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## Work Begins on Mamaroneck's Parks Building

BY STEPHEN E. LIPKEN

Mamaroneck Town Supervisor Jaine Elkind Eney opened the Town Board meeting on April 8 by announcing that work has begun on the Parks Building. "On March 30 we broke ground on the long-awaited Parks Building, which was partially destroyed during Hurricane Ida. The new building has a green HVAC system, which was funded in part by grants," she said.



Mamaroneck Town Supervisor Jaine Elkind Eney

"On April 1 the Town along with other Long Island Watershed Communities signed an Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA), revitalizing the Long Island Sound Watershed Intermunicipal Council (LIS-WIC). The event was at Rye Playland."

The first Public Hearing covered the

Adoption of the Updated NYStretch Energy Code Law. To promote the public health, safety and welfare of its residents by requiring compliance with energy efficient building standards, in 2021, the Town Board adopted the NYStretch Energy Code 2020, published by the NYS Energy Research and Development Authority.

The NYStretch Energy Code 2020 shall apply to all new construction, substantial renovations, alterations and additions in the unincorporated area of the Town with respect to properties for which a building permit was issued prior to December 31, 2025. This was approved.

The Second Public Hearing pertained to fields available for use on Saturdays

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## Larchmont Budget Would Raise Property Taxes 2 Percent

BY STEPHEN E. LIPKEN

Village of Larchmont Mayor Sarah Bauer opened the April 27 Board of Trustees meeting by thanking the Police and Fire Departments for their response to a manhole cover explosion at Chatsworth Avenue that damaged some underground electrical cables. Two police officers were injured.

Regarding adoption of the 2026-2027 Tentative Budget: Total Tentative Tax Levy is \$17,333,703. Based on the Larchmont Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 released April 24, the following adjustments to Village-wide fees and charges are projected:

- Parking Revenue (Permits and Train Lots): Projected to increase by 5 percent (\$1,108,714)
- Safety Inspection and Land Use Fees: Projected to increase by 4 percent

(\$760,100)

- Recreation and Programming Fees: Projected to increase by 5 percent (\$645,000)
- Fines and Forfeited Bail: Projected to remain flat (\$625,000)

- Mortgage Tax Revenue: Projected to decrease by 14 percent (\$300,000)

The overall amended Tentative Budget shows a Tax Levy increase of 2.11 percent, about \$193 for the average home.

A Local Law amending the Village Code regarding Entertainment and Entertainment Permits require special permits for "Dining

and Entertainment Establishments" in Resource Conservation (RC) zones, defining them as eateries with private event space and music. Those establishments must mitigate noise, keeping doors/windows closed during events and are strictly

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## Larchmont Police Arrest Two Men in \$25,000 Elder Fraud Scheme

The Larchmont Police Department arrested two men on April 13 following a targeted phone scam that allegedly attempted to defraud a 75-year-old village resident of \$25,000 in cash.

At approximately 6:30 PM, a neighbor alerted police after becoming concerned that the victim was being manipulated by a fraudulent caller posing as a Bank of America representative. The caller falsely informed the victim that her cellphone had been hacked and that scammers were processing a \$25,000 transaction from her account. She was instructed to withdraw that amount in cash and hold it for pick-up by a purported bank representative.

Larchmont officers quickly recognized the hallmarks of a “money mule” scam and developed a plan to intervene. At approximately 8:35 PM, a white Toyota Venza arrived at the residence. A male exited the vehicle, approached the front door, and received the packaged funds from the victim. As the individual returned to the vehicle, officers converged and took both the collector and the vehicle’s operator into custody without incident.

The two suspects — Qin Lin, 37, of Staten Island, and Zhonglin Luo, 45, of Brooklyn — were placed under arrest. Both face charges of Grand Larceny in the Third Degree and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Third Degree, both Class D felonies, as well as Conspiracy in the Fifth Degree, a Class A misdemeanor.

The Larchmont Police Department commends the alertness of the reporting neighbor and the cooperation of the victim, whose composure during a frightening experience was instrumental in bringing the suspects to justice. Residents are reminded that legitimate financial institutions will never instruct customers to withdraw cash and hand it to a representative at their home. Anyone receiving such a call is urged to hang up and contact their local police department immediately.



Qin Lin



Zhonglin Luo

## Spotlight on Your Emergency Services Personnel Meet Police Officer Kirk Miller

Officer Kirk Miller has worked in the Larchmont Police Department since 2012. He began his career in Law Enforcement in 2010 with the City of Mount Vernon where he worked in the Patrol Division.

Officer Miller grew up in lower Westchester and before his career in Law Enforcement he worked in the automotive industry. His current responsibilities in the police department are as a certified Field Training Officer and a Senior Patrol Officer assigned to the midnight tour.

In his personal life, Officer Miller enjoys tropical vacations and attending car shows.



## Larchmont Updates Outdoor Dining Program

Larchmont’s outdoor dining program will return for 2026, with some updates to support local businesses while maintaining public safety and accessibility.

Beginning this year, restaurants and merchants will be eligible to apply for year-round sidewalk dining permits. This change reflects the Village’s effort to provide greater flexibility and long-term opportunities for businesses to serve patrons outdoors in a safe and welcoming environment throughout all seasons.

The decision to extend sidewalk dining and commerce year-round follows careful evaluation of past program successes, community feedback, and the evolving needs of local businesses. The Village believes this update will continue to enhance the vibrancy of commercial corridors while offering residents and visitors more dining options.

At the same time, after much consideration, the Village has decided to discontinue the use of on-street dining in parking spaces. While on-street dining played an important role in supporting businesses in previous years, this precautionary measure is being implemented to prioritize the safety of our outdoor dining patrons, as well as motorists traveling through the Village.

The Village of Larchmont remains committed to fostering a thriving local dining scene while ensuring the safety and accessibility of our streets. Transition to a year-round sidewalk dining model strikes a thoughtful balance between economic vitality and public safety.

The application for the “Public Space Use Permit” is now available online at [www.larchmontny.gov/outdoordining](http://www.larchmontny.gov/outdoordining). Business establishments may begin using the sidewalk spaces as soon as a permit is issued to them from the Village of Larchmont. Additional details regarding permit applications, guidelines, and requirements are also posted. Businesses are encouraged to review updated materials and submit applications.

For more information, visit [www.larchmontny.gov/outdoordining](http://www.larchmontny.gov/outdoordining).

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# Westchester County Announces Apprenticeship Bill to Expand Skilled Workforce

The Westchester County Board of Legislators announced new apprenticeship legislation that provides an on-ramp to higher-paying careers in skilled trades for residents, expanding access to quality training and career advancement.

The proposed law, titled “Mandating Apprenticeships in County Projects,” ensures contractors working on large County projects provide top-tier, hands-on training and education in the building trades for workers. Companies bidding on County construction projects over \$250,000 will be required to have New York State registered apprenticeship programs in place. Contractors with 14 or fewer employees will be exempt.

By supporting proven training programs and broader access to skilled jobs, the law helps build a stronger local workforce while ensuring County infrastructure projects are completed by well-trained workers.

Chairman Vedat Gashi (D-New Castle, Ossining, Somers, Yorktown) said, “This is a win-win-win for Westchester County. When the County builds, this law will ensure we are also building opportunity for residents, raising construction



standards, and making sure our public dollars reflect our values. Apprenticeship programs have a proven track record of creating economic opportunities. We are proud to put that record to work for Westchester. I am grateful to our labor partners and my colleagues whose commitment made this possible.”

