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Serve on Sept 11 by Feeding The Hungry in Westchester



Westchester County will never forget the county residents who died on September 11, 2001 and whose names are memorialized at 'The Rising' memorial in Valhalla. This year, in honor of those county residents whose lives were lost or forever changed by the tragic events that day, volunteers will be asked to help address feeding the hungry in Westchester.

"Food insecurity has always been a serious concern here in Westchester. Due to Covid-19 and its deleterious impact on our community, the issue has reached new heights. Our pantries – and volunteers – are stretched thin and efforts like those taken here by Volunteer New York! aim to combat this rising tide."

The volunteer efforts can and will continue after 9/11 with Do-it-yourself volunteer opportunities that can be done from home including making protective face masks for those in need, writing letters to our troops overseas and making no-sew fleece blankets for children's hospitals.

Volunteer New York has been helping Westchester residents volunteer on September 11 for the past 10 years as a way to commemorate those lost. VNY, Executive Director Jeanette Gisbert said: "Every volunteer on September 11, 2001 risked something by showing up to help. On this #911DAY

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Early Voting Times and Locations in Westchester Announced



Early voting locations and times were announced for Westchester. The times permitted to vote early, and in person are:

Saturday, October 24: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 25: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Monday, October 26: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 27: 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 28: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 29: 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday, October 30: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 31: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 1: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The two early voting locations in Yonkers are at the Will Library, 1500 Central Park Avenue, and the Riverfront Library, One Larkin Center. The two libraries were also the voting locations in Yonkers from last years early voting. Thousands of Yonkers voters participated in early voting last year.

The other early voting locations in Westchester County are:
Eastchester Public Library, 11 Oakridge Place, Eastchester, NY 10709
Dobbs Ferry Village Hall, 112 Main Street, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522
Greenburgh Town Hall, 177 Hillside Avenue, White Plains, NY 10607
Veterans Memorial Building, 210 Halstead Avenue, Harrison, NY 10528
Pound Ridge Town House, 179 Westchester Avenue, Pound Ridge, NY
Mamaroneck Town Center, 740 W. Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck, NY
Mt. Kisco Memorial Complex at Leonard Park, 1 Wallace Drive, Mt. Kisco
Mt. Pleasant Community Center, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla, NY 10595
Mt. Vernon City Hall, 1 Roosevelt Square, Mt. Vernon, NY 10550
New Rochelle City Hall Annex, 90 Beaufort Place, New Rochelle, NY
Joseph G. Caputo Community Center, 95 Broadway, Ossining, NY 10562
Peekskill Nutrition Center, Neighborhood Center, 4 Nelson Avenue
Somers Town House, 335 Route 202, Somers, NY 10589
Westchester County Board of Elections, 25 Quarropas Street, White Plains, Yorktown Cultural Center, 1974 Commerce Street, Yorktown Heights, NY

If you are worried about contracting the coronavirus and would rather vote by mail, you can do so by requesting an absentee ballot. You can return your absentee ballot request form by:

Sending an email request to BOE-WestAbsentee@westchestergov.com;

Sending a fax request to (914) 995-7753 or (914) 995-3190; or

Dropping it off in person or mailing it to the Westchester County Board of Elections, 25 Quarropas Street, White Plains, NY 10601.

Will Dems Attempts to Tie Astorino to Trump Backfire?



Rob Astorino, at the White House with President Trump in 2017

By Dan Murphy

In 2017, I asked Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino about his chances for winning a third term. His response was cautiously optimistic, with a big BUT... President Donald Trump. That November, Astorino lost to the current County Executive, democrat George Latimer, by a 57%-43% margin.

Part of the reason for Astorino's large defeat was certainly the Trump factor in Westchester, where opposition to the 45th President so big that it has fueled the progressive, indivisible movement in the county. Trump lost Westchester to Hillary Clinton in 2016, 65%-31%.

Democrats were successful three years ago in tying Astorino to the unpopular president in what became a Blue Wave election in Westchester that defeated many long serving republicans across the county. But, three years after his defeat, Rob Astorino remains the top Republican in Westchester. He also still has the fire in his belly for politics and another run this November for State Senate in the 40th District.

The political breakdown in the 40th State Senate District is different than in Westchester County. President Trump won the 40th Senate District in 2016, and the district includes only parts of northern Westchester, and runs north to include Putnam and Dutchess counties. The current State Senator for the 40th District, democrat Sen. Peter Harckham, narrowly defeated Terrence Murphy in 2018.

The NY Democratic Senate Campaign Committee recently paid for a mailing in the district with a photo of Rob Astorino with President Trump on a visit to the White House in 2017. The same photo is used for this story.

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Leaders Praise First Responders, Municipal Workers & Look Ahead



Al Fresco in Larchmont, a successful outdoor dining initiative photo by Malcolm Frouman

By Linnet Tse

On Tuesday, August 25, at a special Zoom session co-hosted by the Larchmont-Mamaroneck Local Summit and LMC Media, Village of Mamaroneck Mayor Tom Murphy, Mamaroneck Town Supervisor Nancy Seligson, and Village of Larchmont Deputy Mayor Carol Casazza Herman, standing in for Mayor Lorraine Walsh, provided an update on our communities. They reviewed the impact of and response to the pandemic, discussed challenges that our communities are facing and previewed key initiatives that are underway.

