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COMPLIMENTARY ISSUE!

Iona University Nursing Students Collaborate with Eastchester Fire District for Emergency Response Training

Iona University nursing students collaborated with the Eastchester Fire District - which provides fire protection and emergency medical services to the Town of Eastchester and Villages of Tuckahoe and Bronxville - to participate in a simulated fire exercise on March 9. Designed to provide nursing students with multi-agency mass casualty training, over 25 members of the Eastchester Fire Department and Eastchester Volunteer Ambulance Corps took part in the scenario, simulating a building fire that featured nursing faculty and students playing victims with life-threatening injuries.

"Having the opportunity to use what we learn in the classroom in a real-world scenario was a valuable experience," Leslie Torres '23 said. "This is something that none of us have experienced before, so it was great to learn firsthand what to expect in a level one trauma."

The exercise took place on Iona's new Bronxville campus and included fire alarms. smoke machines that produced non-toxic smoke, and other tools to make the exercise feel as real as possible. Nursing students worked quickly to provide medical assistance





to those in need, evaluating the severity of the injuries of each victim.

"We were thrilled to partner with Iona University to help train our engine and ladder rescue members, while also expanding our knowledge and skills as we teamed up with Iona's nursing department," Eastchester Fire Chief Brian Tween said. "Any training is good training, and being able to take it a step further right in our community will help us all prepare for future emergencies."

Iona's nursing students take classes at the new Kelly Center for Health Sciences in Bronxville, serving as the flagship building of the NewYork-Presbyterian Iona School of Health Sciences.

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.

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Police Chief Satriale Gives Comprehensive PCRC Report

BY STEPHEN E. LIPKEN

Bronxville Mayor Mary Marvin opened the Monday, March 13th Board meeting, introducing Deputy Mayor Robert S. Underhill, who in turn introduced Police Chief Christopher Satriale.

"In 2020, Governor Andrew Cuomo told all communities with Police forces across the State of New York to do complete reviews of their departments," Underhill said. "We formed the Police Community Relations Committee (PCRC) and had our first meetings in autumn 2020 with 26 members across all parts of the community with residents, judges, D.A.'s, Public Defenders, students and members of our Merchants' Association.

"We wrapped that process up in March 2021. One of the key recommendations was for the Police Department to put together an Annual Report. The first Report was done last year, and they completed the second one recently."

"We have implemented every single recommendation," Satriale began. "There are links on YouTube and our website (bronxvillepd. com). Hard copies are available at Village Hall and Police Department with one exception, the Lexipol 400-page policy update that will be completed this year."

Satriale thanked Police Officer Cheryl Jarosz for her work on the Report. "I would ask you to take some time to look at our personnel because the accolades that we receive are a direct result of the people within our Department. Thanks to the DPW, we now have our own Training Room with over 3,000 training hours this year.

"CRC highly recommends more community involvement, including 'Coffee with a Cop,' 'Pizza with a Cop,' for the first time we participated in National Night Out, an event that brings the community together. We will have 7 EMT's spread out among three tours."

He mentioned saving a man with cardiac arrest on Hobart Street and an Iona University football player with arrhythmia when he was hit in the chest by a ball.

Trustee Underhill stressed that flooding and Governor Kathy Hochul's Housing Compact were two of the Village's most critical issues.

Westchester Parks Foundation to Host Largest Volunteer Earth Day Event

Westchester Parks Foundation is getting ready for its largest volunteer event of the year with its annual Pitch in for Parks community cleanup program. The weeklong event will kick off on Monday, April 17, culminating on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22 with over 1000 volunteers bringing the national spotlight on environmental causes. The annual event, held in partnership with the Westchester County Parks Department, will take place throughout Westchester in celebration of Earth Week.

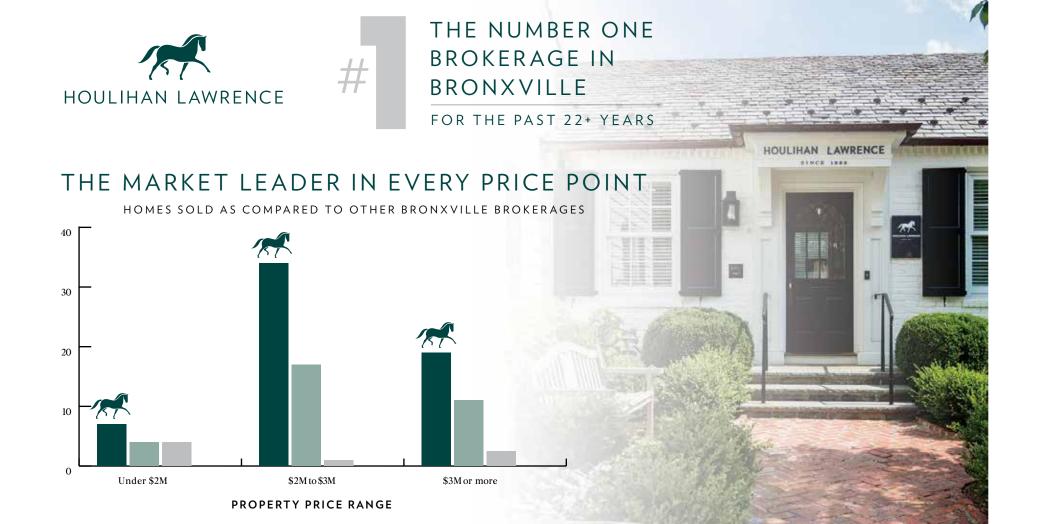
Seth Mandelbaum, Chairperson, Westchester Parks Foundation stated: "Pitch in for Parks started back in 1994 and it has grown each year in the number of volunteers who demonstrate their desire to be stewards of the environment by acting locally. This year the culmination will be held on Earth Day itself, so we expect a record-breaking number of volunteers to come out and get our Westchester County parks ready for Spring."

