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Two New Firefighters Sworn in at Manor Board Meeting

BY STEPHEN E. LIPKEN

Pelham Manor Mayor Jennifer Monachino Lapey called the August 11th Board of Trustees meeting to order, beginning with Deputy Mayor Bridget A. (Breda) Bennett addressing Village Manager Lorna Luft regarding positive feedback from many residents about the new recycling collection schedule. “As a reminder, paper recycling is now every Wednesday; please have it out by 7:00 a.m.,” Bennett stated. “If your garbage is picked up on Thursday, glass and plastics will be collected on the second round; if it is picked up on Friday it is the second collection on Friday. Both sets of recycling are picked up every week.”

Luft mentioned that the September meeting schedule will be on Monday, September 15th and Monday, September 29th.

Trustee Timothy Case said that solar panels are being installed on the Village



Hall roof. Case noted that Thursday, September 11th marks the 9/11 Commemoration by the Village gazebo at 8:30 a.m., honoring first responders.

Trustee Daniel McLoughlin noted that the Highbrook Avenue stormwater project is nearly completed.

Then Lapey swore in two new firefighters, brothers Leonard and Santino Esposito. Leonard has experience as a first responder through his service with the FDNY EMS Division, where he served as an EMT. Santino has a working knowledge of buildings through his construc-

tion experience; both will complete their training at the Westchester County Career Fire Academy.

A Resolution was passed, Consideration to Adopt Updated Procurement Policy, available on pelhammanor.gov.

With an unlocked vehicle larceny, Police Chief Gregory Sancho pointedly reminded residents to lock their cars and warned the public about a fraudulent request to wire a \$200,000 payment; contact your bank or credit card company to dispute charges and closely check email addresses.



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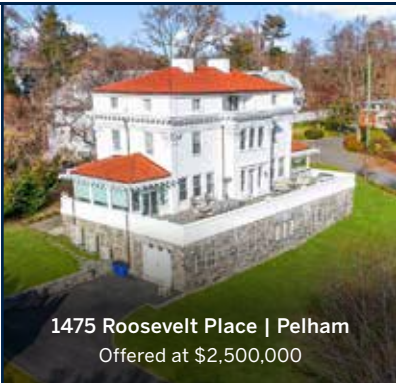
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Westchester County To Host Interfaith Prayer Vigil and 9/11 Memorial Service

Westchester County will host two commemorative events to honor the memory of those who perished in the tragic events of September 11, 2001, and those who later died from 9/11-related illnesses. The events will feature an Interfaith Prayer Vigil on September 10, and a September 11th Memorial Service on September 11.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: “Nearly a quarter-century later, the pain of September 11 remains deeply felt in Westchester. We gather each year to ensure the names, stories and sacrifices of our residents are never forgotten. This vigil and memorial service are moments for reflection and support for the families whose lives were forever changed.”

Interfaith Prayer Vigil

September 10, 2025, 5 PM

Kensico Dam Plaza, The Rising & 9/11 First Responders Memorial

Faith leaders from Christian, Jewish, Hindu, and Muslim communities will lead prayers, followed by candle lighting and a wreath-laying ceremony at the steel beam from the Twin Towers. The vigil will honor all Westchester residents who lost their lives on 9/11 or from related illnesses.

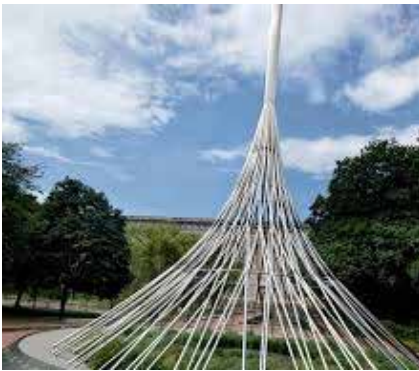
September 11th Memorial Service

September 11, 2025, 3 PM

Kensico Dam Plaza, 1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla

The memorial service will honor all Westchester County residents who died on 9/11 and from 9/11-related illnesses. The ceremony will include remarks, music, and the reading of the names of all who are memorialized.

If you are a family member of someone who died on 9/11 or of a 9/11 related illness and would like to be involved in these two memorial events, email Communications@westchestercountyNY.gov. These events are open to the public, and all are encouraged to attend and participate in honoring the lives lost and those affected by 9/11.



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DPW Equipment Upgrade for All-Seasons

Pelham Manor is excited to share that their latest capital purchase has arrived, a Kubota sub-compact tractor. This all-season machine will be such a productive addition to the Department of Public Works. Primarily, this piece of equipment replaces the Bombardier machine that was previously utilized to plow the sidewalks.

Prudent financial and fleet management allowed for this piece of equipment to be secured timely. The planning efforts that went into the budgeting process, coupled with an effective approach to our municipal budget and the utilization of New York State Contracts, made this capital authorization a reality well before the next snowfall. The two Bombardier

machines that had reached the end of their useful life, were auctioned off, and the proceeds were put toward the purchase of this replacement.

