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Announcing Downtown Improvement Grant (DIG) Winners



JIM LOFGREN
PRESIDENT
PELHAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

We are thrilled to announce the winners of the Downtown Improvement Grant (DIG), the beautification initiative of our Pelham downtown, that has been an important objective for the Chamber, our businesses and many residents of Pelham for several years.

The Downtown Improvement Grant for storefront upgrades have been organized by Pelham Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Village of Pelham

and the Catalyst of Westchester County. Grantees could receive up to \$5,000 to cover up to two-thirds of a project's costs, and for exceptional or creative applications the grant amount could go up to \$10,000.

This \$100,000 grant program has now awarded grants to nineteen storefront businesses in downtown Pelham, including landmarks such as Pelham Art Center and The Picture House.

The awarded businesses for the grant are:

- The Picture House
- Pelham Art Center
- Cantina Lobos
- Pelican Room
- Tig & Peach
- Thrive Barre
- Dr Anne Kossowan Orthodontist
- Lucky of Pelham (Pelham Palace)
- Annie's Nails
- SOOP
- Marcellos

- Pelham North
- Blue Dog Wines
- Depot Dave
- Honey Notes
- Dannys Cycles
- MG Martins
- Pizza Fenice
- Skylight Kitchen

While upgrades for some businesses have already been completed, other beautification projects are still being worked on and in process. We hope to see all businesses having completed their work by the end of 2025. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiastic response to the DIG grant program and the immediate positive impact it's having on our downtown businesses.

Thank you to all the business owners, board and members of the Pelham Chamber of Commerce, the Village of Pelham including Mayor Chance Mullen and Shari Rosen Ascher at Westchester County for making this a huge success!

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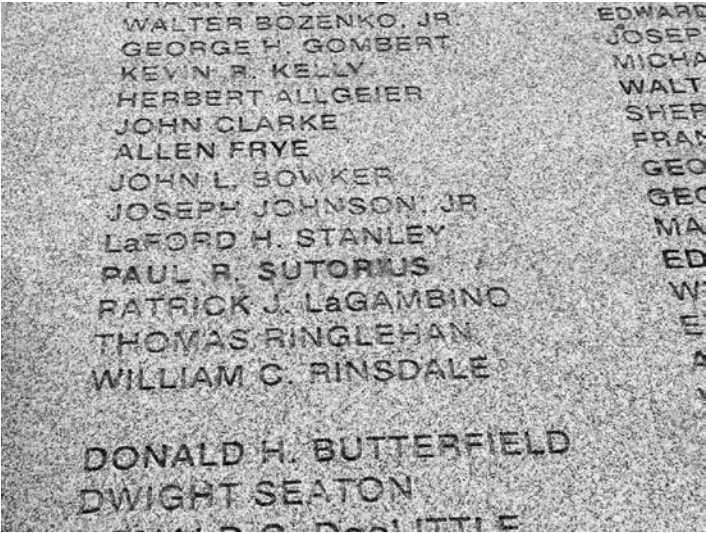
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Paul R. Sutorius Added to NYS Firefighters Memorial



Recently, one of the Village of Pelham Manor’s own was honored at the 28th Annual Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Albany. Paul R. Sutorius was one of the first responders from Pelham Manor that honorably responded to the events that occurred on September 11, 2001 and actively participated in emergency operations. The NYS Firefighters Memorial is a symbol of gratitude and a tribute to the courageous individuals who were brave enough to respond.

Paul Sutorius grew up in Pelham Manor and was a Firefighter with the Pelham Manor Fire Department for twenty-seven years. We remember his contributions to our community and honor his commitment to fire safety. Sadly, he passed away on March 22, 2024, due to September 11 related causes. The addition of his name to the NYS Firefighters Memorial is an lasting and enduring tribute.

William “Billy Wise” Weinblatt April 27, 1962 — September 13, 2025

William Bennett Weinblatt, lovingly known to his community as Billy Wise, passed away on Saturday, September 13, 2025, surrounded by his family. He was 63 years old. Billy was a beloved son, a devoted husband, a loving father and grandfather.

Born in the Bronx to Joel and Fran Weinblatt, Billy was the oldest of two children and grew up in Eastchester alongside his sister, Mindy. He attended Eastchester schools before studying art at a community college in upstate New York. While he once dreamed of becoming a cartoonist, under his father’s guidance he joined the family business—Wise Hardware in Pelham—which he proudly ran for more than 41 years.

During his college years, while working at Tuckahoe Paint and Glass, Billy met the love of his life, Nicole Diffenthaler. He wisely hired her at the store before asking her out, and the two went on to build a life together as true partners in love and business. Married at the Kittle House in Chappaqua, they first lived in Yonkers before settling in Eastchester, where they raised their two daughters, Samantha and Brittany. A devoted father, Billy never missed a game, recital, or field trip, and he was always the first to volunteer. Through his example, he taught his daughters the values of dedication, kindness, and practical life skills.

