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## GM Site's Return to Tax Rolls Projected by 2015

by Robert Kimmel

By the time the calendar turns to 2015, General Motors' vacated riverside site in Sleepy Hollow could return to a multi-million dollar tax generating property for the village and the Tarrytown School District. Following GM's signed agreement in May for the sale of the property to a developer, that timing is the more optimistic view expressed by village officials.

That perspective comes despite the Sleepy Hollow Village Trustees' vote last month for a year's extension to its Special Permit that originally required a developer to provide a site plan for the first phase of the project before September 4 of this year. While General Motors LLC and the developer, Lighthouse Landing Venture LLC, have an agreement, its details remain confidential and the property's sale has not been officially completed.

Once the developer takes over the property, a special, reduced "Payment-In-Lieu-Of-Taxes," (PILOT), in effect since 1985, terminates and full taxation of the site resumes. The PILOT was arranged by Sleepy Hollow at that time in an effort to keep GM's auto-making plant, with its thousands of jobs, operating in the village; however, GM closed the plant in 1996.

Sleepy Hollow Mayor Ken Wray told *The Hudson Independent* that GM previously had informally requested an extension of the Special Permit, but that he had refused to consider it. "I did not see any reason to grant an extension if they did not have a developer in place," he explained. The mayor said that he expected to see GM and Lighthouse Landing Venture conclude the sale and get the "property back on the tax rolls by January." Once that happens, revenue from the site will escalate from the PILOT's annual payment of approximately \$140,000 to more than \$1 million for the village and possibly to more than \$2 million for the school system rather than the payment of about \$209,000 that the district now receives annually. When fully developed, the property's tax revenue will rise even more. Those increased revenue streams could soften tax hikes for property owners caused by any potential boosts of school or village budgets.

The extended Special Permit transfers to the developer once the property sale is closed. In requesting the Permit's extension before the Trustees at their June meeting, representatives of Lighthouse Landing Venture and its lawyers explained that the September 2014 deadline gave them too little time to develop a proper site plan. The Special Permit, "approving the Riverfront Development" was issued by Sleepy Hollow to GM on June 7, 2011. The original expiration date this September marks approximately a year since litigation was discontinued by Tarrytown against Sleepy Hollow and GM. Tarrytown had charged that the size of the project would have created traffic congestion in its streets. The sale of the property had stalled during the litigation.

In a letter to the trustees on May 29, the law firm for the developers, BelBello, Donnellan, Weingarten, Wise and Wiederkehr, said the remaining period before the 2014 expiration "...is simply not sufficient time for LLV, (Lighthouse Landing Venture), to collaborate with the Planning Board about the first phase site plan (and related subdivision of the site), and complete detailed design and engineering necessary to make formal applications for approval." Attorney Mark Weingarten pressed that point before the trustees at their June meeting, and was supported by Jonathan Stein and

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**Graduation 2014:** Seniors from Irvington, Sleepy Hollow and Hackley celebrated their graduations in June. For a complete list of all the graduates and photos from the ceremonies, see pages 11-14.

Photo by Rick Pezzullo

## Phelps Hospital First to Offer New Breast Diagnostic Technology

by Rick Pezzullo

Phelps Memorial Hospital Center in Sleepy Hollow is the first medical hospital in the country to install a breakthrough ultrasound system designed to provide a more accurate diagnosis in women with dense breasts.

According to GE Healthcare, which developed the technology, the Invenia Automated Breast Ultrasound System (ABUS) has proven to help clinicians find 37.5% more cancers in women with dense breasts than mammograms.

"Phelps Memorial Hospital Center prides itself on keeping up with cutting edge technologies and we are very excited to integrate ABUS into our mammography program," Michael Glennon, senior administrative director of ancillary services at Phelps, said in early June. "This highly sophisticated system is more efficient than the traditional ultrasound exam and will significantly enhance our diagnostic capabilities and potentially improve outcomes for our patients."

The Invenia ABUS uses 3D ultrasound technology to comfortably photograph women with dense breast tissue in approximately 15 minutes. The more dense breast tissue a woman has, the higher her risk of developing breast cancer, oftentimes up to four to six times greater.

"We are excited about launching our most innovative and intuitive ABUS system yet, the Invenia ABUS, and are proud to make our first installs at the renowned facilities at Phelps Memorial and Fairfax Radiological Consultants (outside Washington D.C.)," said Anders Wold, president and CEO of GE's ultrasound business.

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# Sleepy Hollow Collects \$400,000 in Unpaid Property Taxes

by Elaine Marranzano

The Village of Sleepy Hollow held its first tax lien sale in 20 years last month to collect approximately \$400,000 in unpaid property taxes.

In the board room at village hall, five investors bought liens on 27 commercial and residential properties for a total of \$358,000. The largest lien sold was against 48 Beekman Ave. for \$67,000. Other liens ranged from \$40,000 for a home in Philipse Manor to just a few hundred dollars

for another property. Six liens did not sell and were purchased by the village at a cost of \$45,000.

In a tax lien sale, instead of selling the actual property, the governmental entity sells a lien for the amount of delinquent taxes, typically to an investor. The investor pays the back taxes in return for the right to collect interest and fees from the property owner until the debt is repaid. In Sleepy Hollow, the allowable interest rate on tax liens is 12 percent annually for two years. If the property owner fails to pony-up

the property taxes after that time, the lien holder can initiate foreclosure proceedings to take ownership of the property.

Tax lien sales are a common practice. Tarrytown, for example, holds tax lien sales annually. Sleepy Hollow officials could offer no explanation for why the village waited two decades to take action.

"I can't speak to what happened in the past," said Mayor Ken Wray, who was first elected trustee in 2007, "but this is the first time we have had a serious discussion about it."

The liens sold in May are for unpaid taxes dating back only to 2010, the remainder, some going back to the 1980s, will be sold at another time. The property owners were notified in advance of the sale, which was advertised for three consecutive weeks in a daily newspaper.

"We wanted to make sure that everything we were selling was absolutely correct," said Village Treasurer Sara DiGiacomo. "It will take time to verify the older records, but we hope to have tax lien sales annually now."

## EF Students in Tarrytown: Crossing Borders, Building Bridges

by Alexa Brandenburg

EF Students from six nationalities participated in a bake sale fundraiser and "walk to water" from the EF campus to the Hudson River on May 30, to raise awareness for the predicament of villagers in Southern Sudan. They were inspired by the book "A Long Walk to Water" by Linda Sue Park, and by their EF teacher, Dr. Jasmin Bey Cowin, of Tarrytown.

"A Long Walk to Water" is a dual narrative, a novel based on true events which speaks with two voices. One is Salva Dut, a Sudanese "Lost Boy" who walked 1,800 miles during the Civil War in Sudan in search of refuge and was airlifted to the United States in the mid 1990's. The other voice belongs to a fictional girl, 11-year-

old Nya, who walks eight hours daily for water in Southern Sudan today.

After arriving in the United States, Dut was hosted by a family in New York State, learned English and went to college. Eventually, he started a not-for-profit organization 'Water for South Sudan,' which installs deep-water wells and builds schools in remote villages like Nya's. Before the organization was founded, families had to trek for hours to collect contaminated diseased water, leaving no time for education.

"With students from more than 50 countries attending The EF International Language Center in Tarrytown," said Philip Johnson, Executive Director of EF Tarrytown Campus, "global awareness is integral to our curriculum."

The entire campus read the novel, but



EF students pose on the bank of the Hudson River.

Cowin took it one step further by motivating the students to fundraise and to stage a reenactment. "We are proud to see our teacher ... tackling these complicated issues in an academic context," continued Johnson, "while finding a way to utilize the Tarrytown community as a backdrop to help students immerse themselves in

their studies."

The bake sale, for which Cowin donated ingredients, with her class baking and selling the cakes, raised \$150 for Dut's organization. The monies will be matched by EF (Education First) for a total amount of \$300 going towards 'Water for South Sudan.'

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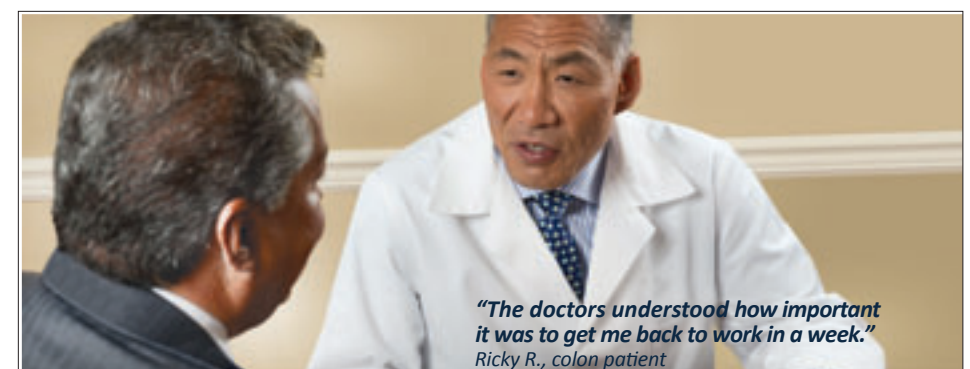
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# Family YMCA's Early Learning Center to Benefit from Annual Masquerade Ball

*The Hudson Independent to Receive Laurance S. Rockefeller Award at Event*

by Robert Kimmel

Old time radio characters who entertained a huge unseen audience and famous journalists who kept millions of readers, listeners, or viewers aware of world events in the past will mingle at the Trump National Golf Club in Briarcliff Manor this coming October 17. In reality, of course, you will not see the original Lone Ranger chatting with a real Edward R. Murrow, but you might catch their costumed or masked impersonators enjoying the evening at the Family YMCA at Tarrytown's annual Masquerade Ball.

While the ball's masquerade theme will revolve around old time radio stars, early TV personalities and well-known vintage journalists, its purpose is to "celebrate and dedicate funds raised to our new Y Early Learning Center at Tappan Hill," said Barbara Turk, the Y's Vice President of Marketing and Community Development. Turk explained that, "Our new childcare facility enables us to provide much needed daycare and after school services to a wide range of children in the surrounding areas, including many who require financial aid to receive our nurturing, daily care. Proceeds will also "...help support the Y Strong Kids Fund, which provides Y membership and program financial aid for our underserved neighbors and friends," she added.

The Masquerade Ball will also serve as the setting for the presentation of the Laurance S. Rockefeller Award to the founders and Corporate Board members of *The Hudson Independent*. In announcing the award, Gerry Riera, the Y's President, stated that, "The founders and original supporters of *The Hudson Independent* continue to demonstrate strong commitment to the issues upon which we base the criteria for this award, including helping children and families, volunteering at the Y, and promoting nonprofits in our community, as well as through their dedication to public health, recreation, land preservation and ecology, which were also areas of concern to Mr. Rockefeller in his lifetime."