The Kubota operates with four wheels, rather than the track system that the Bombardier had, making it much nimbler to operate. The Kubota also provides greater control over the plow blade. Additionally, there are numerous attachments that are available for this machine.

With the initial purchase, they



secured the salt spreader, auger, fork lift, and bucket attachments. All of these attachments are interchangeable. This upgrade also provides operating efficiencies as it is able to be utilized year-round for operations such as sidewalk replacements, tree maintenance, and other general grounds maintenance operations.

Multiple Resolutions Outlined at Village Board Meeting



BY STEPHEN E. LIPKEN

Village of Pelham Mayor Chance Mullen called the August 12th Board of Trustees Meeting to order, beginning with Trustee Reports.

Trustee Theresa Mohan noted that the Natural Resources Inventory that the Board has been working on since February is in draft form and will be presented at the September meeting, adding that the 9/11 Commemoration will take place on Thursday, September 11th at the Town's 9/11 Memorial on Harmon Avenue at 8:30 a.m.

Trustee Russell Solomon said that he was in contact with the Complete Streets Grant Program, with \$15 million available through Westchester County Capital Budget Fund BPL39 to assist municipalities with design and implementation of Complete Streets projects on municipal roads; deadline is Friday, September 19th. "Administrator Chris Scelza and I met with CivicPlus, cloud-based software which will allow us to house agendas, minutes and videos; timeline December/January," Solomon added.

Scelza remarked that fieldwork for the FY25 audit has been completed and will be presented to the Board in October. "We also completed our 2025 repaving, portions of Corlies Avenue, Nyack Avenue, Sixth Avenue, Third Street and substantial parking lot rehabilitation behind

the Municipal Center. The only remaining items are the vehicular membrane applied to the 2nd Floor Parking Deck, when the weather cools down, hopefully in September.

"The Department of Public Works is re-stripping sidewalks and parking tees," Scelza concluded.

David Cooper, representing Pelham Green2 LLC stated that there are certain sewer and stormwater management improvements, associated with the mixed-use development across the street from Village right-of-way. "There are two stormwater management separators that will be underneath the sidewalk, signing and finishing up the review process with the County."

Resolutions included authorizing the promotion of Joseph Larios to Motor Equipment Operator; appointment of Anthony Ibarra as Laborer in DPW and the promotion of Vincent Pizzutiello from Laborer to Laborer with Special Skills.

Another Resolution authorized execution of an agreement with NYS Energy Research and Development Authority for a \$236,087 Grant to purchase electric vehicles, electric off-road utility vehicles, electric landscaping equipment and establishing Capital Project.

A final Resolution authorized Village Clerk Adriana Rugova to attend the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) Fall Training School.

Councilwoman McLoughlin Cites Highly Successful Camp Summer, Extensive Town Senior Program



BY STEPHEN E. LIPKEN

Pelham Town Supervisor Daniel J. McLaughlin convened the August 11th Council meeting, beginning with Deputy Supervisor Rae Szymanski's Emergency Medical Services Report (EMS). "For the month of July there were 44 calls in the Village of Pelham, 42 in the Village of Pelham Manor, one on I-95, six on the Hutch, two in Eastchester, one in Tuckahoe and one in the Bronx. Response time was 5 minutes, 7 seconds; on scene time, 17 minutes; transport time, 12 minutes, six seconds; turnaround time, 30 minutes, 6 seconds."

Space Update: "As of July 31st, we closed down the Pelham Manor flycar facility. We now have the flycar, ambulance and personnel here," McLaughlin said.

In the Recreation Report, Councilwoman Kara McLoughlin noted a very successful camp summer, with lots of positive comments. Registration for fall programs will open soon and there will be a Mobile App. Monday night concerts at Gazebo Park will continue through September 8th, another concert or two may be added due to rainouts.

McLaughlin added that Town se-

niors have been kept busy with Pelham Together Pelicones, bingo, arts and crafts, exercise, yoga plus shopping trips to Arthur Avenue.

Councilwoman Kristen Burke reported that the Courts "This year the court was open one week in July, another in August." A new system for processing traffic ticket payments has been instituted by the Village of Pelham; also notices have been sent out for people possessing unpaid tickets five years and older.

Burke went on to say that Town Justice Adam Kagan received \$42,570 in June; \$11,880 in July; Justice John P. Gardner received \$31,003 in June, \$48,835 in July.

Regarding the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority Grant, Burke stated that the consultants were incorporating comments and edits into the draft; Burke and McLaughlin will engage in discussions with the two vendors. Grants must be applied for by September 25th.

Finally, McLaughlin discussed the installation of a Town Hall elevator to be placed outside, being less disruptive to the inside of the building, not having to open up the roof.

Property Maintenance Code Community Outreach

It is a beautiful time of year to walk the Village and enjoy time outdoors. However, local officials would like to take a moment to remind homeowners of their duty to make sure their property is maintained in compliance with our local municipal code. This is especially important as school being is back in session and children are walking to school.

As stewards of the community, the Village of Pelham Manor's operations staff is tasked with enforcing local municipal codes uniformly for all property owners and on public lands. The local Chapter 157 Property Maintenance is the legislative text that governs how properties must be maintained. The regulations are quite similar, and in some instances exactly the same, as neighboring and nearby municipalities.