IMPACT OF PANDEMIC AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Acknowledging that the pandemic has had a devastating impact on many of our residents and local businesses, Murphy, Seligson, and Herman all emphasized that despite the many challenges, all three municipalities have worked creatively in order to continue providing residents with government services throughout the pandemic. Services continued without interruption although they had to be delivered in different ways to keep residents and municipal employees safe. All three leaders highly praised first responders and municipal workers for their heroic efforts during this crisis.

Especially during the height of the pandemic, good communication was key to enabling our municipal leaders to respond effectively to the State and County directives. Leaders participated in thrice-weekly conference calls with Westchester County Executive George Latimer and weekly NYS calls and in turn routinely updated residents using robocalls. Residents in the Village of Mamaroneck have been particularly hard hit by the pandemic. Mayor Tom Murphy pointed out, "this pandemic has affected

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First BLM Mural in Westchester Completed in Yonkers



Black Lives Matter Mural on South Broadway, Yonkers. Photo by Donna Davis

By Dan Murphy

A Black Lives Matter mural was created in downtown Yonkers over the weekend of August 28-30. The mural, spearheaded by Yonkers resident Ray Wilcox, Executive Director of Yonkers Arts, a local nonprofit which joined in the effort, was painted along South Broadway, between Prospect Avenue and Hudson Street.

Wilcox thanked the hundreds of volunteers and 17 different organizations who came together over the weekend to paint the mural. “Knowing the history of our city and its dynamics, the mural will spark conversations on both sides of the spectrum and that’s how we can start creating resolutions for change,” said Wilcox.

No taxpayer dollars were used for the BLM Mural. The funds were raised utilizing grassroots collaboration with a cohort of local community organizations; all who are creating impact for the betterment of the city. The collaboration also birthed the opportunity to form a community ‘action’ panel composed of these community leaders that will continue to engage with our elected officials on some of the glaring issues directly affecting the community.

“Yonkers Arts aims to continue to execute on our new aggressive and ambitious agenda through collaborative programming execution. I feel through these ‘organic’ partnerships we, alongside the City of Yonkers, will continue to create the impactful opportunities within the city of Yonkers.”

Wilcox said that during the project, “we had the full support of the community, and the Mayor. While we understand that some may have different opinions, that is part of the reason why the mural was created, to begin a dialogue that’s long overdue.”

The location of the mural changed from its original destination, on Main Street just two blocks away near the waterfront, because of the narrow roadways and lack of space between the sidewalks, buildings and the pavement. South Broadway has a more of an open space feel and the final result is a spectacular work of art, which Wilcox hopes “will go national. We are putting Yonkers on the map. This is a moving image that is already creating an impact. I encourage everyone from Yonkers and beyond to come down and take a look.”

Drone images are also available online. The location of the mural is also close to the Yonkers Veterans Memorial –next to City Hall. *Yonkers Arts is a local nonprofit organization dedicated to developing the artistic community and impact through the arts in the city of Yonkers.*

The Black Lives Mural, located on South Broadway next to City Hall, also runs next to the Yonkers War Memorial. This location has upset some Veterans, while other veterans have supported the BLM mural. Mayor Mike Spano commented on the BLM Mural on South Broadway, and the social media comments of some veterans who claimed that the mural, now located next to the Yonkers War Memorial, was the wrong place for it to be.

“There is no more of an appropriate place that this should be then next to City Hall and our Veterans Memorial. Our Veterans died, so that we can put this statement here. It’s moments like these that make me proud to be Mayor of a city that promotes our diversity. A city filled with over 100 different ethnicities and over 60 spoken languages – spoke in one unifying voice today. Thank you to Yonkers Arts and over 65 volunteers who painted this powerful message,” said Spano, adding “Yonkers is the symbol of America. We set a standard the rest of the nation ought to strive to reach. Having Black Lives Matter painted before the steps of City Hall and in front of our Veterans Monument sends a powerful message. A message that all lives cannot matter unless black lives matter. Our veterans fought to support these ideals, and we are here to protect them.”

Former Mayor John Spencer, and former Yonkers Veterans Affairs Director Lou Navarro, both Vietnam Veterans, made comments on Facebook against the location. “Our city paying respect to BLM in front of our fallen heroes . City council should be ashamed,” said Navarro. “They had the entire block blocked off with obvious permission of city. Total disgrace. I am extremely disappointed...As well as a kneeling Mayor,” said Spencer.

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Spano & Maher Endorse Serratore for County Demomcratic Chairman LaFayette Won't Seek Re-election



Bill Serratore, pictured with Hillary Clinton, is now the front runner to become the next Westchester County Democratic Chairman

By Dan Murphy

Westchester Democratic Party Chairman Reginald LaFayette sent out a letter on August 31 informing democrats across the country that he was no longer seeking re-election as county chair. That announcement came as a surprise to many democrats we spoke to in Westchester.

