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President Obama's Visit Activates Local Security Measures

by Robert Kimmel

When the President comes to town, it sets a lot of wheels in motion. As expected, that is what happened when local authorities learned that President Obama had chosen to use the Tappan Zee Bridge and the new bridge construction as his backdrop last month to push Congress to approve his \$302 billion transportation infrastructure plan.

Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow were given about five days to prepare for President Obama's visit. Sleepy Hollow Administrator Anthony Giaccio was alerted by the Secret Service the Friday before Obama's Wednesday, May 14th visit. "They wanted to know whom to contact at General Motors to get permission to land," Giaccio said, referring to the vacated GM waterfront site where the President's helicopter, Marine One, would set down.

"Both the police Department and the Department of Public Works were very much involved in the preparation for the landing," Giaccio, added. The DPW got involved in clearing the site of debris, and

fixing potholes, he explained. About three days of work were put into tidying up the area. Sleepy Hollow's Police Department also worked closely with the Secret Service to ensure the President's safety in the area of the village.

"We were pretty busy," he noted. Police also rode with Secret Service personnel in securing the area, Giaccio said. "A fire truck stood by at the request of the White House. The route from the landing to Tarrytown had to be blocked off, and some streets were closed off with the village's garbage trucks before the landing," according to Giaccio. "There was a significant amount of overtime incurred."

Fifteen Tarrytown police officers were assigned to help the Secret Service to ensure the President's safety in that village, Administrator Michael Blau said. Preparing for any eventuality, the Secret Service also selects an appropriate hospital to which the President would be rushed should he sustain an injury or become ill. That was Westchester Medical Center because it was a trauma hospital, Blau explained.

"We were replacing a culvert on Nepa-



Photo by Sunny McLean

President Obama made his first visit to Westchester in Tarrytown on May 14.

ran Road, and that was the most direct route to the hospital, so they were concerned about having clear access to the hospital," he said. "We guaranteed them that if the work was not completed by

Tuesday, that on Wednesday there would always be a way to have an ambulance get across to where we were doing the work, so the President could get to the hospital

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Another Large Irvington Tract Up for Development

by Barrett Seaman

The sale of any large tract of land in the rivertowns is always a sensitive issue—especially in Irvington, where increasingly rare open spaces and vistas are prized and large-scale development projects viewed with suspicion. So it was only prudent that Jerry Carrafiello brought a pair of well-known land-use attorneys and a landscape engineer to the May 5 village board meeting to sound out trustees' reactions to a trio of selling options for his eight-acre tract before he made any commitments.

Carrafiello and his three sisters own the Winterly Corporate Campus, the centerpiece of which is a 35,000 sq. ft. white clapboard Colonial crowning a manicured swath of green that sweeps down from the east to Broadway. The campus, built on the grounds of the old William B. May estate, "Winterly," was created by their father, Lou Carrafiello, who employed more than 100 people at the Carrafiello-Diehl & Associates advertising agency, on the site. After the ad

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Photo by Joe Golden

Special Event: An athlete is cheered on during one of the competitions at the 2014 Hudson Valley Special Olympics: Spring Games East at Sleepy Hollow High School. For more photos, see page 13.

Phelps Intends to Link with North Shore LIJ Health System

by Robert Kimmel

In a move designed to augment its resources and better cope with the “changing healthcare environment,” Phelps Memorial Hospital Center is aiming to join the North Shore-LIJ Health System. If successful, the action would link Phelps to New York State’s largest group health care employer and make it the North Shore LIJ System’s first Westchester affiliate.

Phelps Board of Directors last month approved a letter of intent to explore the linkage with North Shore, and apparently the Long Island based health system is optimistic about the prospect of integrating the Sleepy Hollow facility into its organization. However, a due diligence period and negotiations are expected to last several months before a final agreement would be executed, possibly by late summer.

“Our Board Affiliation Task Force looked at all of the alternatives, potential partners in the Metropolitan area, and felt that North Shore LIJ was the best partner for Phelps,” Keith Safian, the hospital’s President and CEO, told *The Hudson Independent*. “And we are extremely pleased that they felt the same way, that Phelps would be their first affiliate in this county. It is mutually beneficial, a great opportunity.”

“There are a number of levels where the relationship is going to be very helpful to Phelps,” Safian said. “One is dealing with the new era of health delivery, meaning dealing with accountable care organizations

and population health. These are things that a community hospital cannot participate in as an independent organization, and it is something that a big health system can do very effectively and joining with LIJ will permit us to accomplish.”

Accountable care organizations are comprised of primary care physicians, specialists and hospitals that work collaboratively and are collectively accountable for the quality of care and costs of care for a population of patients, a growing concept in the medical field. It is becoming particularly associated with the health of Medicare patients.

Safian said the relationship with North Shore LIJ would help Phelps, “...expand its programs and services to better meet the needs of our community, and a big system like North Shore has resources and expertise that they can share with us, and can help us expand faster than Phelps can expand on its own.”

Financial stability is a factor as well, according to Safian. While noting that “Phelps has been very economically successful over the years,” he cited several Westchester hospitals that over the last decade or so have closed their doors; United in Port Chester, South Shore in Mt. Vernon and St. Agnes in White Plains that demonstrate, “...individual community hospitals are in some economic jeopardy.”

The Affordable Care Act has also cut into Phelps’ revenue. “One of the ways they are paying for that act is by reducing reimbursement to hospitals,” Safian said. “Cuts this

year, 2014, add up to \$3.3 million in reduced reimbursement for the same patients we took care of last year,” he explained. “The cuts are going to increase next year and the next year, and every year beyond. It really is a game changer for hospitals and with community hospitals smaller and having, in our case, a large proportion of Medicare patients, we are substantially effected by this legislation change.”

Richard Sinni, chairman of the Phelps Board, described the objective for “seeking partnership with an academic medical center has been to continue to provide the same, if not enhanced, quality services that our community has come to depend upon.”

“By working in an integrated and collaborative way with clinical and administrative staff at Phelps Memorial, and investing in new initiatives and programs, we look forward to building on the hospital’s unique operating niche as a physician- and patient-

friendly facility that attracts clinical talent and patients from throughout the area,” North Shore-LIJ President and CEO Michael J. Dowling stated.

Phelps has grown under Safian’s leadership. Since he took over as its top executive in 1989, its operating budget has risen from \$40 million to \$200 million, and an 11% operating loss in 1988 has turned into surpluses in all but one year of his tenure. Its medical staff has increased from 189 to 460 and total employees have doubled to 1,600.

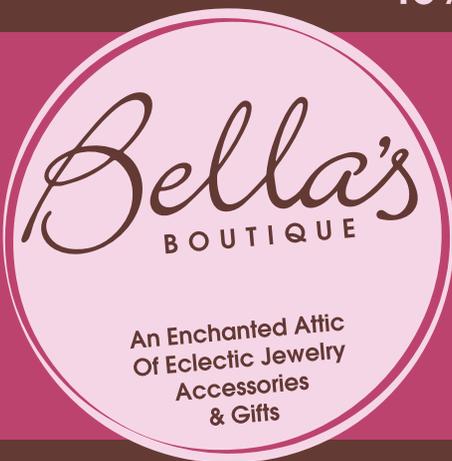
North Shore, LIJ Health System, which embraces 16 hospitals, including Lenox Hill in Manhattan, two long term care facilities and a large research center, has more than 48,000 employees and some 400 outpatient physician practices, and is New York State’s largest integrated health care provider. It was formed in 1997 when North Shore Health System merged with Long Island Jewish Medical Center.



Dr. Elio Ippolito received the Salvation Army Lifetime Service Award last month. Joining him were captains Noel and Angeelica Rodriguez, Ellen Lynch, Janet Herrera, Diane Lopez and Don Whitely.

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Affordable Housing Project in Tarrytown Under Review; No Others Planned

by Janie Rosman

Discussions have resumed for the one dozen affordable housing units proposed for the site of the former Tarrytown Village Hall at 21 Wildey Street, part of the Hudson Harbor approval agreement reached with property owner Joseph Cotter 10 years ago.

Preliminary presentations last summer outlining the developer's plans for 24 units, 12 of those affordable housing, with 35 off-street parking spaces, are again before the Planning Board.

"Cotter must submit new plans to the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and Architectural Review Board (ARB)," Village Administrator Michael Blau explained. "The plans approved by the Planning Board required certain variances which were not approved by the ZBA and the ARB never got to the point of approval."

While it approved Hudson Harbor developer Joe Cotter's site plan, the Zoning and Architectural Review Boards did not, Blau said. Variances are needed for parking, setback and coverage, and more land is needed to construct the units pursuant to the developer's needs.

"The development of affordable housing is usually based upon development proposals from private developers," Blau said. "Our law has specific requirements based upon the number of units proposed for development. If there are additional units that can be purchased by the county (it is always aware of what becomes available in foreclosure) it would contact the village."

The new development is subject to the Moderate Income Housing Law, and is not counted as part of Westchester County's 2009 affordable housing agreement to build 750 for-sale units. "The county purchased a two-family house in foreclosure on Kaldenberg Place, fixed it up and sold the two units," Blau said.

"Any new units constructed by Joe Cotter in the village for subdivision, for example, like Greystone, on South Broadway, are subject to the new law which has certain requirements based on the county subject median," Blau said.

Specific language in the contract said 12 affordable units; any additional units will be at market rate, with the applicant having to comply with code or show a public good reason for deviation. Tenant eligibility and unit prices will be determined by the village, not the developer.

Sleepy Hollow's North Tarrytown Housing Authority at 126 Valley St. is supported by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Occupants can pay up to 30 percent of their income towards rent; the remainder is subsidized by the Section 8 housing program. Smith-White Senior Residence at 124 Valley St. is for persons ages 62 and older.

"The village fully complies with the federal guidelines for affordable housing," Village Administrator Anthony Giaccio said. While Sleepy Hollow is not included in the HUD lawsuit, the 60 affordable housing units resulting from the General Motors settlement "are above and beyond requirements the village already met," he said.

Irvington has two affordable apartment buildings: the Burnham Building, located at 2 Main St., and Hudson Views at Irvington, located at 1 South Astor St.

"The 22 units in Burnham, and the four in Hudson Views, pre-date the county's settlement for 750 affordable housing units," Village Administrator Lawrence Schopfer explained. "The agreement says the units need to be built across 31 communities considered to have low numbers of minorities, and requires no specific amount in any of the identified communities."

Schopfer said the village supports the county's obligation under the settlement to set a minimum requirement of affordable units that must be built when a subdivision or units are included in a site plan per inclusionary zoning. Ten percent need to be affordable housing if 10 or more lots are being created, and if a subdivision has less than 10 units (five to nine lots), then one in five must be affordable.

Although several properties in the village have been identified as possible sites, he said, the village hasn't chosen an area or areas.



Michael Blau



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Free Writing Instruction Begins at Warner Library

by Jerry Eimbinder

"Writers Gathering," a group of aspiring authors and budding journalists, will move its meetings to larger quarters at the Warner Library in Tarrytown beginning on Saturday, June 21. Founded two years ago by Lyn Halper, an author and veteran writing teacher, the group has been meeting at the Greenburgh Library in Elmsford.

All persons interested in writing fiction or nonfiction are encouraged to attend these free sessions whether novelists, poets, playwrights, short-story writers, memoir writers, biographers or other types of journalists. Current members range from a foundry worker to a college physics professor. No fees are ever charged.

Published authors will participate regularly with talks and tips. At many meetings, attendees will be invited to submit samples of their work for critiquing by the group. Topics to be covered in coming programs include memoir writing, writing for children, blogging, writing dialogue, entering contests, and finding a literary agent.