Everyone is proud to have such a walkable community and ask that all residents do their part to make sure everyone is comfortable walking around the Village. As explained in the Purpose section (§ 157-3Purpose.) of the property maintenance code, the provisions are intended to establish reasonable safeguards for the safety, health, and welfare of the general public. Communicable diseases are always a concern, especially ones that can be spread through insects.

According to the New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH), deer ticks live in shady, moist areas at ground level and are commonly found in our lawns and shrubs. Ticks will cling to tall grass, brush, and shrubs, usually no more than 18-24 inches off the ground. The NYS DOH recommends the following precautions to greatly reduce the tick population:

- Keep grass mowed.
 - Remove leaf litter, brush and weeds at the edge of the lawn.
 - Restrict the use of groundcover, such as pachysandra in areas frequented by family and roaming pets.
 - Remove brush and leaves around stonewalls and wood piles.
 - Trim tree branches and shrubs around the lawn edge to let in more sunlight.
- The NYS DOH also lists similar recommendations to reduce the mosquito population around your home:
- Drill holes in the bottoms of recycling containers that are kept outdoors.
 - Make sure roof gutters drain properly and clean clogged gutters in the spring and fall.
 - Remove leaf debris from yards and gardens.
 - Landscape to eliminate standing water that collects on your property.

Pelham Art Center Announces Studio Cafe 2025 Punk Rock Theme

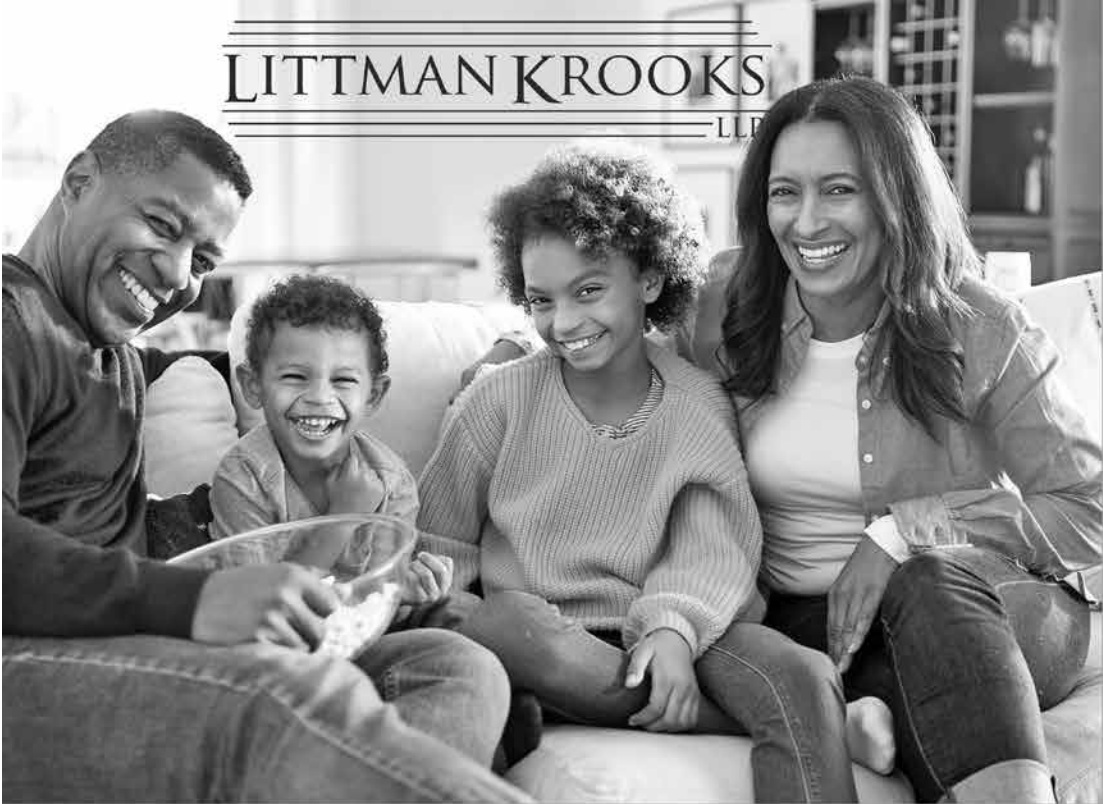
Pelham Art Center is pleased to announce its annual Fall fundraiser, Studio Cafe: Punk Rock. The event will take place on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at the Pelham Art Center's Fifth Avenue location. All proceeds from the event directly support Pelham Art Center's operations, from youth and adult education to scholarships and public programs. This is a 100% volunteer run event. The evening will include food, cocktails, dancing and other activities, including live mural painting, live and DJ'd music, art auctions, and valuable gifts typically including vacations, jewelry and more. Billed as the "most exciting event of the year" in Pelham, this one is not to be missed, as the theme is Punk Rock. Guests are encouraged to dress in punk rock inspired outfits as unique and creative as the movement itself.

