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BY STEPHEN E. LIPKEN

Town Supervisor Theresa K. Mohan opened the May 4th Pelham Town Board Meeting, swearing in Susan Quintin to the Town Library Board for a term of five years, commencing on May 6th and expiring on May 5, 2031.

During Public Comment, citizen after citizen stressed that new headquarters for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) needs to be constructed so it will not disrupt parking and traffic patterns. The ambu-

lance is currently housed beneath a tin canopy.

Then a Resolution was passed, authorizing the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Geddis Architects for a Town-wide Facilities Master Plan to evaluate accessibility and long-term capital needs of its civic buildings, including Town Hall and Richard J. Daronco Town House.

The proposal contemplates an approximately 8-week planning process, *continued on page 4*

Hazard Mitigation Key Topic at Village Board Meeting



BY STEPHEN E. LIPKEN

Village of Pelham Mayor Chance Mullen called the Tuesday, May 26th Board meeting to order, beginning with Trustee Allison Anderson stating that she wanted residents to know that Pelham is participating in Westchester County's update of the multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

"This is a plan that helps communities prepare for natural hazards, strengthen emergency response and protect residents and property. The County is asking

residents across Westchester to complete a short survey. We encourage participation so that Pelham's perspectives and priorities are reflected in this Westchester Plan.

Resident feedback is very important not only for planning purposes but also for maintaining eligibility for critical State and Federal resilience and hazard mitigation funding.

The survey link is available on the front page of the Village website, found under Village News. There is also a post *continued on page 5*



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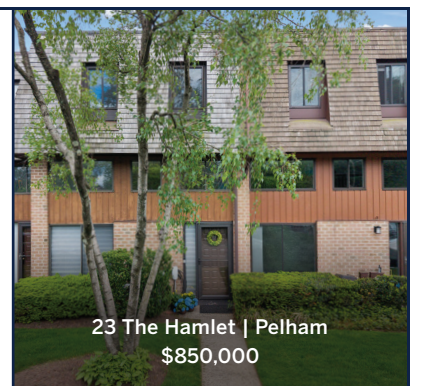
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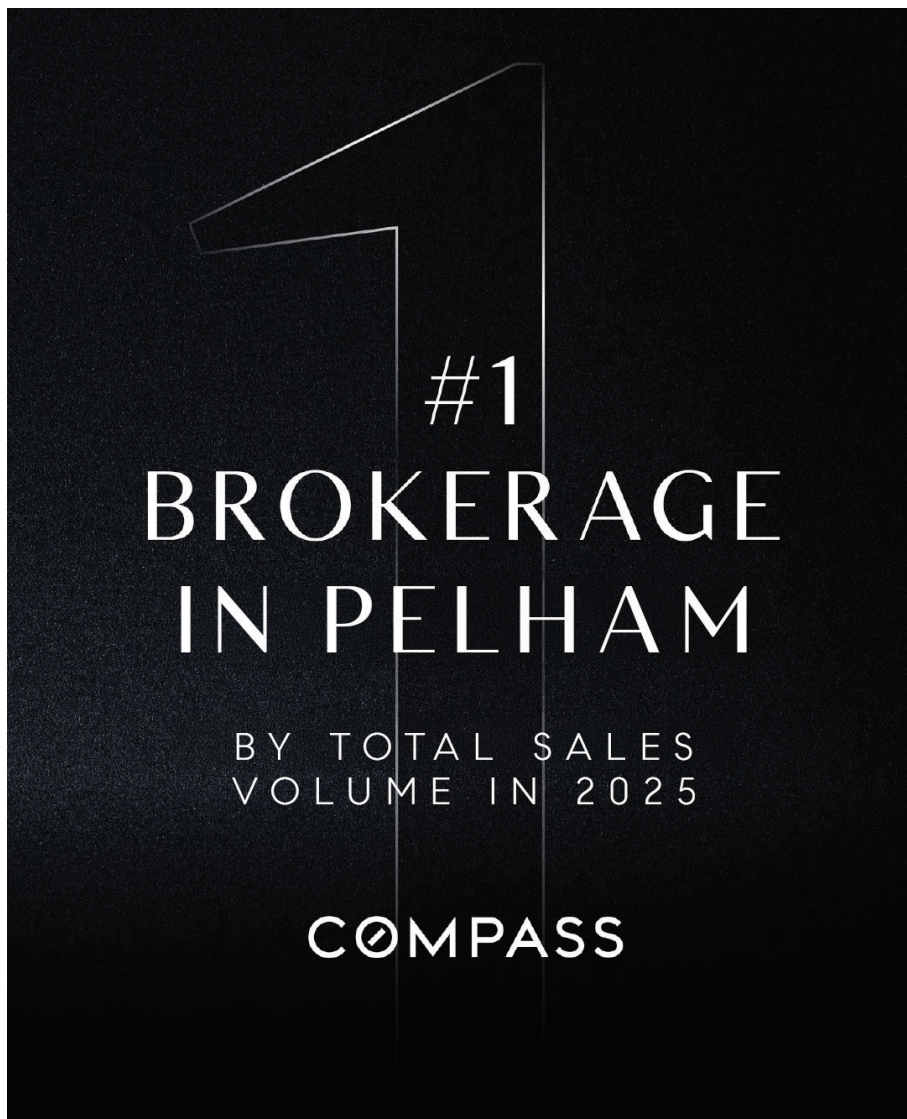