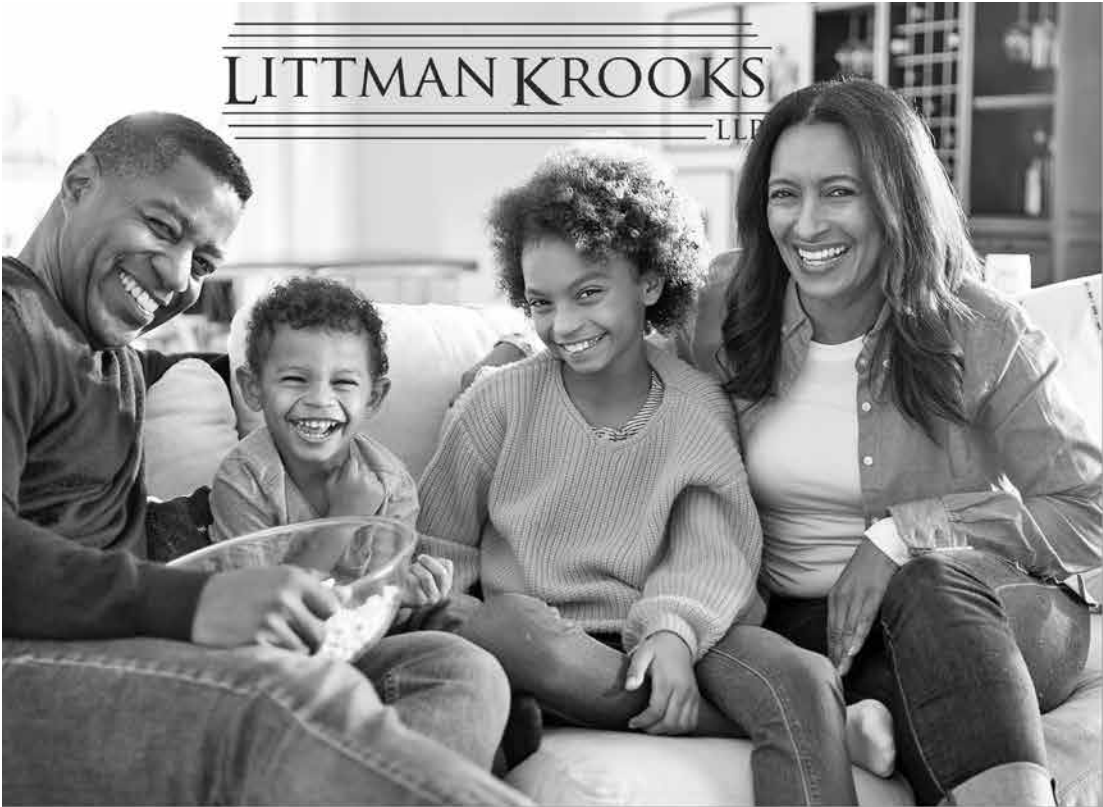
To call Billy an outdoorsman hardly

captures his spirit. He loved archery, hunting, fishing, boating, snowmobiling, quadding, and any excuse to spend time outside. He also cherished quieter moments—sitting with friends on the porch with a backwoods cigar and a glass of bourbon or tequila. Many also knew Billy for his culinary talents; he delighted in cooking for others, ensuring no one ever left his table hungry. One of Billy’s greatest joys was becoming a grandfather to Baby Julia this past spring.

Those who knew Billy will remember him as loyal, funny, wise, and strong—a man of great character, generosity, and heart. At Wise Hardware, he didn’t just sell tools; he shared advice, solutions, and his time. Whether with family, friends, or customers, Billy was always ready to lend a helping hand.

Billy is survived by his wife of 35 years, Nicole; his daughters, Samantha (Angelo) Scialabba and Brittany (Mike Ibarra) Weinblatt; his granddaughter, Julia; his mother, Fran Weinblatt; and his sister, Mindy (Gregory) Steck. He also leaves behind nieces, nephews, extended family, countless friends, and the many loyal customers who became part of his story. Billy was predeceased by his father, Joel.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Billy’s memory to the Leukemia Research Foundation (www.leukemiaf.org) or the Westchester BLUE Foundation (www.westchesterBLUE.org).



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Dogs at Shore Park

Residents are reminded that dogs at shore park must be on a leash after 9:00 am. All dog owners are responsible for keeping a close eye on pets while they are at the park. Everyone has a varying comfort level with dogs. Dogs are not permitted to be in the playground area. Our DPW crews continue to find holes that have been dug by dogs within the playground area. Please make sure to closely supervise your pet so that everyone is able to enjoy the park safely and worry-free.



Charge into Fire Safety

The Pelham Manor Fire Department (PMFD) teamed up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week™ (FPW™) for more than 100 years to promote this year's FPW campaign, "Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home." It highlights how important it is to buy, charge, and recycle lithium-ion batteries safely.

Most of the electronics used in homes every day are powered by lithium-ion batteries. Examples of these electronics include: smartphones, tablets, power and lawn tools, laptops, e-cigarettes, headphones, and toys, to name just a few. In fact, most everything that's rechargeable uses a lithium-ion battery.

If the lithium-ion battery is used incorrectly or is damaged, it can overheat, start a fire, or even explode. "There have been several incidents in the past few years where fires did start from lithium-ion batteries here in Pelham Manor. To reduce these risks, look around your home. It's important to know which devices are powered by them. Lithium-ion batteries are powerful, convenient, and they're just about everywhere," said Michael Greco, Fire Chief. This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign helped people understand the importance of using these batteries correctly to prevent fires in the home and to follow the Buy, Charge, and Recycle Safely approach.

Buy only listed products.

- When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery, take time to research it. Look for a stamp from a nationally recognized testing lab on the packaging and product, which means that it meets important safety standards.

- Many products sold online and in stores may not meet safety standards and could increase the risk of fire.

Charge devices safely.

- Always use the cords that came with the product to charge it. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer.

- If you need a new charger, buy one from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved.

- Charge your device on a hard surface. Don't charge it under a pillow, on a bed, or on a couch. This could cause a fire.

- Don't overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it's fully charged.

Recycle batteries responsibly.

- Don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could catch fire.

- Recycling your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location is the best way to dispose of them. Visit <https://environment.westchestergov.com/residents/recycling-guidelines/household-batteries>

The PMFD encourages all residents to be aware of their devices, follow the Buy, Charge, and Recycle Safely approach, and familiarize yourself with this year's FPW theme, "Charge into Fire Safety™."

To find out more about FPW programs and activities in Pelham Manor, contact the Fire Department at 914-738-8825 or visit their website. For more information about Fire Prevention Week and lithium-ion battery safety, visit the webpage for Fire Prevention Week or Pelham Manor Fire Prevention

Fall Leaf Collection & Leaf Blowers

Residents are reminded that fall curbside leaf collection has begun and continues through Monday, December 15. During this time, loose leaf piles may be placed beside the road for collection. Bagged leaves and garden refuse are not permitted.

Additionally, pursuant to Pelham Manor Village Code Chapter 139 Article V, internal combustion leaf

blowers may only be used on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday between the hours of 8:00 am to 5:30 pm and from 12:00 pm (noon) to 4:00 pm on Saturdays. They may not be used on any legal holiday. Electric leaf blowers may be utilized.



FROM THE VILLAGE OF PELHAM

The Village Department of Public Works is preparing for seasonal leaf cleanup. Every year, the Department of Public Works collects approximately 1,200 tons of fall leaves and yard debris. The 2024 Fall Leaf Collection Program will commence on October 15, 2025, and continue through December 15, 2025.

DO'S AND DON'TS

DO:

- Pile leaves neatly on the grass near the edge of the road/curb line
- Only pile leaves, nothing else; all other organics must be bagged
- Keep the leaf piles on your own property
- Use biodegradable paper bags only for yard waste (grass clippings, twigs, dead plants, etc.) All tree branches must be tied separately and placed curbside with yard waste for collection.

DONT'S:

- Place leaves in the roadway, which can create traffic safety issues
- Block any walkways/sidewalks with leaf piles
- Place grass clippings, branches, or any other material with the leaves
- Pile leaves near fire hydrants, storm drain catch basins, or near corners where they can create a visual obstruction or block the flow of stormwater to the catch basin, causing localized flooding
- Place leaf piles over items that can cause damage, such as roadside boulders, gravel driveways/walkways, landscape lights, sprinkler heads, etc.

