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Incinerator Demolition Slated to Begin



BY STEPHEN E. LIPKEN

Mamaroneck Town Supervisor Jaine Elkind Eney began the October 7 Town Board meeting by stating she attended a recent meeting of the Larchmont-Mamaroneck Sanitation Commission. “The main topic of conversation was the planned demolition of the Incinerator Building at the Maxwell Avenue Yard,” Eney stated. The deteriorating municipal incinerator, built in 1938 and taken out of commission in the 1970s, is slated for demolition and asbestos removal at an estimated cost of \$1.6 million.

Eney went on to say that the Town of Mamaroneck Fall Festival was held at Me-

morial Park on October 3, featuring a wide selection of local food trucks, a pumpkin patch, maze, touch-a-truck station, bounce houses, face painting, adoptable puppies and live musical entertainment.

She then announced that an aluminum educational research catamaran, the R/V Brewer is being constructed by Derektor Shipyards in Mamaroneck, measuring 50 feet long x 23 feet wide, enabling an additional 10,000 students each year to learn, explore, conduct research and imagine futures in science, conservation and the maritime industries, under the auspices of Jack Brewer.

Next, meeting as a Board of Fire

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Village Awarded Grant from Transportation Alternatives Program



BY STEPHEN E. LIPKEN

Village of Larchmont Mayor Brigid Brennan opened the October 19th Board meeting, reporting that the Village was awarded a \$4.8 million dollar grant from the Federal Highway Administration’s Transportation Alternatives Program from NYS Governor Kathy Hochul’s office. The required Village matching grant is \$1.2 million; total \$6 million, concerning infrastructure improvements for Chatsworth, Larchmont and Vanderburgh

Avenues.

Brennan added that the General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd. She then thanked all who participated in the Larchmont Arts Festival on Saturday, October 17th, encompassing over 60 artists.

Special thanks went out to Nili Asherie, Chair, Larchmont Committee on the Arts.

A free NY Citizen Preparedness Training Course will be held at the Larch-

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Civic Leaders Highlight the Power of Community Organizations

BY RANDAL IKEDA

Big changes often begin close to home. At the October 13 Larchmont-Mamaroneck Local Summit, three civic leaders explored how local engagement and volunteer-driven organizations can strengthen community life, foster meaningful connections, and make a tangible difference. Moderated by Rev. Lisa Mason, the conversation featured leaders from Larchmont Friends of the Family, At Home on the Sound, and the Original Civic Research & Action program at Mamaroneck High School, each bringing a distinct perspective on service and civic participation. As Local Summit Chair Elaine Chapnick observed, “if we look local, we know there’s a lot that we can do to make our own community better.”

Larchmont Friends of the Family: Confidential Help in Times of Crisis: Tina Sadarangani, board chair of Larchmont Friends of the Family, described an organization that quietly steps in when a parent or child faces a serious illness or death. The group helps with rent, groceries, transportation to medical appointments, meals, and other immediate needs so families can focus on healing rather than financial survival. “We come in and we help as good neighbors would do, and then some,” she said.

Sadarangani noted that the organiza-



tion’s confidential, anonymous work makes public awareness challenging, despite the profound need. She urged residents not to assume local families are immune to crisis: illness can quickly destabilize a household. When families share their stories, neighbors are reminded that crisis can happen to anyone.

At Home on the Sound: Independence, Connection and Belonging: Gloria Spedafino-Golle, executive director of At Home on the Sound, discussed the organization’s work helping adults age 60 and older remain independent, active, and connected. Through transportation, lectures, programs, and social activities, the organization combats isolation and helps older residents feel valued. “At Home on the Sound brings them together so that they feel, as they should, that they are an important part of this community,” she said.

For Spedafino-Golle, the most persistent

challenge is stigma. Some older adults hesitate to participate because they do not see themselves as ready for an organization serving older residents. Her goal is to present At Home on the Sound not as a sign of decline, but as a source of community, vitality, and connection.

Original Civic Research & Action: Teaching Students How Change Happens: Joe Liberti, founder and director of Original Civic Research & Action (OCRA) at Mamaroneck High School, described ORCA as a four-year, student-centered, group-based and project-based civic program focused on the local community. Students interview community members, research local issues and learn how to make change collaboratively and realistically.

Liberti said one challenge is helping students understand that meaningful change often happens incrementally. Students may want immediate results, while local institutions can be slow to adapt. His role, along with fellow mentors and educators, is to help students find projects at the right scale, listen carefully, and recognize that moving the ball down the field still matters. He tells students, “God gave us two ears and one mouth, so let’s

do more listening.”