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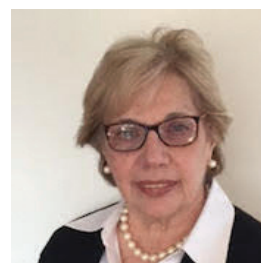
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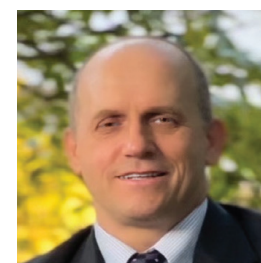
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Shaping Our Communities: Fresh Perspectives on Local Land Use

BY RINA BEDER

As Westchester communities look toward the future, questions surrounding housing, redevelopment, downtown vitality, and community character are becoming increasingly important. The Larchmont-Mamaroneck Local Summit's May program brought together experienced leaders in planning, government, and development to explore what thoughtful growth could and should look like in the years ahead. Drawing on decades of professional experience, the panelists discussed practical strategies, emerging opportunities, and a broader vision for how communities such as Larchmont and Mamaroneck can evolve while preserving the qualities that residents value most.

Panelists included Chance Mullen, Mayor of the Village of Pelham and Executive Director of the Municipal Officials Association of New York; planner Bob Galvin, who has served as planner for numerous New York municipalities, including Mamaroneck, and is a board member of the Washingtonville Housing Alliance; and John Verni, a developer and attorney specializing in real estate and land use and former Chair of the Mamaroneck Planning Board. Together, they explored how Westchester communities can address changing housing needs, strengthen downtowns, encourage thoughtful redevelopment, and create opportunities for residents at every stage of life while maintaining the character and sense

of place that define the region.

A central theme of the discussion was that many local municipalities are already largely built out, leaving little undeveloped land for major expansion. As a result, future growth is likely to come through redevelopment, adaptive reuse, transit-oriented development, and smaller incremental projects rather than large-scale new construction.

"Everything that we're doing is redeveloping items that already had something," Mullen explained, describing Pelham as "99 percent built out." Many recent redevelopment projects, he noted, involved former gas station sites that no longer fit the needs of the community.

Mullen emphasized the value of creative public-private partnerships that combine housing, commercial uses, municipal facilities, parking, and open space within a single project. He highlighted Pelham's recently completed municipal center project, where the village sold publicly owned land to a developer in exchange for a new municipal complex housing the fire department, police department, village hall, and public parking within a residential development.

