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Cardinal Dolan Celebrates at Two Catholic Schools in Westchester



Above: Cardinal Timothy Dolan joins the celebration of the Ursuline School's 125th Year; Below Cardinal Dolan visits a new Finance classroom at Stepinac High School



Archbishop of New York Timothy Cardinal Dolan visited The Ursuline School in New Rochelle to help celebrate the opening of its 125th academic year on September 15. The Cardinal offered an outdoor mass on the school's Kelly Mac Field to a crowd of 1400 students, families, alumnae, and the entire school community.

In words of gratitude, The Ursuline School President, Dr. Colleen Melnyk, acknowledged the Ursuline sisters, "We proclaim our deep gratitude for the uniquely special community rooted in faith and service and committed to educating, inspiring and empowering young women for over 125 years!" The Ursuline sisters have served as living examples of the virtues of service, selflessness, and dignity.

"We were truly honored to have the Cardinal here to share this special celebration with the Ursuline community," said Dr. Melnyk.

During his visit, the Cardinal blessed the cross hanging in the school's newly

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As Slater Runs for Assembly, Golf Course Lawsuit Accuses Him of Interference



drone photo of Par -3 9-hole course in Yorktown under renovation

By Dan Murphy

A small, 12-acre golf course located next to the Jefferson Valley Mall in Yorktown has now become a political football, with two judges tasked with deciding the fate of whether the course should open on Nov. 15, or whether the company hired by the Town to renovate and re-open the course should be allowed to finish the job and open next year.

In the middle of this dispute is Yorktown Supervisor Matt Slater, who also is running for Assembly on Nov. 8. Slater has been pushing the company hired to renovate the course for play, RC Recreation Development, to open this year, and the Town's Building Inspector and Town Attorney have issued violations that are now in Town Court.

RC has filed a lawsuit, alleging that Slater and Town Councilman Sergio Esposito, are attempting to breach a contract that gives them the right to finish and open the course with no set required date of opening.

The public-private partnership between the Town of Yorktown and RC dates to 2014, before Slater was elected Supervisor. In Sept. 2014 both sides signed a concession agreement, which granted RC "The sole and exclusive right to perform all tasks required to operate and maintain the [golf course]. The Town and Licensee agree that they shall cooperate reasonably with each other to permit

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A Rebuilt Memorial Field Reopens! Shows Government Can Still Work



above: Aerial view of the completed Memorial Field; below-L-R-Deputy County Exec. Ken Jenkins, Mt. Vernon Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard, County Exec. George Latimer



On Saturday, September 24, Memorial Field in Mount Vernon, NY, will host its first Mount Vernon Knights football game since 2007. On Sept. 21, Westchester County Executive George Latimer and City of Mount Vernon Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard cut the ribbon on the long-awaited completed renovation of Memorial Field in Mount Vernon.

Latimer said: "I want this project to be a symbol of real change within the City of Mount Vernon. A symbol that shows that what seems impossible is possible if government can put ego aside and work together. I graduated from High School on this field, and I look forward to working with Mayor Patterson-Howard as we watch the next generation of Mount Vernon's leaders make their own memories on this field."

The new Memorial Field Complex, with a total project cost of \$40 million dol-

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Port Chester Man Gives Back Judge's 60th HR Would You do the Same for #61?



Port Chester resident Michael Kessler with Aaron Judge, after catching Judge's 60th Home Run and returning it to the slugger

By Dan Murphy

20 year old Port Chester resident Michael Kessler was lucky enough to be at Yankee Stadium on Sept. 20 when Aaron Judge hit his 60th Home Run of the season. Kessler was seated in the left field bleachers with his friends when Judge hit the homer, which tied Babe Ruth for the 2nd most home runs ever hit by a Yankee and any American Leaguer.

And guess who came out of the scramble in his section to come up with the ball! Kessler, who decided at the last minute to go to the game, decided to return the ball to Judge. While it was a nice gesture for Kessler to return the ball to Judge, and he was given some signed balls and bats from Judge and tickets to some upcoming games in exchange for the ball, some are wondering if Kessler should have held onto the ball and auctioned it off to the highest bidder.

And more important, what about Home Run #61 or 62 if they come? Would he give those balls back to Judge and the Yankees. And what about all of us?

"I knew the importance of it, the significance of the moment. Diehard Yankee fan. I was like, 'God forbid if I caught it.' I knew I wanted to give it to Judge," Kessler said.

It's been a whirlwind," Kessler said. "We were standing on top of the bleachers

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Happy New Year Westchester!



The Jewish New Year Rosh Hashanah begins at sunset, September 25, and continues through Monday and Tuesday, ending at sunset, September 27.

Chabad of Yonkers Rabbi Mendy Hurwitz introduced the upcoming Jewish New Year with a shofar blowing at Yonkers City Hall, with Mayor Mike Spano and State Senator Shelley Mayer looking on. Traditional honey cakes and apples to dip honey, were part of the celebration, which included members of Yonkers Jewish synagogues.

