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## ‘Unwritten’ mines Constitution’s potential

*MorDance to premier work  
from May 14–16*

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL  
DOBBS FERRY — The MorDance troupe, which relocated to Dobbs Ferry from Yonkers this year, is premiering an original work inspired by the U.S. Constitution. Titled “Unwritten,” the piece was choreographed by Hastings resident and MorDance founder Morgan McEwen to coincide with the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States in 2026. MorDance has been rehearsing McEwen’s creation since September.

“It’s not so much a direct narrative about the authors of the Constitution, but more a

reflection of the document as a living document,” McEwen told the Dispatch. “I have been very inspired by this idea of the Constitution as a living document, and I think we don’t often talk about it that way.”

“Unwritten” is separated into two, 30-minute acts featuring instrumental music licensed from composers Caroline Shaw, Michael Wall, and Angelica Negron, and six professional dancers who are based in New York City and Connecticut and work with MorDance.

McEwen does not intend to make a statement or express an opinion about any specific political subject, but rather to reflect on the way the Constitution was crafted. In particular, the piece aims to illustrate that

the architects of the Constitution created the document as a blueprint that could be revisited in the future.

“I think they knew it was not perfect, but I think they were trying their best,” McEwen said, referring to the fact that “they” were all men. “Obviously, as a woman, to look at the original document before many of its amendments, I personally feel very excluded from the document.”

“Unwritten” uses seven tables that are united during the first act to appear as one 40-foot table. In the second act, they are separated as an allusion to the disruption of the initial table, which lacked a diversity of voices. The dancers rearrange the tables

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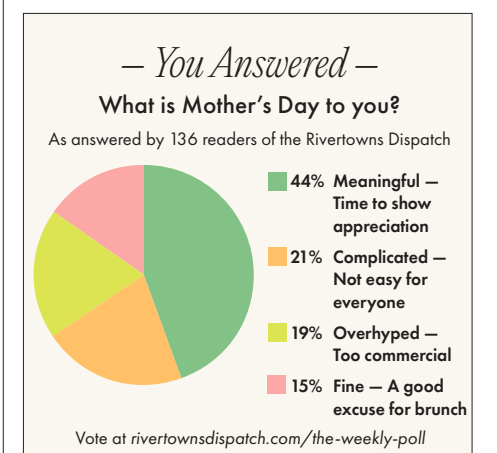
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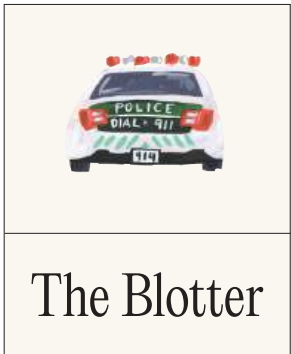
BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL  
DOBBS FERRY — The Dobbs Ferry Board of Trustees is considering a change to how solid waste collected by the Department of Public Works (DPW) is paid for, starting next year. During a workshop meeting on April 28, the village board discussed the option of creating user fees for residents, commercial businesses, and other entities that have trash collected by the Village, instead of funding that collection with property taxes.

The change would be an effort to ensure that the cost of waste collection is shared more equitably among taxpayers and non-taxpayers who receive the service.

“Taxpayers pay in accordance with their taxing assessment,” Village Attorney Lori Lee Dickson told the trustees during the meeting. “In other words, your commercial properties are taxed at a higher rate, your not-for-profits are tax exempt, and your other properties — for example, condominiums — are taxed at a different rate, so they don’t pay the same equitable share

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## The Blotter

### ARDSLEY

#### Burglary attempt:

Four people damaged the door to the Mobil station at 891 Saw Mill River Road (Route 9A) on Saturday, May 2, at 3:30 a.m. They then fled north on 9A, in a vehicle, after an alarm sounded. The station was not entered. The Mobil and the Shell at 730 Saw Mill River Road had been burglarized on the morning of Tuesday, April 21, with cash and Lottery scratch-off games stolen. Two vehicles fled the Shell at about 4:30 a.m. Police chased one of the two, which escaped southbound on the Saw Mill River Parkway.

#### Fraudulent license

**plates:** A 29-year-old Yonkers resident was arrested for fraudulent temporary license plates on Larchmont Street on the afternoon of Sunday, May 3. He was charged with criminal possession of a forged instrument in the third degree, a misdemeanor, and cited for four vehicle-and-traffic violations.

### DOBBS FERRY

#### Theft from Ulta:

Three unidentified men shoplifted \$506 worth of items from the Ulta Beauty at Rivertowns Square on the evening of Tuesday, April 28. The theft was reported on April 29.

#### Phone damaged:

A Dobbs Ferry resident's phone was damaged during an altercation with five men at Doubleday's Restaurant, 83 Main St., on Sunday, May 3, at around 12:40 a.m. The five men left before

### Driver arrested for reckless endangerment

**HASTINGS** — A 41-year-old Manhattan resident was arrested for fleeing from police with three children in his vehicle on the evening of Saturday, May 2. The defendant committed a traffic infraction on the southbound Saw Mill River Parkway at Cliff Street in Hastings and then failed to comply with a Hastings police officer's attempts to pull him over. The defendant continued into Yonkers, where he was involved in an accident prior to the exit for the Cross County Parkway. The children were 6, 10, and 15 years old.

He was charged with four misdemeanors — reckless endangerment in the second degree, endangering the welfare of a child (three counts), unlawful fleeing a police officer in a motor vehicle in the third degree, and reckless driving. He was also cited for multiple vehicle-and-traffic violations.

police arrived.

**Email stir:** An email from a student caused a stir at Dobbs Ferry Middle School on the afternoon of Monday, May 4. The message, which included an image of an explosion and the words "My plans 4 DFMS," was in response to an inappropriate email

chain that included an entire grade level, according to an email from Principal Patrick Mussolini to parents. School staff determined the student did not intend to cause harm. Nine students opened the email before the school's technology department removed it from all student accounts.

### HASTINGS

#### Distraction larceny:

A necklace was stolen from a 90-year-old woman who was walking north on Broadway (Route 9) on the morning of Tuesday, April 28. The victim, who lives in Florida, was approached by a male driver and female passenger who were headed south, then made a U-turn and headed north. The passenger handed her a rose and pinched the necklace.

#### Suspended license and

**registration:** A 37-year-old Yonkers resident was arrested for a suspended driver's license and vehicle registration, both misdemeanors, on Main Street on the morning of Thursday, April 30.

#### Hit and run:

The driver's side of a 2022 Polestar parked on James Street was damaged between the afternoon of Friday, May 1, and the morning of Saturday, May 2.

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# Local Curiosities

— FOUR QUESTIONS WITH —

## Michael Nathanson

*I love creating community in the arts'*

BY JANINE ANNETT

Michael Nathanson is an actor, writer, and producer whose list of acting credits includes roles in television shows such as “The Punisher,” “The Knick,” “Succession,” “Madam Secretary,” “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel,” and “Orange is the New Black.” He was in the Broadway production of “Good Night, and Good Luck,” and recently appeared on the hit TV series “Love Story: John F. Kennedy Jr. & Carolyn Bessette.” Nathanson has several TV and film projects in development and is also working on creating a “Big Screen Social Club” to encourage people to watch more films in theaters. He moved to Hastings last summer, relocating from Los Angeles with his wife and their 12-year-old twin daughters. Here, the Dispatch asks Nathanson (whose favorite movie is “Tootsie”) about his career and being a new Rivertowns resident.

**Rivertowns Dispatch:** *You’ve been in so many films, theater productions, and television shows. What were some of your favorite roles?*

**Michael Nathanson:** I loved working for Steven Soderbergh. Probably my favorite job was working on “The Knick.” It was a cool experience, getting to work with one of my idols every day. Plus, it was Obama’s favorite TV show! Working on a Marvel show [“The Punisher”] was a real trip, because I’m a huge geek and a cinephile, so being a part of the Marvel Cinematic Universe was a super-cool experience. I even got to go on a Disney cruise with my family because they needed a Marvel actor for a Marvel



Michael Nathanson

Day at Sea. I got to go to Comic Con and meet fans, and I got to meet all these people, like Star Wars actors that I knew from my childhood.

I’ve also done some really good theater. I got to do “Hamlet,” which was amazing for me. I was also in “The Lion King” — that was a really fun gig.

**RD:** *What has the reaction been like when people saw you in “Love Story?”*

**MN:** We all thought people were going to either watch it or hate-watch it because it was going to be controversial from the get-go. It’s similar to when I was in the Marvel show and all of the sudden, people knew who I was. As these careers go, it’s up

and down. Every time you’re up, it doesn’t just keep going up — next could be another valley. So you have to just enjoy those little rides at the top when people know who you are and what you’re doing and you get that recognition.

For me, it’s always just been about using it to continue to work. I do it because I love it and I don’t know how to do anything else. But it’s been very weird. I [had] never been in something that was in the full zeitgeist, where it was everywhere, people are posting about it on social media. Mindy Kaling was posting about every character [in “Love Story”]. Emily Schuman did a whole video about, “Forget Carolyn, forget JFK, make it a Michael Berman summer.”

Occasionally, I’ll run into people who recognize me. I went into the city with my dad to see a Mets game, and we were on the subway. Right before our stop, someone said, “Oh my God, you were so amazing in ‘Love Story!’” Then, of course, the entire car was looking. But I’m quite a chameleon in terms of my physicality that I bring to different roles, so I always look different.

**RD:** *What drew you to the Rivertowns?*

**MN:** My parents still live in the city, and my wife’s parents are in Connecticut. We have all this family on the East Coast. Los Angeles has become a bit of a difficult place to live in for a lot of reasons, and the fires

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— THE DATA DISPATCH —

— April 2026 home sales —

	BD/BA	SQFT	LIST PRICE	SALE PRICE	SP/OLP%
<b>ARDSLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>					
520 Ashford Avenue #18 Ardsley	1/2	1,062	\$449,900	\$455,000	101.1%
801 Hunters Run Dobbs Ferry	2/3	1,510	\$680,000	\$707,500	104.0%
20 Taft Lane Ardsley	4/2	1,358	\$725,000	\$865,000	119.3%
130 Bramblebrook Road Ardsley	4/4	4,188	\$1,499,000	\$1,618,000	107.9%
130 Euclid Avenue Ardsley	4/4	5,563	\$2,450,000	\$2,600,000	106.1%
<b>DOBBS FERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>					
110 Round Hill Road Dobbs Ferry	1/2	1,102	\$520,000	\$520,000	100.0%
9 Round Hill Road Dobbs Ferry	2/3	1,645	\$619,000	\$617,000	99.7%
66 Landing Drive Dobbs Ferry	4/3	2,655	\$1,695,000	\$1,645,000	97.1%
33 Livingston Avenue Dobbs Ferry	4/5	3,168	\$2,800,000	\$1,887,500	67.4%
182 Broadway Dobbs Ferry	5/4	3,345	\$1,899,900	\$1,955,000	102.9%
36 Belden Avenue Dobbs Ferry	6/3	3,500	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000	100.0%
<b>HASTINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>					
49 Maple Avenue #3A Hastings	1/1	872	\$399,000	\$403,000	101.0%
83 Ravensdale Road Hastings	3/3	2,073	\$1,295,000	\$1,140,000	88.0%
89 Euclid Avenue Hastings	3/3	1,799	\$1,199,000	\$1,620,000	135.1%
81 Pinecrest Drive Hastings	4/3	3,361	\$1,350,000	\$1,706,250	126.4%
<b>IRVINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>					
32 Westwood Close Irvington	2/2	1,423	\$689,000	\$705,716	102.4%
8 Barney Park Irvington	3/3	1,820	\$1,500,000	\$1,840,000	122.7%
11 Gracemere Tarrytown	4/3	4,200	\$2,000,000	\$1,950,000	97.5%
2 Belmont Drive Irvington	4/5	6,415	\$2,785,000	\$2,694,300	96.7%

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**Michael Nathanson**

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freaked us out. The house we were renting there, the owner wanted to sell it. So we took that as a sign that we should move back to New York. We lived in Brooklyn for years, and didn't want to do it again.

I always liked this area. It's an easy commute for anything I need to do. I like the artsy vibe. There's something very charming about the whole area, and it's easy to make friends.

**RD: What's next for you?**

**MN:** I'm focusing on some projects that I'm writing, and putting most of my creative energy into that.

I'm also creating a "Big Screen Social Club" — we have an Instagram, @bigscreen-socialclub. I'm working on that with [Hastings resident and director and writer] Brant Sersen. It will encompass the idea of friends going to the movies. The whole notion is about getting out of your house to see movies. There are so few things that provide that sense of community. Everyone's on their phones and watching things at home, and they need to get out there.

I am a storytelling, creative person. It just seeps out of me, and my goal is always to continue to challenge myself and find new ways to be creative, whether that's writing, producing, or acting. I love creating community in the arts.

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## ARDSLEY

— Coming Up This Week —

### Village Cleanup

Saturday, May 9, 11 a.m.–noon  
Pick up trash bags, pickers, and gloves at the Bicentennial Park gazebo (between DeCicco's and Ardsley Diner)  
Ages 13 and under require adult supervision

### “Wild Facts about Wild Mushrooms”

Saturday, May 9, 11 a.m.  
Ardsley Public Library  
Register at [ardsleypubliclibrary.org](https://ardsleypubliclibrary.org)

### League of Women Voters Hybrid Meeting

Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.  
Hastings Public Library, 7 Maple Ave.  
To participate: email [info@lwv-rivertowns.org](mailto:info@lwv-rivertowns.org)

### Author Visit for ages 4–8

Monday, May 11, 4 p.m.  
Ardsley Public Library  
Jyoti Rajan Gopal reads from her book “My Paati’s Saris” in honor of AAPI (Asian American and Pacific Islander) Month  
Register at [ardsleypubliclibrary.org](https://ardsleypubliclibrary.org)

### Planning Board Meeting

Monday, May 11, 8 p.m.  
Village Hall

### Rivertowns Chamber:

Ardsley Village Virtual Chat  
Tuesday, May 12, 10–11 a.m.  
Register at [rivertownschamber.com](https://rivertownschamber.com)

### Balance Training for Seniors

Tuesday, May 12, 11 a.m.  
Ardsley Public Library  
Register at [ardsleypubliclibrary.org](https://ardsleypubliclibrary.org)

### Senior Barbecue

Wednesday, May 13, noon  
Ardsley Community Center

### Virtual Community Forum:

“What are your kids doing with A.I.?”  
Wednesday, May 27, 7–8 p.m.  
Visit [ardsleyschools.org](https://ardsleyschools.org) for the Zoom link

### Annual Great Saw Mill River Cleanup

Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m.–noon  
730 Saw Mill River Road (next to the Shell Gas Station). Sign up to volunteer at [ardsleyvillage.gov/stormwater-project](https://ardsleyvillage.gov/stormwater-project)

### Got news?

Email staff writer Amy Bochner at [amy@rivertownsdispatch.com](mailto:amy@rivertownsdispatch.com)



Sharon Colabello attended the groundbreaking with a hard hat decorated with images of the banners for the 14 Ardsley High School graduates who died serving during World War II. She also had a photo of the monument dedication from 1954 taped to the type of shovel used by soldiers during the war.

## Memorial garden to honor 14 from WWII

BY AMY BOCHNER

The Ardsley Historical Society broke ground on May 1 for the Lewisohn Memorial Garden, which will feature a long-lost monument honoring 14 Ardsley High School graduates who died while serving in the armed forces during World War II.

The monument was first placed outside the Ashford Avenue School at 520 Ashford Avenue in 1954. In 1958, when the current high school was built on Farm Road, for unknown reasons the monument was not relocated. In 2022, it was found in the high school's basement, prompting the idea for a new installation.

The Lewisohn Memorial Garden will include native plants, benches, an informational sign, and a walkway. At its heart will be the concrete monument with a bronze plaque listing the names of the fallen. A dedication ceremony will take place on Memorial Day, May 25, at 2:30 p.m.

Banners for the 14 will be put up on utility poles along Heatherdell Road. On May 16, there will be an honor walk along Heatherdell led by the Girl Scouts and Sharon Colabello, the former Ardsley resident who launched the tribute banner project in Ardsley in 2022. A 15th banner will honor Arthur Silliman, who was a World War I veteran and the principal of the Ashford Avenue School when the monument was installed.