"We are very appreciative that the Family

YMCA selected the founders and leadership of *The Hudson Independent* for the Laurance S. Rockefeller Award," said Matthew Brennan, President of the Hudson Valley News Corp, the newspaper's parent organization. "The main motivation among the group who started the newspaper more than nine years ago was to provide services to the community. Our interests were not only to present objective and fair reporting of local events in our communities, but also to support the many worthy non-profits whose work is directed toward sustaining our environment, and to contributing to the health, and welfare of the public. We are pleased that an organization such as the YMCA has recognized our initiatives."

The YMCA's Rockefeller award has had a number of eminent local recipients in past years, including William F. Olson, John Garrison, Sadie McKeown Singman, Aubrey Hawes, Dr. Howard Smith, Len Andrew, Brian Doyle and Nick Bell. Last year the award went to the Eileen Fisher Foundation and more than 230 people were at the Trump National Golf Club for the Masquerade Ball and presentation.

Opportunities remain for business and individual sponsorships associated with the event, from its pre-ball Champagne Reception to ads in the event Journal. "We provide our sponsors with maximum publicity in our marketing collateral over the coming months and with much fanfare at the event," Turk said. "We invite sponsorship of this momentous event," she continued. To sponsor, volunteer, or for more information about the Y Halloween Masquerade Ball, contact Turk at 914-418-5662, or email [barbarat@ymcattarrytown.org](mailto:barbarat@ymcattarrytown.org). Additional information about sponsorship and tickets may be found on the Y's website, <http://www.ymcattarrytown.org>.

As of June, the sponsorship list included, Abbott & Price Incorporated and Putnam County Savings Bank, as event sponsors; Marshall & Sterling, band sponsors; Hudson Harbor, sponsoring the dinner; Paycor Inc, the dessert and EF School, the photography.

## July 4th Fireworks at GM Site

The Village of Tarrytown, in conjunction with the Village of Sleepy Hollow, will be conducting an Independence Day fireworks display. The display is scheduled for dusk on July 4 and the fireworks will be shot off from the General Motors property. There are no specific viewing locations established for the display. There is no rain date scheduled as of yet, and when it is scheduled, notice will be provided on the website and scroll [www.tarrytowngov.com](http://www.tarrytowngov.com).

Meanwhile, Westchester County will be presenting its annual Music Fest & Fire-

works show on July 3 at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla.

Pre-concert entertainment begins at 6 p.m. and the Stolen Moments Band takes the stage at 8 p.m.; fireworks will follow at approximately 9:15 p.m. Admission and parking are free. Carpooling is suggested. Concert-goers should bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating as well as a picnic supper.

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# Tappan Zee Bridge Project Not Just a Man's Job

by Krista Madsen

With a pristine manicure and brown bob under her hardhat and work gloves, Colette McGreedy, 42, is equal parts girly and grit.

"Half the time you can't tell if we're female under it all," McGreedy said with a Queens accent. The sticker on her hardhat might help: "I want to be like Barbie," it says. "That little bi\*\*\* has everything."

She used to like getting gussied up and going out, now McGreedy just wants to take a hot shower and relax at day's end. "I never slept so good."

The labor of building a bridge is, in a word, tough. It's not that women can't do the work of assembling H-beams into a three-mile span, Tappan Zee Constructors Community Outreach/Diversity Manager Carla Julian noted, it's just that traditionally there aren't many of them doing it.

That, and: "you really do have to be a bad-ass," McGreedy remarked.

A beauty school grad, McGreedy was cutting hair and working in insurance for nearly a decade when she heard about Nontraditional Employment for Women (NEW), a NYC-based nonprofit aimed at getting women in the trades. After com-

pleting a free six-week training course in welding, pile-driving, and more, McGreedy entered a four-year apprenticeship program and "never looked back."

A member of dockworkers union Local 1556, McGreedy boasts an on-the-job education from a two-year stint constructing Manhattan's Willis Avenue Bridge to time doing firewatch at the World Trade Center site, making sure the controlled burning of the "false" work structures they remove to make way for the true construction is all done according to regulation. She was constructing the Jersey City boardwalk when Hurricane Sandy hit. Then they started again.

McGreedy relocated to northern New Jersey for the Tappan Zee Bridge rebuild, which means she commutes across the very bridge she is replacing. She used to have a hard time imagining how a bridge gets built. "How do they do that?" Now it's her daily routine, the unfathomable broken down into a series of simple tasks, albeit super-sized.

"It's great work, physically and mentally, you feel good. Knowing there's a new bridge I'll drive over someday and say 'I was a part of that,'" McGreedy said.

From 6:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., McGreedy

is currently stationed midway across the Hudson to bottle-wash the piles, using heavy-duty hosing to clean huge pieces of steel spiked with heavy barbs. On another day she might be cutting the pile to grade level using a torch circling on a track, or maneuvering big clam buckets of muck.

The labor is always shifting and everyone's learning as they go. "Whether it's your

first day or 30 years, everyone out there is learning something new," McGreedy said.

She's among a small handful of female dockbuilders on the project and the only woman on her "gang." The men are protective of her, even chivalrous. "I have hundreds of big brothers, they take such good

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— Colette McGreedy

## Irvington Student in Coma After Being Struck by Car

by Rick Pezzullo

A sixth grade student from Irvington Middle School was in an induced coma at Westchester Medical Center after being struck by a passing motorist on Route 9 (North Broadway) on June 19 while exiting the school campus.

No charges have been filed against the unidentified driver but an investigation is continuing, according to Irvington Police Chief Michael Cerone, who declined to reveal the name of the male student or specific details about the accident.

"We are hoping and praying for the student and his family," Cerone said.

Irvington Superintendent of Schools Kristopher Harrison said counselors were made available to any students or staff that required assistance.

"We are all shaken by this terrible incident, and our thoughts and prayers are with the student and his family in the hope for full recovery," Harrison stated

in a release to the school community.

Irvington Mayor Brian Smith said the Board of Trustees will be working with school officials, the state Department of Transportation and village Police Department to make safety improvements on Broadway, including the entrance to the high school/middle school campus on Heritage Hill Road, also known as "The High School Hill."

Smith noted trustees have asked the Police Department to increase enforcement efforts in the area.

"While I promise that the village will do everything we can to improve the overall safety of Irvington, the real changes need to come from residents themselves," he said. "While we are looking at making crosswalks more prominent, adding signage, improving lighting, reducing speed limits, adding crossing guards, etc., if residents do not start to better obey existing traffic laws, much of our efforts will be in vain."



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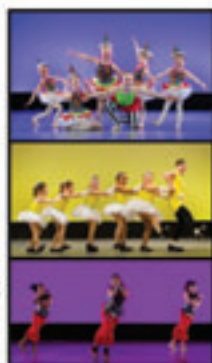
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## TZ Bridge

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care of me. They're all about 'ladies first,' but they don't baby me, they teach me a lot and make sure I'm safe."

Her own brother, a captain in the Air Force, thinks she's the one with the crazy job.

As a journeywoman now, she said, revealing the four-leaf clover tattoo on the back of one wrist and a heart on the other, "I feel extremely lucky. This is the first job I've started from the beginning. What an opportunity to watch a bridge get built from the very first pile, and one of the biggest projects in the country."

"It's once-in-a-lifetime for us all," agreed Julian. "It's massive."

At summer's beginning, McGreedy already sports deeply tanned forearms. Her manicurist had to use an electric file to get the dirt out of her nail beds. She's recently

lost 50 pounds, attributing this to diet, exercise and "running around like crazy out there. I've gotten very strong. Things are big and heavy and there's not a lot of downtime."

Winter is tough, and then there's the extreme heat of summer. While demolishing the original trestle under the bridge, she enjoyed her breezy perch in the shade. Now fully exposed in mid-river it's "as if you're going to burst into flames."

Unless the portable toilet is dirty, McGreedy is not one to complain. Rather, she seems to enjoy being the woman in a man's club. In her giant old-school lunchbox is healthier food than some of her junk food-inclined gang members, though she's not above baking cupcakes "for the boys." She raves about the hammer necklace she's found on ConstructionJewelry.com and the prized gift she received of an original Rosie the Riveter figurine.




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# Irvington Democrats Endorse Gilliland, Giliberti for Fall Elections

by Rick Pezzullo

The Irvington Democratic Committee endorsed candidates last month for two available seats on the Board of Trustees in November.

In a unanimous vote, the committee backed incumbent Trustee Mark Gilliland, who is running for a second term, and Christina Giliberti, a 2002 graduate of Irvington High School. Republican Trustee Walter Montgomery is not seeking reelection.

"Given the strength of these two candidates, we couldn't be more eager for the fall," said Irvington Democratic Committee Chairman David Imamura. "Mark has been a tremendous asset to the village and has tackled the issues that Irvington has faced with dedication, passion and results. We were extremely impressed by Christina's familiarity with local and regional government. But more importantly, Christina's election will signal that a new generation of Irvington residents is prepared to step up to the plate and contribute to the village."

Gilliland, 59, was first elected to the board in 2012. He is a Cornell-trained Master Gardener who owns and operates a landscape firm and has more than 20 years of software development experience.

Since being elected, Gilliland helped pass an updated Tree Preservation Code, enhanced sign and awning regulations to better protect the historic feel of the village and restructured requirements for af-

fordable housing in multi-family or multi-home development.

"I'm not a career politician at heart, rather I'm a concerned citizen and environmentalist who wants to ensure that Irvington remains a great place to live and raise a family," Gilliland said. "Together, we need to address many pressing issues relating to climate change and managing growth."



Christina Giliberti

After graduating from Barnard College in 2006, Giliberti, 30, the daughter of a small business owner in Dobbs Ferry, spent five years in the public sector working with former County Legislator and current State Assemblyman Tom Abinanti, State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins and County Legislator MaryJane Shimsky on legislative and budget issues. Since leaving government, she has pursued a career in media and marketing both as a writer/producer at CBS News and as an associate at Peter J. Solomon Company.



Mark Gilliland

"As any student of political science knows, there's typically a strong correlation between quality of life and civic engagement," said Giliberti, who serves on the village's Housing Committee. "I had a wonderful childhood growing up in Irvington; now more than ever, as a property owner

myself, preserving and enhancing, where possible what Irvington offers to its residents—young and old, and small business owners--- that's become very important to me, and I feel like I'm at a point where I'm ready to help make that happen."