A Web of Community Service: Audience members broadened the discussion by highlighting other local service efforts, including Furniture Sharehouse, which celebrates its 20th year in 2027, the Fuller Center, the Lions Club, the League of Women Voters, the Hunger Task Force, the Alzheimer’s Association Hudson Valley Chapter and volunteer opportunities such as election protection, poll work and crossing guard service.

Throughout the discussion, participants returned to a common theme: strong communities depend not only on effective organizations, but also on neighbors willing to notice a need, ask questions, and lend a hand. Ultimately, it is the human connections forged through this work that sustain volunteers and make their efforts so rewarding as they enhance the quality of life in the community.

The Larchmont-Mamaroneck Local Summit is an informal community council that seeks to improve community life by keeping residents informed about major issues of concern. The next meeting, on November 10 at the Nautilus Diner in Mamaroneck, will discuss the changing landscape of healthcare and what it means to you. For more information, visit <https://www.localsummitlm.org/>. To view recorded programs on LMC Media, visit <https://lmcmedia.org/series-page/larchmont-mamaroneck-local-summit/>.



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Westchester County Approves Funds for Flood Control and Sidewalk Upgrades

The Westchester County Board of Legislators unanimously approved three measures to improve infrastructure across the County. The legislation provides more than \$6 million for flood control in Yonkers and Complete Streets projects in four villages, while authorizing agreements with more than 20 municipalities for no-cost upkeep of Bee-Line bus shelters.

In Yonkers, legislators approved \$1.85 million for a flood control project along Harrison Avenue. The funding will cover construction of drainage improvements designed to prevent stormwater from pooling. The County and City of Yonkers will split the cost of the improvements for the duration of the construction, which is expected to start in the Fall of 2027.

Four villages will split \$4.2 million for sidewalk, crosswalk, and intersection upgrades. Through its Complete Streets program, the County will cover up to half the construction cost of projects in Tarrytown, Mamaroneck, Tuckahoe, and Sleepy Hollow. The work will include an extension of the RiverWalk in Sleepy Hollow, as well as curb repairs, landscaping, and safer crossings. The program helps communities build streets that serve ev-

eryone, whether they walk, bike, drive, or use a wheelchair.

The Board also approved a measure that will keep Bee-Line bus shelters in 20 municipalities across the County clean, safe, and in good repair, including snow removal, at no cost to taxpayers. InSite Street Media, an outdoor advertising company, will perform the work and cover the cost through advertising displayed on the shelters.

Chairman Vedat Gashi (D-New Castle, Ossining, Somers, Yorktown) said, “Some of the Board’s best work happens when we partner with local municipalities. By sharing costs with our villages, working with Yonkers on flood control, and using advertising revenue to maintain bus shelters, we’re making County resources go further and delivering needed improvements for residents across Westchester.”

Majority Whip Shanae Williams (D-Yonkers), Chair of the Board’s Infrastructure and Housing Committee, said, “Government has a responsibility to deliver more than promises—we have to make the investments that keep our communities safe, accessible, and moving forward. These laws represent real investments in the infrastructure

our residents depend on. From safer streets in four villages, to relief from years of flooding in Yonkers, to bus shelters that are cleared of snow and kept safe for riders, these projects meet real needs in our communities. These are the kinds of investments that matter—projects people can see, feel, and benefit from. Whether someone is walking down the street, trying to get home during a storm, or waiting for a bus in the winter, they deserve infrastructure that works and a government that takes their safety seriously. That is what we are delivering.

Legislator David J. Tubiolo (D-Yonkers, Mount Vernon), Vice Chair of the Board’s Budget and Appropriations Committee, said, “I am delighted to support funding that addresses persistent flood-

ing in my district. Harrison Avenue has endured severe, repetitive flood damage for far too long. Every time a major storm hits, families on Harrison Avenue and nearby streets deal with flooded basements, damaged cars, and roads they can’t drive on. With this \$1.85 million in dedicated funding, Westchester County is building new drainage to carry stormwater away from homes and streets. This crucial investment will help finance the cost of construction and construction management for stormwater improvements, including preparation of plans and specifications, eliminate chronic flooding in our Yonkers neighborhoods, and bring long-overdue relief to families along Harrison Avenue. Protecting the safety and property of our community remains my highest priority.”

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mont Village Center on Sunday, November 15th, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to learn how to prepare for severe weather and emergencies. Every family attending will receive a free emergency go bag. Register at www.prepare.ny.gov.