The historical society raised \$25,000 in private donations for the new garden, which is named after Adolph Lewisohn, a philanthropist, social reformer, and education advocate. From 1906 to 1938, he owned the 365-acre estate called Heatherdell Farm, now the site of the high school. Lewisohn

was known for his horticultural skills. His estate had 14 greenhouses.

The site is also tied to the American Revolution. In the summer of 1781, 4,000 Continental Army troops were stationed there under the command of Gen. George Washington. In October 2022, the historical society dedicated a marker at the high school honoring that encampment.

With the groundbreaking ceremony taking place during America's 250th anniversary, Gary Rappaport, the president of the historical society, said “there is no more fitting time to restore to prominence the names of those who fought to keep America's founding promise alive.”

“Washington stood on this ground fighting for that promise,” he continued. “Lewisohn spent his life expanding it. And 14 young men from Ardsley died defending it. They met the supreme test of their generation.”

Golden shovels were used to break ground, a reference to the gold stars that 14 families pinned to their windows during World War II, signaling a loved one would not be coming home. Those servicemen, memorialized on the plaque, are Frederick C. Baker, Robert Bunch Jr., Angelo L. Delmerico, Charles Duryea, Daniel R. Geis, George H. Hauptman Jr., Robert L. Kakerbeck, Gordon Kreutz, David Longmuir, Edward J. Lynn Jr., Thomas F. Mack Jr., James B. Mackenzie, Howard Russell Secor, and Kenneth Dumont Wood.

These are “not strangers,” Rappaport said, but “young men woven into the life of this community.” He described the life of Daniel Geis, who was born in 1919 and was an Eagle Scout, a member of the Ardsley High School

Outdoor Club, and a varsity athlete. He graduated in 1937 and was drafted three years later. While home on leave in 1942, he married Alberta Maurer of Hastings. The Army recognized his mechanical skill and placed Geis in charge of the motor pool for a unit that used sound and light to locate enemy artillery. He served in North Africa, Tunisia, and Italy.

On Christmas Eve in 1943, in southern Italy, Geis was test-driving a command car when the ground beneath him collapsed into an abandoned well, hidden below the surface. Geis, 24, was killed. Two months later, his daughter, Judith, was born.

Judith is now 82 years old and lives in Texas. While working on the memorial garden, Rappaport and Colabello were searching online for relatives of the 14 soldiers, when they came across Judith's number. They made contact, and learned that she has a folder about her father and his life in Ardsley. After hearing about the memorial garden with her father's name, Colabello said that Judith couldn't believe that “Ardsley never forgot.”

Rappaport and Colabello also connected with other family members of the 14 servicemen, some of whom will attend the dedication ceremony.

On the reverse side of the monument, Archibald MacLeish's World War II poem “The Young Dead Soldiers Do Not Speak” is displayed, which includes the lines “We leave you our deaths. Give them their meaning.”

By creating the memorial garden, Rappaport believes Ardsley is “answer[ing] that call.”

“In doing so,” he said, “we ensure that their sacrifice is not only remembered — but grounded here, in the community they called home.”

## ARDSLEY

# Four candidates campaign for two seats on school board

BY AMY BOCHNER

Four candidates are vying for two seats on the Ardsley Board of Education, which district residents will decide on May 19.

Mitchell Kleinman, the current board president, is hoping to be elected to a second term, while Andrea DeVico, Matthew Gonzales, and Joseph Sayegh are running for the first time. The second open seat is currently occupied by Viktoriya Paroder, who is not seeking reelection.

The League of Women Voters of the Rivertowns will host a forum for the candidates via Zoom on May 13 at 7 p.m. Each of the candidates spoke with the Dispatch about their experience and reasons for running.

### Joseph Sayegh

Sayegh has lived in the Ardsley School District for five years. He has three children, two at Concord Road Elementary, and the youngest starting there in 2027. He has worked in education for 15 years, five as a general or special education teacher and for the past 10 in school administration. He is currently the assistant principal at Walter Panas High School in the Lakeland Central School District.

Sayegh told the Dispatch that his experience “inside schools, watching how board decisions actually play out” has shown him

“what tends to work, what doesn’t, and what can get lost in translation between a board policy and a Tuesday morning in a classroom.”

He continued, “I want to bring that perspective to the board and help ensure decisions land where they should: with the students of our district.”

One of Sayegh’s priorities is ensuring “district-level decisions translate into the right support at each school, not one-size-fits-all policies that work in one building, but miss in another.” He is also focused on maintaining strong academics while taking into account student well-being and avoiding staff burnout.

“The way [to do] that is being proactive, communicating clearly with families before small concerns become larger ones, and ensuring teachers have the support they need to do their jobs effectively,” he said.

### Matthew Gonzales

Gonzales, an Ardsley resident since 2018, has one child at Concord Road. Since 1999, he has worked in education and is currently an assistant principal at a school he designed — the Robert Halmi Sr. Academy of Film and Television in the Yonkers School District. The school, which opened in 2024 and serves grades 6-12, focuses on the arts, filmmaking, and project-based learning.

Gonzales has also served on the board of the Ardsley Public Library for six years.

If elected, his priorities would include balancing being “mindful of the burden we place on property owners” and making sure the schools are funded “at levels where students get what they need.”

Continuing the district’s work on transitions between the schools is also important to Gonzales, whose son will move on to Ardsley Middle School next year.

An area of improvement he’d like to work on is the board’s communication with parents. The district, he said, “shares a lot of information, and sometimes it’s hard to ascertain which information is important to an individual.” Throughout his career, he has, “demystified” or translated education jargon for community members to make sure “that we are trying to frame it in examples that everyone will understand.”

### Mitchell Kleinman

Kleinman, the incumbent, has lived in Ardsley for 12 years. Before his current job as an arbitrator, he was a partner at a law firm and a prosecutor. His two sons are students at Ardsley High School. He was first appointed to the board to finish Pam Epstein’s term in 2022, and was elected the following year. He was named board

president in 2025.

Kleinman said he’s seen the board do “a great job,” noting the district’s “rankings have gone up, and that attracts people to move here, so our property values stay high.” He also said the board has been able to “maintain low tax rates.”

One of the biggest issues Kleinman believes the district faces is artificial intelligence, and teaching students “how to use it ethically [while] keeping them current so they have skills for careers that do not become obsolete.” He also hopes to continue the district’s work on social and emotional wellness learning, “so students can better handle their stress.”

“Between academics, social [situations], and athletics, there’s so much pressure on students these days,” he said. “Learning how to handle it at an early age helps them grow.”

### Andrea DeVico

DeVico, who moved to Ardsley two years ago, has worked as an educator for nearly 20 years. She has taught math and special education in the South Bronx and served as a director of STEM education for a charter school in Staten Island. Today she is a senior educational consultant at the nonprofit Teaching Matters and a transformational

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Saturday, May 9, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Lyndhurst, 635 S. Broadway, Tarrytown

## League of Women Voters Hybrid Meeting

Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.  
Hastings Public Library, 7 Maple Ave.  
To participate, email [info@lwv-rivertowns.org](mailto:info@lwv-rivertowns.org)

## Storywalk on the Old Aqueduct Trail

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15 Walnut St., and Village Hall  
The interactive outdoor reading experience  
features "Laughing Tomatoes and Other  
Spring Poems" by Francisco Alarcón

## Art Exploration for ages 3–10

Tuesday, May 12, 3:30–5 p.m.  
Dobbs Ferry Public Library  
Register: [childrens@dobbsferrylibrary.org](mailto:childrens@dobbsferrylibrary.org)

## Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 p.m. for the workshop  
and 7:30 for the regular meeting  
Village Hall

## School Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 7 p.m.  
Middle/high school library

## Virtual Town and Gown Literary Discussion Group

Wednesday, May 13, 7 p.m.  
Hosted on Zoom by the Dobbs Ferry Public  
Library. Discuss "The Memory Police" by Yoko  
Ogawa. Email [sbramble@dobbsferrylibrary.org](mailto:sbramble@dobbsferrylibrary.org)  
for the Zoom link

## Free Health Screening for Seniors

Thursday, May 14, 1–3 p.m.  
Dobbs Ferry Public Library

## Art Show

Thursday, May 14, 4–5:30 p.m.  
Embassy Club, 60 Palisade St.  
Sponsored by Friends of Dobbs Ferry Seniors

## Great Saw Mill River Cleanup

Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Lawrence Street by the South County Trailway  
bike path. Sign up: [groundworkhv.org/events](http://groundworkhv.org/events)

## Got news?

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Talles Guimaraes and David Alagarin at Barrel 72

# Barrel 72 brings curated selection to Main

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL  
Barrel 72, a new shop carrying a curated  
selection of wines and spirits, held a grand  
opening last month at 72 Main Street, in  
the former home of  
Crespo Whiskeys and  
Wines.

Barrel 72 is owned  
by David Alagarin and  
run in collaboration  
with partners Seth  
Levin, who Alagarin knows from working  
together in the restaurant industry, and  
Talles Guimaraes, who has been a close

friend of Alagarin since they were preteens  
growing up in Harrison.

"Around Covid," Guimaraes told the Dis-  
patch, he and his partners "learned to really  
appreciate the [wines and spirits] business,  
and started looking at different stores."

The trio found the available space on  
Main Street last fall, and unlocked the doors  
in early April, before holding Barrel 72's  
grand-opening event on April 18.

Guimaraes, who has a background in the  
tech industry, handles marketing, and also  
rotates with Alagarin and Levin working in  
the shop multiple days per week, assisting

customers in their search for the best bottle.

"The beauty of why we chose a small bou-  
tique store that has a little bit more character  
than a large warehouse is so you can come in  
here, not feel overwhelmed like I feel often in  
other places, and be able to have a conversa-  
tion with one of the staff members who will  
guide you and explain to you why something  
is on our shelf," Guimaraes said. "We have a  
saying here that no one is scared to recom-  
mend anything because we've tasted over a  
thousand bottles, so you're not going to be  
disappointed when we make a suggestion."

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**New  
Business  
Opening**



## Spring spruce-up

—  
Maria Otero-Martin (left)  
and Village Trustee Donna  
Assumma (right) were among  
the volunteers who cleaned  
beds and planted pollinators  
with the Friends of Waterfront  
Park on Sunday, May 3.  
For more information about  
that organization, visit [www.dfwaterfrontpark.org](http://www.dfwaterfrontpark.org).

## DOBBS FERRY

# CTeen gala recognizes students for their service

Thirty-four high school students were honored during an inaugural gala for members of the CTeen program at Chabad of the Rivertowns on the evening of Sunday, May 3. The teens were recognized for their service to Chabad and to the Rivertowns.

The program included reflections by honorees Dorian Williams, a senior at Ardsley High School, and Abby Weiss, a junior at Hastings High School, followed by Rachel Klein, the mother of honoree Yael Klein, a sophomore at Dobbs Ferry High School. There was also a video featuring honorees Lila Pinkow, a senior at Ardsley High School, and Ashley Shapiro, a junior at Irvington High School.

The awards were presented by Rabbi Benji Silverman and 94-year-old Hanne Holsten of Hartsdale, a Holocaust survivor who fled Germany with her family. Holsten is a mother of three, grandmother of 10, and great-grandmother of eight.

The honorees were: Max Baron • Mischa Barowsky • Jake Bloom • Max Carmanica • Isaiah Charnow • Ryan Cherry • Raviv Dror • Haley Ehrlich • Noa Fossner • Josh Goodman • Jordan Henry • Isaac Kessler • Yael Klein • Natalie Kushner • Jackson Mathews • Zavi Mazur • Etan Melo • Isaiah Newman • Gwen Ommen • Lila Pinkow • Carter



The honorees with Rabbi Benji Silverman, Hinda Silverman, and Holocaust survivor Hanne Holsten. Photo by Jim Metzger.

Pollack • Faith Schwartz • Josh Shallom • Ashley Shapiro • Zoe Sobol • Lena Svigals • Eliana Wallach • Ruby Wallach • Emme Wasserman • Abby Weiss • Dylan Weiss • Joe Weiss • Asher Williams • Dorian Williams.

The eight seniors among them received mezuzahs decorated with the logos of the colleges and universities they will attend.

The program concluded with current CTeen president Max Baron, a senior at Irvington High School, passing the figurative torch and handing sparklers to the program's leaders for 2026-27: Haley Ehrlich, Yael Klein, Coby Marshal, Zavi Mazur, Lila Pinkow, Ashley Shapiro, Eliana Wallach, Ruby Wallach, Emme Wasserman, and Joe Weiss.

## Barrel 72

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Alagarin, Levin, and Guimaraes made it a point to not completely stray from the business that Crespo Whiskeys and Wines had established, but to build upon it with a greater focus on wines and small distributors. Barrel 72 carries tequila, mezcal, whiskey, bourbon, Japanese whiskey, sake, and popular wines like French Bordeaux and Italian reds.

"We work with a lot of the smaller distributors who are also in alignment with us in terms of what they care about — new farming techniques, cleaner ways to make wine and to distribute less," Guimaraes said. "We are carrying a slightly different selection of products that maybe the everyday individual has not seen or heard of. You get a higher-quality wine, similar price point, but you're drinking cleaner, drinking better, feeling better."

Barrel 72 plans to hold free tastings on Saturdays during the spring and summer, including this Saturday, May 9, from 1-4 p.m.

"We're really pumped to be in Dobbs," Guimaraes said. "We've been coming here. We're kind of foodies and I think this is one of the best food scenes in all of Westchester."

Barrel 72 is open Tuesday through Saturday from 12-8 p.m. and Sunday from 12-5 p.m. For more information, visit [barrel72.com](http://barrel72.com).



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# HASTINGS— ON—HUDSON

— Coming Up This Week —

## League of Women Voters Hybrid Meeting

Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.

Hastings Public Library, 7 Maple Ave.

To participate, email [info@lwv-rivertowns.org](mailto:info@lwv-rivertowns.org)

### “Liber-Tea!”

Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

The Good Witch, 134 Southside Ave.

Celebrate Revolutionary women and crafts with music, spy games, and history

### Taquiza Bruja

Saturday, May 9, 5–9 p.m.

The Good Witch, 134 Southside Ave.

Family-friendly outdoor party inspired by Cinco de Mayo

### Mother’s Day Flea Market

Sunday, May 10, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

(rain or shine)

Commuter Lot, Southside Avenue

Outdoor bazaar featuring handmade, vintage, and upcycled clothing, accessories, home goods, and live music. [thehastingsflea.com](http://thehastingsflea.com)

### Annual Great Saw Mill River Cleanup

Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

South County Trailway at Farragut Avenue

Sign up at [groundworkhv.org/events](http://groundworkhv.org/events)

### Hastings Day & Spring Thing

Sunday, May 17, noon–4 p.m.

Warburton Avenue

Featuring live music, fire department cookout, crafts, inflatable slide, and information tables hosted by community groups

### Omission

The May 1 story about the artificial turf fields planned for Hastings did not include an update that the board of education made to its turf specifications on Feb. 10. One of the original specifications stated that the product “shall not be manufactured using PFAS.” The updated specification requires “a manufacturer certified letter stating that the synthetic turf shall not contain or be treated with PFAS substances for any purpose.” This update was reported in a Feb. 20 story about the turf specifications.

### Got news?

Email staff writer Amy Bochner at [amy@rivertownsdispatch.com](mailto:amy@rivertownsdispatch.com)

# Three vie for two spots on school board

BY AMY BOCHNER

Two incumbents and one challenger are running for two openings on the Hastings Board of Education. Jodie Meyer and Theresa McCaffrey are hoping to keep their seats, while Elizabeth Adinolfi is seeking her first term. The League of Women Voters of the Rivertowns will host a forum for the candidates over Zoom on May 14 at 7 p.m. The election is Tuesday, May 19.

### Elizabeth Adinolfi

Adinolfi, a lawyer and 12-year village resident, works for Phillips Nizer LLP, where she specializes in family and adult guardianship matters. She has two children, one at Farragut Middle School and the other at the high school. This is her second campaign to join the board. Last year, she vied for a seat after finding fault with the district’s curriculum, particularly regarding literacy. This time, her main focus is challenging the board’s governance model, which she believes is outdated.

“People expect that the board is making certain decisions, like curriculum, and the board [has] delegated its responsibility over curriculum to the administration,” she said. “I think the board’s job is to work collaboratively with the superintendent, but [also] to have oversight, and there’s no way to have accountability in this district if the board isn’t making the decisions.”