"After much soul searching, I have come to an important decision. I have decided to remove my name from consideration as your Chairman," wrote LaFayette to westchester democratic district leaders Aug. 30.

On August 6, LaFayette wrote to the same westchester dem district leaders "I am running for re-election as your county chair." So what changed in three weeks? "Reggie knew he was going to lose, that's the only reason he got out, so he wouldn't get embarrassed at the convention," said one prominent westchester democrat.

Some believe that a flood of support to Mt. Kisco Democratic Chair Bill Serratore was one reason. County Legislator Damon Maher, a leader of the progressive-indivisible wing of the county democratic party, recently came out with an endorsement of Serratore before Reggie got out of the race.

"I strongly support the candidacy of Bill Serratore for Chair of the Westchester Democratic Committee. It is time to bring into the party structure those who have been so instrumental in putting in office those of us elected and re-elected since 2017. Bill is committed to putting a diverse cohort of progressive Democrats, including Indivisibles and people from other energetic, hard-working activist groups in positions of responsibility and power within the organization.

"He will also install a system of active subcommittees with specific portfolios, such as Membership Recruitment, Fundraising, Communications/Website/Social Media, Nominating, Local Committee Liaison, etc. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, Bill pledges a new level of transparency and participation in County Committee funding, endorsements and other important decisions," wrote Maher.

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano also quickly endorsed Serratore after LaFayette pulled his name from consideration. "To understand where the future of the Democratic Party is headed, you must know how far we have come. Under the leadership of the Westchester County Democratic Committee Chairman, Reginald Lafayette, he has helped elect strong candidates with sound democratic principles here in Yonkers, and county-wide. As his term comes to an end, we must continue to protect our shared democratic values.

"Let's elect someone who will evolve the party and embrace change. Most importantly, let's elect someone who will support the Democratic ideals inclusive of our shared progressive values. Someone who embodies these very principles and has the requisite experience to lead the Westchester County Democratic Party is Bill Serratore. There is no question he has what it takes to lead the party. Bill's proven skillset, coupled with his activism, shows he can champion strong democratic principles encompassing progressive leadership. The future of our party is bright. If delivered a true blue leader like Bill, there is no doubt he will support winning candidates," said Spano.

The other announced candidate for Westchester Democratic Chair is Greenburgh Democratic Chair Suzanne Berger.

Lord and Taylor-Another One Bites the Dust



By Eric Schoen

The place to go for that special occasion dress. For that men's suit, perfectly fit matched with shirt, tie, shoes and pocket hankie. The Bar Mitzvah suit or the Christening dress. Clothes that fit well, wore well, and though a tad more expensive worth every penny. The Santa Claus dolls, Caucasian and African American, a new doll added to the collection each year. And a special store featuring F.O. Schwartz toys.

Yes, iconic Lord and Taylor where every item of clothing was special and fit just right has gone bankrupt. A sign of the times, the store is competing with larger discount chains with prices to good to match. It was bought last year by a company that specializes in rental clothing. Like the company the store couldn't make it any more.

Pocketbooks on the first floor with jewelry behind it. A wonderful Restaurant, The Birdcage on the main floor. The Birdcage was special. It had a real live bird cage at its entrance. The store encouraged men and little boys like me to join their their wife or mom by offering 2 desserts with your meal. The afternoon featured tea service, teas from all over the world accompanied by scones with clotted cream, small sandwiches to nibble on and dainty pastries offering some thing sweet served off a a silver platter or cart. We were living the dream.,

Oh back in the good old days when department stores had restaurants. Wanamaker's with the restaurant on the third floor, where you would follow a counter with your tray and pick up what you cared to eat. Mom loved their vegetable platter, a choice of 4 or 5 vegetables. B. Altman's restaurant with delicious club sandwiches and a variety of hot items. Bloomingdales in White Plains restaurant with a salad bar featuring those oh so good popovers.

The Lord and Taylor on 34th street with those very special Christmas windows every year. And beautifully polished wood counters where they would display items for sale. It was all an experience, unlike the racks of unsorted merchandise one finds in most discount stores today.

Lord and Taylor had departments to fit petites to full sized woman, and men's clothes from husky boys to fathers that had a few too many desserts. They key to Lord and Taylor's was service. Someone would help you select everything you needed to look good, with tailoring service at no or a very little charge. They would fo their best to fit your time schedule if you needed your outfit tailored at the last minute.

The company was once a mainstay of high-end fashion. Lord & Taylor opened its first store in New York in 1826, created by English immigrants Samuel Lord and George Washington Taylor when they opened their first store on the Lower East Side of Manhattan nearly 200 years ago. The store would grow and relocate six times over its first 80 years led by Dorothy Shaver, the first woman to lead a major retailer. Under Shaver it launched its first suburban branch stores and introduced the concept of personal shoppers.