Village Administrator Aylone Katzin mentioned that Police Chief Joseph Paprota retired on October 16th. Lieutenant Daniel Calapai will oversee operations until a new Chief is appointed.

Police Lieutenant Michael Doucette was sworn in, promoted from Sergeant. Doucette is a 21-year veteran with the Larchmont Police Department.

Lieutenant Daniel Calapai warned residents not to leave holiday shopping packages on doorsteps and noted the 50th anniversary of the death of Police Officer

Arthur DeMatte, who was shot in 1976.

Agenda items included scheduling a Public Hearing on Monday, November 16th to review a proposed Local Law to amend Chapter 245 of the Village Code with respect to street opening permit requirements, fees and procedures; Supervisory Data Control and Acquisition (SCADA), including a proposal from Arcadis of \$75,000 for Phase I upgrade that replaces the equipment, transitions the system to VTScada and includes related cybersecurity improvements, data migration, testing and one year of hardware warranty and Human Machine Interface (HMI).

With the retirement of Assistant Village Administrator Brittanie O’Neill, Julia Davis was appointed Assistant Village Administrator.

Rehabilitation Paused for Flint Park Fields

Larchmont village officials were very excited about the rehabilitation of the Flint Park fields A and B and had hoped to have them up and running in time for the fall season. The initial project aimed to improve the condition, drainage, durability, and playability of the fields through a reinforced natural turf system and an updated stormwater collection system which would connect to the existing municipal drainage system. Unfortunately, an unexpected historic discovery has halted the project.

Prior to construction, environmental testing was done which included soil sampling at 18 locations. The testing found conditions consistent with urban fill commonly found in developed areas but did not identify waste indicators. Municipal solid waste was not encountered at any of the original sampling locations. The site is also not listed in New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s (NYSDEC) database of active or inactive landfills. Regardless, the Village decided to proactively remove all of the top layer of dirt, properly dispose of it, and replace it with new dirt (also called certified clean root-zone material) improving the safety of our longstanding recreational fields.

Nonetheless, on August 19, material

believed to be municipal solid waste was uncovered in one localized area during the installation of a stormwater manhole. NYSDEC arrived at the site that same day, before the Village had an opportunity to evaluate or test the newly uncovered material, and work was halted. This isolated area was the only location where such material was encountered during construction.

The site remains fenced and locked, and the soils in question have been covered to minimize exposure. The issues have been contained. The rest of Flint Park remains safe and enjoyable for residents and visitors alike.

The Village’s consultant continues to monitor the erosion and sediment control measures and notify the contractor of any required repairs.

The material has been stockpiled and covered and will undergo environmental testing to determine the appropriate disposal process. Additional test pits are also proposed to evaluate the area before the stormwater connection is completed. The Village and its consultants have provided NYSDEC with updated technical information and are working cooperatively with the agency as it reviews the proposed measures and next steps. The project will resume once that guidance is in place.

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Commissioners, Town Fire Department claims amounting to \$3,142 were certified by Fire Chief Alex Rapp and submitted to the Comptroller’s Office for payment.

Town Comptroller Tracy Yogman requested action by the Town Board to extend the Ambulance District Contracts with Mamaroneck Emergency Medical Services (MEMS) and Volunteer Ambulance Corps (VAC) through April 30, 2027.

Town Administrator Meredith S. Robson presented a donation of \$1,000 from the Woman’s Club of Larchmont to be used for three swim scholarships and partial membership fees.

Robson presented a memo from the Recreation Department regarding Julia B. Fee, School of Rock and Larchmont Nurs-

eries donations of a bounce house, music, pumpkin patch and maze for the Fall Festival.

A memo from Town Engineer Rob Wasp requested the Town Board approve the consultant proposal from Barton & Loguidice for design development of the Roundabout at the intersection of Madison Avenue and New Jefferson Street.

Finally, Wasp requested authorization to accept bid TA-26-13-Traffic Signal Enhancements, North Chatsworth Avenue and Myrtle Boulevard, matched by a donation from the McGuire Foundation, plus award of Bid TA-26-01A-Highway Department Materials Disposal for disposal of wood and brush materials on an as-needed basis, presented to S.A.S. Bulfamante, Inc.

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Community Comes Together at LMC Media’s Annual Gala

Residents of Larchmont, Mamaroneck, and surrounding Sound Shore communities gathered at Mamaroneck Cinemas for LMC Media’s Annual Gala. Centered around the theme “Community Comes Together,” the celebratory evening has been a sold-out event for consecutive years, raising vital support for the community’s only non-profit community media center.

