that affects their day-to-day functioning.

Located in White Plains City Court, the WMWC will offer eligible individuals court-supervised, community-based treatment and services as an alternative to conventional prosecution, addressing participants' treatment and criminogenic needs while balancing the public safety concerns of the community. Participation in the WMWC is voluntary.

Treatment plans will be tailored to each participant's needs, with the WMWC offering a range of services, such as mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, housing assistance, education assistance and job training. Those who fulfill the court's treatment and other requirements may have their charges reduced or dismissed.

The new court is a collaborative effort of the Ninth Judicial District, the Westchester County District Attorney's Office, the County's Departments of Probation and Community Mental Health, the local defense bar and local service providers, among others. The New York State Court System's Office for Justice Initiatives' Division of Policy and Planning, under the leadership of Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Edwina Richardson-Mendelson and Hon. Toko Serita, has been working with the WMWC throughout the planning and implementation process.

To be accepted into the program, WMWC participants must be deemed eligible by the District Attorney's Office and the Westchester Department of Community Mental Health, enter a guilty plea (except in rare circumstances) and enter into a participation agreement with the assistance of defense counsel. WMWC participants are closely monitored and required to appear in court weekly for a minimum of six months, directly interacting with the judge and reporting to the court's care coordinator. Additionally, some WMWC participants may be assigned peer mentors.

Referrals to the WMWC may be made by any Town, Village or City Court in Westchester County; referrals may also come from the County's District Attorney's Office, Department of Community Mental Health, Department of Probation, local defense bar and/or local law enforcement.

The WMWC will operate on Thursday afternoons. White Plains City Court Judge Eric Press will serve as the WMWC's presiding judge.

"With the launch of the Westchester Misdemeanor Wellness Court, the Ninth Judicial District moves forward in search of innovative ways for communities and courts to collaborate in reducing recidivism while serving the treatment needs of justice-involved litigants living with serious mental illness. Implementing this project will, we hope, help to break the cycle of incarceration and guide partici-

pants toward wellness and stability in the community," said Judge Minihan.

"Westchester County stakeholders came together over the course of many months to plan the Westchester Misdemeanor Wellness Court, which



Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Edwina Richardson-Mendelson

will further enhance access to the criminal justice system, help to achieve better case outcomes and improve public safety. I am grateful to our many community partners and stakeholders for their ongoing support of court initiatives designed to improve criminal justice responses to people with serious mental illness and other behavioral health needs," said Judge Richardson-Mendelson.

"The WMWC is a welcome addition to the New York State Unified Court System's more than 300 prob-

lem-solving courts, which focus on comprehensively and holistically addressing the behavioral health needs of justice-involved individuals. I look forward to supporting the Hon. Eric Press and the rest of the WMWC team as they begin the hard work of identifying and responding to the unique needs of people living with serious mental illness," said Judge Serita.

"I am grateful to the Courts and our partner advocates for heeding our call and helping us bring to Westchester County a misdemeanor mental health court, which will serve as a practical and humane alternative for individuals who commit low-level crimes and are in need of treatment and services. In addition to it being the right thing to do, the WMWC will also be an effective early intervention tool, to help prevent some individuals from committing more serious or violent felony crimes in the future," said District Attorney Rocah.

"As a defense attorney with the Legal Aid of Westchester County who has worked in the felony mental health court since its inception, I am keenly aware of the need for similar services to be offered to clients at the local level. I was privileged to be part of the planning for this court and thrilled it is becoming a reality. It has a great team, with Judge Press at the helm," said Robin Bauer, Senior Attorney, Legal Aid Society, Westchester County.

"Westchester County has a long history of working to ensure that people with mental health and substance use needs get the help and treatment that is appropriate for them. The Misdemeanor Wellness Court will serve as an alternative to prosecution and connect individuals whose needs have previously been unmet with treatment that will prevent them from intersecting with law enforcement. By collaborating with our partners in the criminal justice system, we are likely to have better outcomes for participants and a safer community for everyone," said Westchester County Executive George Latimer.

There are currently 42 Mental Health Courts in operation across the State, including 25 Misdemeanor Mental Health Courts, with more in the planning stages. Further information visit [http://ww2.nycourts.gov/COURTS/problem\\_solving/index.shtml](http://ww2.nycourts.gov/COURTS/problem_solving/index.shtml).