Adinolfi also advocates for more transparency from the board and improvements to the communication between the district and taxpayers, including those without children in the schools. She noted the length of the board meetings and a lack of written reports summarizing presentations as impediments to this communication.

“If the district’s position is that it’s a policy-creating body, then we need to get something out of the policy committee explaining why they’re considering changing or adopting a new policy,” she said. “If there’s no record of

these things, you have no way of knowing that you’ve accomplished what you were trying to accomplish... How are people who don’t have kids in the schools and who don’t have 4 hours on a Tuesday night to sit through a board meeting... going to know what’s happening and why we’re doing things?”

### Jodie Meyer

Meyer, a 35-year village resident, is a clinical psychologist with a private practice in Hastings and New York City. Her two sons graduated from the district in 2005 and 2009. She has two granddaughters, the older of which attends Hillside Elementary School.

Meyer joined the board in 2008, served for 13 years, and, after a three-year break, was reelected in 2024. What has kept her returning to the role is a desire “for our schools to be as vibrant as possible.”

“The district has been through a lot of changes,” she said. “I think we’re positioned right now to really have some stability, and that’s because of some big wins that we’ve had, some new recent hires who I think are outstanding. I really want to bring my own background, experience, wisdom, to trying to support the stability of the schools, and keep them moving forward in the most positive way possible.”

Meyer hopes to stay on the board to help address two challenges. The first is fiscal, as she noted that while Hastings stayed under the tax cap this year, “many other districts had to have a budget override.” The second challenge is the board’s communication with residents.

“There are areas in which [the board does] an excellent job, but I think we’ve seen this year that we have also failed in many ways to communicate with our constituents,” she said. “I think we have to take a step back and be very thoughtful and careful about how we go about communicating. It doesn’t mean we won’t make mistakes, and you know we all make mistakes, but we have to learn from them.”

### Theresa McCaffrey

An 11-year resident, McCaffrey was elected to her first term on the board in 2023. She has three children in the district, at FMS and the high school. Her career in education began with teaching special ed in the Bronx for Teach for America. She was then a fifth-grade English language arts teacher at KIPP Infinity Charter School in Washington Heights. For the past 10 years, she has been the executive director of Little Leaf, a preschool program located at Andrus on Hudson in Hastings.

Since joining the board, McCaffrey feels she’s “learned so much about how a public school district in the suburbs operates” and that she’s “just gotten started doing this important work.” A “sore spot” she would like to address is the “lack of a positive school culture and the constant hate speech and symbols that keep surfacing” at the middle school. Other issues include a lack of a consistent grading policy and overreliance on technology in classrooms.

“Students can get past firewalls and browse on sites and social media during the day — even this year with a cellphone ban in place,” she said. “There are cheating issues in the high school and curriculum complexities with reading and writing in the elementary school.”

The attributes she said she brings to the board include experience as a teacher, school leader, and in special education.

“I am committed to the well-being of every student in our district,” she said. “I value communication and can respectfully disagree, debate, and propose new ideas and options.”

The candidates’ forum can be viewed live by registration or after on the YouTube channel for LWV Rivertowns. Registration can be done at [bit.ly/HastingsSchoolBd](http://bit.ly/HastingsSchoolBd). Questions must be submitted in advance either at time of registration or by email to [info@lwv-rivertowns.org](mailto:info@lwv-rivertowns.org).

### Race the rainbow

The Hastings PTSA hosted its second annual color run on the morning of Sunday, May 3. Participants were doused with colored powder as they traveled 3.1 miles (5 kilometers) from the Farragut Complex to Zinsser Park. The proceeds supported school expenses funded by the PTSA.



## HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON

# Survey shows overall decline in substance use among youth

BY AMY BOCHNER

The Hastings Board of Trustees and Board of Education held a joint work session on April 28 to discuss results of a survey on substance use among eighth-, 10th-, and 12th-grade students.

During the meeting, a presentation highlighted the findings of the survey, conducted by the Hastings W.A.Y. (Working Alliance for Youth) Coalition, which seeks to reduce substance use among young people. The organization was formed in 2016 and first received a five-year Drug Free Community (DFC) grant in 2018. A second, final five-year grant was awarded in 2023, and funding will end in September 2028.

All DFC grantees are required to collect community data every two years. This was the W.A.Y.'s fifth compilation, which assessed alcohol and substance use prevalence rates and related factors. The presentation compared the Hastings data to 2024–2025 national data collected by the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) and 2024–2025 Westchester County data from 16 schools.

The information was shared by Linda Fosina, the W.A.Y. coordinator, and JoAnn Reed-Stokes, director of the Village's youth advocate program. The 2025 survey showed an overall decrease in substance use since 2023, with the exception of a slight increase for cigarettes.

A total 336 of 389 students in the three grades participated in the survey. Overall, 21%, or 72 students, reported using alcohol, a decrease from 34% in 2023. Alcohol use for 10th- and 12th-graders is less than half of the highest rates reported in 2017 and 2019. Although alcohol use has decreased, binge drinking has increased among the students who use alcohol. Half of the 12th-graders

“Since the inception of the program and the original survey, our stats are going down.”

Mayor Tom Drake

who reported using alcohol also said they binge drink, which Fosina defined as having five or more drinks in a row within two weeks. Hastings' alcohol use is higher than the national rate, but similar to the county's.

Ten percent of students in the three grades reported using marijuana. Of these 35 students, none is in eighth grade. For each grade, this has decreased to the lowest point in any of the Hastings surveys. However, for 10th- and 12th-graders, their rates are still higher than national and county rates.

Six percent or 19 students, reported using

e-cigarettes, a decrease from 12% in 2023. For 12th-graders, this is a reduction from 2019, when 56% reported vaping. Like with marijuana, no eighth-grader reported using e-cigarettes. For the first time, the survey asked a question about nicotine patches, a product “touted as having health effects for athletes,” Fosina said. The survey found the rate was the same as e-cigarette use. All grades reported e-cigarette rates lower than the national or county averages.

Tobacco cigarette rates increased from around 4% in 2023 to 6% in 2025. One percent of eighth-graders reported using cigarettes, while this was 5% for 10th-graders and 13% for 12th-graders. Regarding prescription drug misuse, one student reported using stimulants not prescribed to them.

Most students perceive binge drinking, smoking cigarettes, vaping, and misusing prescription drugs as harmful. Marijuana has the lowest perception of harm among all three grades: 84% for eighth grade, 63% of 10th grade, and 48% of seniors.

Almost all students perceive their parents as disapproving of their substance use. For 12th-graders, the percentage of students who perceive their parents as disapproving of their marijuana use is slightly lower, at 82%, compared to 94%–96% for other substances.

Most students also perceive that their

friends would disapprove of their substance use. One change was that 83% of 10th-graders and 49% of 12th-graders now believe their friends would disapprove of their e-cigarette use compared to 67% of 10th-graders and 39% of 12th-graders in 2023.

The top-three places students reported using substances were in a home with no parent permission, an open area like a park, or “in another place.” Zero students said they drank alcohol on school grounds during the day, while four said they used marijuana and nine said they vaped.

The top-two ways students reported accessing alcohol and marijuana were getting it at a party or from someone they know under the age of 21. For e-cigarettes, the number-one way it is obtained is by borrowing it from someone else. Thirty-two students reported obtaining and drinking alcohol at home with their parents' permission, a decrease from 84 in 2023.

Following the presentation, the boards praised the data collection and overall decrease in substance use. A concern some board members mentioned was how, despite the decrease since 2023, students are still obtaining alcohol from their parents.

Ella Chiu and Joaquin Toledo-Chae, the two student liaisons to the school board,

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Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.  
Irvington Public Library

## Stewardship at O'Hara & Irvington Woods Park

Saturdays, May 9, 16, and 30,  
10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Meet at O'Hara Nature Center,  
170 Mountain Road  
Register at [irvingtonny.gov](http://irvingtonny.gov)

## Crafterday

Saturday, May 9, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.  
Irvington Public Library

Drop in for crafts to celebrate Asian Pacific  
Islander Month

## League of Women Voters Hybrid Meeting

Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.  
Hastings Public Library, 7 Maple Ave.  
To participate by Zoom, email [info@lww-rivertowns.org](mailto:info@lww-rivertowns.org) for the link

## Teen-only Petting Zoo

Monday, May 11, 5:30–6:30 p.m.  
Irvington Public Library

## Truck Day

Tuesday, May 12, 4–5 p.m.  
(rain date May 14)  
Irvington Public Library

## Sherlock Holmes and the “The Adventure of the Retired Colourman”

Saturday, May 16, 2 p.m.  
Irvington Public Library  
Hosted by Three Garridebs, a Westchester-  
based Sherlock Holmes society  
All ages and knowledge levels are welcome

## “Butterfly Gallery – Pollinator Gardens”

Through May 31  
Painted sculptures on display on Main Street

## “Treason of the Blackest Dye”

On view Saturdays and Thursdays, 1–4 p.m.,  
through August  
McVickar House, 131 Main St.

## Got news?

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Aria Arinella-Rashid and Hannah Leffler with fellow Wild Future team members Fox Elder, Nora Estes, Penelope Gober, Violet Seery, Riona Shimizu, Lucia Villavicencio, Orla Walker, and Cate Weiss.

# Students take on fast fashion with benefit

BY LAURA SCHILLER

Unlike some other girls their age, Irvington seventh-graders Aria Arinella-Rashid and Hannah Leffler are not sifting through clothing racks at the mall or swiping their phones in search of the latest trends.

Instead, the two are aiming to stock The Sharing Shelf, an organization that provides clothing to people in need, by hosting a benefit on Saturday, May 16 at 6 p.m. at the Irvington Presbyterian Church.

The girls' effort is part of a broader mission to help the environment. While modern fabrics like synthetic polyester make clothing cheaper and easier to mass-produce, they also contribute to landfill waste and pollution.

“This year our topic is fast fashion,” said Arinella-Rashid, referring to mass-produced, trend-driven clothing made quickly and cheaply. “We got concerned when we learned about the piles of clothes that don't biodegrade and just fill landfills. It's also a huge contributor to global warming.”

Leffler said she first became aware of the issue after watching a documentary at school.

“It was really concerning,” she said. “So many brands use synthetic materials like polyester. They take a lot of resources to make, and when you throw them away, they don't break down.”

Their upcoming event will center around an original film they created about fast fashion and its environmental impact. The evening will also feature performances of music and magic, and a skit involving their younger brothers. Doors open at 5 p.m., with interactive booths, bake sales, and activities like face painting run by their friends.

The project, called “Wild Future,” began three years ago. This will be its third benefit.

“I came home one day from school extremely scared about how the Earth was dying and

animals were going extinct,” Arinella-Rashid said. “I asked my mom, ‘How do we help?’ She told me to use the skills I had. I didn't think I had any — I was only 9 — but then I thought, ‘Well, we could make a movie.’”

That idea expanded. Arinella-Rashid brought Leffler on board, and together they created a film, alongside a community event. With help from family members — Arinella-Rashid's parents are actors, and Leffler's father helped with filming while an aunt assisted with production — Wild Future has grown into a collaborative effort involving about 30 friends.

“We didn't want it to feel like just a one-person show,” Leffler said. “We kept inviting more people so everyone could feel like they had a part in it.”

Over the past two years, their events have raised a combined \$7,000 for the Wildlife Conservation Society, supporting efforts to protect endangered animals (“all of them — elephants, tigers, dolphins, and monkeys, even though my mom doesn't like monkeys,” Arinella-Rashid said). While this year's focus has shifted to fast fashion, they are still incorporating elements that raise awareness about animal extinction through informational and interactive booths.

The film itself is designed to educate while keeping audiences engaged.

“Our film is informational and fun,” Arinella-Rashid said. “It includes a skit performed by our friends and explains what fast fashion is, why it's harmful, and what people can do to help. It's kind of like a commentary-style PSA [public service announcement], and it's about 10 minutes long.”

In addition to raising awareness, this year's event will include a clothing drive to support The Sharing Shelf, a clothing bank for children, located in Port Chester. Attendees are

encouraged to donate gently used spring and summer clothing and accessories.

“The Sharing Shelf collects good-quality, trendy clothes that kids have outgrown and gives them to clothing-insecure families,” Leffler said. “It's set up like a regular store, so kids can pick out what they want. We're collecting clothes that don't fit anymore or that people don't wear.”

The fast fashion issue hits close to home for many teens, who quickly outgrow clothing but feel pressure to keep up with trends.

“As kids, we're always growing, and we don't want to spend a lot of money on clothes we'll outgrow in a few months,” Leffler said, noting that many styles in stores are affordable and trendy. “But keeping up with trends can have a real impact on the environment.”

As part of their research, the pair also spoke on Zoom with fashion designer Eileen Fisher of Irvington through her foundation, which focuses on sustainable clothing.

“She told us it's a difficult problem,” Arinella-Rashid said. “But she also said that if people start choosing natural fabrics and push brands to be more sustainable, it can make a difference. She told us we gave her hope and the future is in good hands.”

Closer to home, the girls are seeing their message resonate.

“Our friends are starting to realize that fast fashion is everywhere,” Leffler said. “They're asking more questions about what they wear. The best thing we can do right now is buy less — because the less you buy, the less ends up in landfills.”

The goal is to raise a minimum of \$3,000 for The Sharing Shelf. Proceeds from admission tickets, which are \$10 per person, will benefit the charity. Additional donations are welcome. Visit [wildfutureirvington.com](http://wildfutureirvington.com) to learn more.

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# Student leaders receive awards for their community service

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL

Five Irvington High School juniors were honored for their consistency as volunteers with the Irvington Community Advisory Board (CAB) and commitment to promoting healthy and responsible choices by teens in the community.

During the Irvington Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, May 4, Abigail Choi, Joseph DeNardo, Ben Epple, Ali Ziff Glueck, and Brandon Reich were recognized with the Irvington About Safe Kids (iASK) Community Leadership Awards, which are presented annually to the high school juniors for participating in and organizing CAB activities. In addition to students, the CAB includes representatives from the police department, school district administration, and the PTSA.

“We meet the second Tuesday of every month in the senior center at Scenic Hudson Park,” CAB director Chris Raymond told the Dispatch. “It’s 8 o’clock in the morning, and they show up month after month, and they have the courage to stand up in the middle of a meeting and voice their opinion or say something that represents their peers.”

Through CAB, roughly 50 students ranging from eighth through 12th grade attend meetings and help develop programming



Chris Raymond, Ali Ziff Glueck, Abigail Choi, and Mayor Arlene Burgos at the Irvington Board of Trustees meeting on May 4.

that encourages kids to make healthy choices instead of turning to alcohol and drugs. The Leadership Awards go to the junior members who attend most consistently. Activities include a dodgeball

tournament with shirts encouraging students to “do dodgeball not drugs,” and a volleyball tournament to bring awareness to students dealing with disabilities.

“We’re able to talk about how to deal

with reducing screen time, how to deal with stress and anxiety, how to get better organized for the school year, how to deal with the stress during finals week,” Raymond explained. “None of this is doable without the buy-in from the students. I can talk about what I did or what the town leaders did, but really none of this change happens if the students don’t buy in and participate.”

iASK also partners with the police department for a Drug Take-Back Program at police headquarters, at Village Hall on Main Street, where the public can place unused, unwanted or expired medication in a box any time, any day of the week. Often students work with village leaders outside of the school community to pull together resources and create programs that are supported by different departments.

“The face-to-face interactions with these pillar parts of the village are rare in a technology-driven world that makes it ever more special,” Choi told the Dispatch. “Additionally, seeing the change and awareness that you are able to stir up in your community is something that sticks with you, transforming how you view your role in building a better future.”

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# The Agenda

## SATURDAY MAY 9

### Classic Rock: Those Guys Band

#### ARDSLEY

9 p.m. / No cover charge. Saw Mill Tavern, 925 Saw Mill River Road. Reservations encouraged. [smtavern.com](http://smtavern.com)

### “Just a Vibe”

#### DOBBS FERRY

Noon-6:30 p.m. / Free. Tim and Lee Hall Pavilion at Mercy University, 555 Broadway. The festival features live music, outdoor games, and food. Register at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)

### Farmers Market

#### HASTINGS

9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Commuter Lot, Southside Avenue. The market also convenes May 23 and resumes a weekly schedule starting June 6, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. [hastingsfarmersmarket.org](http://hastingsfarmersmarket.org).