Silent auctions will offer a plethora of compelling items and experiences for bidding. VIP hour will allow first dibs of original "1X1" art works from a broad community of artists, curated by the Pelham Art Center's Gallery Advisory Council. Local businesses, restaurants, and artisans donating goods to the community art center's fundraiser have the perk of gaining excellent exposure to an engaged and enthusiastic audience of arts lovers. For those interested in donating auction items or sponsoring the event, please view this form or visit our website at pelhamartcenter.org.

This year's Studio Cafe is chaired by board members Fred Gallo and Rosemary Maggiore along with a robust host committee made up of board and community members dedicated to the



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Calendar of Events



Jazz Under the Stars Illuminates
Anderson Plaza, 20 Anderson St, New Rochelle
September 4 from 6 to 8pm
A free outdoor jazz performance featuring pianist and composer Zaccai Curtis celebrating the salsa and Latin jazz beats of Eddie Palmeri, along with expanded seating, and convenient access to diverse dining options right in the heart of downtown. For more information on Jazz Under the Stars and additional summer programming in New Rochelle, visit NewRochelleNY.com, and follow along on social media @NewRochelleNY for real-time event updates and highlights.



Steinyfest 2025
October 4th from 1 to 10:30pm
Toyota City (619 Waverly Ave, Mamaroneck)
Westchester's most beloved fall music festival is back, bringing a full day of live music, food, craft beer, and community vibes to the Sound Shore. Headlining the 2025 lineup is genre-bending singer-songwriter Theo Katzman, known for his solo work and as a member of funk collective Vulfpeck. The festival also features rising stars like Sid Simons, indie-folk favorite Amelia Day, and rock & soul powerhouse Wild Adriatic—with more local artists to be announced. In addition to music, Steinyfest will feature: Food trucks from local favorites, Craft brews by Boston Beer Co, Vendor Village supporting local makers, BYO chair-friendly lawn, A VIP experience with premium access and perks and Free admission for kids. Tickets are available now at www.steinyfest.com/tickets. Stay updated on Instagram: @steinyfest



Crafty Adults: Purrfect Polymer Clay Black Cats
Monday, September 29, 7:15-8:15 pm
Pelham Public Library, 530 Colonial Avenue
Join our resident artist/instructor Sara Mallach this month as we get ready for a festive fall and Halloween season with polymer clay black cats seated on a pumpkin. These darling pins are absolute purrfection! This event will take place in-person at the Library and separate registration is required for each attendee. Click here to register. Sign up early, as space and supplies are limited. Please arrive on time as late arrivals disrupt the class.



Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze and more!
This fall, Sleepy Hollow Country once again becomes the ultimate destination for Halloween lovers as New York's most iconic seasonal experiences return. The Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze® lights up nights with brand-new displays and expanded offerings, while immersive Sleepy Hollow-themed events bring Washington Irving's classic tale to life in thrilling new ways. Blaze: Hudson Valley returns to Van Cortlandt Manor in Croton-on-Hudson for 52 nights, from September 12 through November 16. This year's event is completely reimaged with multiple new pumpkin displays, including intricate carvings of New York State landmarks, eye-popping classic video game icons, and a whimsical hillside Wizard of Oz scene that goes far beyond the rainbow. Tickets for all events are at www.hudsonvalley.org

Hospice of Westchester (HOW)
Annual "In Celebration" Gala Cocktail Reception
Thursday, September 25, from 5:30 to 7:30pm
Westchester Country Club, Rye. The event will honor HOW board member James G. O'Connor and Empress Ambulance, and The Kensico Cemetery and Matthew G. Parisi. A special recognition will also be given to long-term supporter and Grand Sponsor of the event, Rochelle E. Shereff. The gala will feature culinary delights, a fabulous cocktail party, entertainment, and the opportunity to enjoy a lovely evening with friends. Proceeds from the event will support The Anna & Louis H. Shereff Caregiver, Complementary Care, and Bereavement Programs. Individual tickets (\$375), journal pages and sponsorships are available. For more information, contact Holly Benedict at hbenedict@hospiceof-westchester.org or 914-682-1484 ext. 122.

The Pace Women's Justice Center
2025 "Raising the Bar" Benefit Concert
October 24
Capitol Theatre, Port Chester
Headlined by not one, but two powerhouse GRAMMY Award-winning artists: Colbie Caillat and Shawn Colvin. This highly anticipated event will combine incredible music, community energy, and the fight for justice as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. All proceeds support PWJC's mission to provide free legal services to over 3,500 survivors annually across Westchester and Putnam Counties. This includes emergency orders of protection, safety planning, elder justice legal advocacy, and community education. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

Bartow-Brocante Flea Market
September 27 – 28 from 10am - 4pm
Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum
895 Shore Rd., Pelham Bay Park, Bronx
Come to the Great Lawn at Bartow-Pell for a

flea market treasuring hunting experience and perhaps take home a piece of local history! The mansion is cleaning out cabinets and clearing closets, getting ready for an extensive Capital Renovation Project through the NYC Department of Parks Capital Division. It's an exciting time, and we've got work to do! Bartow-Pell is also accepting vendor applications. Email the online application to info@bpmmm.org.