# Gramatan Village Hosts Advanced Care Planning Seminar

BY JAYNE MEATH

On Monday, January 23rd, twenty Bronxville residents gathered in the Yeager Room at the Bronxville Public Library to attend a seminar hosted by Gramatan Village on the topic of Advanced Care Planning. Three members of the New York Presbyterian Palliative Care Team explained the importance of having advanced directives in place before a medical crisis happens. LaToya Sealy, a nurse practitioner with 19 years of experience, said that having one's desires for end-of-life care known and put in writing before they are needed reduces the burden on loved ones and results in everything going more smoothly if the patient is unable to express their desires themselves.

The most important advanced care documents one must have in place are:

1. a healthcare proxy
2. a living will
3. a MOLST (Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment) and
4. an at home DNR (Do not resuscitate) or-

der.

Nicole Serra, a social worker with 25 years of experience, commented that the healthcare proxy you choose should be someone you know very well, who lives close by and who is good under pressure. All three of the panelists agreed that this person may or may not be your spouse.

The MOLST form was also highlighted. This form is a comprehensive document explaining which life-sustaining treatments, if any, you wish to avoid and/or receive should you be unable to voice those wishes yourself. It also includes a DNR. Ella Guy, a Geriatric Nurse Practitioner with 16 years of nursing experience, emphasized that in the absence of a documented healthcare proxy, a MOLST, living will or a DNR order, healthcare providers must rely on the next of kin (in order: spouse, children, parents, sibling) to make decisions regarding treatment if the patient is unable to communicate their preferences.

This very informative seminar is one of many offered by Gramatan Village. Gramatan



Nicole Serra, Ella Guy, LaToya Sealy. Photo credit: Kwee Huang

## Rep. Bowman Delivers Nearly \$100 million in Funding for Westchester and the Bronx

Congressman Jamaal Bowman, Ed.D. (NY-16) successfully passed \$96.4 million in funding for 15 community projects in New York's 16th Congressional District that he advocated for as part of the FY2023 Federal Appropriations package, which was signed into law on December 29th, 2022. These funds will provide Westchester and the Northeast Bronx communities with urgent violence prevention resources, mental health support, summer and afterschool programming, hospital upgrades, workforce development opportunities, climate investments, and public infrastructure capital improvements. In addition, Congressman Bowman successfully advocated for the inclusion of critical post-disaster funding for public transit agencies, including \$76 million to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) for capital improvements needed in the wake of Hurricane Ida.



Rep. Jamaal Bowman

"I am extremely proud to deliver nearly \$100 million in federal dollars for critical resources in our district," said Congressman Jamaal. Bowman, Ed.D (NY-16). "After numerous conversations with constituents, local government and community groups, our office submitted funding requests aligned to the most

urgent needs of New Yorkers. Each of these projects will move us forward as a community: launching workforce development initiatives in Yonkers; providing at risk youth opportunities to reduce youth violence in Westchester; helping New York City support unhoused children, families, and asylum seekers; providing senior programming at NYCHA developments; addressing the need to rehabilitate the Lake Isle Dam and so much more. I will take every opportunity I get to direct more federal funding to our incredible district in the 118th Congress."

Local Community Project Funding requests are as follows:

\$2 million to the City School District of New Rochelle to create a holistic summer and after school learning experience for K-12 students

\$1,125,000 to Justice Innovation to fund a Community Youth Violence Intervention Initiative in New Rochelle

\$3 million to Montefiore Medical Center to expand behavioral health clinics in Westchester County Public Schools

\$2,560,000 to Westchester County for a study of the Lake Isle Dam to promote safety, flood mitigation, and environmental justice in Southern Westchestercom.

Village, in partnership with NY Presbyterian-Westchester, will be holding their next public seminar, "Give Your Heart Some Love", tips on how to keep your heart healthy, at the Bronxville Public Library, on Wednesday, Feb-

ruary 15 at 2pm.

Copies of the Health Care Proxy form or a MOLST form, can both be obtained at the Gramatan Village office located at 85 Pondfield Road.



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# What Should You Do if Your Parents are Getting Older



BY BERNARD A. KROOKS,  
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As an estate planning and elder law attorney, one of my goals as a professional practicing in this field is to educate others on the importance of planning and to assist them in designing plans that help accomplish their estate planning objectives.

If your parents have not yet taken care of their estate planning, here are some thoughts to help get them started:

1. Have a discussion with them about their long-term care future. While this is not an easy or fun discussion, it can help get the ball rolling. One effective way to kick off the discussion is to let your parents know that estate planning is so important, that you have just taken care of your own planning. Typically, a good discussion will result in the production of an action list. You can start by asking your parents where they wish to

live if they cannot care for themselves and how they will pay for that care. Ask how they would like you to help them if they can no longer make decisions on their own. Ask if they have any insurance about which you should know. Ask where they keep their important papers and if they would feel comfortable with you having copies of key documents now.

