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Mamaroneck to Install Honorary Street Signs for 9/11 Firefighters

BY STEPHEN E. LIPKEN

Mamaroneck Town Supervisor Jaine Elkind Eney convened the August 19 Board meeting, beginning with a request by Fire Chief Alex Rapp and Firefighter Alan Wilson for installation of honorary street signs at intersections of Weaver Street and Edgewood Avenue, and Weaver Street and Hillcrest Avenue, in memory of Dennis Tortorella and Brian Payne who succumbed to illnesses related to their service at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. They represent the only two line-of-duty deaths in the 122-year history of the Fire Department. The honorary signs will be placed beneath the existing street signs.



Mamaroneck Town Supervisor Jaine Elkind Eney

This measure was approved.

Next, Eney swore in two new firefighters, Kristopher Leech and Christopher Oppedisano.

With school opening on September 2, Supervisor Eney cautioned mo-

torists to drive carefully, keeping a sharp lookout for pupils on their way to school and abiding by all School Zone Speed Limits.

Eney went on to say that ConEdison and its contractor Posillico Civil have been conducting a multi-phase gas main installation improvement project along Weaver Street in Mamaroneck six days a week, working through August 28. The project will be extended if it is not completed by then.

Supervisor Eney added that the Town is conducting a website survey regarding the town logo, whether it truly represents the Town. The survey will be extended through September 4.

Then the Town Board awarded Bid TA-26-11, Reconstruction of Municipal Sidewalks and Curbing to Pe-

ter J. Landi, Inc. for total contract amount of \$219,073. The project scope consists of sidewalk and curbing replacement along Edgewood Avenue and new sidewalk installation on Bryson Street connecting North Chatsworth Avenue to Murray Avenue. A new sidewalk and replacement of catch basin structures on Bryson Street are also included.

Regarding the Town of Mamaroneck School Tax Warrant, Total Appropriations: \$176,560,406; net amount to be raised by taxation, \$151,220,238.28. Scarsdale Union Free School District in the Town of Mamaroneck, total appropriations: \$197,098,146; net amount to be raised by taxation: \$7,108,564.57.

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Voltpost Installs EV Chargers in Larchmont

Voltpost, a leading lamppost electric vehicle (EV) charging company, recently deployed pole-mounted Level 2 EV chargers in the Village of Larchmont. The installations mark Voltpost’s expansion into Westchester County, bringing the company’s modular, retrofit charging platform to multiple communities investing in next-generation transportation infrastructure. The deployments will begin in Larchmont, with near-term plans to expand to Yonkers and Rye, with interest from additional Westchester County municipalities.

By converting existing lampposts and utility poles into EV charging stations, Voltpost can deploy infrastructure in a matter of hours, at a fraction of the cost and footprint of traditional charging stations, without requiring new construction, added real estate, or lengthy permitting timelines. The chargers are connected through AT&T’s wireless network and accessible via the Voltpost app, allowing drivers to locate chargers, check availability, and monitor charging sessions in real time.

“We are proud to partner with Larchmont on the first Voltpost Westchester deployment to empower residents with



access to clean transportation,” said Jeff Prosserman, CEO and Co-Founder of Voltpost. “By turning infrastructure that already exists into a charging network, we can bring reliable, convenient charging into communities where people live and park today, faster and at lower cost for municipalities.”

“Expanding access to EV charging is one of the most important things we can do to encourage more residents to make the switch to electric,” said Brigid Brennan, Mayor of the Village of Larchmont. “Bringing next-generation mobility infrastructure to our streets isn’t just

about convenience, this is about giving our community the tools needed to meet our environmental and climate goals. Voltpost’s technology lets us do that quickly and efficiently, and I’m proud that Larchmont is leading the way in deploying this innovative solution in Westchester County.”

State Senator Shelley Mayer said, “I am pleased to join Voltpost and the Village of Larchmont in celebrating the opening of brand-new electric vehicle charging stations developed from innovatively retrofitting existing lampposts. Expanding access to EV charging is an important step to moving New York forward and supporting the State’s clean

energy goals. This project will make it more convenient for residents and neighboring communities to own and operate electric cars. I thank Voltpost and the Village of Larchmont for making charging stations more accessible, and I look forward to seeing similar projects expand throughout neighboring communities.”

