

Legislator Nolan Renders Update at Trustees Meeting

BY STEPHEN E. LIPKEN

Opening the September 11th Bronxville Board of Trustees Meeting, Mayor Mary C. Marvin requested citizens to reflect upon the 9/11 victims, noting that this was the 22nd anniversary of the terrorist attack.

Mayor Marvin introduced Lisa Rao, Chairperson for Bronxville's 125th Anniversary who detailed events that were to be part of the Anniversary Celebration (that took place on October 1st after the printing of this issue).

Next, County Legislator James Nolan rendered an update. Marvin thanked Nolan for funding replacement of the Bronx River footbridge with FEMA picking up 90% of the cost, plus a flood mitigation survey by the State. Nolan also obtained a \$3,000 County grant for Police National Night Out, securing funding for Village Sewers, attempting to keep property tax rate increases to zero, mortgage fraud and flood mitigation plans.

Student Emerson Dennis was cited for winning First Place in the National History Day Contest Junior Exhibit Category, 6th to 10th grade at the University of Maryland for her project, "Equal Opportunities by Mail: How the Sears Roebuck Catalogue Crossed Frontiers in the Consumer World." Emerson is a recognized National Endowment for Humanities Scholar.

Then Village Administrator James Palmer awarded NY Conference of Mayors Certificates to



Linda Thomas, left, and Village Administrator James M. Palmer

Linda Thomas, Parking Office for 40 years of service and Joseph Scaglione, Parking Enforcement for 37 years of service.

Library Trustee Liaison Christina Krettekos discussed raising \$600,000 for the Library to develop a plan to create a beautiful outdoor "Reading Garden" at Library Lane entrance, providing outdoor reading areas for passive enjoyment.

At the Work Session, Palmer outlined outdoor dining plans, possibly making Park Place one-way with angle parking, as well as looking at the width of parking stalls.

High School designated as a 2023 National Blue Ribbon School

Bronxville High School has been awarded the prestigious designation of a 2023 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. It is one of 353 schools nationwide to be recognized with the award.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes schools based on overall academic performance or progress in closing achievement gaps among students. The coveted award also affirms and validates the hard work of educators, families and communities in striving for and attaining exemplary achievement. In addition, schools are recognized for demonstrating effective and innovative teaching and learning practices and supporting teachers and staff through meaningful professional learning opportunities.

"It is an honor to be awarded this national distinction," Principal Ann Meyer said. "The students at Bronxville are outstanding. Our faculty are tremendous educators dedicated to providing a meaningful high school experience to our students. The parents and community are true partners with us in providing this unparalleled education. The Bronxville Promise is our vision and each day, as a community of learners, we seek to live up to it in new and innovative ways."

Since its founding in 1922, the Bronxville School has been committed to providing an excellent education. In addition to providing



traditional measures of achievement, the high school engages students in authentic learning experiences that go beyond content mastery and focus on competencies that prepare them for postsecondary pursuits. Bronxville educators' work is guided by the Bronxville Promise, which focuses on student well-being and teaches students to lead, innovate, think critically and engage the world. At Bronxville High School, educators have designed instruction that replicates the work of historians, artists, musicians, engineers, researchers, writers, mathematicians, filmmakers and scientists; and students publicly share their work and receive feedback not only from teachers, but from experts within the field.

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High School Seniors Named 2024 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

Bronxville High School seniors Frannie Krause, Rohit Mandapati, Quinn McCarthy and Dev Tarwala have been named semifinalists in the highly competitive 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program.

The four academically talented students are among the top 16,000 high school students nationwide – out of more than 1.3 million students who entered the competition – to continue competing for 7,140 scholarships that will be offered next spring.

The students entered the academic competition as juniors by taking the 2022 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which served as an initial screen of entrants. They represent the top 1% of students in the United States who earned the highest scores in each state. According to the corporation, the National Merit Scholarship program honors students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition. To become a finalist, they must submit a detailed scholarship application, provide information about their outstanding academic record, participation in school and community activities, employment, honors and awards received, as well as demonstrate leadership abilities. They must also write an essay, be endorsed by a high school official and earn scores that confirm their earlier performance on the qualifying test.

Out of the 16,000 semifinalists, about 15,000 are expected to advance to the next round, and about half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship. Finalists will be announced in February, while scholarship winners will be announced beginning in April 2024.



Dev Tarwala, Rohit Mandapati, Frannie Krause and Quinn McCarthy

Students Earn Prestigious Scholar Ranking at Maria Regina High School

Maria Regina High School has kicked off the annual National Hispanic Heritage Month celebration with the announcement that four students earned the prestigious 2023 College Board National Hispanic Scholars ranking for their outstanding academic achievements.

The honorees are seniors Isabella Caamano of White Plains; Nia Rodriguez of the Bronx and Sophia Rojas of Yorktown Heights and **junior Marilin Samuelian of Bronxville.**

In an email to the renowned all-girls Catholic high school, the College Board noted that the students qualified for the honor by having a GPA of 3.5 or higher and were among “the top 10 percent in the annual rigorous College Board assessments.”

Principal Maria Carozza-McCaffrey (Class of '99) congratulated Isabella, Marilin, Nia and Sophia “for distinguishing themselves in joining a select group of National Hispanic Scholars out of a huge pool of eligible applicants. That is a testament to their college-level scholarly performance and Maria Regina’s commitment to instilling the desire for academic excellence in each and every student.”

The College Board said: “We’re proud to celebrate our students and their hard work in high school. Doing the work is the hard part. Being recognized for it should be easy. And for students planning for life after high school, the award is an opportunity to get recognized by colleges that are actively looking for diverse talent.”

Maria Regina High School is a Catholic school where young women are encouraged to achieve academic excellence, empowered to be compassionate, empowered to be compassionate leaders, and enriched with the Spirit to live a life of Charity, Truth, and Service to others. To learn more, visit www.mariaregina.org.



Sophia Rojas, Nia Rodriguez, Isabella Caamano and Marilin Samuelian

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From the Office of the Mayor



BY MAYOR MARY MARVIN

In light of our 125th anniversary celebration held on Sunday, October 1, I thought I would go into the archives and share some of the interesting history and unique facts about the Village to get us in the spirit.

- The Village encompasses just over one square mile at 666 acres. It is approximately 16 miles from midtown Manhattan and 2 ½ miles from the Bronx border.

- The Village's first attempt, by petition to incorporate, was invalidated by the Eastchester Town Supervisor who declared the vote illegal because women had signed it! Now 53% of our Village population is female, and I dare say Bronxville women can move mountains when called upon.

- In fact, the Village was a hot bed of the suffrage movement and it has been chronicled that in 1911, Village women clapped so vociferously for their right to vote that they, "split from

thumb to wrist their arm length suede gloves."