## Streetscape: Village of Irvington's New Groove

by Dylan Etzel

What vision do Irvington residents have for the future of the Main Street district? In late 2013, the Irvington Board of Trustees contracted Saratoga Associates to gather recommendations regarding how to improve the beauty, safety and comfort of the downtown Main Street district; their final report comprising a comprehensive, conceptual enhancement plan for the village to consider, either as a whole or as piecemeal, will be completed in early July.

The proposals have evolved with input from the public as well as the Streetscape Steering Committee, consisting of 12 Irvington residents, including three with businesses on Main Street. Although nothing will be initiated without approval from the Irvington Board of Trustees, an online survey, conducted by Saratoga via the village website and Facebook page, found that the public was favorable to most proposals. Many survey participants added extensive and valuable comments.

According to Saratoga's project manager, Harriet Grimm, who, along with Saratoga's William Kohl presented at both a June 5 public meeting and again at the June 16 Board of Trustees meeting (where they were joined by Peter Bakarich of Weidinger Engineering), the 184 survey responses constituted an "excellent amount of participation." This survey, the review by the Steering Committee, public meetings and email comments along with Saratoga's own analysis, have shaped the soon-to-be-completed final report.

Developing space for informal gathering, including "mini-parks," is a major theme of the proposed recommendations. Several areas have been reviewed: the Recreation Center side (east) yard, the grassy space between Village Hall and the Rip Van Winkle statue, and on both the north and south sides of Main Street near the War Memorial and the Old Croton Aqueduct railway. A small area is proposed for plantings and a bus shelter at the top of Main Street at Broadway.

Survey results rated the bus shelter highest, followed closely by remodeling the War Memorial area, where the Old Croton Aqueduct State Historic Park crosses Main Street, and where village ceremonies are held. Currently very little seating is available and the monuments are less visible due to overgrown and poorly located shrubbery. Though one of the busiest crosswalks in Irvington, pedestrians, bicyclists and visitors must often search hard to cross and then find the Old Croton Aqueduct from Main Street, despite the fact that this is a destination resource.

Factors considered in the Main Street Streetscape Design Project include downtown Irvington's "walkability," street safety, aesthetic value, historical character, and environmental footprint. The next Steering Committee meeting will be held on July 10 at 7 p.m. in the Trustees Room at Village Hall. The public is invited to learn more about the project and review the Streetscape Master Plan by visiting: <http://www.irvingtonny.gov/index.aspx?nid=366>

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## Business News

# Hudson Valley Surgical Group Practices Minimally Invasive Surgery

by Neal Rentz

In the past, if patients needed surgery for a variety of conditions, long hospital stays and potentially large scars could result.

Now, the Hudson Valley Surgical Group, located on the Phelps Memorial Hospital Center property in Sleepy Hollow, provides doctors who use techniques that can get patients home quickly and with minimal scarring.

The group consists of Dr. Har Chi Lau, Dr. Michael Weitzen and Dr. Robert Raniolo.

Lau said, in a recent interview, that the doctors in the group, which has been in existence for about 25 years, are known for their use of minimally invasive procedures. "It's doing traditional surgery but with newer techniques and small incisions so you don't have to do as much tissue disruption," he said. "It's less painful."

Most of the surgeries, except for some small outpatient operations, are done at

Phelps. The group specializes in abdominal, hernia, gallbladder, appendix, colon and rectal and breast care surgeries. Most of the patients who have their surgeries performed by the three doctors in the group do not require an overnight or longer hospital stay, Lau said. "Patients don't want to be in the hospital. You're much more comfortable in your own home," he added.

"If you had colon cancer in the old days, we used to make an incision to take out your colon cancer. Nowadays we can make some smaller cuts, put a camera in so we can see what we're doing," Lau explained, adding that the cut could be about a half-inch deep, and the colon cancer can



Dr. Har Chi Lau, is a member of the Hudson Valley Medical Group in Sleepy Hollow, which specializes in minimally invasive surgery.

Photo by: Neal Rentz

then be taken out. By utilizing minimally invasive procedures there is less damage to the surrounding tissues and the recovery time is shorter than it would be by using traditional surgery. "Since there's less trauma, the body heals faster," he said. "Patients are going home much faster."

Minimally invasive surgeries translate into less scarring, Lau added. "In the old days, you could have a scar that could be 10 inches to a foot-and-a-half long. Nowadays you've got a scar that's half an inch long or an inch long. You can barely see the scar. In a year's time most of the people can't even see their scars."

By using minimally invasive surgeries, the group's doctors have cut down on the number of breast removals in their work with cancer patients, stated Lau, who resides in Ossining.

Minimally invasive surgery has been in existence since about the late 1980's, Lau explained. "It's evolved tremendously. The cameras have gotten better so we see better," he said. "The instruments have gotten better. Everything along the route that is associated with the procedures has gotten better, so we are able to do a lot more."

Lau said the doctors in his group stress individualized care "Most of the surgeries are tailored to the patients specifically. We don't use standardized sizes like small, medium and large. We evaluate the patient; we'll take a piece of mesh and we'll cut it or fashion it to that person specifically. The surgery we do for most people is individualized, of course, based on their medical condition and what their extenuating problems may be."

## New Women's Boutique Opens in Irvington

by Janie Rosman

You can't miss the awning and white steps of Love, Leeann, Irvington's newest boutique on Main Street. A stylist and merchandiser with more than 25 years of experience, Leeann Cerrito said freelance fashion consulting helped her gain a following.

"I have many friends who love coming over and having 'clothes parties,' in my closet," Cerrito said. "My friends enjoyed the intimate shopping experience so much that it inspired me to create a store that felt like shopping in your best friend's closet."

Customers who walk into her spacious boutique will notice everything pink, from the walls to the large hot pink chair with pillows, to the water bottles with a Love, Leeann label. "I love pink," she emphasized.

Love, Leeann has "transitional, basic,

effortless items you can wear all the time," she said. "My service motto is I don't ever sell anything that doesn't look good on you."

What distinguishes her from the competition is her personal attention to each customer: she knows how each article of clothing will look, and her keen eye picks

out complimenting shoes, jewelry, and other accessories.

In addition to jewelry, handbags, gifts, trendy accessories, home goods, and go-to clothes are gifts and home goods. Cerrito offers at-home consulting to show clients "how to wear clothes, and maximize what they currently have." She'll also bring clothes from her store to the client's home.

Taking a shirt and pants from the closet, she gestured. "Add jewelry, shoes and a bag, and it's a complete outfit."

Love, Leeann has for-sale art displayed on the walls. Brands carried include good hYOUman, Love Quotes, KamaliKulture, Elan, Cotton Citizen, Peace Love World, and Solo. New items arrive daily, expanding the line of designers.

A go-getter, Cerrito spent six

months in culinary school and decorated the 128-year-old house she shares with her husband and three children.

"I put my husband through law school working two jobs," she said, "And now I'm doing this for me. It's fun, it's what I always wanted to do, and I enjoy helping people find outfits for an occasion they're going to, or for everyday wear."

As a way of giving back, Love, Leeann donates five percent of sales proceeds to a different non-profit on a three-month rotating basis.

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# Federal Grants in Limbo as County-HUD Dispute Remains Unsettled

by Robert Kimmel

Feuding parties who are at opposite ends of the stalemate that has kept some \$5.2 million in federal Community Development Block Grants from reaching county municipalities this year are in standby mode. The dispute between the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, which provides the grant funds, and County Executive Rob Astorino's administration may reach its conclusion in August - or it may not.

Sleepy Hollow, Tarrytown and Irvington are among the communities that would see hundreds of thousands of dollars in HUD grants, awarded in 2012, lost for projects that they had scheduled if the impasse is not settled. Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow have already lost allocated funding cut off by HUD last year.

HUD officials contend that Westchester is not in full compliance with a 2009 affordable housing agreement that saw Westchester settle a legal action brought against it by the federal agency. They have rejected the

County's subsequent "Analysis of Impediments," and claim that 31 municipalities in Westchester have zoning rules or other constraints that limit the development of what one official called a "fully integrated society."

Astorino asserts that the County analysis found no evidence of exclusionary zoning, and that Westchester is ahead of schedule in developing the 750 units of affordable housing required by the 2009 settlement. He has called the progress "phenomenal."

HUD was prepared to reallocate the \$5.2 million in grants to other locations in the state by May 7, if the County had not agreed to meet its "... ongoing duty to 'affirmatively further fair housing,' as agreed to in the settlement, adopt the findings of a monitor regarding 'fair housing choice,' and the monitor's analysis of municipal zoning, as well as agree to 'submit a final zoning submission for 31 municipalities' by July of this year, and implement a strategy to 'overcome exclusionary zoning practices.'"

At the urging of the County's Board of Legislators (BOL), HUD agreed to postpone the deadline to early in June so the

legislators could come up with a plan that would forestall the loss of funding. That deadline has also passed; however, the BOL has been given even more time by having the court monitor of the original settlement, New York Lawyer Jim Johnson, conduct a fresh Analysis of Impediments in the 31 municipalities targeted as not having appropriate zoning rules. That analysis is not likely to be completed before mid or late August.

Even if it is satisfactorily concluded, and the BOL has managed to come up with a set of acceptable rulings resulting from it among the politically split legislators, it is unlikely to pass muster with Astorino. He states that he will veto any plan stemming from the monitor's analysis, because he de-

scribes it as giving HUD the authority to "replace the zoning analysis" performed by the County. Astorino charges that the plan "puts local control of zoning in extreme jeopardy. 'Washington bureaucrats get control of local zoning, and locally elected officials and communities are left defenseless,'" he stressed. Rather than accept HUD grants, Astorino has proposed that the County replace the federal money with its own grants, costing each local household only \$1.

Sleepy Hollow has already lost about \$360,000 in allocated HUD grant money and stands to lose more. Tarrytown's loss has reached \$200,000, and a \$200,000 HUD grant awarded to Irvington for a flood control project will likely go down the drain.

## Sleepy Hollow Man to be Sentenced for Murdering Wife


by Rick Pezzullo

A Sleepy Hollow man could spend the next 25 years behind bars after pleading guilty in late May to murdering his wife by choking her in their home in Webber Park last year.

Christopher Howson, 50, pled guilty on May 29 to manslaughter and strangulation in the first degree, both felonies, in the death of Theresa Gorski, 47, and is scheduled to be sentenced on July 16.

Howson, a computer software programmer, was facing life in prison after originally being charged with second degree murder. According to Westchester District Attorney Janet DiFiore, Howson called 911 on January 5, 2013 at about 3 a.m. stating he had just strangled his wife and believed that she was dead.

Gorski, a part-time staff attorney for Bronx Legal Aid Society, died at Phelps Memorial Hospital when she was taken off life support four days after the incident at 127 New Broadway.



