

Wolfs Lane Development Concerns Discussed at Village Meeting



BY JOYCE FARRELL

The Village of Pelham Board of Trustees meeting on November 28 was attended by Trustee-elect Theresa Mohan, who has since been sworn in. Outgoing Trustee Lisa Hill-Ries spoke of her experience on the board, its impact on her life, and her pride in what they have accomplished together. Fellow board members praised her work on the board.

During public commentary, a resident raised questions about 101 Wolfs Lane that she and others have about the development and how its construction will impact those living nearby. Mayor Mullen will reach out to the developer to request they meet with residents. A master plan for the development and the DPW

land behind it was also requested. A concern regarding the mitigation of flooding that occurs in Pelham during heavy rains was expressed. Mullen explained the planned process of redirecting the water, alleviating her concerns.

Another resident asked the mayor about the timeline for the 101 Wolfs Lane Development. He responded that since the board still needs to meet with them to discuss the easement, it has not ruled their submission substantially complete. Therefore, although the board has referred the developer to the Planning Board and the ARB, it has not started the 60-day clock that would then guarantee the developer a public hearing.

A third resident spoke about her annual

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Pelham Civic Association's 2023 Pelham Half-Marathon & 10K a Huge Success!

BY JOE NUNZIATA

According to Pelham Civic Association Board Member and 2023 Race Organizer Todd Cross, "Pelham is a small town with a big heart!" And so the tradition continues: On Saturday November 25th, 793 runners crossed the finishing line at the annual Pelham Civic Pelham Half Marathon and 10K - a race organized for families, enthusiasts, and competitive runners alike with 100% of net proceeds benefitting the Pelham Civic Association - the volunteer, charitable organization dedicated to promoting civic involvement and assisting youth, families, students, elderly, financially needy and mentally and physically members of our community.

Cross continued, "This is an all-time record number of runners for this event which began in 2012. 324 registered runners came from Pelham. Others came from all over the Tri-state NYC metro region plus 16 different states across the US. International contingent included 2 runners from São Paulo Brazil, 2 from Sweden, and 2 from

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Health Department Offering Residents Free Flu Shots

With flu season officially under way, the Westchester County Department of Health will offer free flu shots by appointment this month to encourage residents to stay healthy.

Flu shots will be given for ages three and up on Wednesday, December 13 and Wednesday, December 20 from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Yonkers Riverfront Library, 1 Larkin Center. Appointments are highly encouraged and can be made at www.westchestergov.com/health. Walk-ins will be accepted while supplies last.

Flu shots also will be given to residents ages six months and older at Health Department clinics by appointment, on Thursdays in Yonkers and on Fridays in White Plains, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., while supplies last. For appointments, go to <https://health.westchestergov.com/>. You also can find a flu shot near you at <https://www.vaccines.gov>.

Flu and other vaccines are also available at no charge for uninsured and underinsured adults and children through the Vaccines for Adults and Vaccines for Children programs at Health Department clinics. Call 914-995-5800 weekdays before 4:30 p.m. to discuss eligibility. To reach residents who have difficulty accessing flu shots, the Health Department is giving flu vaccines at some soup kitchens and homeless shelters.

Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD, said: "As the holidays rapidly approach, now is the best time for everyone six months and older to get an annual flu shot. Fully effective after two weeks, the vaccine will protect you and all your vulnerable family members and friends. With new variants circulating, it is prudent to schedule both flu vaccines and COVID-19 vaccines for your whole family. Vaccination protects those around you who are more vulnerable to complications, such as infants too young to be vaccinated, seniors and people with chronic health conditions."

In the U.S., there are usually more flu cases between December and February, but flu can linger into May. One flu vaccine now provides protection all season long and can prevent illness or reduce the severity of flu symptoms.

Dr. Amler said that anyone who does get a respiratory infection should consider COVID/influenza testing. To avoid spreading germs to others, the CDC recommends residents wear a mask, cough or sneeze into their elbow and wash their hands frequently with soap and water. Those with flu should stay home for 24-hours after their fever subsides. Those who test positive for COVID should stay home for five days to avoid spreading germs and then wear a mask in public for another five days. In addition, clean surfaces that are touched frequently such as doorknobs, water faucets, refrigerator handles and telephones, and get plenty of rest.