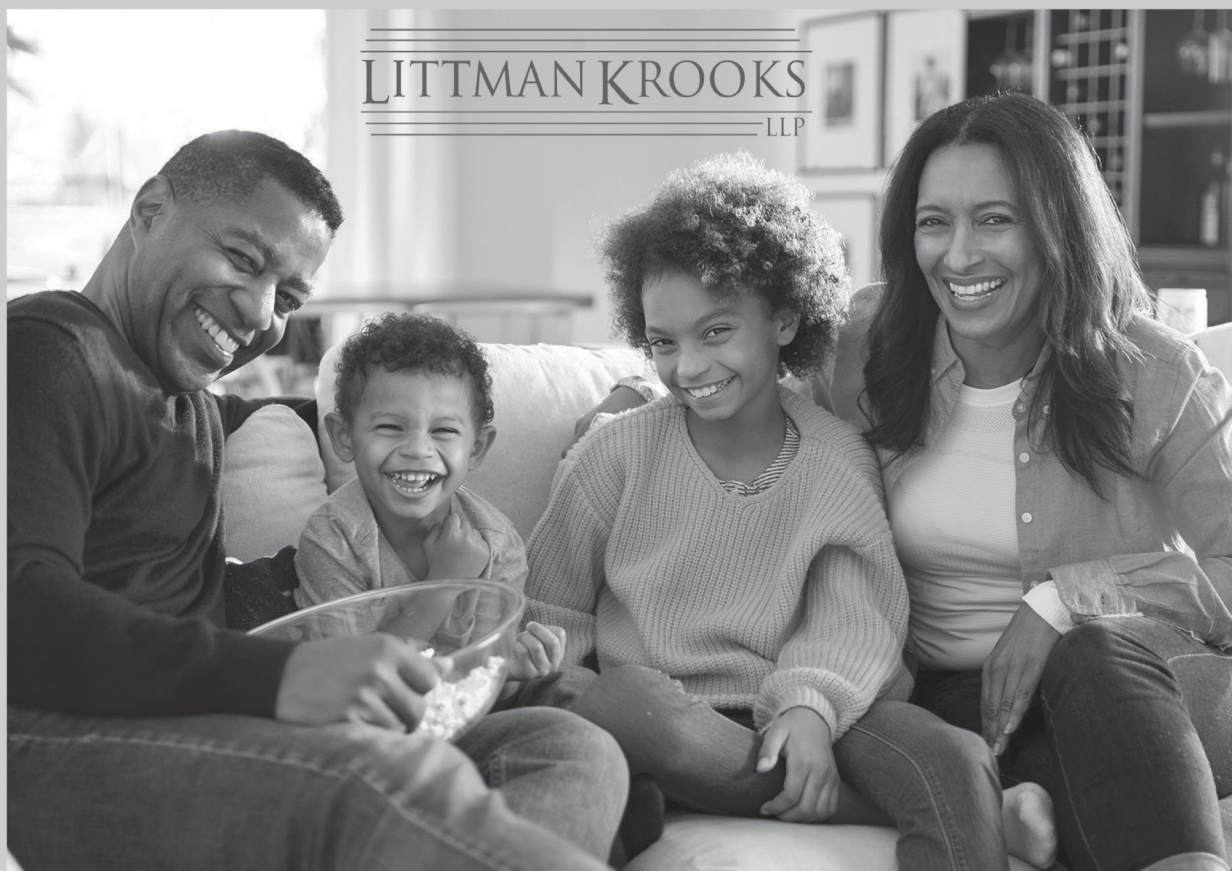
The arrangement, Mullen said, allowed the village to modernize aging public facilities without significant tax increases.

Panelists also stressed that communities must think strategically about

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Left to right, Bob Galvin, Chance Mullen and John Verni



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the types of housing they lack. Mullen noted that housing needs have changed significantly over time. Rather than remaining in one home for life, many residents now move through multiple stages of housing as their needs evolve.

Communities, he argued, need a broader range of housing options — from apartments for young adults starting careers, to homes for growing families, to downsized housing for seniors hoping to remain in the community.

“If we’re going to be communities

where people actually stick around for a while, then we have to have options for people,” Mullen said.

Verni focused on preserving vibrant downtowns and neighborhood character while accommodating growth. He discussed the role of “incremental housing” and adaptive reuse projects in meeting housing needs without dramatically changing the scale of local communities.

“There are incremental things we can do,” Verni said. “You don’t have to just wait for one big project to solve all of our housing problems.”

Notes from the Pelham School Superintendent

Dear Pelham Community,

We are extremely saddened to share that Timothy Magambo, PMHS Class of 2025 graduate, tragically passed away this weekend near Shelter Island. This loss is incredibly upsetting for everyone who knew Timothy and our thoughts are with his family during this difficult time.

Timothy was a graduate of Colonial School and Pelham Middle School before attending Pelham Memorial High School where he was an accomplished athlete who played for the football and lacrosse teams. Known for his smile and his kindness, Timothy excelled academically as a member of the National Honor Society. He also demonstrated strong leadership skills - formally serving as class president and as a peer leadership mentor, and informally as an outspoken advocate for student voices within the high school.

We expect that many of our current students will be affected by this news, therefore we have included some resources below and appreciate your partnership in discussing this difficult news with your children. Additionally, please know that our counseling staff, social worker, psychologists and student assistance counselor stand ready to assist any student who is in need.

Again, please join us in keeping Timothy, his family and friends in our thoughts and prayers.