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Sharp Again Naturally's Gala Celebrates 10th Anniversary with "An Evening of Enlightenment"



Sharp Again Naturally Board Members: Robert Grabel, Eric Pasinkoff, Debbie Drelich, Alisa Jenney, Lisa Feiner, Howie Hindin

Sharp Again Naturally (SAN) hosted its annual 'Evening of Enlightenment' Gala on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at VIP Country Club in New Rochelle, New York. The event brought together some influential leaders in the industry, partners, and supporters to celebrate a decade of SAN advancing brain health. Over the past decade, Sharp Again Naturally has worked on the front lines, presenting at conferences and throughout the community to raise awareness of cognitive health and lifestyle changes that can help prevent or reduce memory loss. In addition,

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Westchester Business Leaders Recruit the Headless Horsemen for Job Headhunting



BCW and HHV Blaze a New Trail in Search of Talent

More than 125,000 tri-state visitors to the Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze will participate in one of the largest workplace talent searches ever held at a live event in Westchester County

With historically low unemployment levels across the nation, attracting workers to Westchester County has proven quite challenging for area business owners, so two powerful community organizations – The Business Council of Westchester and Historic Hudson Valley – have joined forces to creatively wield the mythical power of Halloween and the legendary Headless Horseman – the Ultimate Headhunter – in a search for talent to fill thousands of open positions.

Utilizing Historic Hudson Valley's popular Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze® as a test laboratory for launching this unique concept, The Business Council of Westchester – the county's largest and most prestigious business membership organization representing more than 1,000 members – has placed eye-catching signage at the event grounds featuring the Horseman as a "silent spokesperson" to encourage would-be applicants to scan a special QR code or go directly to a new web portal www.westchesterwantsyou.com. Once on the website, visitors can explore open positions with some of the area's most prestigious companies who agreed to help pilot this concept in what will eventually become an on-going talent attraction and cultivation initiative.

For the initial launch, companies including Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, MairMarkey and Justic, LLP, Cuddy & Feder, LLP and Tompkins Excavating agreed to participate in the pilot, and more companies will be added over the coming months.

"Attracting talent is a major concern for Westchester business owners, because we are competing with companies in New York City, New Jersey and Connecticut who are all vying for attention within the same talent pool," said Dr. Marsha Gordon, CEO of The Business Council of Westchester. "Yet, when we thought internally about exploring new, powerful lead generation sources, the Blaze immediately came to mind as a unique opportunity to reach more than 125,000 visitors from within that same 150-mile radius with demographics similar to our target audience. So, we quickly seized upon the moment and went from idea to execution within 48 hours to capture the Blaze's short event window from mid-September to late November."

Dr. Gordon added, "We couldn't have moved so quickly without Historic Hudson Valley believing in the concept and the importance of what a partnership

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Westchester County Youth Bureau Seeks Next Youth Poet Laureate



County Executive George Latimer, with Westchester's first Youth Poet Laureate, Danielle Kohn, center, and County Youth Bureau Executive Director Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden.

The Westchester County Youth Bureau is seeking the next Youth Poet Laureate, the second in the history of Westchester County. In 2019, the position of Westchester County's Youth Poet Laureate was officially created by County Executive George Latimer in response to requests from Scarsdale teen Danielle Kohn and County Youth Bureau Executive Director Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden.

The Youth Poet Laureate will work with the Westchester County Youth Bureau by creating opportunities that encourage children and youth to engage in a myriad of activities ranging from creative writing, spoken word poetry, playwriting and film making. If selected, the individual will collaborate with the educational institutions such as schools and colleges, local libraries, after-school programs, along with the current Westchester County Poet Laureate BK Fischer.

Latimer stated: "It was an honor to introduce the inaugural Westchester County Youth Poet Laureate and we are very proud of this program that is undertaken by few other counties. We are particularly proud of the immensely talented youth who have the courage to share their private thoughts through their poetry with the world. We look forward to appointing the next Youth Poet Laureate in the coming months."

Harris-Madden stated: "Poetry is an art form that creatively addresses education and literacy, but also civic engagement. Finding the next Laureate will be a challenge as there are countless youth who exemplify literary excellence. Yet, we are confident that we will identify the next Amanda Gorman, Meera Dasgupta, or Alexandra Huynh, former U.S. Youth Poet Laureates."

Fischer stated: "Our young people have everything at stake, and poetry is one way they can give voice to their fiercest hopes, fears, and visions for the future. I'm eager to collaborate with our next youth poet laureate to bring the power of words and imagination to more people of all ages here in Westchester County."

Youth interested should email Susan Weisman in the Westchester County Youth Bureau at ssw9@westchestergov.com by Friday, October 7.