Pelham Civic Association's 2023 Pelham Half-Marathon & 10K

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England. We're also proud to say that our Half Marathon course is officially certified with USA Track & Field."

Pelham Civic President Mike Ming added, "The Civics were thrilled to host this event and be the beneficiary of everyone's hard work, participation and generosity. It was an honor to collaborate with valued members of our community, especially on Small Business Saturday. It was a remarkable feat, as Pelham Civic members Race Director Jim Arden, and Race Organizer Todd Cross and their Race Committee deserve an enormous amount of credit!"

Jim Arden, who picked up the ball and spearheaded this year's race as Director, continued, "Bringing back a race last run in 2019 no doubt presented a challenge to renew relationships with the town, the villages, sponsors and running clubs in the area. The Race Committee was inspired by the enthusiasm and encouraged

by both runners and the Pelham community who embraced the mission of the event."

Perhaps the success of the event was best summarized by its Founder and Race Director Emeritus Jason Jeffries, "From its humble beginnings on my front lawn to the thriving community event it is today, the Pelham Half Marathon epitomizes the civic power of our community's collective spirit, growing beyond the initial effort of nine runners who self-organized a 13.1 route in our two square mile town in 2012 to what is now a cherished tradition that we are proud to see unite and energize our town each year."

The tireless committee has already begun planning for next year, so "Save-The-Date": Saturday November 30, 2024

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December 4, 2023 – COUNTERFEITED/FORGED CHECKS

A Pelham business owner reported a past fraud to the police. Two of their checks were altered by an unknown person. On the first check, which was issued in January 2023 for approximately \$170,000.00, the name of the vendor to whom it had been originally issued was changed. The second check, which was issued for approximately \$118,000.00 in April 2023 was made out to the correct vendor, but the vendor's address was altered. Both checks had been mailed from mailboxes in Pelham. The complainant also stated that he was contacted by a detective from the City of Katy who stated that his department located a check from the Pelham business in a raid with its information on it. The Pelham officer who responded to this complaint is trying to connect with the detective.

November 30, 2023 – SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Police responded to a report that on Wolfs Lane an unknown white male, approximately six feet tall, slender, with curly hair, and wearing a white puffy jacket had been standing in front of a daycare staring at its female employees and patrons. Although no crime was committed, he made people feel uncomfortable because he was staring at them. A half-hour later, the complainant spotted the suspicious male traveling westbound on Sparks Avenue. The police met with him on Sparks Avenue. The individual, who is known to the police, admit-

ted that he had been standing in front of the daycare, stating that he had done so because he was attracted to one of its employees. After speaking with the police, he agreed to stop standing in front of the daycare and staring at people.

November 27, 2023 – FRAUD

A Pelham resident reported to police headquarters to document that he was a victim of identity theft. On November 14, he received a call from a debt collection company that advised him that he owed approximately \$246.00 from an AT&T account. The complainant, however, has never had an AT&T account and was worried because his personal information, including his Social Security Number, was used.

November 21, 2023 – FOUND FIREARM

A bank employee on Fifth Avenue found a firearm in a safety deposit box that she was clearing out because of unpaid dues. It had been wrapped in a small blanket. The Smith & Wesson .38 did not contain any ammunition. The bank would only authorize the name of the owner of the safety deposit box. An investigation by the police did not uncover the name of the firearm's owner, however, a possible match for the owner of the safety deposit box in e-justice, an Internet portal that allows police access to coordinated and integrated criminal justice information systems for New York State, was found but not confirmed. The firearm is safely stored in a police department gun box for safekeeping.

Local Talent to Perform in the Production of Anastasia at the WPPAC

The White Plains Performing Arts Center has revealed the cast for their Mainstage production of ANASTASIA, playing December 15 – January 7 which marks the shows first professional regional production.

From the Tony Award winning creators of the Broadway classic Ragtime, comes this dazzling musical based on the beloved 1997 animated movie. From the twilight of the Russian Empire to the euphoria of Paris in the 1920s, a brave young woman sets out to discover the mystery of her past. Pursued by a ruthless Soviet officer determined to silence her, Anya enlists the aid of a dashing conman and a lovable ex-aristocrat to find out if she is indeed Princess Anastasia. Including classic songs from the motion picture like “Journey to the Past” and “Once Upon a December”, this show is perfect for the whole family this holiday season.