I was truly surprised when Lord and Taylor announced that they were opening a store at Ridge Hill. It seemed so out of character and out of line. The facade of the store with its gleaming glass was gorgeous. But at least during the times I was there the store seemed empty. You would go up to the second floor and be hard pressed to find someone to assist you in the men's or woman's department. In cosmetics and departments downstairs including jewelry assistance could readily be found. But this is not the Lord and Taylor I remember as a child.

After the Manhattan store closed the Eastchester store became the de facto main store. It was always busy and did quite well. Initially the plan was to keep some stores open including Eastchester but the financing was not there in these difficult times. The store still is seeking buyers for several stores but it doesn't look like that will happen

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But as is always the case in retail, fierce competition from lower-priced rivals continued to grow. A series of acquisitions took place, May Department Stores in 1986, private equity firm NRDC Equity Partners in the '90's, Hudson's Bay Company acquired Lord & Taylor in 2012 before its acquisition in 2019 by Le Tote, Inc., a fashion rental subscription service, for \$75 million. Le Tote tried reviving the brand with a pop-up store in New York City and remodeling its remaining stores with a focus on technology.

Le Tote was famous for lending trendy fashion to trendy consumers, and right before the pandemic hit I attended a cocktail party introducing Le Tote to Westchester at the Yonkers store. Beautiful party, sadly few people there. Good concept guess we will save it for another day.

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Letter to the Editor:

I'll be straight with you. When Pete Harkham announced for the New York Senate in 2018, I had no idea who he was and I did not support his candidacy. But when he won his primary, I joined his campaign and worked for his election. For he was certainly superior to his Republican predecessors, many of whom operated under an ethical cloud, and one even ended up in the slammer for corruption.

When Pete took his seat in Albany, I began to follow his activities closely and I got to know him personally. And now, two years later, I've become a true believer.

Although a freshman lawmaker, Pete leapt right into the fray and has left his mark on a multitude of legislation that has greatly benefited us all. Whether controlling the opioid epidemic, supporting our public schools, protecting our environment, ensuring women's reproductive health, fostering gun safety, combatting child abuse, ensuring the safe decommissioning of Indian Point, or limiting our taxes, Pete was there, acting to ensure our interests were advanced. And he still found time to meet with us and listen to our concerns.

There is no question that Pete Harkham has truly earned another term in the Senate.

And what of Rob Astorino—ignominiously defeated in his last two elections? All you really need to know is that he's a buddy of Donald Trump and one of Trump's most ardent supporters.

Want more? Recall that during his tenure as County Executive, Astorino drastically slashed funding for the Department of Health, Community Health Centers, mental health services, child care, food pantries, and more. The very agencies we so desperately need during the coronavirus pandemic.

So on November 3, join with me and let's send Pete Harkham back to Albany to continue the vital work he's been doing for the past two years. And, of course, don't forget to cast your vote for Joe Biden as well.

Sincerely,
Joel E. Gingold,
Croton

DO YOU VOTE?

One of the many conversations I had with my (late) husband Michael Muro centered around politics, and yes, even philosophy. Michael majored in history and political science in college and he also knew about the sentiment expressed by the philosopher Plato with regard to politics. It was that the penalty for wise men not participating in government is for them to be ruled by unwise men.

However, there are many variations with regard to the wording and verbiage of that phrase. Ralph Waldo Emerson stated "Plato says that the punishment which the wise suffer who refuse to take part in the government is to live under the government of worse men..."

My degree is in behavioral psychology but I also took and enjoyed philosophical psychology. We learned about Plato and other Greek philosophers and that Plato had been a student of Socrates and later when Plato went on to teach political philosophy he had Aristotle as his student.

It is so ironic that here we are centuries later with the same message or warning whether it be from the political arena, the media or others. It is true today as it was back then. VOTING IS IMPORTANT!!! Often someone will complain to me about politics and then I will ask "Do you vote?" and their answer is NO.

I always say forewarned is forearmed.

GO VOTE!!!

Ann Muro, Yonkers

County Pools to Stay Open for Two More Weekends in September

The Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation's two beaches will be open to the public the two weekends after Labor Day. This is the first time that the beaches - at Playland Park in Rye and Croton Point Park in Croton - will be open after Labor Day. The days and times are Sept. 12-13 and Sept. 19-20 and will follow their regular schedule of 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Playland Beach will be open Tuesday, Sept. 1 through Monday, Sept. 7. Croton Point Park Beach will be open Wednesday, Sept. 2 through Monday, Sept. 7 (also from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.).

Three of Westchester County's four pools are open for their regular two daily sessions - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. - now through Labor Day. They are Saxon Woods in White Plains, Willson's Woods in Mount Vernon and Sprain Ridge in Yonkers. The fourth pool, Tibbetts Brook, also in Yonkers, will be closed from Monday, Aug. 31, through Friday, Sept. 4, but will re-open for the regular two sessions on Saturday, Sept. 5; Sunday, Sept. 6; and Monday, Sept. 7.

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Manhattanville College Opens New Nursing School



Manhattanville College officially marked the opening of its new nursing school at a ceremony attended by state and local officials, healthcare leaders and the college community. The school's new nursing students participated in a traditional white coat ceremony, in which they took an oath to service and received a white coat.