Last year, 731 volunteers clocked 2,512 hours at 16 parks throughout Westchester for clean-up efforts. They planted 78 trees, removed 4,395 pounds of trash and painted 2,272

sq ft of fences, trail markers, and other surfaces in the parks.

Since the Saturday event occurs on Earth Day this year, WPF is expecting record breaking number of volunteers doing their part to clean up the parks. To help accommodate park stewards, additional projects have been added for volunteers, working as individuals, families, corporations, local businesses, or groups, for trash clean up, clearing trails and shorelines, restoring wildlife habitats, removing invasive vines from trees, painting, raking, and preparing and planting flower beds. Earth Day events will be held at Glen Island Park, New Rochelle; Tibbetts Brook Park, Yonkers; Bronx River Reservation at Westchester County Center, White Plains; and Blue Mountain Reservation in Peeksteil

Pre-registration is required to participate. All tools will be provided, and volunteers should wear clothes that can get dirty and closed toe shoes. For more information on how to volunteer for Pitch in for Parks, visit https://www.thewpf.org/events and scroll down to the park in your neighborhood to sign up.



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From the Office of the Mayor



BY MAYOR MARY MARVIN

MARCH 27, 2023

Per New York State procedure, the Village has filed a 2023-2024 tentative budget.

As currently proposed, the budget requires a tax rate of 3.589 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation resulting in a 2.39% increase in real property taxes for the next fiscal year.

In real dollars, the effect is thus:

 At the village median property assessment of \$2,500,000 with a tax rate of 3.589, the tax increase in real dollars would be \$210 for a home of that value making a total median Village tax bill \$8972.50.

Chief components of the budget include:

- Atotal general fund appropriation of \$19,486,740 representing an increase of \$997,100 or 5.39% from the 2022-2023 adopted budget.
- Non-real property tax revenues of \$6,781,740 representing an increase of \$418,500 or 6.57% above last year.
- Use of \$700,000 from the unappropriated fund balance

- Use of tax stabilization funds of \$125,000 from our tax stabilization reserve fund.
- A real estate tax levy increase of 4.67% (in excess of the allowable tax cap levy)
- A taxable value of \$3,301,663,900, representing an increase of \$72,891,325 from last year.
- A general fund contribution of \$1,558, 588 to the library fund representing an increase of \$71,729 or 4.8% above last year.
- The result is an unassigned fund balance as of May 31 projected to be 43% of operating, exclusive of use of \$700,000 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and another \$375,000 assigned for tax stabilization to be applied over the next three years.

The budget accounts for above average expense growth in employee benefits, principally retirement contribution, healthcare premiums, and Worker's Compensation premiums, which are offset in part by strong non-real property tax revenue growth from sales tax and building permits.

The budget also includes a reduction in use of unassigned fund balance by \$75,000 while also requiring the use of tax stabilization monies to be applied equally over the next three years to offset debt service growth until the next bond is paid off in 2026.

Most importantly, this budget ensures that a healthy fund balance remains intact enabling the Village to borrow for future capital needs at the lowest possible interest rates while allowing for maximum flexibility for its use.

To that end, the budget includes an extensive list of capital projects, either currently underway or planned for prioritization.

They include:

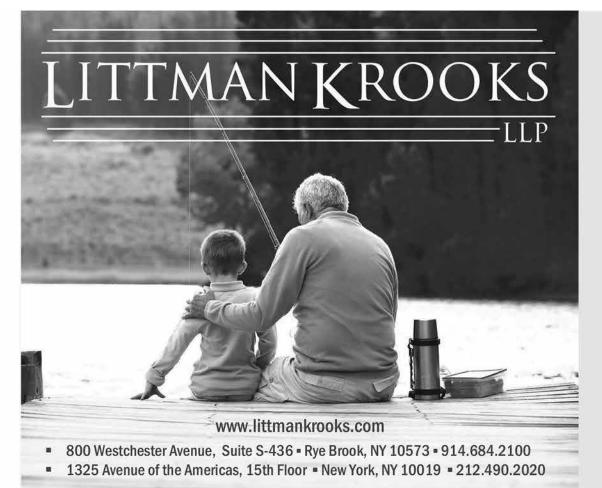
- We continue our aggressive maintenance of our 125-year-old water delivery system. Starting on planned Phases 4 & 5, we will be cleaning, televising, repairing, replacing and re-lining sewers throughout the Village.
- On the stormwater front, we will also be adding more catch basins and expanding our water conveyance systems.
- To accomplish all of this, we have taken on debt of \$2 million. But thanks to our excellent fund balance, we received an interest rate of 1.7%.
- Quite visible, we are upgrading the entire intersection at Midland Avenue and Pondfield Road. The supply chain finally came through with the regulation mastheads now required by the State of New York and we have, as part of a walkability initiative, widened the sidewalks around the intersection, created "bump outs" to slim down the size of the road, fixed the curbs and will be adding a pedestrian push button signalization system.
- The intersection at Gramatan Avenue and Pondfield Road will also have new traffic signals consistent with state requirements. The entire project will cost approximately \$1.2 million.
- In an effort to maximize our precious open space ,we will be improving Dogwood Park (the parkland straddling both Kensington and Sagamore Roads), with a new sprinkler system,