New Rochelle Library's SuperHero Themed Family Fair October 2, 1pm-5pm



The New Rochelle Public Library, 1 Library Plaza, will host a SuperHero-themed Family Fair on Sunday, October 2, 2022, 1:00 - 5:00 pm. The day will feature a number of activities for children of all ages including a magic show with magician JoshyK, dance party with DJ Smithyboy, special visit by Spider-Man, teen video game tournament, carnival games, costume making, raffle prizes, an obstacle course, interactive manga art demonstration, and more. Attendees of all ages are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite SuperHero or comic book character and to participate in a costume parade as part of the festivities. "Family Fair is designed to bring New Rochelle residents from all parts of the city into the Library for an afternoon of fun and also highlight the breadth and depth of Library resources available to the community", said Tom Geoffino, Library Director. The event is free and open to all. Registration is requested, visit <https://newrochelle.librarycalendar.com/event/family-fair-2022>.

There is Still Time to Be a Part of Westchester Walk to End Alzheimer's at WCC-Oct. 2

Join us on Oct. 2 at Westchester Community College!



The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is full of flowers, each carried by someone committed to ending this disease. Because like flowers, our participants don't stop when something is in their way. They keep raising funds and awareness for a breakthrough in the fight against Alzheimer's and all other dementia. Add your flower to the fight. Join us at Westchester Community College on Oct. 2!

Registration starts at 11 a.m.
Opening Ceremony starts at noon
Sign up today at WestchesterWalk.org

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The Westchester Walk to End Alzheimer's is coming to Westchester Community College on Sunday, October 2, just a few days away, but there is still time to get involved in different ways.

If you want to register, or join a team, or make a donation, visit WestchesterWalk.org.

Do I have to register in order to Walk? Yes, we want to know you're walking with us and need every participant to sign a standard waiver through their official registration. There is no registration fee for Walk. However, we ask every participant to make a personal donation and commit to raising funds in the fight against Alzheimer's. Children should also register.

All funds raised through Walk to End Alzheimer's further the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. The Alzheimer's Association is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. All donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Volunteers are also needed on the day of the event to help with set-up, clean-up, registration, water stops, Promise Garden and so much more. All interested volunteers should visit our volunteer page for more information about event day roles and responsibilities.

Visit https://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=15756&pg=entry for more information on volunteering.

Each registered participant will receive a Promise Garden flower. Donations can be made online with a credit card or by check or money order made out to the Alzheimer's Association. Checks can be deposited instantly using the Walk to End Alzheimer's mobile app. On Sunday October 2, Registration is at 11am, with an opening ceremony at noon.

For additional questions, please contact the Westchester Walk Director Esther McCarthy at | 845.328.3020 | westchesterwalk@alz.org.

Letter to the Editor:

I'm a middle school student who grieves the loss of the natural world.

I am writing to ask you to cover the well-coordinated campaign by the gas industry and its allies to weaken, if not derail key elements of New York's landmark climate law, the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.

The bulk of the disinformation concerns building electrification and phasing out fossil-fuel combustion in buildings, because this poses the biggest threat to the fossil fuel industry's profits.

The gas-industry players and their tactics are detailed at <https://bit.ly/Gas-lightV2> - along with a well-researched debunking of their disinformation and greenwashing.

The fossil-fuel industry spends billions of dollars on lobbying and public disinformation campaigns. Responsible media outlets like yours cannot let them get away with this.

Please thoroughly cover this important story; not doing so would be a disservice to your audience.

Sincerely, Anya Khurana, Somers

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Westchester's First Chuck E Cheese Opens in Yonkers



Mayor Mike Spano welcomes Chuck E Cheese to Yonkers

Chuck E. Cheese, the nation's No. 1 family entertainment Fun Center, opened its new Yonkers location on Sept. 15, at 1703-A Central Park Ave. Coming to Westchester County for the first time, children and families will get to experience a brand-new Chuck E. Cheese that offers the latest technology including new games with varying skill levels for players of all ages, an interactive dance floor and a 200-inch LED video wall.

The location also features updated seating to accommodate larger groups, complete with charging stations for guest devices, to make it even more comfortable for families to enjoy their favorite menu items – fresh baked pizza, wings, salad bar and desserts.

As a brand committed to giving back to the communities it serves, Chuck E. Cheese donates over 1.5 million dollars each year to local schools and non-profits across the U.S. and Canada and is excited to bring the same support to the Yonkers community.

"We're so excited to welcome a new fun center for families to make lifetime memories in the heart of Yonkers," said Mayor Mike Spano. "Chuck E. Cheese represents the ultimate place Where A Kid Can Be A Kid® and to be able to spur economic development by bringing over 50 new jobs to the community is so impactful."

The Yonkers location will create 55 new job opportunities to the area, including manager, cast member, kitchen and party host positions.

WESTCHESTER MAN ARRESTED IN PUTNAM WITH CRACK COCAINE AND FENTANYL

Putnam County Sheriff Kevin J. McConville reports the arrest of a Somers, NY, man on narcotics possession charges.