### “Liber-Tea!”

#### HASTINGS

10 a.m.-1 p.m. / Free. The Good Witch, 134 Southside Ave. Celebrate Revolutionary women and crafts with music, spy games, and history.

### Taquiza Bruja

#### HASTINGS

5-9 p.m. / Free admission. The Good Witch, 134 Southside Ave. Family-friendly outdoor party inspired by Cinco de Mayo, with tacos, drinks, and music. [instagram.com/thegoodwitchcoffeebar](http://instagram.com/thegoodwitchcoffeebar)

### Angelica

#### IRVINGTON

3 p.m. / \$20, \$10 for seniors and students. Irvington Presbyterian Church, 25 N. Broadway. The Hastings-based choir of women chamber singers presents “Land of the Silver Birch: Celebrating Canadian Composers.” [angelicawomenschamberchoir.org](http://angelicawomenschamberchoir.org)

### TaSH Mother’s Day Market

#### TARRYTOWN

9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Patriot’s Park, 121 N. Broadway. Featuring local artisans, farm-fresh food, live music, and gifts. Summer opening day: May 23, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. [tashfarmersmarket.org](http://tashfarmersmarket.org).

### Spring Tea and Tour

#### TARRYTOWN

10 a.m. and 2 p.m. / \$85. Lyndhurst, 635 S. Broadway. Also on Sunday. Register at [lyndhurst.org](http://lyndhurst.org)

### Community Plant Sale

#### TARRYTOWN

9 a.m.-1 p.m. / Free admission. Lyndhurst, 635 S. Broadway. Register at [lyndhurst.org](http://lyndhurst.org)

### Opening Day

#### TARRYTOWN



The Angelica women’s chamber choir presents “Land of the Silver Birch: Celebrating Canadian Composers” at Irvington Presbyterian Church on Saturday, May 9.

Noon-3 p.m. Union Church of Pocantico Hills, 555 Bedford Road. Featuring stained-glass works by Matisse and Chagall. Timed-entry tickets required. [hudsonvalley.org](http://hudsonvalley.org)

### NYC Gay Men’s Chorus: “TONEWALL”

#### TARRYTOWN

7:30 p.m. / \$35-\$50. Shames JCC, 371 S. Broadway. The charismatic, queer a cappella group performs uplifting anthems, classic tunes, and pop hits. [shamesjcc.org](http://shamesjcc.org)

## SUNDAY MAY 10

### Mother’s Day Music Bingo

#### DOBBS FERRY

1-3 p.m. / \$10 per card. Doubleday’s, 83 Main St. Brunch and bottomless cocktails available. Reservations recommended by calling 914-693-9793. [instagram.com/doubledaysdobbsferry](http://instagram.com/doubledaysdobbsferry)

### Mother’s Day Flea

#### HASTINGS

10 a.m.-4 p.m. (rain or shine). Zinsser Commuter Parking Lot, Southside Avenue (across from the train tracks). Outdoor bazaar featuring handmade, vintage, and upcycled clothing and accessories plus food truck treats and music. [thehastingsflea.com](http://thehastingsflea.com)

### Mother’s Day Mega Class

#### IRVINGTON

9 a.m. / \$45. The Lark, 50 S. Buckhout St., G107. Featuring strength-training, cardio, and yoga. [thelark.club/events](http://thelark.club/events)

### Mar Vilaseca Quartet

#### TARRYTOWN

4 and 6 p.m. / \$25, \$20 for students. Jazz Forum Club, 1 Dixon Lane. [jazzforumarts.org](http://jazzforumarts.org)

### Mother’s Day Warbler Walk

#### YONKERS

9 a.m. / Free. Lenoir Nature Preserve, 19 Dudley St. [hras.org](http://hras.org)

## MONDAY MAY 11

### Meetup for Event & Hospitality Pros

#### DOBBS FERRY

10-11 a.m. / Free. HudCo, 145 Palisade St., Suite 200. Connect with innovators and develop ideas. Register at [hudco.eventbrite.com](http://hudco.eventbrite.com)

### Appetizers for Access

#### DOBBS FERRY

4-8 p.m. / \$65, free for kids under 16. Bloomy Cheese & Provisions, 3 Cedar St. Fundraiser for the New York Abortion Access Fund with cheese and wine. [instagram.com/rivertowns4reprorights](http://instagram.com/rivertowns4reprorights)

## TUESDAY MAY 12

### Folk Rock

#### HASTINGS

7-9 p.m. / No cover charge. Uncle Lefty’s, 583 Warburton Ave. Featuring John Williams and the Borough Boys. [uncleleftys.com](http://uncleleftys.com)

### Comedy Open Mic

#### HASTINGS

8 p.m. / One-drink minimum for performers. Divino’s Speakeasy, 524 Warburton Ave. Presented by the Dobbs Ferry Public Library. Intended for ages 18 and up. Sign up by emailing [tdeery@wlsmail.org](mailto:tdeery@wlsmail.org)

### Mindful Meetups

#### IRVINGTON

7 p.m. / \$35, free for unlimited members. The Lark, 50 S. Buckhout St., G107. The theme is

“Find a Solution, Not an Excuse.” [thelark.club/events](http://thelark.club/events)

## WEDNESDAY MAY 13

### RiverArts Spring Benefit

#### TARRYTOWN

7-9 p.m. / \$115. Jazz Forum Club, 1 Dixon Lane. Features a wine-and-beer reception, silent auction, and live music. [riverarts.org/event](http://riverarts.org/event)

## THURSDAY MAY 14

### “Now & Then: Another Moment in Time”

#### DOBBS FERRY

10 a.m.-6 p.m. / Free. Dobbs Ferry Public Library, 55 Main St. The exhibit of paintings by Dobbs Ferry-based artist Quyen Dac Nguyen is on view through June 30. Opening reception on May 16, 1-4 p.m. [dobbsferrylibrary.org](http://dobbsferrylibrary.org)

### Outdoor Live Music: Chris & Sal

#### DOBBS FERRY

6-9 p.m. / No cover charge. Hudson Social, 11 Station Plaza. [hudsonsocial.com](http://hudsonsocial.com)

### MorDance: “Unwritten”

#### DOBBS FERRY

7 p.m. / pay what you wish. 145 Palisade St. Westchester’s contemporary ballet company explores the Constitution as a living document. Also on May 15-16 (\$35, \$25 for students). [mordance.org](http://mordance.org)

### Jazz Quartet & Jam Session

#### DOBBS FERRY

7-9:30 p.m. / No cover charge. Mirabella Cocina Latina Restaurant & Bar, 1 Hamilton St., in Rivertowns Square. Featuring Scott Latzky on drums, Tom Christensen on sax, Pete McCann on guitar, and Ryan Berg on bass. The second set is open to guest musicians. [mirabellacocina.com/calendar-dobbs-ferry](http://mirabellacocina.com/calendar-dobbs-ferry)

## FRIDAY MAY 15

### Rock Covers: Bad Gummies

#### ARDSLEY

9 p.m. / No cover charge. Saw Mill Tavern, 925 Saw Mill River Road. Reservations encouraged. [smtavern.com](http://smtavern.com)

### Flying Ivories Dueling Pianos

#### TARRYTOWN

7 p.m. / \$25, \$20 for nonmembers. Shames JCC, 371 S. Broadway. [shamesjcc.org](http://shamesjcc.org)

### Jazz Duet

#### TARRYTOWN

7 and 9:30 p.m. / \$45, \$40 for students. Jazz Forum Club, 1 Dixon Lane. Featuring saxophonist Paul Winter and pianist Henrique Eisenmann. Also on May 16, 7 p.m. [jazzforumarts.org](http://jazzforumarts.org)

# Opinion

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## Happy Earthalujah from the Rev. Billy

To the Editor:

To the Earthy Congregation of Saturday, April 25, we feel that the night of Charlotte Binns' "Catharsis" in you classic Irvington Theater was a flight into the Fabulous Unknown. The power that the Earth gives us to sustain and renew — that completely mysterious thing — was in us that night. We feel so grateful to all of you. Earthalujah! Rev. Billy, Savitri D., and the Stop Shopping Choir

## Story on turf fields omitted final specs

To the Editor:

Your May 1 article on Hastings' turf meeting had an incorrect statement about a key fact about the turf specifications.

To be clear, on May 20, 2025, the district created a preliminary turf PFAS spec requiring that it "not be manufactured using PFAs." Beginning the following week, the school

board made numerous presentations that used stricter language, including "PFAS-free" and "no PFAS." On Feb. 10, 2026, the district updated and created a finalized turf PFAS spec, to be used in the request for proposal (RFP) that the district advertised to potential bidders. Those Feb. 10, 2026 updated finalized specs were stricter than the preliminary specs. Specifically:

- The preliminary specs required only that "The product shall not be manufactured using PFAS."
- The updated final specs require more: "a manufacturer certified letter stating that the synthetic turf shall not contain or be treated with PFAS substances for any purpose."

The article, however, cites only the preliminary spec: "Prior to the June referendum, the board released preliminary specifications for the artificial turf, one of which required that 'not be manufactured using PFAS'... In accordance with the specs, FieldTurf provided a letter to the district stating their products 'do not contain any intentionally added [PFAS] in its formulation or manufacturing process.'" But the final updated spec should have been cited in the article — not the preliminary one.

And the provider's letter didn't meet the updated spec and wouldn't have even met

the preliminary spec. The manufacturer only certifies that there are no intentionally added PFAS during manufacture and formulation. (Even the preliminary spec didn't give an "out" for unintentional adding of PFAS).

The true issue here is that the board approved a vendor that doesn't meet a critical specification — and is that even legal?

Ariella Gastel HASTINGS

## Turf fields do not meet specifications

To the Editor:

On May 29, 2025, at a community forum held by the Hastings School District and Board of Education on the capital bond, I asked what the phrase "manufactured without PFAS" meant with regard to the artificial turf fields for the Burke Estate.

Board president Alex Dal Piaz responded, "per New York State regulations, they ban the presence of PFAS in manufactured turf." I countered saying that the phrase "manufactured without PFAS" did not necessarily mean the turf would not have PFAS, explaining my understanding that it meant PFAS was not added during manufacturing, which wouldn't

guarantee the materials used to make the turf were PFAS free. I further asked who would be responsible if PFAS were found in the turf at Burke. Mr. Dal Piaz responded, "Well, I would say the responsibility will be in the bid process; the specs say 'no PFAS.'"

I asked this question to distinguish the standard for the bid specifications, and Mr. Dal Piaz's response was clear: The specifications for the turf fields at Burke would say "no PFAS." He did not say that the turf would be free of only "intentionally added PFAS" or would be "manufactured without PFAS." The board's final specifications from Feb. 10 also made this clear: "The synthetic turf shall not contain or be treated with PFAS substances for any purpose."

Last month, Hastings learned that the board of education approved a product for the Burke fields that contains PFAS, which has upset people in this community for good reason. Our vote and the board's approved specifications were not for fields with "no intentionally added PFAS"; they were for "PFAS-free" turf.

It is the responsibility of the board of education to continue working to find a product that meets the specifications it promised to our community.

Chloe Teasdale HASTINGS

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### Ardasley school election

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coach with the firm Educate, LLC. Through these two organizations, she supports teachers within the classroom and helps school leaders in “developing systems and structures that align to their vision and hold their school community accountable.”

DeVico has two children, one in preschool and one at Concord Road. She is also helping her brother raise his three daughters, who attend each of Ardsley’s three schools.

Her priorities, if elected, include continuing the district’s work on transitions between schools, improving communication between the district and families, and fiscal accountability. She also hopes to further the “conversation around special education.”

“We need to make sure that the support for every student, no matter the path that they’re going to take to success, is established,” she said. “I think that putting parents and teachers in the same room and having a partnership [and] a space where we can communicate, parents can advocate for their children, and teachers can bring their expertise is really important.”

The forum can be viewed live by registration or after on the YouTube channel for LWV Rivertowns. Register at [bit.ly/ArdasleySchBd](http://bit.ly/ArdasleySchBd). Questions must be submitted in advance either at time of registration or by email to [info@lwo-rivertowns.org](mailto:info@lwo-rivertowns.org). The questions deadline is May 10 at 5 p.m.

### Substance use survey

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shared their perspectives. Chiu said that while she’s seen fewer students congregate in the bathroom to vape, binge drinking remains a problem. She connected this to a lack of large social events, which leads to students taking the ones that do happen as opportunities “to push their limits and see how far they can go.” Toledo-Chae said the Student Union is working on creating substance-free social events, but a challenge is students showing up after drinking elsewhere, or “pregaming.”

School board member Catherine DiMartino noted that there has been an increase in teen isolation, and used the theater program’s cast party as an example of a positive social event. She emphasized collaboration with students on creative ways to meet their needs.

Another challenge is that funding for the W.A.Y. program’s data collection ends in 2028. According to Fosina, the coalition relies mostly on volunteers, with two paid staff members. “It would be very hard to lead this effort without a paid employee,” she said.

Mayor Tom Drake encouraged residents to contact U.S. Congressman George Latimer’s office to advocate in Washington, D.C., for a grant extension.

“Since the inception of the program and the original survey, our stats are going down,” Drake said. “I view that as an accomplishment and a testament to the program directors... and I’d like to see it continued.”

### iASK awards

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Choi, Epple, and Ziff Glueck are part of the 10-student CAB Leadership Council that meets with Raymond before each regular CAB meeting to help set the agenda for the gathering.

“I love to take an active role in my community and help create positive change, so CAB was a great way for me to interact with other students and adults who have similar goals,” Ziff Glueck said. “CAB has made me realize the impact of my voice and the power of leadership and collaboration.”

iASK was created after the Village received a federal grant 12 years ago to support student-led programming, like the dodgeball and volleyball tournament. The grant was meant to fund the program for a 10-year period, during which the Village was required to administer surveys tracking the impact of the program on students in middle and high school.

“We could show that in that 10-year stretch the number of students routinely turning to drugs and alcohol significantly declined, and also the perceptions of whether it [drugs and alcohol] was good or not changed,” Raymond said.

Because of decreased programming during Covid, Irvington was able to stretch federal funding for iASK through last year, for an 11th year. Even though the federal funding for iASK has run out, the Village is managing to support a program that still

garners enthusiasm from students more than a decade after its launch.

“I have always been someone with the desire to leave a positive impact on my community,” Epple told the Dispatch, adding that his older brother, Jake, was part of CAB from eighth through 12th grade. “Hearing his perspective about the organization allowed me to understand that CAB would be a perfect fit for me.”

“CAB has made me realize the impact of my voice and the power of leadership and collaboration.”

Irvington Junior Ali Ziff Glueck

“It’s remarkable for me to see those students who come in as eighth-graders and ninth-graders, and what they’re like as juniors and seniors,” Raymond said. “Their ability to stand up in front of a room and address the crowd, their ability to work with peers and adults is really important.”

Reich, DeNardo, Epple, Choi, and Ziff Glueck are all eligible to continue with iASK as high school seniors. The Village recognizes committed members of the program as juniors so they can document the award on college applications.

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## MorDance

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and flip them upside down to show the process of amending the Constitution with the inclusion of people of different backgrounds, lifestyles, and viewpoints.

“I believe that there always is room at the table for diverse perspectives, and I think that’s really what I’m trying to lean into,” McEwen said. “And there’s also this aspect where the dancers are going back and forth to the table. So we’re really trying to show that the Constitution wasn’t drafted overnight — there was a process of revision.”

McEwen aims for “Unwritten” to encourage “civic discourse” among audience members about the capacity of the Constitution, and how it has shaped the United States. As MorDance has done with other productions, the public was invited to attend open rehearsals, where, McEwen noted, she heard insightful dialogue about the amendment process.

“I’m in some aspects grateful that the Constitution is challenging to amend, but in other aspects I think if it were easier to amend, we wouldn’t rely on the judicial system as much as we do to make rulings that can be overturned,” McEwen explained. “So I think these are ideas that I’m really thinking about in this work. Really looking to highlight this process of going back to the table and who had a seat at the table when the Constitution was drafted. And who wasn’t there.”

McEwen expects “Unwritten” to be MorDance’s last full public performance in its new Dobbs Ferry home at the Hudson River Landing (145 Palisade Street), before renovations that are expected to begin over the summer, depending on fundraising efforts. While based in Yonkers, MorDance held performances at the Hudson River Landing and Waterfront Park. MorDance began rehearsing in its current Dobbs home in April, which McEwen describes as still in its “raw, industrial form.” After premiering in Dobbs, MorDance will bring “Unwritten” to New York Live Arts in Manhattan for two nights of performances at the end of the month.