Nostra Aetate at 60: Progress, Problems and Promise
Tuesday, September 16, 7:30 PM
Ryan Library, Iona University, 715 North Avenue, New Rochelle
Sixty years ago, on October 28, 1965, the Roman Catholic Church at the Second Vatican Council issued Nostra Aetate: Declaration on the Relation of the Church to non-Christian Religions. The document did more than embrace dialogue with other religions. The centerpiece of the document both rejects antisemitism and inaugurates a new Catholic understanding of Judaism. Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, internationally acclaimed scholar of Jewish-Christian relations, will guide us through key achievements in Jewish-Catholic relations, offer a frank assessment of the work that remains, and reflect on the ethical imperatives of Nostra Aetate. Program is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact AJC Westchester/Fairfield at westchester@ajc.org.

Parks Are Essential Gala Reception
Wednesday, September 17, 6 PM
Glen Island Harbour Club
The Westchester Parks Foundation's annual fundraising gala recognizes individuals, business and friends who help Westchester County parks grow and flourish. Congressman George Latimer will receive the Visionary Leadership Award. For more information, email nancy@thewpf.org.

Growing Together – Garden Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Saturday, September 6 from 10 to 10:30am
West Harrison Branch - Garden
Adults | Kids | Teens
Celebrate the beauty, growth, and community spirit of our new branch garden at its official opening.

The Questions Every Family Should Ask Before Starting the College Admissions Process
September 25 from 6:30-8:30pm
Athena Books, 228 Sound Beach Ave, Old Greenwich, CT 06870.
Curious about what you can be doing now to set your child on a path toward long-term academic success? Designed for parents of children from elementary through high school, this event features Lindsay Tanne Howe, founder and CEO of LogicPrep (and mom of five), in a thought-provoking conversation about the habits, choices, and mindsets that help children build a strong foundation from the early grades through the teenage years. Drawing on nearly two decades of experience—and the collective insight of her team of former admissions officers from schools such as Harvard, MIT, Duke, and Cornell—Ms. Howe will share what parents of successful teens did early on to foster curiosity, independent thinking, and a strong foundation for the future. From making thoughtful academic choices to shaping a compelling narrative, attendees will leave with actionable, low-stress strategies to support their child's growth at every stage. Light refreshments provided. Free. Registration is required as space is limited. <https://www.logicprep.com/events>.

EVENTS FOR KIDS AT THE PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

K-Day is Coming!
The Pelham Public Library's K-Day is an annual event when Pelham children entering kindergarten can get their first library cards. This year, it will be held on Saturday, September 13th. To save time pre-register for your kindergartener's library card and click here to fill out the form so the card will be ready as soon as you arrive.
Saturday September 13, 10 am-2 pm

Community Craft Table School Buses
Stop by the Library during the month of September to make your own school bus at our community craft table.
September 2 through September 30

Albanian for Kids
Would you like to learn Albanian, or brush up on language skills you already have? Are you curious about Albanian music, festivals, or history? Join Pelham High School student Selena Neza for this Albanian language and culture class just for children ages six to 13!
Fridays in September, 3:30-4:30 pm

STEM Story Time by Pelham High School Student
Join us for a special STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Story Time and craft! This program is for children ages five and up. Registration is not required, but please arrive on time: first come, first served.
Saturdays September 6 and 20, 11 am-12 pm

Lego Club!
Join us for an hour of open Lego play at the Library! This program is for children ages six and up, and will take place in-person at the Library. Registration is not required but an adult must accompany the child.
Wednesdays in September, 3:30-4:30 pm

Dylan Gurl Commissioned as Officer in Marine Corps

Dylan M. Gurl of Pelham, was commissioned as a United States Marine Corps Second Lieutenant on May 15th, 2025 in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Gurl, a dual economics and public policy major, was one of nine William & Mary College graduates who took the Army and Marine Corps oaths of office in a commissioning ceremony occurring on commencement weekend.

William & Mary College President Katherine Rowe and Chancellor Robert Gates, a former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency and Secretary of Defense, presided.

In September, Dylan will report to Quantico, Virginia to attend the Marine Corps officer training course called The Basic School (TBS).

TBS is six months of all-around combat training that teaches newly-commissioned 2nd Lieutenants skills like leading combat fire teams, weapons qualifications, and land navigation.

After completing TBS, 2nd Lieutenants receive at least three additional months of training in a chosen specialty (e.g. Infantry, Field Artillery, Intelligence, Aviation, etc.). Upon completion of his



USMC 2nd lieutenant Dylan Gurl is "pinned" with officer's bars by his parents, Anthea Perkinson and Shaun Gurl.

training Dylan, who wishes to serve as an infantry officer, will be assigned to a post and begin his four-year active-duty commitment.

This will be Dylan's second stint at Quantico; he spent last summer completing the grueling 10-week USMC Officers Candidate School program there.

Pelham Memorial High School Graduate

Dylan, son of Anthea Perkinson and Shaun Gurl, grew up in Pelham and graduated from Pelham Memorial High School in 2019.