Residents should put leaves at the curb or edge of the street (not in the street) and should NOT be commingled with brush and pine needles.

All loose leaves and bagged organics are to be placed curbside between March 15th and April 30th and again between October 15th and December 15th. The Village Public Works Department picks up every day and works its way around the Village, picking up a section at a time on a revolving basis—no pickup after December 15th. After December 15th, items must be held until pickup begins again on March 15th. Do not mix twigs, branches, rubbish, or any other materials in the leaf piles, as they contaminate the piles and will not be accepted at the organic waste site.

Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers: The Village does not allow gas-powered leaf blowers to be used from May 1st to October 14th and from December 16th to March 14th. Violations by a property owner or your lawn maintenance provider can result in enforcement action against the property owner, including a \$250.00 fine, by Village Police. Please use the attached flyer to distribute to property owners or lawn maintenance providers.

Christmas trees are picked up curbside from December 26th to January 31st only. Trees must be bare of all ornaments, lights, and stands, with no garlands and no wreaths. Trees wrapped in garbage bags will not be picked up.

No organic pick-up between December 15th and March 15th. Items must be held.

Fire Chief Greco Explains E.D.I.T.H. Home Fire Precautions



BY STEPHEN E. LIPKEN

Pelham Manor Mayor Jennifer Monachino Lapey opened the October 14th meeting, wishing a Happy Columbus Day for those who celebrate it.

Then Trustee/Fire Commissioner Daniel J. McLaughlin extended condolences to fellow Trustee/Deputy Mayor Breda Bennett on the death of her family member in Dublin, Ireland.

Trustee Timothy M. Case thanked Department of Public Works (DPW) Foreman Michael DiBenedetto, Police Chief Greg Sancho and staff for their preparation for the nor'easter storm that occurred October 12th - 13th, although it was not as bad as anticipated.

"Be sure to download the FEMA App to receive real time weather and emergency alerts from the National Weather Service, to be prepared for prolonged power outages, flash floods, hurricanes and more," Case stressed.

Lapey averred that the Village has

commitments from Con Ed for paving.

Fire Chief Michael Greco reported one structure fire that was contained to the room of its origin.

There were 13 rescue calls, one where a dog was stuck on a roof and was carried through a second story window. "We did not have any motor vehicle accidents on the surface streets the with exception of one on Boston Post Road near I-95.

"Be sure to change the batteries in your carbon monoxide detectors and do not place leaf piles near fire hydrants nor park over them, which could cause a vehicle fire," Greco emphasized.

Greco mentioned Exit Drills in the Home (EDITH), practicing escape routes for your family in case of fire. "Key steps include drawing a floor plan with at least two ways out of every room, establishing an outdoor meeting spot and practicing these drills at least twice a year. You should also install and maintain smoke alarms and teach family members to stay low to avoid smoke."

Fall Programs Discussed at Town Board Meeting



BY STEPHEN E. LIPKEN

Pelham Town Supervisor Daniel J. McLaughlin called the October 6th Council meeting to order, recognizing Deputy Supervisor/Councilwoman Rae Szymanski, who discussed the Employee Handbook. "Based on what I sent out the last time, I was able to put together another document and add some other documents that were needed. The next thing that I will be working post the Handbook is the Pelham Emergency Plan. Certificate of Needs status was officially accepted but not approved. We have to go to the November Regional Meeting. Any objections to our application can be said that night.

"There were 100 EMS calls in September, response time, 5 minutes 6 seconds; on scene time, 15 minutes 7 seconds; transport time, 13 minutes six seconds; turnaround time, 30 minutes one second. Senior citizens can go to the hospital of their choice, within reason. And put the Police phone number on your cell phone because 911 does not go direct."

In the Recreation Report, Councilwoman Kara McLoughlin stated, "There is a new program, Senior Walking Club at Glover Field, Wednesdays, 10:00 to 11:00 am until it gets too cold. There are arts and crafts, exercise, yoga, card playing, bingo and mah-jongg.

"Rec Department Fall Program has two after school programs each day at every Elementary School and a Special Needs Program called Homework Help 504, a free, after school, once a week program, run by the Special Education Teacher."

Councilwoman Kristen Burke noted that since the Prisoner Van caught fire, the Village is in the process of purchasing a new one, costing \$106,000.

The Justice Court Assistance Program Grant will earmark bullet-proof glass for their space, plus a panic button, connected to the Police.

In New Business/Old Business, Nicholas Maloney was reappointed to the Board of Assessment, from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2030; Homestead Base Proportion of \$82.149 was adopted.

Downtown Improvement Grant Winners Announced

BY STEPHEN E. LIPKEN

Mayor Chance Mullen called the October 14th Village of Pelham Board of Trustees Meeting to order, beginning with Trustee Krystal Howell congratulating the Fire Department for a great family event on October 4th with the Breast Cancer Awareness Chili Cook Off proceeds benefiting Making Strides Westchester.

Trustee Theresa Mohan noted that October was Fire Prevention Month and the Fire Department went going to schools to help students understand fire prevention. "One of the themes of Fire Prevention Month was 'Charge into Fire Safety,' pointing out potential dangers of lithium-ion batteries in



homes," Mohan stressed.

As of October 2025, the Village is in the final stages of discussing its Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) with data collection nearly complete. NRI is being developed by the Village's Sustainability Advisory Board and

Climate Smart Communities Task Force, which the Village Board of Trustees appointed to assist in achieving and maintaining Climate Smart Community certification.

Trustee Don Otondi said that the Department of Public Works fall leaf cleanup runs through December 15th. Leaves must go between the sidewalk and curb, not in the street.

The Pelham Chamber of Commerce announced the winners of the Downtown Improvement Grants, according

to Mayor Mullen. "We partnered with the Chamber a couple of years ago to put in a Grant Application to Westchester County and recipients of the Grant got \$250,000 to use on various projects. Before that, we got a consultant for six months who came in and did a survey of the community. The consultant gave us feedback on ways that we could make our downtown safer, more attractive and generate more foot traffic."

Up to 2/3 of the project cost will be eligible for reimbursement (e.g., a \$7,500 project can receive up to \$5,000). Grant highlights encompassed Storefront Facades, Signage Updates, Outdoor Seating or Displays, Lighting and Accessibility or Code Upgrades.

What’s Happening at the Pelham Public Library

ADULT PROGRAMS AND NEWS



30th Anniversary of the Town of Pelham Public Library

In celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Town of Pelham Public Library, we share the story of the Library’s journey from a tiny book collection in the basement of Hutchinson Elementary School to its present location, which was initially built as a church. Click here to read more about how it all began.