Leading the cast are Katherine Linsley as Anya, Coleman Cummings as Dmitry, Drew Becker as Gleb, Patricia M. Lawrence as the Dowager Empress, Caroline Huerfano as Countess Lily and **Broadway Veteran John Treacy Egan (Larchmont native and Rye resident) as Vlad**. Rounding out the company are Connor Barton, Anna Dreslinski, Danny Durr, Holly Echsner, Cody Edwards, Roberto Facchin, **Grace Flynn (from Pelham) as Young Anastasia**, Raphe Gilliam, Meghan Hoey, Gerry Kenneth, Maggie Likcani, Marlana Lopez-Hilderley, Adam Shteinhauz, Aaron Shuf, **Tala Siman (from Larchmont)**, Daniela Tamasi and Aidan Ziegler-Hansen.

“Getting to be one of the first companies to produce this title is such a thrill for all involved and we cannot wait to share this lavish musical with our audiences. The show is filled with mystery, discovery, love, and loss - the elements of a perfect show for the holiday season. The musical gives everybody who grew up with the movie what they need now— finding yourself, romance, and taking your place in the world. It's truly the perfect show for the entire family.” says the WPPAC team.

ANASTASIA is Directed by Frank Portanova with Music Direction by Stephen Ferri and choreography by Josh Assor. The production features the original Broadway costumes designed by Linda Cho, Set Design by Christopher and Justin Swader, Lighting Design by Adam Honoré, Sound Design by Don Hanna, Video Design by Brad Petterson and Stage Managed by Brian Lynn. Book by Terrence McNally, Music by Stephen Flaherty and Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens.

The White Plains Performing Arts Center is located on the third level of City Center off Mamaroneck Avenue in downtown White Plains, minutes from the White Plains Metro North Station. For tickets visit the theatre box office Monday-Friday (11am-6pm), purchase the tickets online visit <https://wppac.com/shows/anastasia/>.

The 2023-2024 Mainstage Season concludes with the Westchester Premiere of Beautiful: The Carole King Musical onstage April 12 – May 5.

Peter and the Starcatcher a Huge Success!



Congratulations to the incredible and talented cast of Sock'n'Buskin's production of “Peter and the Starcatcher,” which was performed in the PMHS Auditorium November 17-19, 2023.

Commissioned by Disney Theatrical Productions, the play is adapted by Jersey Boys co-writer Rick Elice from Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson's best-selling children's adventure book, which traces the back-story of “Peter Pan, the Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up.” A wildly imaginative play, “Peter and the Starcatcher” features ingenious stagecraft, music, and an ensemble of performers portraying over 100 characters!

“Peter and the Starcatcher,” directed by Mr. Thomas Beck and Mr. Neil Schleifer, upends the century-old story of how an orphan boy becomes the legendary Peter Pan. From marauding pirates and magical mermaids to unwilling comrades and unlikely heroes, “Peter and the Starcatcher” playfully explores the bonds of friendship, duty and love.

Take the Downtown Improvement Survey

The Village is excited to continue their collaboration and partnership with the Pelham Chamber of Commerce to help shape and revitalize downtown Pelham. Part of the Business FIRST Downtown Improvement Grant (DIG) they received from the Westchester County Office of Economic Growth is planning and better understanding what YOU want in our downtown. JGSC Group, the consultancy working with us, created a survey to fill out: <https://tinyurl.com/mr3557z9>. By filling out this survey, your voice will help make a positive impact and shape the future of our downtown. Take a few minutes to complete this survey and share it with your friends.

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frustration with political law signs stating that she and others object to the use of village-owned land for the signs and felt that limiting signs to private property would lessen the impact of the signs. The board will discuss the matter with legal counsel in case there are First Amendment problems with limitations.

The board passed a resolution authorizing the village-wide bagging of short-term, two-hour and three-hour limit parking meters for holiday shopping through January 2. Although shoppers will not be required to pay for parking, the time limits still apply.

The board also passed a resolution authorizing the execution of a grant disbursement agreement with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York for storm and emergency equipment for the Village of Pelham Fire Department. During the work session, it was stated that the grant is for \$118,000.00, and the equipment will include a CPR device, a small water rescue boat with a trailer, hydro ramp forcible entry tools, two thermal energy cameras, and portable radios.