Legislator David J. Tubiolo (D-Yonkers, Mount Vernon), former Co-Chair of the Board’s Labor Subcommittee, said, “After working on this for two years, I’m proud we’re announcing this labor ap-

prenticeship initiative — an investment in Westchester County’s future workforce and the strength of our local economy. This will give residents a clear pathway to good-paying, skilled careers while ensuring our County projects are built by highly trained professionals. Supporting union labor means supporting safer worksites, stronger communities, and lasting economic opportunity right here in Westchester.”

Legislator Jenn Puja (D-White Plains, Scarsdale, West Harrison), Chair of the

Board’s Labor Committee, said, “Westchester puts workers first. This apprenticeship bill reflects years of advocacy and partnership. I’ve seen firsthand how apprenticeships open doors to good-paying union jobs and strengthen our workforce. Thank you to our labor partners and legislative colleagues whose dedication and persistence made this reality.”

Thomas Carey, President, Westchester/Putnam Central Labor Body AFL-CIO said, “Our apprenticeship programs

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## Westchester Receives \$7.75 Million Grant to Remove Lead Hazards

Westchester County has been awarded \$7.75 million in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to expand its Lead Safe Westchester program, an established initiative that helps remove lead-based paint and other safety hazards from older homes across the County.

The funding will support lead hazard reduction efforts over the next four years, focusing on housing units occupied by low and moderate-income households. Since 1999, Lead Safe Westchester has invested more than \$20 million in over 1,500 units improving housing conditions for residents by addressing lead hazards in homes built before 1978, when lead-based paint was commonly used.

Lead poisoning remains a serious but preventable public health issue, particularly for young children. In Westchester County, more than 81 percent of housing was built before 1978, increasing the risk of exposure to lead-based paint and dust.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: "This \$7.75 million award allows us to build on the success of the Lead Safe Westchester program and continue addressing a serious but preventable public health risk. By expanding this work, we are helping protect children and families while improving the safety and quality of affordable housing throughout Westchester County."

Department of Planning Commissioner Blanca Lopez said: "Lead Safe Westchester has made a meaningful impact in communities across the County. This additional funding allows us to expand those efforts and reach more households that need assistance to mitigate lead hazards and improving overall housing conditions."

Through the program, the County's Department of Planning will continue to inspect eligible homes, develop scopes of work and coordinate repairs with certified contractors. Improvements may include paint stabilization, window and door replacement and installation of safety features such as smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Applications for Lead Safe Westchester are currently being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority given to households with children under 6 and pregnant women. To qualify for assistance, households have to meet federal income guidelines and eligible properties must be built before 1978.

Residents interested in applying or learning more can contact the Westchester County Department of Planning at 914-995-4402 or PLAN-LSW@WestchesterCountyNY.gov

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starting at 8 AM instead of 9 AM, the current rule. Town Attorney William Maker stressed that it was a temporary measure, effective April 11, reverting to 9 AM after Saturday, June 27.

Meeting as Fire Commissioners, the Board relayed a request by Fire Chief Alex Rapp to remit to the Controller the sum of \$6,227.66, approved by Roll Call Vote. There were 76 alarms; total personnel responding numbered 797; total time working was 55 hours, 40 minutes.

Reverting to the Regular Board Meeting, Affairs of the Town included setting a Public Hearing on April 22 for Proposed Local Law, "Revision of the Senior Citizens Tax Exemption;" Consideration-Millennium Strategies Agreement; Consideration to Reject Bid TA-26-01, Highway Department Materials Disposal; Consideration-Consultant Proposal 2026 Design Development for Storm Sewer Improvements and Consideration-NYS Unified Solar Permit Application.

## County Board Launches Meet Your Legislator Series

The Westchester County Board of Legislators launched a new social media video series, *Meet Your Legislator*, offering residents an inside look at the people who represent them in county government.

In short videos, legislators share their priorities, challenges, and views about their home communities, and the experiences that shape their public service. The series debuted on April 1. A new legislator will be featured each week.

Chairman Vedat Gashi (D-New Castle, Ossining, Somers, Yorktown) said, "*Meet Your Legislator* is a simple way for residents to get to know us. It puts faces to the work we do and gives people a better sense of who we are, what we care about, and who we represent."

Westchester County's 17 elected legislators serve and advocate for their respective districts. Together, they comprise the County's legislative and policymaking body, adopting laws, approving the County budget, and overseeing government operations. The Board's decisions directly affect daily life for Westchester's one million residents.

Episodes of *Meet Your Legislator* will be available on the Board's official social media pages, including Instagram, YouTube, Facebook, X, and LinkedIn.

Residents can find the legislator who represents their district by visiting WestchesterLegislatorsNY.gov, selecting the "Find My Legislator" tool, and entering their address.

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throughout Westchester County have a proven track record for providing highly skilled tradesmen and tradeswomen to hit the ground running on every level of construction, renovation, and continuous maintenance. These apprentices are trained in their respective trades, which are fully funded, approved apprenticeships that will promote a lifelong career and, most importantly, teach them the latest safety training. I'd like to thank the vice presidents and delegates from the Westchester Putnam Central Labor Body for their continued diligence in working with both our County Executive and our county legislators to move this forward. I applaud our partners in Westchester County government who continue to help promote these wonderful apprenticeship programs and advocate for these vital programs."

Jeff Loughlin, President, Westchester/Putnam Building and Construction Trades Council said, "On behalf of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Westchester and Putnam Counties, our thanks to County Executive Jenkins and the County Board of Legislators for getting this Apprentice Bill approved. The tireless efforts of our elected officials in understanding the importance of Apprenticeship Training as a pathway to becoming a

Union Tradesman or Tradeswoman will provide many benefits to those enrolled in Union Apprentice Training Programs. Some of the benefits include higher-paying jobs, pensions, healthcare insurance, and an annuity. Our Council is comprised of 34 Trade Affiliates and has over 30,000 Union members working harder day by day to serve our members."

Richard McSpedon, Vice President of the Westchester/Putnam Central Labor Body AFL-CIO and Business Representative, Local 3, IBEW said, "I am thrilled that this administration understands the value in a NYS DOL-certified apprenticeship program. Everyone's path is different and not all paths go through college. Apprenticeships are a true pathway to the middle class. I hope more municipalities follow Westchester's lead in supporting apprenticeships."

Louis Sanchez, Business Representative, Local 3, IBEW said, "Westchester County is championing apprenticeship programs to empower residents with paid, hands-on training that leads to good-paying jobs. These programs connect workers with employers and open pathways into the trades. By investing in apprenticeships, we grow a resilient economy, support local businesses, and create a thriving future for all."



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# Westchester County Introduces Internship Program for People with Disabilities

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins announced that The Arc Westchester Foundation has been awarded a three-year grant totaling \$816,627 from The Taft Foundation to launch the Partnership for Inclusive Internships (PII) Program for Westchester County Government. The grant will support The Arc Westchester Foundation, Westchester County Government, and AHRC New York City in expanding inclusive internship opportunities for individuals with disabilities, helping to build pathways to meaningful employment and long-term career success.



Jenkins said: “This investment represents a powerful step forward in our commitment to creating a more inclusive workforce in Westchester County. Everyone deserves the opportunity to contribute their talents and build a career. Through this partnership, we are opening doors and ensuring that individuals of all abilities have access to real, meaningful opportunities.”

The three-year grant period will run through February 28, 2029. Funding will be distributed in three installments, supporting program development, county department partnerships, and direct services to participants. The Partnership for Inclusive Internships program will focus

on connecting individuals with disabilities to structured internship experiences across a range of departments. The initiative will also provide support to participating departments, helping them build inclusive workplaces and strengthen their talent pipelines.

The program builds on Westchester County’s ongoing efforts to promote workforce development, equity, and economic opportunity for all residents. The County will continue to work closely with The Arc Westchester Foundation and its partners to implement the program and ensure its success over the coming years.

