

Governor Hochul Unveils Portrait Carving Immortalizing Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg in The New York State Capitol

On August 21, Governor Kathy Hochul officially unveiled a carving of Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court and Brooklyn native Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the New York State Capitol's Great Western Staircase. Justice Ginsburg's family was in attendance.

"Throughout her career, Ruth Bader Ginsburg served as a driving force for women's rights and tirelessly fought against gender discrimination," Governor Hochul said. "As the first woman to be elected as Governor of New York State, I join the ranks of millions of women inspired by Justice Ginsburg's wisdom and courage. Her portrait's presence in the Capitol will stand as a lasting reminder of her extraordinary legacy and New York State's forefront position in the movements for women's suffrage and rights."

Commissioner of the New York State Office of General Services Jeanette Moy said, "Justice Ginsburg believed that societal advances occur incrementally, saying 'real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time.' New York State took one of those impactful steps today when Governor Hochul unveiled this carving of Justice Ginsburg in a prominent location of the Capitol where only portraits of men existed until now. The OGS team is proud of the role we played in adding Justice Ginsburg's likeness to our state Capitol's Great Western Staircase."

In addition to the Ginsburg family, the carving's artist, sculptor Meredith Bergmann, was also in attendance. She stated, "I was honored to have been selected to sculpt the portrait of one of my heroes for this magnificent, idealistic staircase. Justice Ginsburg was a shining example of what a Supreme Court Justice could be, and now she can greet and inspire our lawmakers as they pass her on their way to work."

Justice Ginsburg's portrait is the first to be added to the Great Western Staircase since the completion of the steps in 1898 and only the seventh woman depicted in the staircase gallery. The second-floor location chosen for the carving places Justice Ginsburg in an area where only men were included before now.

The permanent sculpture of Justice Ginsburg is located directly above a carving of the U.S. Supreme Court's first chief justice John Jay, making Ginsburg only the second Supreme Court justice whose portrait is carved on the Great Western Staircase. Justice Ginsburg's likeness was created in the same style as the 19th-century portraits carved in the staircase's Corsehill sandstone.

In November 2022, the Ginsburg family approved figurative sculptor Meredith Bergmann's model of the proposed portrait carving. Bergmann is the female figurative artist who sculpted the Women's Rights Pioneers Monument in New

York City's Central Park, which features suffragists Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

The new portrait of Justice Ginsburg is best

viewed from the third floor of the Great Western Staircase. Additional information and directions to the carving are available at the information desk

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Latimer Unveils Dedication of Gorski Pond at Lasdon Park

Westchester County Executive George Latimer and the Friends of Lasdon Park unveiled the dedication of Gorski Pond in honor of Patricia Fitzgerald Gorski on August 25, at Lasdon Park and Arboretum in Katonah.

Patricia “Pat” Gorski had a lengthy and devoted career in public service with the Westchester County Board of Legislators. She began in 1977 as Secretary to the Clerk. In 1992, she was unanimously elected to the position of Clerk and Chief of Staff of the Board of Legislators, a position she held for six terms until her retirement in 2002.

Gorski began her career in Westchester’s government in 1971 as a summer intern in the Department of Public Works. She moved on to the office of County Executive Edward Michaelian and then became the Secretary to the Commissioner of Social Services and the Secretary to the Commissioner of Finance.

In addition to being a devoted public servant, Pat was the loving wife of Walter Gorski, to whom she was married for almost 50 years. After retiring, the Gorskis strolled the paths at Lasdon Park several times a week. Their walks started on the woodland trails and extended across the fields, and always ended with them relaxing on the bench at the pond. Walter says it was Pat’s “happy place,” where she found peace and serenity.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: “I had the privilege of working with Pat at the Board of Legislators; she was a true friend. She was dedicated, fair, kind, and hardworking, as she was at all of her positions with the County. It is our pleasure to honor and memorialize Pat for all time at Lasdon Park.”

Westchester County Parks Commissioner Kathleen O’Connor said: “Pat adored every job she had during her long career in public service for the County. Her love of Lasdon Park and her ‘happy place’ there made naming the pond after Pat an easy and appropriate choice.”

Board of Legislators Chairman Vedat Gashi said: “The halls of the Board of Legislators are full of memories of Patricia’s selfless spirit and her dedication to serving the people of Westchester County. She believed that every task, great or small, is an act of service and that every person, regardless of title, is worthy of equal respect. She loved Lasdon Park, and now her legacy will forever be memorialized there through this dedication.”



Hearts & Homes Awarded \$5,000 Grant by the United Way of Westchester and Putnam (UWWP) Community Impact Fund

Hearts & Homes for Refugees (HHR) is proud to announce it has received a \$5,000 grant from the United Way of Westchester and Putnam (UWWP) Community Impact Fund. This grant will assist HHR in continuing to expand refugee resettlement and volunteer mobilization efforts throughout the lower New York area.

The United Way of Westchester and Putnam Community Impact Fund supports local nonprofits serving the needs of the underprivileged, marginalized, or ALICE (those who are employed but are living paycheck-to-paycheck) populations in Westchester or Putnam Counties. This grant awarded to HHR builds upon a continued partnership of support that HHR enjoys with UWWP.

Faith Ann Butcher, Chief Impact Officer at UWWP, said the HHR proposal stood out as “demonstrating a clear vision, strong capabilities, and a commitment to bring about meaningful change.”

“We are confident that this grant will serve as a catalyst for [HHR’s] growth and impact, enabling [the organization] to reach more beneficiaries and achieve significant outcomes in the areas served,” said Butcher. “We look forward to partnering with [HHR] on this transformative journey and witnessing the positive change that results from their efforts.”