Hollywood’s own Lou Diamond Phillips did an incredible job as the evening’s host, bringing wonderful energy, humor, and heart to the stage.

This year, LMC Media honored Mamaroneck High School graduate and long-time resident Jules A. Del Vecchio, celebrating his spirit of generosity, gratitude, and unwavering dedication to local storytelling. Adding to the warmth of the night, last year’s honoree, J. B. Miller, presented this year’s award to Del Vecchio.

Honoree Jules A. Del Vecchio stated: “I was deeply touched to be honored by LMC Media along with Dena Schumacher. Every community has stories worth telling, and LMC gives ours a place to be heard. Seeing so many friends and neighbors come together to support that mission made the evening especially meaningful to me.”

2026 was a critical year for community support. Despite the economic hurdles imposed by budget cuts, the Gala reinforced how essential local media remains in fostering transparent municipal coverage, educational opportunities, and civic connection.

“This year’s theme of ‘Community Comes Together’ was more than just a tagline: it was the perfect summary of what LMC has been able to achieve with our wonderful community support,” stated Matt Sullivan, Executive Director of LMC

Media. “Further, it’s a testament to everyone who showed up this year, either to advocate for the importance of community media or making significant contributions to our nonprofit media center.”

The evening also shined a special spotlight on Dena Schumacher, Assistant Director of LMC Media, honoring her extraordinary 20-year journey with the organization. A special tribute video highlighted Schumacher’s path from her

senior college internship to guiding a new generation of storytellers and spearheading key initiatives like the Creator Lab, Future Filmmaker Project, and original programming such as the LMC Kids Show.

Reflecting on two decades of growth, connections, and service, Dena Schumacher shared: “I’ve had the incredible opportunity to grow alongside LMC, to learn, and to be part of a community that has

become home. I’m grateful for the people, the stories, and the connections that have shaped these twenty years. I hope our community will continue to recognize the impact LMC has and support this organization so it can keep creating opportunities, telling local stories, and bringing people together for years to come.”

To learn more about LMC Media, visit www.lmcmedia.org.



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Q&A with Mamaroneck Public Library’s New Teen Librarian Ryan Reitzel



What inspired you to become the new Teen Services Librarian at Mamaroneck Public Library?
I was drawn to working with the teens of Mamaroneck because of their strong sense of community and academic rigor. I feel that I can help establish a much-needed “third space” tailored to their needs, offering services specifically designed for them.

What changes are you making to the Teen Room?
I am nearing the end of a large-scale weeding project to make space for updated and new materials in our Young Adult Collection. Looking to the future, I hope to create additional seating arrangements for teens to use for studying, socializing, and participating in Library programs.

What kinds of programs or events would you like to offer?
I have spent several years organizing programs and events for teens and I have a number of plans in mind, including group gaming sessions, art workshops, volunteer opportunities, and both educational and entertainment-oriented activities.

Are you looking for input on the library’s collection and services for teens?
Since teens can often be an overlooked population, gathering feedback from them is crucial. Their input on collection, programs, and services is invaluable, and I aspire to establish a teen library board in the near future, to amplify their voices and guide the changes they would like to see. I am always accessible via phone, email, or in person to hear any and all ideas from the community. The email address is childrensdepartment@mamaronecklibrary.org.

What is your approach to working with teen patrons?
Teenagers often rise to the occasion as some of the most passionate and outspoken

Remembrance Tree Ceremony Set for Nov. 22



The Remembrance Tree event unites families in the community who have lost children of any age and from any circumstance. This will be the 18th year since two families in Larchmont, having both lost a daughter, came together to select an evergreen sapling—a Himalayan Cedar—and after securing permission from the town to have it planted with a cobalt blue plaque secured at its base, began the annual gathering place to remember the children who had been lost.

The Remembrance Tree event will be held on Sunday, November 22 at 2 PM in the park located on the corner of Palmer Avenue and Weaver Street in Larchmont. Families are invited to bring a white ribbon with the name of your loved one inscribed on it, so that it may be tied to a branch of the lofty Remembrance Tree. Whether this is your first time participating or you’ve joined in over the years, it’s a meaningful time to be together again.

For more information, contact Dawn Moriwaki at dawncrista@gmail.com.



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Before December 31: Year-End Financial and Estate Planning Opportunities

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As 2026 draws to a close, many people focus on holiday preparations and making plans for the new year. However, the final months of the year also offer valuable opportunities to reduce taxes, support loved ones, and make important financial decisions.