“It’s really meaningful for us to premiere ‘Unwritten’ in our own home in Dobbs Ferry before bringing it to New York City,” McEwen said. “Having a place to call home and share work first with our community that has supported us and gotten us to the point of building our own theater feels incredibly special.”

“Unwritten” will take place at 145 Palisade Street from Thursday, May 14, through Saturday, May 16, with one performance each night, starting at 7 p.m. Tickets for Friday and Saturday night’s performances cost \$35 for general admission, \$25 for students and seniors. The Thursday night show has suggested admission of \$35, but features a “pay-what-you-wish” model that allows purchasers to pay more or less than \$35. Tickets for all three performances are available at [mordance.org](http://mordance.org).

## Waste fees

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that fully taxed commercial and residential properties pay.”

Prior to the meeting, the village board requested that Dickson assess the legality of switching to a user-fee model, similar to the sewer rent program established by the Village in 2020. Dickson explained that municipalities are permitted by law to establish user fees as long as they are directly related to the amount of trash collected at each type of property, without turning a profit for the Village. For example, large properties such as schools cost the village more in waste collection than a single-family home.

“You would need to remove 100% of the sanitation line out of your general taxation,” Dickson explained. The sanitation line for the recently approved 2026–27 village budget is \$1.2 million. “You would have to study and come up with an equitable way of establishing a user fee for each class of property that is benefitting, and then you’d have to pass a local law to establish the user fee program.”

The DPW currently picks up trash from residential and commercial properties, as well as certain nonprofits, including the elementary, middle, and high schools, religious institutions, and the hospital. The DPW does not collect trash at The Masters School, The Children’s Village, Mercy University, or Cabrini of Westchester.

Before deciding whether to move to a user-fee model, the village board is working with the DPW to assess the institutions receiving municipal waste collection, but not paying their proportional share of the cost via taxes. The Village’s decision to move to a user-fee model will hinge on whether or not the assessment reveals that it would make a significant difference in distributing the cost more equitably.

In 2025, Sleepy Hollow established user fees for all customers, separated into 24 subcategories, each with its own monthly fee. For example, a one-family home or condominium pays \$64.26 per month, a non-food service commercial property pays \$389.88 per month, and the school district pays \$6,378.75 per month.

In 2024, Ardsley established user fees for commercial properties, based on the amount of waste picked up on a weekly basis. Hastings has monthly commercial charges for properties that choose to use dumpsters, which vary depending on the size of the dumpster.

If Dobbs Ferry switches to a user-fee model, the law would change the way costs are covered, but would not impact the service itself. Any decision to change elements of the service, such as days of collection, would be made by the DPW.

Since the 2026–27 budget has been approved, the village board has time to assess the option and potentially pass a local law prior to the approval of the 2027–28 budget next spring.



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## Sports

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## Panthers surge past Eagles in tourney final

— SOFTBALL ROUNDUP —

BY ROB DIANTONIO

Host Ardsley capped an emotional and successful day by defeating Dobbs Ferry 17-8 in the championship game of the Rivertown Breast Cancer Tournament on May 2. This year's tournament was dedicated to the memory of former Panther Nicole Bergenfeld, a 2018 graduate who passed away in October of 2025 after battling a rare heart cancer.

For the four Rivertowns teams, the day was about far more than softball.

"It means a lot, and especially this year, it's very personal to me," Ardsley senior Sofia Haber said. "So, to be able to play and raise money for a cause like this, it's just very meaningful."

The Panthers used a relentless offense to claim the title, while Haber and sophomore Bella Feldman were named the tournament's co-MVPs. Feldman shined in the championship game, going two for four with a home run, double, and four RBIs while also earning the win in the circle over 4.2 innings.

"This tournament means so much because my family had breast cancer in the past, so it means a lot personally," Feldman said. "It's a very emotional day."

Ardsley's Haley Albano delivered a monster performance, finishing five for five with four singles, a double, four RBIs, and four runs scored. Haber added three hits and four runs scored, while Mia King drove in three runs.

"I always know that every single batter has a chance to get a hit," Feldman said, "and I always believe they will get a hit."

Haber came on in relief, pitching the final 2.1 innings. She struck out the side in the sixth inning.

The Eagles took an early 2-0 lead, but the Panthers responded with 10 runs. Dobbs Ferry refused to go quietly despite facing one of Section 1 Class A's top teams. The Eagles battled back to cut the deficit to 10-8 in the fifth inning. Emma DeFilippis went three for four with a triple, while Nicolette Giorgio recorded her 100th career hit as part of a two-hit day with a double and two RBIs. Emily Marron added a double and two RBIs.

Dobbs Ferry coach Kim Reznicek praised her young team's fight after falling behind early.

"You're trying to find little battles that you're trying to win throughout the year, especially with a young group," Reznicek said. "I think just the resiliency of knowing that you're down by that much and you still have that spark in you against a phenomenal team was great to see."

Earlier in the day, Ardsley advanced to the final with a 5-1 win over Hastings behind another dominant outing from Haber, who struck out 13 over seven innings. Feldman



Dobbs Ferry's Bela Abraham tags Ardsley's Mia King. Photos by Rob DiAntonio.

homered and drove in two runs.

Hastings rebounded in the consolation game with a 14-6 win over Irvington. Siri Rosenberg struck out six and drove in three runs, while Izzy Doherty collected three hits and an RBI. Hazel Sabella added three RBIs and Sophia Pereira had two hits, including a double.

Dobbs Ferry reached the championship game by edging Irvington 6-5 in dramatic fashion in the other semifinal. Emma DeFilippis delivered a walk-off sacrifice fly, while Victoria Baron tossed 4.2 scoreless innings with four strikeouts in relief. She



Dobbs Ferry's Kamryn Addis makes a catch in center field.

also doubled and had an RBI. Bela Abraham and Lucy Logan each had two hits. Irvington's Kayla Clinton drove in two runs, while Nia Kilbury doubled and scored twice.

The annual tournament also honored players from each school with the Julie Ford Heart and Hustle Award. This year's recipients were Ardsley's Albano, Hastings' Lola Norlander, Dobbs Ferry's Kamryn Addis, and Irvington's Kilbury.

Reznicek said Addis' impact extends far beyond the stat sheet.

"She literally makes game-changing plays in the outfield," Reznicek said of the senior center fielder. "Unless you witness it, you don't necessarily understand how much she means to us."

Before the tournament began, Ardsley coach Noreen Degnan delivered an emotional speech honoring Bergenfeld's legacy and impact on the program.

"She was the kind of teammate every coach hopes for and every player needs," Degnan said. "The one who showed up early, stayed late, and never let her role define her. What made Nicole special wasn't how she played but how she made people feel."

The event also helped raise money for 7-year-old Walker Farrington, who is awaiting a heart transplant. Degnan said approximately \$1,400 was raised through concessions and donations during the tournament.

While the Panthers left with another tournament championship, Degnan believes her team still has another level to reach in the postseason.

"We've got to clean some things up,"

Degnan said. "We have to be flawless defensively and we've got to put the bat on the ball because Class A is loaded."

Feldman, meanwhile, believes the Panthers (13-2) are coalescing at the right time. "I think it's all coming together very beautifully," Feldman said. "I think we're going to show that very well on the field."

Ardsley lost to visiting Hendrick Hudson 2-1 on May 1. The Panthers defeated host Sleepy Hollow 16-4 on May 5. Against Hen Hud, Haber struck out 11 in a complete-game four-hitter. She also hit a home run. Bailey Strongin (win), Feldman (3IP, 7K, 0H, 2RBIs), King (4-5, 2B), Haber (2 2B, 3R), and Summer Lopez (3RBIs) led the way against Sleepy.

Dobbs Ferry (14-2) rebounded with wins over visiting Leffell School (16-2, May 4) and host Haldane (6-2, May 5). Ella Rizzo (win, 10K), Marron (4-4, 2 2B, 5RBIs), Olivia Hochleutner (2B, RBI), Abraham (2B, RBI), Gianna Stone (2-3, 2RBIs), Logan (2-4, 2B, RBI), and Giorgio (2B) led the team against Leffell. Noa Zonana and Charli Nunes got their first varsity hits. Baron (win, 11K, 0ER, 2B), Addis (2-3, 3B, 2RBIs), Logan (2-3, 3B, RBI), Giorgio (2-4, 2B, 2RBIs), DeFilippis (2B), Stone (2B), and Abraham (RBI) paced the squad against Haldane.

Hastings (9-7) cruised past visiting Pawling 16-0 on May 4. Rosenberg collected her 300th career strikeout as she extends the school record. She finished with nine strikeouts. Leni Gagliano (2-3, 3RBIs, 3B), Norlander (2-4, 3RBIs), Doherty (2-2, 2RBIs), and Ella Rizzo (2RBIs) sparked the offense.

## Sports

# Grados reaches milestone as Irvington rolls past Dobbs

— BOYS' LACROSSE ROUNDUP —

BY ROB DIANTONIO

The stakes went beyond the scoreboard Saturday afternoon. With rivalry bragging rights, a meaningful cause, and postseason momentum all wrapped into one, Irvington delivered one of its most complete performances of the season in a 14-4 win over visiting Dobbs Ferry in the annual Lax for Lupus game on May 2.

The Bulldogs (9-4) set the tone early and never let up, racing out to a 7-1 halftime lead before putting the game out of reach with a dominant third quarter. Along the way, senior standout Nick Grados reached a milestone, tallying his 300th career point as part of an eight-point day (5G, 3A).

"We just came out hot," Grados said. "It was a big game for us and we've been thinking about it a lot. We were fired up for like the past week. We had five days off to prepare for this game, and it felt very good to do it in dominant fashion."

While the milestone could have taken center stage, Grados made it clear afterward where his focus remains.

"It means more to the team than to me," he said. "I said before the game that I didn't want any celebration. It's more of a testament to our team and our coaches and our old players for putting me in those positions. But it feels good."

D.J. Ufer (4G, 1A), Liam Wade (2G, 2A), Saxon Frank (2G, 3A), and Grant Malakoff (1G) helped keep the pressure on throughout.

After taking a 7-1 lead into the break, the Bulldogs wasted little time extending it. Malakoff opened the second-half scoring and Ufer followed with back-to-back goals to stretch the margin to 10-1. Frank added another late in the third quarter, capping a

4-0 run that effectively put the game away.

Irvington continued to pour it on in the fourth, with Ufer striking twice more and Wade adding another, as the lead ballooned to 14-2 before Dobbs Ferry found a pair of late goals.

While the offense clicked, Irvington's defense was just as impactful. The Bulldogs held Dobbs Ferry to just one goal through the first three quarters and limited quality looks throughout. Goalie Harrison Malakoff made nine saves, anchoring a unit that dictated the tempo with its physicality.

"I think the key was just being physical, playing the body and hitting them hard," Irvington senior long stick midfielder Soren Deyonker said. "They got a couple late, but we felt like we controlled most of the game."

That defensive pressure was evident early, as Irvington forced rushed decisions and turnovers that fueled its transition game.

"They were playing very aggressive," Dobbs Ferry coach Drew Maier said of the Bulldogs. "They were pushing out and making sure our guys felt pressure when they touched the ball. I think we didn't handle that pressure very well. We didn't find the open guys, and once we started pressing, we started forcing bad passes."

Dobbs Ferry did show flashes early, generating several shots in the first quarter, but couldn't convert. As Irvington's lead grew, the Eagles found themselves in chase mode.

"We started off pretty well, had a number of shots on goal in the first quarter and they just didn't go in," Maier said. "Then we started forcing things a little bit and Irvington went on a run. We got a little deflated and weren't able to dig ourselves out."

The Eagles received a goal each from Peter Kilroe (1A), Dylan Ravage, Ryan Mohl, and River Rowan. Goalie Kola Rukaj made 10 saves.



Irvington's Nick Grados runs the offense as Dobbs Ferry's Yonatan Cohen defends. Photo by Rob DiAntonio.

For Irvington, the win carried added meaning as part of the Lax for Lupus event, which has long been a staple in the program and community.

"It's a big cause and it's close to the heart," Grados said. "I've been here at this day for my whole life. I've played in this event since third grade, so it means a lot to be out here all day and get a win in my last [Lax for Lupus] game."

Deyonker echoed that sentiment, noting the emotional weight of the day. "We have an alumnus, [Andi Bushati] who just died of cancer," Deyonker said, "and it means a lot to win this game today."

With sectionals slated to begin on May 22, Irvington appears to be finding its rhythm at the right time.

"Our offense started off very slow," Grados said. "We lost a few games that we should

have won, but we've really clicked recently and it showed today."

Dobbs (4-9) earned a 9-7 win over host New Rochelle on May 1, but lost to visiting Edgemont 21-15 on May 5.

## Ardasley drops three

Ardasley (5-6) endured losses to host Nanuet (12-4, April 30), visiting Sleepy Hollow (15-2, May 1), and visiting Rye Neck (13-11, May 5). Against Nanuet, Wilson Donnep (2G), Jack Lepore (1G), Brodi Kessler (1G), Robbie Miele (14/17FO), and Jackson Rosenfeld (23S) led the team. Tristen Roberts (1G), Liam Gallante (1G), Tyler DeCosta (2A), and Rosenfeld (17S) paced the squad against Sleepy. Against Rye Neck, Gallante (3G, 2A), Roberts (3G, 1A), Miele (2G, 1A, 15/24FO), Donnep (2G), DeCosta (2A), Kessler (1G), and Rosenfeld (15S) led the team.

# Hastings wins 10 of 12 heading toward Class B sectional playoffs

— BASEBALL ROUNDUP —

BY ROB DIANTONIO

A season ago, Hastings' baseball team reached the Section 1 Class B championship but fell to Putnam Valley. The Yellow Jackets have spent this spring trying to prove last year's postseason run was no fluke.

With the playoffs approaching, Hastings appears to be clicking on all cylinders. Following a slow start, the Yellow Jackets have won 10 of their last 12 contests.

Hastings swept a home-and-home league series with Leffell School this week, rallying for a 14-5 road victory on May 4 before cruising to a 10-0 Senior Day win in six innings at home on May 5. Hastings improved to 11-7 overall with two regular-season games remaining.

After falling behind 4-0 early in the first meeting, Hastings responded with an explosive

eight-run third inning and never looked back. Coach Scott Stampfl said the turnaround started with a message to his players between innings.

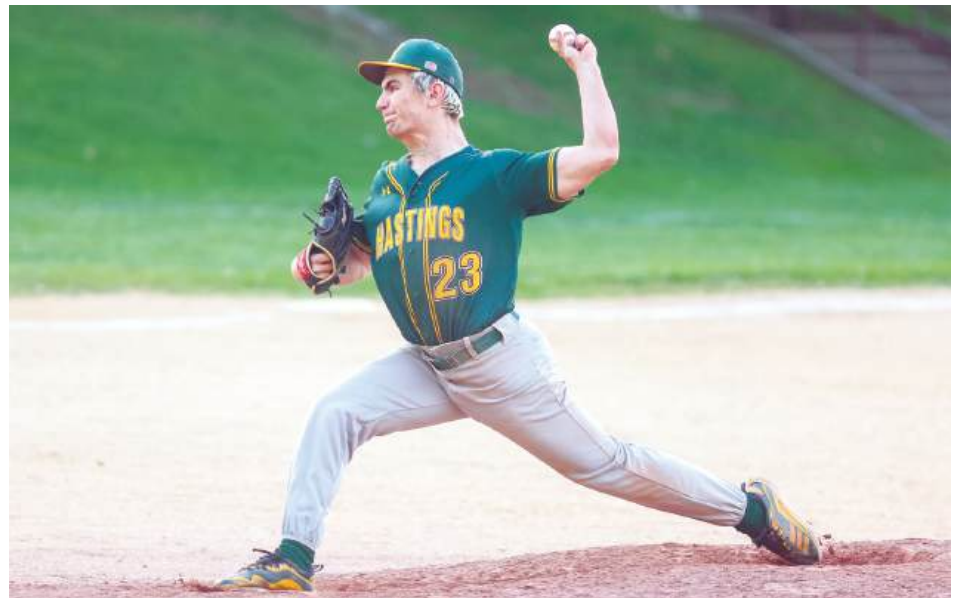
"I said, 'Listen, if our goal is to be a section championship team, we're not acting like it,'" Stampfl said. "We need to wake up, come out here this inning, and show what we're made of."