Hearts & Homes for Refugees mobilizes individuals, communities and faith-based organizations to form volunteer cohorts that provide direct assistance to refugees with guidance and support from HHR. With a record number of refugees arriving from countries across the entire globe, from Ukraine and Afghanistan to Myanmar, Venezuela and Ethiopia, volunteer-driven resettlement continues to prove itself as the local solution to the global refugee crisis.

If you would like to learn more about Hearts & Homes for Refugees and how to volunteer, visit <https://www.heartsandhomesforrefugees.org/>. To read more about the wide-ranging impact of the United Way of Westchester and Putnam, visit <https://www.uwwp.org/>.



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BY MAYOR MARY MARVIN

JULY 31, 2023

As we enter August, even more Villagers head off for vacation, leaving the Village the quietest of months.

Sadly, folks looking for less populated neighborhoods in which case find August the ideal month.

As crimes are truly crimes of opportunity, make your home a non-tempting target.

The following are just a few less obvious methods of deterrence:

- Put timers on televisions as well as lights.
- Have neighbors park their car in your driveway.
- Trim trees and shrubs before departing to avoid creating a convenient screen for intruders.
- If an apartment dweller, phone ringers should be lowered, as a persistently audible

ringing is a sure sign of an empty dwelling. August is also an ideal time for home repairs as Village departments are often less busy. If you plan any major projects while away, kindly alert your neighbors so they can adjust outdoor plans accordingly.

Should you need a bulk pickup due to renovation, just schedule on our Village website.

Also, please consider sidewalk repairs this summer as well as hedge trimming. Bushes/trees hanging over sidewalk obstruct passage forcing pedestrians to walk in the road and limit drivers' line of sight. Due to the heavy rains of late, we have noticed an unprecedented amount of overgrowth as well as broken sidewalks, which are the responsibility of the adjacent homeowner.

August is also synonymous with capital projects in the Village with road repaving topping the list.

Almost \$300,000 will be spent on road resurfacing in the coming weeks. While the final list is under discussion based the funding allocation, parts of Pondfield Road and Summit Avenue as well as Oakledge Road, Wood End Lane and Cedar Street have been prioritized.

The decision on which streets are to be repaved is determined by our Public Works professionals based on the age of the road surface, amount of traffic, state of disrepair and location in the Village.

Even if your street is not on the final repaving list, all potholes will be addressed.

Please alert Village Hall if you think your street should be on the paving list going forward as we catalog all requests and inspect accordingly.

Yard waste and grass clippings will be picked up on a regular basis throughout the summer. We encourage you to "grass cycle" by leaving clippings on the lawn as it truly does add nutrients in a natural way.

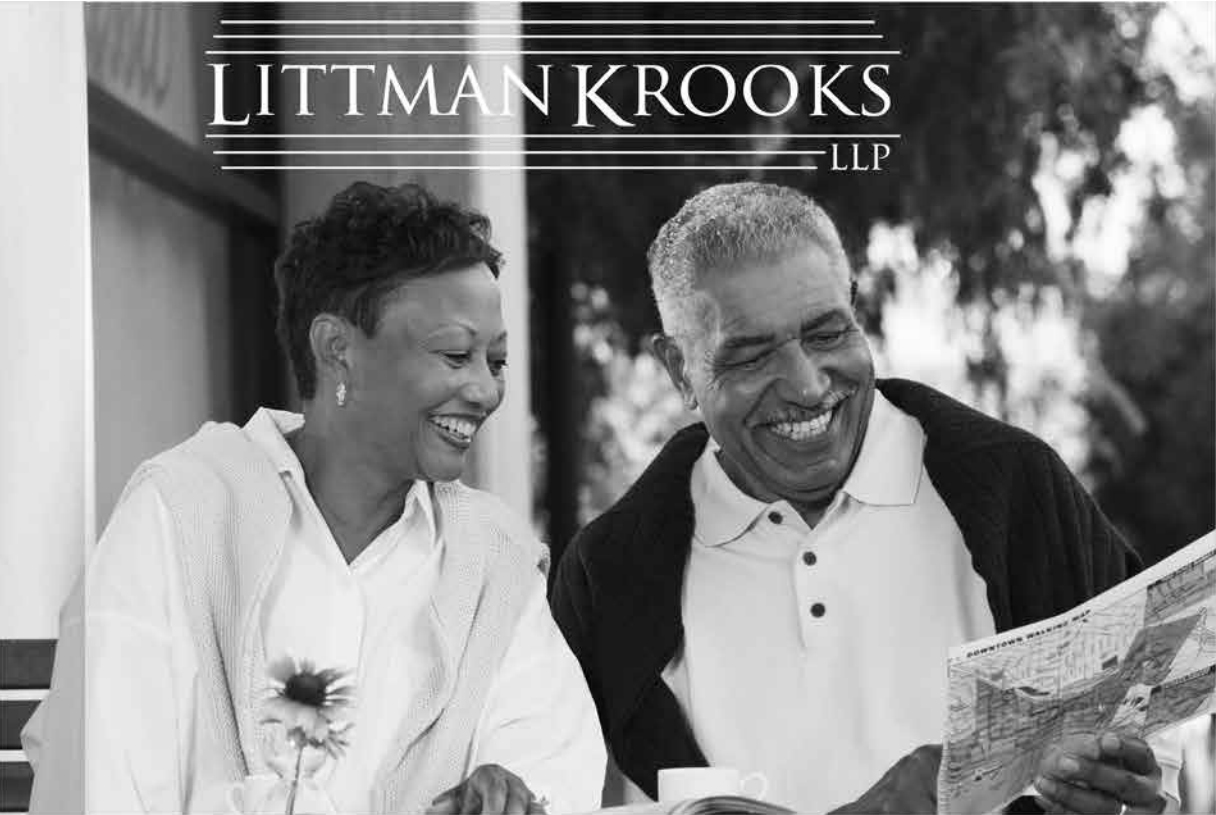
If you choose to dispose of clippings, kindly help our DPW by bagging the clippings as not only are the piles unsightly, but more importantly, after an even gentle storm, they end up clogging our drainage system.