Teen Talk with Hope’s Door

Thursday, November 20 from 5-6 pm
This fall, the Library will host a Teen Talk from Hope’s Door to raise awareness about teen dating violence. This program is specifically for teens ages 13-18. Hope’s Door is a non-profit that seeks to end domestic violence and to empower victims to achieve safety, independence, and healing from the trauma of abuse. We will dive into information about teen dating violence, visit popular “toxic” celebrity relationships, and discuss Netflix dramas and documentaries depicting domestic violence. Join us for conversations about the things we see and experience and to learn how we can become advocates for ourselves and each other. This is a drop-in program and registration is not required.

Author Talk with Pelham Author Natasha Girshin

Thursday, November 6 from 5-7 pm
Join us for an author talk and book signing with Pelham author Natasha Girshin. Her debut novel, *Burnt Olives*, is a contemporary novella about a stunted America, the people sent to fight its wars, and what happens once they come home. Copies of the book will be available for purchase from the author. This is a drop-in program and registration is not required.

Tai Chi at the Library

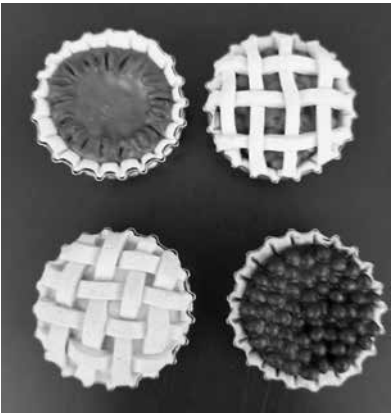
Tuesdays in November, 11:30 am to 12:25 pm
Join Master Yao-Wah Chan for beginning Tai Chi. He has over 40 years of experience teaching throughout New York City and Westchester, and is trained in multiple Chinese disciplines. Tai Chi is a series of slow, gentle, and meditative body movements that can help you reduce pain, increase flexibility, improve balance, and cope with stress. These classes are walk-ins that do not require preregistration.

Mah Jongg

Tuesdays in November, 12:30-3 pm
Join us for a drop-in Mah Jongg program for adults ages 18 and up. This program is for participants of all abilities who know how to play American Mah Jongg. No beginners, please. The Library will provide Mah Jongg sets, but please bring your own Mah Jongg card. The Pelham Recreation Department is offering beginner Mah Jongg classes. For more information, visit their website or call them at 914-738-0153.

Eating in Harmony with Nature with Dr. Kaushik

Wednesday, November 5, 7-8 pm
This series from Dr. Somesh N. Kaushik discusses the effects of food on the body and its healing abilities. With over 35 years’ experience as an Ayurvedic physician, Dr. Kaushik is one of the most experienced Ayurvedic physicians in North America. Dr. Kaushik recently founded the Institute for the Advancement of Ayurvedic Sciences, a research and teaching institution. This program will take place on Zoom, and registration is required. Click here to register. The Zoom link will be emailed to you before the presentation.



Crafty Adults: Miniature Polymer Clay Bottle-Cap Pies

Monday, November 24, 7:15-8:15 pm
Join our resident artist/instructor Sara Mallach this month for our annual Crafty Adults tradition of “baking” miniature Polymer clay bottle-cap pies for Thanksgiving. Get fancy with a lattice crust top or keep it simple with a basic pinched crust edge and a dollop of decorative “whipped cream.” We’ll make an assortment of adorable pies to take home and show off to family and friends...sure to delight even the pickiest of holiday guests. 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.

Adult Hybrid Book Clubs

The After-Dark Book Club will meet on Thursday, November 13 at 7:30 pm to discuss *The Bean Trees* by Barbara Kingsolver and on Thursday, December 4 at 7:30 pm to discuss *The City of Falling Angels* by John Berendt.

The 2nd-Friday Book Club will meet on Friday, November 14 at 10:30 am to discuss *Tell Me Everything* by Elizabeth Strout. The 2nd-Friday Book Club will be taking a break in December but will return on January 9 at 10:30 am to discuss *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan-Philipp Sendker.

To join, email library@pelhamlibrary.org. For more information about the 2nd-Friday Book Club click here and for the After-Dark Book Club click here.

Fiber Fridays

Every Friday, 1-3:30 pm
Love to knit or crochet? Gather your needles, hooks, and yarn, and join us every Friday afternoon for an informal needlework group for adults and teens. Knitters, crocheters, and needle point enthusiasts of all abilities are

welcome, but please note that no instructors will be present.

The Library Will Be Closed Thursday and Friday in Observance of Thanksgiving
The Library will be closed on November 27 and 28. We will reopen on Saturday, November 29 at 10 am.

Celebrate the season by coming into the Library to vote on your favorite pie. Pie votes will be gathered between November 14 and November 29. May the best pie win!

CHILDREN’S NEWS AND EVENTS

Musical Adventures at the Library with Concordia Conservatory

Thursday, November 13, 10:30-11 am
Join storytellers and musicians from Concordia Conservatory for this special Thursday Morning Story Time! his event is made possible by the sponsorship of the Conservatory Music Outreach Fund. Registration is not required, but this is a popular program and spaces fill up quickly.

Lego Club!

Wednesdays in November, 3:30-4:30 pm
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.

Canine Story Time

Thursdays in November, 3:30-4:30 pm
Join Lisa and her furry friend Freckle from The Good Dog Foundation for a special kind of Story Time. This time, it won’t be adults reading to kids: it will be kids reading to dogs! Young readers ages six and up can sign up for 10-minute sessions, during which they will be able to read to Freckle, Lisa’s adorable canine companion. This will give kids a safe space to become comfortable reading out loud. To reserve a spot, join us at the Library on the day of the program,



and see the librarian at the reference desk to sign up for your 10-minute session. We will start accepting reservations at 3 pm (not earlier!). First come, first served.

Homework Help

Thursdays in November, 3:30-4:30 pm
Pelham Memorial High School students will be available to provide children in grades K-6 with help completing their homework. Participants should bring their own study materials. This is a drop-in program. First come, first served.

Albanian for Kids

Fridays in November, 3:30-4:30 pm
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 Nezaj for this Albanian language and culture class just for children ages six to 13!

STEM Story Time by Pelham High School Student

Saturdays, November 1 and 15, 11 am-12 pm
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.

Save The Date: Christmas Tree Sale to Support Local Charitable Causes

Huguenot Memorial Church’s Annual Charitable Christmas Tree Sale will be Saturday, December 6 starting at 8:00am.

For sale: Fraser fir trees in all sizes, decorated and undecorated wreaths, poinsettias, swag, and pine roping. Visit with Santa in the library, shop the holiday market, and warm up with some hot chocolate and coffee! Checks, cash, and credit cards accepted.