The Yellow Jackets responded immediately. Instead of trying to do too much at the plate, Hastings settled into a more disciplined approach offensively.

"It stopped being looking for home runs," Stampfl said. "It was just 'pass the torch to the next guy' — single, single, single."

Johnny Sbrega had three hits with two runs scored and two RBIs to pace the offense. Theo Suniewick finished two for four with three RBIs, while Drew Ciszewski drove in three runs and Eli Dube added two

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Hastings' Aidan Curtis pitches against Leffell School. Photo by Rob DiAntonio.

## Sports

# Irvington boys use their depth to capture league title

— TRACK AND FIELD ROUNDUP —

BY ROB DIANTONIO

Irvington's boys' team used its depth across the track and in the field to capture the League L championship on its home track April 29. The Bulldogs piled up 197 team points to pull away from runner-up Edgemont, which finished with 162. Hastings placed fourth and Dobbs Ferry was fifth in the six-team field.

Irvington did not rely on one area to get it done. The Bulldogs scored in bunches in the distance events, added key points in the hurdles and relays, and got major production from the throws and pole vault.

"We were proud of how both our girls' and boys' teams battled," Irvington coach Chris Barry said. "With a much bigger team, the boys were better able to cover the events, and this helped us win a good battle over Edgemont's solid team. Harrison Gredick did yeoman's work for us in both hurdle



Dobbs Ferry's Seamus Fitzpatrick.

## Ardsley girls' lacrosse locks up league title

— VARSITY ROUNDUP —

BY ROB DIANTONIO

Ardsley's girls' lacrosse squad finished an unbeaten 6-0 in its league to secure the League F title. The Panthers locked up the title with a 14-2 rout of visiting Yonkers on April 29.

Lyla Vega paced the team with four goals. Anna Gallante (2G), Paige Lepore (2G), Lily Tiernan (1G, 1A), Krista Kelly (2G, 2A), Juliette An (1G, 2A), Yuval Levine (2G), and Sienna Kay (7S) were also critical in the win.

Ardsley (8-4) lost to visiting Rye Neck

events, Ethan Gartlan won the 3,200 with a solid time of 9:32, and the whole team battled to be strong in our best events, and to offset Edgemont's strengths."

The distance group helped set the tone. Glen Feng won the 800 meters in 2:07.36, while Luke Calabrese was second in 2:09.56. Haidan Wiles took third in 2:12.65 for a 1-2-3 Irvington sweep. The Bulldogs did the same in the 1,600, with Declan Lyons winning in 4:43.24, Michael Carron placing second in 4:44.91, and Noah Brenner finishing third in 4:48.31. Gartlan added another win in the 3,200, crossing in 9:32.99, while teammate Davin Toeman was third in 10:37.91.

Irvington also took care of business in the relays, winning the 4x400 in 3:47.14 and the 4x800 in 8:58.38. Aaron Portnoy, Cormac Lyons, Hudson Harcsar, and Alex Shevrin were on the 4x400, with Calabrese, Feng, Declan Lyons, and Michael Carron on the 4x800.

In the field events, Brody Schimmel won the javelin (152-1) and shot put (36-4). August Antiaris added a third-place finish in the javelin at 92-11.

The Bulldogs also scored big in the pole vault, where Theo Segerstrom and Srihith Puri tied for first at 8-0 and Haden Kwon placed third at 6-0. Shevrin was second in the triple jump at 39-10½ and third in the 400 meters (55.97). Gredick was second in both hurdle events, finishing the 110-meter hurdles in 16.89 and the 400-meter hurdles in 1:08.20.

Hastings had several strong performances on the boys' side. Kai Ghalib placed second in both the 100- and 200-meter dash, running 11.31 and 23.29, respectively. Alexander Lai was second in the 400 in 54.24. The Yellow Jackets' 4x100 relay (Ami Cohen, Bennett Perzanowski, Lachlan Muldoon, Ghalib) was second in 48.11 and their 4x800 relay (Jonah Goldberg, Maxwell Silva Steeves, Race Simon, Lai) was second in 9:33.31.

15-9 on April 30. Hazel McGourty (3G, 2A), An (3G, 3GB, 5DC), Kelly (2G, 1A), Gallante (1G), and Kay (8S) led the way.

Irvington (4-7) cruised past visiting Hastings 19-5 in the annual Lax for Lupus game on May 2.

Federica Ricciardella scored a goal and dished out six assists while Lizzy Villa scored four goals and had one assist to lead the Bulldogs. Leila Schneider, Zoe Gonzalez, and Lillian Isom each scored twice. Alexis Im had a goal and an assist and Sadie Kilbury made four saves.

Hastings was led by Alina Abrams, who scored three goals. Mila Angoff tallied two goals and an assist. Saydi Landon stopped four shots.

Dobbs Ferry (9-5) defeated visiting Valhalla (19-10, April 30), lost to visiting Clarkstown South (17-4, May 1), and fell to host Rye Neck (18-11, May 5).



Hastings' Danae Morgan competes in the discus. Photos by Rob DiAntonio.

Silva Steeves added a second-place javelin throw of 97-7, while Leonidas Kacmarczyk was third in the discus at 74-5.

Dobbs Ferry's Chase Colyer placed third in the 100 (11.69) and third in the 200 (24.23). Seamus Fitzpatrick was second in the 3,200 (9:48.72).

On the girls' side, Hastings had the top Rivertowns finish, placing second with 120 points behind Albertus Magnus, which won the league title with 171. Irvington was third with 95 points.

Hastings was led by a standout performance from Danae Morgan, who won the discus at 101-5 and the shot put at 34-1¾ while also placing second in the javelin at 77-2. Alyssa Schlacter won the javelin at 79-6.

Hazel Kuniholm won the 800 in 2:28.06 and Claire Grushko captured the 3,000 in 10:55.54. Sage Wrzesinski was second in the 400 in 1:03.88, just ahead of teammate Louise Durietz-Bourdain, who was third

(1:05.33). Hastings also won the 4x800 relay in 11:39.10 and placed second in the 4x400 in 4:24.96. Kuniholm, Wrzesinski, Jenny Schofield, and Grushko made up the winning 4x800, with Durietz-Bourdain, Maya Ganeshanathan, Schlacter, and Georgia Schmit on the 4x400. Prita Berry was second in the high jump at 4-8, while Emma Boudrias was second in the long jump at 14-1¼.

For Irvington, Ruthie Liang won the 400 in 1:01.75 and helped the Bulldogs win the 4x400 relay in 4:23.10, teaming with Liliana Brandwein, Jelena Herceg, and Kylie Canton. Greta Davis was second in the 1,500 in 5:27.66, with Lily Korb third in 5:37.20. Brandwein placed third in the 800 in 2:34.41. Brooke Bailey was second in the 100 hurdles in 18.51, Lacey Zuckerman placed second in the pole vault at 5-0 and Abigail Brandwein was third in the javelin at 71-0. Irvington's 4x800 relay was second in 11:44.13. Korb, Emma Ecklund,

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Mary O'Dea (4G, 3A, 6DC) recorded her 100th career goal in the win over Valhalla. Scarlett Kilroe (5G, 5A, 8DC), Molly O'Brien (2G, 2A), Megan Hartnett (1G, 2A, 4GB, 6DC), Juliet Curanovic (4G, 1A), Hollen Peet (1G), Katherine Kelly (1G, 4GB), Grier Rowan (1G), and Claire Coughlin (3S) helped stuff the stat sheet. O'Dea (2G), O'Brien (1G), Curanovic (1G), and Coughlin (11S) led the team against Clarkstown South. In the loss to Rye Neck, Curanovic (3G, 1A), Hartnett (3G, 1A), O'Dea (1G, 1A), Peet (1G, 1A), O'Brien (2G), and Kilroe (1G) paced the squad.

### Flag football

Ardsley (4-7-2) edged host Hudson River 14-12 on April 30. Panthers quarterback Elise O'Brien threw for 129 yards and a 58-yard touchdown pass to Ava Santavicca. Morgan Hamlet rushed for 88 yards on seven carries and a touchdown. She added

four tackles. Maya Lubell and Khloe Knoesel each had seven stops to lead the defense.

The Panthers lost to host Bronxville 45-0 on May 4. Cayden Barrocas (6T), Knoesel (4T), and Angie Fiordimalva (6T) paced the defensive effort.

Dobbs Ferry (4-5-2) cruised past host Irvington 32-7 on May 4. Leia Brandon (95 yards rushing) and Mya Ustares (65 yards rushing) each rushed for two scores to lead the Eagles. Ustares picked off two passes while Brandon (6T) had one pick. Yendri Zweibon Quiroz (7T), Renata Assanova (6T), and Claire Turner (2S) were key contributors on defense. Anabelle Wang rushed for Irvington's lone touchdown.

Irvington picked up its second win of the season in a 6-0 victory over host Hudson River on May 2. The Bulldogs scored the winning touchdown on a pass from Sara Welter to Jordana Laks.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

DOBBS FERRY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TOWN OF GREENBURGH,  
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER,  
NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, Westchester County, New York, will be held in the MS/HS Library Presentation Center, Dobbs Ferry Middle School in said District on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 7:00 PM, prevailing time, for the presentation of the budget document for the 2026-2027 school year.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN, that said vote and election will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 9:00 PM, prevailing time, in

the Dobbs Ferry High School Gymnasium, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine upon the following items:

1. To vote on the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2026-2027 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
2. To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education for three (3) year terms commencing July 1, 2026 and expiring on June 30, 2029.
3. To vote on any other proposition legally proposed.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN, that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2026-2027, may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours beginning April 24, 2026, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, at the Superintendent's Office, Dobbs Ferry High School, Dobbs Ferry, New York, and at each of the following schoolhouses, at any public

or free association library in the District, and on the District's website:

Springhurst Elementary School  
Dobbs Ferry Middle School  
Dobbs Ferry High School

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN, that a Real Property Tax Exemption Report prepared in accordance with Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law will be annexed to any tentative/preliminary budget as well as the final adopted budget of which it will form a part; and shall be posted on District bulletin board(s) maintained for public notices, as well as on the District's website.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN, that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the Superintendent's Office, no later than Monday, April 20, 2026 until 5:00 PM. Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at large. Nominating petitions shall not describe any specific vacancy upon the Board for which the

candidate is nominated; must be directed to the Clerk of the District; must be signed by at least (25) qualified voters of the District; must state the name and residence address of each signer, and must state the name and residence address of the candidate.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN, that applications for Early Mail Ballots and Absentee Ballots may be obtained on the District website or in the District Clerk's office during school business hours. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk no more than thirty (30) days and at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter or the voter's authorized agent set forth in the application at the District Clerk's Office. Upon receiving a timely application for a mailed early mail ballot or absentee ballot, the District Clerk will mail the ballot to the address designated on the application by no later than six (6) days before the election. Early Mail Ballots and Absentee Ballots must be received by


the District Clerk no later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time, on May 19, 2026.

Separate lists of all persons to whom Early Mail Ballots and Absentee Ballots are issued, and a list of military voters to whom Military Ballots are issued, will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM on weekdays until the day of the annual election. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on any such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN, that personal registration of voters is required pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law. To register, a voter must be (1) a citizen of the United States, (2) eighteen years of age, and (3) a resident within the district for a period of 30 days immediately preceding the election. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law and has voted at an annual or special district meeting within the last

four (4) calendar years, he/she is eligible to vote at this election; if a voter is registered with the Board of Elections of Westchester County he/she is eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register with the District or the Westchester County Board of Elections. The Board of Registration will meet for the purpose of registering all qualified voters of the District at the Dobbs Ferry High School Gymnasium Lobby, on Monday, May 11, 2026 between the hours of 3:30 PM and 7:30 PM, prevailing time, to add any additional names to the Register to be used at the aforesaid election, at which time any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such Register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of said Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such election for which the register is prepared. The register so prepared will be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the School District in the Superintendent's Office, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District beginning on Tuesday, May

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**MAZEL TOV, AUDREY!**  
We are so proud of you, and all the hard work you've put into your Bat Mitzvah!  
Love Mom, Dad, Alfie, and Austin

12, 2026, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM, prevailing time, on weekdays, and each day prior to the day set for the election, except Saturday and Sunday, and at the polling place on the day of the vote.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN that Military Voters who are not currently registered to vote may apply to register as a qualified voter of the District by contacting the District Clerk at 505 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522, Telephone

(914) 693-1500 ext. 3024, or email: [districtclerk@dfs.org](mailto:districtclerk@dfs.org), to receive an application to register as a qualified voter of the District for the Annual Meeting on May 19, 2026. The Military Voter may indicate their preference for receiving the registration application by mail, by facsimile or electronic mail (email). The application to register must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M. on May 11, 2026. The register of voters prepared and filed in the District Clerk's

## Baseball roundup

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hits, two runs, and an RBI. Matt Corbo had two hits and two RBIs.

After the rough start, Hastings also got strong work on the mound. Andrew DiLeo delivered 3.2 innings in relief, allowing just two hits while striking out five. Aidan Curtis closed the door with two strikeouts in 0.2 of an inning while also helping himself offensively with two RBIs and two runs scored.

"They came in and didn't try to do too much," Stampfl said. "They focused on their mechanics, stayed in line with home plate, and just focused on throwing strikes — not being too fancy and letting the other team put the ball in play."

Just as importantly for Hastings, the Jackets backed their pitchers with clean defense. "Pitching and defense are going to win games in high school," Stampfl said. "The hits will come, but pitching and defense wins championships."

## Track and field roundup

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Lumina Rush, and Julianna Flamm made up the relay.

Dobbs Ferry's Mariah Loran placed third in the 100 (13.45) and second in the 200 (28.59), while Nola Brown was third in the 200 (28.63). The Eagles' 4x100 relay took second in 55.02 with a quartet of Brown, Ava Chabert, Brielle Jean, and Loran. Chloe Runge placed second in the discus (71-3).

Hastings carried that momentum into the second game of the series on Senior Day. The Yellow Jackets dominated from the opening inning behind a stellar outing from Ciszewski, who tossed five shutout innings. He allowed just two hits and two walks while striking out 11. Curtis added a scoreless inning of relief to finish off the combined shutout.

Dylan Heilakka reached base in all three plate appearances, going two for two with a double, three runs scored, an RBI, and a stolen base. Sbrega went two for three with a double, two runs scored, and a steal, while Corbo drove in four runs and doubled. Curtis added two hits and two stolen bases.

The strong week continued a solid stretch run for Hastings as it prepares for the post-season. The team is also in the mix for the League I title heading into its final two games, a home-and-home league series with Rye Neck on May 8-9.

"We still have work to do, but I'm very confident in the progress we've made so far," Stampfl said. "We have to clean up some little things,

like doing the little things right on the bases. But other than that, I'm very comfortable with where we're at going into the playoffs."

### Irvington secures league title

Irvington (12-3) stretched its winning streak to five games with a pair of victories over Riverside (15-0, May 1; 4-0, May 2), and a win over host Sleepy Hollow (9-3, May 4). The Bulldogs are a perfect 10-0 in league play and have locked up the League K title.

In the first game with Riverside on the road, Irvington collected 16 hits, with Justin Corniel and Connor Marron leading the way with three hits each. Brian Kim added two hits. Jaxen Brewster got the win on the hill, tossing a one-hitter over five innings while striking out 10. He added two hits at the plate. Host Irvington earned a Senior Day win in the rematch, with Navy Minkoff tossing a complete two-hit shutout with 12 strikeouts. Kim drove in three runs and Ben Epple had two hits.

Against Sleepy, Epple and Kim sparked

Berry leaped to 4-9 in the high jump to place third. The 4x800-meter relay squad was second in a clocking of 10:13.69. Kuniholm, Wrzesinski, Schmit, and Grushko comprised the relay.

Irvington's girls sent a small group to the meet with a standout result, winning the freshman/sophomore sprint medley relay in a time of 4:41.09. Flamm, Charley Adler, Emma Reilly, and Davis were on the relay.

Irvington's boys had another strong day on the track. The Bulldogs won the 4x1600

the offense with three and two hits, respectively. Corniel and John Salvatore split the game on the mound, combining for 14 strikeouts.