“Partnerships like this exemplify how municipalities in Westchester County like Larchmont are leading the way in delivering sustainable, next-generation mobility infrastructure quickly and efficiently,” said Anant Nambiar, County Legislator representing District 7 on the Westchester County Board of Legislators, covering Harrison, Rye, Rye Neck, Mamaroneck, and Larchmont. “Voltpost’s innovative approach to retrofitting existing lampposts into chargers gets us to a more equitable charging network in our communities faster, and at a fraction of the cost of traditional buildouts.”

Solar Panels Installed at Larchmont Library

A new solar energy system went live on the rooftop of the Larchmont Public Library, 121 Larchmont Avenue. This exciting milestone is the largest Village of Larchmont solar project and was made possible by a Clean Energy Communities grant from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NY-SERDA). The solar system has a total of 77 photovoltaic (PV) panels with a capacity to generate about 30 kW of clean energy. The library was chosen for the system, given its flat roof area that had recently been upgraded. Some of the panels are at the front of the library and others toward the back, but none are visible from the street.



This initiative, which will offset carbon emissions and reduce electrical costs for the Village of Larchmont, was made possible through collaboration between the Village Board, staff, and the many dedicated volunteers on the Larchmont Environmental Committee, Climate Smart Community (CSC) Task Force, and Larchmont Library Board. CSC Co-Chair Mark Manley oversaw the project from idea to implementation. Contractor partners were National Solar and Greenpoint Solar.

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LM Lions Club Raises Funds for Summer Enrichment Program

The Larchmont Mamaroneck (LM) Lions Club teamed up with Mamaroneck's Barnstone Grill for its "Dine to Donate" program in support of The STEM Alliance's Co-Op Summer Enrichment program. Barnstone Grill, 640 East Boston Post Road, dedicates a full month of Mondays throughout the year in support of local charities and service groups. For the month of May, it raised \$615. Combined with the Lions support, more than \$1,000 was raised for Co-Op Summer Enrichment.

Bill Jablonski, the owner of Barnstone Grill, has been a strong supporter of the community, donating thousands of dollars in support of local community organizations. The Lions often team up with Jablonski in support of Lions supported causes.

Co-Op Summer Enrichment, a Mamaroneck School District program led by The STEM Alliance, is an essential summer program that provides five weeks of both academic and recreational experiences for more than 300 students from all Mamaroneck District Schools, including employing local teens and college students. The program predominantly serves families with financial need, offering them access to quality learning opportunities and summer activities. This is particularly crucial in combating the phenomenon known as "Summer Slide," wherein children experience a decline in academic skills and knowledge during the summer break.

The LM Lions mission is to support, with funding, volunteers and advocacy, local service groups by bringing community leaders together to determine needs and resources, and achieve solutions. The LM Lions are part of Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service organization of more than 1.4 million members. The Lions signature cause is Vision/Blindness, along with Hunger, the Environment, Diabetes, Childhood Cancer and the future of our Youth. For more information, go to <http://www.lmlionsclub.org/>.



From left to right: LM Lions President Lina Pasquale; STEM leader and LM Lion Meg Kaufer; and Barnstone Grill's Bill Jablonski

September 11 Ceremonies Planned

Westchester County marks 25 years since the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center with an Interfaith Prayer Vigil at 5 PM on Thursday, September 10 and a Memorial Service at 2 PM on Friday, September 11. Both events will be held at the Rising and 9/11 First Responders Memorial at Kensico Dam Plaza, 1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla.

Westchester County's September 11th Memorial incorporates the names of all the Westchester residents who died, the communities in which they lived and a quote about them from their loved ones. These words are engraved along the outside of the memorial's circular base. Steel rods extend from the base like the spokes of a wheel before reaching skyward and intertwining. The memorial is surrounded by landscaping that includes perennial plantings and park benches.

The memorial is located at the intersection of many pathways and viewpoints, and thereby extends its presence into the surrounding landscape. The Rising is an open structure. It can be approached from all directions and allows people of all ages and abilities to view it, as well as move through it.

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Larchmont Police Blotter

Monday, July 20, 2026, 1:31 AM: A woman told police that her cell phone was stolen while it was charging at Cellar Bar, 8 Railroad Way.

Tuesday, July 21, 2026, 8:59 PM: A Kane Avenue resident told police that three deliveries of Johnny Walker whiskey sent to her home were picked up by an unknown person.

Thursday, July 23, 2026, 3:40 PM: A Pryer Lane woman reported that her Lululemon fanny pack, Apple AirPods, and car and house keys were stolen from the unlocked 2021 Toyota Highlander parked in her driveway.

Friday, July 24, 2026, 11:39 AM: Police issued a summons to a driver who turned right at a red light on Boston Post Road despite a “No Right Turn on Red” sign.