On September 2, 2022, members of the Sheriff's Office Narcotics Enforcement Unit (NEU) conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle after observing a Vehicle and Traffic Law violation on Route 6 in the Town of Southeast. After further investigation, the driver of the car was found to have a quantity of fentanyl and crack cocaine, both controlled substances.

William E. Felling 3rd, age 40, was charged with (1) one count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and (1) one count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 7th Degree. Felling was arraigned by the Honorable Judge Miller, Town of Carmel Court, and was released on his own recognizance, pending a return court date in the Town of Southeast Court on September 15, 2022.

A charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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and then went down for his at-bat. We were jumping up and down because I knew it was a home run. It hit the top of the bleachers and then bounced toward our section. I just went to grab it and bear hugged it."

"Judge means so much to the organization, especially this year," Kessler said. "He's just unbelievable. Just the way he is, he deserved to have the ball back. I have no second thoughts."

Kessler played baseball at Port Chester High School and attend City College where he plays on the baseball team. It is estimated that the 60th Home Run would have sold at auction for \$100,000.

Now if Judge hits #61 which would tie Roger Maris for the Yankee HR record, that ball will be worth around \$1 Million. And #62 if it comes, would make Judge the #1 Yankee Home Run King, and could be worth \$2 Million.

The question that most of us are asking, and the sports talk shows in NYC are asking, is would you sell the ball or give it back? As a 45 year Yankee fan, I would have to admit that I would sell the ball.

The bottom line is that all Yankee fans are hoping that there will be a 61st Home Run, and a 62nd Home Run for fans to fight for. The last few games have become more difficult for Judge to hit a HR, because pitchers are no longer throwing him many strikes, and maybe some of it is stress.

The other angle to all of this is that if Judge can get to 62 homers, he would become, in the eyes of many, the true home run king in major league baseball history.

Six MLB players have hit 60 or more; Judge, Babe Ruth, Roger Maris, Sammy Sosa, Mark McGuire and Barry Bonds. Sosa, McGuire and Bonds have been accused of taking steroids during the home run year, and most baseball purists invalidate their records.

Which makes Judge's "All Natural" home run chase even more exciting.

Westchester Native George Pataki, the Last Republican NY Governor, Endorses Lee Zeldin



former NY Governor George Pataki, right, endorses Lee Zeldin for his old job

On September 20, the last Republican Governor of the State of New York, Westchester native George Pataki, endorsed Congressman Lee Zeldin, the republican candidate for governor in 2022.

Zeldin and Pataki came together outside Williams Grocery in Inwood, the site of the recent murder of Queens native Rody Rivera.

"I am here today for one purpose, and that's to proudly endorse Lee Zeldin as the next Governor of New York state. I love this state. I have lived here my whole life. I spent a large part of my life doing everything I could to make this state a better place. Not just part of the state, but all of the state, whether it's Washington Heights, Buffalo, or Peekskill, New York.

And I look around the state today and I see people doubting the future of this great state and they have good reason to doubt the future of this state. I look at this state and I have my doubts as to whether or not we're going to be able to change things and get us headed in the right direction because I have no doubt today that New York state is headed in the wrong direction. That is something that not just I feel, not just Republicans feel. Republicans, Democrats, Independents, conservatives, liberals, all understand that this state is headed in the wrong direction.

What does that mean? We need a change. We need a new Governor. A Governor who understands that its communities like this are the greatest victims of violent crime," said former Governor George Pataki, who served three terms as NY Governor, from 1994-2006. His re-election in 2002 was the last statewide victory for the NY GOP.

Chappaqua Man Gets 21 Years for Gunpoint Robbery of 176 Kilos Of Cocaine

It is not often that you hear about a drug dealer who lives in Chappaqua, but on September 22, US Attorney SDNY Damian Williams announced that DEEJAY WHITE was sentenced today to 21 years in prison for his participation in a May 29, 2019, gunpoint robbery in the Bronx targeting more than 150 kilograms of cocaine; his participation in a conspiracy to smuggle contraband, including narcotics and a firearm, into a federal detention facility; and his possession of that firearm while incarcerated. On July 23, 2021, WHITE pled guilty before U.S. District Judge P. Kevin Castel, who imposed this sentence.

U.S. Attorney Damian Williams said: "Deejay White was responsible for a dangerous gunpoint robbery of more than 150 kilograms of cocaine that left several victims injured. Even more troubling, after he was arrested and in jail, White continued to commit crimes. White devised a perilous scheme to bring a gun and drugs into a federal prison. White placed inmates, prison staff, and court personnel in grave danger. Today's lengthy sentence sends a clear message that those who endanger others will be brought to justice."

According to the Information, court documents, and statements made in open court:

In or about late May 2019, DEEJAY WHITE learned that a Bronx-based member of a Puerto Rico-based drug trafficking organization ("DTO") was expecting a delivery of furniture, which concealed approximately 176 kilograms of cocaine. WHITE and others planned a violent, gunpoint robbery of the DTO's cocaine. On May 29, 2019, WHITE drove to the Bronx apartment where the DTO's cocaine was stored and parked outside with his wife and young child in the car. Minutes later, four coconspirators forced entry into the apartment and held up the 10 victims, including four children, at gunpoint. Two victims were pistol-whipped during the robbery, and a third sustained serious injuries after jumping out of the apartment's third-floor window in an attempt to flee to safety. One of the robbers threw a duffel bag containing dozens of kilograms of cocaine into WHITE's car, which then drove off.