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## Viewfinder

**1:** A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the Old Croton Aqueduct, new access from Lyndhurst across Broadway adjacent to the Greystone on Hudson property, with developer, Andy Todd, and his business partner, Barry Prevor. Also in attendance were state Assemblyman Tom Abinanti, county Legislator MaryJane Shimsky, Deputy County Executive Kevin Plunkett and others.

**2:** A trolley picks up a passenger during Irvington Historic Celebration Day.

**3:** Nu Toy Store raised more than \$400 to support Pets Alive, a no-kill shelter in Elmsford, during Third Friday in Tarrytown.



Kids race for finish line during Color Run at Sleepy Hollow High.



Trolley sponsored by Sunnyside Federal Savings & Loan



Photos by Sunny McLean



# It's not just for Halloween...

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- July 20 Kim and Reggie Harris / Folk/Gospel/Pop
- July 27 KJ Denhert / Jazz/Folk
- Aug. 3 Jerry O'Sullivan / Uilleann Pipes
- Aug. 10 Broadway Performers  
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- Aug. 17 Hymn Sing



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## Food for Thought

# Salmon Sides Smoked on the Grill

by Linda Viertel

Now that spring finally HAS arrived, we're all ready to burst at the seams and head outside to eat, clean out our barbecues, and buy fresh meat, fish, poultry and vegetables to grill our favorite way. One of the most wholesome main courses one can grill is salmon – a fish now becoming more plentiful thanks to un-damming many of America's rivers. Prices have gone down consequently, so purchasing a whole side of salmon (or two for that matter) is no more expensive per pound than the finest prime meat – better for you too.

The following recipe for "smoked salmon" is extremely easy but involves forethought for brining prep time – starting the day before serving – and vigilance day of in treating the salmon and air-drying it before placing it on the grill. It cooks for an hour, and with the maple/soy glaze slathered on top as it smokes, just the right amount of sweetness is added for that "umami" mouth feel that is indescribable.

No matter how many sides of salmon we serve, there are never any leftovers. It's perfect for crowds as well as small dinner parties – but Fourth of July is the best time of all to treat your guests to this delight. See for yourself.

### 3 Finishing the Salmon:



Add chips and maple glaze at the half hour mark and again at 45 minutes. When the fish has slow-smoked for an hour, it's done.

Wearing some mitts, get a good grip on the cheesecloth around the salmon and transfer it to a platter – it's best to have the platter nearby, because the fish falls apart easily. When you get it

back to the kitchen you can tuck the visible bits of cheesecloth under the fish for a nicer presentation. You can add some dill weed stems along the edges to cover any visible cheesecloth and fancy up the dish a little if you'd like.

Cut it cross-wise and serve. You'll notice that the skin stays stuck to the cheesecloth, so you'll be

serving it skinless. Serve with dill sauce on the side. One side of salmon (depending on the size of the original fish) will serve about eight to ten people.

Visit *The Hudson Independent's* website: [www.thehudsonindependent.org](http://www.thehudsonindependent.org) for dill sauce recipe.

### Brining Recipe

Put all the following ingredients in doubled kitchen pail garbage bags to prevent any leakage. Best to hold the top and set the bottom in the sink.

8- 9 cups water	1 cup brown sugar
1/3 cup kosher salt	4 bay leaves
10-15 black peppercorns	

Mix well to dissolve salt and sugar while holding top of bag, then place salmon fillets in brine and tie top tightly. Place bag with salmon in roasting pan with sides and slide into refrigerator shelf carefully to avoid any spilling. Let sit for one day – occasionally massaging fish in water to make sure the salt, and sugar are well distributed.

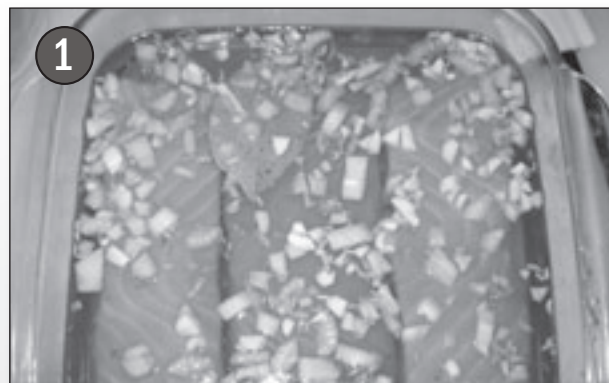
Remove the side (or sides) of salmon from the brine, wash thoroughly and lay them out (skin side down) on a double layer of cheesecloth on a cookie rack. Make sure the cheesecloth sticks out amply on all sides – you're going to cook the salmon on the cheesecloth, and pick it up by the cheesecloth when it's done so it won't stick to your barbecue grill.

Air dry the salmon for one hour- the brine will make sure there's no spoilage. When dried, you can use needle-nose pliers to remove any little bones you see or feel with your fingertips – there are bound to be some.

Put about eight charcoal briquettes on each side of a barbecue kettle, or light your gas grill on a very low temperature – the inside of the chamber should be only about 200 degrees when the fire is hot. And by putting the charcoal on the side, you leave a big empty channel down the middle. That's where the salmon is going to go.

When the fire is ready, throw a handful of hardwood chips (apple is best, but hickory will certainly do) on the coals and lay out the salmon

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in the middle of the grill. Cover and wait 15 minutes, then add another handful of chips on each side and paint with the maple glaze.

### Maple Glaze

1/4-1/3 cup maple syrup  
(depending upon whether or not you are cooking 2 large fillets)  
1/2 teaspoon powdered ginger  
1 teaspoon soy sauce

Mix all ingredients well in small bowl, and brush glaze onto fillets as they finish cooking.

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## The Pastry Chef

by Linda Viertel

An overwhelming array of pastry delights has arrived in Tarrytown at The Pastry Chef – a bake shop that will delight the eye and, above all, satisfy any sweet tooth. New owners, Maria Trindade, with 20 years managing The Delite Bake shop in Yonkers, and her husband, Frank Cosio, with 15 years' experience baking all the cakes and pastries there, have opened their own welcoming shop, displaying Cosio's skilled, in-house baking talents.

Custom-baked cakes for all occasions are available. So, bring in a photo of a wedding cake or special event cake, and Frank will recreate the dessert to order according to your wishes. Their most popular pastry has become chocolate mousse-filled cannoli. But, stop by for breakfast and enjoy a cup of coffee or espresso at one of their charming sidewalk tables and choose from

a variety of cheese-filled Danish, croissants, ricotta-filled sfogliatelle, heavenly melt-aways, muffins, donuts or apple turnovers.

Beautifully prepared fruit tarts with custard filling make the perfect summer dessert. So why not order a cherry, apple, apple crumb or coconut custard pie for the 4th of July holiday? The Pastry Chef has a multitude of pies and cakes to choose from. Red velvet cake, and Molly Brown (chocolate cake layered with bananas, strawberries and whipped cream), fudge, lemon or peach melba, plus many other scrumptious selections.

Cheesecakes come in a variety of flavors, and cookies of all kinds fill a display case: black and whites, Greek wedding cookies, Italian sesame, biscotti, butter cookies with fillings and others colorfully decorated – the array will make it difficult to pick a favorite.

Cake pops, your choice of cake dipped in



Frank Cosio and Maria Trindade proudly display a decorative cake.

your icing preference, are perfect treats for children or the centerpiece for a special occasion. A display of ever-popular cupcakes presents a selection of charmingly decorated and inviting cake choices.

Even sugar-free options are available for those who have to resist all the appealing, mouth-watering baked goods The Pastry Chef has to offer.

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# Mary Poppins Flies Into WBT to Cheer Its 40th Anniversary

by Morey Storck

On July 9, Westchester Broadway Theatre will celebrate its 40th anniversary, a celebration which includes 184 main-stage productions and nearly 1,000 Monday/Tuesday special events and concerts. Kiss Me Kate was the first production and Mary Poppins, now playing, is the 184th.

It was a different theatre in 1974. Bill Stutler and Bob Funking initiated the dinner theatre concept in Westchester by designing, building and opening An Evening Dinner Theatre, which has now become the longest running year-round professional equity theatre in New York State. That unique Westchester theatre venue

boasted a thrust stage where every seat and table faced the stage. That allowed the actors and dancers considerably more freedom of movement without a strict front-line assembly that a conventional proscenium stage requires. Then, in 1991, the theatre was relocated not far from the original, to allow for a larger performance space, state-of-the-art technology, increased seating capacity, and of course, a bigger kitchen for better service. Plus, a new name: Westchester Broadway Theatre. Its first production was A Chorus Line.

In 2004, Bill and Bob were inducted into the Westchester County Business Hall of Fame in recognition of their work.

It's never very easy being successful. Ask any Broadway producer. There are new auditions for every production at WBT. Auditions are held in New York City for leads and featured players, separately for male and female, equity and non-equity, agent-sent and open call. And then there are the ensemble, singers and dancers, plus the hiring of the creative staff, director, choreographer, musical director, set, costume and lighting designers. All in all, it can take up to two weeks to get everyone in place. Luckily, Bob and Bill have Lisa Tiso who, since 1991, is able to lend a helping hand as Associate Producer.

Mary Poppins is London's West End/Broadway musical with music and lyrics by the Academy Award-winning brothers, Robert and Richard Sherman, (with additional music and lyrics by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe) and a book by Julian Fellowes. It is based on the similarly titled series of children's books by P.L. Travers and the 1964 Walt Disney film. The New York version opened on Broadway in November

2006 with only minor changes from the West End version. It closed March 3, 2013 after running over six years and 2619 performances.

The story revolves around the rather dysfunctional Banks family, (Mother, Father, two children, Jane and Michael, cook and odd-job man.) Into the mix arrives Mary Poppins, a very self-confident "Practically Perfect" new nanny and her friend Bert, a wise chimney sweep. Together, Mary and Bert devise lessons and adventures to teach the family values which have been largely ignored or misunderstood. It takes about 2 hours for them to succeed. When Mary realizes that her job is complete, she bids a fond farewell and flies off high above the



audience. All is happiness ever after.

As usual, the voices assembled for WBT productions are superb, and in this case the score they are given to sing doesn't skip a beat. With so many good songs written to move the story along, it's hard to pick and choose. Leo Ash Evans, playing Bert, gets things going with the award-winning "Chim Chim Cher-ee" and continues with great production numbers such as "Jolly Holiday" and, particularly, "Step In Time." Lauren Blackman, as Mary Poppins, sings the aforementioned "Practically Perfect," and follows with her cheerful wit and wisdom in the crowd-pleaser "A Spoonful of Sugar," and, after that, the wonderful ensemble piece "Anything Can Happen." Of course, how could we possibly forget "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious." It can explain almost anything that needs explaining, in a word.