Additional capital projects in various stages of completion include:

- Our new Sagamore Park play equipment has been installed and ready for use.
- The new Maltby Recreation area is progressing on time with a projected opening of mid-September.
- The permanent design changes to the Westside Circle are being completed, thanks to input from neighboring businesses and residents, with bids expected to be finalized before the end of the summer.
- All of the crosswalks in the business district will be re-striped before Labor Day
- Replacement of our iconic and historical

wrought iron street signs will be seen in various neighborhoods thanks to a partnership with the Bronxville Historical Conservancy.

- Designs are being finalized for storm water improvements at the Scout Field outfall, Hamilton and Sussex Avenue neighborhood and the Crawford Avenue drainage basin.
- We just learned from the County that the bridge to be replaced down at the County Park near the duck pond has been fabricated and I am awaiting a date of installation. Special thanks go to our County Legislator, James Nolan, who was relentless in advocating for its installation.
- The Metro North Bridge on Pondfield Road will also see long-awaited rehabilitation including repairing, sanding and painting of support beams and concrete ceiling removal. Projected to commence by September, it should be completed mostly on Saturdays through the fall to minimize traffic congestion.
- As a final reminder, on September 1st, the Village wide speed limit, save for Route 22 which is a state road, will decrease to 25mph putting us in sync with our neighboring communities.
- Village Hall is open all summer from 9am to 4pm and we are always available to assist.



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Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services Launches New Program to Help Plan for Aging

The Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services (DSPS), in partnership with the Westchester Public/Private Partnership for Aging Services and Fordham University Graduate School of Social Services, is launching a new program, Live Well & Age Well: The Planning Ambassadors for Aging Program. The Program is designed to help people plan for a successful quality of life in the future and includes targeted surveys on a variety of topics to help you assess your current status, set priorities and define your goals as you age.



County Executive George Latimer

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: "Growing old can be intimidating, and you may feel it's too soon to start thinking about the later years. The Live Well & Age Well program can help you prepare for tough topics, like caregiving, financial stability, transportation, housing, and more. I invite you to participate in this survey, which will help you to better understand your priorities as you age."

Commissioner of DSPS Mae Carpenter said: "DSPS has consistently reminded our res-

idents of a famous quote from Benjamin Franklin, 'A failure to plan is a plan to fail.' We want everyone to understand that planning is a way to successful aging because we believe failure is not an option. The Planning Ambassadors for Aging Program will help seniors and their families plan for their aging future." Our sponsors, AARP, Alzheimer's Association, Statewide Senior Action Council, and New York State Intergenerational Network are pleased to support this effort.

The voluntary and anonymous survey can be completed online as well as in person at

certain DSPS events, houses of worship, businesses, organizations, and agencies, where trained Planning Ambassador faculty will be present to help with completing the assessments. More information about the Live Well & Age Well Program can be found on the DSPS Website, by calling (914) 813-6102, or by emailing PAPAProgram@westchestercountyny.gov.

If you have an immediate need, you may contact DSPS at 914-813-6300.

Stepinac High School Prepares for the Fall 2023 School Year with Exciting Classes



Archbishop Stepinac High School is known as the standard bearer in curriculum innovation. Providing young men with a highly competitive academic program that leverages collegiate-blended learning platforms and inquiry-based learning pedagogy equips them to become globally competitive. Highlights include the Susan and Daniel P. Mahoney Honors Academy, a learning program that provides college-level studies focused engineering, finance, health sciences, and law, Senior Internship Program, the Joyce and Frank Colangelo Entrepreneurship Program, Finance Lab with Bloomberg Terminals, Engineering Lab, Health Science Hub, College Link Program, AP Capstone Diploma Program, and the award-winning STEAM program. Classroom work revolves around the real-world application of academic concepts and ideas. Annually, students are awarded National AP Scholar and National Merit Scholar recognitions. Stepinac also boasts a championship sports program, an award-winning arts program, and a diverse range of extracurricular activities. From robotics to stocks to horticulture and mock trial, there is something for everyone! New for Fall 2023 are more state-of-the-art classrooms of the future and an expansion of our state-of-the-art STEAM center. Visit stepinac.org for more information.

The Village's Emergency Notification System is now SMART911 RAVE

If you previously subscribed to the swift911 alerts your information has been transferred to the new system. Although the information has carried over, you are encouraged to create a new account and sign up for the new system so you can update your information and take advantage of some new features.

Sign up and stay informed on EMERGENCY Village-wide notifications by visiting the new Bronxville Emergency Alert System at <https://www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/login.action?pa=bronxville>.

In addition, Federal communications requirements now prohibit mass text messag-

ing for non-emergency/critical communications. Therefore, it's now more important that you sign up for non-emergency Village News, Events, Board Agendas, Monthly Newsletter and other communications through the Village website at <https://www.villageofbronxville.com/subscribe>. Simply check the boxes for the news you are interested in receiving via email. Enrollment will ensure you remain up-to-date on all Village communications.

IMPORTANT: Signing up for SMART911 DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY ENROLL YOU IN NON-EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS.