A third resolution passed authorized a tax certiorari settlement and payment to Pelham

Apartments, LLC. (331 Fifth Avenue) for a refund of village taxes and a reduction in assessment. The total amount of the refund is \$5,333.67.

The board then tabled a resolution authorizing an agreement with Weston and Sampson, PE, LS, LA, Architects PC for an Abbreviated Feasibility Study of the Village of Pelham Department of Public Works Facility and will discuss it at its December meeting.

Another resolution passed with the granting of a second 120-day extension of the Site Plan Approval for 48 First Street. The applicant must now obtain a building permit no later than April 5, 2024.

Since the board recently extended the dates allowing outdoor dining after Small Business Saturday. It, therefore, passed a resolution calling for a public hearing on amending the law that would allow such an extension. The hearing will be on December 12 at approximately 8:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 195 Sparks Avenue, Pelham, New York. It may also be attended via Zoom at www.zoom.us/j/98917409392?pwd=U09KN-2MxTnJHWEU2Nm9ndWxQSEgwZz09 or via telephone at (929) 205-6099, Meeting ID: 989 1740 9392, and Passcode: 030699.

Pelham Girl Scouts Annual Veterans Day “Thank-A-Vet” Program in its 14th Year

Over Veterans Day Weekend, Pelham Girl Scouts of all ages participated in the beloved annual “Thank-A-Vet” tradition of delivering goodie bags to Pelham veterans as a way of thanking them for their service to our country. It was started 14 years ago in 2009 by Girl Scout Kayla Cartelli when she was in high school as part of her Gold Award project.

Over a dozen Pelham Girl Scout troops assembled and decorated bags for nearly 200 veterans, which included notes of thanks, patriotic mugs and Girl Scout cookies donated by Operation Cookie Drop - Heart of the Hudson. Scouts delivered the bags to homes in Pelham and Pelham Manor with smiles and a chorus of “Thank you for your service!” One troop also visited The Wartburg Home in Mount Vernon and hand-delivered over 20 bags to local veterans who reside there.

The bags were received with many messages of thanks and



appreciation. Gerard Santini of Pelham who served in the Armed Forces wrote, “Your kind gesture of caring about the veterans who have served makes us feel good to know that people care. My daughter was a Brownie and Girl Scout. The values she took with her are good. I thank you for being part of those values. The cute little girl that came to our house gives me hope for our future. She was sweet and real in her desire to say thank you.” Patrick Bane of Pelham who served in the US Army commented, “I am grateful for the recognition and glad to live in a community that does this for our veterans.”

Jamie Porco Guglielmo and

Diane Lanaro, co-leaders of the 3rd grade Brownie Troop at Siwanoy Elementary School, have been leading the project for the last 2 years. Please email them if you know of a veteran who would enjoy receiving a goodie bag next year: GSDaisyleaders@gmail.com.

Pelham Girl Scouts concluded the weekend of honoring veterans by participating in the Town of Pelham’s Veterans Day Ceremony at Memorial Park led by Pelham Post #50 of the American Legion.



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Through December 31
Featuring more trains, exhibits and holiday fun.
Santa will be on hand at select times in his cottage
on Conservatory Plaza through December 24.
Children can drop off their letters to him at the Elf
Post Office. The Conservatory will be transformed
into a winter wonderland featuring whimsical
holiday exhibits that lead to the Conservatory.
Once inside, visitors will be surrounded by trains
chugging along 12 multi-level tracks that run over
bridges, through tunnels, under waterfalls and past
quaint holiday scenes. Guests can revel in four
Twilight Trains nights when the choo-choos will be
aglow with radiant lights. Tickets will be sold online
only with scheduled viewing times; no tickets
will be sold on-site. Tickets are available through
December 31. Admission prices: \$20 for adults, \$15
for seniors (62 and up), \$10 ages 2 through 12, and
free for children under 24 months. The exhibit is
co-produced by Westchester County Parks and the
Friends of Lasdon Park and Arboretum. For more
information and to buy tickets, visit LasdonPark.org
or call (914) 864-7268.