2. Discuss the importance of a durable power of attorney. This could be the single most important document your parents can sign. A properly executed power of attorney allows your parents to pick a person (or persons) to make financial decisions for them if they can no longer make those decisions themselves. Please keep in mind that a power of attorney is not simply a form. It is a complex document that requires a significant amount of thought. For example, if your parents select more than one person to be their agents under the power of attorney, do they want them to be able to act separately or must all decisions be made together? A power of attorney can be as broad or as limited.

4. Consider long-term care insurance. Long-term care insurance can help pay for the cost of long-term care at home, in assisted living or in a nursing home. However, there are vigorous underwriting requirements that must be met to qualify for such insurance. Best to work with a qualified in-

surance agent who specializes in long-term care policies and who can explain. Also, note that most long-term care policies that are sold today are actually life insurance policies with a long-term care rider. Before buying, it is probably a good idea to have the policy reviewed by a Certified Elder Law Attorney to make sure it is the right policy and that it fits in with your parents' overall estate plan. Also, it is possible that insurance may be unavailable or prohibitively expensive due to your parents' ages. If that is the case, they may need to consider Medicaid planning. The sooner they do this, the better.

5. Probate avoidance. Probate is the legal process by which the validity of a will is proven. If your parents can structure their estate plan to avoid probate, it will likely mean that you and the other beneficiaries of their estates will receive their inheritance sooner and with less court involvement. The best way to avoid probate is to have a

revocable living trust as the cornerstone of your parents' estate plan. If properly drafted, they will be in control of managing their affairs while they are capable, and trust assets will pass to their beneficiaries without having to go through probate.

By taking the steps discussed above, you can help your parents achieve these goals.

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## Table Hopping with Morris Gut: Where to Enjoy Mardi Gras Reveling

Proprietor Peter Van Cott of The Bayou Restaurant, 580 Gramatan Ave., Mount Vernon, has been serving up the spirited sounds and flavors of Cajun country since 1991, and the place is still funky and enjoyable. So, if you can't make it to New Orleans, this is the spot to revel to authentic blues and zydeco music while hunkering down to an overstuffed Po' Boy or such house specialties as: Voodoo Wings, overstuffed Muffulettas, Southern Fried Chicken, Grilled Peppered Catfish, Tender Pork Ribs Smothered in BBQ Sauce, Jazzy Jumpin' Jambalaya, Alligator Sausage, and Crawfish Tails Smothered in rich Creole Gravy. Their 33rd Annual Mardi Gras Bash will be held on Fat Tuesday featuring live entertainment. Reservations are suggested. Phone: 914-668-2634. [www.bayourestaurantny.com](http://www.bayourestaurantny.com)



Rye, will be marking Fat Tuesday all day. The fun starts with specialty cocktails, authentic New Orleans dishes and traditional Zydeco music. Try their tasty Shrimp Po' Boy or mixed bowl of Jambalaya with meats and seafood including Andouille sausage and crawfish tails. The sweet potato fries served with remoulade are great. Breads and giveaways are also promised. Reservations a must. Phone: 914-925-2668. [www.ryeroadhouse.com](http://www.ryeroadhouse.com)

Hook & Reel Cajun Seafood & Bar, 2375 Central Park Ave., Yonkers, is part of a 70-store chain of eateries espousing the delights of southern seafood. There are Crayfish Boils, Po' Boys. The menu allows you to select your favorite meat, seafood & vegetables and they will prepare a New Orleans-style meal. 914-355-

7739 [www.hookreel.com](http://www.hookreel.com)

Holy Crab, 32 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, serves fresh Cajun-style seafood as you would see in New Orleans. It is a large sprawling space with bustling bar/lounge. Open daily 1-9:30 p.m. Check out such specialties as: Lobster Mac & Cheese, Po' Boys, Gumbo, Snow Crab Legs and Jambalaya Shrimp. Phone: 914-948-3888. [www.holycrabny.com](http://www.holycrabny.com)

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# Girl in Transit: By the Whim of the Wind Sailing the Grenadine Isles

By Barbara Barton Sloane

Making my reservation to sail aboard the Windjammer, I found that I had to get myself to Grenada for embarkation. Yay! I just happened to know that one of the most extraordinary resorts in the world is located there: the renowned Spice Island Beach Resort. I'd visited the property a few years back and this would give me the chance to visit once more.