"This is an exciting day for Manhattanville as we officially open our new School of Nursing and Health Sciences," said Manhattanville President Michael Geisler, Ph.D. "This is literally a dream come true." Geisler thanked the new nursing school's Dean, Debra Simons, Ph.D., R.N., C.C.M.R. "And a big 'thank you' also goes to the Manhattanville Board of Trustees who supported Debra Simons' and my vision throughout the long planning and approval process."

Geisler spoke of the pandemic and the urgent need for highly skilled nurses. "Opening a School of Nursing and Health Sciences during the time of COVID-19 is a testimonial that Manhattanville College has been ready to supply the academic expertise and skilled workforce that is so needed in Westchester County and the tristate area."

A total of 72 nursing students have enrolled in the new nursing school and will be taking classes on campus this fall. The school received approval to launch degree programs from the New York State Education Department in January. Manhattanville offers two degrees in nursing: Bachelor of Science in Nursing for traditional 4-year and transfer students as well as a Bachelor of Science in Nursing for second-degree students who already hold a bachelor's degree. The second-degree program welcomed 11 students this summer who began classes remotely and another 42 began classes Monday. Another 19 traditional undergraduate students also began their studies at the new school this week.

President Geisler recognized the assistance of community partners and elected officials who helped make the school's opening possible. He specifically thanked New York State Senator Shelley Mayer, New York State Assemblyman David Buchwald, County Executive George Latimer, President and CEO of the Business Council of Westchester, Marsha Gordon, and Anthony Viceroy, CEO of Westmed and now a Member of the Manhattanville Board of Trustees, for their counsel and active help at various stages of this ambitious launch.

"The need for trained healthcare workers is now more urgent than ever," said Geisler. "Before the pandemic struck, we were looking at estimates by the Bureau of Labor that projected the need for 649,100 replacement nurses in the workforce." An estimated one million registered nurses will retire by 2030, creating a consistently high demand for a trained workforce.

Senator Shelley Mayer said, "The coronavirus pandemic has laid bare the reality of how essential healthcare workers are to public health and our communities. Congratulations to Manhattanville College for establishing the School of Nursing and Health Sciences to offer more students an opportunity to build fulfilling careers in the healthcare industry. I look forward to continuing to work with President Michael Geisler and Dean Debra Simons as they build on this initiative."

Dean Simons said she was proud of the students who took the oath as they embark upon their nursing careers. "Starting a nursing program during a global health crisis is not new to nursing," said Simons. "Nurses have always been at the forefront of patient care. Nursing care was critical in the battle against the influenza in 1918 and it remains critical during the COVID pandemic. Whether in hospitals or among the community, nurses were on the front lines administering care. That truly makes the nurse a 'Superhero.'"

As she spoke to the new students being cloaked at the white coat ceremony for the inaugural class, Simons highlighted the philosophy of the new nursing program at Manhattanville. "The world in which you are about to immerse yourself hungers for new ideas and solutions," said Simons. "We need a more complete understanding of the caring science that can only come through a holistic education that includes the Caritas process. We need to implement evidence-based practice that alleviates suffering and achievement of meaningful social justice. With the support of your faculty, you will tackle this important work at Manhattanville College. The experiences you have here will shape the rest of your lives." Caritas refers to Dr. Jean Watson's caring science or human caring theory.

Geisler spoke about the history of nursing at the college going back to the days when it had a longer name. "In spring of 1943 Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart announced it was launching a school of nursing in response to the shortage of nurses both at home and serving abroad in the war," said Geisler. The school awarded nursing degrees through 1948 at which point it was deemed that the mission was fulfilled as the war was over. The new nursing school already has an endowed scholarship in honor of alumna Titsa Pelzman '49 who is a graduate of Manhattanville's original nursing school, the Aloysia Hardey School of Nursing. Alumna Simone Lutz '73 donated to establish the scholarship in honor of her mother. Students will apply and a recipient will be chosen in the spring. To learn more, visit www.mville.edu.

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Are you searching for something new this fall? Join Gramatan Village and make it your best fall of all. Say yes to new friends, exciting programs, and lifelong learning. We can't wait for autumn to arrive. This fall, Gramatan Village will be presenting a new MasterClass each month with acclaimed instructors. In honor of 2020 being an election year, the first class will be "U.S. Presidential History and Leadership" taught by Pulitzer-Prize winning historian and author Doris Kearns Goodwin.

Every month will feature a new virtual healthcare workshop as part of an ongoing Vitality Series with NewYork Presbyterian-Lawrence Hospital. This September, Dr. Lourdes Dominguez will explore Helping a Loved One with Dementia.

Mark Brownstein, Medicare expert, will lead a workshop called "Straight Talk About Medicare" to answer all your Medicare questions, and we will explore a two-part Road Scholar Lecture "Picasso's Masterworks" with art historian Dr. Matthew Palcynski, PhD. On September 22nd, the first day of fall, join us for a fun Welcome Fall Zoom Party.