Set design by Steve Loftus, costumes by Derek Lockwood, lighting by Andrew Gmoser and special effects are all tops and perfect for the show. As far as the sound goes, we still clench teeth in the higher registers. But, apart from the multi-talented cast, the star of the evening is Richard Stafford for his professional direction and his happy, inventive choreography.

A very fun evening. If you haven't seen it, go. It is heartily recommended - at your favorite local equity theatre until July 27.

## Watercooler

### Around the Watercooler

by Jenifer Ross

#### AWARDED & RAISED

The Kids' Club of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow supports and celebrates the achievements of hard-working Sleepy Hollow High seniors with two programs: first, with the introduction of The Kids' Club College Scholarship, which was awarded to **Frandy Cisnero** on June 9, and second, by a "Bedding for Breakfast," which took place on June 24, to collect brand new bedding and gift cards for approximately 40 first-generation college bound students.

Phelps Memorial Hospital Center CEO and President, Keith F. Safian was awarded the "Champion of Children" Award by the Child Care Council of Westchester at the Council's recent annual awards breakfast. Safian was selected for his support of The Robin's Nest, a child care center located on Phelps campus, which serves Phelps staff and the surrounding community.

#### SUPPORTED

Thank you everyone who helped make the W@tercooler Three-Year Anniversary/Fundraiser for **Jill Rose** of Chiboust a success, from the two dozen women (and one man) who made the BrArt (Bra Art), to the shop owners of Tarrytown who displayed them in their windows, to the merchants who donated food (Mint and Bella Roma Deli), and artist Margie Nugent, of Making Faces Parties, who painted a lovely body art bra onto a live model, to Dorothy Handelman who photographed the BrArt and designed a poster to raise more money, and the many who helped set up, clean up, and purchase BrArt!! \$2,800 was raised to help Jill fight cancer.

#### LOCALIZED

Artist turned mystery writer, **Ronnie Levine**, will be conducting readings and book signings in early July for her book *The Ice Cream Shop Detective*. Her fictional story of art forgery and murder has roots in her years of studying art, including a period in which she did copies at the Metropolitan Museum, and in her many conversations with (now retired) Detective Sergeant Eugene Buonanno at Tarrytown's Main Street Sweets, the ice cream shop owned by his family. Readings are scheduled at Main Street Sweets on Friday, July 11 at 7 p.m., at Warner Library on Thursday, July 17 at 7 p.m., and at Bella's Boutique in the fall.



#### SELECTED

Rivertown Artists Workshop (RAW)'s Community Supported Art project is excited to announce the four artists selected to be part of the Hudson Valley's first "CSA for artists": Jill Liflander, Marta Renzi, Rebecca Tomas and Joel Sherry. Each of these artists will receive commissions funded by our community of CSA shareholders and present their original performance work in RAW's fall 2014 season. To play a part in this unique and exciting initiative, visit [www.rivertownartistsworkshop.org](http://www.rivertownartistsworkshop.org) and learn more. Rivertown Artists Workshop (RAW) was also this year's Westchester Magazine's editorial pick for *Best New Contemporary Dance Series*.

#### ANNOUNCED

The JCC, at its Hudson's 85th Anniversary Celebration, announced the start of a "\$1 Million in 8 Weeks" campaign to complete the \$7 million needed for its new 75,000-square-foot, 6.6-acre campus. The JCC on the Hudson, located in Tarrytown, has been part of the community for 85 years. Last year, the JCC provided nearly 400 hours of counseling, educational workshops, and referral services; daily childcare programs for more than 200 children; day camp for 350 children; social and recreational programming for more than 500 adults and seniors; and programming for more than 150 family members with developmental disabilities.

#### ACCEPTED

Congrats to **Margaret Liston** of Sleepy Hollow and **Kathleen McCarthy-Udoff** of Tarrytown for having been accepted into "Space on Ryder Farm's" Artist Residency Program.

Please send any submissions to [jenifer@watercoolerhub.com](mailto:jenifer@watercoolerhub.com)

Jenifer Ross owns W@tercooler, a shared workspace located in Tarrytown, NY [www.watercoolerhub.com](http://www.watercoolerhub.com)



## SHOP LOCAL



# What's Happening

## Saturday 5

**BUTTERFLY COUNT:** At 10 a.m. adults and children over 6 can participate in the annual North American Butterfly Count at Teatown Lake Reservation in Ossining. Call 762-2912, ext. 110 or visit [www.teatown.org](http://www.teatown.org).

**PIRATES OF THE HUDSON:** At 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. watch a rollicking theater performance at the Tarrytown Music Hall followed by a fun day interacting with pirates at Philipsburg Manor. Advance tickets required. Call 631-8200 or visit [www.hudsonvalley.org](http://www.hudsonvalley.org).

**COMPOSTING FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY:** At 11 a.m. learn how to turn your wastes in valuable fertilizer at the Greenburgh Nature Center in Scarsdale. Call 723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

**HONEY TASTING & EXTRACTING:** At 11 a.m. for ages 12 and up at Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture in Pocantico Hills. Call 366-6200 or visit [www.stonebarnscenter.org](http://www.stonebarnscenter.org).

## Monday 7

**SHAKESPEARE READING GROUP:** Meets at 7 p.m. to read “The Taming of the Shrew” at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit [www.warnerlibrary.org](http://www.warnerlibrary.org).

**HISTORY BOOK CLUB:** At 7 p.m. discusses “The Women of the House” by Jean Zimmerman at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit [www.warnerlibrary.org](http://www.warnerlibrary.org).

## Tuesday 8

**ROBERT THE GUITAR GUY:** Songs, movement and fun for all ages at 1 p.m. at the Irvington Public Library. Call 591-7840 or visit [www.irvingtonlibrary.org](http://www.irvingtonlibrary.org).

**COOKING AT HOME WITH KIDS:** At 1:30 p.m. for ages 18 and up at Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture in Pocantico Hills. Call 366-6200 or visit [www.stonebarnscenter.org](http://www.stonebarnscenter.org). Also July 22 and Aug. 5.

## Wednesday 9

**RECEPTION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE ART SHOW:** 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit [www.warnerlibrary.org](http://www.warnerlibrary.org).

**“THE GRAND BUDAPEST HOTEL”:** Film will be shown at 2 p.m. at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit [www.warnerlibrary.org](http://www.warnerlibrary.org).

**BUBBLE MANIA:** At 3:30 p.m. children will be entertained by Casey Carle and his soap bubbles at the Irvington Public Library. Call 591-7840 or visit [www.irvingtonlibrary.org](http://www.irvingtonlibrary.org).

**“SPARK A REACTION”:** At 7 p.m. teens can learn about mind reading at the Irvington Public Library. Call 591-7840 or visit [www.irvingtonlibrary.org](http://www.irvingtonlibrary.org).

[library.org](http://www.irvingtonlibrary.org).

**“LE WEEK-END”:** At 8 p.m. this film about a late adulthood lark will be shown at the Nyack Center, Broadway at Depew. Call (845) 353-2568 or visit [www.rivertownfilm.org](http://www.rivertownfilm.org).

## Thursday 10

**PERPLEXING POLYMERS:** At 3:45 p.m. ages 4-8 make slime and find the secret of the dancing oobleck at the Irvington Public Library. Call 591-7840 or visit [www.irvingtonlibrary.org](http://www.irvingtonlibrary.org).

**“THIS IS ALL AN ACT”:** At 6 p.m. teens try improv acting at the Irvington Public Library.

**BOOK DISCUSSION:** At 7 p.m. the Warner Library Book Group discusses “The Light in the Ruins” by Chris Bohjalian. Call 631-7734 or visit [www.warnerlibrary.org](http://www.warnerlibrary.org).

**FAMILY CONCERT:** At 7 p.m. Jay Mankita presents The Amazing Time Travel Show at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit [www.warnerlibrary.org](http://www.warnerlibrary.org).

## Friday 11

**BODIES IN THE LIBRARY BOOK GROUP:** At 12 noon discussion of “The Case of the Man Who Died Laughing” by Tarquin Hall at the Ossining Public Library. Call 941-2416 or visit [www.ossininglibrary.org](http://www.ossininglibrary.org).

## Saturday 12

**ALIEN INVADERS:** At 10 a.m. learn how animal invaders affect local ecology at Teatown Lake Reservation in Ossining. Call 762-2912, ext. 110 or visit [www.teatown.org](http://www.teatown.org).

**WORM BIN:** At 10 a.m. make your own worm bin for composting at the Greenburgh Nature Center in Scarsdale. Call 723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

**ROOFTOP UNDERGROUND CONCERT SERIES:** At 7:30 p.m. at Curious-on-Hudson, 145 Palisade St., Dobbs Ferry. Reservations at [www.curiouson-hudson.com](http://www.curiouson-hudson.com). Also July 19, 26 & Aug. 9.

**COMEDY NIGHT:** Sinbad performs at 8 p.m. at the Tarrytown Music Hall. Call 877-840-0457 or visit [www.tarrytownmusichall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusichall.org).

## Sunday 13

**YOGA REHAB:** At 11 a.m. workshop on Iyengar Yoga for lower back pain at Riverstone Yoga, 2 Hudson View Way, Tarrytown. Call 332-9462 or visit [www.riverstoneyoga.com](http://www.riverstoneyoga.com).

**WILD EDIBLES WALK AND TASTE:** At 1 p.m. for ages 12 and up at Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture in Pocantico Hills. Call 366-6200 or visit [www.stonebarnscenter.org](http://www.stonebarnscenter.org).

**DISCOVERING WILD EDIBLES WITH WILDMAN STEVE BRILL:** At 1 p.m. at Teatown Lake Reservation in Ossining. Call 762-2912, ext. 110 or visit [www.teatown.org](http://www.teatown.org).

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**COPELAND HOUSE MUSIC IN THE MANSION:** At 4 p.m. experience the music of American composers and their French influencers at Lyndhurst in Tarrytown. Call 631-4481 or visit [www.lyndhurst.org](http://www.lyndhurst.org).

## Monday 14

**AUTHOR VISIT:** At 7 p.m. Robert Livesey discusses his novel “Waiting for the Bomb” at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit [www.warnerlibrary.org](http://www.warnerlibrary.org).

## Tuesday 15

**“CREATING THE FUTURE”:** At 7 p.m. students entering grades 8 and up learn how to create a fictional world in writing at the Irvington Public Library. Call 591-7840 or visit [www.irvingtonlibrary.org](http://www.irvingtonlibrary.org).

**DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE:** 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at JCC on the Hudson in Tarrytown. Call 366-7898 or visit [www.jcconthehudson.org](http://www.jcconthehudson.org). Continued July 16.