At the July 19, 2014 meeting, Westches-

ter County author Eileen Palma will relate how she found a publisher for her romantic comedy novel "Worth the Weight," released on April 28, and she will read passages from the book. The book has similarities to "You've Got Mail," a Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan movie, in that its two

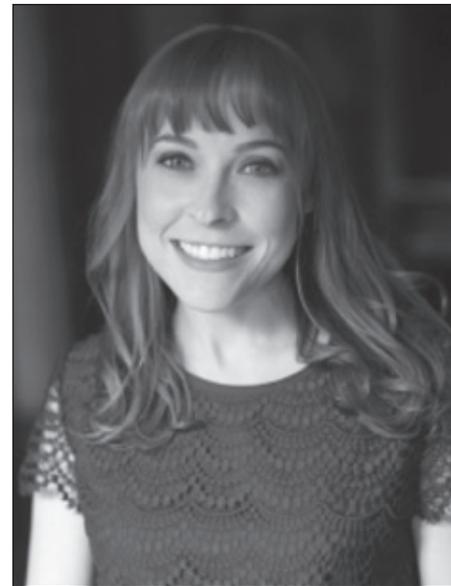
central figures are at first unaware they are professionally adversaries.

Palma is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and she studied Advanced Novel Writing at Sarah Lawrence College's The Writing Institute in Bronxville.

At the group's final meeting at the Greenburgh Library on May 20, the topics "How to Find a Market for Your Writing" and "How

to Write an Effective Query Letter" were covered in a talk by Hank Weber. Award-winning mystery book writer Ira Berkowitz also addressed the group recently. Writing and selling flash fiction was discussed at another recent meeting.

For more information about Writers Gathering, contact Lyn Halper, lynhalper@aol.com.



Author Eileen Palma

School Budgets Comfortably Approved in Tarrytown, Irvington

by Rick Pezzullo

Budgets for the 2014/15 school year in The Public Schools of the Tarrytowns and Irvington School District were comfortably approved by voters on May 20.

The proposed \$71.2 million budget in Tarrytown passed 607 to 235, while an accompanying bus proposition passed 604-206. Spending in the budget increased \$2.4 million (3.5%) from this year and \$900,000 was utilized from fund balance, the same as this year. The district has a \$2.8 million fund balance, the maximum amount allowed.

Taxes for district residents in the Town of Greenburgh will rise 1.8%, while Town

of Mount Pleasant residents will see a 1.6% tax hike.

Meanwhile, in the uncontested Board of Education race for two available seats, incumbent Katharine Swibold was elected to a third three-year term, receiving 681 votes, while John Paine was elected to his first term with 658 votes.

In neighboring Irvington, the \$56.29 million budget was passed 815-273, and incumbent Trustee Phil Whitney was elected to a second term running unopposed.

The budget included a spending increase of \$2.2 million (4.1%) and a tax increase for village residents of 2.9%, the lowest in four years.

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Remember When: Woolworth's

by Elaine Marranzano

Before there was a Mrs. Green's at 45 North Broadway in Tarrytown, before there was a Tarrytown Gourmet, there was Woolworth's, a shopping mecca where kids would covet the toys or plop down on swivel seats to enjoy a milkshake at the lunch counter while their parents shopped. It was the place where teenagers worked for a \$1 an hour, a pair of high heel shoes cost \$6.99 and 60 cents would buy a ham and cheese sandwich and a cup of coffee.

"They had balloons on a string over the counter, each with a slip of paper inside with a price from one cent to 99 cents; you picked one, and whatever the paper said was the price of a banana split," recalled Stephen J. Tilley on Facebook.

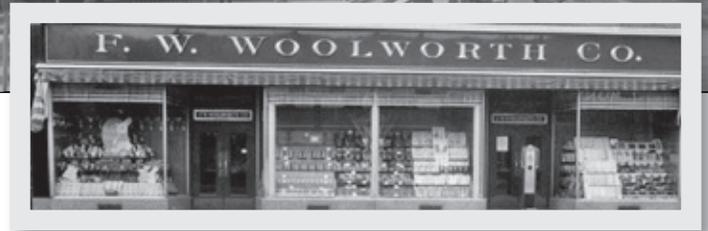
Originating on Orchard Street in 1913, almost exactly where Walgreens is today, Woolworth's moved to Broadway in the 1960s when the Orchard Street commercial district was demolished by urban renewal.

Woolworth's, also known as the "five and dime," was one of the largest retail chains in the world throughout most of the 20th century. The store sold all manner of household goods: towels, sheets, pillows, underwear, clothing, toys, Christmas lights, needles and thread. One Tarrytown native remembers getting her first training bra at Woolworth's.

But by the 1980s increased competition led to Woolworth's decline and Tarrytown's store closed in 1994. A New York Times story announcing the demise of the Tarrytown location quoted residents as saying they felt "like the town was dying." By 1997, the chain was entirely out of business.



Mrs. Green's today;



Bottom: The former Woolworth's store.

Memorial Day Parade in Tarrytown



Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow fire departments march down Main Street.



Gold Star Mother Violet Manca places flag for son who died in Vietnam War.



James Chula Jr. places flag at monument for his late father.

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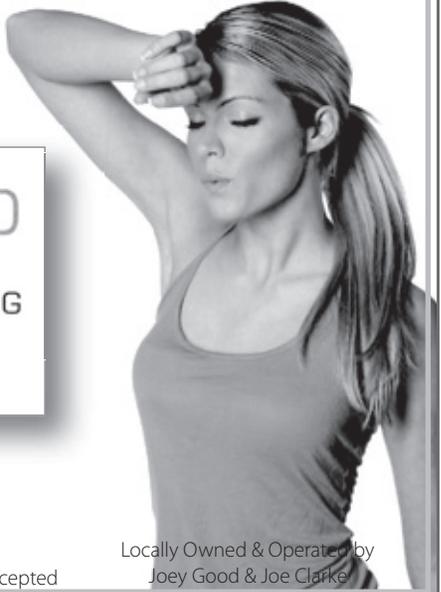
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Three years and \$2.5M later, Continuum Calls It Quits in Irvington

by Barrett Seaman

It ended as quietly as it had begun. Three years after Continuum Company LLC started testing the waters as to whether Irvington would approve variances needed to build a 100,000-plus square foot assisted living and memory care facility on the four-and-a-half acre property at 30 South Broadway, currently occupied by the Foundation for Economic Education, the Manhattan-based developer pulled the plug last month.

In a May 2 e-mail message to Village Clerk/Treasurer Brenda Jeselnik, Continuum General Counsel Michael Merola wrote that his company “hereby withdraws its Planning Board application” and promised to pay off the remaining \$4, 440.40 due to its escrow account the following week —

after investing over \$2.5 million in trying to persuade the board to approve the project.

Within days, attorney Lino Sciarretta, representing Denardo Capital Corporation, announced at a Irvington Board of Trustees meeting that his client was under contract to buy the FEE property, with plans to develop “as of right,” that is, what the village’s existing zoning permits, a multi-unit housing complex that could put some two dozen attached townhouses on the site without any need for variance approval.

The development plan almost certainly means that the gray shingle estate built by Dr. Carroll Dunham in 1887 will come down, along with other ancillary buildings on the property. According to Sciarretta, developer Denardo does not yet have specific plans for the site. However, in the

opinion of the engineering, architectural and landscaping consulting firm VHB, the optimal multi-unit usage of the property, within current zoning restrictions, would create approximately 25 residential units, plus the usual amenities such as common space, administrative and mechanical space. The result, according to VRB, which was contracted initially by Continuum, would be a preponderance of buildings visible from Broadway and an increase in traffic flow onto Broadway that would be comparable to if not greater than that created by an assisted living facility.

The reaction among village officials was largely one of relief that the drawn-out process, which had become increasingly contentious, was over. Opponents of the plan were pleased. Barry Graubart of neighbor-

ing Sycamore Lane, whose Protect Irvington from Overdevelopment campaign was the most visible adversary, called Continuum’s withdrawal “a strong victory for the Irvington community.” Repeating charges that the scale and scope of the planned facility were “completely out of proportion,” Graubart noted: “Occasionally, a grass roots effort can defeat even well-funded projects with teams of attorneys.”

As for the planned multi-unit project, Graubart said he was “encouraged that the builder plans to build as of right. Without knowing the details, I certainly feel that the intended use is much more appropriate for the site and look forward to seeing what is presented.”

Irvington Tract

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agency was merged with a New York City firm in 1993, the family rented the space to a variety of tenants, including the Irvington School District.

In recent years, however, the rental market has dried up. Currently, only 5,000 sq. ft. out of nearly 40,000 are drawing income, Carrafiello told trustees, while the LLC he and his sisters own is paying \$18,000-a-month in taxes, plus maintenance and upkeep. “They want to get on with their lives,”

he said of his three sisters, who now live in Florida and Vermont. “It’s time.”

By right, that is, in compliance with current Irvington zoning, the family’s first option would be to accept an offer from a developer who would build six single-family homes—probably large and undoubtedly marketed at seven-figure prices. While this option would require no variances and thus likely sail through the village’s approval process, it would mean the end to the existing buildings and the open spaces surrounding them.

The second option, based on an offer from the Brightview Company, which op-

erates senior and assisting living facilities in eight states, would largely utilize the existing buildings, but with construction of an additional 40,000 sq. ft. to create an assisted living home and memory care unit on the site. Given the village’s protracted consideration of another assisted living plan by the Continuum Company, this option raised a number of flags among trustees related to building mass, employee traffic and the prospect of increased burden on village emergency services. But as Trustee Mark Gilliland pointed out, the Continuum project was proposed for a four-and-a-half acre plot, versus eight acres of land on the North

Broadway site.

Option Three, based on an offer from the New York-based developer Ward Capital Management, would put 60-to-80 multifamily rental units on the site. Like the assisted living option, this too would require significant zoning variances, but it too would make use of the existing buildings. And, like the assisted living proposal, as much new construction as possible would be done behind the main building and thus out of sight from Broadway.

The multifamily apartment option also offered another element that drew the attention of trustees: un-

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Sleepy Hollow's Longest Serving Employees Retire

by Elaine Marranzano

After more than 60 years, Filomena "Fil" Fallacaro, registrar of vital statistics, and Irene Amato, Deputy Registrar, the longest serving employees in Sleepy Hollow's history, have retired, this time for good. The two retired from full-time employment in 1987, but continued part-time until April.

"Sleepy Hollow has changed a lot over the last 25 years, but one thing that didn't change was that you could walk into village hall and find Fil and Irene working there," said former trustee and life-long resident Tommy Capossela.

Fallacaro, 85, and Amato, 84, were childhood friends and classmates, graduating in 1947 from North Tarrytown High School. In 1953, Fallacaro was appointed Village Clerk and Deputy Registrar, "right after Ichabod was hired at the school house," joked Mayor Ken Wray during a ceremony honoring the ladies. Amato joined one year later as assistant in the Housing Authority (the department no longer exists), eventually serving as Village Treasurer, Tax Collector, Purchasing Agent and Deputy Registrar.

"There were only three of us in the office then, so we did everything," said Amato. "We never made a lot of money like they

do today, but I didn't care. I was close to home for my kids."

In 1953 the average annual wage was \$4,000, a gallon of gas cost 20 cents and Eisenhower was president.

Registrar Fallacaro recorded births and deaths in the village using her IBM electric

her office with their parents. "They would point to it and ask: 'Mommy, what is that?'" said Fallacaro.

Fallacaro and Amato were both born and raised in North Tarrytown and never lived elsewhere. Fallacaro said she considered leaving her job at one time, but "I was 50

icate for their child would say: 'You're still here?! You signed my birth certificate!'"

Amato said she was always good with figures. "In every group we belonged to Fil was always the secretary and I was always the treasurer!" Her aptitude for numbers made her an asset in all kinds of situations.

"One of the mayors was going to buy a new car and he said, 'Hey Irene, you wanna come with me?'" she recalled.

North Tarrytown is much changed today. Beekman Avenue was once a thriving thoroughfare lined with shops, grocery stores and taverns. "There were so many bars," said Fallacaro. "We used to count them." And the destruction of Orchard Street, the main shopping district until the mid-60s, was a blow. "People used to go down there on Saturday nights and walk around and socialize," recalled Amato.