In addition to these engaging offerings, Gramatan Village will continue with favorite regular programming, such as Book Club, Men's Group, Women's Group, Mystery Club, Mind Games, and Breakfast Club. Counseling and a Well Spouse Support Group are also available.

This September, Gramatan Village welcomes college intern Carly Acuna, who will host intergenerational activities with our members. Gramatan Village also offers the opportunity for members to serve as virtual mentors for college students.

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The Portal can be found at <https://absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov/>. Voters may click through the web form to request an absentee ballot, which will be sent to them in the mail.

Voters may vote by absentee ballot for several reasons including temporary illness -- which includes being unable to appear at the polls due to risk of contracting or spreading a communicable disease like COVID-19.

Remember, besides the new online portal, you also may apply for an absentee ballot in any of the following ways:

By sending an email request to BOE-WestAbsentee@westchestergov.com. By sending a fax request to (914) 995-7753 or (914) 995-3190. By going in-person to the Westchester County Board of Elections, 25 Quarropas Street, White Plains, NY 1060. By mailing a paper absentee ballot application to the Westchester County Board of Elections, 25 Quarropas Street, White Plains, NY 10601. By phoning the Westchester County Board of Elections at (914) 995-5285

For more absentee ballot information visit <https://citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com/voting/absentee-ballots>.

Westchester -Mid Hudson BRI Raises \$20k for Feeding Westchester

The Building and Realty Institute of Westchester and the Mid-Hudson Region (BRI), a trade organization representing 1,800 member businesses in the homebuilding, remodeling, real estate, and multifamily apartment building industries, recently raised over \$20,000 for Feeding Westchester, the largest hunger relief organization in the county. The BRI pledged to match any donation made by its individual members to the fundraiser.

"As with the rest of the nation, Westchester County is experiencing unprecedented levels of economic turmoil," BRI President Vincent Mutarelli said. "Many of our families, our tenants, our employees, and our neighbors find themselves food insecure in the wake of the pandemic and job or income loss, on top of the 1-in-5 residents of Westchester County who experienced food insecurity even before the pandemic hit. We pride ourselves on being community leaders and we knew we had to do something to help those in need."

"Every day since March, the news carries more stories of our neighbors in need," said Tim Foley, BRI's Executive Director. "The national statistics found 17 million more Americans are struggling with food insecurity today than when the COVID-19 pandemic first hit. Although there's wide variation in how our members' businesses have recovered, everyone felt the urgency to act."

"In partnership with Feeding Westchester, we launched our first-ever online-only matching fund drive," continued Foley. "We thought it might take us a month or so to reach our goal. Instead, we reached it in only 10 days!"

The donations from BRI members, matched dollar for dollar by the trade association, will help bolster these efforts. "It's a vulnerable time for everyone, but we need to unite and support each other as much as we can," Mutarelli said. "I'm very thankful that we have so many great members in our organization that are willing to help those who are less fortunate during an uncertain time like this. We are all dealing with our own set of struggles that the pandemic has brought on, but giving back to the community has always been a huge priority for us will continue to be going forward." For additional information, please visit <https://www.buildersinstitute.org>

Yorktown Joins Hope Not Handcuffs Program

First Police Department in Westchester County to participate

The Yorktown Police Department is the first Westchester County law enforcement agency to join the Hope Not Handcuffs addiction recovery program that steers substance abusers into treatment.

"It's for people who are struggling with addiction who really have nowhere else to turn," Yorktown police Chief Robert Noble said today at police headquarters. "They need to know that there's a place of safety for everybody in our community, and that's your police department."

Anyone seeking help with a substance addiction can come to the Yorktown Police Department at 2281 Crompond Road and ask for help from the Hope Not Handcuffs program. A call will be made to a program volunteer known as an angel who will come to the police station and work with the individual requesting help to find addiction resources and treatment.

Hope Not Handcuffs-Hudson Valley is a pre-arrest diversion program of the Tri-County Community Partnership, which runs the program in several Hudson Valley counties. The program's goal is to foster collaboration among law enforcement, community organizations, volunteers and health care providers to find viable treatment options for anyone seeking to reduce a substance dependency.

Hope Not Handcuffs-Hudson Valley started about a year and a half ago in Orange County and it has expanded to about 25 police departments with another six departments in the process of joining. The group has placed more than 350 people into treatment through police departments.

"We are thrilled and excited to be able to expand throughout Westchester and build our angel volunteers," said Annette Kahrs, Hope Not Handcuffs-Hudson Valley's program director. "We have relationships with treatment facilities all over the mid-Hudson region and we have been able to get everyone who has asked for help successfully placed."

Noble warned drug dealers that Hope Not Handcuffs is not a get-out-of-jail-free card. "If you're out here dealing or if you're out here doing something illegal with narcotics and pushing this poison, the men and women behind me in uniforms, they will continue to do their jobs to keep this community as clean and as safe as we can," said Noble.