## Wednesday 16

**“THE YOUNG VICTORIA”:** Film will be shown at 2 p.m. at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit [www.warnerlibrary.org](http://www.warnerlibrary.org).

**\$5 MOVIE NIGHT:** At 7 p.m. “The Blues Brothers” will be shown at the Tarrytown Music Hall. Call 631-3390 or visit [www.tarrytownmusichall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusichall.org).

**“GASLAND PART II”:** Film and discussion take a deeper and broader look at hydraulic fracturing at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenburgh Nature Center in Scarsdale. Program co-sponsored by the Sierra Club Lower Hudson Group. Call 723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

**WACKY WEDNESDAYS:** At 3:30 p.m. ages 5 - 10 enjoy a fun activity at the Irvington Public Library. Call 591-7840 or visit [www.irvingtonlibrary.org](http://www.irvingtonlibrary.org). Also July 30.

## Thursday 17

**AUTHOR VISIT:** At 7 p.m. local author Ronnie Levine talks about her book “The Ice Cream Shop Detective, an art mystery” at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit [www.warnerlibrary.org](http://www.warnerlibrary.org).

**CRAFT GROUP:** At 7 p.m. ages 16 and older make beaded earrings at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit [www.warnerlibrary.org](http://www.warnerlibrary.org).

**HISTORY LECTURE:** At 7 p.m. Dr. Richard Borkow talks about the pivotal role played by Westchester County in the American Revolution at the Irvington Public Library. Call 591-7840 or visit [www.irvingtonlibrary.org](http://www.irvingtonlibrary.org).

**AFTER DARK:** “The Visitor” will be shown at 9 p.m. at Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville. Call 747-5555 or visit [www.burnsfilmcntr.org](http://www.burnsfilmcntr.org).

## Friday 18

**BOOK CLUB:** At 10 a.m. “My Promised Land”



by Ari Shavit will be discussed at Temple Beth Abraham in Tarrytown. Call 631-1770 or e-mail [aduldet@tba-ny.org](mailto:aduldet@tba-ny.org) to RSVP.

**STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER:** For boys and girls ages 3 & up at the Irvington Public Library. Call 591-7840 or visit [www.irvingtonlibrary.org](http://www.irvingtonlibrary.org).

**THIRD FRIDAY IN TARRYTOWN:** July features the Annual Softball Classic at Pierson Park plus a circus performance, live music and much more. Call 631-8347 or visit [www.tarrytownthirdfriday.com](http://www.tarrytownthirdfriday.com).

**YOUTH POETRY AND STORY SLAM:** 6 p.m. at Y Theatre Arts Studio in Tarrytown. Call 418-5562 or visit [www.ymcatarrytown.org](http://www.ymcatarrytown.org).

## Saturday 19

**RIVERWALK APPRECIATION DAY:** Help clean and restore RiverWalk from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet at the bottom of West Main St. in Tarrytown. Call 419-7229 or visit [www.frw-ttown.org](http://www.frw-ttown.org).

**WRITERS FORUM:** At 11 a.m. Eileen Palma discusses how she found a publisher for her novel “Worth the Weight” at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit [www.warnerlibrary.org](http://www.warnerlibrary.org).

**CONCERT:** Natalie Merchant performs at 8 p.m. at the Tarrytown Music Hall. Call 877-840-0457 or visit [www.tarrytownmusichall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusichall.org).

## Sunday 20

**“TRUNKS AND TRAVEL”:** At 2 p.m. Mary Jeanne Bialas talks about the intricacies of 19th century travel at Lyndhurst in Tarrytown. Call 631-4481 or visit [www.lyndhurst.org](http://www.lyndhurst.org).

## Wednesday 23

**HITCHCOCK SERIES:** “North by Northwest” will be shown at 2 p.m. at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit [www.warnerlibrary.org](http://www.warnerlibrary.org).

**BUZZ WORTHY FILMS:** “Saving Mr. Banks” will be shown at 6:30 p.m. at the Ossining Public Library. Call 941-2416 or visit [www.ossininglibrary.org](http://www.ossininglibrary.org).

**“PARTICLE FEVER”:** At 8 p.m. this documentary about science and scientists will be shown at the Nyack Center, Broadway at Depew. Call (845)

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43 Wildey St., Tarrytown, 631-0205	<b>YOGA ON THE CHAIR:</b> 11:15 a.m. Fridays.	<b>YOGA:</b> 10 a.m. Thursdays.	<b>CERAMICS:</b> 10 a.m. July 1 and 15 (subject to change).
<b>ART EXHIBIT:</b> July 1 – 31 at Warner Library.	<b>MOVIES:</b> 1 p.m. Fridays.	<b>BOOK CLUB:</b> 1 p.m. July 25.	<b>SENIOR PICNIC:</b> 12:30 p.m. July 24 at Kingsland Point Park.
	<b>BRIDGE AND CARD CLUB:</b> 1 p.m. Fridays.	<b>OTHER CLASSES:</b> Check bulletin board.	<b>EXERCISE CLASS:</b> 10:15 a.m. Fridays.
	<b>BINGO NIGHT:</b> 5:30 July 11 (45-cent cards).	<b>POOL TABLES:</b> Available any time.	<b>KNITTING:</b> 1 p.m. Fridays.
	Closed Independence Day, July 4	Closed Independence Day, July 4	<b>OPEN WEEKDAYS FOR SOCIALIZING, CARD PLAYING, ETC.:</b> 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
	<b>TARRYTOWN SENIOR CENTER</b>	<b>JAMES F. GALGANO SENIOR CENTER</b>	Closed Independence Day, July 4
	Pierson Park, 631-2304. Annual donation is \$15.	55 Elm St., Sleepy Hollow, 631-0390. Annual donation is \$10, due before March 1.	
	<b>MEETINGS:</b> 1 p.m. July 1 and 15, followed by games.	<b>MEETINGS:</b> 1 p.m. July 7 and 21, followed by	





**Saturday July 12:** Sinbad performs at 8 p.m. at the Tarrytown Music Hall. Call 877-840-0457 or visit [www.tarrytownmusichall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusichall.org).

353-2568 or visit [www.rivertownfilm.org](http://www.rivertownfilm.org).

#### Thursday 24

**TEEN CRAFTS:** At 7 p.m. make earrings for yourself and for a battered women's shelter at the Irvington Public Library. Call 591-7840 or visit [www.irvingtonlibrary.org](http://www.irvingtonlibrary.org).

**"HOW TO PAY FOR COLLEGE WITHOUT GOING BROKE":** Program for students and parents at 7 p.m. at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. To register call 631-7734 or visit Reference desk.

#### Friday 25

**"HAIRSPRAY, JR.":** Random Farms Kids' Theater performs at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the Tarrytown Music Hall. Call 877-840-0457 or visit [www.tarrytownmusichall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusichall.org). Also July 26 and 27 at 1 p.m., Aug. 1 at 11 a.m. & 7 p.m., Aug. 2 and 3 at 1 p.m.

#### Saturday 26

**AFRICAN HERITAGE PRESENTATION:** At 2 p.m. Rita Wagener will talk about the culture and customs of her native Uganda at the Ossining Public Library. Call 941-2416 or visit [www.ossininglibrary.org](http://www.ossininglibrary.org).

**WHAT A HUMMER!:** At 2 p.m. learn about hummingbirds and make a feeder at Teatown Lake Reservation in Ossining. Call 762-2912, ext. 110 or visit [www.teatown.org](http://www.teatown.org).

#### Wednesday 30

**HITCHCOCK SERIES:** "To Kill a Thief" will be shown at 2 p.m. at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit [www.warnerlibrary.org](http://www.warnerlibrary.org).

**ORIGAMI FOR TEENS AND TWEENS:** At 3 p.m. at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit [www.warnerlibrary.org](http://www.warnerlibrary.org).

#### Thursday 31

**HALLOWEEN IN JULY!:** At 3:45 p.m. ages 4 & up don costumes and celebrate at the Irvington Public Library. Call 591-7840 or visit [www.irvingtonlibrary.org](http://www.irvingtonlibrary.org).

**BLACK-LIGHTING FOR MOTHS:** At 8 p.m. watch night flying insects at Teatown Lake Reservation in Ossining. Call 762-2912, ext. 110 or visit [www.teatown.org](http://www.teatown.org).

#### Thursday 31 – August 2

**Y SUMMER THEATER:** Teen Troupe presents "Romeo & Juliet" Thurs. at 10 a.m. & 4 p.m., Fri. at 10 a.m. & 7:30 p.m., Sat. at 4 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.; Youth Troupe presents "Julius Caesar" Thurs. at 7 p.m., Fri. at 4 p.m., Sat. at 10 a.m. at Patriot's Park in Tarrytown. Call 418-5562 for more information.

#### Friday, August 1

**BODIES IN THE LIBRARY BOOK GROUP:** At 12 noon discussion of "Death in the Andes" by Mario Vargas Llosa at the Ossining Public Library. Call 941-2416 or visit [www.ossininglibrary.org](http://www.ossininglibrary.org).

#### Saturday, August 2

**GREAT HUDSON ESTUARY FISH COUNT:** At 10 a.m.

join Teatown and Strawtown Art and Garden Studio at the RiverWalk Center in Sleepy Hollow to seine for fish and other creatures. Afterwards make a symbolic driftwood sculpture with paint and sand. Call 762-2912, ext. 110 or visit [www.teatown.org](http://www.teatown.org).

#### Ongoing

**FROM A CHILD'S PERSPECTIVE:** Thursdays through August from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. travel back to the 19th century and play games, hear stories, race through a scavenger hunt and participate in hands-on-activities at Washington Irving's Sunnyside in Tarrytown. Call 631-8200 or visit [www.hudsonvalley.org](http://www.hudsonvalley.org).

**"SEVEN BELLS FOR STONE BARNS":** Original sound art exhibition through Nov. 2 at Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture in Pocantico Hills. Call 366-6200 or visit [www.stonebarnscenter.org](http://www.stonebarnscenter.org).

**KARATE FOR KIDS:** Mondays and Wednesdays from July 2 – Aug. 13 at JCC on the Hudson in Tarrytown. Beginners through Yellow belts at 5:30 p.m.; Green and Purple belts at 6:30 p.m. Call 366-7898 or visit [www.jccontheudson.org](http://www.jccontheudson.org).

**SUNSET JAZZ @ LYNDBURST:** Thursdays July 10 to Aug. 28 at 6:30 p.m. Call 478-1147 or visit [www.jazzforumarts.org](http://www.jazzforumarts.org).