- The actual first Village government was formed at "Dogwoods", the home of Frances Bacon, newly installed Village President, at 61 Sagamore Road. Still familiar names: Bacon, Kraft and Chambers were our first governing body.

- As early as 1905, residents asked Village government to address the decayed bridge on Parkway Road, soon to be followed by a petition to increase the inadequate street lighting.

- Minutes of old Village Board meetings also included the observation of the complete submersion of the old Girl Scout Cabin on Paxton Avenue due to catastrophic floods in 1910 and 1938.

- The "Lowlands" neighborhood area near our present day school was also plagued by early flooding. In 1920, when the current site on Pondfield was chosen for the public school, a Village elder remarked that, "The only problem was that much of it was covered by water."

- The first European settlers can be traced to the early 1700s with the construction of a sawmill on the Bronx River by John Underhill and the subsequent development of a village around 1850 so named Underhill's Crossing.

- With the coming of the railroad in the 1840s, the rural character of the village was radically changed. In 1852, the village was awarded its own post office and the Reformed Church constructed its first building in 1850.

- However, it took until 1898 for the village

to become incorporated as a village in the Town of Eastchester. From this date forward, activity and development accelerated.

- The Hotel Gramatan was erected in 1905, Lawrence Hospital in 1909 and Concordia College in 1910.

- The railroad underpass was completed in 1916 and a building boom soon followed which quickly transformed the rest of the village into a bona fide suburban community.

- The opening of the Bronx River Parkway in 1925 made automobile traffic more accessible, resulting in the village being almost truly built out by the end of the 1920s.

- With building growth came population growth and by 1930 the village's population had more than doubled to 6387 residents. It actually peaked in 1940 at 6888 and currently we have a population of 6395 residents which represents an increase of 72 persons since the 2010 census.

- The overwhelming majority of Village housing units (72%) were built before 1939.

- The Village functioned in its first year of incorporation (1898) with no ordinances. Our very first ordinance, (1899), protected us from public nudity, brothels, saloons, gambling, riots and profane language, all punishable with fines from \$10-\$50.

- Another first generation ordinance prohibited playing ball on Sunday; "hallooing or yelling after dark", and gunfire "between the setting and rising sun" (apparently daytime

gunfire was acceptable!).

- In a bit of high aspiration thinking, fire escapes would be required on all opera houses but churches were exempt.

- In 1899, houses could be built with no notice to the Village and without regard to size or placement as it wasn't until 1922 that our first zoning ordinance was enacted.

- In terms of open space, Scout Field is a 2.29 acre park, of which only 0.29 acres are in the Village of Bronxville with the remaining acreage almost evenly split between the cities of Yonkers and Mount Vernon. As a consequence, the Village Police Department cannot patrol on land in other cities/jurisdictions.

- The Nature Preserve is the Village's largest park/open space comprising 5.7 acres, 4.7 of which are actually in the Town of Eastchester.

- 60% of our residents live in single family homes while 40% reside in apartments, co-ops and condominiums.

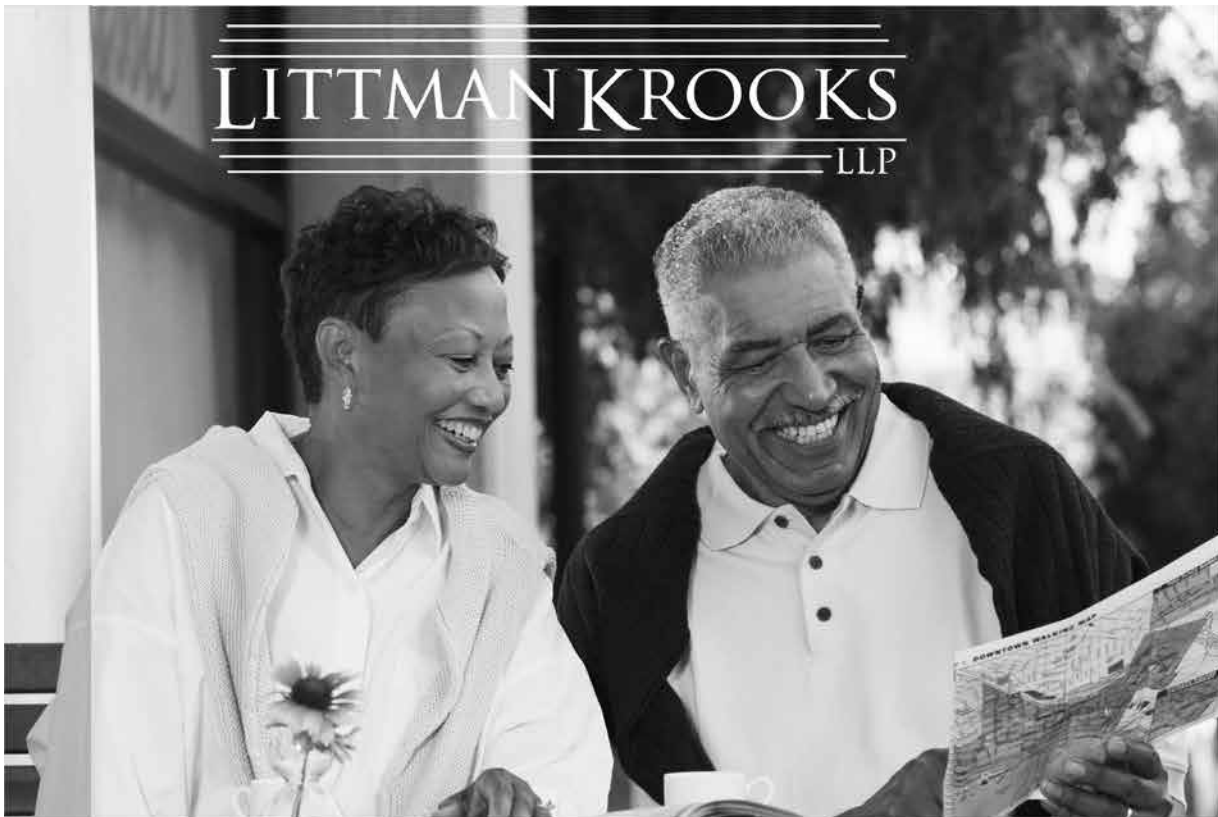
- Over 20% of the land in the Village is tax exempt.

- The Bronx River was actually rerouted and the Village border changed to accommodate the original construction of the Bronx River Parkway in 1925, thus becoming the first multi-lane limited access parkway in North America.