Friday, July 24, 2026, 11:49 PM: A Soundview Drive resident told police that while he was in his basement, he heard loud pounding on his front door. When he went to the door, he saw about 15 teens standing across the street. He began to chase them down Mayhew Avenue until they scattered.

Saturday, July 25, 2026, 3:42 PM: A resident of Larchmont Avenue told police that her \$15,000 diamond solitaire engagement ring and \$1,000 platinum wedding band were missing.

Tuesday, July 28, 2026, 11:33 AM: A Larchmont firefighter retrieved a 14-karat gold chain from a bench in Flint Park after a woman reported that the necklace fell beneath the bench and she was unable to retrieve it from the tight space.

Tuesday, July 28, 2026, 12:43 PM: A man who lives on Gerlach Place told police that a man in a blue pick-up truck stole his \$600 Liv bicycle from the yard.

Monday, July 27, 2026, 8:22 PM: Three men were charged with attempting to steal a Hover 1 e-bike from Municipal Lot 3 at the Larchmont Metro-North train station after police saw them use a rock to try to break the bike’s lock.

Thursday, July 30, 2026, 7:42 AM: Police closed the gates to the tunnel at the Larchmont Metro-North train station after observing the brick entryway ceiling had collapsed.

Friday, July 31, 2026, 2:10 PM: A man driving a 2012 Chevrolet pick-up truck on Palmer Avenue told police that he was a victim of road rage. After he turned into the parking lot of DeCicco & Sons supermarket, the driver behind him followed him, shouted that he didn’t properly use his turn signal and threatened to beat him up. While the man was in DeCicco’s, the driver was seen by store patrons using a key to scratch the pick-up truck and unscrewing the gas tank cap and leaving it open.

Sunday, August 2, 2026, 1:20 PM: Police ticketed a Larchmont man after observing him drive on Boston Post Road using a cell phone.

Sunday, August 2, 2026, 2:36 PM: A man on a moped drove into a parking lot on Larchmont Avenue to evade a traffic stop, but hit the front bumper of a police car that followed him. The man then fled from the scene to avoid arrest.

Sunday, August 2, 2026, 5:43 PM: Police gave a Larchmont driver a verbal warning after observing her make a U-turn on Chatsworth Avenue.

Monday, August 3, 2026, 2 PM: A wallet was reported stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the driveway of a home on Gerlach Place. The wallet was later found on the side of the road at Stafford Place, with \$100 missing.

Monday, August 3, 2026, 3:27 PM: A resident of Shadow Lane told police that his wallet containing credit cards and \$65 cash was stolen from his unlocked vehicle while it was parked in his driveway.

Tuesday, August 4, 2026, 8:37 AM: After receiving a report that an older vehicle parked near the Willow Avenue entrance to the Larchmont Temple had old and damaged license plates, police found the car and determined its license plates were not damaged and the car was properly registered.

Tuesday, August 4, 2026, 9:29 AM: Police ticketed a driver who made a U-turn on Chatsworth Avenue.

Saturday, August 8, 2026, 4:32 PM: A man walking on Larchmont Avenue found a gray purse on a bench in front of La La Taqueria restaurant and turned it in to police for safekeeping.

Monday, August 10, 2026, 10:40 AM: Police issued a summons to a driver who was talking on his cell phone while driving on Boston Post Road. He continued to talk on the phone after police stopped his vehicle.

Tuesday, August 11, 2026, 9:51 AM: A Larchmont Avenue man reported that he received two fraudulent collection letters from Media Collection, for outstanding debts of \$4,889.91 and \$2,375 for purchases from Home Depot that he did not make.

Tuesday, August 11, 2026, 9:01 PM: A 41-year old member of the Larchmont Yacht Club, 1 Woodbine Avenue, was reported recklessly driving his Ford Bronco and doing donuts in the club’s parking lot.

Thursday, August 13, 2026, 2:48 PM: A woman reported that as she turned into a parking space near One Nail Spa, 2135 Palmer Avenue, another driver honked at her and tried to block her car. When she returned to her car about an hour later, she found a note on the windshield that read, “Dumb bitch. Your car will be totaled by tomorrow god willing!”

Friday, August 14, 2026, 3:58 AM: The Larchmont Fire Department opened the bedroom door for a Vanderburgh Avenue resident who reported she was locked inside.

Saturday, August 15, 2026, 9:58 PM: An Addison Street man called police to report that a letter from his doctor was missing from his night table and he suspected his roommate had taken it. Police searched the man’s bedroom and found the letter in the bottom drawer of the night table. His roommate told police he had never seen the letter and he did not move it.