We Are Family -- The Spice Island Beach Resort is a family affair run under the dynamic stewardship of Sir Royston Hopkin and assisted by his children Ryan, Janelle and Nerissa. The resort features a porte-cochere and a dedicated concierge in the lobby area. I visited the luxe, 5,600 square foot Janissa's Spa and Fitness Centre crafted by famed interior designer Kobi Karp with cascading fountains and shimmering reflecting pools. The spa salon is state-of-the-art with mani-pedi chairs that just looked too inviting to pass up; I sank down in cozy comfort and experienced the ne plus ultra of pedicures -- all 75 glorious minutes of it!

Later I made my way to Oliver's, the Resort's grand open-air terrace restaurant. Serving both Creole and Mediterranean cuisine. I was just in time to gaze out over Grand Anse Beach and let a pink and gold Caribbean sunset put the final icing on this day's cake. The Spice Island Beach Resort has been honored by Conde

Nast Traveler for "Most Excellent Service in the Americas," and is the only AAA Four Diamond, Five-star property in Grenada.

Come Sail Away -- "Hark now, hear the sailors' cry. Smell the sea and feel the sky" -- Van Morrison

The long-awaited moment: there, before me in Grenada's harbor, the S/V Mandalay! She looked.....interesting. This is decidedly not a spanking new vessel but rather a throwback to a former time when the world was young and romance abounded on the high seas. Built in 1923 for E.F. Hutton as a gift to his wife, Marjorie Merriweather Post, the ship is no longer a sexy lady -- but, come on! She's a revered old grande dame!

Clearly they do not build them this way anymore. Constructed mainly of white spruce, larch, pine and teak, this 236-foot sailing ship is noble and imposing, with a long and storied career as her stately sails took her to exotic ports all over the world. In 1953, she was used for oceanographic research by Columbia University and in 2012, after extensive renovation and restoration, she joined the Windjammer family. Her cabins are no-frills but serviceable and the ship's interior, including a large bar and communal dining tables is made of rich, burnished wood. With her illustrious history she brings a



particular sense of adventure and romance to passengers while, at the same time, profitably supporting small, fragile island economies.

The Sweet Life on the Salty Sea -- Shortly after boarding we set sail. Clearing the harbor, the Mandalay's sails billowed and soared as she leaned over ever so gracefully and her elegant bow cut cleanly into the chop of the waves. Moving now under full sail, I took a deep breath, faced the wind, and broke into a grin of pure joy.

Our group on this voyage was small and intimate. After sharing a few meals at our communal table, we became a close-knit, warm and unified "family" of sorts -- something I began to sense was unique to the Mandalay. We sailed the Grenadine Islands. In Bequia, called "Island of the Clouds," we visited a turtle sanctuary which housed Hawkbill turtles, both hatchlings and adults. In Tobago Cays, we snorkeled with sea turtles. We dropped anchor in Mayreau, an island with a population of just 300 souls.

Hiking up a steep hill, I came upon a tiny stone church, The Church of the Immaculate Conception. The pews were rough-hewn benches, the windows stained glass squares gaily colored yellow, red, blue and green. As I sat there, someone put on a recording of angelic voices singing Gregorian chants. An old padre flung open all the windows to a strong breeze that caught the flags and banners lining the walls. They began waving wildly, calling to mind the film Black Narcissus and the insane winds that blew atop the Himalayas. The mood turned haunting -- chanting voices, a cleric garbed in a long white cassock, banners beating against the walls-- and yet overall a sense of calm and quietude. Returning on board tired but happy, a welcome wine and cheese party awaited us.

At various ports, we bar crawled where there were always strong rum drinks and good reggae music. One

day the crew hauled to shore all the fixings for a beach picnic lunch. Evenings, we engaged in games -- a nutty one was called "Battle of the Sexes;" everyone went gung-ho and totally threw themselves into it -- a lot of silly fun. After a week we returned to Grenada, our voyage over but not the memories. I'll always remember lying in a hammock on the top deck at night, rhythmically rising and falling in very choppy seas. Another time I slipped off the ship into calm, azure waters and had a leisurely swim. But perhaps more than anything what will live on is the memory of that singular camaraderie between us and them -- the passengers and that lovely and attentive crew.

The music of "Amazing Grace" played an important part on our Mandalay voyage. Each time the sails were raised, the strains of this heavenly hymn swept over the ship. We'd all rush to the deck and watch the crew, hard at work as a bagpiper sounded this poignant melody. Finally, we heard it for the last time as we bid the captain and crew adieu and descended the gangplank. Holding back tears, I took one last look at this sailing ship, hoping that she would be preserved and cherished -- she deserves no less -- she's earned it!