I am pleased to share that the proposed 2026-27 school budget was approved by voters 830-277. Additionally, I would like to congratulate Annemarie Garcia and Sid Burke on being re-elected to the Board of Education and express my sincere gratitude to Lisa Martino Alves for her willingness to step forward and run an admirable campaign. The results of the Board of Education election are as follows:

- Annemarie Garcia: 708
- Lisa Martino Alves: 591
- Sidney Burke: 674

The 2026-27 budget was developed around three key goals, including continuing our robust educational program, supporting special education students and being fiscally responsible to voters – recognizing the rising expenses that are impacting us all. We look forward to implementing this budget and continuing to provide our students, staff and the Pelham community the rich array of opportunities that have been the hallmark of our schools.

I would like to extend my deepest thanks to our District Clerk, Valerie Miller, our election inspectors, our safety and security teams and everyone who had a hand in ensuring a smooth and fair election.

Sincerely,

Cheryl H. Champ, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools

He pointed to projects converting former churches, office buildings, and underutilized properties into housing, including affordable housing. Verni also highlighted the growing movement toward transit-oriented development and walkable downtowns, themes promoted by the Congress for the New Urbanism.

Verni noted that villages such as Larchmont and Mamaroneck are fortunate to have strong downtowns, small businesses, walkability, and historic character — qualities residents strongly value. At the same time, he cautioned against creating places where every downtown begins to look the same.

Accessory dwelling units (ADUs), sometimes called “granny flats” or garage apartments, were discussed as another potential tool for gently increasing housing supply. Galvin explained that while ADUs alone are unlikely to dramatically expand housing availability, zoning changes can make it easier for homeowners to create second units on existing properties.

Adaptive reuse emerged as another major theme. Verni described projects in which former churches were converted into housing while preserving historic architecture and community character. Galvin simi-

larly discussed efforts to repurpose older office buildings and industrial areas for residential and mixed-use development.

Throughout the discussion, panelists returned to the challenge of balancing growth with preservation. While surrounding cities such as New Rochelle, White Plains, and Yonkers are experiencing substantial redevelopment and increasing density, villages like Larchmont and Mamaroneck face the challenge of accommodating change with a paucity of open land while preserving the small-scale character and sense of community residents value.

Participants acknowledged there are no easy solutions. However, they expressed optimism that creative planning, adaptive reuse, zoning flexibility, and incremental development can help communities evolve while protecting the qualities that make them distinctive.

The Larchmont-Mamaroneck Local Summit is an informal community council that seeks to make a better life for the community by keeping it informed of major issues of concern. For more information, visit <https://www.localsummitlm.org/>. To view recorded programs on LMC Media, go to <https://lmcmedia.org/>.

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including work sessions with Town representatives and total fee of \$23,000 for the core scope of services.

With the need to improve accessibility to Town Services for residents and visitors, the Town Board determined that relocating the Office of the Town Clerk from the second floor to the first floor will significantly enhance public access to essential services by reducing barriers associated with stair access.

Next, the Town utilizes the Catalis tax collection system to support the administration of property tax billing and collection, with proposed enhancements to the existing system, including an Email Communication Feature and Online Tax Status Portal.

Such enhancements would allow residents to receive tax reminders and receipts electronically, providing a central-

ized and user-friendly platform to access property tax information. Total projected cost of the Catalis system is approximately \$12,603.25 for 2026.

A Resolution “Hey Pelham! Heads Up-Phones Down” promotes pedestrian safety by preventing distracted walking, including mobile devices, while crossing streets.

Finally, a Resolution was introduced, establishing a 9/11 25th Anniversary Committee, consisting of Town government representatives, EMS, Fire, Police Departments, local schools, library, and community stakeholders who may engage regional and national partners, including the National September 11 Memorial and Museum.

Interfaith services and community candlelight vigil are planned for September 10, 2026.

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Girl Scout, Police Officer Recognized at Board Meeting



BY STEPHEN E. LIPKEN

Pelham Manor Mayor Jennifer Monachino Lapey opened the Tuesday, May 26th, recognizing seventh-grader Sloane Varmley, a member of Girl Scout Troop Number 1567, who received the Girl Scout Silver Award for organizing a Homework Club Tutoring Program for Pelham Special Education Students, inspired by her brother, who said that he had trouble doing his homework.

Mayor Lapey then noted the recent passing of Pelham Memorial High School graduate Timothy Muganzi Magambo, 18, who was just starting his educational career at SUNY Albany.

“Our thoughts and prayers go out to his

family,” Lapey said.