**SOUNDS OF SUMMER:** New music documentaries July 10 – Aug. 31 at Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville. Call 747-5555 or visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

**"THE WIZARD OF OZ":** July 31 – Sept. 21 at the Westchester Broadway Theatre in Elmsford. Dinner at 6:15 p.m. & show at 8 p.m. Call 592-2222 or visit [www.broadwaytheatre.com](http://www.broadwaytheatre.com).

**NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE ART SHOW:** During July at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Reception July 9 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Call 631-7734 or visit [www.warnerlibrary.org](http://www.warnerlibrary.org).

**EXHIBIT:** "Contemplation of Water", digital art by Lev Gogish on display at the Irvington Public Library. Reception July 12 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Call 591-7840 or visit [www.irvingtonlibrary.org](http://www.irvingtonlibrary.org).

**EXHIBIT:** Lighthouses & Landscapes" by Dani Jackson on view at the Ossining Public Library. Reception July 2 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Call 941-2416 or visit [www.ossininglibrary.org](http://www.ossininglibrary.org).

**PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT:** Cherry blooms by Rebecca Singer through July 27 at the Greenburgh Nature Center in Scarsdale. Call 723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

**KAYAKING:** Rent a kayak between 12 noon and 5 p.m. on the Tarrytown Lakes Saturdays and Sundays. Instruction available 9 a.m. to noon, and Thursdays and Fridays 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. by appointment. Call 682-5135 or visit [www.KayakHudson.com](http://www.KayakHudson.com).

**GUIDED KAYAK TOURS:** Thursday/Friday evenings and weekends at Kingsland Point Park, Sleepy Hollow. Call 682-5135 or visit [www.KayakHudson.com](http://www.KayakHudson.com) for complete schedule.

**SUMMER MUSIC SERIES:** Wednesdays through Aug. 20 Jazz Forum Arts presents free concerts from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at The Masters School in Dobbs Ferry. Call 478-1147 or visit [www.jazzforumarts.org](http://www.jazzforumarts.org).

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**SUPPORT GROUP:** The Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow chapter of GRASP (Grief Recovery After a Substance Passing) meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Christ Church, focusing on child loss. E-mail [tarrytownsleepyhollowgrasp@gmail.com](mailto:tarrytownsleepyhollowgrasp@gmail.com).

**"MARY POPPINS":** Through July 27 at the Westchester Broadway Theatre in Elmsford. Dinner at 6:15 p.m. & show at 8 p.m. Call 592-2222 or visit [www.broadwaytheatre.com](http://www.broadwaytheatre.com).

**JAZZ WEDNESDAYS @THE PRIME:** Mark Morganelli, Vic Juris & Nilson Matta play jazz and Brazilian jazz from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at 19 Main St., Hastings-on-Hudson. Call 478-1147 or visit [www.jazzforumarts.org](http://www.jazzforumarts.org).

**TEACHER/STUDENT EXHIBITION:** The work of Athena Bing He and Emily Denise is on view until July 13 at Studio A Gallery, 52 Main St., Tarrytown. Call 347-755-6069 or e-mail [studioAgallery@gmail.com](mailto:studioAgallery@gmail.com).

**WALK AMONG LIVE BUTTERFLIES EXHIBIT:** From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Aug. 3 at the Greenburgh Nature Center in Scarsdale. Call 723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

**ANNUAL STORY WALK:** At 1 p.m. through Sept. 28 for children ages 8 and younger at the Greenburgh Nature Center in Scarsdale. Call 723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

**IRVINGTON FARMERS MARKET:** Every Wednesday from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Main Street School parking lot. Visit <http://irvingtonfarmer-smarket.net>.

**FARMERS' MARKET AT PHELPS HOSPITAL:** Thursdays starting June 12 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. across from the 755 Medical Arts Building in Sleepy Hollow. Call 366-3937.

**TARRYTOWN FARMERS' MARKET:** Open from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays at Patriots' Park. Call 923-4837.

**OSSINING DOWN-TO-EARTH FARMERS' MARKET:** Open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. all year at Spring and Main Sts. Call 923-4837.

**FARM MARKET:** Stone Barns Center's produce, meat and eggs are on sale Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 630 Bedford Road, Pocantico Hills. Call 366-6200 or visit [www.stonebarnscenter.org](http://www.stonebarnscenter.org).

**MAH JONGG:** Play Mondays at 1 p.m. at Temple Beth Abraham in Tarrytown. Call 631-1770 or e-mail [adulted@tba-nj.org](mailto:adulted@tba-nj.org) to ensure there are enough players for a game.

**BACKGAMMON NIGHT:** Starts at 6 p.m. the first Monday of the month at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit [www.warnerlibrary.org](http://www.warnerlibrary.org).

**MAH JONGG:** Play Tuesdays at 10 a.m. at JCC on the Hudson in Tarrytown. Call 366-7898 or e-mail [lgreen@jccontheudson.org](mailto:lgreen@jccontheudson.org).

**YIDDISH:** Read, learn and sing on Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. at JCC on the Hudson in Tarrytown. Call 366-7898 or visit [www.jccontheudson.org](http://www.jccontheudson.org).

**MEN'S CLUB:** Meets every Wednesday at 9:45 a.m. at JCC on the Hudson in Tarrytown. Meetings have varied speakers and are open to the public free of charge. Call 366-7898 or visit [www.jccontheudson.org](http://www.jccontheudson.org).

**TORAH STUDY:** Rabbi Holtz leads a class every Wed. at 10 a.m. at Temple Beth Abraham in Tarrytown. No previous knowledge required. Call 631-1770 or e-mail [adulted@tba-nj.org](mailto:adulted@tba-nj.org).

**CHESS CLUB:** The Warner Library Chess Club meets on the second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Call 631-7734 or visit [www.warnerlibrary.org](http://www.warnerlibrary.org).

**BUDDHIST MEDITATION:** Westchester Buddhist Center meets every Sunday at 10 a.m. at Eileen Fisher headquarters in Irvington. All are welcome. Visit [www.westchesterbuddhistcenter.org](http://www.westchesterbuddhistcenter.org).

**USED BOOKS:** Friends of the Irvington Library is partnering with Curious-on-Hudson Bookshop, 145 Palisade St., Dobbs Ferry to offer used books year round. Proceeds go directly to the Library. Call 412-8393 or e-mail [friends.irvingtonlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friends.irvingtonlibrary@gmail.com).

**HOMEBOUND SERVICES @ YOUR LIBRARY:** If you are unable to leave your home due to illness or disability, a Warner Library staff member or volunteer will bring library materials to you. Call

the Reference Desk at 631-7734.

**STONE BARNS' PROGRAMS:** A series of produce-related talks and tours are offered on Saturdays and family programs on Sundays at Stone Barns in Pocantico Hills. Call 366-9606 or visit [www.stonebarnscenter.org](http://www.stonebarnscenter.org).

**HEALTHY LIFE SERIES:** Phelps Memorial Hospital Center in Sleepy Hollow offers the community a wide range of programs on health-related subjects as well as health screenings and support groups. Visit [www.phelpshospital.org](http://www.phelpshospital.org).

**FILMS FOR CHILDREN:** Weekends at noon at the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville. Call 747-5555 or visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARIES:** Stories, rhymes, crafts and songs for children of various ages at Tarrytown's Warner Library and Irvington Public Library. For Warner, call 631-7734 or visit [www.warnerlibrary.org](http://www.warnerlibrary.org). For Irvington, call 591-7840 or visit [www.irvingtonlibrary.org](http://www.irvingtonlibrary.org).

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## Obituaries

# Remembering a Lifelong Tarrytown Resident Who Made a Difference

by Kim Gaudin de Gonzalez

While Lugari Hall on the EF Campus bears the name of lifelong Tarrytown resident Ed Lugari, it's unlikely that students who sleep in the 325-bed dormitory know anything about the man whose life adventures manifested a character with a Paul Bunyan-like strength and skill, a Clint Eastwood cool, and a Marlboro Man ruggedness.

Lugari, who died on June 16, 2014, in his Tarrytown home, was the facilities manager at Marymount College, and then Marymount/Fordham, and finally EF for 19 years. He oversaw the restoration of the Butler Dome and the refurbishment of all the dormitories.

His meticulous care of the 11 buildings and grounds of the campus was renowned by co-workers, contractors, and administrators alike, and in 2009, just as he was retiring, administrators and county legislators honored him by renaming a building after him and declaring December 17, 2009 Edward Lugari Day throughout Westchester County.

"Ed had the tough frontiersman sort of exterior which betrayed a very warm and generous man inside," said Brian Byrne, Ph.D., a vice president at Fordham University. "He was the kind of guy who would automatically say 'no' three times to anything you asked and then put his whole heart and soul into accomplishing the task if it was for the betterment of this campus—an incredibly dedicated, honest guy."

Co-workers tell stories about how this 6'3" man once threw a drop cloth over a deer who had wandered into a Marymount classroom, wrestled it to submission, and carried it outside to freedom. In another tale of campus heroism, dressed in a suit and tie for graduation, he single-handedly sawed up a tree that had fallen across a campus road. When he oversaw the 1999 restoration of the historic Butler Dome, he climbed up on it with the contractor to decorate it with a blue ribbon.

Sister Brigid Driscoll, former president of Marymount and one time neighbor, remembers a nattily dressed man walking up the hill to Marymount every morning well before the offices opened. "He could have easily been the President of IBM—that's how he carried himself as he strode along," she said. "He had a sense of dignity about him, and a great energy for work—anything he could wrap his hands around."

During his tenure from 1990 to 2009 he never once closed the college for a snow day—and was often seen cleaning snow, or on his hands and knees in summer planting begonias himself. He never took a sick day.

Born in Tarrytown in 1936, he spent

most of his first 10 years living in the gatekeeper's cottage of the Axe Castle, (now The Castle Resort & Health Spa) where his Teamster father (6'6") Ed Lugari Sr. protected the road and cared for the estate. He often accompanied his mother Viola to the castle tower where she would look out for enemy aircraft during WWII while Lugari would do his homework. The family lived with no heat, no phone and plenty of roosters, chickens, rabbits, geese, and dogs. It was at the Axe Estate where Ed's passion for the sport of hunting first developed.

Over his life time, he hunted big and small game around the globe. He is listed by the Safari Club International for a 408-point elk he hunted, and also holds in his collection a 10 foot, 9 inch Kodiak bear. He is also registered in the Mountain Hunter Record Book for having taken a record Coastal Black Bear in the Vancouver Island Region, scoring a record 18 3/16 on June 7, 2006. For years his collection was on display in his office at Rita Hall on the Marymount campus.