### Difficult stretch for Ardsley and Dobbs Ferry

Dobbs Ferry (6-10) has lost seven of its last eight games. The Eagles fell to Rye Neck 6-2 on the road on April 30, then lost to Rye Neck 13-0 at home on May 1. Dobbs also lost to visiting Tuckahoe 13-0 on May 4. Andrew Zendel drove in a run in the first game against Rye Neck.

Ardsley (1-15) lost both games of a home-and-home series with Pelham (8-0, April 29; 3-1, May 1). The Panthers battled on Senior Day but fell to visiting Bronxville 6-5 on May 5. Ryan Lockwood paced the offense with two hits, two RBIs, and a run scored. Carter Bucci had two hits and an RBI. Jonah Kleinman (3.2IP, 8K, 2H, 0ER) and Jiei Tomioka (3.1IP, 3K, 2H, 0ER) pitched for the Panthers.

meter relay (18:35.44) with a team of Gartlan, Declan Lyons, Carron, and Brenner. Gartlan also finished second in the 3,200 meters (9:25.56).

Hastings' boys were led by Ghalib, who broke his own school record in the 200-meter dash with a 22.44, good for a second-place finish. He was also eighth in the 100-meter dash (11.46).

The Dobbs Ferry boys were paced by Fitzpatrick, who placed sixth in the mile (4:36.33).

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office shall include the names of all military voters who submit a valid military voter registration. Military Voters who are registered voters of the District may obtain an application for a military ballot from the District Clerk at 505 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522, Telephone (914) 693-1500, ext. 3024 or email: districtclerk@dfs.org, by no later than 5:00 P.M. on April 23, 2026. The Military Voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application for a military ballot and the military ballot by mail, by facsimile or email. Military ballots will be mailed or otherwise distributed no later than 25 days before the election. Military ballots must be returned by mail or in person and received by the District Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on election day.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with Sections 2035 and 2008 of the Education Law, any referendum or proposition to amend the budget or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said Annual Meeting, must be filed with the Board of Education at the Business Office on or before April 20, 2026, at 5:00 PM, prevailing time, unless such proposition is required to be in all legal notices of the Annual Meeting, in which cases it must be filed on or before March 20, 2026; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least (30) qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence address of each signer. However, the School Board will not entertain any petition which is not within the power of the voters to determine or is illegal, or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditures of monies is required by the proposition.

DATED: March 3, 2026

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF DOBBS FERRY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, TOWN OF GREENBURGH, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK

BY: Elizabeth Saperstein  
School District Clerk

#### AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA, VOTACIÓN DE PRESUPUESTO Y ELECCIÓN

DISTRITO ESCOLAR DE DOBBS FERRY UNION FREE PUEBLO DE GREENBURGH, CONDADO DE WESTCHESTER, NUEVA YORK

POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA, que una audiencia pública de los votantes calificados del Distrito Escolar Dobbs Ferry Union Free, Condado de Westchester, Nueva York, se llevará a cabo en el Centro de Presentación de la Biblioteca MS/HS, Escuela Secundaria de Dobbs Ferry en dicho Distrito el martes 12 de mayo de

2026 a las 7:00 PM, hora para la presentación del documento de presupuesto para el año escolar 2026-2027.

Y SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS, que dicha votación y elección se llevarán a cabo el martes 19 de mayo de 2026 entre las 7:00 a.m. y las 9:00 p.m., hora predominante, en el gimnasio de Dobbs Ferry High School, momento en el cual se abrirán las urnas para votar mediante máquina de votación sobre los siguientes puntos:

Para votaren el presupuesto anual del Distrito Escolar para el año fiscal 2026-2027 y autorizar que la porción requerida del mismo se recaude mediante impuestos sobre la propiedad sujeta a impuestos del Distrito.

Para elegir dos (2) miembros de la Junta de Educación por períodos de tres (3) años que comenzarán el 1 de julio de 2026 y finalizarán el 30 de junio de 2029.

Para sobre votar cualquier otra proposición legalmente propuesta.

Y SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS, que cualquier residente del Distrito puede obtener una copia de la declaración de la cantidad de dinero que se requerirá para financiar el presupuesto del Distrito Escolar para 2025-2026 durante el horario comercial a partir del 24 de abril de 2026, excepto sábados, domingos o feriados, en la Oficina del Superintendente, Dobbs Ferry High School, Dobbs Ferry, Nueva York, y en cada una de las siguientes escuelas, en cualquier biblioteca público o asociación gratuita de la en el Distrito y en el sitio web del Distrito:

Escuela Primaria Springhurst  
Escuela secundaria Dobbs Ferry  
Escuela secundaria Dobbs Ferry

Y SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS, que un Informe de exención del impuesto sobre bienes inmuebles preparado de conformidad con la Sección 495 de la Ley del Impuesto sobre bienes inmuebles sera anexada a cualquier presupuesto tentativo/preliminar, así como al presupuesto final adoptado del cual formará parte; y se publicará en los tableros de anuncios del Distrito mantenidos para avisos públicos, así como en el sitio web del Distrito.

Y SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL, que las peticiones de nominación de candidatos para el cargo de miembro de la Junta de Educación se presentarán ante la Secretaria de dicho Distrito Escolar en su oficina en la Oficina del Superintendente, a más tardar el Lunes 20 de abril de 2026 hasta las 5:00 p.m. Las vacantes en la Junta de Educación no se consideran cargos separados y específicos; los candidatos se postulan

en libertad. Las peticiones de nominación no describirán ninguna vacante específica en la Junta para la cual se nomina al candidato; debe dirigirse al Secretario del Distrito; debe estar firmado por al menos (25) votantes calificados del Distrito; debe indicar el nombre y dirección de residencia de cada firmante, y debe indicar el nombre y dirección de residencia del candidato.

Y SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que las solicitudes de boletas anticipadas por correo y boletas en ausencia se puede obtener en el sitio web del Distrito o en la oficina de la Secretaria del Distrito durante el horario comercial escolar. Las solicitudes completas deben ser recibidas por el votante o el agente autorizado del votante establecido en la solicitud en la Oficina del Secretario del Distrito. Al recibir una solicitud oportuna para una boleta de voto anticipado o de voto ausente enviada por correo, el Secretario del Distrito enviará la boleta por correo a la dirección designada en la solicitud a más tardar seis (6) días antes de la elección. Las boletas de voto anticipado por correo y los votos en ausencia deben ser recibidas por el Secretario del Distrito a más tardar a las 5:00 p.m., hora vigente, del 19 de mayo de 2026.

Listas separadas de todas las personas a quienes se emiten boletas de voto por correo anticipado y boletas de ausente, y una lista de votantes militares a quienes se les emiten boletas militares, estarán disponibles para inspección para los votantes calificados del Distrito en la oficina del Secretario del Distrito entre las 9:00 a.m. y las 3:00 p.m. de lunes a viernes hasta el día de la elección anual. Cualquier votante calificado puede presentar una impugnación por escrito de las calificaciones de un votante cuyo nombre aparece en dicha lista, indicando los motivos de la impugnación.

Y SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que se requiere el registro personal de los votantes de conformidad con la Sección 2014 de la Ley de Educación. Para registrarse, un votante debe ser (1) ciudadano de los Estados Unidos, (2) tener dieciocho años de edad y (3) ser residente dentro del distrito durante un período de 30 días inmediatamente antes de la elección. Si un votante se ha registrado hasta ahora de conformidad con la Sección 2014 de la Ley de Educación y ha votado en una reunión anual o especial del distrito dentro de los últimos cuatro (4) años calendario, es elegible para votar en esta elección; Si un votante está registrado en la Junta Electoral del Condado de

Westchester, es elegible para votar en esta elección. Todas las demás personas que deseen votar deben registrarse en el Distrito o en la Junta Electoral del Condado de Westchester.

La Junta de Registro se reunirá con el fin de registrar a todos los votantes calificados del Distrito en el vestíbulo del gimnasio de la Escuela Secundaria Dobbs Ferry, el lunes 11 de mayo de 2026, entre las 3:30 p.m. y las 7:30 p.m., hora predominante, para agregar cualquier nombre adicional al Registro que se utilizará en la elección antes mencionada, momento en el cual cualquier persona tendrá derecho a que su nombre se incluya en dicho Registro, siempre que en dicha reunión de la Junta de Registro élla o sea conocido o oprobado, a satisfacción de dicha Junta de Registro, que en ese momento o en adelante tiene derecho a votar en la elección para la cual se prepara ella sea conocido o oprobado, registro. El registro así preparado se archivará en la Oficina del Secretario del Distrito Escolar en la Oficina del Superintendente, y estará abierto para inspección por cualquier votante calificado del Distrito a partir del martes 12 de mayo de 2026, entre las 9:00 a.m. y las 3:00 p.m., hora predominante, de lunes a viernes y cada día antes del día fijado para la elección, excepto sábado y domingo, y en el lugar de votación el día de la votación.

Y SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que los votantes militares que actualmente no están registrados para votar pueden solicitar registrarse como votantes calificados del Distrito comunicándose con el Secretario del Distrito en 505 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522, Teléfono (914) 693-1506, o correo electrónico: districtclerk@dfs.org, para recibir una solicitud para registrarse como votantes calificados del Distrito para la Asamblea Anual del 19 de mayo. 2026. El Elector Militar podrá indicar su preferencia de recibir la solicitud de registro por correo, por facsímil o correo electrónico (email). La solicitud de registro debe ser recibida por el Secretario del Distrito a más tardar a las 5:00 p.m. el 11 de mayo de 2026. El registro de votantes preparado y archivado en la oficina del Secretario de Distrito incluirá los nombres de todos los votantes militares que presenten un registro de votantes militares válido.

Los votantes militares que son votantes calificados del distrito pueden obtener una solicitud para una boleta military de secretario del distrito en 505 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522, telefono 914-693-1500 ext. 3024, o correo electrónico districtclerk@dfs.org, a mas tardar a las 5:00 p.m. del 23 de abril de 2026. El volante military puede indicar su preferencia de recibir la solicitud de boleta

military por correo, facsimile o correo electronico. Las boletas militares se enviaron por correo o se distribuiran de otro modo a mas tardar 25 dias antes de las elecciones. Las boletas militares deben devolverse por correo o en persona, y ser recibidas por el Secretario del Distrito ante de las 5:00 p.m. del dia de las elecciones.

Y SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL, que de conformidad con una norma adoptada por la Junta de Educación de conformidad con las Secciones 2035 y 2008 de la Ley de Educación, cualquier referéndum o propuesta para enmendar el presupuesto, o que de otro modo se presente para votación en dicha elección, debe presentarse ante la Junta de Educación en la Oficina Comercial a más tardar el 20 de abril de 2026, a las 5:00 p.m., hora predominante, a menos que dicha proposición deba figurar en todos los avisos legales de la Reunión Anual, en cuyo caso deberá presentarse a más tardar el 20 de marzo de 2026; debe estar mecanografiado o impreso en idioma inglés; debe dirigirse al Secretario del Distrito Escolar; debe estar firmado por al menos (30) votantes calificados del Distrito; y debe indicar el nombre y dirección de residencia de cada firmante. Sin embargo, la Junta Escolar no aceptará ninguna petición que no esté dentro del poder de los votantes para determinarla, ni ninguna propuesta que no incluya una apropiación específica cuando la propuesta requiera el gasto de dinero.

FECHA: 3 de marzo de 2026

POR ORDEN DE LA JUNTA DE EDUCACIÓN DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR DE DOBBS FERRY UNION, CIUDAD DE GREENBURGH, CONDADO DE WESTCHESTER, NUEVA YORK

POR: Elizabeth Saperstein  
Secretario del distrito escolar

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ardsley will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 18, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. or soon thereafter at Ardsley Village Hall-Court Room, 507 Ashford Avenue, Ardsley, NY 10502 to discuss the proposed request by New York Dance Center & Yoga Haven to conduct yoga classes at the existing dance studio which is located at 645 Saw Mill River Road, Ardsley, NY 10502.

Please check the calendar on the Village website for meeting details at [www.ardsleyvillage.gov](http://www.ardsleyvillage.gov) or email the Village Clerk at [arocco@ardsleyvillage.gov](mailto:arocco@ardsleyvillage.gov).

The meeting will be able to be seen live on Channel 75 (Cablevision) or Channel 32/35 (Verizon). Members of the public can also listen to the meeting via Zoom platform

by dialing via phone+1 929 205 6099, Meeting ID: 874 9285 8464 Passcode: 029821

To Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87492858464?pwd=19icUcSN1fD1xPwNOKWbc4v63qsGg9.1>  
Meeting ID: 874 9285 8464  
Passcode: 029821

Further details on this application is available at the Clerk's office, 507 Ashford Avenue, Ardsley, NY during normal office hours Monday through Friday 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

Written comments may be sent to the Village Clerk at [arocco@ardsleyvillage.gov](mailto:arocco@ardsleyvillage.gov) or sent via regular mail to 507 Ashford Ave, Ardsley, NY 10502.

All comments will be shared with the Board of Trustees and questions will be answered as quickly as possible.

All residents and taxpayers are invited to attend.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY, NEW YORK  
Ann Marie Rocco  
Village Clerk  
Dated: May 8, 2026

#### LEGAL NOTICE — 566-568 WARBURTON AVENUE

VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON  
7 MAPLE AVENUE  
HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NY 10706

The Planning Board Pursuant to the provisions of Section 295-143B of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson Code, Notice is hereby given that: A Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 7:00 PM, in the Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York. The Hearing will be held on the application of Karen Yeung for Site Plan Approval, as per Section 295-104, and View Preservation Advisory, as per Section 295-82, of the Village Code for the renovation to an existing commercial property to include one (1) commercial space on the 1st floor and two (2) residential units on the 2nd floor with rooftop decks with a bulkhead at 566-568 Warburton Avenue. Said property is located in the CC Zoning District and is known as SBL: 4.30-24-26 & 27 on the Town of Greenburgh Tax Maps. The Planning Board will, at this time and place, hear all persons in support of such matter and any objections thereto.

The Zoning Board of Appeals - Case No. 07-26 Pursuant to the provisions of Section 295-143B of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson Code, Notice is hereby given that: A Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New

York. The Hearing will be held on the application of Karen Yeung for View Preservation Approval, as per Section 295-82 of the Village Code, for the renovation to an existing commercial property to include one (1) commercial space on the 1st floor and two (2) residential units on the 2nd floor with rooftop decks with a bulkhead at 566-568 Warburton Avenue. Said property is located in the CC Zoning District and is known as SBL: 4.30-24-26 & 27 on the Town of Greenburgh Tax Maps. The Zoning Board of Appeals will, at this time and place, hear all persons in support of such matter and any objections thereto. Plans will be made available for review at the Building Department or on the Village web site, [www.hohny.gov](http://www.hohny.gov), on or about the Friday prior to the meeting date. Josh Heitler, Chair, ZBA / Eva Allgood, Chair, PB

#### PUBLIC NOTICE — WORK SESSION CANCELLED

NOTICE is hereby given that the Village Board of Trustees Work Session scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 7PM has been cancelled.

Charles G. Hessler  
Village Administrator  
Village of Irvington  
May 6, 2026

#### PUBLIC HEARING — EV CHARGER INSTALLATION IN VILLAGE OF IRVINGTON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Irvington will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Irvington to discuss EV charger installation in the Village of Irvington.