- Bronxville has 2300 home address in the Village but over 10,000 area residents use it as

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Bronxville Alert: Following a lengthy process involving a public hearing that was continued for months and the completion of an independent traffic engineering analysis, last month, the Village adopted a 25 mph maximum speed limit for all Village streets with the exception of RT 22 which is a State Road. Key Facts supporting the reduced speed limit include:

The risk of pedestrian fatality is approximately 3.26 times higher with a 30 mph posted speed limit than with a 25 mph speed limit.

Outside of New York City, the NYSDOT reports that Westchester County experiences the second most pedestrian-involved accidents in the state of New York.

Residents are encouraged to be mindful of their speed as they travel throughout the Village. While a minor speed reduction, pedestrian safety and local quality of life are greatly enhanced.

Residents are reminded that the maximum Village speed limit within 300 feet of a school remains at 20 mph.

Residents are also reminded that when walking or running on local streets, always face oncoming traffic. Bicyclists, on the other hand, should ride in the same direction as traffic. Also, bicycles are not permitted to be ridden on the sidewalks in the downtown business district.

Remember – SCHOOLS ARE OPEN – Drive Carefully and Obey the Posted Speed Limit!

For additional safety tips visit <https://www.villageofbronxville.com/home/news/25-mph-its-now-the-law>.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer Appoints Dr. Aleksandar Milovanovic as New Medical Examiner

Continuing the County's dedication to public health and best serving the residents of our community, Westchester County Executive George Latimer has announced the appointment of Dr. Aleksandar Milovanovic, a highly regarded Board Certified Forensic Pathologist, as the new Medical Examiner for Westchester County. With an impressive track record spanning over two decades, Milovanovic brings a wealth of experience, community engagement and exceptional contributions during the challenging COVID-19 pandemic.

Latimer said: "In Dr. Milovanovic, we've found not just a medical examiner, but someone who has a passion to serve.

His years of experience and dedication to our community make him the ideal choice for this vital role, especially in the wake of the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Milovanovic's expertise will continue to ensure the well-being of our residents and uphold the highest standards of justice."

Milovanovic currently serves as the Head of the Department of Laboratories

and Research, a position he has held since April 2019. Prior to this role, he served as the Deputy Medical Examiner for Westchester County since 2007. The Westchester County Department of Laboratories and Research consists of several critical



Dr. Aleksandar Milovanovic

divisions, including Forensic Labs (Forensic Toxicology and Forensic Sciences), as well as Public Health Labs (Microbiological Services and Environmental Services).

One of Milovanovic's standout accomplishments is his extensive experience in performing and certifying autopsies, having conducted over 5000 autopsies and certified an additional 2000 deaths since 1994. In the past four years alone, he personally examined 32 homicides and supervised an additional 35. His expertise extends to the courtroom, where he has testified an impressive 104 times in the USA, including in New York State (58 Grand Juries and 38 trials), Wisconsin (1 trial), Texas (10 trials), Virginia (3 trials), and West Virginia (1 trial).

During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Milovanovic's leadership was instrumental. He successfully navigated the

The Junior League of Bronxville is Now Accepting Community Grant Applications for 2024

The Junior League of Bronxville (JLB) is has announced that it is now accepting Community Grant applications for 2024.

Applications should be from 501(c)(3) organizations that benefit the communities of Bronxville, Eastchester, Mount Vernon, Tuckahoe and/or Yonkers (the JLB Service Area). The grant request should be for an immediate and specific need with the majority of the impact in communities of the JLB Service Area. JLB Grants are generally limited to capital expenditures such as special projects or program enhancements and are not intended to provide general operating support. Approved grants typically range from \$150 to \$1,500.

The JLB is proud to help fund the future of our community through our 2023 Community Grants recipients: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Westchester, Concordia Conservatory, Eastchester Community Action Partnership, East-

chester Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Operation Prom National Network, We Run Mt. Vernon, Y-COP of Mount Vernon, and Yonkers Partners in Education.

To apply, visit the JLB's website at <https://www.jlbronxville.org>.

The deadline to apply for a JLB Grant is Wednesday, November 1, 2023.

The Junior League of Bronxville, Inc. (JLB) is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. The JLB services the areas of Bronxville, Eastchester, Mount Vernon, Tuckahoe, and Yonkers. The JLB has been an active and local women's volunteer organization in Southern Westchester since 1948. For more information on the JLB, visit www.jlbronxville.org.

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According to the program, National Blue Ribbon Schools serve as models of effective and innovative school practices for state and district educators and other schools throughout the nation. In a statement, U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona congratulated this year's awardees on fostering academic excellence and building positive school cultures that support students and allows them to thrive academically, socially and emotionally.

The U.S. Department of Education will formally recognize the award recipients during an awards ceremony on Nov. 16 and 17 in Washington, D.C.

From the Office of the Mayor

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their postal address.

- Palumbo Place is named for Joe Palumbo, the long time Village Public Works Director.

- Leonard Morange Park, on the west side near the train station, is named after the first Village resident to die in service of our country in World War I.

- Famous people who have called the Village home include President John F. Kennedy, Eddie Rickenbacker, Beat Generation writer Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick, Football Commissioner Roger Goodell, Elizabeth Custer, Jack Paar and Marvin Bower.

- The Village has no County owned roads and only one State road, Route 22. It is only Route 22 that cannot be repaved or upgraded by Village capital plan projects.

- With the exception of the Hasidic village of Kiryas Joel in Orange County, Bronxville is the only community that is co-terminus with their school district and thus the municipality issues both School and Village tax bills.

Clearly we have always been a unique community and Trustee William Kraft early on envisioned even greater things for us, writing on Village stationary that, "In the course of time, we will have one of the finest Villages along the line."

In the kind words of famed architectural critic Paul Goldberger who spoke on the "Power of Place" at the Bronxville Historical Conservancy's First Annual Brendan Gill Lecture, he observed that Bronxville as a community has been, "endlessly copied, but never matched

Department through the pandemic's challenges, including an increased number of fatalities, expanded storage capacity and the validation and use of PCR testing in virology. Milovanovic also played a pivotal role in addressing child fatalities, conducting autopsies and presenting analysis and conclusions to the Westchester County Child Fatality Review Team. His work extended to reporting incidents to the US Consumer Product Safety Commission, contributing to the prevention of infant suffocation and other hazards.

Milovanovic said: "I am deeply honored to serve as Westchester County's new Medical Examiner. My commitment has always been to provide compassionate care, support grieving families and contribute to the safety and well-being of our community. I look forward to working closely with County Executive George Latimer and our dedicated team to continue delivering the highest standards of forensic pathology and public health protection to the residents of Westchester County."