Perhaps his expertise in hunting was a result of his athletic abilities and sharpshooter eye. After graduating from Washington Irving High School, where he lettered in baseball, track, shot put, and football, Mr. Lugari joined the U.S. Marine Corps, where, because of his skill in precision shooting, he was designated Rifleman No. 1. After finishing his four-year commitment to the marines in 1958, Mr. Lugari was invited to try out for the New York Giants football team. He was recruited and played very briefly in a game that autumn against the Cleveland Browns. He was knocked out for 20 seconds, received 185 stitches, and lost mobility in his left leg. Not long after, the Giants trainer informed him his time as a recruit was finished.

That same year, he married high school sweetheart Bettejane Speno. In 1962, the couple had a daughter, Wendy. They also have a 23-year-old granddaughter, Allaire Jane.

As an active member of the Tarrytown community, he fought fires in Tarrytown for more than 60 years with the Washington Engine Company—including a major blaze in 1969 that almost wiped out Main Street.

Before landing the Marymount job, Mr. Lugari's colorful employment history included many years work in maintenance at The County Trust Company, and serving as a bodyguard at the Premier Theatre and at the Yonkers Raceway \$50 window. In 1973, he appeared on the cover of the original motion picture soundtrack LP for Electra Glide in Blue, a film starring Robert Blake. After retiring from EF, he served as facilities manager for the Tarrytown Music Hall.



“What do you enjoy most about summer?”



**Ather Adams, 58**  
Tarrytown Post Office (lives in Yonkers)  
“It’s my birthday!”



**John Sarofeen, 51**  
Tarrytown  
“Rosé!”



**Cecily Hunter, 6**  
Tarrytown  
“I like having ice pops and playing in the sprinkler”



**Argelia Pliego, 30**  
Tarrytown  
“The beach, the pool, and my kids are home from school”

Letters

Certificate of Occupancy Needs to be Better Explained in Sleepy Hollow

*To the Editor:*  
I wish that someone in Sleepy Hollow Village government had chosen to be more communicative about the ordinance that was passed some years ago requiring that a current Certificate of Occupancy be in place when a property is purchased in Sleepy Hollow.  
My wife and I purchased our home in 2003 when there was no such policy and sold it privately (not using a realtor) earlier this month. The first I learned of a “C of O” requirement was from my attorney, when the contract of sale was being drawn up and I noticed and inquired about a clause stating a maximum amount of \$2,500 for “C of O” required improvements (our cost was ultimately more than that.)

The owner we had purchased from in 2003 had apparently done a lot of improvements without gaining the proper permits and inspections from the Village along the way.  
If I had been more aware of the need to have improvements done by previous owners of my home “legalized,” I certainly would not have waited until the last couple of weeks before our closing to do so.  
As it was, I found myself extremely challenged and stressed to understand what the Sleepy Hollow Village Building Department was asking me to do based on their initial inspection report, to find contractors who were both qualified to do the work, and would not unfairly exploit my time pressure to get the work completed, to supervise the work, and to explain to my buyers why we were

not ready to close in mid-April as originally planned. I even found myself on the phone explaining it to my buyers’ mortgage broker, who works for a private mortgage lender which was founded in 1925, has initiated hundreds of mortgages across the country, and yet had never run into this situation.  
It would seem to be to be a simple and appropriate thing for someone in Village government to write a brief blurb describing the “C of O” statute and its implication to potential home sellers and include it in an upcoming water bill mailing, just as was done by Mayor Zegarelli to explain a 13.95% sewer rent charge based on water usage, back in 2004. Meanwhile, I thought writing this letter would help get the word out to readers of the “Hudson Independent.”

For everybody else, I guess it will just be a case of “Caveat Venditor,” or Seller Beware!  
Sincerely,  
**David Rudofsky**  
New York, NY  
  
*Editor’s Note: The Sleepy Hollow Village Board of Trustees began a hearing last week on a proposal to amend the Village Code so that one- and two-family homes would no longer be required to have an updated Certificate of Occupancy. The exemption from that requirement would include condo units and co-op units. The hearing was continued to a trustee meeting scheduled for earlier this week, after this newspaper went to press.*

### Win Tickets to the YMCA’s October Masquerade Ball!

The Family YMCA and *The Hudson Independent* are joining forces to present a contest in which two Masquerade Ball tickets (worth \$160 each), provided by the Y, will be given to the lucky participants who correctly answer monthly questions about the YMCA and this newspaper. There will be a winner this month and in August and September from among those who correctly answer questions posed here and in each of *The Hudson Independent’s* next two issues.

The Masquerade Ball takes place at the Trump National Golf Club in Briarcliff Manor on Friday, October 17. One correctly answered response will be drawn at random each month by youngsters in Daycare and After School programs at the Family Y’s Early Learning Center at Tappan Hill School. To participate, write your answer in an email addressed to [masqcontest@the-hudsonindependent.com](mailto:masqcontest@the-hudsonindependent.com), and include your name, address, phone number and email address. The deadline for this month’s responses is July 20.

**July’s question: What three sports were invented at the YMCA?**

*Look for our second question in August’s issue! Good luck and we look forward to seeing the winners at October’s Masquerade Ball*

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## “Sleepy Hollow Film Fest Shorts” Invite Video Contest Entries

In the interest of promoting year-round excitement surrounding the village of Sleepy Hollow and not just in months that begin with the letter “O,” Krista Madsen has launched and is conducting a little film fest, with which *The Hudson Independent* is collaborating.

Use your video shooting, (and editing?) talents to enter the “Sleepy Hollow Shorts” Film Fest Contest. There are only two key rules: films have to weigh in at 30 seconds maximum, and at least some of the footage has to be filmed in Sleepy Hollow. Yes, 30 seconds; think of all those 30 second commercials that send a message in half a minute.

*The Hudson Independent*, in collaboration with the village, will help narrow the entries down to 10 finalists. These will be screened sometime in October where the audience will decide the grand prize winner of two VIP Sleepy Hollow Haunted Hayride tickets (meaning you get to cut the line!) and honourable mentions in categories to be determined. (Suggestions welcome.)

It is hoped that the submissions will cover the gamut from Sleepy Hollow’s spooky side to slices of everyday cinematic magic. Your video should tell a very short story, but what story you choose is entirely up to you.

Of course, everyone is expected to respect local laws, private property, and personal privacy and to seek out permission when required for sites at which you plan to film. At the Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, for example, video is prohibited and photography requires advanced written permission of the cemetery.

Upload your film to YouTube.com or Vimeo.com using hashtag #SleepyHollowShorts so we can find you! Please add tags for the locations where you filmed here while you’re at it. This newspaper’s website, [www.thehudsonindependent.com](http://www.thehudsonindependent.com), will be linking to entries for your amusement and inspiration.

Be aware that your submission may be Tweeted, Facebooked and generally shared all over the social media

universe, as well as posted on [www.VisitSleepyHollow.com](http://www.VisitSleepyHollow.com). Submission deadline is, Sept. 30, 2014. So, roll ‘em.

*Krista Madsen, as former Tarrytown-Sleepy Hollow Patch and Ossining-Croton Patch editor was a filmer of all sorts of around-town action clips. She is now a regular contributor to The Hudson Independent with both words and images. For more information on this contest, visit [SleepyHollowInk.com](http://SleepyHollowInk.com) or email [krista@sleepyhollowink.com](mailto:krista@sleepyhollowink.com)*



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## Our Neighbors

# Rockefeller Preserve Director Tackles Challenges Head-On

by Dylan Etzel

Last October, the Rockefeller State Park Preserve in Pleasantville welcomed new director, Susan Antenen. After a successful spring season, challenging goals await the Preserve moving forward. Expanding the volunteer program, protecting the Preserve from invasive plants, and making repairs on trails are issues that Antenen has tackled head-on. With her extensive conservation experience and respect for nature, Antenen hopes to utilize social networking and ad-hoc solutions to augment the Preserve's outreach and environmental education efforts.

Though Antenen's résumé includes 25 years in naturalism with the Nature Conservancy and other groups, she began her formative experiences with nature as a young girl in southern Ohio. An avid camper and hiker, she fondly remembers bird watching, catching crayfish and snakes, and family trips to state parks. She went on to lead nature walks and campfire programs, while at the same time becoming versed in the histories of land use, first in Vermont and then in her native Ohio. She inventoried birds and wild flowers before joining the Nature Conservancy, where she built a career.

Antenen has a highly accomplished, diverse history in land and natural resource

management and planning. She has helped conserve the high-elevation forests of Maui, and assisted Long Island state parks by improving the natural conditions for federally protected bird species, while paying close attention to fragile habitats and rare plants.

When the Nature Conservancy was invited to Mongolia, Antenen was designated to scout out the conservation potential; after several years of investigation and program design, the Conservancy officially started its new country program in Mongolia in 2008. She also worked at Wave Hill, a Public Garden in Riverdale, when she first made the Hudson Valley her home.

After gaining even more experience in California's Sierra Nevada woodlands, Antenen decided to return to Westchester to accept the Rockefeller State Park Preserve's directorial position. "In California, everything was new, and although it was exciting, the Preserve is a return to something familiar to me."

Antenen already feels right at home. She walks a few miles along the Preserve every day, taking care to notice something new

each time. "I love the mix of forest, pastures, hayfields, lake and river." And she relishes sharing this enthusiasm with others. "I like working in a place that's important to people and makes them feel good."

Antenen also recognizes the historical significance of the Hudson Valley for art, archaeology, and natural beauty. She has gotten to know how the land changes throughout the seasons, and is planning management of regional wildlife

and forests. She redesigned the Preserve's map, while at the same time overseeing the repair and placement of over 150 trail markers all along the Preserve.

Antenen's goals include carriage road maintenance and planning for infrastructure repairs. "With support from the Friends of Rockefeller State Park Preserve, we are repairing and reconstructing eroded

trails and setting priorities for the long-term care of the graceful carriage road system designed by John D. Rockefeller Jr. 100 years ago," she explained.

Though the Preserve's volunteer program is essential for its maintenance, bringing in new involvement can be difficult. "We have volunteers who have been coming here for many years. Getting people to go on nature walks used to be the goal. Now it's getting them outside." As a result, Antenen has helped introduce the use of apps like Meet-Up to recruit volunteers, young and old, through digital means. She has installed pop-up tables at critical points in the Preserve that explain the trails of the surrounding area, as well as present bones, feathers, and skins that visitors can touch and feel. "People go to places they've never been to experience something new."

One way to discover something new at the Preserve is to visit the Peony Gardens. After 9/11, naturalists in Japan sent native peonies to the Preserve, as a way to offer support. The peonies bloom every May, in time for Mother's Day, but require attention throughout the summer.

A blogspot page highlighting volunteer activities at the preserve offers opportunities for all ages at [rppvolunteers.blogspot.com](http://rppvolunteers.blogspot.com).



Rockefeller State Park Preserve Director Susan Antenen

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