Westchester County Office for People with Disabilities Director Carin

Horowitz said: “Our department looks forward to this incredible opportunity to partner with these highly regarded community service providers in collaboration with our County departments. This initiative empowers individuals with disabilities to build transferable workplace skills, while also enriching our workforce by highlighting the dedication and talent that people with diverse abilities contribute every day.”

The Arc Westchester CEO Tibi Guzmán said: “At The Arc Westchester, we believe that meaningful employment opportunities can transform lives and strengthen communities. We are proud to lead the launch of the Partnership

for Inclusive Internships in Westchester County with the benefit of experience from AHRC New York City and the forward-thinking vision of Westchester County government. By working together, we are creating new ways for people with disabilities to contribute their skills and talents in public service while helping to foster a more inclusive and diverse employment landscape.”

The Arc Westchester Foundation Executive Director Barry Clark said: “We are grateful to The Taft Foundation for recognizing the potential of this program and providing the support to launch it here in Westchester. This is what strong collaboration looks like, when philanthropy, government, and experienced providers come together to create real opportunities for people with disabilities to contribute and be seen for what they can do. We at The Arc Westchester are excited to help build something that can grow and endure.”

AHRC NYC CEO Marco Damiani said: “The Partnership for Inclusive Internships demonstrates what becomes possible when government, employers, and community organizations work together to open doors to talent that has too often been overlooked. We are deeply grateful to The Taft Foundation for making it possible to expand this internationally recognized model to Westchester County. With Arc Westchester serving as the lead agency, AHRC New York City is proud to provide subject-matter expertise drawn from years of experience implementing the program across New York City and State government. Together, we are helping ensure that people with disabilities have meaningful pathways into public service and that government benefits from a broader, more inclusive workforce.”

The Taft Foundation Executive Director Nina Bershader said: “Philanthropy plays a critical role in launching innovative models that can grow and be sustained over time. Having seeded the successful program in New York City, we are excited to bring the Partnership for Inclusive Internships to Westchester County. Through this collaboration, more individuals with developmental disabilities will have access to work-based learning experiences that are essential to securing competitive employment. We commend Westchester County for its leadership in building a more inclusive workforce and expanding meaningful civil service opportunities, and we are proud to partner with two exemplary providers, The Arc Westchester and AHRC New York City, to implement this proven model.”

# First Dos Caminos Class Graduates in Mamaroneck



The Dos Caminos 12th Grade Pioneer Class Recognition Ceremony, held on April 20, was an evening filled with pride, reflection, and gratitude as the district celebrated a historic milestone: the first graduating class of the Dos Caminos Dual Language Spanish Immersion Program.

Students, families, and staff gathered to honor both the accomplishments of the Class of 2026 and the shared journey that made this moment possible. Remarks from district and building leaders and teachers reflected deep appreciation for

a program built through strong partnership, while highlighting how bilingualism broadens students’ understanding of and connection to the world.

Teachers across K-12 formed the emotional core of the evening, centering on the theme of “firsts.” They reflected on this group as true pioneers: the first to navigate an uncharted path, growing and learning side by side with families as they built the Dos Caminos program and advanced a shared vision of bilingualism and biliteracy.

Certificates recognized students from the original kindergarten cohort, those who joined along the way, and those completing the program as 12th graders, many of whom are candidates for the New York State Seal of Biliteracy.

A moving video montage closed the evening, capturing the students’ journey and prompting both celebration and reflection. The Dos Caminos Pioneer Class leaves a lasting legacy, having helped build a foundation that will inspire future generations of multilingual learners.

# MHS Future Business Leaders of America Bring Home the Gold

Mamaroneck High Schools' (MHS) Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) were named Chapter of the Year at the State Leadership Conference—the highest recognition possible! A total of 70 MHS students, representing all four grade levels, attended the conference and did an outstanding job representing the school.

“This is an incredible achievement that reflects the hard work, dedication, and commitment of our students throughout the year,” said Maria Siciliano, FBLA Advisor and District 3S Board of Trustees member.

Eighteen students have qualified to compete at the National Leadership Conference this summer in San Antonio, Texas. Zoe Zaumeyer and Arden Demasi were elected to the State Leadership Team, serving as Vice President and Treasurer, respectively.

Newly elected State Vice President Zoe Zaumeyer said FBLA has had a profound effect on her confidence and communication skills, from interviewing and public speaking to reaching out professionally for advice and information. “Being able to communicate my own opinions and ideas in a professional way is a skill I will take with me through life,” she said.

Those skills were put to the test at the conference, where Zoe delivered a campaign speech to her entire district. “Although I was nervous, I was able to use my confidence and ability to communicate to introduce myself as a candidate,” she said. “It was a moment that brought everything FBLA has taught me together.”

Newly elected State Treasurer Arden Demasi called the conference “an incredible experience,” saying she saw firsthand the dedication and passion of members across the state. “It truly showed me how impactful FBLA is as an organization,” she added.

In her new role, Arden plans to focus on increasing statewide fundraising opportunities through new partnerships and hopes to introduce financial literacy initiatives such as Zoom workshops on budgeting, saving, and money management. “I want to help members gain real-world financial skills,” she said.

The awards ceremony was a highlight of the conference for Arden, and seeing MHS take Chapter of the Year made it all the more meaningful. She encouraged MHS students to get involved, saying, “FBLA offers so many opportunities, whether it’s developing leadership skills, competing in events, or exploring career interests. There is truly something for everyone, and it helps prepare students for future success.”



## FBLA COMPETITION RESULTS

Business Ethics – 4th Place  
Soukeyna Toukara, Andie Millman, Maddie Cashman

Community Service Project – 4th Place  
Maya Schein, Lyla Hazan

Data Science & AI – 1st Place  
Adam Herzberg

Economics – 4th Place  
Tristan Boyd

Entrepreneurship – 1st Place  
Garrett Clarke, Mikey Lelli, John Olsen

Event Planning – 3rd Place  
Siena Best, Maya Schein, Lillie Felder

Insurance & Risk Management – 4th Place  
Ivar Toftgaard

Introduction to Emerging Business Issues – 2nd Place  
Anabelle Groban, Eve Brennan

Introduction to FBLA – 2nd Place  
Charlie Zmuda

Introduction to Marketing Concepts – 5th Place  
Becker Lazar

Introduction to Information Technology – 4th Place  
Claire Rosenthal

Introduction to Supply Chain – 3rd Place  
Peri Froehlich

Introduction to Retail & Merchandising – 5th Place  
Maggie O’Connell

Introduction to Social Media Strategy – 2nd Place  
Charlie Carrillo, Zoey Zaumeyer

Journalism  
3rd Place – Spencer Baron  
2nd Place – Henry Goldman

Local Chapter Annual Business Report – 1st Place  
Charlie Carrillo, Zoey Zaumeyer

Parliamentary Procedure (Individual) – 3rd Place  
Spencer Baron

Parliamentary Procedure (Team) – 5th Place  
Spencer Baron, Caleb Feldman, Matthew Hammarley, Matthew Roger, Desmond Winner

Public Administration & Management – 1st Place  
Ivar Toftgaard

Real Estate – 1st Place  
Garrett Clarke

Retail Management – 1st Place  
Sophie Ingram

Sales Presentation – 5th Place  
Lyla Hazan, Adem Huseyinov, Cecilia Levine

Securities & Investments – 1st Place  
Dylan Schiron

Supply Chain Management – 1st Place  
Peri Froehlich, Becker Lazar

Visual Design – 1st Place  
Olivia Gourevitch, Cavan Karczewski, Olivia Otto

## MHS Scientists Shine at Regeneron Competition

Twenty students in the Mamaroneck High School Original Science Research Program were recognized for their work at the Regeneron Westchester Science and Engineering Fair (WESEF).