Although Fallacaro longs for the time when the village was more "countrified," when everyone knew everyone else, she said, "I love my village. My roots are here. I've met a lot of nice people and made a lot of friends."

Village Clerk Paula McCarthy has been appointed Registrar and Carol Rebsch is now the Assistant Registrar, officially ending the Fallacaro/Amato era.



Filomena Fallacaro and Irene Amato were honored by Sleepy Hollow Mayor Ken Wray and trustees.

typewriter, never a computer. The beloved typewriter now occupies a place of honor in her living room. "They let me bring it home," she said. The typewriter was a curiosity to today's children who came in to

then, and I thought who would want me?" So she stayed. She was there so long she signed birth certificates for multiple generations of the same families.

"People who came in to get a birth certifi-

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Action by Board of Legislators Gets Federal HUD to Extend Deadline for County Grant Funds

by Robert Kimmel

Reserved in the Washington coffers of the Department of Housing and Urban Development are \$5.2 million in 2012 Community Development Block Grants, (CDBG), likely for Westchester communities; however, the money may never reach the county. Among the municipalities destined to lose hundreds of thousands of dollars planned for local projects are Sleepy Hollow, Tarrytown and Irvington.

The projected loss for Westchester stems from an impasse between HUD and County Executive Rob Astorino over the terms of a 2009 settlement by the county of legal action brought by HUD. The money would have been reallocated on May 7, the original deadline set by HUD, had Westchester's Board of Legislators not actively stepped into the picture last month. Intensive talks with BOL representatives persuaded the federal agency to extend its deadline to June 9.

HUD charges that the county has not followed up to identify and act to provide a proper "analysis of impediments" to affordable fair housing in 31 municipalities. Most are localities with limited minority populations. It wrote to the county in April that the 2012 grants were in peril if Westchester did not act by the May 7 date.

Late last month, at the request of the BOL, the court monitor of the legal settlement, Jim Johnson, a New York lawyer, agreed to complete an analysis of the zoning laws in the targeted municipalities to determine if they might exclude minorities. While that could help settle the issue, it is not expected to be completed until mid-August.

Funds totaling \$7.4 million have already been lost to the county from 2011 grant money because of the dispute. In order to release the latest grants, HUD wanted Astorino to acknowledge that the county has "an ongoing duty to 'affirmatively further fair housing' as cited in the settlement, adopt the findings of a monitor regarding 'fair housing choice,' and the monitor's analysis of municipal zoning; agree to 'submit a final zoning submission for 31 municipalities' by July of this year; and imple-



BOL Chairman
Michael Kaplowitz

"We are still trying to nail down an agreement that could pass muster with both parties."

—Michael Kaplowitz

ment a strategy to "overcome exclusionary zoning practices."

Astorino's position is that Westchester is ahead of schedule in developing 750 affordable housing units in the 31 communities, and has met the 2009 settlement requirements. In his State of the County address last month, he called the progress "phenomenal." Astorino charges that for the past four years, HUD has demonstrated that it wants to "erode local control over land use." He has vowed not to "capitulate" on local zoning, adding that, "It won't happen while I am County Executive." In place of the federal funding, Astorino has proposed that the county take over the grant program, claiming that it would cost each Westchester household only \$1 to replace the Housing and Urban Development Grants.

Chairman of the BOL, Democrat Michael Kaplowitz (D/Somers), who spear-

headed the legislators' expanded role in trying to solve the dispute, told *The Hudson Independent* in May, "That is not something we would want to do. It cuts against everything we are trying to do and what Mr. Astorino is trying to do...control spending and taxes."

By the coming deadline, according to the BOL, it "has agreed to present to HUD a specific plan and timeline to enact legislation that would affirm the county's commitment to a set of four "Required Special Assurances" designed to ensure that the county conforms to the requirement to "affirmatively further fair housing." It has established a "bipartisan delegation of four legislators who are attorneys to engage HUD ...as it works toward providing the Analysis of Impediments, which is one of the last remaining elements of the 2009 settlement the county has yet to fulfil."

Kaplowitz called the effort, "the most complicated thing that I have ever worked on as a legislator for 17 years. We are trying to work our way through...stay within the four corners of the 2009 settlement and retain the government money which is after all our dollars, and forestall any future penalties or fines."

If a majority of the Democratic controlled BOL affirms the terms of a settlement it must go to the County Executive for his approval, but Astorino has promised a veto. In order to overcome that veto, Democratic members of the BOL must assemble a two-thirds vote; however, unless they enlist Republican help, they will fall just short of that requirement.

"We are still trying to nail down an agreement that could pass muster with both parties," Kaplowitz said. "We are looking for legislative support that holds the promise of a potential override of a veto."

The total loss of allocated grants to Sleepy Hollow would amount to \$613,750 despite the fact that the village is not among the targeted 31 municipalities, according to Village Administrator Anthony Giaccio. A \$200,000 grant in 2011 for "streetscape" improvements was lost, as were \$155,000 for Beekman Avenue street lighting, and a



Westchester County Executive
Rob Astorino

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\$108,750 grant for sidewalk improvements on North Broadway.

A project for "Village-wide Sewer and Manhole Rehabilitation" has been on hold, according to Tarrytown Village Administrator Michael Blau because of the likely loss of \$148,000 already allocated in a community development block grant. Blau said Tarrytown's shortfall from HUD funding over the past two years has amounted to "at least a couple of hundred thousand dollars."

Irvington Village Administrator Lawrence Schopfer said while there are "no current grant projects underway," his village had been allocated \$200,000 for a flood control project, which will be on hold. Schopfer noted that Irvington's senior center was renovated more than a decade ago with approximately \$300,000 in federal grants and a HUD grant about six years ago funded the purchase of a senior citizen's bus for \$60,000.

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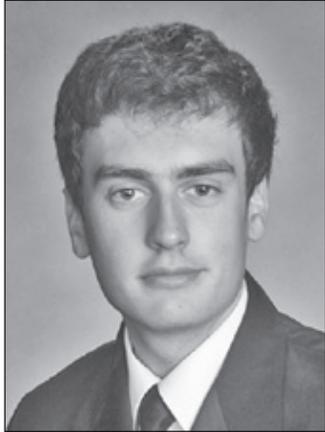


Two Standout Students in High Achieving SH Class of 2014

by Katy Kachnowski

The Sleepy Hollow High School Class of 2014 has rightly earned the reputation of being one of the most hardworking and high achieving classes in recent memory. College acceptances this year for seniors include Dartmouth, Cornell, University of Pennsylvania, Yale, and University of Chicago. Two standout students who will be graduating on June 26 include Timothy Frankstone and MacKenzie Hodgson.

Frankstone's zeal for biology can be traced back to seventh grade when he was inspired in Mr. Benedict's science class. After Frankstone reached high school, he participated in Science Research, a three year elective that allows students to research and eventually design and conduct a scientific study. Frankstone's project involved the study of the boraria stricta, a millipede. Even though this species is not native to this area, Frankstone looked at the characteristics of B. stricta and the effects the species had on the surrounding



Timothy Frankstone

environment. He was awarded the Mianus River Ecology award for his research. Outside of school, Frankstone put his interest in ecology to good use by volunteering for RiverKeeper.

What has made Frankstone unique is his efforts to pursue studies outside of the school environment. Although he was a dedicated French student in high school, Frankstone was motivated to delve into other foreign languages on his own. Without ever taking a formal class, he mastered Japanese well enough to take an SAT Japanese Subject Test.

"I wanted to learn Japanese because I've always had an interest in the culture and country," said Frankstone. "The experience was so rewarding that I decided I want to learn a lot of different languages since knowing them opens up all these different parts of the world to experience."

Frankstone, who is currently teaching himself Chinese, explained he was planning to study Mandarin after college but

found a "Learning Chinese" guide at a book sale and decided to start sooner. "I'd love to live in Japan and China at some point, maybe helping to set up marine biology projects with local communities."

Frankstone will attend Stony Brook University in the fall where he plans to major in marine biology. He was awarded the Stony Brook Foundation's Presidential Scholar Award.

Hodgson, a National Merit Finalist, and a recipient of a New York State Regents Scholarship, has thrived in the arts and sciences during her time at Sleepy Hollow High School.

Throughout her four years, Hodgson completed what is typically the three-year Science Research class in two years. Her research, entitled "siRNA Mediated Silencing of the CD59 and MUC4 Genes in Pancreatic Cancer," placed fourth in the cell biology category at the 2013 Westchester Science and Engineering Fair.

Hodgson also has a notable artistic side and altruistic spirit. She has studied dance

since she was eight, and is second chair in the cello section of the high school orchestra, as well as being a member of the chamber orchestra and quartet. She also takes AP Studio Art, and enjoys drawing and painting watercolors. Outside of school, Hodgson has volunteered for local food pantries as well as Habitat for Humanity.

Her hard work was recognized when she was accepted to seven colleges, including Cornell, Johns Hopkins, Wesleyan, Lehigh, Skidmore, University of Virginia, and SUNY Binghamton. Hodgson ultimately chose to go to University of Virginia stating, "UVA is the best of both worlds. It has amazing academics and resources but also offers a great social culture and campus life."

Hodgson is enrolled in the Rodman Scholars program, which is the honors program within the College of Engineering. She has also been awarded a research allowance so she will be able to pursue another area of interest.



MacKenzie Hodgson

Irvington High School Valedictorian Looking Ahead to New Chapter at Cornell University

by Julia Sipos

As summer is nearing and schools are closing, graduating high school seniors prepare for the next chapter of their lives as they embark on new journeys to college. While the transition from high school to college can be exciting, it can also be nerve-racking and difficult. Irvington High School senior Emily Friedman, valedictorian and track star, shares her insight into her upcoming journey to Cornell University, as she is both eager and nervous for change.

Like many other graduating high school seniors, Friedman is relieved to be done with the tedious and stressful college admissions process. Making sure Cornell was the right fit for her was not easy, as Friedman said she received conflicting advice from different people. The process of choosing one college was overwhelming and time consuming as well.

"You still have to do your homework and study and go to practice, but all of a sudden, you have to devote a large amount of time to writing college essays, visiting schools, and doing interviews," said Friedman.

Coming from a small high school, Friedman knew she wanted to attend a big col-

lege. Cornell offers an ideal class size and also provides strong programs in a variety of subject areas that will allow her to explore her interests and select a major.

"I am interested in psychology, English, and history. I am excited to take classes in those subjects and narrow down my focus," said Friedman.

Meeting new people, taking new classes, and learning new things are what college is all about. As the excitement builds, however, Friedman, along with many other graduating seniors, must come to terms with the fact that high school is over for good.

Having been a member of the Irvington cross country team and outdoor track team for all four years of high school, in addition to the indoor track team for two years, Friedman's high school experience was heavily influenced by sports.

"I am so glad I had the chance to be part of such special teams, and although very challenging at times, it was an amazing experience," shared Friedman, who hopes to continue running in college, though at a less competitive level.

Coming from a small community in Irvington, with just over 140 seniors in the graduating class, Friedman has gotten to know her classmates very well. One of

the hardest parts of leaving for college, she said, will be letting go of the connections she's made over the past 13 years of her life.

"It is going to be very hard to say goodbye to everyone whom I have gotten used to seeing every day. I will definitely miss my friends the most," said Friedman.

Friedman also said she will miss the passionate teachers who made her classes enjoyable and also prepared her for college academics. Irvington High School, she said, has helped her excel academically by

encouraging her to think critically and independently.

As Friedman prepares to say goodbye to her high school life and gear up for Cornell, she reflected on all the wonderful memories and friends that she has made during her time at Irvington High School. While it is hard to adjust to change, Friedman is looking forward to joining new activities, meeting new people, and learning new things at college.



Emily Friedman

Irvington Tract

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der Irvington's two-year-old amendment to the zoning code, at least 10% of residential projects of at least five dwelling units must include affordable housing options. That would mean that six to eight of the apartments constructed by Ward Capital would have to be rented for no more than a certain percentage of Westchester's area median income (AMI), depending on family size. A young couple with a combined income of \$66,400, for example, could qualify for a unit that cost them no more than \$1,660-a-month.