- topsoil, seeding, new trees, and curbing as well as improving drainage on the Sagamore Road side.
- At other end of Sagamore Road, we will be adding two new play structures in the park to replace some well-worn equipment at the cost of \$150,000.
- We are also spending the same amount of money as part of a public /private partnership at Maltby Park to enhance that entire open space with play equipment, landscaping, benches, and picnic tables.
- Capital funds will be spent on bank stabilization at the two Bronx River water outfalls near Scout Field with a goal of mitigating area flooding.
- As for physical needs, the Village is purchasing a needed new garbage truck, a pickup truck for the DPW, one new police car and a sewer jet cleaner so we can clean our sewers going forward without hiring outside companies.
- On the security front, we will be upgrading our entire existing camera infrastructure as well as purchasing an additional license plate reader.

We anticipate our public works equipment to last much longer going forward now that we have a new closed garage to store this very specialized equipment.

This is just a preview of projects as we hope to add as many more as possible as money and time permits.

Any thoughts you have for capital improvements needed around the Village are so welcome.



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Harlem Wizards Help Celebrate the Bronxville Athletic Council



Bronxville students and faculty members had a blast playing with the Harlem Wizards to a sold out crowd last month. The event was a fundraiser for the Bronxville Athletic Council. Many hands were on deck to run this fun family-friendly event! Athletic Council member and talented photographer Walker Liggitt captured it all.

Misdemeanor Mental Health Court Launches in Westchester County

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah joined advocates and government partners in announcing the launch of the Westchester Misdemeanor Wellness Court (WMWC), which will offer eligible individuals community-based mental health treatment and services as an alternative to conventional prosecution.

DA Rocah said: "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."

The establishment of the WMWC, operating out of White Plains City Court, is the latest step in DA Rocah's agenda to advance community-based violence prevention and rehabilitation for low-level offenders, like Fresh Start, Westchester's first pre-arraignment diversion pro- District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah gram. Launched in 2021, in partnership with the Westchester County Executive and the Westchester Coun-

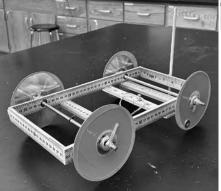


ty Department of Community Mental Health, Fresh Start expanded to all 42 police departments countywide in 2022, and has successfully produced more than 200 participants who received rehabilitative services instead of convictions and fines. Fresh Start is being developed to expand to drug treatment court.

For details on WMWC's eligibility, read the State of New York Unified Court System announcement at: https://www.nycourts.gov/LegacyPDFS/press/pdfs/PR23_01.pdf

7th Graders Medal at Science Olympiad

It's easy to spot evidence of STEM project-based learning happening in Ms. Windels' classroom. From the wood shavings on the table tops, to constructed trebuchets, wooden bridges, and wheeled vehicles- the work of Bronxville Middle School's Science Olympiad students. Congratulations to the SO team for their participation in the competition! This year marked Ms. Windels' 16th Science Olympiad competition, where two Bronxville seventh graders- Zeke and Hunter Malpass, won medals for their wheeled vehicle. "My goal with Science Olympiad is for kids to have fun with science projects, be able to problem solve and think on their feet during the heat of the competition," said Ms. Windels.





The current project taking over the science room involves finding a way to keep an ice cube from melting by building an insulation device to keep its mass as long as possible after 20 minutes under a heat lamp.

Outstanding Concerts Upcoming featuring Bronxville Students



It has been an outstanding year of returning to music, as it's meant to be, for Bronxville's music students. From concerts returning to the auditorium, to students who received NYSSMA honors, to our All County performers; music is definitely in the air! Adding to the list of amazing, Bronxville band student Dash Kwan recently wowed at the Lehman College Jerome Sala Scholarship Competition, winning the scholarship available to high school seniors based on technical skill and artistic presentation. Dash will be performing as a soloist with the Lehman College Band alongside Bronxville band teacher Ms. Karkala and Gabe Maicon - a Bronville junior. The performance will take place on May 21st in the Lehman College Lovinger Auditorium and admission is free.