WESEF is a regional showcase of top high school research projects from Westchester, Putnam, and Sullivan counties. The top 20 projects earn the opportunity to represent the region at the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF), where they compete against more than 1,500 students from more than 70 countries.

Junior Harper Morgan is among that distinguished top 20 and will advance to ISEF in Phoenix, as well as the New York Invention Convention in Albany. Reflecting on the experience, Harper shared, "I couldn't believe that my name was called three individual times and I'm very happy with the outcome of my project and that all that hard work paid off."

Harper's project, "Utilizing a Rounded Hexagonal Prism Shade Cover to Decrease Evaporation Rates," explores a reservoir cover design that reduces water loss while maximizing efficiency through innovative geometric structure.

The breadth of recognition across disciplines underscores the level of commitment and curiosity driving Mamaroneck's research students. From engineering and computer science to environmental science, medicine, and behavioral science, students earned honors at every level:



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## Community Food Drive for Hope Food Pantry

The Woman's Club of Larchmont is sponsoring a food drive on Saturday, May 30 from 11 AM to 1 PM. Members of the Philanthropy Committee will be outside the Larchmont Avenue Church on Forest Park Avenue to collect your donations. Donations of cereals, meals in a can (such as Spaghetti-Os and Dinty Moore beef stew), and diapers are especially needed. All food items are desired, including soups, crackers, small bags of rice, and cans of fruit, vegetables and tuna.

Monetary donations are also gratefully received since this allows the Food Pantry to purchase needed items that are not donated. Checks should be made payable to: The Woman's Club of Larchmont, Inc. The Club is indebted to the community for its past support and is a non-profit organization.



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## Mamaroneck High School Seeks Local Businesses to Host Senior Interns



Each spring, Mamaroneck High School seniors gain real-world experience through the district's internship program. This year, the district is looking for new business partners in Larchmont, Mamaroneck, and the surrounding area in various industries, from trades to retail to engineering to law.

### Program Highlights:

- Duration: 4 weeks (on-site) from May 18 to June 15
- Schedule: Approximately 6 hours a day, flexible based on your business hours
- Requirements: Each intern must complete 100 hours within the program time-frame

### Why Participate?

**Support Local Students:** Help shape the next generation of professionals in our community.

**Skill Development:** Interns will gain practical skills and hands-on experience.

**Community Engagement:** Strengthen your business's ties with the community.

Interested in Hosting an Intern? To learn more about the program, visit <https://sites.google.com/mamkschools.org/mhs-senior-internships/businesses?authuser=0>

## Larchmont Police Department Awarded New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Certification



Larchmont Police Chief Chris McNerney and Lieutenant Joseph Paprota are presented with the Department Accreditation Certificate. Chief McNerney was also presented with Certificate of Achievement for his role as the program manager.

The Larchmont Police Department was formally awarded New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Certification at a ceremony in Albany on March 5. Achieving New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) law enforcement accreditation provides independent verification that an agency meets or exceeds rigorous professional standards of excellence. This voluntary process enhances operational effectiveness, strengthens administrative policies, and fosters public trust. Accredited agencies also benefit from reduced vulnerability to civil litigation and potential cost savings on liability insurance, while gaining access to a statewide network of professional resources for ongoing training and policy development.

Achieving New York State law enforcement accreditation is a significant undertaking and requires several years of preparation and support. It is especially difficult for smaller agencies with limited staffing. Approximately one-third of all law enforcement agencies in New York State are accredited.

## Larchmont Avenue Church is Recertified as an Earth Care Congregation

Larchmont Avenue Church (LAC) was recertified as an Earth Care Congregation by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Presbyterian Hunger Program through February 2027. The Earth Care Congregation certification is designed to recognize churches that take God's charge seriously to "till and keep" the garden, that is, our shared common home. This is LAC's fifth year of certification.



Since 2010, this PC (U.S.A.) program has certified and celebrated environmental ministry across four major areas of a congregation's life: worship, education, facilities, and outreach in the community. This program currently includes 45 percent of all PC (U.S.A.) congregations and continues to grow each year.

By the time a church has recertified for several years, the earth care ethic becomes ingrained in a congregation's culture, spreads to the surrounding community, and impacts the personal lives of individual church members. Obtaining and maintaining this status speaks to LAC's serious commitment to caring for God's earth.

"We have been an Earth Care Congregation for five years now," says Kristen Carpenter, leader of the Eco Task Force at LAC. "I am proud to see how, each year, we are taking additional steps to be better stewards of our planet."

"LAC is one of the 373 congregations in 42 states that chose to dedicate themselves to intentional care of God's earth this year. This denominational program for churches has lasted longer and been more successful than some other models we've seen. The individual churches deserve all the credit for the program's success. PC (U.S.A.) Earth Care Congregations are vital parts of their communities and inspirational witnesses to caring for God's creation, and we are so grateful for their presence in the world," says Jessica Maudlin, Associate for Sustainable Living and Earth Care Concerns for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

For more information about LAC's Earth Care program and Eco Task Force, contact Kristen Carpenter at [kristencarpenter35@gmail.com](mailto:kristencarpenter35@gmail.com) or 914-318-8013. For more information on the Earth Care Congregations program, visit [pcusa.org/earthcarecongregations](http://pcusa.org/earthcarecongregations).





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# FROM EMERGENCY ROOM TO OPERATING ROOM TO HOME THE SAME DAY. THAT'S EXCEPTIONAL.

At 4 a.m., Keith's pain became so unbearable that he went to the White Plains Hospital emergency room. Dr. Andrew Casden, Chief of Orthopedics, determined his leg pain was caused by a severely compressed spinal nerve and operated immediately. Keith returned home pain-free that same day—on his way to a full recovery and back onto the tennis courts he loves.

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# County Board Hosts Mock Legislature for Young Adults with Disabilities

The Westchester County Board of Legislators recently hosted 13 young adults with developmental disabilities for its first mock legislative session designed specifically for them. Participants had the opportunity to debate and vote on public policy in a real-world setting.

The session, held in the Board's legislative chamber, featured participants from the Aspiring LeaDDers program, a 10-month collaboration between Volunteer New York!'s RISE program and the Westchester Institute for Human Development (WIHD). RISE (Readiness thru Integrated Service Engagement) helps young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities build leadership skills by strengthening self-confidence, fostering relationships, and empowering participants to find their voices. RISE connects program members to community volunteer opportunities.

Participants took on the role of county legislators, debating and voting on a simulated resolution to establish an annual Disability Employment Awareness Week, including a county-led conference to address employment barriers. Speaking from personal experience, they led a thoughtful and engaged discussion from the chamber floor.

Board Chairman Vedat Gashi (D-New Castle, Ossining, Somers, Yorktown) opened the session and welcomed participants. He said, "We are proud to welcome these young adults to the legislative chamber. Programs like Aspiring LeaDDers give participants the chance to step into leadership roles, engage in meaningful discussion, and see firsthand how county government works. Their voices matter, and today they are showing the value they bring to our community."

Colleen Victory, a Board staff member hired through The Arc Westchester, a nonprofit that supports people with disabilities, participated in the public comment por-



tion. She spoke in favor of the proposed resolution.

The Board's Mock Legislature program typically serves elementary, middle, and high school students. This marks the first time it has been adapted for young adults with developmental disabilities, opening the door to broader participation and new perspectives.

Legislators Nancy E. Barr, David T. Imamura, Jenn Puja, Anant Nambiar, Jewel Williams Johnson, and a staff representative for Majority Leader Judah Holstein attended, along with Minority Leader Margaret A. Cunzio and Minority Whip James Nolan. Board Members presented Certificates of Merit to participants from their districts at the end of the event.