Curbing Use of Single-Use Foodware Takes Effect

In a significant step towards environmental sustainability, Westchester County is reminding residents and business owners of its "Upon Request" single-use foodware law, that took effect on September 2. This legislation aims to reduce the consumption of single-use plastics by promoting a more mindful approach to their usage within food service establishments by limiting the use of single-use foodware products to only when specifically requested by the customer.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer was joined by the Westchester County Legislators Vice-Chair Nancy Barr, Legislator Erika Pierce, DoH and DEF as they outline the key tenets of this new law. The Board of Legislators took up this effort and passed legislation spearheaded by Barr and Pierce and signed by Latimer.

Latimer said: "Westchester County is once again taking steps to lessen the waste we put back into the waste stream. From large scale measures to simple changes in our daily behavior, every little bit counts toward our goal of leaving a cleaner planet for future generations."

The key tenets of the law include:

- Effective September 2, no food service establishment within Westchester County may provide single-use foodware or condiment packets to dine-in or take-away customers unless expressly requested. This pertains to items such as forks, knives, spoons, chopsticks, cup sleeves, beverage lids and condiment packets.

- Upon customer request, single-use foodware items or condiment packets must be provided individually, rather than in packages containing multiple items. This initiative is aimed at curbing unnecessary plastic waste and promoting a more sustainable approach to dining.

- The law applies across various ordering methods, including in-person, online and through food delivery apps. Customers are encouraged to ask for single-use items only when needed, fostering responsible consumption.

- Single-use plastic beverage stirrers and "splash sticks" will no longer be permitted within food service establishments. Retail stores may still offer these items for sale to their customers.

- The legislation upholds existing protocols

for utensil storage within food service establishments, maintaining standards of cleanliness and sanitation. Utensils available in self-service containers for consumers must be individually wrapped or placed face-down, with single-item dispensers recommended.

- All DoH requirements for health and safety remain in full effect, ensuring that the well-being of patrons is not compromised.

- DEF and DoH Inspectors will collaboratively work to ensure the proper implementation and adherence to the new regulations, promoting a seamless transition for both establishments and customers.

- Food service establishments are required to prominently display a clearly legible sign informing customers that plastic utensils, condiments, and straws are available only upon request. This sign, provided by the County, will serve to increase awareness and encourage responsible plastic use.

DoH Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler said: "The Westchester County Department of Health is proud to support this new law. Protecting the environment and reducing waste is the cornerstone of Environmental Health. We know that this is an important step in helping to maintain a healthy environment for our residents.

DEF Deputy Commissioner Lou Vetrone said: "Billions of single-use plastic items end up in our waste stream every year. Due to the small size and narrow shape of these materials, they are not easily recyclable. Fortunately, County Executive Latimer and the Board of Legislators have taken decisive action to significantly reduce the amount of single-use plastic items in our waste with the enactment of this legislation. The Department of Environmental Facilities looks forward to working with the Department of Health to educate residents and food service establishments on the new requirements and to ensure compliance."

As we collectively strive towards a greener and more sustainable future, Westchester County's "Upon Request" single-use foodware law sets a precedent for responsible consumption and environmental stewardship within the food service industry.

Passing of PAC Executive Director, Charlotte Mouquin Voznesenskaya

Charlotte Mills Mouquin Voznesenskaya, 41, of Valley Cottage, died unexpectedly of natural causes on August 25, 2023. Born in New York, NY, Charlotte was an adored wife, loving and pure-hearted mother, dear daughter, fun-loving sister, gregarious aunt, and amazing friend.

Charlotte lived life to the fullest. She was an artist in spirit and in trade, having graduated from the Master's School in 2000, studied at the Pont Aven School of Art (France), in 2001, earned her BFA in Fine Arts from Parson's School of Design in 2004, a master's degree in Art Education from the Tufts University/School of the Museum of Fine Arts in 2005, a master's degree in Contemporary Art from Sotheby's Institute of Art/University of Manchester in 2009, and a Certificate in Arts & Culture Strategy from UPenn/National Arts Strategies in 2019. Until her death, Charlotte served as the Executive Director of the Pelham Art Center and was an artist/curator/educator at CharVoz Studio & Projects, having previously been the Director of the Rush Galleries and Curator/Gallery Manager at Clover's Fine Art Gallery. For a short time, Charlotte taught art to students in Vermont.

Charlotte loved to visit her extended family in Ukraine, and traveled to Brazil and Europe with friends and family. She was always up for an adventure. She enjoyed concerts, plays, and art. She often attended art openings, gallery shows, and artist meetings. She loved experiencing everyone's art including making her own. Charlotte was the life of every party. Her spirit will continue to be felt with every toast, carol, and family meal.

Charlotte leaves her beloved husband, Alex Voznesenskiy and daughter, Zara, to continue spreading love and making memories. She also leaves her mother, PJ; brothers Henri (Jacki) and James (Katrina) Mouquin; mother-in-law Tanya Hoffmann; niece Keira, nephew Marc, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends to remember her. Her father, Charles Mouquin, predeceased her.

Donations may be made to the Pelham Art Center's Capital Campaign in Charlotte's memory.



Wallauer Celebrates Two New Store Locations in Mamaroneck and Pelham

Wallauer Paint, Hardware & Design Centers recently opened two additional store locations. An entirely new location at 960 Mamaroneck Ave in Mamaroneck opened recently, and the company completed the move of its Pelham store to a new location at 50 Fifth Avenue, which opened for business in June.

A grand opening celebration for the Mamaroneck store will take place in early September with giveaways, free raffles, food trucks, and more. In addition, Wallauer will be hosting a fundraiser for the Pediatric Cancer Foundation based in Mamaroneck, by matching all donations made in every store for the entire month of September up to \$5,000.