Carrafello, who was represented at the meeting by David Steinmetz, along with former Irvington village Attorney Lino Sciarretta and land use engineer Jim Annicchiarico, was asking the board for guidance before deciding which bid to accept. He got

that guidance at the next trustee meeting on May 14. Speaking for himself but reflecting the views of other trustees, Mayor Brian Smith said: "The more I think about it, the more I like the multi-family use." He cited his board's stated goal of bringing more diversity to the village which more affordable housing would encourage. He allowed that the assisted living option had some appeal but worried that the presence of a large population would bring added pressures to the Irvington Volunteer Ambulance Corps, which is currently understaffed.

Clearly, the option to build six million-dollar plus McMansions, which would mean destruction of graceful buildings and significant excavation, garnered the least sympathy among trustees. Carrafello said he would decide soon.

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Around the Watercooler

by Jenifer Ross

SELF-PUBLISHED

This past month, Julia Friedman, a 7th grader at Sleepy Hollow Middle School, completed her children's book, *Adventures in Healthyland*. She first wrote the story to teach elementary school children about healthy eating and exercise but later illustrated the story herself and published it as a free downloadable ebook. She designed the book for elementary school teachers to use on the Smartboard and integrate into lesson plans on healthy eating. Her book is available on her website: www.healthyeat-inkids.weebly.com.

VOLUNTEERED

Kudos to the many who helped hang flyers and came out in mid-May to help clean up Tarrytown. The Tarrytown Environmental Advisory Council (TEAC) partnered with Riverkeeper this year in organizing the annual cleanup day as part of "River Sweep." They had 72 volunteers and collected 30 large bags of trash.

RAISED + PRODUCED

On May 1 approximately 200 guests gathered at Hudson Harbor for A Taste for Life, a fundraiser for Tarrytown business owner Jill Rose, owner of Chiboust Bistro & Bakery, who is battling cancer. The event raised over \$30,000 through ticket sales, and over 120 silent auction items. The organizers would like to extend "A huge thank you to everyone who came out to support Jill and who contributed their valuable time, energy and resources for the event."

RECOGNIZED

On April 3, the *Westchester Business Journal* recognized numerous women business owners in our community in their Reader's Choice Awards. Among those honored were: Laura Haupt of Bark & Meow, Cathi Locati of Cathi Locati and Co., and Margo Stever of The Hudson Valley Writer's Center.

OPENED

Irvington's Main Street has a new shop — Love, Leeann, — an intimate and chic boutique according to its owner Leeann Cerrito. Leeann is an Irvington resident and expert life-stylist. The shop sells easy to wear, every day affordable clothes and carries a variety of designers, including Alternative Apparel, Mystique, Monrow and KamaliKulture. As a way of giving back, the business donates five percent of all sales proceeds to The Abbott House, a human services agency serving individuals and families in the New York metropolitan area and nearby Hudson Valley counties.

RECEIVED

The Family YMCA at Tarrytown Y Early Learning Center (Y ELC) and Y Theatre Arts Studio received funding from the St.



Faith's House Foundation for the 2014/15 school year. These grants will make a significant impact on the Y ELC After School and Y Theatre at Washington Irving School programs. Y Theatre Arts Studio also received a grant from the Kids Club of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow for the Y Theatre at Washington Irving School program for the 2014/15 school year.

AWARDED

The Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct received the Westchester Historical Society's History Award, named for Sy Schulman, former county planner. The presentation will take place at the Society's Annual Meeting to be held on June 22 at Lyndhurst. The award recognizes The Friends effort to "keep alive the history of one of the 19th century's engineering marvels by engaging with area schools, colleges and other groups."

The Warner Library was awarded a grant from both Kids' Club of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow and the Rotary Club of the Tarrytowns to purchase four new iPads for the Children's Room as part of the *Warner is Wired* for Learning Project.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Sobolik of Sleep Hollow High School who competed against 1,783 other students from 70 countries at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Los Angeles, California. Sobolik received the Anti Vivisection Award of \$2,000.00 for her research entitled: Generating iPSCs from Human Adipocytes for Differentiation into Nociceptive Neurons.

The winners of this year's Hall of Fame Essay Contest sponsored by the Historical Society serving Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown, Warner Library, The Hudson Valley Writers' Center, and the villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow, were Liam O'Sullivan of Tarrytown, who wrote about Jay Gould, and Elizabeth Silver of Sleepy Hollow, who featured Dr. John W. Robertson. The mayors of both villages awarded cash prizes to both students. Awards are given to the two winning essays on a topic supplied by the Historical Society on notable people from the past who have lived in Tarrytown or Sleepy Hollow.

Jenifer Ross owns *Watercooler*, a shared workspace located in Tarrytown, NY
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President

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should he need to.”

Security duty by Tarrytown police personnel led to overtime pay, Blau noted. They were joined by County, State and Metro North Police. At least a dozen or so local citizens were recruited to check press credentials and special passes for those invited to attend the event. With Governor Andrew Cuomo accompanying the President, the state was also offering guest passes to local political figures and others to account for more than 200 people who attended the event, along with a coterie of local and White House press.

Parking was restricted for most of the area west of the railroad tracks on the Wednesday of the President's visit, and that led to a flood of calls to the Tarrytown police, according to Chief Scott Brown, who said that only one vehicle had to be towed from the restricted area prior to the President's arrival.

Metro North had to deny early reports that trains would not stop at the Tarrytown train station during Presidential Obama's visit. However, Metro North spokesperson Aaron Donovan said 12 trains, both south bound and north bound, were delayed because of restrictions passing by the location during the presidents' brief motorcade trip from the GM site to the Washington Irving Boat Club in Tarrytown, and during his departure.

Both uniformed Secret Service personnel and those dressed in civilian clothes were

in heavy presence when the motorcade arrived at the boat yard, and the president's entourage slipped through the Sunset Cove restaurant where Obama awaited his turn before walking to the podium after being introduced by Governor Cuomo.

The President lauded the construction work on the new bridge for being ahead of schedule, and used it as an example of the many infrastructure projects across the nation that he said had been put on the fast track because his administration has been “cutting bureaucratic red tape.” He warned that if Congress did not expedite his legislation, federal funding assistance for transportation projects could run out by the end of the summer and that 700,000 jobs could

be put in jeopardy.

He chided congressional Republicans. “Not only have they prevented, so far, efforts to make sure funding is still in place for what we've already got, but their proposal would actually cut job-creating grant programs that have funded high-priority transportation projects in all 50 states,” the President asserted.. “They'd cut them by about 80 percent. And they can't say it's to save money, because at the very same time, they voted for trillions of dollars in new tax cuts, weighted towards folks at the very top.”

The largely friendly audience applauded the President often during his remarks, and particularly so when he praised the efforts

of New York's local congressional delegation and Cuomo for helping to expedite the new bridge construction. Most appeared to share the opinion expressed afterward by Tarrytown Mayor Drew Fixell who said, “His remarks were right on the mark; I couldn't agree with him more.”

It wasn't long before Obama returned again to New York, less than an hour north of the Tappan Zee Bridge, on the opposite side of the Hudson River. He flew in Air Force One to Stewart Air Force Base in Newburgh, Wednesday, May 28, for a visit to West Point where he delivered remarks at the Academy's Commencement Ceremony. And even there, security was tightened.



A large group of volunteers helped clean up the garden at 100 College Arms in Sleepy Hollow.

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Method Fitness Opens in Irvington

by Julia Sipos

Irvington resident Dawn Grande opened her first fitness business, Method Fitness, on February 8 on Main Street in the village, bringing a new type of workout regimen to the lower Hudson Valley – the Lagree method.

Before Grande became a certified Lagree trainer in 2011, she spent more than 10 years devoting her life to fitness training after the birth of her youngest son in 2002. In becoming a personal trainer, she earned her American Council of Exercise certification.

After considering competing for a spot on a wrestling team, which temporarily appealed to Grande because of its emphasis on training discipline, she trained with the Yonkers Police Department in order to improve her fitness profile. Muscular bulk was not her main focus, as she instead placed more emphasis on mobility, flexibility, stability, endurance, and most importantly, safety.

Shortly after reading about the Lagree method in Time magazine in 2011, Grande became a certified Lagree trainer. The Lagree method is “the only workout that effectively combines strength, endurance, cardio, balance, core, and flexibil-

ity training with low-impact, safe intensity,” according to Grande.

Since its creation by Sebastien Lagree in 2001, the Lagree method has gained widespread recognition and is continuing to expand worldwide. Celebrities and professional athletes, including Kim Kardashian and Mark Greenberg, a competitive runner and professor of Anesthesiology and Pediatrics at the University of California, San Diego, use the method.

“Lagree Fitness offers a low impact, cross training approach and is an excellent way to add strength training to any runner’s routine,” said Greenberg, who found that the Lagree method lowered his running times.

The first and only workout regimen to qualify for a U.S. patent, the Lagree method consists of a 40-minute workout to high-energy music and uses the Megaformer, a 10-foot-long machine made with straps, bands, handles, and moving platforms.

Unlike Pilates, the Lagree method is said



Dawn Grande demonstrates an exercise at Method Fitness.

to provide a total body workout. The method focuses on four core principles: progressive overloading, slow and controlled movement, constant tension, and multiple muscle group recruitment to muscle failure. The Lagree method targets all muscle groups until they reach fatigue or “failure.”

The Lagree method is reportedly notable for its safety. In contrast, Crossfit, another high-intensity exercise program, is known

to have a higher risk of injury because its Olympic-level exercises are often too challenging and too physically strenuous. The Lagree method minimizes the potential for injury, offering “the best of Crossfit and Pilates,” according to Grande.

Grande is excited to expand her business and hopes to collaborate with charitable organizations. Thus far, she has been pleasantly surprised by the support and the willingness of local businesses to promote Method Fitness.

“I expect these ventures will generate new sources of revenue and goodwill,” said

Grande.

The Lagree method offers a new way for rivertown residents to shape up. Classes are offered seven days a week, starting at 6:30 a.m. on weekdays and 8:30 a.m. on weekends. Grande invites persons of all ages to try the Lagree method with the goal “to inspire and empower a personal commitment to a unique, total body workout regimen so that men and women realize healthier, happier lives.”



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Sports

SH Boys Lacrosse Team Wins League Title in Solid Season

by Katy Kachnowski

One of the standout teams this spring at Sleepy Hollow High School was the boys' varsity lacrosse team. With a league championship, a winning record and a trip to the playoffs that included a win against Ossining, it was one of the best seasons the lacrosse program has had in recent years.

The team faced a lot of challenges on the

road to their success. After a 6-10 record in 2013, and the loss of four players due to graduation, the season could easily have been a difficult one. After a starting off 1-4, the team won its last eight games to finish 9-4, in large part due to strong leadership from seniors Ben Parens, Alex Laub, and Travis Triglianos.

The boys clinched their league championship title with a record of 7-1. They suc-



cessfully defeated Ardsley, Yonkers, Edgemont and Dobbs Ferry. The team's only loss in their league came on May 8, when they fell 11-9 to Dobbs Ferry.

This was the first trip to the playoffs for the team since 2011. The Horsemen were seeded 12th in the Class B tournament. In the first round game, the team was set to oppose longtime rival, Ossining. The Pride was seeded fifth and was the predicted winner of the match. However, the Horsemen were able to pull off an upset and defeated Ossining 12-9. Senior captain Parens had

five goals, while junior Daniel Yawmen added three goals and four assists. Junior Liam Sullivan had 16 saves in goal.

Coach Gary Divico said he was proud of the achievements of the season. "A league championship title is special," he said. "Our graduating seniors will be able to return to the school, and see their names on a plaque. I think that is fantastic."

He also wished the best for the departing players, notably Parens, who will play lacrosse for Connecticut College.