Janet Pritchard: More than Scenery at the Bronxville Public Library



Janet Pritchard: More than Scenery: Yellowstone, an American Love Story will be featured on April 12 from 12:30 to 2:45 pm, sponsored by the Boulder Ledge Garden Club of Bronxville and will take place in person at the Library in the Yeager Community Room located on the lower level of the Bronxville Public Library. Janet Pritchard, a photographer and professor of photography at the University of Connecticut, will come and speak about her most recent project, her book entitled More than Scenery: Yellowstone, an American Love Story. This book chronicles her life long romance with the American West through photographs and her musings and has been called a "visual love poem" to Yellowstone National Park. Professor Pritchard has been the recipient of numerous awards and fellowships, most recently the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship in Photography in 2019. She'll share her love story with us. There will be light refreshments and conversation in the Little Gallery directly following Ms. Pritchard's presentation. Books will be made available for purchase.







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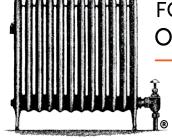
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Sheila Cromwell Named to Forbes Magazine's "Top Women Wealth Advisors Best-In-State" List

Morgan Stanley announced today that Sheila Cromwell, an Executive Director and Financial Advisor in the Firm's Purchase, NY Wealth Management office, has been named to Forbes Magazine's list of Top Women Wealth Advisors Best-In-State for 2023, listed on forbes.com.

Forbes' "Top Women Wealth Advisors Best-In-State" is a select group of individuals who have a minimum of seven years of industry experience. The ranking, developed by Forbes' partner SHOOK Research, is based on an algorithm of qualitative and quantitative data, rat- Sheila Cromwell ing thousands of wealth advisors and weighing

factors like revenue trends, AUM, compliance records, industry experience and best practices learned through telephone and in-person interviews.

"I am pleased that Sheila Cromwell is representing Morgan Stanley," commented Terri Ferri, Branch Manager of Morgan Stan-



ley's Purchase office. "To be named to this list recognizes Sheila's experience, professionalism and dedication to the needs of her valued clients."

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National Finalists Invited to NY Historical Society

Bronxville High School students Leonid (Leo) Nevezhin, Katherine Gunduz and Annie Petrillo were deemed National Finalists in the National History Day Competition. They were invited to the National History Day's 50th Anniversary Fundraiser Gala, held last month at the New York Historical Society. There the group were able to showcase their exhibit, "Chernobyl Disaster: How Diplomatic Pressure Pushed the Soviet Union to Mitigate the Disaster and Created International Debate on Nuclear En-

The project was a finalist at the National Level, Outstanding Affiliate Entry Award New York State and 1st Place at the New York State Level.



During his interview, Nevezhin reflected that the project could provide a lesson for the Russo-Ukrainian conflict occurring now, "Through my research, I learned about the power of international collaboration in resolving difficult global conflict," he stated. He also explained how the choice of the topic pertains to his heritage and pointed out the project could be one of the first research projects that corroborates newly released documents following the 35th anniversary of the Chernobyl Disaster in 2021.

At the event, students were able to meet the event host, Don Wildman, History Channel, TV Presenter Cathy Gorn, the National History Day Executive Director, among many other renowned Historical Society members.

The Passing of William John McCann, M.D., MPH

William John McCann, M.D., MPH, of Essex, CT, and formerly of Pelham, NY, passed away on Saturday, February 4, 2023 surrounded by his loving family. He was predeceased by Joan Celia McCann, EdD, his cherished wife of 64 years, on September 29, 2022. Bill and Joan had been sweethearts since the 9th grade at Medford High School in Mas-

For 34 years, Dr. McCann worked at Lawrence Hospital in Bronxville, NY, and had a private medical practice in Bronxville, and then in Scarsdale, NY, practicing internal and preventive

medicine. He later opened a small practice in Essex and Old Saybrook, CT, prior to retiring. His greatest joy was serving his patients with compassion. Early on in his medical career, he worked as an attending physician, Internal Medicine, at Harlem Hospital Center, Columbia University, and participated in community health medicine in East Harlem in conjunction with Mount Sinai School of Medicine. He served in the Public Health Service in the 1960's, and studied issues, such as tuberculosis and infectious lung disease with indigenous people of Alaska.

Dr. McCann held degrees from Boston College, New York Medical College, and the University of Michigan School of Public Health. While commuting to Boston College to study AB Greek, he became close friends with fellow commuter. James R. Halpin. As a result of this comradery, Bill's daughter and Jim's daughter later became lifelong friends at the College of the Holy Cross. One of Bill's passions was watching a University of Michigan football game and cheering "Go Blue!" along with the team. When not rooting for Michigan, Bill enjoyed painting, and could be heard

happily playing Broadway musical

songs on his beloved piano. He would often play the Jule Styne and Bob Merrill beautiful song People, from the musical Funny Girl. The song's lyrics, "People who need people are the luckiest people in the world," holds particular meaning for Bill's love of service and working with people.