Deputy Mayor Breda Bennett averred that the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25th was cancelled due to rain, “but it certainly did not dampen the spirits of those who attended the Ceremony at Daronco Town Hall. It was a beautiful, touching, and solemn ceremony, remembering those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to allow us to enjoy the freedoms that we do. Former Town Supervisor Dan McLaughlin was the Grand Marshall and Keynote Speaker was Town Historian Art Scinta.

Our colleagues in local government included Assemblywoman Amy Paulin, County Executive Ken Jenkins and County Legislator Terry Clements,” Bennett concluded.

Next was recognition of Pelham Manor

Police Officer Frank Lynch. “Village Manager Lindsey Luft brought to our attention that Officer Lynch just completed a program which the Police Department recommended and Board approved. Officer Lynch is a third-year student at Pace University School of Law. He is an editor on the *Law Review* and was awarded a Federal judicial externship. I want to congratulate him on completing the externship and we are happy to have him back.”

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on the Village Facebook page.”

Trustee Krystal Howell presented updates from the Fire Department and Arts Council, stating that she attended the Regional Emergency Medical Services (EMS) awards on May 21st, with Fire Chief Robert Benkwitt. “There were a lot of honors for EMS and First Responders,” Howell observed. “The Arts Council is planning for Juneteenth, celebrated on Friday, June 19th, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. If anyone wants to help, they can reach out to me.

The Saturday Movie Series is scheduled in the Park, July 25th, August 8th, August 22nd and September 19th which is a question mark. I want to say that the Town had a great Memorial Day Ceremony, not letting the rain interrupt it. It

According to the Police Report, April was a busy month. “We made 34 arrests and had 351 incidents. We also had a larceny due to an unlocked vehicle; stolen vehicles are on the rise countywide. Just a reminder to please lock your cars, remove those key fobs and don’t leave personal objects in plain view,” Sancho stressed.

Finally, Treasurer Kyle Booth pointed out that the Fund Balance is approximately \$8 million.

was quite an emotional day, remembering those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom.”

Trustee Russell Solomon said that he attended the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) Annual Meeting. “On the Employee Relations Committee which I sit on, were two issues; first there was pension reform and the other was EMS funding.”

Non-Recurring Items encompassed a Resolution Amending section 90-49 Schedule X: No Parking Any Time as authorized by Section 90-15 to Create No Parking on West Side of Ninth Avenue from Lincoln Avenue to Park Place; Authorizing the Renewal of Grant Consulting Agreement with Millenium Strategies LLC involving flood mitigation.

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EcoPel Gathers to Plant Seedlings



Scouts Troop #2617's Silver Award project, Plant Pelham Native, which continues to scale and organize volunteers around ecological restoration projects throughout the community.

Over the past five years, more than 341 volunteers have contributed approximately 569 volunteer hours through habitat restoration projects, invasive plant management, native plantings, and float-

able trash cleanups — bringing residents of all ages together around a shared concern for habitat loss and a shared love of nature.

Why does this work matter? Across our region, tree canopy is declining while lawns increasingly dominate parks, roadsides, and residential landscapes. At the same time, ornamental and invasive plants are often favored for convenience or appearance over ecological value. Together, these trends contribute to biodiversity loss, weakened food webs, poorer soil structure, and diminished ecosystem services such as stormwater absorption, water filtration, and urban cooling.

What began with concern over disappearing hummingbirds has grown into a community-driven effort to rethink public green spaces and roadsides as living infrastructure for cleaner water, healthier habitats, and a stronger watershed.

Most importantly, the work continues the spirit of Benny Bulfamante — who believed that people who care can make a difference, and that working together to improve a place also strengthens friendships, civic pride, and everyday community connections.

The Environmental Coalition of the Pelhams (EcoPel) is a volunteer-led 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to advancing environmental stewardship, education,

and community-based action. Through initiatives such as Plant Pelham Native, the Pelham Vine Squad, and the Seed Library, EcoPel works to restore habitat, improve water quality, and engage residents in caring for the natural systems that support a healthy, resilient community.

Alongside Bulfamante's crew, volunteers planted Virginia rose, black chokeberry, chokecherry, winged sumac, bayberry, and sand cherry bare-root seedlings in connected drifts designed to support the gradual succession of the existing meadow into a shrubland edge habitat more reflective of the historical coastal ecology associated with the Long Island Sound watershed.

The planting marked a milestone: more than 2,000 native shrubs have now been planted by volunteers through EcoPel-led restoration efforts.