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Village of Irvington to Celebrate Historic District

by Paula Romanow Etzel

“Poetry had breathed over and sanctified the land.” – Washington Irving

The Village of Irvington will celebrate its official Historic District designation on Saturday, June 14 with an exciting itinerary of family-friendly activities and a vintage-style trolley making pick-ups and drop-offs throughout the Village beginning at noon. The festivities will commence with a waterfront ceremony at 10:30 a.m. when Mayor Brian Smith receives a certificate from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; and Doug Wilson, president of Irvington Landmarks Preservation, Inc. will present a Historic District plaque. Irvington student musicians will open and close the ceremony.

The festivities mark the Irvington Historic District's distinguished listing on both the National and New York State Registers of Historic Places. The National Register is the nation's official list of properties worthy of preservation (recognizing the importance of these properties to the history of our country), and provides them with a measure of protection. The New York State Register of Historic Places includes official lists of buildings, structures, districts and sites bearing significance in the history, architecture and culture of New York. There are 213 contributing buildings in Irvington's 60-acre Historic District.

Created in 2011 by the Irvington Board of Trustees, the Historic District Committee (chaired by Earl Ferguson and Andy Lyons) worked tirelessly with Trustee Connie Kehoe, and historic restoration architects, Walter Sedovic and Joseph Pell Lombardi (owner of the National Register Armour-Steiner home, also known as the Octagon House), to successfully complete the lengthy and rigorous application process for Historic District designation.

The June 12 celebration will showcase Irvington's early-1900's architecture with outdoor guided walks (led by Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct volunteer and Irvington resident, Sara Kelsey), tours of the Irvington Town Hall Theater (led by new theater manager, Greg Allen) and the meticulously renovated Tiffany Reading Room in Village Hall which features a stunning “turtleback” lantern chandelier, blue-green opalescent mosaic wall tiles, and literary quotations gilded over the mahogany ceiling rafters. Thom Thacker, who chairs the Tiffany Room Committee said, “Thanks to a sustained community effort, the Tiffany Reading Room underwent years of restoration that met the highest standards of

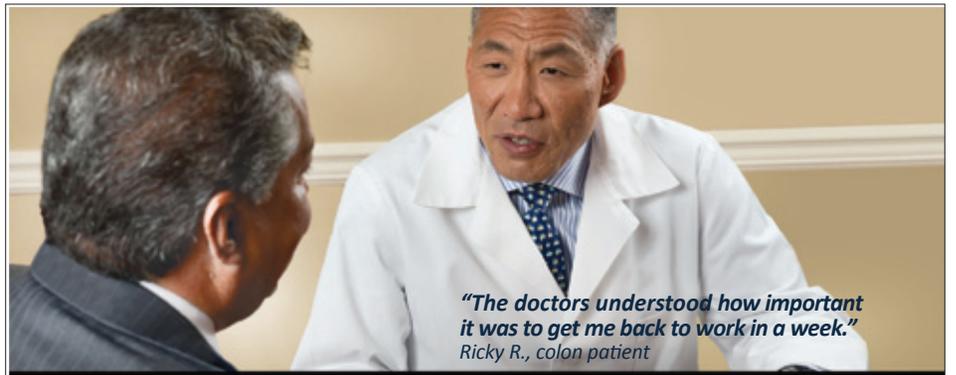


Renovated Tiffany Room at Village Hall.

historic preservation. It is now a beautiful, serene oasis where members of the public are encouraged to come to read and quietly reflect.”

The Friends of the Irvington Library will sponsor a children's street fair with a carousel, games, and used book sale. Volunteer firefighters will welcome children at the firehouse; and visitors can try on clothing and hats from by-gone days and view exhibits at The Irvington Historical Society. History buffs and sightseers of all ages are invited to ride on the elegant, old-time trolley (“Stella”), courtesy of Sunnyside Federal Savings & Loan. Equipped with brass accents, natural oak interior, oversized windows, and a

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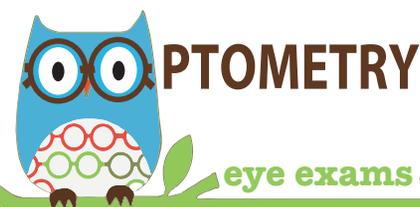


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New Irvington Theater Managing Director Looks to Build on Past Success

by Dylan Etzel

At the end of the current theater season, Irvington Town Hall Theater managing director, Pamela Rapp, retired from the position she created 34 years ago. Rapp was director of the 112-year-old theater since it reopened in 1980; and in that time, the theater flourished into a cultural center for Irvington's arts and entertainment. In her large shoes to fill stands Greg Allen, who, inspired by the theater's prominent history, looks to build on its past successes immediately.

Allen has a distinguished history of his own; he wrote his first musical at age 14. Born in Denison, Texas, he performed in children's theater his entire childhood, guided by a coaching mentor who was nothing short of inspirational. "She always told us to go for it," he said.

So when Allen was accepted to the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in Manhattan, he seized the opportunity. He went on to perform a variety of roles, from an extra for Saturday Night Live, to touring the United States, Canada, and Guam

as a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle. Like many artists, however, Allen eventually had to take up a temporary day job, in the IT department of a financial corporation. By that time he was composing and winning awards. An office colleague stared at him one day and asked, "Did I see you on SNL last night?"

Allen was soon faced with a choice: climb the management ladder, or devote himself to entertainment. "I was dragged in full-time. With the paycheck as my motivation, I signed a contract," he recalled. "I left the arts for 13 years." During that time he developed computer applications but felt that he was suppressing a part of himself, until he began joining acting companies in New Jersey 14 years ago. His experience and presence at shows earned him a reputation immediately. He was acting at the Bloomfield College Theater when the managing director mentioned that the artistic director position was open. "Greg, whom would you recommend?" He mulled it over for a moment and said, "Me!"

Allen didn't stop at theater; he is the multi-award-winning author of three



Photo by Dylan Etzel

Greg Allen would like to get kids involved in the Irvington Town Hall Theater.

novels, one non-fiction memoir, and a continuing children's book series about a superhero who is autistic. He has directed and produced plays for numerous theater companies and is a member of the Dramatist Guild, ASCAP, and The Theater Communications Group. His education includes a management certification from the Harvard Business School.

"I don't want to be put in a box," he said. "I try to be eclectic." It is that eclecticism that made him such an outstanding candidate for Irvington's theater director. His passion for all forms of art and his experience in corporate management are an unusual and indispensable combination. Allen was captivated by the Town Hall Theater's history as a "cultural hub" as he called it, and he only plans to expand its role.

First thing is first; Allen wants to complete a smooth transition this summer. He is already meeting one-on-one with the groups that perform at the theater to foster personal relationships. He plans to facilitate relations between the theater and local businesses to articulate the theater's role in

Irvington's economy. He is already booking the weekends of the theater's calendar but keeping an eye out for what he can accomplish on weekdays. When asked about other local entertainment, he said, "It isn't a competition. It's a community of support, an arts collaborative."

For Allen, the intrinsic goal is getting kids involved. The Irvington Town Hall Theater already provides many performance options for kids interested in theater, one reason Allen was so impressed by its background. His Broadway experience is a draw for troupes inspired to improve. "And there's a need for that," said Allen. "I am looking forward to the theater's evolution."

He aims to use his experience in kids' theater to aid children's entertainment groups in their development. "Getting a child involved means building appreciation of the arts for many years to come. The arts teach kids life lessons." And with Allen's enthusiasm, expertise and vision, there are limitless possibilities to look forward to for performers and theater-goers alike.

15th Summer Schedule of Free Jazz Concerts Announced by Jazz Forum Arts

by Morey Storck

This summer, Jazz Forum Arts will present 33 free summer jazz concerts in six different venues, according to Executive Director Mark Morganelli.

"It's our 15th consecutive summer of two dozen or more free concerts, thanks to the generous and continued support of J.P. Morgan Chase, Arts Westchester, RiverArts, Westchester Community Foundation, Green Mountain Energy Company, Sheraton Tarrytown, Rivertowns Guide and Latin Percussion," he said.

The Jazz Forum Arts mission is to "present top-quality arts events to the public at little or no cost, while enhancing the appreciation of Jazz, America's pre-eminent indigenous musical art form." And that they will do again, beginning with the 15th Annual Dobbs Ferry Summer Music

Series: 10 Wednesday concerts from June 18 to August 20, - 6:30 to 8 p.m. -at The Masters School's Estherwood Mansion Lawn in Dobbs Ferry. (The usual venue location is under construction).

The 5th Annual Sunset Jazz Concerts at Lyndhurst will be presented on eight continuous Thursdays, July 10 to August 28, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in Tarrytown. Grounds open at 5 p.m. There is a nominal \$10 car parking fee. Concerts are held on the west lawn overlooking the Hudson River. Those attending are encouraged to bring blankets or low-profile lawn chairs. Also, they may purchase a picnic supper at the site or they may bring their own

Next is "Jazz at Pierson Park," which is being presented on five successive Fridays, August 1 to August 29, in association with the Village of Tarrytown Parks and Recre-

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Rivertown Artists Workshop Announces Inaugural Season of Community Supported Art

by Morey Storck

Community Supported Art is a local organization concerned with the development, appreciation, visibility and support of local artists, as well as with helping in the production, marketing and sale of their artistic product. The project was conceived by the Springboard for the Arts and MN-artists.org. in Minnesota and funded by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. Over 50 CSA's for Artists programs are now operating in various iterations across the country.

The original Minnesota CSA model was based on Community Supported Agriculture (CSA's) which have become a popular way for consumers to buy seasonal food directly from local farmers. With the same "buy-local" spirit in mind, Community Supported Art is a similar endeavor to support local artistic product, artists and arts consumers.

Rivertown Artists Workshop (RAW) is a non-profit organization and a recipient of an Arts Alive Project Grant from ArtsWestchester — for RAW/CSA project's pilot year spring/fall 2014. These grants are made possible with funds from the Decentraliza-

tion Program, a re-grant program of the New York State Council on the Arts.

RAW's first CSA will be for new choreographic work. Fifteen artists were asked to apply. Nine artists submitted proposals. Four were chosen. Those four will receive a \$1,000 commission to create a new work or develop an existing work-in-progress between 20 and 60 minutes in length. In future years, RAW will convene a jury to review submissions and, with additional shareholders, commission additional artists.

Interested existing patrons/consumers will purchase a share and in return receive tickets to special events and shared evenings of performances in the fall. They will also receive a coffee-table book with pictures of CSA artistic processes, notes and drawings to commemorate their support of these local artists and the working process at a "pick-up" celebration in December 2014. Additionally, CSA members have the opportunity to develop relationships with the local artists and the art community, discover new artists, explore a variety of disciplines and support artists' careers in a vibrant community.

Up to 20% of the income from shares that are sold may be used to support operational expenses, including the commis-

sioning, presenting and artist fees associated with producing an event. Those funds keep organizations afloat and give them the freedom to plan ahead. The CSA is a focused commissioning initiative. Though 20% of each share may go to pay for operational expenses associated with the commissioned

project, it is project-focused and restricted to the planned commission.

Member shares cost \$300 for the season and can be purchased as whole or half-shares by contacting Naomi Vladeck at: Naomi@rivertownartistsworkshop.org. Sales of member shares begin on June 2.

Jazz Concerts

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ation Department. Concerts will be held at the newly redesigned Pierson Park performance space off West Main Street and adjacent to the Scenic Hudson RiverWalk.

Chase Jazz! at the Greenwich Commons, four Tuesdays, 12:15 to 1:15 p.m., August 5 to August 26, Greenwich, CT. Presented in association with the Town of Greenwich Parks and Recreation, and supported by Greenwich Arts Council. Morganelli and The Jazz Forum all-stars will present jazz standards by Duke Ellington, Charlie Parker, and Miles Davis. Featured performers include Vic Juris, Rick Petrone and Joe Corsello, as well as Morganelli.