Above all, Bill loved his family, which includes his daughter Susan K. McCann; son, Peter C. McCann; daughter-in-law, Diane Fusco McCann; Diane's parents, Sheila Hanna and Ed Fitzgerald of NYC, and his three beautiful granddaughters, Annie C. Brown, Lily

H. McCann, and Wylie E. McCann; sister-in-law, the Most Reverend Dianne Sullivan and brother-in-law, John Sullivan of Windsor, CT; brother and sister-inlaw, Richard and Christine McCann of Woburn, MA; goddaughter, Maureen McCann Rickenbacker; godson, Keith Sullivan, and many loved nieces and nephews. His mother was the late Ruth Mahon McCann of Brookline, MA.

Susan McCann and Peter McCann wish to extend gratitude to the caring staff of Madison House, as well as Kathy Lempicki, Leroy Bailey, and the Essex Ambulance Association. A private burial was held in February; the family will announce plans for a celebration of life later in the Spring. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests making a donation to the University of Michigan School of Public Health sph.umich. edu or to the Essex Ambulance Association Essex Ambulance Association (essexems.org).

To share a memory of Bill or send a condolence to his family visit rwwfh.com. Arrangements are in the care of the Robinson, Wright & Weymer Funeral Home in Centerbrook, CT



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The Community Fund of Bronxville, Eastchester and Tuckahoe Monday, May 8 at Siwanoy Country Club Visit thecommunityfund.org for complete details.



Open House Stepinac High School Wednesday, May 17 from 5 to 6:15pm

Pre-register at www.stepinac.org and click on Admissions.



Annual Gala Event
Prohibition: A Celebration of the Era's Greatest Authors
Friday, April 21 at 7pm
Bronxville Public Library
20 Pondfield Road

Join the Friends of the Bronxville Public Library for a special speakeasy-themed event benefiting the Bronxville Public Library. Don your flapper dress and long pearls or any prohibition party duds! This evening of food, music & fun will celebrate the eras' greatest authors like F. Scott Fitzgerald, Ezra Pound, Gertrude Stein, Ernest Hemingway, Langston Hughes, T.S.Eliot, Agatha Christie, and more. It is sure to be a phenomenal evening! For tickets, visit https://fobpl.org/

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Antologia del cinema Italiano: Anthology of Italian Cinema - 4 Part Series, April 19th, May 3, 17 and 31 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

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Presented by Professor Joseph Spedaliere, the Antologia del cinema italiano lecture/film-viewing/discussion series will shine a light on the golden age of Italy's greatest contribution to cinema, il Neorealismo of the 1940s and the postwar period. Registration fee includes all four films/classes, Tasting of regional foods, wine and coffee. Classes may not be purchased separately. Starting with the innumerable contributions of the pre-Christian Etruscan and Latin civilizations, Italy has made – and continues to make – its indelible mark on world culture. Influencing almost every sector of human development and expression, the Italian genius is ubiquitously evident. With its incomparable heritage of millennial artistic splendor, early 20th Century Italy was destined to add even greater glory to its cul-



tural patrimony. Through its innovative contributions to the newborn medium of movie-making, Italian directors, screenwriters, actors, technicians, et al. were able to elevate the moving picture to an art form admired and imitated throughout the world.

Among the films to be viewed, analyzed, and discussed:

- Roma, città aperta, Roberto Rossellini, (1945)
- Sciuscià, (1946)
- Ladri di biciclette of Vittorio De Sica, (1948)
- Riso amaro, Giuseppe De Santis, (1949)

St. Paul's Church National Historic Site 897 South Columbus Avenue, Mt. Vernon, NY 10550, 914-667-4116 www.nps.gov/sapa Program Schedule, April – June 2023

(These are live programs at the site, and we welcome and encourage in-person attendance, but some of them will also be offered as livestreams through shared platforms. Please register for the livestream through our website, under Calendar. No reservations required for in-person attendance at the site)

Sat., April 8, 1 PM. Professor Nicole Eustace of New York University explores themes from her book, "Covered with Night: A Story of Murder and Indigenous Justice in Early America," which was awarded the 2022 Pulitzer Prize in History.

Wed., April 12, 3 PM, Spring concert by the acclaimed Bronx Opera Company, performing arias and duets from the classics, with music on the 1830 Erben pipe organ.

Schedule is Subject to Change.

Learn how to plant a range of seeds and familiarize yourself with local species this April at Hilltop Hanover Farm with its various workshops, which are all open for registration at HilltopHanoverFarm.org.

April workshops:

- Potato Planting Community Work Day, Saturday, April 15 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon
- Annual Vegetable and Flower Seedling Success, Sunday, April 16 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Foraging and Wild Plants Workshop, Sunday, April 16 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Native Plants Sowing and Seedling Success, Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Each upcoming workshop ranges in price and age. Hilltop Hanover Farm is located at 1271 Hanover Street in Yorktown Heights. For questions, call: (914) 862-5050.

Be sure to email your upcoming virtual or live events to: shorelineproduction@gmail.com

Medicare. Medicaid. What's in a Name?

BY BERNARD A. KROOKS, ESQ. CERTIFIED ELDER LAW ATTORNEY

Clients regularly ask us a multitude of questions regarding Medicare and Medicaid. While the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), part of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), issues rules and regulations for both, there are major differences between the two programs.