WHITE was arrested on November 25, 2019, on charges relating to the gunpoint robbery and conspiracy to distribute the stolen cocaine, ordered detained, and housed at the Metropolitan Correctional Center ("MCC") in Manhattan. Days after entering the MCC, WHITE began using contraband cellphones to conspire with others, including his wife, to commit additional crimes. Among other things, WHITE directed his wife to smuggle drugs into the MCC, including cocaine and oxycodone, which his wife did on multiple occasions.

In or about January 2020, WHITE conspired with his wife and others to have a loaded firearm smuggled inside the MCC, which they did successfully. When Bureau of Prisons ("BOP") officials discovered a contraband cellphone in WHITE's cell on or about February 26, 2020, WHITE reported to an MCC investigator that there was a gun inside the MCC. WHITE lied to the MCC investigator about his own role in smuggling the firearm into the MCC. Once alerted that there may be a firearm inside the MCC, the BOP imposed a lockdown, which lasted several days, while officials searched for the gun. Following a search of the MCC, on or about March 5, 2020, WHITE's loaded firearm was located inside a wall of WHITE's MCC jail cell. In addition to his prison term, WHITE, 45, of Chappaqua, New York, was sentenced to five years of supervised release.

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Westchester League of Women Voters to Host Congressional Forums



LWVW Congressional District 17 Candidate Forum on October 12, 2022 at 7:00pm
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 Sean Patrick Maloney (D, W)
 Register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7674289933>
 Do you have questions for the candidates? Submit them here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1F4IpQLSfRiL.../viewform>
 Disability Rights New York is our partner for this event. Closed captioning will be available. ASL and other accommodations can be provided upon request.
 The Westchester LWV will also host a debate for NY Congressional District 16-between Rep. Jamaal Bowman and Dr. Miriam Levitt Flisser, on October 11 at 7pm.
 Visit my.lvw.org/new-york/westchester, for more information or to register.

New Rochelle Man Gets 17 Years For Killing His Mother



Daniel Flores-Artega

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced that New Rochelle resident Daniel Flores-Artega, 28, was sentenced on September 15, 2022, to 17 years in state prison, with five years of post-release supervision, for applying a fatal chokehold to his mother during a dispute in her home in New Rochelle.
 On March 17, 2020, at approximately 1 p.m., the defendant put his 54-year-old mother into a chokehold. When New Rochelle Police Officers responded to the scene, they found the defendant in the home and his mother unconscious on the floor.
 The victim was transported to Montefiore New Rochelle Hospital, where she never regained consciousness and was pronounced dead on March 26, 2020, as a result of her injuries.
 In July 2022, the defendant pled guilty to Manslaughter in the First Degree, a felony.
 The case was before Judge James McCarty in Westchester County Court, and was prosecuted by Bureau Chief Wendy Parra of the Special Prosecutions Division.

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between business and non-profit leadership could yield for the betterment of the area economy.”
 “Beyond the historical, educational and entertainment value we provide to the community, we are equally an economic engine for the region, so to partner with a prominent business organization on something as important as attracting talent and utilizing the Blaze in such a unique and exciting way is truly an honor and we are thrilled to be part of this effort,” said Historic Hudson Valley President Waddell Stillman.
 More information about The Great Jack O’Lantern Blaze is available at pumpkinblaze.org.

The Serious Fun Art Fest in White Plains October 12-16



Sammy Rae & The Friends, left

A five-day celebration of public art & music, with more than 200 artists in downtown White Plains, Oct. 12-16.

The Serious Fun Arts Fest will celebrate public art, music, and dancing over five days in downtown White Plains starting October 12.
 The festival brings monumental works of art to the city’s streets, including a six-story vibrant fabric sculpture by internationally renowned artist Amanda Browder that will be installed on the front facade of ArtsWestchester’s headquarters. The celebration’s headliner concert event is October 16 with performances by Sammy Rae & The Friends, the Brighton Beat and ANDROMEDA.
 “We expect this event and all five days of public art celebration to offer vibrant art on and off the walls in White Plains for visitors and residents alike,” said ArtsWestchester CEO Janet Langsam.