Carrying on its tradition of serving Westchester, Rockland, and Putnam Counties since 1921, the two new Wallauer locations offer customers the full line of premium interior and exterior Benjamin Moore paint and stains. The Mamaroneck location will also sell a wide variety of marine equipment and supplies as well as Ace Hardware products including Yetti, Weber grills, Craftsman products, and DeWalt. Both stores cater to residential customers and commercial contractors.

Hours for the two stores are as follows:

- Mamaroneck: Mon-Fri, 7 am to 6 pm; Sat, 7 am to 5 pm; Sun, 9 am to 4 pm
- Pelham: Mon-Fri, 7 am to 5 pm; Sat, 8 am to 4 pm; Sun, closed

In January of this year, Wallauer became an employee-owned company through the establishment of an Employee Stock Ownership Plan offering many new opportunities for more than 100 employees across 16 locations.

Wallauer Paint, Hardware & Design Centers have been serving Westchester, Rockland, and Putnam Counties since 1921. As Westchester's largest home decorating center, Wallauer has 16 locations in the region including four design centers and six with Ace Hardware departments. The design centers feature exciting window displays from Hunter Douglas Window Fashions and hundreds of designer fabrics from Robert Allen, Kravet, Fabricut, and Kasmir. Top wallpaper designers include Schumacher, Thibaut, Nina Campbell, Candice Olson, and more. Custom-made decorating products and accessories can be created to match any style and budget. Highly trained staff can provide recommendations and offer in-store consultations and in-home services to people living in and around the tri-county area. For more information visit www.wallauer.com or call (914)-948-4000.





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Thursday, September 14th

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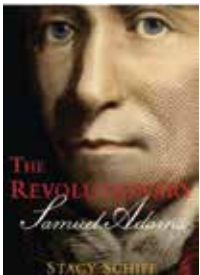
Tuesday, September 19th at 7pm

This month's discussion of the book, *The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams*, a biography by Stacy Schiff. New members who would like to join the discussion should contact the group leader: maryhogan-camp@gmail.com

Adult Craft Program

Thursday, September 7th at 1:30pm

Shirley and Barbara will teach us how to make beautiful dolls out of bottles and fabric. All materials will be supplied. Registration required.



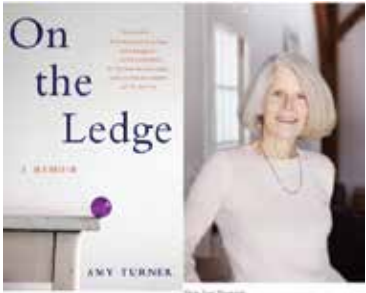
Author Talk with Amy Turner: On the Ledge

Saturday, September 9th at 3pm

Join us for a discussion with author Amy Turner about her memoir, *On the Ledge*. After Amy Turner is mowed down by a



pickup truck, she struggles to heal, a process that forces her to confront a childhood trauma she thought she'd resolved long ago: the morning her father climbed onto the fifty-foot-high ledge outside his hotel window and threatened to jump, an event that made national news. On the Ledge is also, in part, a story of Amy's coming of age in Bronxville during the '50s and sometimes turbulent '60s.



The Politics of Tea

Thursday, September 14th at 1:30pm

ZOOM event

Just in time for the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party in 2023! For all its genteel connotations, the history of tea is steeped in espionage, rebellion, and the rise of an Empire. Join Anglophile and former UK resident Claire Evans to explore the background of the most lucrative



corporate venture the world has ever known and the product it brought to the West at any cost. With a nod to the popular "Bridgerton" series, learn how tea infused British society from top to bottom and what to expect should you ever find yourself at afternoon tea. Presented by: Claire Evans is a former journalist, attorney, and college lecturer who started her love of most things British as she and her mother watched countless Britcoms on PBS. She went on to study abroad in London and, against the odds, she married a Brit she met in Peoria, Illinois. They moved to England, where they lived for a number of years. Outside of her work for a legal advice charity, Claire became a student of historical sights, pub dining, and tea shops. Her business, Tea with Claire, grew from friends asking for travel and relocation advice. To learn more, visit www.teawithclaire.com. Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZApcOqqp28tH9T4ZU9FIHLKcWCA2E47b_X#/registration

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White Plains Performing Arts Center's 2023-2024 Mainstage Season

The idea of having to travel to NYC to get a professional quality musical is a thing of the past for Westchester residents with White Plains Performing Arts Center's 2023-2024 Mainstage Season transforming Westchester into a Broadway musical haven.

As the winner of the "Best of Westchester Award" for Best Professional Theatre since 2021, WPPAC's critically acclaimed mainstage productions, now in their 20th year, feature top-quality performers and creative teams from Broadway & National tours, a live professional orchestra, and beautiful sets and costumes that give audiences the full experience. This season includes three hit musicals.

First up from the creator of Hamilton, comes the Tony Award Winning Best Musical *In the Heights*, on stage October 6-22, which tells the universal story of a vibrant community in New York's Washington Heights!

Next, just in time for the holiday season, from December 15-January 7, is *Anatasia*. From the Tony Award-winning creators of Ragtime, comes this dazzling musical based on the beloved 1997 animated movie, including the classic songs "Journey to the Past" and "Once Upon a December." It's a perfect show for the whole family.