Charles G. Hessler, Village Administrator  
Irvington, NY  
May 6, 2026

#### ARDSLEY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING, ANNUAL ELECTION, AND BUDGET VOTE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the vote upon the appropriation of necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of the District for the 2026-2027 school year and the election of two (2) trustees of the Board of Education, for the period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029 (currently held by Mitchell Kleinman and Viktoriya Paroder), will be held in the Ardsley High School Building in said District situated on Farm Road in the Village of Ardsley, Westchester County, New York, on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. local time.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a public hearing for the purpose of presenting the

proposed school budget for the 2026-2027 school year will be held in the Ardsley High School Library, in said District, on May 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. A copy of the statement of the amount of monies which will be required for the 2026-2027 school year for school purposes may be obtained upon request by the residents at 500 Farm Road commencing April 28, 2026, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of monies which will be required for the 2026-2027 school year for school purposes may be obtained by any resident in the District during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the Annual Election except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, at each of the following school houses, in which school is maintained between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.:

Concord Road Elementary School, Concord Road  
Ardsley Middle School, Ashford Avenue  
Ardsley High School, Farm Road  
Ardsley Central Office, Farm Road

A copy of the Budget shall also be available at any public or free association library in the District and on the District website.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN pursuant to Real Property Tax Law, Section 495, an exemption report detailing exemptions from real property taxation shall be available and appended to any tentative/preliminary or final budget, and shall be available on the District website.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the following propositions will be on ballot at the Annual District Meeting on the May 19, 2026:

#### PROPOSITION — USE OF CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Shall the Board of Education (The "Board") of the Ardsley Union Free School District (The District"), Westchester County, New York be authorized to replace the boilers, replace or upgrade HVAC systems, upgrade building management systems, and flooring, as needed, at some or all of the three school buildings; replace the pool dehumidifier at Ardsley Middle School and the scoreboard at the AHS field, including associated work in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$5,000,000, with the amount of \$5,000,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund 2017, hereby authorized to be expended to pay for the cost of the Projects, such expenditure and the transfer of such funds are hereby approved; provided that the costs of the components of the Project may be reallocated

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ed among such components if the Board determines that such reallocation is in the best interest of the District.

### PROPOSITION – ESTABLISHMENT OF CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Shall the Board of Education of the Ardsley Union Free School District, Westchester County, New York, be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund in accordance with the provisions of Education Law section 3651, to be designated "Capital Reserve Fund-2026", for the purpose of financing all or a portion of the costs of District-wide capital improvements including site work, construction, reconstruction, renovation and equipping of school buildings and facilities, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, planning costs, and incidental improvements in connection therewith, and for the purchase of buses, including necessary equipment and infrastructure, and incidental work and expenses in connection therewith; the maximum term will not exceed ten (10) years from the date of its establishment; the maximum principal amount of the fund to total \$10,000,000, plus accrued interest and investment earnings thereon; the source of the funding to be budgetary appropriations from time to time, unappropriated unassigned fund balance in the general fund at the end of each fiscal year, transfers from other available reserves in accordance with existing law, and/or other funds legally available to the District.

The following condensed form of the Proposition to Establish Capital Reserve Fund will appear on the ballot at the Annual District Meeting, as follows:

Shall the Ardsley Union Free School District be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund, to be designated as the "Capital Reserve Fund-2026" for District-wide improvements, construction, reconstruction, renovation and equipping of school buildings and facilities, and for the purchase of buses, necessary equipment and infrastructure, including incidental improvements and expenses related to the above purposes, at a maximum amount of \$10,000,000 and a maximum term of 10 years, to be funded by budget appropriations, unappropriated unassigned fund balances at the end of each fiscal year, funds transferred from other existing reserves and other funds legally available to the District?

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the School District not later than Monday, April 20, 2026, by 5:00pm. Each petition shall be directed to the District Clerk, shall state the name and residence address

of the candidate, shall state the residence address of each signer, and shall require at least 25 signatures of qualified voters.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for Early Mail Ballots and Absentee Ballots for election of Board Members and the school budget vote may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk. An application for an Early Mail Ballot or Absentee Ballot must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than thirty days (30) days and no later than seven (7) days before the Annual Election (by May 12, 2026), if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter and no later than May 18, 2026, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter or his/her agent designated in the application at the District Office. Upon receiving a timely application for a mailed Early Mail Ballot or Absentee Ballot, the District Clerk will mail the ballot to the address designated on the application by no later than six (6) days before the Annual Election. Separate lists of all persons to whom Early Mail Ballots, Absentee Ballots, and Military Ballots have been issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District at the Office of the District Clerk during regular office hours, until the day of the election and vote. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on any such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all proposals by qualified voters of this District to place propositions, except such as are required by law to be stated in the published notice of the election, shall be made by petition, subscribed by not less than fifty-five (55) qualified voters of the District. Each signer must state his/her residence address on the petition, and each petition must be filed with the Board of Education of this District no later than March 20, 2026.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Ardsley Union Free School District, pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law has provided for the personal registration of voters at school district meetings in such District and that in connection with the annual budget vote, and election of members of the Board of Education of said District to be held on May 19, 2026, the said Board of Education has fixed any weekday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., and on May 14, 2026, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., as the dates and hours for registration at the Office of the District Clerk, 500 Farm Road, in said School District. The last date to register for the Annual Election to be held on May 19, 2026, is May 14, 2026.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER

GIVEN that registration of voters shall take place during the election at the place of such election and such registrants will be qualified to vote at a district meeting or election subsequent to the date of such registration.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that in order to vote at the budget vote and election of members of the Board of Education, a person must be a registered voter. All persons who shall have been previously registered for and voted at any annual or special meeting or election held or conducted during the four calendar years prior to the year in which such register is being prepared are not required to re-register for the election. Any qualified voter of the School District whose name appears on the county registration lists is also entitled to vote. Any other qualified voter must register to vote either with the School District or the County. The register of voters, including the names of military voters who submitted valid military voter registrations, will be filed in the District Clerk's Office, and such register will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District at the District Clerk's Office from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on each of the five days prior to the day set for the meeting or election, except Sunday, and by appointment on Saturday.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Military Voters who are not currently registered to vote may apply to register as a qualified voter of the School District and military voters who are registered to vote may obtain an application for a military ballot, for the Annual Meeting on May 19, 2026, by contacting the District Clerk at 500 Farm Road, Ardsley, NY 10502, Telephone (914) 295-5515 or email: daccurso@ardsleyschools.org. The Military Voter may indicate their preference for receiving the registration application and/or application for military ballot by mail, facsimile or email. The completed application to register and/or the application for a military ballot must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M. on April 23, 2026. Military ballots will be mailed or otherwise distributed no later than 25 days before the election. Military ballots must be returned by mail or in person and received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M. on May 19, 2026.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, ARDSLEY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, TOWN OF GREENBURGH, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, DONNA ACCURSO, DISTRICT CLERK.

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**DISTRITO ESCOLAR  
LIBRE DE ARDSLEY  
AVISO LEGAL  
DE AUDIENCIA  
PRESUPUESTARIA,  
ELECCIÓN ANUAL**

### Y VOTACIÓN DEL PRESUPUESTO

POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA que la votación sobre la asignación de fondos necesarios para cubrir los gastos estimados del Distrito para el año escolar 2026-2027 y la elección de dos (2) miembros de la Junta de Educación, para el período del 1 de julio de 2026 al 30 de junio de 2029 (actualmente ocupados por Mitchell Kleinman y Viktoriya Paroder), se llevará a cabo en el Edificio de la Escuela Secundaria Ardsley, ubicado en Farm Road en el Pueblo de Ardsley, Condado de Westchester, Nueva York, el martes 19 de mayo de 2026, entre las 6:00 a.m. y las 10:00 a.m. y entre las 2:00 p.m. y las 9:00 p.m., hora local.

SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que se realizará una audiencia pública con el propósito de presentar el presupuesto escolar propuesto para el año escolar 2026-2027 en la Biblioteca de la Escuela Secundaria Ardsley, en dicho Distrito, el 5 de mayo de 2026 a las 7:00 p.m. Una copia del estado del monto de dinero que se requerirá para el año escolar 2026-2027 para fines escolares podrá ser obtenida a solicitud de los residentes en 500 Farm Road a partir del 28 de abril de 2026, excepto sábados, domingos o días festivos, entre las 9:00 a.m. y las 4:00 p.m.

Y SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que una copia del estado del monto de dinero que se requerirá para el año escolar 2026-2027 para fines escolares podrá ser obtenida por cualquier residente del Distrito durante los catorce (14) días inmediatamente anteriores a la Elección Anual, excepto sábados, domingos o días festivos, en cada una de las siguientes escuelas, donde se mantiene la enseñanza, entre las 9:00 a.m. y las 4:00 p.m.:

Escuela Primaria Concord Road, Concord Road  
Escuela Intermedia Ardsley, Ashford Avenue  
Escuela Secundaria Ardsley, Farm Road  
Oficina Central de Ardsley, Farm Road

Una copia del Presupuesto también estará disponible en cualquier biblioteca pública o de asociación gratuita en el Distrito y en el sitio web del Distrito.

Y SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que, conforme a la Ley de Impuestos sobre la Propiedad Inmobiliaria, Sección 495, un informe de exenciones detallando las exenciones del impuesto sobre la propiedad inmobiliaria estará disponible y se adjuntará a cualquier presupuesto tentativo/preliminar o final, y estará disponible en el sitio web del Distrito.

SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que las siguientes proposiciones estarán en la boleta en la Reunión Anual del Distrito el 19

de mayo de 2026:

### PROPOSICIÓN – USO DE FONDOS DE RESERVA DE CAPITAL

¿Se autoriza a la Junta de Educación (la "Junta") del Distrito Escolar Libre de Ardsley (el "Distrito"), Condado de Westchester, Nueva York, a reemplazar las calderas, reemplazar o mejorar los sistemas HVAC, actualizar los sistemas de gestión de edificios y los pisos, según sea necesario, en algunos o todos los tres edificios escolares; reemplazar el deshumidificador de la piscina en la Escuela Intermedia Ardsley y el marcador en el campo de la Escuela Secundaria Ardsley, incluyendo trabajos asociados relacionados, a un costo máximo estimado de \$5,000,000, con la cantidad de \$5,000,000 del Fondo de Reserva de Capital 2017, autorizados para ser gastados para cubrir el costo de los Proyectos, aprobándose dicho gasto y la transferencia de dichos fondos; siempre que los costos de los componentes del Proyecto puedan ser reasignados entre dichos componentes si la Junta determina que dicha reasignación es en el mejor interés del Distrito?

### PROPOSICIÓN – ESTABLECIMIENTO DE FONDO DE RESERVA DE CAPITAL

¿Se autoriza a la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar Libre de Ardsley, Condado de Westchester, Nueva York, a establecer un fondo de reserva de capital conforme a las disposiciones de la sección 3651 de la Ley de Educación, que se denominará "Fondo de Reserva de Capital-2026", con el propósito de financiar todos o parte de los costos de mejoras de capital en todo el Distrito, incluyendo trabajos en el sitio, construcción, reconstrucción, renovación y equipamiento de edificios y facilidades escolares, incluyendo mobiliario original, equipo, maquinaria, aparatos, costos de planificación y mejoras incidentales relacionadas, y para la compra de autobuses, incluyendo equipo e infraestructura necesarios, y trabajos y gastos incidentales relacionados; el plazo máximo no excederá de diez (10) años desde la fecha de su establecimiento; el monto principal máximo del fondo será de \$10,000,000, más intereses acumulados y ganancias de inversión; la fuente de financiamiento serán asignaciones presupuestarias periódicas, saldo no asignado no apropiado en el fondo general al final de cada año fiscal, transferencias de otras reservas disponibles conforme a la ley vigente y/o otros fondos legalmente disponibles para el Distrito.

La siguiente forma condensada de la Proposición para Establecer el Fondo de Reserva de Capital aparecerá en la boleta en la Reunión Anual del Distrito, como sigue:

¿Se autoriza al Distrito Escolar Libre de Ardsley a establecer un fondo de reserva de capital, que se denominará "Fondo de Reserva de Capital-2026" para mejoras en todo el Distrito, construcción, reconstrucción, renovación y equipamiento de edificios y facilidades escolares, y para la compra de autobuses, equipo necesario e infraestructura, incluyendo mejoras y gastos incidentales relacionados con los propósitos anteriores, por un monto máximo de \$10,000,000 y un plazo máximo de 10 años, financiado por asignaciones presupuestarias, saldos no asignados no apropiados al final de cada año fiscal, fondos transferidos de otras reservas existentes y otros fondos legalmente disponibles para el Distrito?

Y SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que las peticiones para nominar candidatos a la Junta de Educación deben presentarse ante el Secretario del Distrito Escolar a más tardar el lunes 20 de abril de 2026, antes de las 5:00 p.m. Cada petición deberá dirigirse al Secretario del Distrito, indicar el nombre y dirección de residencia del candidato, la dirección de residencia de cada firmante y requerirá al menos 25 firmas de votantes calificados.

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Y SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS

que todas las propuestas de votantes calificados de este Distrito para incluir proposiciones, excepto aquellas que la ley requiera que se indiquen en el aviso publicado de la elección, deberán hacerse mediante petición, suscrita por no menos de cincuenta y cinco (55) votantes calificados del Distrito. Cada firmante debe indicar su dirección de residencia en la petición, y cada petición debe presentarse ante la Junta de Educación de este Distrito a más tardar el 20 de marzo de 2026.

Y SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar Libre de Ardsley, conforme a la Sección 2014 de la Ley de Educación, ha dispuesto el registro personal de votantes en las reuniones del distrito escolar en dicho Distrito y que, en relación con la votación anual del presupuesto y la elección de miembros de la Junta de Educación de dicho Distrito que se celebrará el 19 de mayo de 2026, dicha Junta de Educación ha fijado cualquier día laborable entre las 8:00 a.m. y las 4:00 p.m., y el 14 de mayo de 2026, entre las 8:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m., como fechas y horas para el registro en la Oficina del Secretario del Distrito, 500 Farm Road, en dicho Distrito Escolar. La última fecha para registrarse para la Elección Anual que se celebrará el 19 de mayo de 2026 es el 14 de mayo de 2026.

Y SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que el registro de votantes tendrá lugar durante la elección en el lugar de dicha elección y los registrados estarán calificados para votar en una reunión o elección del distrito posterior a la fecha de dicho registro.

Y SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que para votar en la votación del presupuesto y elección de miembros de la Junta de Educación, una persona debe estar registrada como votante. Todas las personas que hayan estado previamente registradas y hayan votado en cualquier reunión o elección anual o especial celebrada o conducida durante los cuatro años calendario anteriores al año en que se prepara dicho registro no están obligadas a volver a registrarse para la elección. Cualquier votante calificado del Distrito Escolar cuyo nombre aparezca en las listas de registro del condado también tiene derecho a votar. Cualquier otro votante calificado debe registrarse para votar ya sea con el Distrito Escolar o con el Condado. El registro de votantes, incluyendo los nombres de votantes militares que hayan presentado registros válidos de votantes militares, se archivará en la Oficina del Secretario del Distrito, y dicho registro estará abierto para inspección de cualquier votante calificado del Distrito en la Oficina del Secretario del Distrito de 9:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m. en cada uno de los cinco días previos al día fijado para

la reunión o elección, excepto domingos, y con cita previa los sábados.

Y SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que los Votantes Militares que no estén actualmente registrados para votar pueden solicitar registrarse como votantes calificados del Distrito Escolar y los votantes militares que estén registrados pueden obtener una solicitud para una boleta militar para la Reunión Anual del 19 de mayo de 2026, contactando al Secretario del Distrito en 500 Farm Road, Ardsley, NY 10502, Teléfono (914) 295-5515 o correo electrónico: daccurso@ardsleyschools.org. El Votante Militar puede indicar su preferencia para recibir la solicitud de registro y/o la solicitud de boleta militar por correo, fax o correo electrónico. La solicitud completada para registrarse y/o la solicitud para una boleta militar debe ser recibida por el Secretario del Distrito a más tardar a las 5:00 p.m. del 23 de abril de 2026. Las boletas militares serán enviadas por correo o distribuidas de otra manera a más tardar 25 días antes de la elección. Las boletas militares deben ser devueltas por correo o en persona y recibidas por el Secretario del Distrito a más tardar a las 5:00 p.m. del 19 de mayo de 2026.

POR ORDEN DE LA JUNTA DE EDUCACIÓN, DISTRITO ESCOLAR LIBRE DE ARDSLEY, MUNICIPIO DE GREENBURGH, CONDADO DE WESTCHESTER, NUEVA YORK, DONNA ACCURSO, SECRETARIA DEL DISTRITO.

### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District that pursuant to Section 2018(d) of the Education Law, due to the withdrawal of a candidate for the office of member of the Board of Education for the May 19, 2026 election, the time for filing petitions for nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education is hereby extended until May 12, 2026, and such petitions must be filed at the District Clerk's Office, 505 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY, by no later than 5:00 PM on May 12, 2026. Such petitions must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the School District, must state the name and residence address of each signer and the name and residence address of the candidate. There are two seats for three-year terms (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029). Petition forms may be picked up at the District Clerk's Office on weekdays when school is in session, during regular business hours, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Dated: May 1, 2026  
Elizabeth Saperstein, District Clerk  
Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District



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