Saturday, December 6, 2025 at 8am – while supplies last
Huguenot Memorial Church
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PMHS Seniors Arman Brummett, Eloise McGibbon and Emily Walch Named Rotary Scholars of the Month

PMHS seniors Arman Brummett, Eloise McGibbon and Emily Walch were recognized by Rotary Club of the Pelhams as Marilyn Stiefvater Scholars of the Month at an October luncheon.

Introducing the students was Rotarian Sean Llewellyn, who is also principal.

Arman Brummett is an AP Scholar, president of the PMHS chapter of the National Honor Society, Vice President of the Math Honor Society, and a member of the Science, Social Studies, and English Honor Societies. He is a member of the Math Club, Model UN, Science Olympiad, Interact Club, Mandarin Club, and South Asian Heritage Club. He is also a varsity



Left to right: Rotarian and PMHS Principal Sean Llewellyn and Scholars of the Month Eloise McGibbon, Arman Brummett and Emily Walch

soccer and travel soccer player. In his spare time, Arman participates in volunteer work, is on the Islamic Leadership Council, tutors students in Chemistry and Mandarin, plays guitar, reads science fiction, and plays strategy games, including Dungeons and Dragons.

Eloise McGibbon is active in Science Research, athletics, and service. She has conducted research at the Yale New Haven Radiation Physics Lab and the

NYU Langone Radiation Oncology Lab. Eloise is a Youth Representative for the Westchester County Youth Board, having been appointed by Representative George Latimer. She is the Founder and Youth Coordinator of the Tutoring Program at the Pelham Public Library, a member of the Pelham Together Youth Council, and a Junior Volunteer at Greenwich Hospital. Eloise is also a member of the PMHS golf and tennis teams, co-president of the Breast Cancer Awareness Club, co-president of the Women in STEM Club, and member of the Chemistry Club. In her

spare time, she plays piano, works at Tig & Peach, and teaches a running class for elementary school children.

Emily Walch has been honored with a number of prestigious awards including the Harvard Radcliffe Book Award, the Lower Hudson Volleyball Association Coaches Award, and first place in

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National Merit Semifinalists Recognized

The Pelham Public Schools is proud to announce that PMHS seniors Arman Brummett and Eloise McGibbon have earned recognition as National Merit Semifinalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Arman and Eloise are among more than 16,000 students across the country to be named semifinalists by scoring among the highest in their respective states on the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test last year.

“I am thrilled to congratulate these two incredible students on being named National Merit Semifinalists and being among those who scored in the top 1% in the state on their PSATs,” said PMHS Principal Sean Llewellyn. “This accomplishment is a testament to these students’ high academic achievement, hard work and the dedication and talent of our esteemed faculty and staff.”

Semifinalists now have the opportunity to be named a National Merit Finalist and earn a chance to receive one of 6,930 National Merit Scholarships totaling nearly \$26 million in the spring.



Accent Dance NYC Announces Culture Revealed Fundraiser Gala

Accent Dance NYC announces their annual Culture Revealed Fundraiser Gala on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 7pm at The Ailey Studios, 405 W. 55th Street, New York, NY, 10019. Tickets start at \$250 and are now available at <https://e.givesmart.com/events/Kq3/>.

Culture Revealed, Accent Dance NYC’s seventh anniversary gala, will raise funds for its educational and concert dance initiatives, empowering youth and audiences through access, equity, and the transformative power of the arts.

“This year, we celebrate the centrality of culture in our lives. Culture is not a single story - it is a symphony of various lived experiences. At Accent Dance NYC, we are committed to celebrating through dance the diversity of cultural experiences, perspectives, and expressions. We believe that through this celebration of varied cultures, we reveal the most profound aspects of being human - different yet connected. Culture Revealed,” said Andrea Ziegelman, Executive and Artistic Director, Accent Dance NYC.

The evening features cocktails, dinner, live performances, an interactive segment with its professional artists, and an accessible dance workshop. The evening’s centerpiece will be a live performance of Echoes Between Us, by choreographer Miaotian Sun through NEXT, Accent Dance NYC’s emerging choreographer commissioning program. Echoes Between Us



blends ballet, contemporary dance, and Chinese folklore to create a powerful narrative about identity, culture and preserving tradition that resonates through our collective experience.

Miaotian’s work also is the inspiration for new educational programming. Working closely with the choreographer and the company’s teaching artist/professional dancer, students will learn segments of Miaotian’s original work and create a new student-led dance collaboration to be rehearsed and performed before an audience of family, friends, teachers, and peers.

This is more than a celebration—it’s an impactful evening to raise funds to continue multicultural dance residencies and educational performances in some of the most underserved schools and communities in New York City and lower Westchester County. Last fiscal year alone, Accent Dance NYC reached over 10,000 students!

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Lifting Up Westchester Announces Ninth Annual Student Essay Contest

Lifting Up Westchester (LUW), a community-based nonprofit agency that provides life-changing support to people who have lost their housing or are struggling to meet their other basic needs, announces its ninth annual student essay contest. Open to all seventh through twelfth grade students attending school and living in Westchester County, this year's contest is entitled The Power of Connection because it asks students for their perspective on why emotional connections are important in supporting our Westchester neighbors in need.

"Over the eight years we have been running this contest, we have been impressed by the compassion and creativity students have demonstrated when writing about addressing homelessness in Westchester. We look forward to hearing their perspectives on how to invest in a more secure future for the individuals and families we serve." Said Anahaita Kotval, CEO of Lifting Up Westchester.

LUW's programs are designed to help anyone facing homelessness, hunger, or extreme poverty, including Emergency Shelter, Housing Services, Meals and Community Support, Employment and Youth Programs.

The essay contest was established in 2017 in memory of Beth Massey Rubens, a lifelong teacher, tutor, and mentor who had a love for language arts. Last year's contest included work by students from over 40 schools throughout the county. Since its inception, more than 1,600 students have participated, representing a cross section of public, private, and parochial schools across Westchester.

First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded in each of the three grade groups: 7th and 8th; 9th and 10th; and 11th and 12th. First prize in each category is \$500, second prize is \$250, and third prize is \$100.

The contest kicks off on October 29, 2025, and students can enter through February 1, 2026. Students should enter the contest through google docs and upload their essays. Winners will be announced in early March 2026 and an awards ceremony will take place on March 22, 2026. Students, teachers, and parents can learn more about how the contest works and review the judging process and criteria by visiting Lifting Up Westchester's website.