The festival’s highlights include:
 The ticketed Sunday headliner Sammy Rae & The Friends, an electrifying act that is selling out concert venues in New York City and throughout the East Coast. The band channels a kaleidoscope of influences ranging from classic rock to soul in high-energy performances.
 The free Saturday block party, including performances by the Slambolian Circus of Dreams, REMY, Westchester Dance Artists, Matt Turk & Friends, Will Evans and Porter Carroll, Jr.
 The Social Fabric, the new exhibition at ArtsWestchester’s gallery, features recent works and site-responsive commissions by artists who use textiles and fabrics to explore issues of broad social consequence.
 The Serious Fun Art Fair, a 5-day pop-up in at Macy’s Backstage with more than 200 artists organized by the Blue Door Art Center, New Rochelle Art Association, and others. Live mural painting will be by artists Katie Reidy, Ian Rizzo, and Ramiro Davaro-Comas.
 Monumental public art displays around the downtown include a skyscraper-high landmark mural on The Mitchell by artist Bianca Romero and sculpture installations by artists Shelley Parriott, Margaret Roleke and Cheryl Wing-Zi Wong.
 The festival is ArtsWestchester’s latest investment in a public art program that since 2020 has provided artists with more than \$700,000 in grants and commissions and delivered two dozen new works throughout Westchester County.
 The Serious Fun Arts Fest is possible thanks to a Market New York grant from I LOVE NY/New York State’s Division of Tourism through the state’s Regional Economic Development Council initiative. Major support is also provided by Montefiore Einstein, the festival’s presenting sponsor.
 Click here for tickets for the October 16 concert.
 For a complete list of events, visit the Serious Fun web page.

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tion, SAN’s informative webinars and group coaching programs empower individuals with the knowledge and tools to create positive change.
 “As SAN’s co-founder and Board Chair, Lisa Feiner has been instrumental in driving the organization’s mission to share knowledge about the importance of a multi-modal (using many interventions at one time) approach to mitigating memory loss,” explains Susan Lynne, Executive Director. “On this, our tenth anniversary, it was only fitting that we celebrated her work.” Considered controversial at the organization’s founding ten years ago, this approach is now recognized as the most effective way to prevent and treat memory loss and bolster long-term cognition.
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Licensee to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement.”

The agreement had a 10-year term but did not include a required date to open the course. In 2018, Rocco Cambareri, a partner in RC and a trusted and beloved figure in Yorktown, died. An amended concession agreement was signed, extending RC’s lease to 2028 and clarifying that any license fees payable to the Town were not due until “four months from the date that the golf course opens to the public;”

RC continued to renovate the golf course without any issue until, as they claim in a lawsuit filed this summer, “This working relationship changed with the election of Matthew Slater as Town Supervisor as of January 1, 2020. From that point forward, Slater, often by and through the Town Board and Building Department that Slater alone controls and directs, has engaged in a coordinated and unjustified effort to derail the golf course development project with the intention of handing it over to one of his political cronies to burnish his own political standing.”

The matter came to a head at the Town Board meeting on July 5, 2022, when according to the lawsuit, “Slater set forth a series of unfounded complaints about the golf course development project, mostly centered on the length of time he perceived the development to be taking, several times stating his view that it “had gone on too long” and expressing similar statements.

At several points, Slater indicated his desire to replace, immediately, RC with another concessionaire, and directed the Board to consider issuing a request for proposals seeking just such a substitution. Slater did so while the Concession Agreement, as amended, remained in full force and effect.

In fact, Town Board member Esposito was clear in his intentions: “I’m tired of the double talk and the double speak,” said Councilman Sergio Esposito. “We want the project to move forward, but it’s not happening. It’s too much at this point. I just don’t think they can do the job. We want this open for our residents.”

At its July 5 meeting, the Town Board

“Slater and Esposito then directed the Town Clerk to prepare an RFP to replace RC as the Licensee and directed Building Inspector Slater to issue a stop work order against the Project,” despite the fact that RC still had a contract, which was amended to renovate the course and open without a required date of opening. The Concession Agreement, as amended, remains in full force and effect.”

Town Building Inspector, John Landi, issued a stop work order at the still yet to be opened golf course, and together with the Town Attorney, issued several building code violations, which are currently in Town court before Judge Gary Raniolo, with RC disputing the violations are either being fixed or not applicable because they have yet to open.

The argument by RC in its lawsuit is that “the Town intends to use this claim as a pretext for terminating the Concession Agreement,” and that the actions by Slater and Esposito calling for a new RFP on a contracted project that was still in effect, was illegal.

This is where the matter stood at the end of the summer; with two different legal matters; one in Town Court and RC’s lawsuit now in Federal Court in White Plains.

Then on Sept. 9, Slater and the Town Board voted to set a November 15 deadline for the opening of a long-delayed municipal golf course. In a press release, Slater and the Town Board stated, “

RC Recreation Development must open the Town’s nine-hole Par 3 Golf Course for public use by November 15 or the Town will terminate the company’s concession agreement. RC Recreation Development has repeatedly provided Town officials with projected opening dates since it entered into an agreement to redevelop the golf course in 2014.

“Despite years of delays, the Town Board sought to work with this developer to advance this golf course’s completion,” said Supervisor Matt Slater. “Instead, we have received excuses and false promises while the developer or its employees violate our ordinances.”