At PMHS, Dylan held leadership roles in the band and the Military History Club, was a member of the National Honor Society and received both the Campbell Whitford Scholarship Award and the Lt. Joseph G. Leavey Memorial Scholarship upon graduation. He was also an active member of the Boy Scouts Troop 1 as Senior Patrol Leader and later earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

When Covid disrupted his freshman year in college, Dylan put his studies on hold. He first worked in a warehouse and as a school janitor. He then was accepted into the AmeriCorps National Civil Community Corps and performed service projects in communities throughout the Midwest. Dylan subsequently joined the AmeriCorps City Year program for six months, working long but fulfilling days as a teacher's aide and after-school program manager in a public middle school in the Bronx.

Family Footsteps

Dylan is following in the footsteps of his grandfather, John T. Gurl, who graduated from Officer Candidate School in Quantico in 1959 and was commissioned as a Marine Corps officer upon his own college graduation in 1960. John Gurl spent six years on active duty as a Marine Corps aviator before becoming a commercial airline pilot with Eastern Air Lines. Gurl continued to serve as a pilot in the USMC Reserves, eventually retiring with the rank of Major.

Commissioning Ceremony Traditions

Dylan's May 15th 2025 commissioning ceremony highlighted several traditions. One is "pinning". As each new officer was introduced, family members were invited on-stage to pin 2nd lieutenant bars onto the new officer's uniform epaulets for the first time. Dylan asked his parents to pin his bars.

The second tradition honored is "first salute". Each new officer receives the initial salutes of their military careers from a chosen enlisted member of the armed services. This honor is given to someone who has been a significant sup-

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Rotary Scholarship Winners Honored

Rotary Club of the Pelhams honored its latest Rotary Scholarship winners--Grace Condon (2022), Sean Condon (2023), Samantha Gregware (2024) and Shannon Winston (2025)--at a luncheon in July. All are graduates of Pelham Memorial High School.

Attending the luncheon and introduced by Rotary Scholarship Committee Chairman Kevin Falvey were:



Left to right: Rotary Scholarship Committee member Ellis Moore, Scholarship winners Samantha Gregware, Grace Condon and Shannon Winston, and Rotary Scholarship Committee Chairman Kevin Falvey.

Shannon Winston, who will attend the University of Virginia's School of Engineering this fall, graduated from PMHS this past June. Her academic achievements included membership in the Math, Science, Social Studies, and English National Honor Societies and completion of 10 AP classes.

Grace Condon graduated in three years this June and is in an accelerated MBA program at SUNY Binghamton in Business.

Samantha Gregware is studying Neuroscience on a pre-med track at Duke University. She is taking physics this summer.

It was announced that Sean Condon, who is going into his third year at West Point, could not attend the luncheon because of a training assignment.

Rotary will be accepting applications for its 2026 Scholarship of \$20,000 through the PMHS Guidance Department next spring.

This Fall at Clay Art Center

Fall is just around the corner and Clay Art Center has so much to offer to delight and inspire pottery lovers, creative individuals and families. Here is a sample:

Fall Exhibition: Shake It Up, a juried exhibition of ceramic salt and pepper shakers/cellars from 36 contemporary artists at all stages of their careers. Guest juried by Austin Coudriet and Nikki Lau, this exhibition is both delightful and explorative. Opening Reception and Juror Prize announcement Saturday, September 6, 5 - 7 p.m. Learn more

Hispanic Heritage Month - Featured Artist: Fernando Martinez. Originally from Argentina, Port Chester resident and business owner Fernando Martinez creates ceramic works inspired by collage, Japanese ceramics. On view September 15 - October 18. Learn more



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Pelham Art Center Announces Studio Cafe 2025 Punk Rock Theme

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Pelham Art Center's mission and continued success.

"I have been a board member for almost 5 years now," says Maggiore, "and have seen how Studio Cafe is not only the most fun party in town, but it has an incredible lasting impact on the Art Center's success, setting the tone for the rest of the year." The host committee includes: Board Chair Nancy Mazzei, Board President Julia Fuller Nakayama, Michele Westrick, Lilian Miller, Michelle Acosta, Jaime Wright, Anique Scharf, Joanne Ferrara, Chris Dlutowski, Danielle DeVito, Alexi Rutsch Brock and Paula McKeever. In addition, the staff of the Pelham Art Center is central to the success of Studio Cafe.

Pelham Art Center Board Chair Nancy Mazzei summarized the evening best:

"Studio Cafe represents everything the Pelham Art Center is about, it's held at the center, art from 20-30 artists is offered for sale, local businesses donate all the food and sponsorships, and the entire event is 100% volunteer-run. This year, we celebrate Punk Rock, an era that broke rules and forged change, the exact mission art has - I see it as a perfect combination for our fall fundraiser and our valuable community."

Limited general admission Pre-Sale tickets run through September 1. Patrons are encouraged to take advantage of early bird pricing by securing tickets today. studiocafe25.givesmart.com.