Founded in 1979, Lifting Up Westchester (LUW) is a nonprofit organization providing life-changing support to people who have lost their housing or are struggling to meet their other basic needs. Each year, the organization partners with over 3,000 men, women, and children experiencing homelessness and hunger to build a more secure future for themselves and their families. LUW envisions a community where everyone has a stable place to call home. With secure housing, people have the ability to focus on improving their health, education, and employment. LUW's team helps people find a home, build on that foundation, and achieve greater self-sufficiency.

For more information about Lifting Up Westchester, visit www.liftingup-westchester.org or connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, or LinkedIn.

PMHS Seniors Arman Brummett, Eloise McGibbon and Emily Walch Named Rotary Scholars of the Month

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the Somers Science Fair in Behavioral Science. She is a member of the National Honor Society and five additional academic honor societies. Emily is the president of the Pelham Together Youth Council, founder and president of the Grassroots Grocery Club for anti-hunger and food recovery, and is also a PMHS Peer Leader, reporter for the Pelham Examiner, and member of the Students for Refugees Club, Habitat for Humanity, the Animal Welfare Club, the Chemistry Club, the Ocean Conservation Club, the Women in STEM Club, and the Women's Empowerment Club, as well as participating in

Columbia University's BrainSTORM neuroscience teen program. Through the

PMHS Science Research Program, Emily participated in a neuroscience mentorship at Columbia University's Taub Institute for Research on Alzheimer's Disease. She is also a varsity Volleyball player, volunteer, tutor, and Pelicones Ice Cream truck employee.

In addition to the Scholars of the Month program, Pelham Rotary will award a \$20,000 scholarship to a graduating PMHS senior in June. Applications for the scholarship will be available through the PMHS Guidance Department next spring.

For more information on the Pelham Rotary club and to make donations to the scholarship program, visit pelhamrotary.com

New Law to Equip County Police Officers with EpiPens for Allergy Emergencies



Standing alongside Westchester County Police Officers, Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins recently signed into law legislation that will ensure relevant County Police officers are equipped and trained to administer epinephrine auto-injectors (EpiPens) while on duty—providing a critical, life-saving tool for allergy emergencies.

Jenkins said: "By signing this bill into law, Westchester County is taking a major step forward in protecting our residents and giving our officers the tools they need to save lives. This legislation is about preparedness, compassion, and ensuring that no family has to experience a preventable tragedy."

Board Chairman Vedat Gashi said: "When a constituent reached out asking us to help families struggling with potentially life-threatening allergic reactions, I knew Westchester needed to do everything it could. Too many families, including my own, live with the daily fear of a severe allergic reaction, and this law will help ensure that first responders are ready to save lives. I'm proud that the entire Board voted to make this common-sense step a reality."

The new law—known as the Giovanni Cipriano Act—provides that all relevant County police officers carry EpiPens. Named in memory of Giovanni "Gio" Cipriano, a 14-year-old New Yorker who tragically died after unknowingly consuming peanuts in trail mix, the legislation ensures officers—often the first on scene during 911 calls—can respond immediately to cases of anaphylaxis, a severe and potentially fatal allergic reaction.

The Love for Giovanni Foundation Founder Georgina Cornago said: "To see Gio's Law come to life here in Westchester County is deeply emotional and inspiring. This law will ensure that officers are trained and ready to act when seconds matter most. My son Giovanni's

legacy continues to save lives, and I'm profoundly grateful to County Executive Ken Jenkins, Legislator Vedat Gashi, and everyone who helped make this happen."

Westchester County Department of Public Safety Chief of Police James Luciano said: "This initiative is a tremendous step forward in protecting the lives of our residents and visitors. In cases of anaphylaxis, every second counts. By equipping our officers with EpiPens, we're ensuring they have one more lifesaving tool to use in those critical moments before medical personnel arrive. This new law reflects the strong partnership between our County leadership and the Department in advancing public safety."

Majority Whip Terry Clements Chair of the Board's Public Safety Committee said: "This is a simple, life-saving measure. Giving our officers epinephrine auto-injectors means they can act fast and protect residents when it matters most."

Legislator Colin D. Smith Chair of the Board's Legislation Committee said: "We have heard heartbreaking stories, including the tragic deaths of children, due to the lack of immediate access to life-saving treatment. This Act takes a crucial step forward by ensuring our officers have both the tools and training to respond in those critical moments. I am proud to support legislation that will help prevent these tragedies in our community."

Legislator Nancy E. Barr Chair of the Board's Human Services Committee said: "For an individual experiencing a life-threatening allergic reaction, the quick administration of epinephrine is a matter of life and death, so training and supplying our County public safety officers with epinephrine auto-injectors is sure to save lives. I hope that the passage of this law at the County level will encourage all of Westchester's cities, towns and villages to adopt a similar law in their local municipality if they have not already done so."

Why Safe Deposit Boxes May be Creating More Problems Than Protections



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For generations, families relied on bank safe deposit boxes to safeguard important documents, jewelry, and sentimental heirlooms. Having a key to a safe deposit box once symbolized prudence and financial responsibility. But in today's world of digital records, cloud storage, and home safes, these boxes are not only outdated but they can create serious legal and practical challenges, especially after a death. Understanding how safe deposit boxes work, and how access is handled when an owner or co-owner dies, can prevent costly delays and emotional frustration for loved ones.

When a person who rents a safe deposit box dies, the box and its contents are typically sealed by the bank. Financial institutions do this to protect themselves from liability and to ensure that only an authorized person, usually the executor or administrator of the estate, can access the contents. The problem is that the executor often cannot be appointed until the Will is submitted to the Surrogate's Court for probate, and the original Will is often inside the box. This circular dilemma can delay probate for weeks or months.

In New York the Estates, Powers and Trusts Law (EPTL) allows limited access to a decedent's safe deposit box for specific purposes, such as retrieving a Will, burial instructions, or a life insurance policy. However, the bank must follow a prescribed procedure and require proper identification and usually a court order before opening the box. The process takes time, particularly if the family is unaware that the box exists or cannot locate the key.

Many people assume that naming a joint owner on a safe deposit box will avoid these problems. Unfortunately, that is not always the case. A "joint tenant" has full access during both parties' lifetimes, but

once one owner dies, banks often restrict access until proof of death and estate documentation are provided.

This happens because the contents of the box may not actually belong to the surviving joint owner, even if their name appears on the box. The legal question becomes one of ownership: were the contents jointly owned, or did the deceased simply grant access for convenience? In some cases, the court appointed executor must provide a full inventory of the contents before removing anything, to prevent misappropriation of estate assets.

Beyond the access issues, safe deposit boxes themselves are quietly disappearing. Many major banks no longer offer them at new branches, and some have stopped renting them altogether. Maintaining secure vaults is expensive and labor-intensive, and today's consumers increasingly prefer digital or in-home alternatives.