Sunday, August 16, 2026, 11:11 AM: Police gave a verbal warning to a driver who failed to stop at a red light on Chatsworth Avenue.

Mamaroneck Police Investigating a Forcible Touching Incident

The Village of Mamaroneck Police Department is actively investigating a Forcible Touching incident that occurred during the early morning hours of Saturday, July 26, in the area of Florence Street and Halstead Avenue.

At approximately 1:20 AM, three women were walking home after leaving a local establishment when an unknown male approached one of the women from behind and grabbed her. During the struggle, the suspect forced the victim to the ground and inappropriately touched her before fleeing the area after the victim’s companions intervened.

The suspect was described as possibly: A male; Early 20s; Approximately 5’10”; Slim build; Wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and black sweatpants; and Face covered with a black cloth.

The Village of Mamaroneck Investigations Division is actively investigating this incident and reviewing surveillance footage from the surrounding area. Detectives are asking anyone who may have witnessed the suspect, suspicious activity, or who may have surveillance or doorbell camera footage from Florence Street, Halstead Avenue, or the surrounding neighborhood between 1 AM and 2 AM on July 26 to contact investigators.

Public Safety Reminder: While incidents such as this are rare, the Village of Mamaroneck Police Department encourages residents to remain aware of their surroundings, travel in groups whenever possible during late-night hours, stay in well-lit areas, and immediately report any suspicious persons or activity by calling 911.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact the Village of Mamaroneck Police Department Investigations Division at (914) 777-1122. All callers may remain anonymous.

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Sheldrake Hires New Leadership Team



Elizabeth Weisman



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Joyce H. Newman

The Board of Directors of Sheldrake Environmental Center announced the hiring of the organization’s new Executive Director, as well as the appointment of two new members of the Board of Directors. The new leadership team brings new perspectives and fresh energy to the fulfillment of Sheldrake’s mission and community connections.

Elizabeth Weisman brings multifaceted experiences and skills that are well-suited to her new leadership role as Executive Director. A former attorney and Cardozo School of Law graduate, she pursued marketing and communications with roles in public relations, advertising, design, and nonprofit development. After settling in Larchmont 22 years ago, Weisman transitioned to communications

for the College of New Rochelle, which then led to an interest in education and roles as both a Writing Assistant in a developmental English program at CUNY in Queens and, more recently, as a teacher in residence at The Windward School in White Plains.

Summer camp at Sheldrake was a special experience for Weisman’s two children, who are now adults. Weisman reconnected with Sheldrake recently as a participant in its adult mindfulness programming. She looks forward to encouraging the Larchmont community to take advantage of Sheldrake’s unique programs and natural wonderland.

Jodi Scheinfeld has a background in education, writing, and nature and has been a naturalist with Sheldrake since 2012. As a Sheldrake naturalist, Scheinfeld has led school trips and early-childhood educational programming, drawing on professional training at Sarah Lawrence College Child Development Institute’s Teaching the Environment Program and at The Shelburne Farms Institute for Sustainable Schools in Vermont. A former high-school English teacher and adjunct writing professor, Scheinfeld also helped establish, and continues to co-chair, an annual district-wide children’s poetry festival, “Poetry Out Loud,” for the New Rochelle Fund for Educational Excellence.

Joyce H. Newman is an Emmy Award-winning environmental journalist, educator, and gardener. She holds a Certificate in Horticulture from The New York Botanical Garden and is a tour guide both there and at Wave Hill in Riverdale. Newman has been a naturalist at Sheldrake since 2013 and served previously on the Sheldrake Board of Directors in 2008-2009.

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Working across watercolor/charcoal, photography, and oil, artists Rachael Grimm, Jane Sikorski and Matthew Miller recalibrate our view of the ordinary and the elemental— from pantry objects and quiet interiors to intimate portraits of horses and fleeting gestures. Artists' reception with musical guests Adam Holland and P.J. Griffith will be held on Friday, September 18 at 6 PM. For more information, call (914) 587-5901. Photo credit: Jane Sikorski Photography



Goats on the Go!
Sunday, September 13, 1 PM to 2 PM
Muscoot Farm, 51 NY-100, Katonah
Take a pygmy goat on a walk around the farm! This hands-on experience allows children to provide important socialization, enrichment, and exercise for animals, helping to enhance their well-being. Pre-registration is required, and the program is open to children ages 10 and up. Cost is \$20. To learn more, call (914) 864-7286.