Dylan Gurl Commissioned as Officer in Marine Corps

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porter; as part of the tradition, the officer gives the enlisted man a silver dollar as a symbol of gratitude for their mentorship. Dylan chose Master Sergeant John Bornhoeft, a senior military science instructor in William & Mary's Army ROTC program, to give Dylan his first salute.

Marine Corps Officer's Oath

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There are many great reasons to attend the Pelham Civics Annual Fall Gala on Friday, October 24, 2025 Here are two of them:



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What Happens in New York if You Die Without a Will?

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Thinking about death is never pleasant, but understanding what happens to your money, home, and belongings if you pass away without a Last Will and Testament is important for protecting your loved ones. In New York, dying without a valid will is called dying "intestate." When that happens, state law—not you—decides who inherits your property. The rules are set out in the New York Estates, Powers and Trusts Law (EPTL), and they may not match your wishes.

When a person dies intestate in New York, the process is handled through the Surrogate's Court in the county where they lived. The court appoints someone to manage the estate—called the "administrator." This person collects the deceased's assets, pays outstanding debts and taxes, and then distributes what remains to the heirs determined by law. The law creates a family tree of priority, starting with the closest living relatives.

Here is how the basic inheritance order works in New York:

- If you leave a spouse and no chil-

dren: Your spouse inherits everything.

- If you leave children but no spouse: Your children inherit everything, divided equally. If a child has died before you but left their own children (your grandchildren), that share passes down to them.

- If you leave both a spouse and children: Your spouse inherits the first \$50,000 plus half of the remaining estate. Your children inherit the other half, divided equally.

- If you have no spouse and no children: Your estate passes to your parents.

- If your parents have died: Your estate passes to your siblings (or their descendants if they have died).

- If there are no surviving immediate relatives, the inheritance can go further out to nieces, nephews, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. If no family members can be found, your estate eventually goes to the State of New York.

These rules apply only to assets that are considered part of your "probate estate." Certain property passes automatically outside of the intestacy process—such as jointly owned property with rights of survivorship, life insurance proceeds with a named beneficiary, and retirement accounts with designated beneficiaries.

Dying without a will can create challenges. First, you lose control over who receives your property. You cannot leave specific gifts to friends, charities, or unmarried partners, because New York's intestacy law recognizes only spouses, blood relatives and legally adopted children as heirs. Stepchildren do not inherit unless legally adopted, no matter how close your relationship was.

You also cannot choose who will handle your estate—New York law sets the order of priority for who may serve as administrator, and it might not be the person you would have picked.

The intestacy process can also be slower and more costly. Family members may disagree about who should be in charge or how property should be handled. If no close relatives are available, the Public Administrator's office may have to take over, adding another layer of bureaucracy.

Creating a will is not only about distributing your assets—it's about reducing stress for your loved ones. A properly drafted and executed will in New York allows you to:

- Choose exactly who inherits your property and in what amounts.
- Name an executor you trust to

manage your estate.

- Appoint guardians for minor children.
- Provide for non-relatives or charities.

Without a will, your legacy is left to a set of rigid legal rules. While these rules aim to be fair, they cannot reflect your personal values, relationships, or intentions. By taking the time to prepare a will, you ensure that your wishes—not the default laws—guide the distribution of your life's work.

In short, if you live in New York, dying without a will means the state will write one for you—and you might not like what it says. The best way to protect your loved ones, your property, and your peace of mind is to plan ahead. Consulting with an experienced estate planning attorney can help you create a clear, valid, and enforceable plan that speaks for you when you no longer can.

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Table Hopping with Morris Gut: The Best Season for Oysters has Arrived!

Mollusk experts say oysters are best consumed from September to April. The coming fall season is one of the best times to enjoy them. Oyster aficionados cannot seem to consume enough, and more eateries throughout the area are serving these slippery delicacies. Here are some of the best spots to indulge in the Bronx and Westchester with all the trimmings. Check ahead for availability...

KEE Oyster House, 128 E. Post Road, White Plains (914-437-8535), A daily raw bar with a selection of oysters from all over the region. The blackboard lists the daily catch. They are served beautifully with house made cocktail sauce, ground wasabi root, and Champagne sauce. www.keeoysterhouse.com

Artie's Steak & Seafood, 394 City Island Ave., City Island (718-885-9885) Big Blue Point oysters are listed on their daily blackboard, and they are terrific served with all the accoutrements. Decadent Oysters Rockefeller, too. Wash it all down with one of the house specialty cocktails or a craft beer. www.artiescityisland.com

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Kenny's on the Water, 2 Pelham Road, New Rochelle, at the Municipal

Marina. (914-999-4918) Open for business while the marina is under construction. The Raw Bar offers a variety of oysters throughout the day. Valet parking. www.kennysonthewater.com

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Eastchester Fish Gourmet, 837 White Plains Road, Scarsdale (914-725-3450) A longtime favorite for seafood lovers. Oysters served daily in the formal restaurant or Go Fish next door. www.eastchesterfish.com

Gus's Franklin Park Restaurant, 126 Halstead Ave., Harrison (914-835-9804) 80 years running and still going strong. Oysters served daily. Hearty tavern menu. Market next door. www.gusseaseafood.com

Cosenza's Fish Market, 2354 Arthur Ave., Bronx (718-364-8510) It's right in the heart of Little Italy, a full-fledged fish market with counters set up as an Oyster Bar & Clam Bar. Take your pick and enjoy a fresh platter rus-

tic style right on the bustling sidewalk.