Victorian Christmas
Washington Irving's Sunnyside
December 16, 10am-3pm
Capacity is limited for this one-day special event.
General admission tickets are \$35 and the premi-
um admission tickets, which includes an ornament
and candle, are \$85. Buy four or more tickets and
receive 15% off the order. Historic Hudson Valley
members receive 15% discount on every ticket.
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Dickens's 'Christmas Carol'
Performances take place at the Old Dutch Church
in Sleepy Hollow

December 16-17 at 2:30, 3:45, 5pm.
Capacity is limited for Dickens's 'Christmas Carol'
and tickets should be purchased in advance at
www.hudsonvalley.org or by calling 914-366-6900.
Ticket prices are \$47 for adults and \$42 for chil-
dren under 18. Historic Hudson Valley recommends
the event for ages 10 and up. Members of Historic
Hudson Valley receive a 15% per ticket discount.

Chanukah On Fifth
Monday, December 11, 5:15-6:30pm
Join for a Glow in the Dark Chanukah spectacular!
At the Pelham Town House: 20 Fifth Ave Pelham
5:15PM: Chanukah Activities + latkes & donuts!
6PM: Performance by Neon Circus followed by the
Grand Menorah lighting! Visit chabadpelham.com
for more information.

EVENTS AT THE PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY



First Jewish Americans: Freedom and Culture in the
New World
Thursday, December 14, 7-8 pm
How did Jewish settlers come to inhabit—and
change—the New World? This virtual presentation
from the New-York Historical Society will explore
how Jews in colonial America and the young Unit-
ed States, while only a tiny fraction of the popula-
tion, significantly negotiated the freedoms offered
by the new nation and contributed to the flowering
of American culture. This program takes place on
Zoom and registration is required.



Monday, December 18, 7:15-8:15 pm
Back by popular demand, we'll be making the per-
fect decoration for winter: 3D paper snowflakes. All
supplies will be provided. This event will take place
in-person at the Library and registration is required.
To register please click [here](#). Sign up early, as
space and supplies are limited. Please note: Time
change to 7:15PM for Crafty Adults classes.



Do You Want to Build a (Paper) Snowman?
Through Saturday, December 30
Do you want to build a snowman (or woman? Or
dog?) Come to the community craft table to deco-
rate your snow-person, and either take it home, or
leave it at the library for us to hang at the circulation
desk! This activity is available during our open
hours for the month of December.

Author Talk and Workshop: Lina's Very Best Worst
Day Ever: Bird's-Eye View
Tuesday, December 12, 3:30-4:30 pm
Join us for an author talk and workshop with art
therapist, author, illustrator, and Pelham resident,
Gabrielle Grimaldi. Her book, Lina's Very Best Worst
Day Ever: Bird's-Eye View visually illustrates the
power of perspective. This simple story highlights
that optimism is a choice and that positive thinking
can change the way you experience the world
around you. Registration is recommended but walk-
ins are welcome. This program is for children ages
four to eight.



Kids' Craft: Cardboard Tube Snowmen
Wednesday, December 27, 2-3 pm
Join us to make snowmen out of recycled card-
board tubes, paper, and fun decorations! This
program is for children ages six and up, accompa-
nied by an adult. Registration is not required, but be
sure to arrive on time, as supplies are limited. First
come, first served.

Kids' Craft: New Year's Eve Bangles
Friday, December 29, 2-3 pm
Come make some new jewelry to go with your
New Year's Eve outfit, or for friends and family! This
program is for children ages six and up, accompa-
nied by an adult. Registration is not required, but be
sure to arrive on time, as supplies are limited. First
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Pelham Art Center Art Boutique 2023
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A Not So Silent Night Returns to The Picture House Pelham

Come celebrate the season with live music at A
NOT SO SILENT NIGHT – The Picture House's annual
holiday concert on Sunday, December 17 at 3:00 p.m.
The family-friendly concert will feature performanc-
es by some of the area's most talented musicians. The
line-up features Andrew Cole & The Bravo Hops, Stellar
Wolfs, The Mellow Fellows, Carter Brady, Grace Kiami,
Malia McLellan, The Acapelhams, Valerie Lemon, Janine
Lamana, The Not So Silent Night Carolers, and more
to be announced -- all on the stage in the Main Hall in
Pelham.

"We are thrilled to host an amazing night of hol-
iday music by some of the best and brightest talents
in Southern Westchester," said Clayton Bushong, Exec-
utive Director of The Picture house. "A Not So Silent
Night has become a highly anticipated tradition in our community and this year's lineup promises to
brighten your day with holiday cheer!"