Take Advantage of Annual Gift Tax Exclusions: One of the simplest ways to transfer wealth to the next generation is through annual exclusion gifting.

In 2026, you can give up to \$19,000 to any number of individuals without using your federal lifetime gift and estate tax exemption. Married couples can give \$38,000 per recipient, subject to gift-splitting rules.

For example, a married couple with three children and five grandchildren can transfer up to \$304,000 in 2026 without reducing their lifetime exemptions.

To qualify for the annual exclusion, you must complete these gifts by December 31, and the funds must clear your account before year-end. Certain gifts to trusts do not qualify for the annual exclusion, even if the amount gifted falls within the annual exclusion limit, unless the trust contains special provisions that allow the gifts to qualify. Also, unused annual exclusions do not carry forward to future years.

Gifts that exceed the annual exclusion do not automatically trigger gift taxes. Instead, these gifts reduce your available lifetime federal gift and estate tax exemption and require you to file a gift tax return.

Pay Tuition and Medical Expenses Directly: Many families overlook another valuable gifting opportunity: paying someone else's tuition or medical expenses directly.

Federal gift tax law allows you to pay qualifying tuition expenses directly to an educational institution without using your annual gift tax exclusion, regardless of the amount. This applies to tuition at qualifying schools, including private elementary and secondary schools and colleges. It does not extend to room, board, books, or other educational expenses.

For example, grandparents can pay a grandchild's college tuition directly to the university and still give that grandchild an additional \$19,000 in 2026.

Similarly, you can pay qualifying medical expenses, such as a family member's surgery, dental care, or other medical treatment, directly to the medical provider without using your annual gift tax exclusion, regardless of the amount paid.

The key is making payments directly to the institution or provider rather than reimbursing the individual.

Consider Funding a 529 College Savings Plan: For families interested in helping children or grandchildren with future education expenses, a 529 college savings plan offers another tax-advantaged opportunity. A special five-year election allows an individual to contribute up to \$95,000 in 2026 to a beneficiary's 529 plan and treat the contribution as spread over five years for gift tax purposes. Married couples can contribute up to \$190,000. However, this election uses the annual gift tax exclusion for that beneficiary for five years, meaning that additional gifts to the same beneficiary during that period will require reporting on a gift tax return.

Review Retirement Distributions and Charitable Giving: If you are subject to required minimum distributions (RMDs) from retirement accounts, confirm that you have satisfied your distribution requirements before year-end. Failure to take an RMD can result in significant tax penalties.

Individuals age 70½ or older can also consider qualified charitable distributions (QCDs), which allow them to transfer up to \$111,000 in 2026 directly from their IRA to qualifying charities. These distributions can satisfy all or part of an RMD while excluding the qualifying amount from taxable income.

For those who regularly support charitable organizations, this can be more tax-efficient than withdrawing funds and then making a donation.

Consider the Impact of Gifts on Long-Term Care Planning: Before making substantial gifts, consider whether you or your spouse might need long-term care in the future.

While annual exclusion gifts offer federal estate and gift tax advantages, they are not automatically exempt from Medicaid transfer rules. In New York, gifts made within five years before applying for nursing home Medicaid can create eligibility penalties, even when the gifts fall within the annual gift tax exclusion.

This distinction is particularly important for older adults considering transferring assets to children or grandchildren.

Start Planning Before the Deadline: Year-end planning involves more than minimizing taxes. It provides an opportunity to use available financial and benefits strategies while protecting your long-term security.

Whether you are considering gifts to family members, helping with education expenses, or evaluating retirement distributions, thoughtful planning before December 31 can help you enter 2027 with greater financial confidence.

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St. John's 100th Annual Christmas Bazaar Supports Local Charities

BY LINNET TSE

A beloved community tradition reaches a milestone this year as the St. John's Christmas Bazaar celebrates its 100th anniversary! On Saturday, November 21, from 10 AM to 3 PM, St. John's Episcopal Church will once again welcome the community for its annual Christmas Bazaar.

The festive event raises funds to support local nonprofits serving women and children in need. In just the past five years, proceeds from the bazaar have provided more than \$200,000 in Episcopal Church Women's Outreach Grants to local organizations. In 2026, 22 organizations received grants, including Community Counseling Center, Community Resource Center, The Sharing Shelf, Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle, Youth Shelter of Westchester, and Interfaith Prison Partnership, among many others.

The Christmas Bazaar offers something for everyone, with a wide variety of items for sale, including collectibles, handcrafted items, holiday decorations, jewelry, gently used toys, children's books, sporting equipment, and delicious sweet and savory treats.