Medicare and Medicaid both provide healthcare coverage via government programs, however, Medicaid is run at the state level (even though CMS oversees it) and Medicare is run at the federal level. What that means is that the Medicaid rules vary state by state while the Medicare rules are the same no matter which state you live in. Medicare is for people who are at least age 65 or have a qualifying disability, while Medicaid is for people with minimal assets. Some people are eligible for both.

Medicare is divided into four parts: Part A, B, C, and D. Part A covers inpatient hospital and skilled nursing care, or rehabilitation provided by licensed health professionals such as nurses or physical therapists and pursuant to a doctor's order. Medicare does not pay for custodial care, which is non-medical care generally provided by nurse's aides that help individuals with their activities of daily living such as eating, bathing, and dressing. Part B covers doctors' visits and outpatient care. Part C, sometimes referred to as Medicare Advantage, is an optional alternative to regular Medicare and combines parts A and B. Often, Medicare Advantage plans include certain benefits you do not get with regular Medicare and may also have differences in doctor networks. Part D covers prescription drugs.

In addition to monthly premium charges for certain parts of Medicare, there are significant deductibles, copays and coinsurance. Substantially all Medicare beneficiaries do not pay a premium for Part A since they (or a spouse) have at least 10 years of Medicare-covered employment. If you haven't paid sufficient Medicare payroll taxes, you will have to pay

Learn to Swim with Westchester County Parks

Westchester County Parks' Learn to Swim program returns this summer for children ages three through 14, and new this year are sessions for adults, beginning at age 15. The program will take place at all four county-owned pools.

Learn to Swim for children will be held in two sessions, Tuesdays through Thursdays, with session one beginning Monday, July 3 (no class Tuesday due to the holiday) through Thursday, July 20 and session two from Tuesday, July 25 through Thursday, Aug. 10. Class times to choose from are 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. for both sessions.

Learn to Swim for ages 15 and older will be held in two sessions, Saturdays and Sundays, with session one beginning Saturday, July 8 through Sunday, July 23 and session two will run from Saturday, July 29 through Aug. 13. Times for both sessions are 9:15 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Each session is \$80 per person for both age groups.

Westchester County Parks Commissioner Kathy O'Connor said, "I'm excited to expand our Learn to Swim program to older children and adults this summer as water safety is important no matter how old you are."

Learn to Swim will be held at Saxon Woods Pool in White Plains, Sprain Ridge Pool in Yonkers, Tibbetts Brook Pool in Yonkers and Willson's Woods Pool in Mt. Vernon. For additional questions call (914) 231-4556.

Legislation Signed Making Single-Use Plastic Foodware only Available Upon Request

Following the Westchester County Board of Legislators unanimous passage on March 6, County Executive George Latimer immediately signed into law a measure aimed at further reducing the amount of plastics in the County's waste stream. The new measure was signed into law at a ceremony hosted outside of the Board of Legislators Chambers. Legislator Erika Pierce, along with chair of the Environment, Energy & Climate committee and Vice-chairwoman Nancy Barr were the main sponsors of this common sense law.

The law states that:

- No food service establishment shall provide single-use foodware or condiment packets to any dine-in or take-away customer unless specifically requested;
- Any single-use plastic beverage stirrers or single-use plastic beverage "splash sticks" are no longer permitted. Retail food stores may sell packages or boxes of single-use plastic beverage stirrers or single-use plastic beverage splash sticks to their customers;
- Lastly, when requested, single-use foodware items or condiment packets must be provided

individually and not in a package containing multiple items.

Latimer said: "As we have highlighted time and time again, Westchester County is reducing what we are putting into our waste stream. Through commonsense measures like this, or the myriad of programs undertaken by our County's Department of Environmental Facilities (DEF), Westchester County is leading the way on reducing waste and I am proud to sign this measure into law. I commend the work done by the Board of Legislators on this important yet simple measure."

In addition to this new law, Westchester is increasing recycling and reducing waste – and while the environmental benefits of waste reduction and recycling are well known, it also makes good sense economically. In 2022, 74,456 tons of curbside recyclables collected by municipalities within the County's Refuse Disposal District were delivered to the Daniel P. Thomas Material Recovery Facility (MRF). Revenue from the sale of these recyclables totaled \$7,006,704.59, an increase of over 95% from 2020.

as much as \$506 a month for Part A. For most people, Medicare Part B premiums are \$164.90 a month in 2023. However, you will be required to pay higher premiums for Medicare Part B and Part D if your income is more than \$97,000 per year for a single person, or \$194,000 per year for a married couple. These amounts are adjusted annually based on inflation. Many Medicare beneficiaries also add Medigap coverage, which covers some of the gaps (co-pays and deductibles) in Medicare coverage. These policies must follow federal and state laws and are standardized to simplify comparing one plan to another. It is important to review these policies carefully to ensure that you are getting the benefits you need and not paying for benefits you don't need or will not use.

Unlike Medicare, which is available to you no matter how wealthy you are, Medicaid is a means-tested program and is available only to people who meet the program's strict income and asset requirements.