A NOT SO SILENT NIGHT will take place at The Picture House, 175 Wolfs Lane, starting at 3:00
p.m. Tickets are \$20 general admission/ \$16 for members. For more information and tickets visit
www.thepicturehouse.org or call (914) 738-3161.



Mancuso and 1995-96 Men's Basketball Team Inducted into the CMSV Hall of Fame

Pelham's Chuck Mancuso and his 1995-96 Men's Basketball Team at the College of Mt. St. Vincent was recently inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Coach Mancuso led his team to the 1995-96 Division III N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament. They were the Skyline Athletic Conference Champions.

This team was led by All-American Ira Nicholson, Mount Vernon's Richie Cole, Yonkers Danny Mannix, Shatane Porter, Anwar Hannon, and Alex Richards.

Coach Mancuso's brother Pat was one of his assistant coaches and did a lot of scouting for the team, and coached the Junior Varsity team. Chuck credits his players and assistant coaches for the success of this team. The team didn't care about who scored the most points, or who received the most ink in the newspapers. They cared about doing all they could to help the team win. They cared about each other both on and off the court.

Mancuso was Head Men's Basketball Coach at the Mount for 22 years and Athletic Director for 17 years.

His teams won almost 350 games and received 9 post season N.C.A.A.-E.C.A.C. Tourney bids. They also went to the N.C.A.A. Tournament in 1996-97 and had a 20-win season.

In 2016, Mancuso was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame as a Coach and Athletic Director.

In attendance besides the 1995-96 Team and their families, were many former players. Also, Chuck's wife Cynthia, a retired teacher, daughter Lisa, son Frank, brothers Coach Pat and Bob, son-in-law Paul and granddaughter Liliana.



Two PMHS Faculty Members Honored as Master Teacher/Counselor



Left to right: PMHS Principal Mark Berkowitz, Director of Math & Science Dr. Tom Callahan, PMHS Counselor Luis Barcelo, PMHS Math Teacher AJ Quackenbush, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Cheryl Champ, Director of Counseling Gene Farrell

This month the Board of Education honored PMHS School Counselor Luis Barcelo and Math Teacher AJ Quackenbush who earned recognition as New York State Master Counselor and Master Teacher respectively.

The New York State Master Teacher Program, established in 2013, recognizes outstanding K-12 public school STEM teachers and sustains a statewide professional network of educators dedicated to professional growth and development. In 2023, this program was expanded to include the first cohort of Master Counselors. Master Teachers and Master Counselors are educational leaders committed to sharing best practices and to creating engaging and inspiring learning environments for all K-12 students as well as support for teacher and counselor preparation programs.

Congratulations to Mr. Barcelo and Mr. Quackenbush for this incredible achievement and thank you for all you do to support our students' pursuit of excellence!

Learn more about the Master Teacher/Counselor Program on the SUNY website: <https://www.suny.edu/masterteacher/about/>



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ONE CONNECTION AT A TIME

National Honor Society Inductees



The PMHS Knight & Lamp Chapter of the National Honor Society welcomed 112 new members at its induction ceremony held on Tuesday, November 21. Among the new inductees are 101 juniors and 11 seniors. The ceremony featured remarks by Mark Berkowitz, PMHS Principal, Dr. Cheryl Champ, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Michael Owen-Michaane, President of the Board of Education and Kim Lundy, who serves as the NHS Co-Advisor along with Maria Abeshouse.

View a video recording of the ceremony at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=omYbCI-hwj10>

Students entered the auditorium to a processional performed by members of the PMHS Orchestra and the National Anthem was sung by Matthew Michailoff. Class of 2024 NHS President Isaac Lief then made introductory remarks and spoke about Scholarship before introducing Class of 2024 NHS Vice President Samantha Gregware, who spoke about Service. Class of 2025 NHS Vice President Cameron Wanuga then spoke about Leadership and Class of 2025 NHS President Grace Kiamie spoke about character before leading the inductees in the membership pledge.

This year's inductees are:

Class of 2024: Kyle Chang, Benjamin Gorski, Ryan Lacilla, Valery Madrid, Grace McNamara, Rebecca Nicholas, Rory Pannuti, Francesca Ripoll, Ava Rutigliano, Ava Sobolak, Joseph Vassalotti.