Yorktown Supervisor Matt Slater thanked the police department for making its offices available to people struggling with substance abuse. "When I worked in the state Senate I traveled the state as part of the task force on heroin and opioid addiction," said Supervisor Slater. "People needed a safe haven to go to in that small window they have when they are seeking help. Now we're going to have it right here in the Town of Yorktown."

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We all have great memories of Lord and Taylor just like we have so many memories of the stores that have left us. As my sister reminds me when I was 4 years old Lord and Taylor was a sight word for me.

Lord and Taylor. This, Too is Westchester, Eastchester and Yonkers!

Reach Eric Schoen at thistoisyonkers@aol.com. Follow him on Twitter @ericyonkers. Listen to Eric Schoen and Dan Murphy on the Westchester Rising Radio Show Thursday's from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, go to WVOX.com and click the arrow to listen to the live stream or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge.

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the people with the least resources the most.” He shared that there have been issues with food insecurity in the Village of Mamaroneck and he anticipates rent and eviction issues will soon follow. Throughout the three municipalities, overall morale has been a challenge.

BRIGHT SPOTS

Leaders for all three municipalities have worked hard to make life a little easier for residents, including suspending parking regulations in certain areas and banning leaf blowing ahead of schedule. Swings are being installed in the Village of Mamaroneck’s Columbus Park. And, while the popular municipal day camps had to be cancelled, ingenuity and persistence resulted in alternative virtual and in-person programs being offered by both the Town of Mamaroneck and the Village of Larchmont. The Hommocks Pool has been able to open through use of a reservation system.

One high point has been Al Fresco Larchmont, the very popular outdoor dining initiative in the Village of Larchmont. Using parking areas and concrete barriers stenciled with the Al Fresco Larchmont logo to provide extended outdoor seating space, it has created a European street café feel to both the Palmer and Post business districts and has been very well received by local businesses and residents. Herman shared that they hope it can run through at least Halloween, if not longer, depending on the weather. Outdoor dining can also be found along Mamaroneck Avenue in the Village of Mamaroneck. Community members have also come together to support residents and local businesses in a number of ways. Volunteers from the Hunger Task Force and Coalition for Community joined forces to provide bags of food to nearly 800 residents weekly on Tuesdays in the Village of Mamaroneck. In the Village of Larchmont, not-for-profit One Larchmont Inc. collected donations from residents to assist the business community; they provided small grants to small businesses that could not operate during the shutdown and helped restaurants purchase tables, benches, and umbrellas for outdoor dining.

CHALLENGES/LOOKING AHEAD

In addition to dealing with the everyday impact of the pandemic, all three municipalities are wrestling with the impact of the pandemic on their budgets. Murphy shared that the Village of Mamaroneck has already cut their budget by about \$2.5 million to keep tax increases to a minimum. All three are deferring capital projects, delaying hiring and watching expenses very carefully.

All three municipal leaders mentioned the importance of addressing racial equality and the Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities. In the Town of Mamaroneck, Seligson shared that Councilman Jeff King is leading a task force on racial equality with five members of the community. The task force’s efforts will include working with the Town’s police department to review police procedures. Conversations with police departments have also begun in the Villages of Larchmont and Mamaroneck.

Legal Notices

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Girls Inc. of Westchester County (GIWC) announces its Strong, Smart, and Bold Gala, honoring Comcast Advertising Executive Maria Weaver and Former New York Jets Defensive Backs Coach Collette V. Smith. This year's event will stream online at www.girlsincwestchester.org, highlighting program participants while recognizing the achievements of these strong, smart, and bold women virtually on Thursday, September 24, 2020 from 6:00PM.

"Although we may not be able to celebrate in-person this year, we have an exciting evening planned virtually as we move ahead with our continued mission for girls throughout Westchester," said Michelle A. Nicholas, Executive Director of Girls Inc. of Westchester County. "We are looking forward to celebrating our program participants and this year's honorees, Maria and Collette. During these unprecedented times we need to hold up role models for our girls who they can identify with and emulate."

Maria Weaver is the Chief Marketing Officer for Comcast Advertising, where she is responsible for all facets of marketing which includes brand, creative services, product marketing, sales marketing, and demand generation. With over 30 years of experience in the advertising and marketing industry, Weaver's career has included cable television sales, content creation, digital sales, and now cable television advertising. Her success throughout the years has led to numerous awards and accolades which include the National Association for Multi-Ethnicity in Communications Awards of Excellence along with multiple honors from the Telly Awards and the Cable & Telecommunications Association for Marketing.

Collette V. Smith is the Founder, President & CEO of Believe N You Inc, an organization meant to evoke confidence and bring out the best "you" that lives inside of yourself. Smith gained notoriety by becoming the NFL's 1st African American Female Coach by way of the New York Jets franchise when she was a Defensive Backs Coach in 2017 during training camp. A former professional football player, Smith is currently on the executive staff for the Women's National Football Conference as the Director of Government and Community Relations, fostering an environment for women to participate in football at the highest levels.