The Town Board also announced the code violations, which include - Exposed and unprotected kitchen wiring., Exposed and uncovered exterior electrical trenches, Unapproved material used as an electrical conduit for an exterior lamp post, an unpermitted recreational vehicle trailer, An unauthorized connection to the main water line servicing the Park (before the water meter). Incomplete bridges throughout the park without guardrails.” The Town Board also voted to advertise a request for proposals for the operation of the municipal golf course. The proposal deadline is September 29.

The interest of many golfers in this project is to play a course that we have fond memories of growing up in Yorktown in the 1980’s. Indian Hill Golf Course, was the same 9-hole course that many of us played and want to play again when this course opens.

I wanted to find out how close RC was to being able to open the course and meet the Nov. 15 deadline. So I waited for the course staff to leave and I walked out with a 7-Iron and hit a few shots.

I liked what I saw, new tee boxes on some holes, most of the greens were finished and just needed some more time to grow and get cut. There also appeared to be different tee boxes for different skill levels and different hole options and lengths offered. Many trees had been cut down, and new ones grown.

The progress of RC with the course excited me for when it would open. But clearly, there was a lot of TLC that needed, and quite frankly, when Nov. 15 comes around I’m ready to put my clubs away for the year.

My hope was that RC would be able to open the course in the spring of 2023. But now I’m not sure even that will happen, based on the lawsuits, violations and accusations hurled back and forth. The next date in town court is Nov. 29-and the federal lawsuit will not be decided this year.

How does all of this fit into Matt Slater’s run for Assembly, if at all? Slater is running to replace Assemblyman Kevin Byrne, who is running for Putnam County Executive unopposed. The 94th district includes parts of northern Westchester and Putnam County. It has always been a strong republican assembly seat, so Slater is expected to cruise to a victory and move onto Albany.

Slater does have a democratic opponent, Kathleen Valletta, an attorney, and President of the Carmel Rotary.

Editor’s Note: Additional research into what RC is creating at the 9 hole course includes using the model of Links Across America, which is trying to expand the game of golf and get more young people involved in golf by building “short courses,” (3-9 holes) across the country that provide affordable golf for youth, families, adult beginners and individuals with injuries and disabilities from all ethnic backgrounds.

Short course have also been built at Pebble Beach and Whistling Straights, Wisconsin. The short course being built in Yorktown will include learning facilities, and hopes to be the first Links Across America course in the northeast. Additional plans to create an ice-skating rink in the winter have been tabled.

All of this sounds exciting if it can be allowed to be completed.

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lars, will be co-managed until the end of the year by the County and the City. Procedures for booking the field are still being developed. The City of Mount Vernon fully owns Memorial Field.

Patterson-Howard said: “Memorial Field has been the heart and soul of the City of Mount Vernon for a very long time. It is the crossroads of our community and one of the landmarks that connect us all because it helps to knit, tie, and bind us together through its history and now through its future. This partnership of trust with Westchester County symbolizes progress at its best and I am thankful for County Executive George Latimer and the entire executive team for your diligence and tenacity to see us to the completion of this project and for hosting today’s ribbon cutting. I would also like to thank our County Board of Legislators, former elected officials, community partners, and everyone who has contributed to this process and for understanding just how much the new Memorial Field will mean to the economic development, public health, pride, moral and community cohesion of the City of Mount Vernon.”

Memorial Field has been a community destination in Mount Vernon for over 90 years, hosting some of the most memorable events in the City’s – and County’s – history. From countless graduations and sporting events to iconic Coca-Cola commercials with “Mean” Joe Greene to James Brown and Jackson 5 concerts, the new Stadium will return this gathering space to its rightful place of glory.

The new Stadium is equipped with 3,900 seats, lighted field equipped for Football, Soccer, Lacrosse and Field Hockey, an 8-lane track, a sound system capable of handling major concerts or events, 3 tennis courts and a skate park. The project utilized MWBE contracts and created nearly 400 labor jobs.

Board of Legislators Chairwoman Catherine Borgia said: “It is humbling to know that a park such as Memorial Field, with its history, is reopening for the first time in fifteen years. Rebuilding a space where youth activities and sports can be celebrated and cheered, will provide a return-on-investment that is not measured in dollars.”

Westchester County Legislator Tyrae Woodson-Samuels said: “Reopening Memorial Field, the crown jewel of our city, has been a dream that is finally coming to fruition. Efforts to rehabilitate this field have been going on for nearly as long as I have been alive. I thank County Executive Latimer, Deputy County Executive Jenkins, my colleagues on the Board of Legislators and all the staff involved that helped to make this happen. Because of this collaborative effort, generations of student-athletes will be able to play out their glory days at this wonderful facility.”

Westchester County Legislator David Tubiolo said: “I am ecstatic that the children of Mount Vernon and Westchester will benefit from this state-of-the-art complex that will allow them opportunity to thrive in athletics. The new Memorial Field will bring a whole new level of pride to Mount Vernon, just in time to kick off the football season.”