Class of 2025: Renee Ai, Brewer Anderson, Kristen Anderson, Austin Ansoorge, Emily Apmann, Rediet Assefa, Skyler Austin, Emma Bier,

Benjamin Blake, Katelyn Boyce, Henry Brandler, Judith Brandler, Sonia Brown, Conor Bryan, Charlotte Buehrer, Sabine Bushong, Claire Cahill, Marin Caiola, Luis-Joshua Casenas, Chloe Choulet, Justin Cohen, Dennis Condon, Katherine Connolly, Addison Cross, Isabella Cross, Meredith Cullen, Lucas D'Angelo, Madeline Dannecker, Noah DeDomenico, Brandon DeRogatis, Owen Duffy, Plum Durham, Samantha Elliott, Kate Feldman, Jake Fellner, Julia Findikyan, Kira Findikyan, Leander Frei, Leonardo Garcia, Ethan Gatchalian, Elena Getz, Luca Goodyear, Sophia Greco, Scarlett Hanlon, Maxwell Hansen, Alexandra Herzog, Madeline Horner, Alessandra Hughes, Sade Jacobs, Walter Jaklitsch, Dari Jeffries, Charles Johnson, Matthew Johnson, Alexander Kahler, Julian Kalehoff, Uma Kancharla, Katherine Kapplow, Matthew Kayser, Grace Kiamie, Fletcher Kiessling, William Knickerbocker, Catherine Koonce, Isabelle Kustin-Salee, Claire Landy, Robert Langerfeld, Oliver Lavallee, Jake Lubin, Ilan Luciano, Faye Luneau, Eleanor Maiberger, Victoria Marcellino, Charlotte Marion, Lark Martin, Benjamin Martucci, Joseph Martucci, Lorenzo Matiz, Gregory McFarland, John McGrory, Paul McLaughlin, Elayna McMahon, Maxwell Middleton, Andrew Morales, Erin Moskowitz, Jamie Moskowitz, Jonathan Mullan, Chloe Murray, Manu Naik, Jake Namba, Waverly Nanda, Dea Negri, George Negrin, Christopher O'Meara, Cecilia Ojo, Lucette Ow, Madeleine Pachella, Sydney Paulose, Malachy Pearlman, Nicholas Pietronuto, Gianluca Polenzani, Matthew Prisco, Zoe Pursel, Lila Resnick, Julianna Riviello, Axel Robinson, Daniel Rodriguez, Benjamin Sasson.

Democrat George Latimer Launches Campaign for Congress in NY 16

Westchester's Democratic County Executive George Latimer today formally launched his campaign for Congress in New York's 16th District. Latimer is no stranger to winning tough races, having won his current position by defeating MAGA republican Rob Astorino, and winning tough contests throughout his over thirty-year career in public service from local offices to the state legislature. The district includes a large segment of Westchester as well as a smaller portion of the Bronx, although lines may change due to court-ordered redistricting in the coming months.

Latimer launched his campaign with a video titled "Real Progressive Results. Not Political Rhetoric" which can be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BbKH-Q3b2cs>, in which he discusses his long history in the district and the work he has done to make lives better for the residents of Westchester and the Bronx. Throughout the campaign Latimer will be contrasting his record of solid progressive achievements on civil rights, the environment, abortion rights, gun violence prevention, infrastructure, LGBTQ+ rights, fiscal responsibility, housing, supporting Israel's right to defend itself against terrorism, and other issues, versus the incumbent's divisive and distracting approach to holding office.

"Our country is facing an existential crisis and our very democracy is at risk right now," said Latimer. "We need our voice in Congress to be someone who brings people together and delivers results on the issues that matter. We need someone who will listen to all voices, not just those who agree with him, and takes those concerns seriously. We need someone more interested in progressive results than showboating on social media. Those who know me know that I am and have always been that kind of elected official, and I look forward to talking to the voters about how we can all do better with new leadership in our Congressional district."

George Latimer is a lifelong Westchester resident who built his career in public service by delivering unparalleled progressive results for local residents. George's track record in making Westchester the most progressive County government in the state includes successfully cutting regressive taxes, fighting for civil rights and racial equality, defending a woman's right to choose, standing up to the NRA to keep guns off our streets, voting for marriage equality, and smartly investing a Green New Deal style infrastructure projects across the County.