"We are grateful to our generous sponsors, honorees, volunteers, and attendees who help support Girls Inc. Westchester so that we can advance our mission to inspire girls to be Strong, Smart, and Bold," said Katrine Beck, Board Chair. "Even though we are living through a difficult time, it is imperative that Girls Inc. continues to provide meaningful programs to advance our mission and to help shape young women to have the confidence necessary to survive and thrive through life's most difficult and rewarding moments. As co-founder of the women-owned law firm Fullerton Beck, I see firsthand the importance of having strong, smart, bold women in an organization. I am honored to chair such as outstanding group and continue to be impressed by our Girls and their accomplishments."

For more information about the event and the sponsorship opportunities available, please contact Chereese Jervis-Hill, (914) 218-3968, EventsCJH@EventsRemember.com, or visit event website at www.StrongSmartBoldGala.org.

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While I was surprised that the DSCC didn't wait until closer to November 3 to use the Trump Astorino photo, I was not surprised to find it in my mailbox. I live in the district and plan on receiving a box full of mailings from both campaigns and on cable TV.

I also question how effective this mailing will be in the 40th District. As you travel along Route 6 north from Westchester into Putnam County, on the weekends you will find a Trump for President tent set up with Hats, t-shirts, banners, flags and everything Trump one could ask for. There are also items supporting the Second Amendment and the Gadsden Flag (Don't Tread on Me).

During my travels, I have found the Trump tent with many customers and supporters of the President. The location, in the Town of Carmel, is in the middle of the 40th District, and those same voters will be coming out on November 3 to vote for Trump, and for Astorino.

Tying Trump to Astorino may not be as successful for Democrats this time around as they may think. Bill Serratore, the Mt Kisco Democratic Chair and the likely next Westchester Democratic Chair, tweeted, "To Rob 'TRUMP-KIN' Astorino, Westchester doesn't want TRUMP-ARINO IN 2020!" Perhaps one reason why the DSCC decided to mail the Trump Astorino mailing early is that democrats don't want to see a political return by Rob Astorino to Westchester, and they want to try and stop him before his campaign picks up momentum. While Senator Harkham is a likeable and capable State Senator for the district, Rob Astorino has proven before that he can win countywide elections in Westchester County.

But those victories were in 2009 and 2013, which seem like an eternity ago in our political landscape of today. We can also expect a close election in the 40th State Senate District regardless of which candidate you may support. The question then becomes, is Senator Harkham as good of a retail politician that George Latimer was when he defeated Astorino in 2017?

Look for every elected Democrat in New York to come out and support Senator Harkham this fall, including Governor Andrew Cuomo and State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins. That will help get out the vote in Northern Westchester, but will it have the same effect, and get out voters in Putnam and in the Hudson Valley for Astorino?

The Town of Eastchester's Annual September 11th Memorial Service will be held outside on the grounds of Eastchester Town Hall on Friday, September 11th, 2020 beginning 8:35am. In the event of rain, the ceremony will be cancelled and we will send an email by 8am to let you know. Please wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines. We hope you can join us for a brief service as we reflect on the events of that tragic day and remember all of the lives that were lost. Westchester County and the City of Yonkers will hold their 9/11 Ceremonies online. All remembrances are appropriate, as long as we never forget and we make sure that those born after 9-11-01 are educated on what happened to the 123 of our fellow Westchester residents who died that day.

The photo above, by Robert Kalfus, A Yonkers police officer salutes the American flag while another officer plays her bugle at the dedication of the Yonkers 9-11 Memorial, on September 11, 2012, Yonkers, New York, at the corner of Central Park Avenue and McLean Avenue. Copyright 2012 Robert Kalfus, All Rights Reserved. Credit: © 2012 Robert Kalfus

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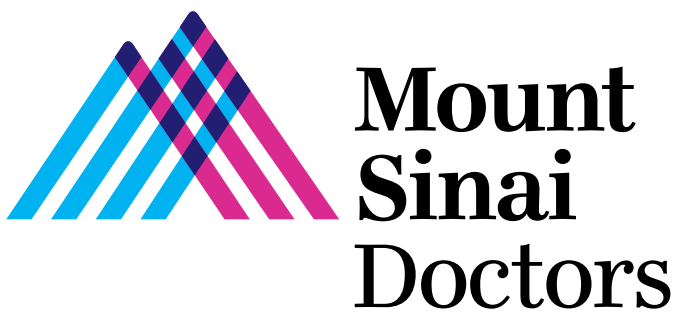
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This year as we are limited in how we can volunteer together, we call on all New Yorkers to join us for our most important day of service ever -- as we focus the power of community and volunteering on a single goal: fighting food insecurity.

Feeding Westchester has reported that the Covid-19 pandemic has caused an unprecedented 40% spike in food insecurity in our community, some local pantries have seen a 300-900% increase in people requesting food, which has been shown to be disproportionately devastating to our Latino and African-American community members. The following food pantries have joined to support a community-wide Covid-19 relief healthy food drive to help alleviate this intense and timely need:

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 - Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry - Mount Kisco
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 - Life Progressive Services Group, Inc. - Mt. Vernon
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