City of Mount Vernon Comptroller Darren M. Morton said: “The Mount Vernon community has long awaited the reopening of Memorial Field. This is an exciting time for us. It will serve as a designation place...a place to enjoy sports, building community and everlasting memories. I am grateful for the partnership with the County to make this vision a reality.”

Mount Vernon City Council President Dereck Thompspon said: “The body of the council is very excited about memorial field’s reopening – it’s long overdue, and we cannot wait for our residents to enjoy it once again. Our diamond has finally been refined.”

The project was completed by the LandTek Group with design completed by Woodard & Curran.

Drill Music is Taking New York by Storm

Brooklyn native Fivio Foreign, one of the most popular Drill Music performers, left

By Dennis Richmond Jr.

My name is Dennis Richmond, Jr., and I’m a 27-year-old journalist and educator. I’ve been a fan of the Hip-Hop and Rap scene since I was little. My older sister Shanise would always play certain songs. I remember my sister watching the music video for the song Ooh by De La Soul back in 2000. The video had a Wizard of Oz theme. I remember my older sister Denise saying I couldn’t rap the words to JAY-Z’s song I Just Wanna Love U. I even remember meeting rapper Jadakiss. I was excited. Jadakiss is a legend.

My love of Hip-Hop/Rap is ever-growing. Luckily, my top three favorite rappers, JAY-Z, Jadakiss, and Lil Wayne, have been able to stay relevant and still kill the game. Thousands of other rappers have fallen off. Respectfully. The young kids these days aren’t checking for traditional rap anymore, though. Today, young kids across America are listening to drill music. Rappers back in the day would reference their enemies and shooting. The slang is different today. A lot of drill rappers don’t say shoot. They say, “up it and aim it.” And they don’t say, enemies. They say, “opps.”

Drill music is a subgenre of Hip-Hop. I was alive to see a lot of subgenres of Hip-Hop. Bounce, Crunk, Jerkin’ and Trap music are all subgenres of Hip-Hop culture. Drill music first gained national attention in Chicago, Illinois, around 2012. Around the same time, drill music in the United Kingdom took off. By the middle of the 2010s, New York drill music was on the scene heavy. Today, I would argue that there are thousands of drill rappers across America. Some are famous, and some aren’t. Youtube is doing a powerful job of leveling the playing field, though.

Hip-Hop/Rap culture changed from what it was just 20 years ago. For one, drill music is popular now. Rappers like Fivio Foreign, Chief Keef, Lil Durk, Kay Flock, Ice Spice, DD Osama, Kay Flock, and Ron Suno, are just a few names of the drill scene. Second, a lot of women are in the rap game. Nicki Minaj, Cardi B, Remy Ma, Megan Thee Stallion, GloRilla, and Latto are doing their thing. And three, some rappers are openly in the LGBTQ+ Community. Lil Nas X and Saucy Santana both live their truth.

While I could accept that drill music is a part of the culture, it’s hard to grasp that many young adults and kids are dying. Many deaths are related to drill. New York City’s Mayor, Eric Adams, even held a press conference with drill rappers to address gun violence. Regardless of how folks feel about drill rap and rap in general, one thing is for sure. America’s youth have a lot to say, and many young adults express themselves through drill music.

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constructed Kulsar & McCarthy Lobby and then toured its active learning spaces, designed for 21st century learning. Its new “Innovation Hub” and “Makerspace” areas provide a center for interactive learning where students work in teams and engage in design thinking tasks with an emphasis on developing a lifelong love of learning.

The Ursuline School was founded in 1897 by Mother Irene Gill, who was determined to establish a school for young women at Leland Castle in New Rochelle. Mother Gill and the Ursuline sisters embarked on their mission to educate young girls so that they could become informed, involved members of the community. The school moved to its present location on North Avenue in 1929.

In White Plains, Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, officially kicked off Stepinac High School’s 75th anniversary celebration on September 19 by celebrating Mass of the Holy Spirit at the renowned all-boys Catholic high school and visiting the school’s new real-world learning spaces. During the Mass for a school-wide gathering of more than 1,000 worshippers, held on the outside terrace, Cardinal Dolan blessed the school doors, repeating the same ceremony as his predecessor, Cardinal Dolan, first did in 1948 when the school opened.

Cardinal Dolan toured and learned from students and faculty members about the school’s new STEAM Center, Finance Center equipped with real-time stock tickers and Bloomberg terminals, Health Sciences Lab and one of the cutting-edge learning spaces modeled after Columbia University classrooms. At the recently completed Library Commons, he also greeted guests including members of the board of trustees, alumni, benefactors, community leaders, parents, members of the administration and faculty.

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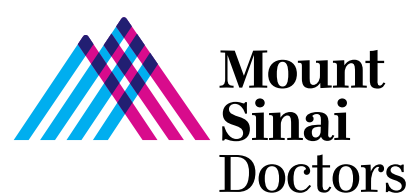
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