Volunteer New York!'s Executive Director Polly Lagana, Senior Director of Programs Katie Pfeifer, and Senior Director of Development Dylan Pyne were also present at the historic event.

Program organizers said the session is part of a broader effort to support self-advocacy and prepare participants for employment and community leadership.

Patti Colombo, RISE Program Manager and co-facilitator of the Aspiring LeaDDers program, said, "I'd like to thank Legislator Erika Pierce, whom I met at the County's ADA Anniversary celebration last July, for taking a personal interest in helping develop this experience as part of our 10-month leadership curriculum and for ensuring accommodations were in place. These Aspiring LeaDDers are highly motivated to strengthen their self-advocacy skills, grow as leaders in our community, and are committed, loyal employees. Any organization would be fortunate to welcome them as new hires."

Jacob Kuligowski, Aspiring LeaDDers participant, said, "If [people with disabilities] were given the chance to work they would be taxpayers themselves.... I would like to thank Legislator Pierce and all the other legislators for their time and attention."

## 914Cares Holds Inaugural Youth Symposium

914Cares successfully hosted its first-ever Youth Symposium: The Power of Youth in Service on April 14, welcoming 54 students from 13 Westchester county high schools and community leaders from across Westchester County to its Arming headquarters. The event served as a bridge between today's changemakers and the philanthropic leaders of tomorrow, focusing on the vital roles of collaboration, advocacy, and social impact.

The symposium provided a unique, multi-dimensional look at the nonprofit sector, combining high-level panel discussions with a tangible volunteer activity. Students engaged directly with professionals from health-care, government, and corporate social responsibility.

**Highlights from the Symposium:** The morning featured two cornerstone panel discussions that pulled back the curtain on how Westchester's social safety net operates:

- *Collaborating for Change in Westchester County:* Moderated by Limarie Cabrera, Director of Data, Operations & Finance, Westchester Children's Association, this session featured representatives from 914Cares, Theodore D. Young Community Center, United Way of Westchester and Putnam, and White Plains Hospital. The conversation centered on how organizations must work together—rather than in silos—to address the complex needs of Westchester families.

- *Careers That Change Communities:* Moderated by Suzanne Gardos, Director of Operations, Nonprofit Westchester, panelists from 914Cares, NeighborsLink, Hope's Door, Ossining Union



Free School District and Regeneron illustrated that a "career in service" can range from grassroots advocacy to corporate philanthropy.

**Service in Action:** The event went beyond dialogue, as students participated in a hands-on volunteer activity between sessions. Students packed 240 Flow Kits (containing period pads and liners), and 450 Hygiene Kits (personal care products), all basic essentials that 914Cares distributes to local children and families through its 200-plus community partners.

"Today was about showing young people that their passion for helping others has a professional home," said Lisa Horten, 914Cares Chief Executive Officer. "Seeing these students engage with our leaders and roll up their sleeves to do the work proves that the future of Westchester is in very capable hands."

914Cares is a Westchester County nonprofit committed to ensuring that children and families in need have access to the basic essentials required to live with dignity and opportunity. Through the distribution of clothing, diapers, hygiene and period products, and books, 914Cares helps address the everyday barriers that can impact a child's health, confidence, and ability to thrive. By working in close partnership with 200-plus community organizations, 914Cares responds to urgent needs while also raising awareness about poverty and inspiring collective action across the community. Through service, advocacy, and collaboration, 914Cares is building a stronger, more compassionate Westchester for all.

For more information, visit [www.914cares.org](http://www.914cares.org).

prohibited from outdoor music without specific permits. Indoor, private events must mitigate noise and outdoor amplified noise/music is restricted unless specifically permitted.

The Planning Board or Board of Trustees must hold a public hearing for these special permits.

## Rye YMCA Expands with New Group Exercise Location in Mamaroneck

The Rye Y will launch a new group exercise location at St. Thomas Church, 168 W. Boston Post Road, beginning May 11, expanding access to high-quality wellness programs for the community.

The new site will offer weekday morning and midday classes, including yoga, Zumba, Pilates, strength and cardio. Free trial classes will be available May 11 to 15, with the first four-week session beginning May 18.

“This expansion is about more than fitness—it’s about connection,” said Heidy Barros, Senior Director of Health & Wellness. “We’re excited to support individuals at every stage of their wellness journey in a welcoming, inclusive environment.”

Programs are open to both non-members and Rye Y members, with four-week unlimited class passes available: \$75 for non-members (\$65 for seniors) and \$25 for members. Participants can attend as many classes as they like during each session. Three four-week sessions are scheduled.

For more information or to register, visit [ryeymca.org/mamaroneck-fitness](https://ryeymca.org/mamaroneck-fitness) or contact Heidy Barros at the Rye YMCA at 914-967-6363.

## PickleRage Opens in New Rochelle

PickleRage, a premier indoor pickleball facility, is now open in New Rochelle. The 42,000-square-foot, climate-controlled venue features 13 regulation-size courts with joint-friendly CushionX surfaces, advanced LED lighting, locker rooms with showers and state-of-the-art smart court technology. Membership includes programming for players of all levels, led by an experienced coaching staff. Open from 7 AM to 10 PM daily.

Co-owner Henry Sztul says, “Our daytime hours are ideal for retirees and both work-from-home and stay-at-home parents seeking a break.” Partner Brian Synder notes, “We offer leagues, tournaments, clinics, open play, and private lessons, giving opportunities to players of every skill level.”

PickleRage is located at 173 Huguenot Street in New Rochelle. Customers can book courts via <https://pickleragenewrochelle.com> or by calling (914) 201-3414. Sign up for their newsletter and follow them on Instagram.com/pickleragenewrochelle to learn more.

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## STEMSails Launches May 29-31

The STEM Alliance is once again teaming up with SoundWaters to bring hands-on learning to Mamaroneck Harbor with STEMsails.

- Enjoy a great day on the Sound while learning about marine science.
- Touch sea creatures and check water quality.
- Find out about the impact on this vital ecosystem.

All passengers must be at least five years old and all children must be accompanied by an adult.

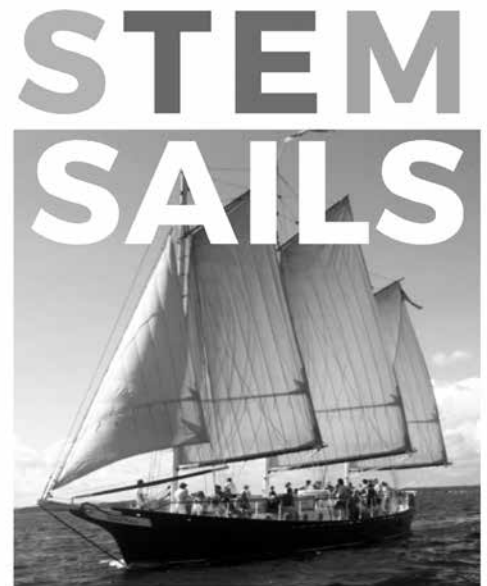
STEMsails take place:

Friday, May 29, 5 PM to 7 PM

Saturday, May 30, 10 AM to Noon  
2 PM to 4 PM

Sunday, May 31, 10 AM to Noon  
2 PM to 4 PM

The STEM Alliance is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing enrichment initiatives, and to ensuring equal access to STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) learning opportunities. For more information, visit [www.theSTEMalliance.org](http://www.theSTEMalliance.org).



### MHS Scientists Shine at Regeneron Competition

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#### 1st Place

**Harper Morgan**, Junior (Engineering) — also qualified as one of the top 20 students out of 800 for ISEF. Harper also received the New York Invents Award and will present at the New York Invention Convention.