Learn more about Westchester County by visiting www.westchestergov.com

Bronxville School Students Eagerly Return to School for 2023-2024



The hallways buzzed with chatter and excitement as Bronxville School teachers and administrators welcomed back students for the new 2023-2024 school year on Sept. 5. The highly anticipated day was filled with learning as students across the district – from the youngest kindergartners to high school seniors – joyfully reconnected with friends, met with teachers and engaged in different educational activities.

“The positivity and eagerness were palpable throughout the school,” Superintendent of Schools Dr. Rachel Kelly said. “We are fortunate to have each other as we embark on this journey together.” Kindergartners had an exciting day of firsts as they introduced themselves to their teachers and developed new friendships in their classrooms. Ninth grade students teamed up with their older peers, who gave them tours of the building to help them make a smooth transition into high school.



Real Estate Visionary to Lead NYC Effort to Build Culture of Health for All

Joe Simone, President of Simone Development Companies, has been named Centennial Chair of the American Heart Association’s Heart of New York City, a year-round effort aimed at investing in and saving and improving lives in the five boroughs. The Heart of New York City culminates with the Heart of New York City Gala in June, an event that celebrates progress made through the dedication and passion of all who support this community-wide campaign.

“The American Heart Association is dedicated to the extension of life through a commitment to science, education, improving medical care, and leading with prevention. This is why I am honored to serve as Chair of the 2024 Heart of New York City campaign and look forward to celebrating the impact we will make,” said Joe Simone, President of Simone Development Companies, and member of the American Heart Association New York City Board of Directors. “I am eager to work with our outstanding team of volunteer leaders and the American Heart Association as we all advocate to make a difference in the well-being of everyone in this community. Together we must continue to strive to do everything we can to make a lasting, positive impact on the health of all New Yorkers.”

In 2024 the American Heart Association will celebrate its centennial year, meaning that Simone will have the special distinction of serving as the Heart of New York City campaign’s Centennial Chair. Simone will also serve on the pres-



Joe Simone

tigious American Heart Association New York City Board of Directors from July 2023 through June 2025.

“The American Heart Association has worked to save and improve lives since 1924—and it’s just getting started,” Simone said. “I invite all New Yorkers to join us in celebrating the American Heart Association’s transformative impact over the past century and building a sec-

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Iona University Launches New Campus Pilot in County Mayo, Ireland

Iona University is proud to announce it will launch a new campus pilot in County Mayo, Ireland, connecting to its Irish Catholic heritage and expanding opportunities for students to engage even more deeply abroad. Located within the historic Westport House Estate along the Atlantic coast, classes are set to begin Summer 2024.

"Iona University's legacy in Ireland dates back many centuries. From St. Columba in 563 A.D. to Blessed Edmund Rice in the early 1800s to the Christian Brothers who opened our doors in New Rochelle in 1940, this is a legacy we proudly carry forward to this day," said Iona University President Seamus Carey, Ph.D. "To return to our spiritual homeland is not only extremely rewarding; it is also full of potential. As we embrace our past, we are building our future, and together with the people of County Mayo, we look forward to the journey ahead."

September 19 also marked Iona's 83rd birthday. It was on this day just one year ago that the campus community came together to celebrate Iona's transition from a college to a university.

Now, the momentum continues to build as Iona expands its presence both around the globe and close to home. Notably, in 2021, Iona nearly doubled its footprint by acquiring a new 28-acre campus in Bronxville, which is primarily home to the NewYork-Presbyterian Iona School of Health Sciences in addition to newly renovated performing arts spaces, athletic fields, and more.

Growing new student enrollment by nearly 30 percent since 2019, Iona is also celebrating its

recognition in several new national rankings, elevating its previous status on regional lists. The Princeton Review, for instance, just included Iona in its highly influential ranking of "The Best 389 Colleges" nationwide. Also taking notice was The Wall Street Journal/College Pulse, which just ranked Iona as the 66th "Best College in America," listing Iona among the Top 10 Catholic schools nationwide.

All of this continues to reinforce the transformative power of an Iona education and the value it provides for its graduates, who now number over 50,000 around the world.

"It's always a great day to be a Gael, but now more than ever, especially as we continue to expand opportunities both inside the classroom and beyond, the energy across campus is infectious," said Kevin O'Sullivan, senior vice president for Enrollment and Student Affairs. "Iona's Irish heritage plays such an integral role in our identity and inspires us every single day. I cannot wait to see how our students flourish abroad. It is sure to be a transformative experience with memories that will last a lifetime."

Opening Summer 2024, Iona Ireland will pilot its summer academic programs at historic Westport House, a 400-acre estate and biodiverse eco-system located in County Mayo.

As a leading attraction along the 1,600-mile



its environs have so much to offer every visitor – steeped not only in Irish history and Celtic mythology but with an enviable heritage spanning over 400 years and going back as far as the famous 16th century pirate queen, Grace O'Malley," said Barry O'Connor, chief executive of Westport Estate. "Our biodiverse estate lands are right now embarking on a new journey rooted in sustainable and restorative nature practices. Westport House is a wonderfully rich, diverse, and varied environment to visit and to learn in and we very much hope this is the beginning of an exciting new and lasting collaboration with Iona University."

Westport House is also within walking distance to the center of the town of Westport, which has been voted the best place to live in Ireland by the Irish Times newspaper. Brimming with music, art, dining, and more, Westport enjoys a vibrant cultural scene amidst its charming architectural landscape.

"Westport House has a bold vision for the future – and we are excited to be a part of it," Carey said. "We look forward to bringing this program to full fruition. The fertile seeds we have planted in Westport are borne out of the spirit developed over many centuries for us as Gaels. We look forward to growing with the people, land, and communities of Westport for generations to come."

Wild Atlantic Way – one of the longest coastal routes in the world – Westport House is not only breathtakingly beautiful but also deeply committed to building a sustainable future. With a history dating back to the 16th century, the property even includes a cherished connection to the famed "Pirate Queen," Grace O'Malley.

Strikingly, the estate's majestic, waterside location provides a stunning view of Croagh Patrick, a holy mountain where St. Patrick is said to have banished the serpents from Ireland.

"We will be delighted to welcome the visiting students of Iona University to Westport next year for their first-ever summer academic program in County Mayo. Westport House and

County Honors Gold Star Mothers at Special Ceremony

Westchester County honored the families of military members who gave their lives in the service of their country at the County's Annual Gold Star Mother and Families Memorial Tribute Ceremony on Friday at the Kensico Dam in Valhalla.

The service included a special salute to each of the 17 service members from Westchester who died in service after September 11th and are remembered at the park's Memorial Walkway.

Attendees heard from Gold Star Mother Hope Hollinsworth Coaxum of Yonkers, whose son, Army Staff Sergeant Courtney Hollinsworth, died in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2007, and whose sacrifice is commemorated on the Walkway.