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Westchester County Elected Officials Conclude Successful Solidarity Mission to Israel Organized by the Westchester Jewish Council

The Westchester Jewish Council (WJC) today announced the successful conclusion of the organization's mission to Israel for Westchester County elected officials to demonstrate Westchester County's strong and bipartisan support for the State of Israel in its right against terrorism. Led by Honorary Mission Chairperson, Westchester County Executive George Latimer, mission participants toured Kfar Aza to see the carnage from Hamas' acts of barbarism firsthand, met with the President of Israel, Isaac Herzog, and spent time at Hadassah Hospital to offer comfort to the injured, among other meetings and site visits.

"The Westchester Jewish Council was created in the aftermath of the Yom Kippur War in order to make sure the Westchester Jewish community was united with a central communicating and convening address. Now, more than ever, we are fulfilling our role and could not be prouder of this Solidarity Mission— in which our elected officials are demonstrating by their actions that Westchester stands with Israel." William H. Schrag, Council President

"For me this is a sobering trip. The land of many faiths - mine and others - always compels. But hearing and understanding the psyche of

the region is more important. And we've heard compelling voices from every day people." Hon. George Latimer, Westchester County Executive

"Today we witnessed the devastation of the Hamas attacks of October 7 and visited injured soldiers at Hadassah Hospital. There is real pain in Israel. On a positive note, there is tremendous unity and commitment to stand and defend this beautiful country." Hon. Justin Brasch, President White Plains Common Council

"Words cannot fully capture the profound impact of this solidarity trip. Witnessing the aftermath of the Hamas attacks and visiting the wounded soldiers at Hadassah Hospital, I've been deeply moved by the resilience and spirit of the people of Israel. My experiences pale in comparison to those who have endured these attacks. Like the phoenix rising from the ashes, they will rebuild with unwavering strength, embodying a remarkable resilience that I deeply admire and respect." Hon. Margaret Cunzio, Westchester County Legislator.

"The Westchester Jewish Council created this mission to bring our local elected officials to Israel to meet and support hostage families, to console the victims of terror and to meet with Israeli leaders. Such missions deepen the under-

standing and relationship with Israel, our lone democratic ally in the Middle East." Elliot Forchheimer, CEO Westchester Jewish Council.

Members of the delegation from Westchester also spent time visiting the headquarters for hostages and missing persons and met with Israeli Opposition Leader, the Hon. Yair Lapid.

The delegation of elected officials from Westchester County joining WJC on the trip include (in alphabetical order): Hon. Justin Brasch, President, White Plains Common Council; Rabbi Menachem Creditor, Community Leader and Rabbi in Residence, UJA; Hon. Margaret Cunzio, Westchester County Legislator; Hon. Vedat Gashi, Chairman of the Board, Westchester County Board of Legislators; Hon. Ellen Hendrickx, Town Councilwoman, Town of Greenburgh; Hon. George Latimer, County Ex-

ecutive, Westchester County; Hon. Amy Paulin, Assembly Member, NYS Assembly; Hon. Yadira Ramos-Herbert, Council Member, New Rochelle City Council, Mayor-Elect City of New Rochelle; William H. Schrag, President, Westchester Jewish Council; Tali Strom, Senior Community Mobilizer, UJA; and Hon. Tyrae Woodson-Samuels, County Legislator, Majority Whip, Westchester County Board of Legislators.



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Veolia Helps Local Pantries Keep Up with the Holidays

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"When you have regular access to the basics like reliable water, food and shelter, it's easy to start taking them for granted," said Chris Graziano, Veolia's Vice President and General Manager of New York Operations. "This time of year, we're given a chance to pause and appreciate all we have. For this reason, it gives our employees and our company a true sense of 'thanks giving' to be able to share in a small way the comforts of home and a warm meal." Throughout 2023, Veolia contributed a total of \$45,500 in support of the following organizations:

For over 35 years, Feeding Westchester has been helping hundreds of thousands of our neighbors fulfill one of life's most fundamental needs. With Veolia's support, the agency helped families in need of food assistance in New Rochelle and the surrounding communities. From June 2022 to June 2023, Feeding Westchester worked with 300 community partners to distribute over 21.1 million pounds of food to put nutritious food into the hands of those who need it most.

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