In just four years, the work has steadily expanded. What began at Veterans Park with Girl Scouts Troop #1667 planting 25 seedlings evolved into meadow restoration projects, invasive vine management, and the formation of the Pelham Vine Squad to manage newly restored habitats. The effort later grew into Girl

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Pelham Public Library Events



Adults: Read Books, Win a Prize

Now through Tuesday, September 8

Reading contests for children have been a staple of the Library's Summer Reading program for years. But why let the kids have all the fun? Adults and teens in 9th grade and up can play our Reading BINGO game and enter a raffle to win a brand-new Kindle! Download a BINGO board with instructions by visiting pelhamlibrary.org or stop by the Library reference desk to pick up a form.



Krochet Kritters with Kathy

Tuesdays June 9, 16, and 23, 3:30-4:30 pm

Join us on Tuesday afternoons to crochet an amigurumi. "Amigurumi" means a crocheted or knitted stuffed toy in Japanese. We'll work on a new critter each month. All supplies (yarn, crochet hooks, and stitch markers) will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. This drop-in program is for ages 13 and up, and no registration is required. Attendees should have basic crochet skills. No instructor will be present.



The Making of Jaws

Tuesday, June 9, 11 am-12 pm

Here is the definitive backstory of Steven Spielberg's cinematic masterpiece that frightened beachgoers around the world. Learn the stories behind the shark, the feuds between actors, the legendary score, how "You're gonna need a bigger boat!" became part of the film, and much more!

This program takes place on Zoom, and registration is required at <https://www.ypl.org/event/making-jaws-105014>



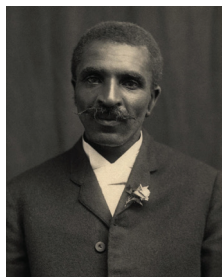
Country Club Summer

Tuesday, June 9, 7-8 pm

Join us for the book launch of Pelham author Rachel Cullen's latest novel, *Country Club Summer*. She'll be joined in conversation with fellow Pelham author Erica Youngren.

Rachel Cullen is the author of eight women's fiction novels. Before she was a writer, Rachel was a brand strategy consultant and worked in San Francisco, New York, Brussels, and London. Erica Youngren earned an MFA in creative nonfiction from Sarah Lawrence College. She was an assistant editor at Clarkson Potter/Publishers, a staff writer for Harper's Bazaar, and she has contributed essays and reporting to a range of publications, including *Cognoscenti*, *Real Simple*, *The New Yorker*, *Slate* and *Instyle*. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Wine and light bites will be served.



George Washington Carver: Beyond "The Peanut Man"

Thursday, June 18, 11 am-12 pm

Renowned agricultural scientist, educator, and humanitarian, George Washington Carver was far more than just "the Peanut Man!" Born in Missouri to enslaved parents just two weeks before the Civil War ended, Carver was one of the most prominent Black scientists of the 20th century. He developed farming techniques to prevent soil depletion, encouraged poor farmers to grow peanuts and sweet potatoes to improve their quality of life, and was an

early promoter of environmentalism. Join us to celebrate the life and achievements of this incredible Black scientist! This program takes place on Zoom, and registration is required at https://uso2web.zoom.us/join/register/IKdpdEgcSkqlQbBAw_WhMw#/registration



Crafty Adults: Bag Charms

Monday, June 22, 7-8 pm

Join us for Crafty Adults with our resident artist-instructor, Sara Malach this month as we make beautiful bag charms: the perfect personalized accessory to adorn a purse, backpack, or clutch. This event will take place in-person at the Library and each attendee must register sep-

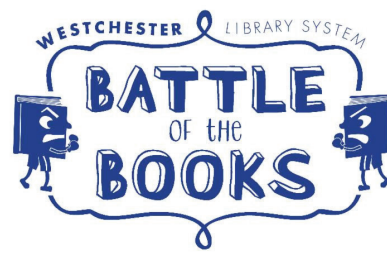
arately. Register at <https://calendly.com/pelhamlibrary/crafty-adults-june-2026/2026-06-22T19:00:00-04:00?month=2026-06&date=2026-06-22>. Sign up early, as space and supplies are limited. Class begins at 7 pm. Please arrive on time as late arrivals disrupt the class.



Summer Reading Kick-off with the Bubble Bus

Tuesday, June 30, 2:30-4:30 pm

Back by popular demand! If you thought the little Story Time bubble machine was good then just imagine how much fun a whole bus full of bubbles must be! Join us for music and fun with bubbles as we celebrate the start of our Summer Reading program.