Twilight Jazz at John Jay College, NYC will be held on two Tuesdays, July 29 and August 12, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. These Tuesday evening concerts will be presented on the JayWalk, John Jay's roof-top plaza at 524 W. 59th Street, near Lincoln Center.

In addition, a very special All Stars Brazil Project will present Brazilian Jazz at Chase, downtown White Plains, 235 Main Street, as a series of lunch time concerts: June 18, July 9, July 30, and August 20 at 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Jazz Forum Arts (JFA) will perform Brazilian music by Antonio Carlos Jobin, Marcos Valle, Luis Bonfá and others, including music from Black Orpheus. Special thanks to Caspi Development.

An exciting and star-studded concert will be Jazz Forum @ 35! on Saturday, June 28 at 8 p.m. — the featured event of the 2014

Blue Note Jazz Festival — at Skirball Center for the Performing Arts (NYU Skirball Center). Produced by Morganelli and featuring Jon Hendricks, Kenny Barron, T.S. Monk and two dozen all-stars, proceeds will benefit Jazz Forum Arts' thirty-three 2014 free summer concerts in Westchester, Connecticut and New York City.

"I'm a concert machine, an impresario," commented Morganelli. "How did it start? I entered Bucknell University as a freshman who played a pretty good trumpet, but enrolled as a chemistry major. That didn't last very long. During second semester I auditioned with the Haydn Trumpet Concerto and got into the music department which was not all I had hoped it would be. I switched again, this time for a teaching K-12 degree. When I have the time, I go into the schools with my group and we teach those kids the history of Jazz. Actually, JFA has a very active Emerging Artist program. This summer we will feature a young man, Julius Rodriquez, when we play The Masters School."

In addition, "we're excited about continuing our Westchester County vocal competition," Morganelli explained. "Tyrha Lindsey will present the 3rd Annual Vocal Jazz Competition on June 14 at the Hudson River Museum, with a Winners Showcase on July 9 in Dobbs Ferry." Jazz Forum Arts, together with guest judges, will audition soloists, duos and a cappella groups. They will be judged on how well they sing in the jazz style, incorporating phrasing, musicality, scatting, performance and tone.



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MYSTERIES OF THE MIND: At 7 p.m. magician and mentalist Andy Hofer performs at the Ossining Public Library. Call 941-2416 or visit www.ossininglibrary.org.

Thursday 5

WII BOWLING: Learn to bowl sitting or standing using a Wii game console at 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. at JCC on the Hudson in Tarrytown. Reservations required. Call 366-7898 or visit www.jcontheudson.org. Also June 12 & 19.

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Saturday 7

IT'S RAINING TURTLES: At 1 p.m. learn about the hazards of being a turtle on the move at Teatown Lake Reservation in Ossining. Call 762-2912, ext. 110 or visit www.teatown.org.

CONCERT: At 2:30 p.m. enjoy The American Songbook at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

HERNAN ROMERO FLAMENCO TRIO: 7:30 p.m. at the Art Academy of Westchester, 145 Palisade St., Dobbs Ferry. Call 455-4050 or visit www.artacademyofwestchester.com/events_list.html.

CONCERT: Patty Griffin performs at 8 p.m. at the Tarrytown Music Hall. Call 877-840-0457 or visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

CONCERT: Erin McKeown performs at 8 p.m. at The Purple Crayon in Hastings. Call 231-9077 or e-mail info@purplecrayoncenter.org.

Sunday 8

CINZIA'S CIRCUS: Performance at 11 a.m. at the Tarrytown Music Hall. Call 877-840-0457 or visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

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

POETRY: At 1:30 p.m. join Dr. George Kraus to commemorate the work of Nina Cassian at JCC on the Hudson in Tarrytown. Call 366-7898 or visit www.jcontheudson.org.

CREATURES OF WOODFROG POND: At 2 p.m. learn about the animals which live in the pond and use a net to catch some of them at the Greenburgh Nature Center in Scarsdale. Call 723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

DANCE: Putnam Dance Center presents "A

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ALL NATIONS SUNDAY: Celebration service and international potluck at 5 p.m. at Westchester Church, 115 Wildey St., Tarrytown. Call 220-2356 or visit www.westchester.church.com.

Monday 9

AFRICAN AMERICAN BURIAL GROUND IN NEW YORK CITY: Lecture at 10:30 a.m. at JCC on the Hudson in Tarrytown. Call 366-7898 or visit www.jcontheudson.org.

PHELPS GOLF CLASSIC: Tournament to benefit Phelps Memorial Hospital Center at 11 a.m. at Sleepy Hollow Country Club, Scarborough. Call 366-3104 or e-mail mcoratti@pmhc.us.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY: At 7 p.m. Cheyenna Layne Weber speaks at the Warner Library in Tarrytown, presented by TEAC (Tarrytown Environmental Advisory Council). Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

Tuesday 10

MEMOIRS: At 1 p.m. the Neighborhood House Memoir Class reads from their work at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

PICKLEBALL AT THE J: At 1:30 p.m. adults learn how to play this new racquet sport at JCC on the Hudson in Tarrytown. Space limited. Call 366-7898 or visit www.jcontheudson.org.

SCIENCE IN THE LIBRARY: At 3:45 p.m. children 4-8 experiment with limitations at the Irvington Public Library. Call 591-7840 or visit www.irvingtonlibrary.org.

Wednesday 11

UNDERSTANDING THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT: At 2 p.m. Mary Morrissey from Collaborative for Palliative Care speaks at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

NATURE IN YOUR LANDSCAPE: Learn the value of conserving and protecting our natural resources when designing your landscape at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenburgh Nature Center in Scarsdale. Program co-sponsored by the Sierra Club Lower Hudson Group. Call 723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

"AFTERNOON OF A FAUN: TANAQUIL LECLERQ": At 8 p.m. this documentary about a dancer struck down with polio will be shown at the Nyack Center, Broadway at Depew. Call (845) 353-2568 or visit www.rivertownfilm.org.

STRIPPED DOWN - SOLO ACOUSTIC: Rick Springfield performs at 8 p.m. at The Purple Crayon in Hastings. Call 231-9077 or e-mail info@purplecrayoncenter.org.

Thursday 12

BOOK DISCUSSION: At 7 p.m. the Warner Library

Book Group discusses "The Good Lord Bird" by James McBride. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

Friday 13

SUMMER READING BOOK SALE: From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Ossining Public Library. Call 941-2416 or visit www.ossininglibrary.org. Also June 14 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. & June 15 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

CLOTHING CLOSET & BOUTIQUE: From 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. donated clothing and accessories will be sold at Christ Episcopal Church Hall in Tarrytown. Call 631-2074 or visit www.ChristChurchTNY.org. Also May 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday 14

ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL: 12 noon to 6 p.m. at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla. E-mail info@oca-whv.org or visit www.oca-whv.org.

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DANCE: At 4 p.m. outdoor Colombian jazz and contemporary dance performance in Kingsland Point Park, Sleepy Hollow sponsored by RAW (Rivertown Artists Workshop). Call 917- 544-3974 or visit www.rivertownartistsworkshop.org.

"THE PRODUCERS": At 7 p.m. this film will be shown at Temple Beth Abraham in Tarrytown. To reserve call 631-1770 or e-mail adulted@tba-ny.org.

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CONCERT: Lucinda Williams performs at 8 p.m. at the Tarrytown Music Hall. Call 877-840-0457 or visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Monday 16

THREE FOR THE SHOW: Musical performance at 10:30 a.m. at JCC on the Hudson in Tarrytown. Call 366-7898 or visit www.jcontheudson.org.

CRAFTERNOONS WITH CAROLYN: At 4 p.m. children 8-12 create mod-podge boxes at the Irvington Public Library. Call 591-7840 or visit www.irvingtonlibrary.org.

Tuesday 17

REGISTRATION FOR TEEN SUMMER PROGRAMS: During Library hours at the Irvington Public Library. Space is limited. Call 591-7840.

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

CRAFTS WITH KEVIN: At 3:45 p.m. children 4-8 create designs from leftover craft materials at the Irvington Public Library. Call 591-7840 or visit www.irvingtonlibrary.org.

Wednesday 18

"ENCHANTED APRIL": This film set in Italy will be shown at 2 p.m. at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

\$5 MOVIE NIGHT: At 7 p.m. "I Am Trying to Break Your Heart" will be shown at the Tarrytown Music Hall. Call 631-3390 or visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Thursday 19

"PHOTOGRAPHY: A Window to the World": PowerPoint lecture by Zelda Cutler at 7 p.m. at the Irvington Public Library. Pre-registration requested. Call 591-7840 or visit www.irvingtonlibrary.org.

FINANCIAL SEMINAR FOR PARENTS: At 7 p.m. learn how to talk to your children about money at the Ossining Public Library. Call 941-2416 or visit

SENIORS

SENIOR BENEFITS INFORMATION CENTER: Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. a representative from the Medicare Rights Center is on hand at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Sign up at the Reference Desk or call 631-7734. To ask questions outside regular counseling hours call 269-7765.

SENIOR VAN: Beginning at 9 a.m. Monday through Friday, a van is available for seniors who need transportation. Call the Tarrytown Village Hall at 631-7873 or the Sleepy Hollow Recreation Dept. at 366-5109.

HOT LUNCH: Available Monday to Friday 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for \$2.50 donation at Knights of Columbus Hall in Tarrytown. Call 631-2717.

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YOGA ON THE CHAIR: 11:15 a.m. Wednesdays.

ART WORKSHOP: 1 p.m. Wednesdays.

TAI CHI: 11 a.m. Thursdays.

SENIOR CANTEEN: informal social group, 1 p.m. Thursdays.

YOGA ON THE CHAIR: 11:15 a.m. Fridays.

MOVIES: 1 p.m. Fridays.

BRIDGE AND CARD CLUB: 1 p.m. Fridays.

TARRYTOWN SENIOR CENTER

Pierson Park, 631-2304. Annual donation is \$15.

MEETINGS: 1 p.m. June 3 and 17, followed by games.

EXERCISE: 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

NICKEL BINGO: 12:30 p.m. Mondays.

SWIMMING: 11 a.m. Tuesdays at Kendal-on-Hudson.

GAMES: 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

YOGA: 10 a.m. Thursdays.

BOOK CLUB: 1 p.m. June 27.

OTHER CLASSES: Check bulletin board.

POOL TABLES: Available any time.

JAMES F.GALGANO SENIOR CENTER

55 Elm St., Sleepy Hollow, 631-0390. Annual

donation is \$10, due before March 1.

MEETINGS: 1 p.m. June 2 and 16, followed by bingo.

YOGA: 8:30 a.m. Mondays.

SWIMMING: 10 a.m. Tuesdays at Kendal-on-Hudson.

EXERCISE CLASS: 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays.

NICKEL BINGO: 1 p.m. Tuesdays.

CERAMICS: 12:45 p.m. June 5 and 19.

EXERCISE CLASS: 10:15 a.m. Fridays.

KNITTING: 1 p.m. Fridays.

OPEN WEEKDAYS FOR SOCIALIZING, CARD PLAYING, ETC.: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.



Sunday, June 8: Wild Edibles Walk and Taste — At 1 p.m. for ages 12 and up at Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture in Pocantico Hills.

www.ossininglibrary.org.

BOOK CLUB: At 7:30 p.m. the group discusses "The Interestings" by Meg Wolitzer at the Irvington Public Library. Call 591-7840 or visit www.irvingtonlibrary.org.

Friday 20

THIRD FRIDAY IN TARRYTOWN: Come to Main St. and Broadway from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the Annual Pet Parade as well as face painting, circus arts, live music and more. Call 631-8347 or visit www.tarrytownthirdfriday.com.

YOUNG ADULT ANNUAL ART EXHIBIT: From 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

OPEN MIC NIGHT: 7:30 p.m. (sign up to read from 7 p.m.) at Hudson Valley Writers' Center in Sleepy Hollow. Call 332-5953 or visit www.writerscenter.org.