Unlike Medicare, Medicaid does pay for custodial care received either at home or in a nursing home. In fact, the majority of nursing home residents in the U.S. are enrolled in Medicaid. This is no surprise since the average cost of long-term care in our area can exceed \$200,000 a year. Medicaid benefits vary from state to state, but each state's Medicaid program must provide certain minimum benefits. There are also different rules for single individuals and folks who married. In addition, there are rules

restricting your right to make gifts to family members and others during the look-back period prior to filing a Medicaid application. Of course, as with any rule, there are numerous exceptions that may or may not be applicable to you. Thus, it is very important for you to consult with a Certified Elder Law Attorney in the state where you or your loved one is seeking to qualify for Medicaid.

Medicare and Medicaid both provide crucial health coverage to millions of Americans. Medicaid becomes increasingly important for older people who end up needing long-term care, as Medicare does not provide that coverage. Nearly all Americans will eventually rely on Medicare as their health insurance as they get older, and millions of others may also access the Medicaid program at some point in their lives. Fortunately, these two programs provide a good safety net for those who know how to navigate the system.

Bernard A. Krooks, Esq., is a founding partner of Littman Krooks LLP. He was named 2021 "Lawyer of the Year" by Best Lawyers in America® for excellence in Elder Law and has been honored as one of the "Best Lawyers" in America since 2008. He was elected to the Estate Planning Hall of Fame by the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils (NAEPC). Krooks is past Chair of the Elder Law Committee of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC). Mr. Krooks may be reached at (914-684-2100) or by visiting the firm's website at www.littmankrooks.com.

Table Hopping with Morris Gut: Area Culinary Springs Forward

The culinary landscape in greater Westchester is blossoming again! Like planting seeds in the garden, restaurants are sprouting, spreading their wings. Expansions and new openings are on the hot burner. Here is some of latest grapevine...

TORCELLO OPENS IN LARCHMONT -Imer Rraci and his veteran team have reimagined the former La Riserva, a lovely setting for the Italian classics. Named after an island off the coast of Venice, Chef Avni turns out such winning dishes as: colorful Mozzarella Caprice; Eggplant Rollatini; Rigatoni Bolognese in a meat sauce; Risotto Di Funghi with porcini; Veal Martini; classic Rack of Lamb; and delicious Pollo Torcello, topped with applewood bacon and melted fresh mozzarella in a light bourbon mushroom sauce. Rraci has spent years working for the former Giambelli in Manhattan, and Valbella in Old Greenwich, CT. Open 7 days for dinner starting at 4 p.m. Bar/cocktails. Free parking. Torchello Ristorante, 2382 Boston Post Road, Larchmont. 914-833-1118 www.torcellolarchmont.com

ONE RARE STEAKHOUSE OPENS IN SCARSDALE – Veteran restaurateur Harry Sinanaj of Ben & Jack's Steakhouse in Manhattan has opened Westchester's newest upscale bastion of beef at the former Zachy's Wine Shop space right in the Village of Scarsdale. A stellar ribbon cutting ceremony was held on February 7th. The team at this handsomely designed 120-seat restaurant with sparkling bar will lavish you. From Chef Admir's kitchen come such

specialties as: a daily selection of East or West Coast Oysters, Wedge Salad, Pappardelle with short ribs, classic Surf & Turf, Porterhouse for 2 or more, and Tomahawk Steak. The bar is already a hotspot. Opens at 4 p.m. One Rare Italian Steakhouse, 16 East Parkway, Scarsdale. 914-330-8488 www.oneraresteakhouse.com

CAFÉ DEUX OPENS IN HARRISON - Sisters with a decidedly French flair, Carrie and Charlotte Denoyer, have opened Café Deux on Halstead Ave. in Harrison, across from the new Avalon complex and Metro-North. Café Deux is an all-day café and restaurant that will highlight classic French delights and bistro fair: fresh pastries, sandwiches, entrees, and sweets including their signature 'cupped desserts' as complement their daily selection of curated coffees and teas. There is plenty of culinary pedigree at work here. Jean Denoyer, their father, a noted restaurateur, opened the original La Goulue in Manhattan some 51 years ago. Chef is Alex Aparicio who had spent time at Pub Street and Village Social in Westchester. Pastry chef is Jessica Craig who had worked for Michelin-starred celebrity Chef Missy Robbins. Café Deux, 307 Halstead Ave., Harrison. The café will be open 7 days a week. 914-920-4110 www.cafedeuxnv.com

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

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What's Happening at the Bronxville Library

Ayurveda for Asthma and Allergies (Zoom) Tuesday, April 11 from 7 to 8pm

This is a zoom event. To receive the link, email cutchel@wlsmail.org no later than April 10th. Presented by Dr. Somesh N. Kaushik, Ayurvedic and Naturopathic Physician. To learn more about Dr. Kaushik, visit his website: www.drkaushik.com



Clay Time Wednesday, April 12 from 3:30 to 4:30pm For grades 1-5 Call to register 914-337-7680 ext 834

How to Make Sense of Today's Financial Markets (Zoom) Wednesday, April 12 from 1 to 2pm

Space & Materials Limited.