Many of the reasons people once used safe deposit boxes, including storing original deeds, stock certificates, savings bonds, or important legal documents, no longer apply. Most records are now maintained electronically or can be easily replaced. What cannot be replaced is your original estate-planning documents which should be kept somewhere immediately accessible to your fiduciaries, not behind a locked door in a bank vault.

Branch consolidations also pose a risk. As banks close or merge, box holders may be notified that their branch is shutting down and must remove their contents by a deadline. If the notice is missed or goes to an old address, the contents can end up in the state's unclaimed property system, creating another layer of complexity for heirs.

For most people, a well-secured home safe offers a more practical and accessible option. Fireproof and waterproof safes rated for at least one hour of fire resistance can protect critical papers and valuables. Originals of your last will and testament, power of attorney, health care proxy and any trusts should be stored there, while your attorney should maintain copies.

It's also wise to maintain a written inventory of what's in the safe, share its location with your executor or trusted family member, and ensure that someone knows the combination or where to find it in

the event of an emergency.

Digital storage is another alternative. Many law firms now provide secure client portals, and reputable online vaults offer encrypted storage for scanned copies of legal documents, insurance policies, and passwords. However, digital storage should supplement, not replace, properly executed original documents.

Safe deposit boxes once represented the height of security and orderliness, but in modern estate administration they often cause the opposite: inaccessibility, delay, and confusion. Families can avoid these complications by understanding how banks handle access at death, reconsidering whether a box is necessary, and ensuring that essential documents remain easily accessible

Table Hopping with Morris Gut -- Osteria Sardegna Premiers in Mamaroneck

I was driving up Halstead Ave. in Mamaroneck when I noticed the lights on at a new spot called Osteria Sardegna. It turns out to be a second coming for veteran restaurateur Vittorio Scarpa and his family who had operated a restaurant featuring the rustic dishes of Sardinia back in 2007 in Larchmont.

He has taken over the space once occupied by Padre Pio. A quick look inside and it is a charmer, filled with the art and artifacts of his native island off the coast of Italy's west coast. Scarpa, who came from a family of cooks, started in the food service business at his family's restaurants in Sardinia and Rome, then came to the States in the 80s and has been involved in the field in Los Angeles and New York City.

The 40-seat dining room is lined with lovely photos and prints of his native Sardinia. According to Scarpa, the roots of Sardinian cuisine come from fresh ingredients, nothing frozen. Sardinians are very proud of their fresh fish from the Mediterranean, roast pig, homemade breads, milk and cheese from goats, sheep and cows, and homegrown fruits, vegetables and herbs, garlic being of primary importance.

The opening menu offers such great starters as Pane Carasau, thin, flat and crispy Sardinian bread with mozzarella cheese, rosemary and olive oil; Bombas alla Sarda, meatballs, Sardinian style with tomato sauce and pecorino cheese; Arancini Quattro Formaggi, arborio rice, ricotta cheese, Sardinian pecorino, mozzarella and parmesan; Involtini di Melanzane, eggplant and ricotta, pecorino in tomato sauce; Arugula Salad with pears and gorgonzola in

to those who will need them most. By modernizing how you store and safeguard your important papers, you can give your loved ones the true peace of mind that safe deposit boxes were once meant to provide.

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a lemon dressing; traditional Caesar Salad, and Calamari Fritti.

Robust pasta specialties include Malloreddus, Sardinian style pasta with beef ragu; Culingiones, ravioli stuffed with pecorino, ricotta, garlic and basil sauce; Spaghetti Cacio e Pepe; Orecchiette Rapini, pasta with sausage and broccoli rabe, garlic & olive oil; and Linguine with eggplant and burrata cheese in tomato sauce.

Hearty main courses include Chicken Scarpariello, boneless with sausage, cherry peppers, served with penne, tomato sauce; Branzino alla Vermentino, sauteed with Sardinian white wine served with sauteed vegetables; Bistecca alla Sarda, grilled steak with broccoli rabe and roasted potatoes; Pork Chop Agrodolce Sardinian Style, double cut pork chop with vinegar peppers, rosemary and assorted vegetables; and Chicken Milanese. Breaded with an arugula chopped salad, olives, mozzarella, tomatoes and shaved parmigiana in a balsamic and lemon dressing. Daily specials augment the menu.

Osteria Sardegna Italian Restaurant is located at 501 Halstead Ave., Mamaroneck. 914-315-1580. The restaurant is open Tuesday through Sunday from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. A bit later on weekends. Closed Mondays. Cozy bar and cocktails. Major credit cards. Proper casual dress. Free parking. Reservations accepted. www.osteriasardegna.com

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Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins and Veterans Service Agency Director Joshua Gaccione invite you to join them for a Veterans Day Ceremony on Friday, November 7 at Noon. Lasdon Public Gardens and Veterans Memorial 2610 NY – 35 Katonah, NY 10536 Facebook.com/westchestergov



Ted & Nune Studio, 45 Main St. Hastings on Hudson is proud to announce the opening of Syunik: Landscape of Endurance, an exhibition dedicated to Syunik, a mountainous region in southern Armenia where history and geography are inseparable. As a land of steep ridges and deep valleys, Syunik has repelled invading armies for nearly three thousand years. It was the last Armenian kingdom within the Armenian Highlands to fall. After the recent loss of Artsakh, Syunik became Armenia's southern stronghold and is strategically, economically, demographically, and symbolically vital. Its security is directly related to Armenia's survival. Opening Reception: November 8, 2025, 5:00 – 8:00 PM River Arts Studio Tour: Nov 8, 11-5 PM and Nov 9, 11 – 3 PM. Open through January 31, 2026 Hours: Wed – Sat, 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM or by appointment. Website: tedandnune.com



Senator Shelley B. Mayer will host a free community training session on Narcan (Naloxone) administration from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Monday, November 10 at the Eastchester Public Library, 11 Oakridge Place, Eastchester. This training, led by the Office of Addiction Services and Supports, will provide information on how to respond to an opioid overdose and administer Narcan to someone to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. This session is free and open to everyone; however, pre-registration is requested. To RSVP, you can visit <https://tinyurl.com/Nov2025Narcan> or call Senator Mayer's District Office at (914) 934 - 5250.



The Pelham Chamber of Commerce announces the following:

Breakfast with Santa

On Saturday November 29th, we'll be bringing back Breakfast with Santa, now at the Manor Club from 8am to 11am. Enjoy a wonderful morning with delicious breakfast and a photography opportunity with your family and Santa Claus. Ticket sales will open shortly.

Winter Wonderland

On Saturday November 29th, starting at 2pm, we'll be kicking off the holiday cheer together with the Town of Pelham. At the Gazebo Park, we'll be hosting a festive event for children with Petting Zoo, Holiday Music, Santa Claus at 3.00pm, Sing-a-long with Carols at 4.30 and Tree Lighting at 5.00pm.