Finally, to close out the 23/24 season, making its Westchester Premiere, is *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*, on-stage April- May. From the chart-topping hits she wrote for the biggest acts in music to her own life-changing, trail-blazing success with Tapestry, *Beautiful* takes



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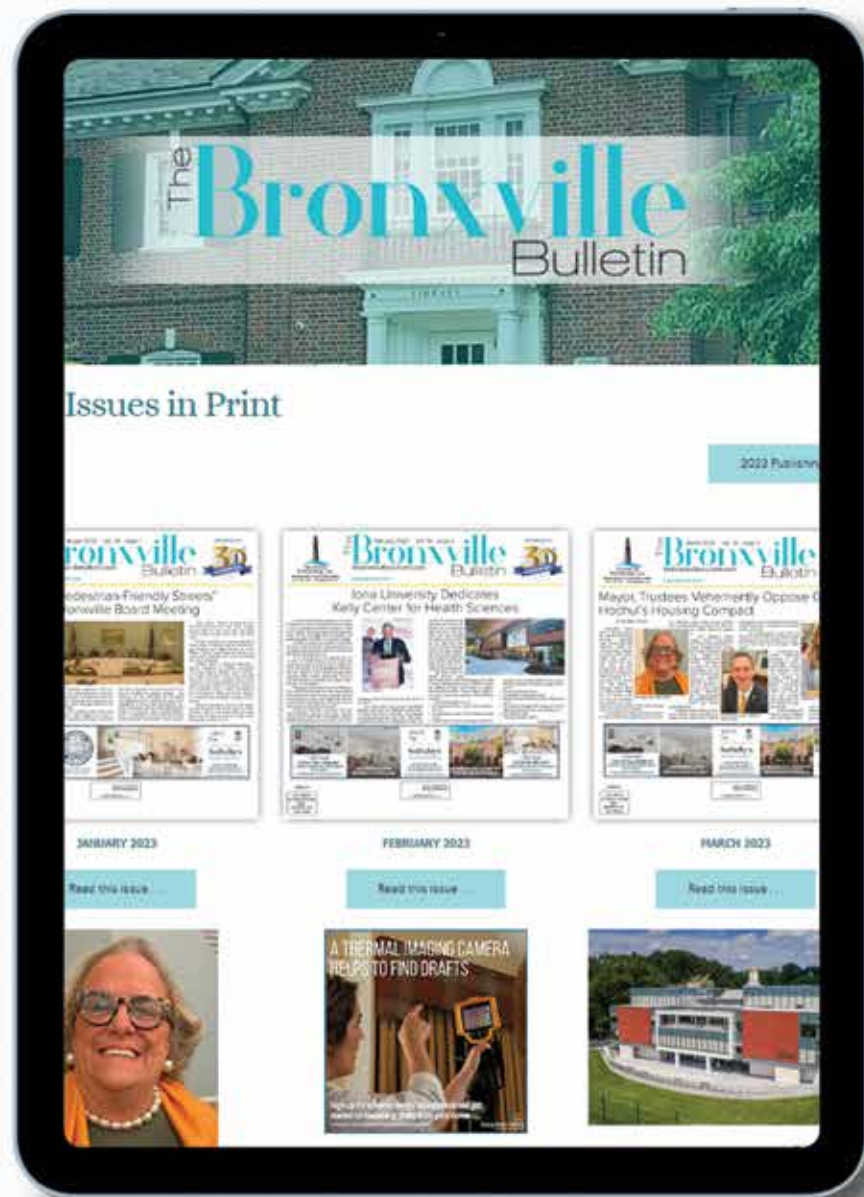
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Toonerville Music Festival Returns for Third Year with Spin Doctors

Spin Doctors, the alternative rock band known for their hit songs “Two Princes” and “Little Miss Can’t Be Wrong,” will headline the non-profit and volunteer run 2023 Toonerville Music Festival on September 23 in Pelham, now in its third year. Ticket sales through toonerville.org are already outpacing last year, festival organizers reported.

Additional performers for the all-day music event will include alt-rock duo Illiterate Light, multi-platinum selling songwriter and producer Coyle Girelli, soul-rock group Brandi and the Alexanders, Grateful Dead tribute Stella Blue’s Band, roots rock Americana band Rebecca Haviland and Whiskey Heart, and more rock, blues, R&B and folk artists for a total of 18 acts.

The event is set to run from 12-10pm in the large municipal lot situated behind Rockwell’s restaurant, located at 105 Wolfs Lane, close to the Metro-North train station in Pelham. The lot will host two stages, food trucks and beer from Captain Lawrence Brewing Company.

The festival brings two key new elements for 2023. Parents will have the option for childcare through the Pelham childcare provider DaniLee’s Helping Hands, and a silent auction including a Spin Doctors autographed guitar, recording time at the Bronxville-based studio The Loft and music lessons at School of Rock in Mamaroneck.

The festival is named for the Toonerville Folks comic strip inspired by the trolley that once carried commuters up and down Pelham’s main street to and from the train station. Residents can re-experience the historic trolley on the day of the festival as it transports concert goers and makes a continuous loop in Pelham for the event’s duration. Additional live acts will perform on the trolley, entertaining riders throughout the day.

Toonerville Music Festival is entirely volunteer run and benefits the Pelham Civic

Association, a local not-for-profit that supports programs for seniors, youths, disabled and the needy.

“Toonerville is and has always been about giving back to our community,” said Warren Banholzer, one of the festival’s founders and organizers alongside John Gaenzler and Jason Jeffries. “We are proud to support the mission of Pelham Civics Association while bringing people together to enjoy a festival featuring not only nationally recognized performers, but also acts on the verge of breaking out as well as young local artists ready to showcase their talent on the big stage.”

Sponsors include Silver sponsor New York Rugby, Captain Lawrence Brewing Company, Rockwell’s American Restaurant, DaniLee’s Helping Hands, Meridian Risk Management, Westchester Collision & Recovery, Manor Auto, Ray Catena, Compass, Pelham Violins, Thrive and the Picture House. The festival continues to invite additional sponsors and can be contacted at sponsors@toonerville.org.