A sad note: Regretfully due to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic, the Windjammer Mandalay has been unable to weather this storm of ill winds, has quietly folded her sails and become just a lovely but nostalgic memory. (see alternative small ship cruise below)

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# Calendar of Events

**Westchester Italian Cultural Center**  
**One Generoso Pope Place, Tuckahoe**  
**Fri, Feb 10 at 7pm**

**Discover Italy's Chocolate Cities: A Special Culinary & Cultural Journey**  
 Register for a very special Valentine's Day tasting event as WICC discovers Italy's three "chocolate cities" — Torino, Modica and Perugia and sample each's cultural riches and delicious chocolate specialties with a glass of wine!



**Sat, Feb 25 from 4 – 6:30pm**  
**Venetian Mask Painting: The Real Beauty of Carnevale**

FAMILIES & FRIENDS... Please join in for a short presentation on "Il Carnevale di Venezia" followed by a fun and exciting Carnevale workshop. The workshop will include eye mask painting and decorating as well as some delicious samples of Italian cuisine. THIS EVENT IS FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN!

To register for these event, visit [www.wiccnyc.org](http://www.wiccnyc.org)



**The Orchid Show Returns to The New York Botanical Garden for Its 20th Year**  
**Showcasing the Immersive and Dynamic Designs of Landscape Artist Lily Kwong**  
**Tickets On Sale Now**

**On View February 18 through April 23**

The New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) has announced renowned landscape artist Lily Kwong as the guest designer for its 20th annual Orchid Show. Featuring immersive installations of thousands of orchids, Lily Kwong's design of the exhibition will transport guests to ethereal, reverent landscapes inspired by ancient Chinese garden design and artistic principles. The Orchid Show: Natural Heritage will be on view from February 18 through April 23, 2023, in NYBG's historic Enid A. Haupt Conservatory. Tickets for the exhibition, which has been called "the most Instagrammable event," are on sale now at [nybg.org/orchidtickets](http://nybg.org/orchidtickets).



**Monet's Garden The Immersive Experience**  
**30 Wall Street, New York, NY**  
**Through February 26**

Awaken your senses and experience the world of Claude Monet at the brand-new immersive exhibition, MONET'S GARDEN. Go on a 360-degree journey through the history and work of one of the greatest and most influential painters of all time. Using state-of-the-art multimedia and multi-sensory technology, you can dive into the Father of Impressionism's paintings and get a glimpse into the inner workings of his mind. Explore his studio and learn about his life, struggles, and inspirations before stepping into the scenery of Monet's Garden where you'll be invited to walk across the bridge and enter the paintings through interactive projections, and finally float among the waterlilies in a completely immersive installation of Monet's most famous work. For tickets, visit <https://www.monets-garden.venueitx.com/show/details/LCcp00yZiQ8R0YewKe0h>

## SUGARING SEASON IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY

**Sunday, Feb. 11**

Sugar House Chat at Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, noon to 2 p.m. As long as the sap is running, we will be making one of nature's sweetest reward: maple syrup. Come on into the sugar house and chat with us!

**Saturday, Feb. 18**

Maple Munchies at Muscoot Farm, noon to 1 p.m. This cooking class will be held in Muscoot's Activity Building; \$15 per person; ages 6 and up. Treats may range from sweet to savory, so bring your appetite! Registration required.

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Sugar Shack Chats at Muscoot Farm, noon to 3 p.m.

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**Richard Avedon: MURALS**

**January 19 – October 1**

**The MET Fifth Avenue, 1000 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY**

In 1969, Richard Avedon was at a crossroads. After a five-year hiatus, the photographer started making portraits again, this time with a new camera and a new sense of scale. Trading his handheld Rolleiflex for a larger, tripod-mounted device, he reinvented his studio dynamic. Instead of dancing around his subjects from behind a viewfinder, as he had in his lively fashion pictures, he could now stand beside a stationary camera and meet them head-on. Facing down groups of the era's preeminent artists, activists, and politicians, he made huge photomural portraits, befitting their outsized cultural influence. On the centennial of the photographer's birth, Richard Avedon: MURALS will bring together three of these monumental works, some as wide as 35 feet. For Avedon, the murals expanded the artistic possibilities of photography, radically reorienting viewers and subjects in a subsuming, larger-than-life view. For details, visit <https://www.metmuseum.org/exhibitions/listings/2023/richard-avedon-murals>





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