ROCK & ROLL CONCERT: The Happy Together tour performs at 8 p.m. at the Tarrytown Music Hall. Call 877-840-0457 or visit www.tarrytown-musichall.org.

Saturday 21

DANCE: At 7:30 p.m. new solos by contemporary choreographers on The Stage at Washington Irving in Tarrytown sponsored by RAW (Rivertown Artists Workshop). Call 917-544-3974 or visit www.rivertownartistsworkshop.org.

MOTH MAGIC: At 8 p.m. come see what flies in at Cliffdale Farm at Teatown Lake Reservation in Ossining. Call 762-2912, ext. 110 or visit www.teatown.org.

Concert: At 8 p.m. the 18-piece musical collective Mother Falcon performs at The Purple Crayon in Hastings. Call 231-9077 or e-mail info@purplecrayoncenter.org.

Sunday 22

FARM TO TABLE DINNER AND WINE TASTING: Fundraiser for the Greenburgh Nature Center in Scarsdale from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. For reservations call 723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnature-center.org.

RARELY SEEN CINEMA: "A Field in England!" will be shown at 5 p.m. at Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville, followed by Q&A with Jonathan Demme. Call 747-5555 or visit www.burnsfilm-center.org.

Wednesday 25

"FROZEN": This animated film will be shown at 2 p.m. at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org

BUZZ WORTHY FILMS: "Gravity" will be shown at 6:30 p.m. at the Ossining Public Library. Call 941-2416 or visit www.ossininglibrary.org.

"THE BROKEN CIRCLE BREAKDOWN": At 8 p.m. this Academy Award nominated foreign film will be shown at the Nyack Center, Broadway at Depew. Call (845) 353-2568 or visit www.

rivertownfilm.org.

Thursday 26

DANCE: At 5 p.m. contemporary dance vignettes for families on River Walk at Pierson Park's Family Tent sponsored by RAW (Rivertown Artists Workshop). Call 917-544-3974 or visit www.rivertownartistsworkshop.org.

Saturday 28

GROW YOUR OWN: BEER: Demonstration class for adults at 1 p.m. at Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture in Pocantico Hills. Call 366-6200 or visit www.stonebarnscenter.org.

CELEBRATE THE SUMMER READING GAME "FIZZ, BOOM, READ": At 2:30 p.m. Dr. Gravity presents a hilarious study in all things that drop, splat, clunk and thud at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

A NIGHT ON FIRE: At 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. watch fire-juggling and comedy troupe A Different Spin at Philipsburg Manor in Sleepy Hollow. Advance tickets required. Call 631-8200 or visit www.hudsonvalley.org. Also June 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday 29

POCANTICO BAR-B-QUE: Fundraiser for Historic Hudson Valley from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 639 Bedford Rd. All ages enjoy barbecue, hayrides and bluegrass. Call 631-8200 or visit www.hudsonvalley.org.

Monday 30

TEEN CRAFTS: At 4:30 kids entering grades 6 and up make tasty desserts with Peter Agovino at the Irvington Public Library. Call 591-7840 or visit www.irvingtonlibrary.org.

Ongoing

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

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

SUMMER MUSIC SERIES: Wednesdays June 18 – Aug. 20 Jazz Forum Arts presents free concerts from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at The Masters School in Dobbs Ferry. Call 478-1147 or visit www.jazzforumarts.org.

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

WORLD STAGE ON SCREEN: Through July 24 at Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville. Call 747-5555 or visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

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

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

EXHIBIT: Contemporary watercolors by Michael Mendel on display at the Irvington Public Library. Call 591-7840 or visit www.irvingtonlibrary.org.

OSSINING ARTS COUNCIL ANNUAL ART EXHIBIT: On view at the Ossining Public Library. Reception June 5 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Call 941-2416 or visit www.ossininglibrary.org.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT: Cherry blooms by Rebecca Singer through June at the Greenburgh Nature Center in Scarsdale. Call 723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

WALK AMONG LIVE BUTTERFLIES EXHIBIT: From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 28- Aug. 3 at the Greenburgh Nature Center in Scarsdale. Call 723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

ANNUAL STORY WALK: At 1 p.m. June 29 – Sept. 28 for children ages 8 and younger at the Greenburgh Nature Center in Scarsdale. Call 723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

IRVINGTON FARMERS MARKET: Every Wednesday from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Main Street School parking lot. Visit http://irvingtonfarmermarket.net.

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

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

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

FARM MARKET: Stone Barns Center's produce, meat and eggs are on sale Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 630 Bedford Road, Pocantico Hills. Call 366-6200 or visit www.stonebarnscenter.org.

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

BACKGAMMON NIGHT: Starts at 6 p.m. the first Monday of the month at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

MAH JONGG: Play Tuesdays at 10 a.m. at JCC on the Hudson in Tarrytown. Call 366-7898 or e-mail lgreen@jcconthehudson.org.

YIDDISH: Read, learn and sing on Tuesdays at 12:30p.m. at JCC on the Hudson in Tarrytown. Call 366-7898 or visit www.jcconthehudson.org.

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

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

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

BUDDHIST MEDITATION: Westchester Buddhist Center meets every Sunday at 10 a.m. at Eileen Fisher headquarters in Irvington. All are welcome. Visit www.westchesterbuddhistcenter.org.

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

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

the Reference Desk at 631-7734.

STONE BARN'S PROGRAMS: A series of produce-related talks and tours are offered on Saturdays and family programs on Sundays at Stone Barns in Pocantico Hills. Call 366-9606 or visit www.stonebarnscenter.org.

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

FILMS FOR CHILDREN: Weekends at noon at the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville. Call 747-5555 or visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

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

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Our Family Serving Yours

Obituaries

Barb Burg, 50

Barb Burg, a resident of Irvington, a leading book publishing publicity executive for nearly a quarter-century, and most recently Vice President and Global Head of Communications-Reuters at Thomson Reuters Corporation, died on April 29. She was 50.

During her book publishing career, in which she began as an assistant in the Publicity Department of Bantam Books in 1986, rising to become Senior Vice President, Director of Publicity and Public Relations for the Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing Group division of Random House, Inc., she was responsible for directing, creating, and executing hundreds of publicity campaigns. Many of them were for some of the most popular authors of our time, among them Dean Koontz, Louis L'Amour, Lee Child, Sophie Kinsella, Tom Robbins, and Rita Mae Brown. She also was instrumental in developing the marketing strategies for major New York Times bestselling titles by Stephen Hawking and Sting, and landmark works like "Emotional Intelligence" by Daniel Goleman; "Women's Bodies, Women's Wisdom and The Wisdom of Menopause" by Dr. Christiane Northrup; and "Flags of Our Fathers" by James Bradley. Upon leaving Random House, Inc. in 2009, she formed her own successful media firm, barb burg ink, consulting for numerous book publishers, literary agencies, authors, and entrepreneurs. In late 2011, she was named Vice President, Director of Global Communications, Reuters News, for the Thomson Reuters Communications and Editorial groups.

She is survived by her husband of 24 years, Steven Schieffelin and their children Celia, 18 and Drew 17, among other family members.

Veronica Herguth Campbell, 94

Veronica Herguth Campbell a resident of Ossining and formerly of Tarrytown, died May 3. She was 94.

She was educated in the Tarrytown Public Schools and graduated from Washington Irving High School in 1937 and Butler Business School the following year. She married 2nd Lt. Joseph F. Campbell of North Tarrytown on June 12, 1942, and they raised seven children.

Mrs. Campbell worked for General Motors for a time and upon moving to Ossining in 1955 she worked for the Maryknoll Fathers, retiring in 1982, and five years later she returned to work again at the Maryknoll Fathers part-time for another 20 years until 2007 when again she retired at the age of 87.

Jose "Pepe" Montiel, 88

Jose "Pepe" Montiel, a resident of Pocantico Hills, died peacefully May 4 at Phelps Memorial Hospital with his family by his side. He was 88.

He immigrated to the U.S. from Cuba in 1960 with his wife and children. He worked

at Rosedale Nursery, Fisher Body, Dobbs Ferry Bank & Berlitz School of Languages (teaching Spanish). Finally, he opened his own Barber Shop on Main Street in Tarrytown and along with his wife started Montiel Sportswear. He also helped his son Jose Jr start Proftech Corp.

Catherine Rivero, 100

Catherine Rivero, a longtime Tarrytown resident, died peacefully on May 7. She was 100.

She was born in White Plains and was the loving wife of Joseph Rivero to whom she had been married for over 50 years. She was a member of the Fairview Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and a member of the Rosary Society of Mt. Carmel Church.

Martin "Bus" Schaffner, 85

Martin D. "Bus" Schaffner, a lifelong resident of Tarrytown, died May 16. He was 85.

After graduating from Washington Irving High School, he served in the United States Army. He then went on to have a long career at General Motors. He was a member of the UAW Local 664 and the Sleepy Hollow Rod and Gun Club.

Arthur Ceconi, 83

Arthur B. Ceconi died peacefully on May 20. He was 83.

He graduated from St. Teresa's School and North Tarrytown High School. He served overseas in the U.S. Army and worked in the textile industry, including as a principal in the firm of Ceconi & Straub. He was an active member and Eucharistic Minister of The Church of the Magdalene in Pocantico Hills.

Mr. Ceconi served on the North Tarrytown Village Board of Trustees and was a member of Rescue Hose Fire Company since 1950. An avid sports fan, he rooted for the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team and the Rutgers Scarlet Knights football team.

Moore, Maryanne K., 83

Maryanne K. Moore, who grew up in North Tarrytown, died peacefully May 24 at Big Bend Hospice House in Tallahassee. She was 83.

She attended Pocantico Hills School and was a graduate of Washington Irving High School, Class of '49 where she was class vice president, year book editor and was listed on the class honor roll. She loved all kinds of nature and used her artistic abilities to design her garden in their backyard in Tallahassee. She was the wife of retired United States Air Force test pilot, Lt. Col. John Moore, and they recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Lorraine Brunken, 60

Lorraine Brunken, a lifelong resident of Tarrytown, died May 14. She was 60.

Born in Tarrytown, she worked for many years in the administrative offices of the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns.



New Program Helps With Bridge Noise

by Brian Conybeare

The New NY Bridge project Community Benefits Program (CBP) is reaching out to 57 private homeowners on both sides of the Hudson River to help them reduce indoor construction noise. These residents qualify for up to \$30,000 each to install new sound-reducing windows and doors.

Homes that will experience temporary construction noise in excess of the federal daytime interior noise standard of 51 decibels (dBA) were determined to be eligible for this program. Project noise levels that exceed 51 dBA inside homes are generally associated with the installation of piles for the project, an activity that is limited to 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and noon to 7 p.m. on Saturdays. Additional measures are already in place to mitigate construction noise levels, including the use of vibratory pile drivers, temporary sound barriers, and other techniques.

The grants are part of a \$20 million

CBP, a partnership between the New York State Thruway Authority and design-builders Tappan Zee Constructors, LLC (TZC). The CBP allows community and private organizations that are impacted by the project to apply for grant assistance.

The \$20 million CBP is part of the New NY Bridge project good neighbor policy and the goal is to improve the quality of life for people in Rockland and Westchester right near the Hudson River. The first grants were awarded earlier this year to The Quay of Tarrytown condominium complex. All were approved for funding to upgrade doors and windows with noise-reducing capabilities. Now the same concept has been expanded to 57 private homes near the construction site.

For more information click here: <http://www.newnybridge.com/contact/cbp/index.html>

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Letters

Local resident Robert Rachlin responded to *The Hudson Independent's* article about the U.S. Military's "Local Honor Flights", in which World War II veterans are being escorted to Washington, D.C. The following first-hand account, highlights his day of honor.

A Memorable Day Feeling Like a Hero

To the Editor:

The day started at 5:15 a.m. when volunteer Bill Murray picked me up and drove

me to Montgomery N.Y. where we were greeted at ShopRite, this year's Hudson Valley Honor Flight sponsor. We boarded buses to Stewart International Airport for our chartered flight to D.C., preceded by 100 motorcycles. Along the route were cheering crowds waving American flags; policemen and military men saluted. This was the first time, among many that day, I began to feel like a hero.