Spin Doctors



Table Hopping with Morris Gut

DUBROVNIK MARKS 10TH ANNIVERSARY -- Founded by Jerry Tomic a decade ago, Dubrovnik became a sensation: Westchester’s first restaurant devoted to the cuisine of Croatia, a multi-level 85-seat establishment with a lovely seasonal outdoor patio, state of the art temperature-controlled wine cellar, al fresco wood fire rotisserie BBQ, lush seasonal herb garden and bar/lounge. Talented chefs man the kitchen and they will transport you to the beautiful Adriatic in flavorful style. To mark their anniversary, the restaurant will be offering traditional food and wine specialties throughout the month. Reservations are suggested: 914-637-3777. Dubrovnik, 721 Main Street, New Rochelle. www.dubrovnikny.com

COFFEE LABS ROASTERS OPENS IN CHESTER HEIGHTS -- Mike & Alicia Love, founders of Coffee Labs Roasters, a popular coffee house and distributor in Tarrytown, have opened a satellite on New Rochelle Road in the Chester Heights section of Eastchester/Bronxville. The opening coincides with the 20th anniversary of the company known for its signature Apollonia Blend. It is housed in a free-standing playfully redesigned former bank offering customers indoor and outdoor seating, a menu of coffees and teas, along with a variety of pastries. Notable in the design are the vertical wall garden and lounge chairs on the patio, a mini cooper, and an authentic bank vault door leading to the restroom. It is a great place to chill and has already been drawing a steady stream of customers. Coffee Labs Roast-

ers, 493 New Rochelle Road, Bronxville. Open 7 days: Monday thru Friday, 6:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday & Sunday to 6:30 p.m. 914-840-4106 www.coffeeelabs.com

CANTINA TACO & TEQUILA TO OPEN AT RIDGE HILL -- Owner, host, and actor John Solo, of bustling Cantina Taco & Tequila in White Plains, is offering a 3-taco lunch for \$9.95, or you can choose one of their tasty 3-cheese quesadillas with steak, chicken, shrimp, or a big Burrito. The special Birria Tacos are a knockout! A Street Bowl is available with a choice of protein, for \$8.95. Might be a good time for one of their frozen drinks, too. Cantina is a playful, colorful restaurant. A bright aqua pastel façade attracts along Mamaroneck Ave. They serve a bouncy menu of reasonably priced south-of-the-border fare. Try the new Cheeseburger Tacos, and such ongoing house specialties as: Carnitas, Chicken Mole, Garlic Shrimp, and Steak Fajita. Cantina is planning another restaurant at Ridge Hill in Yonkers. Cantina Taco & Tequila, 166 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains. Open 7 days. Bustling Happy Hours. Cantina, 166 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains. 914-461-3959. www.cantinawhiteplains.com

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Governor Hochul Unveils Portrait Carving Immortalizing Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg in The New York State Capitol

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in the Capitol’s State Street lobby and on the NYS Office of General Services website.

The Great Western Staircase at the New York State Capitol is a monumental interior stair, which was constructed of elaborately carved Corsehill sandstone. It was carved between 1884 and 1898. The only modern carving that has occurred at the stair was to correct the misspelling of Frederick Douglass’ name in 2019. The staircase includes intricate carvings of flora, fauna, symbols, and the faces of named great Americans, including the first 30 governors of New York State, United States presidents, explorers, politicians, inventors, scientists, authors, soldiers, poets, activists, and abolitionists.

There are portraits of six other women carved on the Great Western Staircase, all below the second floor:

- Molly Pitcher, Revolutionary War soldier
- Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of Uncle Tom’s Cabin
- Susan B. Anthony, suffragist leader
- Clara Barton, Civil War nurse
- Elmina P. Spencer, Civil War nurse
- Frances E. Willard, temperance crusader



Spring Fling

Summer's Wave Goodbye

BY BERNARD A. KROOKS, CERTIFIED ELDER LAW ATTORNEY

It's hard to believe that summer is just about over. Now that you will be spending less time going to the beach and participating in other outdoor activities, perhaps you will spend some more time on your indoor-to-do list, including getting your estate planning affairs in order. Here are some tips to help you make this happen:

Review your plan. If you already have an estate plan, take out your documents, read them, and make sure you understand how they work. Make certain that the people you have appointed to make decisions for you in case something happens to you are still appropriate. If you are satisfied with your choices, contact those people to confirm that they still wish to serve in the role that you have appointed them for. Make sure you know where your original will is located. It is usually advisable to have your lawyer hold onto this since, under New York law, if the will was in your possession at the time of your death and it cannot be found, it is considered to be revoked and this will complicate the probate process. You also want to ensure that your beneficiaries and family members are correctly named. Consider whether you want to make changes to your healthcare directives. For example, does your healthcare directive say anything about ventilators or machines that provide breathing assistance? Think about what kind of quality of life is acceptable to you.

If you have a trust, confirm that it is properly funded. Often, clients come to us with trusts created by others, and they think the trust is fully funded, but it is not. This is often overlooked since it was not clearly defined whose responsibility it was to fund the trust. You will need to check that new deeds have been done for real estate that you want the trust to own, as well as check titles on bank accounts and other financial assets. Beneficiary designations should also be reviewed to ensure they are up to date. If this is not done correctly, then the people who you want to receive your property when you pass away may not be the ones to get it.