County Executive George Latimer said: "There are pictures of those young men and women with their dress uniforms on that sit in the home of that mother, and as she ages she thinks about that lost child forever. What we can do as a society is to tell that mother, 'We appreciate your sacrifice. We love you. And that there is something greater than we are, that will help us understand in due time that

that person's sacrifice is not lost in the cosmos; and for here, where we live on Earth, we won't ever forget them.'"

Westchester Veterans Service Agency Director Ron Tocci said: "For every member who falls in the line of duty there are family members left behind and voids that can never be filled. Their loved ones' sacrifice is just as painful as anything that you can imagine, and the pain of suffering and sacrifice doesn't end until the end of their life."

Hope Hollinsworth Coaxum said, "Gold Star Mother's Day is not just the duty and the charge we were given to serve in. It is truly a position none of us wants to be in, but we must carry forward the work of those who gave their full measure of devotion, as we vow each and every day to keep their memories alive in any way possible. We have no other choice but to stand proud when asked about our soldier, our son or daughter. We have no other choice but



Hope Hollinsworth Coaxum speaking at the Annual Gold Star Mother and Families Memorial Tribute

to answer those painful questions, because for us it is imperative beyond all, that you remember that they proudly served, and we proudly served with them."

The national remembrance of Gold Star Mother's Day began in 1936 on the last Sunday in September. Since 2011, commemoration has been amended to be Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day.

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Calendar of Events



Film Club – Fall 2023 Season

The Picture House Regional Film Center Wolfs Lane, Pelham

October 4, 11, 18, 24 and November 1 and 8
Several in-advance films are scheduled followed by a discussion with the critic-in-residence **Stephen Whitty** and special guest speakers from the industry. Subscriptions to the Film Club are open to members of the Picture House. To learn more about Fall Film Club visit <https://thepicturehouse.org/tph-film-club/>

Spooktacular Oktoberfest

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation

Cross River

October 28 at 1pm

All attendees are welcome to wear Halloween costumes; children's activities include trick-or-treating, the Haunted Sugar Shack, petting zoo, snacks and more. Children's activities end at 6 p.m. Bring cash for photos and pony rides. The event's Oktoberfest section will feature live music and food trucks including Captain Lawrence, Bona Bona and more. Event ends at 8:30 p.m. Parking is free; rain date is Sunday, Oct. 29. For more info or questions, call: (914) 864-7322. To register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spooktacular-oktoberfest-tickets-722308282517?aff=oddtcreator>



Clay Art Center Annual Clay Holiday Market November 16th – December 23rd, 2023

In the Gallery & Online

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November 18th and Saturday, December 16th, from 10am – 4pm. Your purchase directly supports the artist and helps fund Clay Art Center. Direct shipping or pick-up available after online purchase. It is located in the heart of Port Chester at 40 Beech Street, Port Chester, NY 10573. Join Clay Art Center for classes, exhibitions, and to shop online at www.clayartcenter.org.

Yonkers Philharmonic – Free Concert

October 14 at 3pm

Saunders Trades and Technical High School 183 Palmer Road, Yonkers

What do you get when you combine a boy from Yonkers, who's a classically trained violist, raised with the HipHop beats of the 70's and 80's and the Yonkers Philharmonic: our new Music Director, Ariel Rudiakov. His eclectic love of music shines through our Family Friendly concert: Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed and Something Blue. Further information visit www.yonkersphilharmonic.com

Pumpkin Picking Fundraiser

Muscoot Farm

October 7 through 9 from 10am to 3:30pm

Event is free; pumpkins vary in price based on size. Hayrides are \$5 per person, ages 3 and under are free; cash only. Cider and doughnuts will also be on sale. Attendees will be able to visit the farm animals. Muscoot Farm's weekly Farmers Market will be open all three days from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Visit muscootfarm.org for an up-to-date list of vendors.



Senior Cinema

Pelham Picture House Bronxville and Pelham locations

September 12, 19, 26

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

November 7, 14, 21, 28

December 5, 12, 19

Moviegoers 65 and older enjoy a great afternoon of film and friends at the theaters in Bronxville and Pelham on Tuesday afternoons at 2:30pm through June, 2024. For free admission on Tuesdays, Seniors should go the box office before show-time to pick up their ticket. Annual membership holders (\$55 for those 65+) will also enjoy free popcorn every time they visit the theater along with discounted tickets every day of the year. Senior Cinema is made possible by grants from NY State Assembly member Amy Paulin, Con Edison and the Bronxville Community Foundation. As a reminder, The Picture House Regional Film Center offers half-priced tickets on Tuesdays for all other movie goers. For more information about The

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ond century of equitable health for all.”

The American Heart Association's centennial is a celebration of the lifesaving achievements and shared vision for a bold second century that will exponentially advance heart and brain health. The Association will continue to lead breakthroughs in science and technology, improve healthcare and advocate for federal, state, and local policies that drive healthier lifestyles.

“Joe understands the impact the mission and work of the American Heart Association can have on every person who lives in this area. We welcome him to the Heart of New York City, an initiative that centers around better health for every individual by focusing on critical issues and work to equitably improve and save lives,” says Meg Gilmartin, Executive Director and Senior Vice President, American Heart Association, New York City.

The 2024 Heart of New York City Gala is sponsored by Simone Development Companies, and Compass One Healthcare. It is slated for June 2024 at venue TBD. The annual celebratory event is a night to honor survivors, patrons and volunteers of the American Heart

Picture House, visit www.thepicturehouse.org, call (914) 738-7337, or email info@thepicturehouse.org.

ArtsFest 2023

Several locations in New Rochelle and Pelham October 19 through October 22

ArtsFest 2023 – an exciting weekend-long celebration of the arts -- will take place in New Rochelle and surrounding communities from Thursday, October 19th through Sunday, October 22nd. Organized by the non-profit New Rochelle Council on the Arts (NRCA) ArtsFest spotlights the diversity of arts and artists in our community, with open studios, live music and dance, film screenings, pop-up art exhibits, a classic car show focused on design, an Artisan Market, spoken word events, and interactive activities for all ages. In total ArtsFest will feature more than 40 venues representing the work of some 250 visual and performing artists. Visit newrochellearts.org for a complete list of events.

The Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services (DSPS) will hold its **Annual Public Hearing** on Thursday, October 19, 2023 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Westchester County Center, 198 Central Avenue, White Plains. DSPS will unveil the goals and objectives for the 2024-2028 four-year area plan on the proposed use of funds, from the Older Americans Act and the New York State Community Services for the Elderly Program. The final area plan, incorporating public input, will be submitted to the New York State Office for the Aging after approval by Westchester County Executive George Latimer. The hearing provides a venue for individuals to learn about and speak out on concerns that affect Westchester County senior citizens and their families. To request a copy of the plan, or for any other information or accommodations, contact Andrew Crawford at aqcq@

Association, the world's leading nonprofit organization focused on heart and brain health. The evening will feature stories from survivors, as well as dinner, dancing, and an exciting auction. For more information on how to support or attend the Heart of New York City Gala, visit the campaign website or contact sydney.hoffman@heart.org. Visit heart.org, Facebook, Twitter or by calling 1-800-AHA-USA1.