This is a Zoom event in partnership with other libraries. To receive the link, register at https://darienlibrary.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_XXArZpLZTaSEZg-MhA9zB9g#/registration. Join in for a virtual Women & Money Roundtable where Advisors from Merrill Lynch will discuss the

current financial markets and trends.



Social Needlers Wednesdays from 11am to noon

Join for a knitting and crochet hour every Wednesday. They chat and socialize while making beautiful items which they donate to the Visiting Nurse Service of New York.

Thursday Matinee: Grand Hotel (Oscar Series: WINNER Best Picture 1932) Thursday, April 13 from 1:30 to 3:15pm

A group of very different individuals staying at a luxurious hotel in Berlin deal with each of their respective dramas.



Retrogaming Club/Tweens and Teens Friday, April 14 & 28 at 3:30pm Teen Area. Open to grades 4-12. Walk-ins welcome. Join for a Blast from the Past!

Teen Area. Open to grades 4-12. Walk-ins welcome. Join for a Blast from the Past! Come and play exciting old school video games on PS2, Xbox and Wii.

Let's Groove with Miss Lisa and Her Guitar Tuesday April 18, May 16 and June 6 at 1:30pm

Join Miss Lisa and her guitar for this funfilled music and movement class. Ideal for 0-6 with participating adult. In Yeager Room or on the Lawn.



FOBPL Annual Gala Event Friday, April 21 from 7 to 10pm

Join for a special speakeasy-themed event benefiting the Bronxville Public Library. Don your flapper dress and long pearls or any prohibition party duds! This evening of food, music & fun will celebrate the eras' greatest authors like F. Scott Fitzgerald, Ezra Pound, Gertrude Stein, Ernest Hemingway, Langston Hughes, T.S.Eliot, Agatha Christie, and more. Don't wait-last year's event sold out within two weeks! It is sure to be a phenomenal evening! To purchase tickets online, visit fobpl.org. You may also pay by check (made payable to Friends of the Bronxville Public Library), dropped off or mailed to the Library: 201 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, NY 10708.

Empower Your Family with Confidence Saturday, April 22 from 2 to 3pm

This event will take place in person in the Yeager Community Room located on the lower level. To reserve your space, stop by or call the Reference Desk: (914) 337-7680 ext. 824 Advisors from Wells Fargo will discuss the 5 key estate planning documents that everyone should be aware of including Trusts, Advance Directives, types of Wills, Power of Attorneys and how to use them to benefit yourself and loved ones. Learn about what steps you can take to protect your family and assets. Presented By: Christopher Bardwell, CFP®, CIMA®, AIF® and William Zeltner

Where's My Stuff? The Ins and Outs of Managing Space (Zoom) Monday, April 24 from 3 to 4pm

This is a Zoom event. To receive the link, visit https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pfuqvqDssH92SCWsp0fDGbvPnvaoF2VKp As professional organizers and co-authors of the self-help book Beyond Tidy, Marie Limpert & Annmarie Brogan of Organize Me! of NY, LLC will teach you unique and creative strategies to maximize space and stay in control of your belongings. They will also answer questions

and provide organizing solutions to common

challenges that get people stuck.

Disney Sing-Along Songs Tuesday, April 25 at 3:30pm

Join in as Yara Hoppinstein leads an afternoon filled with the Magic of Disney Sing-Along Songs! Open to all ages in the Yeager Room.



Wednesday Matinee: Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris (Oscar Series - Nominated for Best Costume Design 2023)

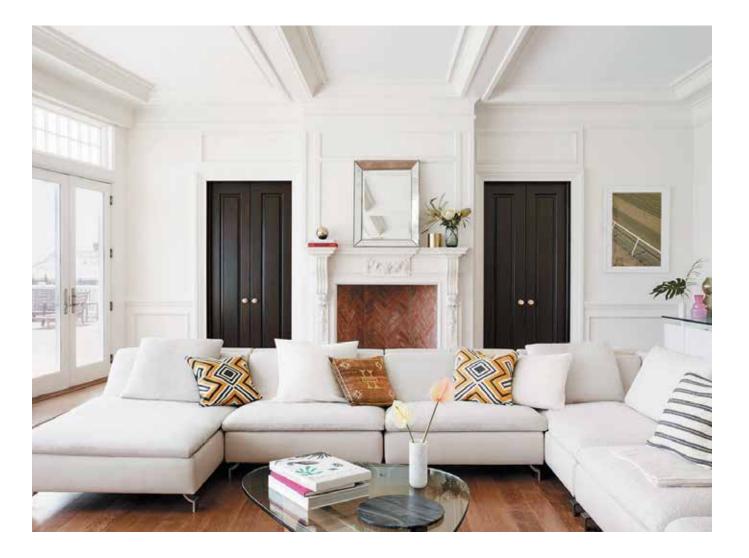
Wednesday, April 26 from 1:30 to 3:15pm When a widowed housekeeper falls in love with a couture Dior dress, she raises funds in order to travel to Paris in search of a dress of her own.

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