Garden Club Show
Friday, September 18, 9 AM to 3:30 PM
Lasdon Public Gardens, 2610 Amawalk Road, Route 35, Katonah
Join the Pound Ridge Garden Club in the Lasdon Main House for a stunning small standard floral show showcasing the Silk Road. Free admission. For more information, call (914) 864-7263.



Chicago (2002)
Friday, September 18, 1 PM to 3 PM
Larchmont Public Library, 121 Larchmont Avenue
Chicago is a musical treat about murder, celebrity, adultery, flashy lawyers, starry-eyed chorines and all that jazz that won Best Picture (and five other Academy Awards). Renee Zellweger and Catherine Zeta-Jones (Best Supporting Actress) do their own singing and dancing, while Richard Gere hoofs and croons as shady mouthpiece Billy Flynn. Chita Rivera, who starred in the original 1975 Broadway production, has a

cameo as Nickie. Free admission. For more information, call (914) 834-2281.

51st Annual Kiwanis Car Show & Flea Market
Sunday, September 13, 11 AM
Harbor Island Park, Mamaroneck Avenue and Boston Post Road
Car show judging takes place from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Vehicle and vendor registration are available in advance, with day-of registration offered on a first-come, space-available basis. Proceeds from this charity fundraising event support the Kiwanis Club's programs and services for children and families in the community. Spectator entry is a \$5 donation, and children under age 10 are admitted free. Rain date is Sunday, September 20. For more information, email info@kiwanismhr.org.

National Voter Registration Day
Tuesday, September 15, 10 AM to 6 PM
Mamaroneck Public Library, 136 Prospect Avenue
American citizens can register to vote right in the library on National Voter Registration Day. For further information, call (914) 698-1250.

Discover the Art of Cyanotype Printmaking
Saturday, September 19, 10 AM to 1 PM
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Larchmont Day Fall Festival
Saturday, September 26, 11 AM to 3 PM
Constitution Park, 120 Larchmont Avenue
Enjoy family-friendly activities including games, a magic show, a petting zoo, face painting, a bounce house, live music, annual pie-baking contest and food trucks. Suggested admission is \$10 per child over two. To register, go to <https://larchmontny.rja.revize.com/forms/15362>.

Paws in the Park
Saturday, September 26, 2 PM to 5 PM
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Beyond the Dorm Room Checklist: Legal Planning for College Students

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Sending a child to college involves more than selecting courses, furnishing a dorm room, and purchasing a meal plan. There are also important legal documents that every family should consider before the semester begins: a power of attorney and a health care proxy.

These documents may seem unnecessary for a healthy young adult, but emergencies are, by definition, unexpected. Once a child turns 18, a parent no longer has automatic legal authority to make decisions or handle matters on the child's behalf. This is true even if the student remains financially dependent on the parents, is covered by their health insurance, or is attending a college for which the parents are paying.

The Legal Significance of Turning 18

Until a child reaches adulthood, parents generally have legal authority to make medical and financial decisions for the child. Once the child turns 18, that authority ends. The student is now an adult in the eyes of the law, and parents may encounter significant obstacles if the student becomes ill, is injured, or is otherwise unable to manage their affairs.

For example, if a college student is hospitalized following an accident, medical providers may be restricted from sharing information with the parents. Similarly, parents may not be able to access the student's bank account, address an insurance issue, communicate with a landlord, or handle another urgent financial matter without proper legal authorization.

Advance directives allow the student to decide, in advance, who should have authority to assist if the need arises.

The Health Care Proxy

A health care proxy permits a student to designate a trusted person, usually a parent or another close family member, to make medical decisions if the student becomes unable to make or communicate those decisions personally. The student remains in control of all medical decisions for as long as the student is able to make them.

The document becomes especially important when a student is unconscious, under anesthesia, seriously injured, or experiencing a medical or mental health crisis that affects the student's ability to communicate. The designated health care agent can speak with physicians, review treatment options, and make decisions based on the student's wishes.

The student should discuss personal values and preferences with the selected agent. Although no family wants to contemplate a serious medical emergency, a brief conversation beforehand can provide invaluable guidance during a crisis.

A separate authorization permitting the re-

lease of protected health information may also be advisable. This can help parents obtain information and communicate with health care providers even when the student remains capable of making medical decisions.

The Power of Attorney

A power of attorney addresses financial and legal matters rather than medical decisions. Through this document, the student appoints an agent to act on the student's behalf.