Calling All Avid Readers: Battle of the Books

Practices occur in August, September, and October with the Battle taking place on Saturday, October 24, 2026

Will you be in 4th-12th grade in September 2026? If so, join us for Battle of the Books—a book-based trivia tournament for Westchester youth. The Pelham Library plans to have two teams: one for 4th-6th graders and one

for 7th-12th graders. We'll compete against other teams from Westchester libraries in a Jeopardy-style format, with questions based on the five books assigned to your age bracket. Interested in joining? For the 4th-6th grade team, contact Erin at emaloney@pelhamlibrary.org; for the 7th-12th grade team, contact Kathy at kpalovick@pelhamlibrary.org. You can also call us at 914-738-1234. For more information visit <https://www.pelhamlibrary.org/battle-of-the-books-4/>.



Family Craft: Painting Black Icons with the ArtsWestchester ArtsMobile

Tuesday, June 2, 3:30-5:30 pm

Get ready to celebrate Juneteenth with the ArtsWestchester ArtsMobile! During this workshop, we'll learn how to do an image transfer using a pencil or carbon paper and paint our own portraits of Black icons like Jimi Hendrix, Maya Angelou, MLK, and more. We'll have acrylic paint, watercolors, and markers to bring your icon to life on canvas or watercolor paper. This program is for people of all ages, but kids ages 12 and under must

be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required at <https://calendly.com/pelhamlibrary/painting-black-icons-with-the-westchester-artsmobile/2026-06-02T15:30:00-04:00?month=2026-06&date=2026-06-02>



Music and Crafts with Shay

Saturdays, June 6 and 20, 11 am-12 pm

Music and art aren't just fun: they can help kids to develop speech and language skills, reduce stress, and cope with all sorts of daily challenges. Join Shay Armand for crafts, sing-alongs, and more fun activities this summer! This program is open to all kids ages 5 and up, but we would like to especially welcome neurodiverse and intellectually disabled kids.

Find more events at pelhamlibrary.org

Common Special Needs Planning Mistakes Families Should Avoid

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Planning for the care of a child with special needs is a complex process that depends on many factors. Federal and state laws and policies, funding availability, income levels, and your child's physical needs are all factors that go into creating the most effective and efficient caregiving plan for your child. However, special needs planning is not without common pitfalls that parents and other caregivers should seek to avoid. Here are some common mistakes people make when planning for their special needs children.

1. Leaving assets directly to your child with special needs

Parents commonly draft wills that leave their assets directly to their children, including any children with special needs. However, children with special needs often are heavily reliant on government programs such as Medicaid and SSI. Medicaid and SSI have strict resource limits for eligibility. As a result, receipt of significant property or a lump-sum inheritance can be catastrophic for Medicaid recipients. Instead, parents should funnel inheritances for children with special needs into a third-party supplemental needs trust to protect their eligibility for public benefits.

2. Failing to Obtain Guardianship – or Obtaining Guardianship When Unnecessary

Guardianship may be necessary when a child with special needs turns 18 and becomes a legal adult. If the child is unable to make financial or medical decisions for themselves, guardianship may be appropriate to allow a parent to continue to make important decisions on the child's behalf. However, in many cases, children with special needs can participate in the decision-making process or make decisions for themselves with the support of a parent or other caregiver. In that instance, guardianship may be unnecessary.

3. Failing to Obtain Advance Directives

If children with special needs have the legal capacity to do so, they can execute a health care proxy and a power of attorney. In these legal documents, the children can designate their parents, caregivers, or other trusted adults to make decisions if they become incapacitated and unable to do so. Executing these important legal documents can help avoid the need for guardianship in the event of the child's future incapacity.

4. Waiting Too Long to Make Plans or Decisions

All too often, parents put off long-term planning, both for themselves and their children with special needs, as unnecessary. They may assume that another child will care for their sibling with special needs or be unwilling to confront their own mortality. Whatever the case may be, waiting too long can lead to rushed decision-making during crises, which is typically not the best way to make decisions. Poor planning can also lead to the need for more expensive and time-consuming actions, such as filing for legal guardianship, when parents could have achieved the same objective by getting guardianship promptly when a child turned 18 or avoiding it altogether by having the child execute advance directives.

5. Waiting Too Long to find Housing

Securing appropriate housing for an individual with special needs is often one of the most challenging aspects of long-term planning, yet many families delay exploring available options until a crisis occurs. Housing opportunities such as supportive living arrangements, group homes, supervised apartments, or community-based residential programs frequently have lengthy waiting lists and limited availability. As a result, postponing housing discussions can significantly reduce a family's options and may lead to placements that are not well suited to the individual's needs or preferences.