There will also be plenty of festive activities throughout the day, including live entertainment, a visit from Santa Claus, children's activities, and a local food truck serving lunch.

The Online Silent Auction will run November 15 to 21 and will feature sought-after tickets to sports, music, and theater events, along with a variety of unique items and experiences. Silent Auction items will be on display at the Bazaar, with online bidding available throughout the day. The auction link and a QR code for easy access will be available on the St. John's website closer to the event.

Come get an early start on your holiday shopping, enjoy a festive community gathering, and support organizations making a difference in the lives of people in our community.

St. John's Episcopal Church is located at 4 Fountain Square in Larchmont Manor. The Bazaar will take place Saturday, November 21, from 10 AM to 3 PM. Admission is free.

For more information, visit the Christmas Bazaar page on the St. John's website at <https://stjohnslarchmont.org/ecw/christmas-bazaar/> or call (914) 834-2981.

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advocates within the community. As they transition into emerging adults, they embody the near future of their community, making them a vital asset in fostering change and addressing the needs of its members.

As the Teen Services Librarian, I recognize the importance of ensuring that young adults in the Library feel not only welcomed but also empowered to express their opinions and be seen within our services; the Library is a space for everyone, and having a designated area for teens that resonates with this stage of their lives is essential. I look forward to continuing this approach when working with the amazing teens here in Mamaroneck.

Larchmont Police Blotter

Friday, October 2, 2026, 2:51 PM: A woman who parked her Honda Accord in the DeCicco & Sons supermarket parking lot at 1 PM told police she returned nearly two hours later to find the car's rear bumper and a taillight smashed.

Friday, October 2, 2026, 10:01 PM: Police broke up a party of about 60 teens at a home on Chestnut Avenue after receiving numerous complaints of loud music and observing youths consuming alcoholic beverages. The homeowner was at the Shore Club and told police she was unaware her daughter was hosting a party.

Monday, October 5, 2026, 1:20 PM: A caller reported that a woman was walking along Manor Beach, which is a private club. When police arrived on the scene, she told them she thought it was a public beach, and when police told her it was not, she left.

Monday, October 5, 2026, 6:45 PM: Police ticketed a driver who made a U-turn on Chatsworth Avenue.

Thursday, October 8, 2026, 2:04 PM: A Larchmont resident told police that between 7:30 AM and 8 AM, numerous Hommocks Middle School students are riding electric bikes and electric scooters at a high rate of speed through Flint Park. When police monitored the park the next day, they found four youths on e-scooters and two on e-bikes riding at an acceptable speed.

Friday, October 9, 2026, 11:41 AM: A Walnut Avenue couple told police that a man in a white van attempted to lure their daughter and her friend into the vehicle on September 14, around the time a similar incident was reported in Scarsdale.

Mamaroneck Library Election Set for Dec. 9

The Mamaroneck Public Library will hold an election for two open seats on the Board of Trustees and to pass the proposed 2027/28 budget on Wednesday, December 9 from 7 AM to 9 PM. Nominating petitions are available at the circulation desk and are due by Saturday, November 7.

The proposed budget for fiscal year June 1, 2027 through May 31, 2028 is \$3,769,492. This budget includes an increase in the library tax of 4 percent, the same as the prior year. The library will be fully staffed and funds are included to make the website ADA compliant, mandated by both the Federal and State governments for all municipalities (during 2025, the website was visited 118,000 times).

In the past fiscal year, there were approximately 70,000 visitors at the Library. Other statistics:

- This year, the Library offers approximately 845 programs.
- Participation in the Summer Reading Program grew: In 2025, there were 179 children, 188 with adults. In 2026, there were 279 children, 309 with adults.
- In the past fiscal year, 190 Hotspots were borrowed.
- 83,232 physical items were borrowed by library patrons in 2025.
- There were 52,063 digital checkouts in 2025.
- 18,746 program attendees in 2025.
- In 2025, the staff answered 19,452 reference questions.
- The public computers were used 7,323 times and the Library’s WiFi was accessed 15,317 times in 2025.

What’s new at the Library:

- A Quarterly Newsletter keeping patrons up-to-date with library happenings and an Annual Report
- Monthly Concerts on Saturday afternoons
- Chair Yoga
- Tech Tuesdays – free one on one tech assistance
- Spanish Conversation Group
- Family Concerts
- Several new programs for children
- Library of Things – an opportunity to borrow practical and engaging items for adults and children

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