Tangible personal property. Believe it or not, many of the disputes we see regarding wills and estates involve personal property or

items with sentimental value. Sometimes emotions get the better of people and they fight over certain items, even if it doesn't make financial sense to do so. This type of mindset can cost everyone more money. If you make your wishes clear in your estate planning documents, this can help minimize the chances of a dispute. You might even wish to consider speaking to your family members about how you wish to distribute certain items in your estate.

Funeral/burial wishes. Make sure your family knows what your wishes are in this regard. If you have purchased a prepaid funeral plan, let them know. If you have not purchased a prepaid plan, consider doing so. Prepaid funeral plans are a way for you to pay in advance for your funeral at today's prices and make things easier for your loved ones when you pass away.

List of advisors. Prepare an updated list of all your advisors, including your estate planning attorney, accountant, financial advisor, insurance professional, clergy, etc.

Do a financial inventory. Prepare a list of all accounts, credit cards, insurance policies, income sources, real estate, and other assets that you own. Make sure to list the financial institution, the account numbers, and the approximate balance. For accounts with online access, include the username and password.

Start getting rid of your junk. You do not need to retain bank statements, pay stubs, utility bills, etc. for your entire lifetime. PLEASE do your loved ones a favor and start shredding all that excess paper!

If you don't have an estate plan, what are you waiting for? The time to act is now. You can always make changes along the way if your life circumstances change.

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Calendar of Events



Music in the Park

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, 2610 Amawalk Road, Katonah
September 10 – Dan Zlotnick
September 17 – Deni Bonet & Chris Flynn (photo)
September 24 – Back to the Garden 1969
Admission is \$10. Gates open at 1pm, performances are from 2 to 4pm. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs. Learn more and at the Friends of Lasdon Park and Arboretum. <https://www.lasdonpark.org/events>

Manet/Degas

The MET Fifth Avenue, The Tisch Galleries, Gallery 899, 2nd Floor
September 24 – January 7, 2024
Some 160 paintings and works on paper, including rarely loaned masterpieces, will illuminate the friendship and rivalry between these two giants of



19th-century French art. Born only two years apart, Édouard Manet (1832–1883) and Edgar Degas (1834–1917) were friends, rivals, and, at times, antagonists whose work shaped the development of modernist painting in France. By examining the ways in which their careers intersected and presenting their work side by side, this exhibition investigates how their artistic objectives and approaches both overlapped and diverged. Manet/Degas is organized by The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, and the Musées d'Orsay et de l'Orangerie, Paris. The exhibition is featured on The Met's website, <https://www.metmuseum.org/exhibitions/manet-degas> as well as on social media using the hashtag #ManetDegas.

Nature Walk

Hudson River Audubon Society Hawk Watch
Saturdays, September 16, 23, and 30,
10am - 1pm
Lenoir Nature Preserve, 19 Dudley Street, Yonkers

Search the skies for hawks migrating south. Meet behind the Lenoir mansion.

Bicycle Sundays

September 10, 17, 24 and October 1
from 10am to 2pm
Bronx River Parkway
Bicycle Sundays is presented by Westchester County Parks and sponsored by Westchester Parks Foundation and its partners, through generous donations from co-presenting sponsors NewYork-Presbyterian Westchester and Con Edison, with Jen's Cycles in Yonkers as the official Bicycle Sponsor. During Bicycle Sundays, a portion of the Bronx River Parkway is closed to cars from for the exclusive use of bicyclists, joggers, walkers, scooters and strollers. The course runs from the Westchester County Center in White Plains, south to Scarsdale Road in Yonkers, a round-trip of 13.1 miles. There are many points of entry and exit along the way. For more information, visit <http://www.thewpf.org>

Celebrating the Next Generation of Environmental Leaders 2023 Gala

September 14 from 6 to 9pm
Groundwork Hudson Valley
Hudson River Museum, 511 Warburton Avenue, Yonkers
Hosted by Mary Calvi, CBS News Anchor and author. Visit <https://www.groundworkhv.org/gala-2023/> for complete details.

Fall Family Picnic

Hearts and Homes for Refugees
September 10 from noon to 4pm
Ridge Road Park, Pavilion 2, Hartsdale
Join us to celebrate our new neighbors and to meet other supporters of the welcoming movement. There will be food, music and activities for kids, plus plenty of community fun and friendship. RSVP to https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-MnA8xQJRjJF30ZXHVlvQjLSVnSYmgRhjKZNZ_OaVBvY13Ug/viewform

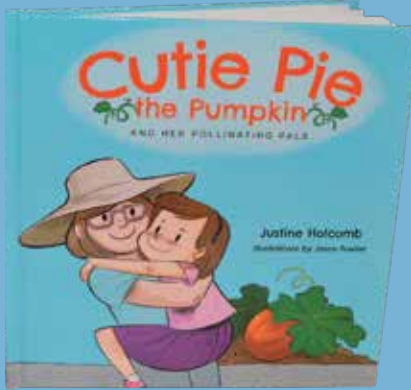
"In Celebration" Gala Cocktail Reception

Hospice of Westchester
September 28 from 5:30 to 7:30pm
Westchester Country Club, 99 Biltmore Avenue, Rye
Hospice of Westchester (HOW) will host its annual Gala Cocktail Reception, which will support The Anna & Louis H. Shereff Caregiver, Complementary Care and Bereavement Programs. This year's event will honor Mary Gibbons Gardiner, HOW board member and immediate past board chair, and the Music Conservatory of Westchester. A special recognition will also be given to longtime supporter and Grand Sponsor of the event, Rochelle E. Shereff. The evening will feature a vast array of culinary delights, an open bar and entertainment. Individual tickets (\$325) and sponsorships are available. For more information, contact Holly Benedict at hbenedict@hospiceofwestchester.com or 914-682-1484, ext. 122.

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