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St. Paul's Church National Historic Site October Events

897 South Columbus Avenue, Mt. Vernon 914-667-4116 www.nps.gov/sapa

October 7 at 1pm

Author and historian Julie Flavell explores themes from her recent, widely acclaimed book, “The Howe Dynasty: The Untold Story of a Military Family and the Women Behind Britain's Wars for America”.

October 9 at 1pm

Indigenous People's Day. Dr Eugene Boesch, author and archaeologist, explores the history, culture and legacy of the Lenape Indians, original inhabitants of the St. Paul's area.

October 14 at 1pm

Professor Matthew Costello of American University, an author and historian, explores George Washington and the Revolutionary War, drawing on themes from his recent, highly regarded book.

October 18 at 10am

St. Paul's staff leads a walking, interpretive tour of the Pell's Point battlefield, exploring the Revolutionary War battle of October 18, 1776, situated at what is today the northern end of Pelham Bay Park, in the Bronx, NY, where visitors will assemble for the tour. Space is limited, and reservations are required; contact the site for further information and reservations, at 914-667-4116.

October 20 at 7pm

Enjoy a performance of music and songs of the American Revolution, by acclaimed balladeer Linda Russell, and a candlelight tour of the historic cemetery, one of the nation's oldest burial yards, where we will encounter several historical characters who lived through the drama and difficulties of the American Revolution. For more events, visit the website above.

Can a Person with Alzheimer's Disease Sign Legal Documents?

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Approximately 6.5 million people in the United States have Alzheimer's Disease. In fact, more than 10% of people age 65 and over are living with Alzheimer's. Alzheimer's is a progressive disease that gets worse over time and there currently is no cure. We have written extensively in this column about the importance of getting your affairs in order and taking care of your estate planning before something happens to you. By doing so, you will make things much easier for you and your family. So, what happens if someone is diagnosed with Alzheimer's, and they have not yet done their estate planning? Is it too late? That depends.

A certain level of capacity is necessary in order to sign legal documents. Someone who is in the later stages of Alzheimer's probably does not have the requisite capacity to sign legal documents. However, a person in the early stages of Alzheimer's or with a diagnosis of dementia may very well be able to sign legal documents.

For these purposes, capacity is typically analyzed situationally. That is, the question will be answered differently depending on the nature of the document and the circumstances of the signing. The general rule: the signer has to have sufficient understanding to know what the document is, and the effect of the signing.

- Here are a few examples:
- Ability to sign a contract.
 - Understanding of a power of attorney, which might give the authority to another person to make financial decisions for you.
 - Capacity to sign a trust.
 - Capacity to get married (which is, after all, a specialized kind of contract).
 - Ability to make medical decisions -- including refusing medication, or either seeking or declining mental health treatment.

Although each of these situations will be evaluated differently, we can offer some general thoughts:

- The capacity level required to sign a trust is generally thought to be similar to the level of capacity to sign a contract.
- The capacity to sign a will is generally considered the lowest level of capacity required to sign any legal document in New York.
- There are few legal ways to determine capacity in advance. Some argue whether it is a legal or medical determination. Challenges to capacity are almost always initiated after the signing is completed -- and often after the signer has died or becomes mentally incapacitated. That means that evidence of capacity (or lack of capacity) is often being reconstructed after the fact.

It's also important to remember that we are writing here about capacity, and not necessarily about the validity of documents signed by someone

with Alzheimer's. It is entirely possible that although someone with Alzheimer's has the legal capacity to execute a new will, they were unduly influenced by someone else when signing their will. There is a difference between capacity on the one hand and undue influence on the other. Alzheimer's might make a person incapable of signing a document, or their capacity may be sufficient to sign. But that same person might be more susceptible to undue influence because they have Alzheimer's.

The following example may help explain what we mean: an elderly widower, living alone, has a diagnosis of Alzheimer's. He is nonetheless charming, witty, and perfectly able to discuss his wishes. He can recall the names of his three children and his seven grandchildren. He can report their ages, the cities they live in, and their careers (or status as students) -- and he is mostly correct, though sometimes his information is two or three years out of date.

This gentleman's daughter lives in the same city and is the one who oversees his living arrangements and care. She does his shopping, hires people to check on him daily, takes him to doctors' appointments, writes out his checks (he still signs them), and otherwise helps out. She also talks to him endlessly about how his other two children don't deserve to end up with his house and bank accounts, how she really ought to be the one who benefits from his estate, and how his late wife (her mother) always wanted her to inherit everything. Eventually, he agrees to

sign a new will and trust, mostly to stop her constant harangues.

Did he have the capacity to sign the new estate planning documents? On the facts as we've given them here, probably yes. Was he unduly influenced? Very likely. Was that influence facilitated (and the proof made easier) because of his Alzheimer's? Absolutely.

When did the daughter's behavior cross the line? The legal system isn't actually very helpful, since the answer is defined in a circular fashion. Her influence was "undue" when it resulted in her wishes being substituted for his. It was not necessarily objectionable (at least not legally) when she told him what she wished he would do, what her mother had wanted, or what was fair. But at some point, she may well have turned ordinary familial influence into "undue" influence.

As you can see, this area of the law is quite complex. By working with a competent estate planning attorney, you can increase the likelihood that your wishes will be carried out if you become incapacitated or pass away.

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Blood Drive Planned at Stepinac High School

Continuing its commitment to help meet the urgent need for blood donations, Stepinac High School will host a community Blood Drive for the New York Blood Center (NYBC) on Thursday, October 12.

The drive will be administered by the NYBC in the gymnasium of the renowned all-boys Catholic high school at 950 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains.

Once again, Stepinac students, parents, members of the administration, faculty, staff and individuals from the community will roll up their sleeves to donate blood to help save lives.

Stepinac, a long-time supporter of the NYBC, conducted two blood drives during the 2022-23 academic school year. A total of 140 individuals donated blood, potentially saving about 320 lives in area hospitals as each donated pint of blood can save three lives.

Stepinac's participation in the New York Yankees' 2022-2023 High School Donor Championships initiative was recognized by the 27-time World Champion team.

In a letter to Principal Paul Carty last January, Brian Cashman, General Manager of The New York Yankees, said: "Together with the

New York Blood Center, we are proud to honor the students, faculty and staff who have made more than 1,000,000 blood donations since the inception of the program."