**Mustafa Khan**, Senior (Computer Science)

#### 2nd Place

**Sahil Gupta**, Senior (Environmental Science)

**Kate McCance**, Junior (Behavioral Science)

**Micah Robins**, Junior (Physics and Astronomy)

**Ian Soto**, Senior (Mathematics)

**Maria (Mika) Torres Aguilera**, Senior (Medicine and Health)

#### 3rd Place

**Emma Moskowitz**, Junior (Neuroscience) — also received the George D. Yancopoulos Young Scientist Award – Innovations in Science Award

**Riley Mordasky**, Senior (Medicine and Health Sciences)

#### 4th Place

**Carl Albano**, Senior (Biochemistry)

**Sophie Steinberg**, Senior (Medicine and Health)

**Sebastian Wicklund**, Junior (Cellular and Molecular Biology)

#### Special Awards

**Sophie Lassander & Sarah Prendergast**, Juniors (Behavioral Science) — Collaborative Impact Award for team projects

**Leo Federspiel**, Senior (Physics and Astronomy) — Ingenuity in Research Award

**Charlotte Patnode**, Senior (Environmental Sciences) — Teatown Young Environmentalist Award

**Eva Fernandez**, Senior (Medicine and Health) — Innovations in Biological Sciences

#### Research Award

**Aaron Kahn**, Junior — Excellence in Behavioral Science Award

**Mirah Mass**, Senior — U.S. Stockholm Junior Water Prize

**Lucy Foglia**, Junior (Animal Science) — NASA Earth Science System Award for dedication in conducting field research

## NewYork-Presbyterian Mini-Grants 2026

NewYork-Presbyterian is committed to supporting local organizations that make a meaningful difference in the health and well-being of our communities. Through our Mini-Grants program, we aim to invest in small, grassroots community-based organizations (CBOs) that often work with limited resources to create lasting impact. Mini-Grants are a renewable, three-year funding opportunity, awarding \$7,500 in Year 1, and eligible for renewal of up to \$10,000 in Year 2 and up to \$12,500 in Year 3, for a maximum total award of \$30,000. Renewal of funding is contingent upon the awardee's successful fulfillment of all grant requirements.

We invite CBOs whose programming supports health and wellness for communities across NewYork-Presbyterian's catchment areas to apply, specifically: Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens and Westchester County. Grant funds are intended to support direct program operations. This may include relevant staffing, supplies, stipends, facilities rental, and other programmatic costs. Funds may not be used for general administration, strategic planning, or travel unrelated to the program.

For more information about the grant, eligibility criteria, and grant requirements, please refer back to the NewYork-Presbyterian Mini-Grants RFP here.

We are seeking proposals from CBOs that are:

- Focused on health and wellness
- Serving under-resourced communities in NYC or Westchester County
- Committed to program sustainability and organization growth

Mini-Grants can support either new initiatives or strength existing programs. Programs must be available and open to all eligible individuals, in compliance with federal law, and not discriminate against, exclude or deny services to any group or individual on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion or other protected characteristics.

Eligibility Criteria

- Have a total annual operating budget under \$500,000
- Be a registered 501(c)(3) or operate under a fiscal sponsor
- Serve communities in Brooklyn, Queens, Lower Manhattan, Northern Manhattan, or Westchester County
- Be independent of NewYork-Presbyterian (not a hospital department, affiliate, or subsidiary).

For More Details: <https://nypcommunityaffairs.my.site.com/minigrant/s/>

## Westchester County Office for Women Hosts Empower Hour

The Westchester County Office for Women (OFW) held its second webinar of the Empower Hour series featuring OFW Acting Director Catherine Borgia and guest, Patti Reyes D'Agostino, Chief of Development and Community Relations of Hope's Door. They shared a candid and, at times, deeply personal discussion about how to best support someone close to you who the victim of domestic violence or in a dangerous relationship. The conversation touched on different approaches based on whether the victim has disclosed the abuse, as well as how the closeness of the supporter's relationship with the victim impacts the approach. The dialog also focused on how to spot the warning signs that indicate someone is in trouble, and concluded with a two-part Q & A, responding to many pertinent questions from the attendees.

Borgia said: "Thank you so much to Patti D'Agostino for both sharing her experiences and for providing such useful and complete information about how to support a friend who might be a victim of domestic abuse. This conversation was both compelling and informative. We want everyone to know how to help someone you know, and the resources to access help should you need it. Remember, you are not alone. We are here to assist with compassion and confidentiality."

D'Agostino said: "There is only one person who has something to gain from silence and that's the abuser. Sharing stories and conversations, like the one today, make us aware that domestic violence knows no economic, social or racial boundaries. Its very existence changes not only those directly affected by it like children and other family members, but every member of the community."

For resources and to reach the Office for Women, call: White Plains Office weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (914) 995-5972, in Spanish, (914) 995-6581, after hours and weekends, (914) 995-2099 or go to [www.WestchesterCountyNY.gov/women](http://www.WestchesterCountyNY.gov/women)

Empower Hour is presented by the Westchester County Office for Women as part of our commitment to supporting, educating and uplifting women across Westchester County.

Watch the Webinar Here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PA-arKV-iGM>

## Westchester Receives \$7.75 Million Grant to Remove Lead Hazards

Westchester County has been awarded \$7.75 million in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to expand its Lead Safe Westchester program, an established initiative that helps remove lead-based paint and other safety hazards from older homes across the County.

The funding will support lead hazard reduction efforts over the next four years, focusing on housing units occupied by low and moderate-income households. Since 1999, Lead Safe Westchester has invested more than \$20 million in over 1,500 units improving housing conditions for residents by addressing lead hazards in homes built before 1978, when lead-based paint was commonly used.

Lead poisoning remains a serious but preventable public health issue, particularly for young children. In Westchester County, more than 81 percent of housing was built before 1978, increasing the risk of exposure to lead-based paint and dust.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: "This \$7.75 million award allows us to build on the success of the Lead Safe Westchester program and continue addressing a serious but preventable public health risk. By expanding this work, we are helping protect children and families while improving the safety and quality of affordable housing throughout Westchester County."

Department of Planning Commissioner Blanca Lopez said: "Lead Safe Westchester has made a meaningful impact in communities across the County. This additional funding allows us to expand those efforts and reach more households that need assistance to mitigate lead hazards and improving overall housing conditions."

Through the program, the County's Department of Planning will continue to inspect eligible homes, develop scopes of work and coordinate repairs with certified contractors. Improvements may include paint stabilization, window and door replacement and installation of safety features such as smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Applications for Lead Safe Westchester are currently being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority given to households with children under 6 and pregnant women. To qualify for assistance, households have to meet federal income guidelines and eligible properties must be built before 1978.

Residents interested in applying or learning more can contact the Westchester County Department of Planning at 914-995-4402 or [PLAN-LSW@WestchesterCountyNY.gov](mailto:PLAN-LSW@WestchesterCountyNY.gov).

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## Larchmont Police Blotter

Monday, April 20, 2026, 7:56 AM: A Connecticut driver was charged with operating an unregistered motor vehicle and operating an uninsured motor vehicle after police stopped his GM Yukon on Chatsworth Avenue.

Monday, April 20, 2026, 11:47 AM: An employee of Larchmont Mini Mart, 14 Chatsworth Avenue, reported that after he received a \$50 tip from a customer, his supervisor told him that he would be fired unless he gave him half of the tip. The supervisor told police that tip-sharing was the policy and the employee had been willing to share tips in the past. Police said that New York State labor law prohibits employers from receiving tips paid to employees, and referred the case to the state Labor Department.

Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 4:54 AM: The front glass door of The Corner Store, 1906 Palmer Avenue, was found shattered, with lottery tickets and store items scattered on the sidewalk. Video surveillance showed four suspects break the glass and enter the store, stealing lottery tickets and a cash register.

Friday, April 24, 2026, 5:14 PM: A Beach Road resident told police that a man was urinating on his lawn.

Sunday, April 26, 2026, 1 PM: A Larchmont student reported that a woman on TikTok asked him for a photo of what he was wearing that day, and after he sent her the photo, she altered it to make it appear to be a nude photo. She then threatened to post the nude photo online unless he sent her money. After the student sent her \$1,200, his parents deleted his social media accounts, blocked her number and got him a new phone.

# Planning for Emergency Hospitalizations: An Estate Planning Perspective

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No one expects to be hospitalized suddenly. Yet accidents, unexpected illnesses, or medical crises can happen at any time. While we cannot control when emergencies occur, we can prepare for them. From an estate planning perspective, thoughtful preparation for an emergency hospitalization can reduce stress, protect your wishes, and ensure that your loved ones are able to help when you need them most.

Emergency planning is not just for older adults or those with chronic illness. Every adult should have a plan in place that allows trusted individuals to step in quickly if they become unable to communicate or manage their affairs.

**Health Care Directives: Your Voice When You Cannot Speak:** At the core of emergency planning are health care directives. These documents allow you to legally appoint someone to make medical decisions for you if you cannot make them yourself and provide guidance about your wishes.

**A Health Care Proxy** designates a trusted person to make medical decisions on your behalf if you are unable to do so. This person should understand your values and be willing to advocate for your wishes, even in stressful situations. It is recommended to name at least one alternate agent in case your primary agent is unavailable.

**A Living Will** expresses your preferences regarding life-sustaining treatment, such as resuscitation, artificial nutrition and hydration, and mechanical ventilation. While not every situation can be anticipated, providing written guidance helps your health care agent know your wishes.

**A HIPAA authorization** should also be included. This document allows medical providers to share your health information with the individuals you designate. Without it, even close family members may have difficulty obtaining updates from doctors or hospitals.

**Power of Attorney: Managing Financial and Legal Matters:** An unexpected hospitalization can also interrupt your ability to manage finances or legal matters. A **Power of Attorney** allows a trusted agent to handle financial tasks such as paying bills, managing accounts, communicating with insurance companies, or handling real estate matters if you are incapacitated.

Without this document, your family may need to pursue a court-appointed guardianship to manage your affairs, which can be time-consuming, costly, and emotionally draining. A properly drafted power of attorney allows someone to step in immediately and keep your financial life running smoothly.

**Create an Emergency Information Packet:** In addition to legal documents, it is important to assemble a practical emergency

information packet. This packet should be easy to access and shared with key individuals. Consider including the following:

**Emergency Contact List:** Prepare a list of people who should be contacted in an emergency, including family members, close friends, and professional advisors. Include phone numbers, email addresses, and the order in which they should be contacted. Make sure your designated health care agent is clearly identified.

**Medication List:** Maintain a current list of all medications you take, including dosages, prescribing physicians, and any allergies. In an emergency, having accurate medication information can be critical to safe treatment. Update this list regularly and keep a copy in your wallet or phone.

**Doctor and Medical Provider List:** Include contact information for your primary care physician, specialists, therapists, and pharmacy. This helps hospital staff quickly obtain medical history and coordinate care.

**Insurance Information:** Keep copies of your health insurance cards, Medicare or Medicaid information, and any supplemental policies. Knowing your coverage can help your loved ones navigate billing and coverage issues more easily.

**Care for Dependents and Pets:** Emer-

gency planning should also address the needs of those who rely on you.

If you care for minor children, older relatives, or individuals with disabilities, create written instructions about their daily routines, medications, and key contacts. Identify who will step in temporarily to provide care if you are hospitalized. While formal legal arrangements may be necessary for long-term care, even short-term planning is invaluable during an emergency.

Do not forget about pets. Identify a trusted friend, neighbor, or family member who can take responsibility for them on short notice. Provide information about feeding schedules, veterinary contacts, medications, and any special needs. Some people include a small emergency fund or written authorization to allow a designated person to obtain veterinary care if needed.

**Where to Store and Share Information:** Having documents and information prepared is only helpful if they can be located quickly. Store originals of your estate planning documents in a secure but accessible location. Inform your agents and trusted family members where to find them. Consider providing copies to your health care agent and keeping digital versions in a secure, shared folder.

Many people also carry a wallet card not-

ing that they have a health care proxy and listing an emergency contact. Some smartphones allow you to display emergency contacts and medical information on the lock screen.

**Review and Update Regularly:** Emergency planning is not a one-time task. Review your documents and information at least every few years, or after major life events such as marriage, divorce, relocation, or changes in health. Ensure that the individuals you have chosen as agents are still willing and able to serve.

Preparing for emergency hospitalizations may feel uncomfortable, but it is one of the most thoughtful gifts you can give your loved ones. By putting clear legal documents and practical plans in place, you reduce uncertainty and ensure that your wishes are honored.

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## Table Hopping with Morris Gut: Outdoor Farmers Markets Reopen

Get ready for some delicious spring/summer foraging...

**THE PELHAM MARKET** Opens May 10th. Sundays 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Harmon Ave. & Fifth Ave. Go to Facebook, or [www.pelhammarket.org](http://www.pelhammarket.org)

**LARCHMONT FARMERS MARKET,** Metro North Station at Chatsworth Ave./Myrtle Blvd., Larchmont. Saturdays, Year round. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. [www.downtoearthmarkets.com](http://www.downtoearthmarkets.com)

**SCARSDALE FARMERS MARKET** Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Spencer Place at Chase Road, near Metro-North station. [www.downtoearthmarkets.com](http://www.downtoearthmarkets.com)

**RYE FARMERS MARKET,** operates Sundays, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Rye parking lot, Theo Fremd Ave. [www.downtoearthmarkets.com](http://www.downtoearthmarkets.com)

**WHITE PLAINS FARMERS MARKET,** the popular outdoor White Plains Farmers Market is in full swing on Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. It takes place on Court Street between Martine and Main Streets. [www.cityofwhiteplains.com](http://www.cityofwhiteplains.com)

**MUSCOOT FARMERS MARKET** Starts May 10. Muscoot Farmers Market, part of Muscoot Farm on Rt. 100 in Ka-

tonah, has reopened for the season. The market operates every Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. thru November. Free admission. For further info: 914-864-7283, or [www.muscootfarm.org](http://www.muscootfarm.org)

**IRVINGTON FARMERS MARKET** Year Round. Main Street School Lot, 110 Main St., Irvington. Sundays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. [www.theirvingtonfarmersmarket.org](http://www.theirvingtonfarmersmarket.org)

**PLEASANTVILLE FARMERS MARKET** It will continue to operate at 10 Memorial Place every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parking at the Metro-North parking lot. [www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org](http://www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org)

**MOUNT KISCO FARMERS & MAKERS MARKET** Every Sunday starting May 17th thru November. Kirby Plaza near Metro North. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. [www.mkfarmersmarket.com](http://www.mkfarmersmarket.com)

**COLD SPRING FARMERS MARKET NOW AT BOSCOBEL** The popular Cold Spring Farmers Market has moved to the historic Boscobel Estate Museum in Garrison. A lovely setting. It takes place every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. [www.coldspringfarmersmarket.org](http://www.coldspringfarmersmarket.org)

**FARMERS MARKET AT JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD** John Jay under construc-

tion. The farmer's market will continue to run every Saturday thru November, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Lot 2, !90 Katonah Ave., Katonah Village. First pick for members. [www.johnjayhomestead.org](http://www.johnjayhomestead.org)