Sea Shore Restaurant, 591 City Island Ave., City Island, Bronx. (718-885-0300) Jeffrey Weiner and his veteran crew serve abundant platters of seafood at this sprawling 95-year-old institution, Blue Point oysters included. Daily happy hours. www.seashore-restaurant.com

Chazz Palminteri Restaurant, 264 Main Street, White Plains. (914-600-8430) 'A Bronx Tale' actor, writer, producer, and restaurateur Chazz Palminteri and his partnership offer popular Happy Hours during the week from 4-7 p.m. that include fresh oysters. www.chazzpalminterinyc.com

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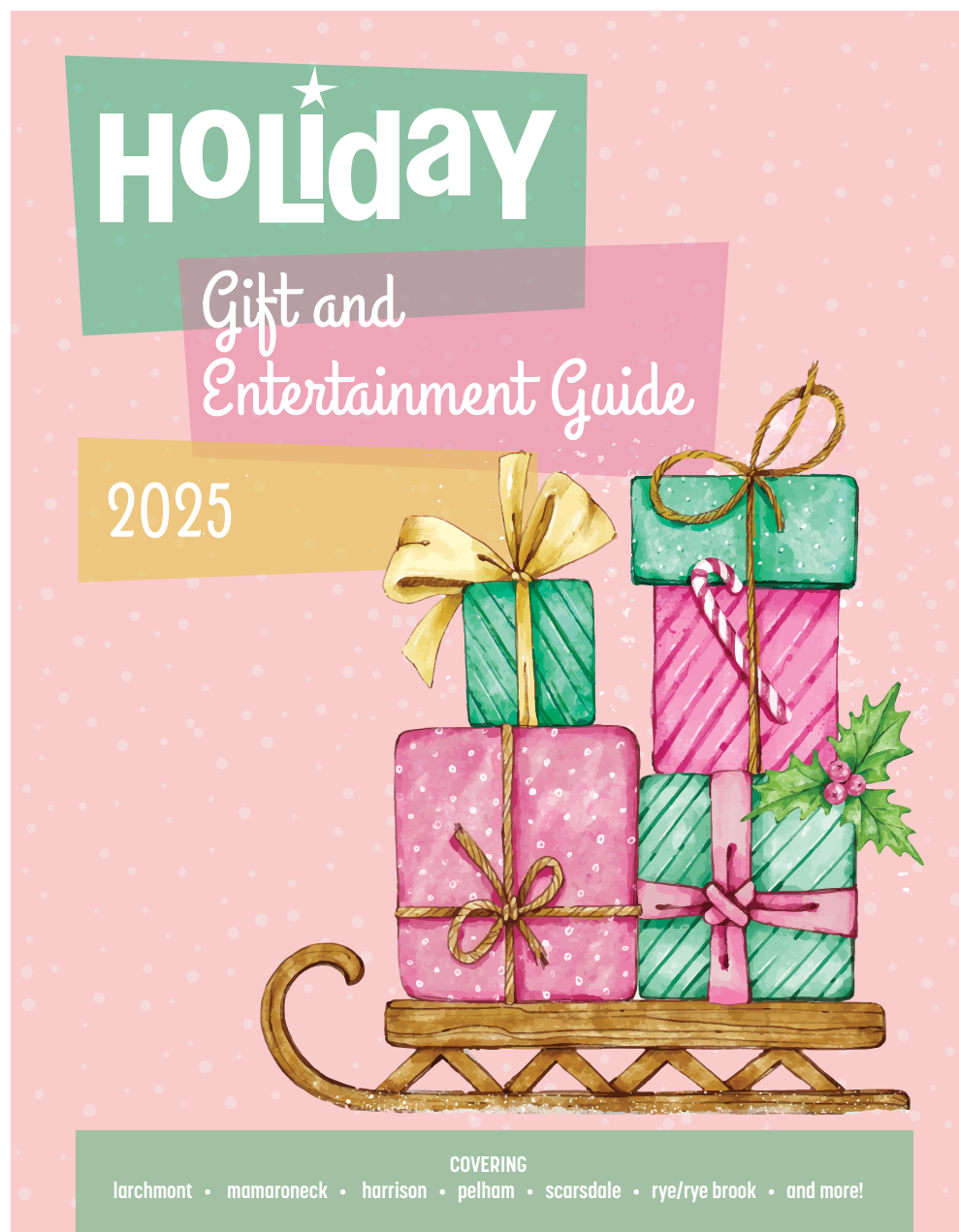
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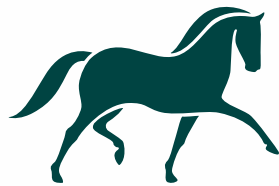


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