Hundreds greeted us at the airport, thanking us for our service. New York Senators, representatives, mayors and other politicians thanked us for helping win WWII and keeping our hard-won freedoms. Everywhere we went we were greeted by hundreds of citizens, young and old, thanking us for our service.

100 veterans (approximately 20% in wheelchairs and 40% using canes) and 80

volunteers taking care of us filled 4 buses. Much picture-taking of our group took place at the WWII Memorial, but meeting my daughter and son-in-law there was a highlight.

Next, a trip to Arlington National Cemetery for the Changing of the Guard at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier — a most emotional experience for me, as I remembered the men who died in Germany and the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium while I was in the 84th Infantry Division.

From there we took a tour of the Iwo Jima Flag Raising Statue at the Marine Corps Memorial, and then back to Stewart Airport. There my stalwart 6'2" NYS Trooper met me to bring me home.

This is a day that will live in my memory for the rest of my life, and from which I have drawn two conclusions: first, I realize

that I really am an old man, closing in on 90. I couldn't ignore this, because 80 volunteers were trying to help me every step of the way (even though I don't use a wheelchair or cane.) Second, for the first time in my life I feel like a hero. Even though I was in an Infantry Division with three battle stars and a Bronze Star, when my peers and I came home, we didn't complain or talk about our experiences. We simply went back to work or school. When I explained this to someone, he said, "That's exactly why we love and admire you."

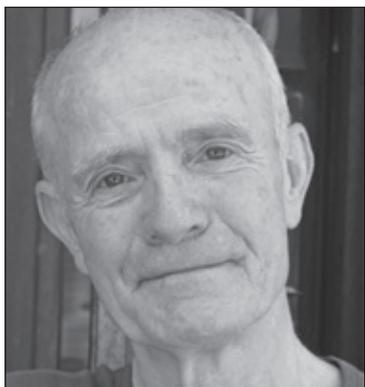
I don't know about that, but I let myself feel like a hero — at least for a little time.

Bob Rachlin
Tarrytown

Inquiring Photographer

by Alexa Brandenburg

"What do you think about President Obama visiting Tarrytown?"



Klaus Schreiber, 74
Tarrytown

"I was wondering if the school children were taking advantage of the opportunity to meet the President, like I got to meet the Emperor on his tours of Germany when I was a child."



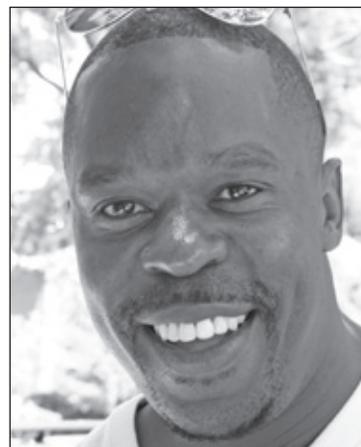
Carolyn Cryan, 55, and Eddie
Tarrytown

"It was good publicity about the country's poor infrastructure, but I was a little disappointed that it wasn't open to the public to give schoolchildren the chance to see the first African American President."



Isabella Levine, 9
Tarrytown

"It was awesome!"



Terron Fleming, 36
Tarrytown

"It was an amazing thing because Tarrytown is a small community, not a city, and the President's visit gives it some much needed recognition."



KumRae Lee, 37, with Simon, 20 months
Tarrytown

"I'm glad it brought attention to the Tappan Zee Bridge project which has been going on for years, and the poor bridge infrastructure in the whole country."

Comprehensive Plan Needed to Revitalize Downtown Sleepy Hollow

by Krista Madsen

At Tarrytown's Washington Irving Boat Club against the backdrop of the Tappan Zee Bridge, President Barack Obama talked on May 14 about a "fast-track" federal approval process for such infrastructure projects.

Not far north, his fleet of helicopters parked on what is ground zero for the hopes of massive change on Sleepy Hollow's not-so-distant horizon.

With a contract for the former GM site's sale past its contingency period and locked in, new-market rate residents could be moving onto the waterfront by the thousands within years. Change will inevitably trickle to Sleepy Hollow's downtown, which — according to the county planning department's current count after literally walking the streets — suffers an 11 percent storefront vacancy rate and somewhat tired housing stock.

But what will change to the downtown look like? And how soon will it really come?

The Sleepy Hollow Downtown Revitalization Corporation, under the direction of Trustee Karin Wompa, has pulled together a committee of residents, business professional and village officials to help shape a vision for Beekman, Cortlandt, Valley and the surrounding mixed-use streets comprising the so-called Central Commercial (C-2) district. Their aim is to attract smaller developers for pocket projects in advance of GM's development rather than in its wake, while simultaneously trying to foster the healthy business climate needed to do so.

"It's becoming quite apparent that the vacant lots and storefronts are not attracting developers and businesses on their own, so the village needs to take a closer look at how we can make it more attractive and econom-

ically viable, while still keeping the character of the village and creating a connectivity to the new waterfront development," Wompa said. "We don't want to wait and rely on the new development, we want to do whatever is possible to attract change now."

According to Village Attorney Janet Gandolfo "with the sale of the GM property moving forward, the site could return to the tax roll as soon as a matter of months, alleviating the burden of escalating property tax hikes."

High property taxes can certainly be cited as a disincentive for development. Then there's that deterrent — if only anecdotal — of the village's reputation of being difficult to do business with.

In response to feedback that the development approval process is overly arduous and time-consuming, the committee is analyzing current codes and zoning, discussing ways to allow for more building flexibility, and getting a smoother protocol in place for a new "fast-track" site plan approval method of their own.

A fast-track process might make all the difference to a smaller developer, Gandolfo said.

The committee has reached out to the county and has been enjoying the enthusiastic support of Jim Coleman, Executive Director of The Westchester County Industrial Development Agency and Local Development Corporation. Among the county's recommendations: how about a grander entrance off Route 9 onto Beekman Avenue by way of an arch perhaps; further facade restoration grants; regaining the old unique zip code lost in the 1980s; rewriting village building and zoning code language to define the few things you can't do in a space rather than limiting ingenuity by only listing a few allowable uses; and making government re-

sources and data more readily accessible and transparent online and elsewhere.

Coleman also called on regional developer Paul Guillaro of Unicorn Contracting to offer advice based on his experience working with similar municipalities on what would it take for an investor to develop the properties in downtown Sleepy Hollow, most critically the vacant properties which have laid dormant for over six years now.

The message from these expert guests pointed repeatedly to the need for a comprehensive plan providing focus and direction for developers interested in investing in a revitalized downtown.

On this front, the team has drafted a Request For Proposals (RFP) to immediately seek out a planner to review the zoning code for the C-2 district encompassing a wide mixed-use swatch from Clinton Street to Route 9. The RFP tasks the planner to use the abundant resources and data avail-

able to assess current codes and determine what works from an economic and investment perspective, what is required to meet the needs of workable site plans, and what promotes the best future for these neighborhoods.

Committee member and Village Trustee Glenn Rosenbloom voiced his desire, shared by the team, for a quaint, walkable downtown rich with shops and restaurants, a downtown worthy of the famous name that attracts so many visitors to its natural, cultural and historic sites.

Rand Commercial Realty salesman Jack Ritchie, who was invited to join the committee specifically to help address the vacant properties and storefronts on Beekman Avenue, recently offered his own good breaking news to the group: those three adjacent empty lots on Beekman Avenue across from Morse School are in contract at last, he said. "Great things are happening."

Historic District

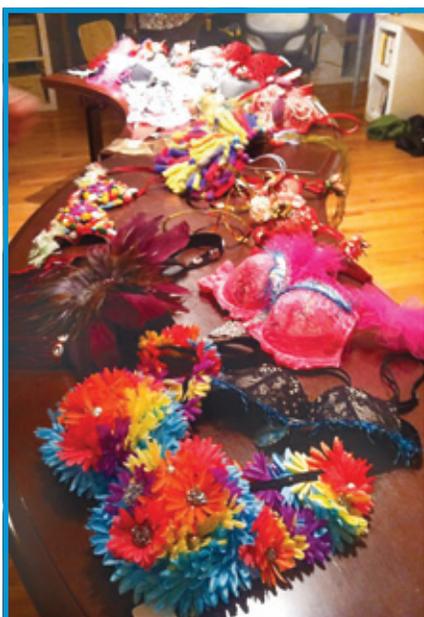
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250-horse-power turbo diesel engine, Stella will be looping the Village all afternoon. (A complete list of activities and locations accompanies this article.)

The June 14 Historic District events celebrate not only Irvington's rich history but also the unique, collaborative contributions of its residents. Local artist Jennifer Orkin Lewis, who designed the whimsical map seen on posters, tote bags and ads used to promote the day's festivities, has lived with her family just off Main Street for 16 years and started her art and illustration studio, August Wren, in the attic of her house which overlooks the village and the Hudson River. "I've always been inspired by the small

scale and charm of the landmarks and history in Irvington," she said. "Everything is within walking distance." Her map bears the words, "Welcome to the historic village of Irvington (Est. 1872)" along with images of treasured beacons including the life-sized Rip Van Winkle statue (in front of the Main Street School) honoring its creator, Washington Irving, widely credited as the first American Man of Letters, and the first to earn his living solely by his pen. That pen, along with the creativity, hard work, and love of so many residents -- past and present -- continue to breathe over and sanctify the land of Irvington.

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Tarrytown's Tedesco Honored for Dedication to Stepinac

by Rick Pezzullo

There's no question that when Ron Tedesco likes something he sticks with it.

A 44-year resident of Tarrytown, Tedesco has served on the village Planning Board since 1988. However, his longest association has been with Stepinac High School in White Plains, 50 years to be exact, serving as a physics teacher, headmaster and director of alumni affairs as well as the annual fund.

"It's a place where I dedicated my life," Tedesco said of his half a century at Stepinac. "It's been a good life. To be celebrated is very, very good. It's wonderful."

On May 8, Stepinac's staff, alumni and foundation members honored Tedesco for his years of achievements by announcing a new physics lab, which will be constructed this summer and unveiled for the start of the 2014-15 school year, and will be named after him.

On that same day, the Tarrytown Board of Trustees passed a resolution naming May 8, 2014 Ron Tedesco Day in the village.

In 2003, Stepinac redid four science labs and dedicated them to Tedesco, who from 1967 to 1989 taught physics and chaired

the Science Department, while also teaching a college level course in electronics.

While growing up in the Bronx, Tedesco said he wanted to be a doctor, but when he was in high school his father died and he became the head of the family at age 16. He went to Manhattan College and started teaching at graduate school at Fordham University, where he caught the teaching bug.

"I really loved teaching," he said. "I loved science and my fallback was physics."

During his 25 years teaching at Stepinac, Tedesco was also an associate professor at Marymount College in Tarrytown, where he met his wife, who was also a teacher there. The couple decided to make their home in the village.

Tedesco said the "second love" of his professional life has been the 26 years he has been a member of the Tarrytown Plan-



Photo by Rick Pezzullo

Ron Tedesco is proud of work he has done over the years at Stepinac.

ning Board. He has also served on the Tarrytown Environmental Advisory Council, the Waterfront Revitalization Committee and the Tree Commission.

"It's a great board. We work well to-

gether," he said of the Planning Board. "It's a good feeling that you can do something good for the village and keep that charm that's very important to Tarrytown."

Some of the projects Tedesco mentioned during his stint as a planner were Wilson Park and Hudson Harbor, the latter which he noted would bring some amenities to the village, including a swimming pool at the riverfront.

"We worked very hard to make sure the number of units were appropriate," Tedesco said. "We got a new Village Hall for the downtown and there's a lot of things we're getting from the developer."

He also noted the Planning Board was keeping a close eye on the development of the General Motors property in neighboring Sleepy Hollow. "One of our big concerns is parking in the village and that new development coming in," Tedesco said.



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