Holiday Dinner & Business Awards 2025

This year, we're introducing the Business Awards to the Annual Holiday Dinner with a tentative date December 11th. We'll be announcing nominees from Pelham businesses for a number of awards. Tickets sales will open shortly.

Aspects of Emancipation: Quakers, War, and Runaways

Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site, 29 Warburton Ave., Yonkers

November 12 at 7:00 pm

Historian Peter Buntin will host "Aspects of Emancipation: Quakers, War, and Runaways," a talk about slavery and freedom in New York State. The talk will examine three iterations of the effort by enslaved people to gain their freedom in 1700s Westchester County. Quakers in the eastern part of the county were under pressure from Quakers meetings north of them and from their own consciences, as a steady stream of Freedom seekers moved through the area. The Philipsburg Proclamation during the Revolutionary War both put pressure on Patriot slaveowners and gave new incentive to enslaved men to break out of their bonds and join the British war effort. And throughout the entire 18th century, scores of enslaved men, women and children took the momentous step to free themselves. These "aspects of emancipation" shed light on the risks and opportunities facing enslaved people during this period. Tickets for the in-person lecture are \$6 for adults, \$3 for seniors and students, and free for Friends of Philipse Manor Hall members. Pre-registration is recommended but not required. To register, call 914-965-4027 or email philipsemanorhall@parks.ny.gov.

The magic of the holidays returns as Lumina – A Magical Light Experience once again transforms Harvest Moon Farm & Orchard into a dazzling winter wonderland. Now celebrating its fifth season, Lumina features over half a million glowing lights in an immersive, walk-through display where families can continue the cherished tradition of returning year after year to celebrate the

spirit of the season. More information and ticket information can be found here www.luminahm.com. Guests can indulge in seasonal favorites including fresh apple cider donuts, toasty s'mores, hot cider, and festive holiday drinks and treats while taking in the sights and sounds of this one-of-a-kind experience, perfect for family outings, date nights, and holiday celebrations alike. Lumina – A Magical Light Experience opens November 21, 2025, and runs through December 30, welcoming guests from 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM on weekends and select weekday evenings. Tickets are available online at luminahm.com, and presale begins November 3rd.

Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site presents the "Saw Mill River Industrial History Walking Tour", leaving from Philipse Manor Hall (29 Warburton Ave. Yonkers, NY) on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 10:30am and returning at 1pm. Although often ignored today, the Saw Mill River was for centuries the main hub of life in Yonkers. On this special 2.5 mile, 2.5 hour urban hike, explore the Saw Mill River over 400 years of history, from its days as a fishing tributary called Nepperhan, through its earliest uses for water power, to its industrial heyday, burial, and daylighting. We'll learn about historic mills, from Adriaen Van Der Donck's saw mill to the Alexander Smith Carpet Mills, why it's called Chicken Island, the influence of the Old Croton Aqueduct, and how the river shaped Yonkers' working life. This urban hike takes a circular route of approximately 2.5 miles and departs from Philipse Manor Hall and includes inclines, hills, and some unpaved trails. Hike lasts approximately 2.5 hours. Participants are encouraged to dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes and sunscreen or a hat. Tour departs promptly at 10:30 a.m., museum opens at 10:00

a.m. Museum accessible via Hudson line train, car, or bus. Pre-registration is recommended, but not required. To register, call 914-965-4027 or email philipsemanorhall@parks.ny.gov. If heavy rain, storms, or road closures occur, this hike will be cancelled.

Alternative Device Fair

Saturday, November 22, 10 AM to 12:30 PM Scarsdale Public Library, 54 Olmsted Road Thinking about your child's first phone or watch? Before defaulting to an iPhone or Apple Watch, explore options designed with kids and parents in mind. Learn about phones and watches that allow calls, texts and location tracking without social media. This event is sponsored by IRL NY. To learn more email Scarsdale@WeAreIRL.org.

Free Art Appraisal Event

November 9, 10am–4pm

Bedford Hills Train Station, 46 Depot Plaza, Bedford Hills

Have a hidden treasure at home? Shapiro Auctions will host a free art appraisal event at the Bedford Hills Train Station on Saturday, November 9, from 10am to 5pm. Meet Gene Shapiro, professional art appraiser and featured expert on PBS's Antiques Roadshow, and have your items evaluated on the spot. Bring your Artwork, Antiques, Jewelry, Collectibles, Rare Books, and more for a complimentary appraisal. Participants may bring up to three items. Firearms will not be accepted.

St. Paul's Church National Historic Site 897 South Columbus Avenue, Mt. Vernon 914-667-4116 www.nps.gov/sapa

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 11 AM. Join us for our annual Veterans Day commemoration, with a brief ceremony in the church, followed by a walking

tour of the historic cemetery, recalling the lives of some of the soldiers and sailors buried at St. Paul's. There will be a special salute to Private George Diehl, who served in the Civil War with the 103rd New York Volunteer Infantry. Descendants of Private Diehl will be present.

Sat. Nov. 15, 1 PM. Author and historian Francis C. Cogliano explores themes from his recent, highly regarded book, "A Revolutionary Friendship: Washington, Jefferson, and the American Republic".

Sat., Nov. 22, 1 PM. The acclaimed duo of Alyssa Reit on Harp and Peter Reit on French horn, perform seasonal music and other selections.

Sat. Nov. 29, 1 PM. Ronald Campbell, bass baritone, with Anthony Evans on keyboard, performs spirituals, oratorio and show tune selections.

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 7 PM. Join us for a holiday performance by the renowned Bronx Opera Company, featuring arias and duets from the classics, as well as carols and seasonal favorites.

The Yonkers Philharmonic Orchestra, presented by the Fine Arts Orchestral Society of Yonkers, Inc., presents Connections - Saturday, November 1, 2025 3:00 pm. This concert is devoted to the connection between the orchestra, patrons of the arts and audience; how they are intertwined as a collective in bringing music to life. The concert begins with Porcelana de Oro by Cristobal MarYan. Soloist Hannah Holman joins the orchestra for Elgar's Cello Concerto and we round out the afternoon with Brahms' Symphony #4. The concerts take place on SATURDAY at Saunders Trades and Technical High School, 183 Palmer Road, Yonkers All concerts are FREE. Please visit our website, www.yonkersphilharmonic.com to stay updated on the latest news, special events and donate.

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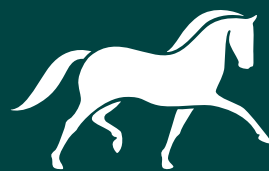


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