Cashman noted that the unprecedented health crisis-- the Covid-19 pandemic-- had caused the loss of more than 20,000 high school donations and urged all schools to commit to multiple blood drives to help save lives.

Stepinac's renewed commitment with the October 12 blood drive will help the critically important cause. As Cashman's letter states: "Cancer patients, accident victims, transplant recipients, burn victims and others in need count on vol-

unteer blood donors to provide the 'gift of life.' Blood cannot be manufactured; healthy people must donate it."

The NYBC notes: "Donating blood is easy and our blood supply relies exclusively on the generosity of volunteer blood donors," adding: "Most people qualify as a volunteer donor." To 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.



Table Hopping with Morris Gut

Fall Bites!

Prime Pub, Somers. It's a charming town to visit. Proprietor Simi Polozani opened his latest gastropub on Rt. 202 at the entrance to Heritage Hills. The freestanding building sits right at the edge of a big pond which can be seen thru large picture windows, a seasonal fireplace highlighted with wood and stone, an attractive dining room with well-spaced tables and contemporary lighting, and a semi-enclosed bar/lounge area for schmoozing and munching. Seasonal outdoor seating. Check out such menu specialties as: Honey Goat Cheese Flatbread, a great Chef's Salad, their blast from the past Beef Stroganoff, Braised Short Ribs, and decadent Burrata Burger. Kid's menu. Craft beers. Prime Pub, 249 US-202, Somers. 914-617-9818 www.primepubgroup.com

Jack's Bar & Kitchen, Eastchester: Owner Shane Clifford and his friendly crew serve delicious finger foods and generously plated specialties. Out of Chef/partner Brandon Donohoe's modern Irish American kitchen come great burgers, decadent Short Rib Mac N' Cheese, pizzas out of their woodfired oven; freshly made salads; Buttermilk Chicken Sandwich; Berkshire Pork Chops; Jack's Lamb Shank. Their full Irish Breakfast at brunch is a winner. Sticky Toffee Pudding for dessert is a must! Jack's Bar, 219 Main St., Eastchester. 914-652-7650 www.jackseastchester.com

Wolf & Warrior Brewing, White Plains. Owner/Brewmeister Michael Chiltern brought White Plains its first microbrewery. He has is now serving his brews and a new menu all afternoon and evening from noon, Tuesday through Sunday. The open-air backyard has been expanded with extra seating. A daily selection of brews is listed on a big colorful blackboard. Comforting new specialties include: Birria Tacos, Blazin' Wings, Hand Cut Free Range Chicken Tenders, a variety of Brew House Burgers, and Slamin' Sandwiches like the South Paw Philly Cheesesteak. Octoberfest beers will be on hand. Games for the kids. Wolf & Warrior Brewing, 195A E. Post Road, White Plains. 914-368-8617 www.wolfandwarrior.com

King Kone, Katonah. This retro fast food/dessert spot has been scooping it out for almost 70 years. The place is always popping with couples and families lining up out front. But it moves quickly. Share a large sundae with chocolate mint chip ice cream with plenty of fudge, topped with whipped cream and the ubiquitous Maraschino cherry. Enjoy the crowd from your picnic table. Menu items ranged from: Corn Fritters, Lobster Roll Platter, Burgers, and a Crab Cake Sandwich. King Kone, 109 Rt. 100, Katonah. Open daily in season. 914-232-0571 They are on Facebook.

(Morris Gut 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)

County Executive George Latimer and Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson Unite to Strengthen Regional Collaboration

County Executive George Latimer and Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson joined forces yesterday at Latimer's Weekly Westchester Update on a partnership aimed at strengthening regional collaboration between Westchester County and the Bronx. Through their cooperative efforts, the two leaders seek to address critical regional issues and underscore the importance of working together for the betterment of their constituents.

Latimer said: "There are a myriad of fundamental issues that affect the daily lives of our residents. By working together, we can create a more efficient and collaborative approach that benefits everyone in our region."

Gibson said: "Our communities thrive when we invest in economic development that provides opportunities for our residents. Together with County Executive Latimer, we are working towards a future where everyone in 'The Bronx and the 'Burbs' can benefit from our region's prosperity."

Transportation improvements, like Penn Station Access, are at the forefront of their shared vision – linked by the County's Bee-Line Bus System and New York City's MTA System. Latimer and Gibson are committed to enhancing



County Executive George Latimer, Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson and Deputy County Executive Kenneth Jenkins

public transit options and road networks to reduce commutes and alleviate traffic congestion. This initiative aims to benefit residents on both sides of the County line.

Economic development is another key focus of their collaboration. Both leaders emphasize the need to attract new businesses, support existing enterprises and create a thriving regional economy that benefits all residents. Their goal is to foster job opportunities and economic growth that transcends geographic boundaries.

Recognizing the urgency of addressing climate change and sustainability, both leaders are prioritizing environmental initiatives. They are

discussing plans for green initiatives that promote sustainability and reduce the environmental impact of their communities.

The leaders also celebrate the rich cultural diversity of Westchester County and the Bronx. Latimer and Gibson highlight the vibrant traditions, heritage and arts that enrich their communities. Each leader has made clear their commitment to preserving and sharing these cultural treasures.

The joint efforts of Latimer and Gibson serve as an example of how leaders can collaborate across geographic lines to improve the lives of their constituents. Their dedication to building a stronger, more prosperous region embodies the spirit of cooperation needed to address challenges and seize opportunities in "The Bronx and the 'Burbs."

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The New York Botanical Garden Transforms into Everyone's Pumpkin Headquarters During NYBG Fall-O-Ween

The New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) becomes the region's pumpkin headquarters during NYBG Fall-O-Ween, offering a fun and engaging array of activities, programs, and photo opportunities for all ages, through Sunday, November 12, 2023.

Experience hundreds of pumpkins and gourds on display; food and beverage talks, demonstrations, and tastings; and two family-friendly Spooky Garden Nights, offering Halloween-themed entertainment for adults and children alike. Fan favorite Adam Bierton returns to NYBG to create his intricate and nature-inspired pumpkin carvings and to host a master carver competition. Once again, the Botanical Garden is the place to see giant pumpkins during the last two weeks of October, culminating in the exciting Giant Pumpkin Carving Weekend. At the "pumpkin patch" at NYBG Shop, pick and purchase the perfect pumpkin to take home for decorating or eating, and on select weekends, get a mini-pumpkin to paint either at the Garden or at home. Fall-O-Ween concludes with two Fall Forest Weekends, with programming celebrating the colorful spectacle of autumnal foliage in the Thain Family Forest.