Families should begin evaluating housing alternatives well in advance, taking into consideration the individual's level of independence, social needs, medical requirements, and desired quality of life. Early planning also allows parents and caregivers to become familiar with available programs, funding sources, and eligibility requirements while gradually preparing the individual for a successful transition to a new living environment.

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Table Hopping with Morris Gut: Soft Shell Crab Season Has Arrived

The season for fresh soft-shell crab runs through September and there are legions who crave this delicacy simply sautéed or deep fried with some lemon and butter. Nothing like a crispy soft-shell crab sandwich with the proper condiments. I am a big fan. They first show up from Florida and the Gulf Coast followed by the popular catch from Chesapeake. As the season wears on more venues will be serving them. Here's where to seek them out locally...



Keo Oyster House, 128 E. Post Road, White Plains (914-437-8535), Owner Ekren & Elvi offer a daily raw bar. The blackboard lists the daily catch and include Soft Shell Crab. And they are pristine. www.keeoysterhouse.com

Alex Bar & Grille, 577 N. Broadway, White Plains. (914-358-1444) Proprietor Alex Ahmetaj offers hefty cuts of aged steaks and chops along with generously served Northern Italian/Continental fare. Plump soft shell crab, too. www.alex577.com

Sea Shore, 591 City Island Ave., City Island, Bronx. (718-885-0300) Jeffrey Weiner and his veteran crew serve soft shells in a variety of styles. Check out all

the dining areas. Daily happy hours. www.seashorerestaurant.com

Trattoria Vivolo, 301 Halstead Ave., Harrison. (914-835-6199) Chef/proprietor Dean Vivolo will be serving soft shell crabs out of his vintage diner any style in addition to his popular regional Italian dishes. www.trattoriavivolo.com

Eastchester Fish Gourmet, 837 White Plains Road, Scarsdale. (914-725-3450) A Westchester favorite for many years. Don't forget 'Go Fish', next door. www.eastchesterfish.com

Brothers Fish & Chips, 172 N. Highland Ave., Ossining. (914-488-5141) A hidden treasure in a nondescript strip mall. Chef Elmer Oliveros does wonders with his seafood menu. Soft shells are a specialty in season. www.brothersfishandchips.com

La Mer Seafood, 407 Main St., Armonk (914-273-1766) Under new ownership, this market has been serving the area for over 30 years. A sign on the window says soft shell crabs have arrived. www.lamerseafood.net

Bread & Brine, 119 Main Street, Hastings-On-Hudson (914-479-5243) The place bustles inside and out, and 'summers in Maine' is the theme. Soft shells are a seasonal treat. www.breadandbrinehoh.com

Dive Oyster House, 1201 Pleasantville Road, Briarcliff Manor (914-236-3911) Owner Kenny Neziraj will offer Soft Shell Crab as a daily specialty. Fine seafood. Happy Hours. www.diveoysterhouse.com

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Library Trustee News

The Town of Pelham Public Library board of Trustees is pleased to welcome Susan Quintin as its newest member.

Susan Quintin is a strategic business and product leader with nearly two decades of experience across global financial services organizations, including leadership roles at BNY, London Stock Exchange Group, Russell Investments, and MSCI. She currently serves as Asset Servicing Strategy Lead at BNY. Throughout her career, she has led global product portfolios and business initiatives focused on innovation, collaboration, and long-term growth.

In addition to her professional experience, Susan has long been committed to nonprofit leadership, volunteerism, and community engagement. She served as Co-President of the Junior League of Pelham and continues to support the League's fundraising and community initiatives, including the Pelham House & History Tour. Susan has also served as a Trustee of the Elizabeth Seton Children's School and founded the Women Inspired Network (WIN) in the Americas while at the London Stock Exchange Group. She brings experience in fundraising, organizational leadership, and community-focused collaboration.

A lifelong Pelham resident, Susan attended Siwanoy and Colonial Elementary Schools, Pelham Middle School, and Pelham Memorial High School. She earned a Bachelor of Arts from Middlebury College and an MBA from Thunderbird School of Global Management. Susan lives in Pelham with her two children, Peter and Charlotte.

Susan strongly believes in the mission of the Town of Pelham Public Library and in the vital role libraries play at the heart of a community. She is honored to support such an institution that fosters literacy, lifelong learning, and connections across generations.



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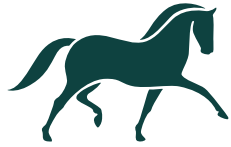
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