Depending on the authority included in the document, the agent may be able to communicate with financial institutions, access accounts, address insurance claims, sign documents, handle housing matters, pay bills, file tax returns, or resolve other administrative problems. This can be particularly useful if the student is studying far from home, traveling abroad, or temporarily unable to manage these matters because of an illness or injury.

Signing a power of attorney does not prevent the student from continuing to control their own finances. It simply gives another trusted person the legal authority to assist when necessary. The document can also be revoked or revised while the student has legal capacity.

Choosing the Right Agents

The individuals selected under these documents should be trustworthy, responsible, and willing to act. A student may appoint the same person under both documents or choose different people for medical and financial matters. It is also wise to name a successor in case the first person is unavailable.

The documents should be prepared and signed before the student leaves for college. Copies should be provided to the appointed agents, and the student should know how to access them electronically. Because state laws differ, families should consult an attorney about the appropriate documents, particularly when the student attends college outside the student's home state.

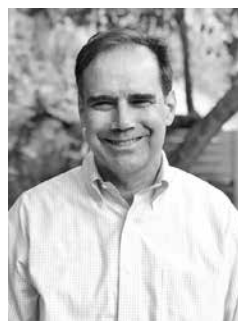
A Simple Step That Can Prevent a Crisis

A health care proxy and power of attorney do not take independence away from a college student. To the contrary, they allow the student to decide who may help and what authority that person will have.

Most families will never need to use these documents. If an emergency occurs, however, having them in place can mean the difference between obtaining immediate assistance and facing delay, uncertainty, or even a court proceeding. Preparing advance directives should therefore be viewed as a routine part of getting ready for college, along with registering for classes, arranging housing, and packing for the semester.

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Non chi comincia, ma quel che persevera



BY JOHN CATTAU,
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I had the privilege of boarding the Italian Navy's magnificent tall ship Amerigo Vespucci this summer. Traditionally associated with Leonardo da Vinci, this motto is engraved in gold letters on a plaque bolted to the mast, translated as "Not he who begins, but he who perseveres."

It is a fitting message for sailors and entrepreneurs. Startups must also navigate a course, knowing when to tack, jibe or fall off—always on the lookout for dangers.

Starting a business takes courage and optimism. Keeping it going requires resilience. Most businesses plan carefully for customers, financing and growth, but startups should also think about what could unexpectedly knock them off course.

A few basic insurance tips can help.

Protect the people. A young company may depend heavily on one or two founders. Life and disability insurance can help protect families and the business if something happens to a key person.

Protect against mistakes and lawsuits. General liability and professional liability coverage can help prevent one claim from consuming the limited capital of a new company.

Think about cyber risk early. Even small businesses store customer information, use cloud services and transfer money. Cyber insurance can provide protection against ransomware, data breaches and fraud.

Insurance should evolve with the business. Hiring employees, leasing space or buying equipment can all create new risks.

The lesson of the *Amerigo Vespucci* is a good one for anyone launching a company: Starting the voyage matters. But ultimately, success belongs to those who can stay the course. *Buon vento!*

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Mamaroneck Holds Annual Family Camp-Out

Pack your tents and sleeping bags for the Village of Mamaroneck's 22nd Annual Family Camp Out!

Spend a night under the stars at Harbor Island Park's Pavilion Field from Saturday, September 12, into Sunday, September 13. Check-in begins at 5 PM on Saturday.

The evening will include s'mores, hot chocolate, cornhole, field games and other family activities. A free outdoor showing of *The Super Mario Galaxy Movie* will begin at dusk. The movie is open to the public, and registration for the Family Camp Out is not required to attend the movie.

Grills and propane will be provided. Participants should bring their own tent and sleeping gear, food, condiments, barbecue utensils and other personal supplies.

Registration fees are \$45 per tent for residents and \$60 per tent for non-residents. Pre-registration is required to reserve a tent space. On-site registration will be available for \$70 per tent, subject to space availability.

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted. The Village has a no-refund policy.

The rain date is Saturday, September 19, into Sunday, September 20. Registrants must be available for the rain date.

Register online at <https://secure.rec1.com/NY/mamaroneck-ny/catalog>.

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Beatlegacy

Saturday, September 26, 3 PM to 4 PM
Mamaroneck Public Library, 136 Prospect Avenue
Beatlegacy are a touring Beatles tribute show that offers a selection of songs from The Beatles early years through the touring years, ending with songs from their final recordings. The performance includes the music of Lennon and McCartney as an acoustic duo. Free admission. To register, go to https://www.mamaronecklibrary.org/events/new-date-beatlegacy/.

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