Join in for a special weekend of pumpkin carving, as well as the return of our popular ticketed beer sampling event for adults. Evening events give kids the chance to show off their Halloween costumes and more.

Mini-Pumpkin Decorating

Saturdays, October 7, 14, and 28
Sundays, October 8 and 15; 12–3 p.m.
Mosholu Entrance Solar Pavilions

On select weekends, pick up a mini-pumpkin to decorate right on-site or to take home for later. Be inspired by master carver Adam Bierton's creations during the weekends, or other pumpkin and fall themed activities and attractions at the Botanical Garden. Stop by NYBG Shop to purchase the perfect harvest and Halloween décor to complete your visit.

Pumpkin Carving with Adam Bierton

Saturdays, October 7, 14, and 21
Sundays, October 1, 15, and 22
Monday, October 9, 2023, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
Leon Levy Visitor Center

Watch amazing pumpkin faces and designs emerge from pumpkins of all shapes and sizes. Adam Bierton is a professional sculptor and pumpkin carver, as well as the season five winner of the Food Network series *Halloween Wars*. Most famously known for his 3D-style pumpkin carvings, Bierton has masterfully carved some of the largest pumpkins from all over the country.

Weekend Beer Garden

Saturdays and Sundays through October 29
Leon Levy Visitor Center, Hudson Garden Grill Bar, and Pop-Ups across Garden Grounds Every weekend through October, enjoy seasonal brews on tap at the Visitor Center's Beer Garden, at the Hudson Garden Grill Bar, and at pop-ups across the Garden grounds. Sip on seasonal IPAs, stouts, and lagers from local Bronx breweries, chill out with a frozen apple cider cocktail, and snack on a variety



of savory and sweet treats. Enjoy a beer or two at any one location, or take flight across the Garden by purchasing tickets redeemable for additional draft beers at locations throughout the grounds. For heartier fare, sit down at the Hudson Garden Grill, featuring fall-inspired farm-to-table dishes, or stop by the Pine Tree Café for artisanal panini, Neapolitan-style pizza, and signature salads.

Flavors of Fall

Saturdays and Sundays, October 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, and 29, and November 4, 5, 11, and 12; 12–3 p.m.
Leon Levy Visitor Center
Savor your favorite flavors of the season's harvest and explore the botanical and culinary back-grounds and uses of pumpkins, spices, maples, and more with food and beverage talks, demonstrations, and tastings from local artisan vendors, such as Sahadi's of Brooklyn, Boogie Down Bronx Honey, Plant Candy, Kris Da Bronx Vegan, and XOLO Kitchen.

Top Carver:

A Master Pumpkin Carving Face-Off

Sunday, October 8, 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Leon Levy Visitor Center
Three carvers battle in a round of intense pumpkin carving challenges, hosted by master carver Adam Bierton.

Giant Pumpkins on Display

Saturday, October 21–Sunday, October 30
Leon Levy Visitor Center
Explore this year's crop of award-winning giant pumpkins from growers around the country and see one transformed by expert carver Adam Bierton on October 27, 28, and 29.

Giant Pumpkin Carving Weekend

Friday, October 27, Saturday, October 28, and

Sunday, October 29, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Master carver Adam Bierton returns for a pumpkin carving finale. Last year, after 16 hours of scraping, chiseling, carving, and detailing, a dragon's head emerged from his 2,424-pound pumpkin. Don't miss the masterpiece Bierton creates this year.

Spooky Garden Nights

Saturday, October 21, and Saturday, October 28;
6:30–8:30 p.m.

Tickets: Non-Member \$30, Member \$25
(Advance purchase is recommended to guarantee admission, as events do sell out.)
Wear your Halloween costume while exploring the Everett Children's Adventure Garden and enjoy hands-on crafting activities such as decorating trick-or-treat bags and potting up plants. Witness pumpkin carving with Adam Bierton, shadow puppet shows by Hit Lights Theater, and roaming giant skeletons by Lucrecia Novoa.

Dancing Skeletons

Larger-than-life skeletons specially commissioned by Bronx-based visual artist, educator, and puppeteer Lucrecia Novoa greet visitors of all ages during these fun evenings. Novoa is the founder and director of the performing art group "Mascara Viva."

Live Shadow Puppet Performance

Award-winning storytellers from Hit the Lights! Theater Co. return to the Botanical Garden, using the magic of shadow puppetry, vintage overhead projectors, and live music to tell an enchanting tale about scarecrows that awaken on Halloween night.

Nighttime Giant Pumpkin Carving

Marvel as master carver Adam Bierton continues to carve into the night and see his jack-o-lanterns

begin to glow.

Kiku: Spotlight on Tradition

Saturday, October 28–Sunday, November 12; 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Bourke-Sullivan Display House at the Nolen Greenhouses for Living Collections Artfully trained Japanese chrysanthemums—known as kiku—are on display in unique, sculptural forms that take nearly a year to grow. Visitors can marvel at this year's kiku collection in an intimate snapshot of a generations-old artform.

Fall Forest Weekends

Saturdays and Sundays, November 4, 5, 11, and 12;
11 a.m.–4 p.m. Thain Family Forest

Explore the 50-acre Thain Family Forest—New York's largest old-growth woodland—in its fall splendor. These weekends also spotlight Native American Heritage Month offerings, tours, educational demonstrations, and entertainment.

Big Tree: A Conversation with Author Brian Selznick and Dr. James Boyer

November 4, 2023; 11 a.m.

Arthur and Janet Ross Lecture Hall

This family-friendly, hour-long conversation and book reading is an introduction to author Brian Selznick's children's book *Big Tree*, exploring what it means to live on this planet. Selznick, the author of best-selling *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*, is joined by Dr. James Boyer, NYBG's Stavros Niarchos Foundation Vice President for Children's Education. Their conversation will be followed by a book signing in the Arthur and Janet Ross Gallery.

Vanishing Art: A Living Gallery

This pop-up programming includes performances, chalk art, and poetry readings on select dates, focusing on sustainability in art and art that leaves minimal traces on the environment. In October, Vanishing Art features a bilingual children's theater performance that celebrates the power of community.

¡Corre, Abuelita, Run! with New York City Children's Theater

Saturday, October 7, 2023; 12 and 2 p.m.

This interactive Spanish and English performance, a celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, uses language, music, puppetry, and movement to explore the vibrant and diverse neighborhoods of New York City. ¡Corre, Abuelita, Run! celebrates and explores the power of community, the joy of intergenerational family relationships, New York City, and the importance of language and traditions.

For more information about NYBG Fall-O-Ween and to purchase tickets, visit our website at <https://www.nybg.org/event/fall-o-ween/>. The New York Botanical Garden is located at 2900 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, New York 10458. For more information, visit nybg.org

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