**OSSINING FARMERS MARKET** 'Down to Earth' Farmers' Market, corner of Main & Spring Streets, Ossining. Year round, Saturdays, 8:30 to 1 p.m. [www.downtoearthmarkets.com](http://www.downtoearthmarkets.com)

**PEEKSKILL FARMERS MARKET,** 1 Bank Street, Peekskill. (914-737-2780) The 2023 season will kick off on Saturday, June 6th, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine. <https://discoverpeekskill.com>

**CHAPPAQUA FARMERS MARKET** at the Metro-North Station. Starting Saturday, May 9th. [www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org](http://www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org)

**HUDSON VALLEY FARMERS MARKET,** 15 Mount Ebo Road South, Brewster. Year round: Sundays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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# Breaking Up Is Hard to Do... and Why Insurance Is About Love



One of pop culture's greatest songwriters, Neil Sedaka gave us Laughter in the Rain, the joy and warmth of love in ordinary moments. In Breaking Up Is Hard to Do, he gave us the pain of heartbreak. And in Bad Blood, he reminded us that sometimes relationships take a harsher turn. Conflict. Betrayal. Anger.

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ooh.. how I love the rainy days  
and the happy way I feel inside...*

Neil Sedaka, RIP, 1939-2026.

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# Larchmont Calendar



**Mariachi Citlalli**  
Wednesday, May 6, 5 PM  
Mamaroneck Public Library, 136 Prospect Avenue  
Enjoy traditional Mexican folk music performed by Mariachi Citlalli. Snacks will be provided. To register, go to [mamaroneck-library.org/events](https://mamaroneck-library.org/events).

## Warbler Walk

Saturday, May 9, 8:30 AM to 10 AM  
Lenoir Preserve, 19 Dudley Street, Yonkers  
Witness the brilliant wave of warblers and other migrating birds flying north this spring, in a program led by a Park Naturalist. For more information, email John Phillips at [jqpd@westchestercountyNY.gov](mailto:jqpd@westchestercountyNY.gov)



**Pyrography: Beginner's Techniques**  
Saturday, May 9, 1 PM to 2:30 PM  
Hilltop Hanover Farm, 1271 Hanover St., Yorktown Heights  
Learn the basics and take home your own wood burning art piece in this introductory pyrography class. No experience is necessary for this workshop. Available for adults and children ages 10 and older. Cost is \$15 per person. For more information, call (914) 862-5050.

**ZOOM Shirley Bassey and Tom Jones—British Musical Royalty with Richard Knox**  
Thursday, May 28, 7 PM to 8 PM  
Larchmont Public Library, 121 Larchmont Avenue  
Among the outstanding British vocalists of the last half-century were Dame Shirley Bassey and Sir Tom Jones, both born in Wales and two entertainers whose prime recording and concert years paralleled each other. Richard Knox will simulcast many of the great songs these two outstanding artists helped make famous. To register, go to <https://larchmont.librarycalendar.com/event/shirley-bassey-and-tom-jones-british-musical-royalty-richard-knox-zoom-or-simulcast-person>



**Westchester Clergy Faith Gathering for the National Day of Prayer**  
Thursday, May 7, 11 AM to 2 PM  
The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Road  
In a time marked by deep division, clergy have a critical role to play in bringing people together. This year, on the National Day of Prayer, join faith leaders from across Westchester in prioritizing the sacred work of dialogue—work that fosters genuine fellowship and helps build a meaningful community. Program includes lunch and is free of charge. For more information, email Tami Arnowitz at [tami@wjcouncil.org](mailto:tami@wjcouncil.org).

**Comedy From Scratch**  
Saturday, May 23, 8 PM  
The Idea Kitchen, 1940 Palmer Avenue, Larchmont  
Locally-grown comedian Ben Asher (New York Comedy Festival, StandUp NBC) performs long sets with Bassam Shawl (New York Comedy Club, The Stand) and Keith Chase (HBO, SiriusXM). Advance tickets are \$25. Learn more at [ComedyFromScratch.com](http://ComedyFromScratch.com).

**Bead Keychain Pets**  
Friday, May 15, 3:45 PM to 4:30 PM  
Larchmont Public Library, 121 Larchmont Avenue  
Kids will use colorful pony beads and string to create their creature. This hands-on craft encourages creativity, pattern-making, and fine motor skills. For children in grades three to five. To register, go to <https://larchmont.librarycalendar.com/event/bead-key-chain-pets-34706>

**Larchmont Sidewalk Sale**  
Thursday, May 28 to Saturday, May 30, 10 AM to 6 PM  
Larchmont Business District  
The annual Sidewalk Sale returns to Larchmont. Shop great deals and unique finds, support local businesses, enjoy family friendly activities, and take part in the best of Larchmont. Details at [larchmontchamber10538.org](https://larchmontchamber10538.org).

**Sprint to Flint 5K & 1M Run/Walk and Tots Run**  
Friday, May 29, 6 PM  
Flint Park, Locust Avenue, Larchmont  
The Village of Larchmont celebrates summer with the annual “Sprint to Flint” with a walk/run for all ages. Tots Run for children ages 6 and under begins at 6 PM, 1 Mile at 6:30 PM and 5K at 7:15 PM. Pizza and summer fruits will be served afterward. For more information, go to <https://events.elitefeats.com/26flint>.

**Saturday Soiree**  
Saturday, May 30, 2 PM to 5 PM  
Larchmont Business District  
Get a map and stroll through Larchmont to enjoy the Saturday Soirée! This new event caps off the Sidewalk Sale and offers tastings, activities and offers from participating local businesses. Details at [larchmontchamber10538.org](https://larchmontchamber10538.org).

**Hospice of Westchester 24th Annual Golf Invitational**  
Tuesday, June 2, 12:30 PM  
Westchester Hills Golf Club, 401 Ridgeway, White Plains  
Proceeds from the event will benefit Hospice of Westchester’s (HOW) mission and commitment to providing compassionate end-of-life care. HOW combines the highest level of quality medical care with emotional and spiritual support. This year’s Golf Invitational will honor The Hildegard D. Becher Foundation. Registration and brunch/lunch begins at 10 AM, and a cocktail reception, dinner and awards ceremony will be held at 4:30 PM. For more information, contact Holly Benedict, 914-682-1484, ext. 122 or [hbenedict@hospiceofwestchester.org](mailto:hbenedict@hospiceofwestchester.org).

**Local Artists-Local Scenes**  
Friday, June 5, 8 AM to 4 PM  
Saturday, June 6, 8 AM to 7 PM  
Mamaroneck Artists’ Guild, 1987 Palmer Avenue, Larchmont  
Local artists will paint outdoors across the Sound Shore—Mamaroneck, New Rochelle, Larchmont, Rye, and surrounding areas—capturing the community over two days. Visitors can explore, watch the creative process, and discover unique works in progress. The fundraiser concludes from 5 PM to 7 PM on Sunday with a festive evening at BMW of Mamaroneck, 236 Post Road, where freshly completed artworks—created just hours earlier—will be available for purchase. Guests can enjoy food, drinks, and the opportunity to collect one-of-a-kind pieces that reflect the beauty and energy of the local landscape. For more information, visit [www.mamaroneckartistsguild.org](http://www.mamaroneckartistsguild.org).

**Light Up the Night**  
Saturday, June 13, 7 PM to 11 PM  
Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum, 895 Shore Road, Bronx  
A star-spangled celebration to celebrate America’s 250th birthday and raise funds for the museum with cocktails, dinner and dancing under the stars in Bartow-Pell’s formal gardens. For more information, email [info@bpmm.org](mailto:info@bpmm.org).

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