A new chapter with
The Hudson Independent



'Ghost Light'
Irvington Theater conjures spirits for one-night show
p 3

Vol 3. Issue 8.

October 23, 2026

RIVERTOWNS Dispatch

$2.75

Local News, Locally Sourced
~

WWW.RIVERTOWNSDISPATCH.COM

ARDSLEY — DOBBS FERRY — HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON — IRVINGTON — SLEEPY HOLLOW — TARRYTOWN



Electronic ensemble plugs in at Mercy
University to host concert on Oct. 30
p 7



HASTINGS

Monkey see...

Hastings High School students Leigh Jacobs, Noa Reimer, and Sofie Jackson rehearse for "All in the Timing," which will be performed at the school's auditorium on Oct. 23 and 24 at 7 p.m. Tickets cost $15 at the door or $10 online at *onthestage.tickets/hastings-theatre-program*. To read a story about the show, turn to page 9.

High school food pantry volunteers to lead parade

BY LAURA SCHILLER

TARRYTOWN

Costumes and floats will fill the streets of Tarrytown for the village's annual Halloween Parade this Saturday, Oct. 24. Leading the way will be a group whose work continues long after the candy is gone: the volunteers behind the Sleepy Hollow High School Food Pantry.

The pantry began in 2022 with a box of canned food collected by school staff for a local food drive. When a student visiting Principal Deborah Brand's office noticed it, he asked if he could take some because his family was hungry.

Brand sent him home with a couple of cans, later telling her office's administrative assistant, Jacki Geoghegan, that she wanted to give him the entire box, but worried about embarrassing him.

Geoghegan had recently received a tearful call from a mother whose food stamps hadn't arrived and who didn't know how she would feed her family.

Continued on page 4



Improv to turn cues into comedy
p 13

"Sleepy Hollow is kind of built on stories."

Peter Royston of the Anywhere Theatre Company
p 15

SPORTS

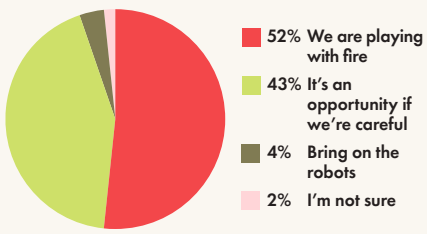
Bulldogs best Horsemen on cusp of playoffs
p 21



The Poll

How are you feeling about AI these days?

As answered by 195 readers of the Rivertowns Dispatch



Vote at *rivertownsdispatch.com/the-weekly-poll*



The Blotter

ARDSLEY

Robbery at park: An unidentified man and woman robbed a 17-year-old at Pascone Park on the afternoon of Thursday, Oct. 15. The man had what appeared to be a handgun. The three met at the park after the teen inquired about buying a phone posted on Facebook Marketplace for $750.

Porn at park: An unidentified man showed a 22-year-old woman a pornographic video at the McDowell Park Dog Park on the afternoon of Thursday, Oct. 18.

DOBBS FERRY

Theft of wallet: On Oct. 14, a Dobbs Ferry resident reported that a wallet was stolen from an unlocked vehicle on McClelland Avenue between the afternoon of Wednesday, Sept. 23, and the morning of Thursday, Sept. 24. The wallet contained $1,000 cash and multiple credit cards.

Clark arrest: A 16-year-old male student was arrested for choking and touching a female student at the Clark Academy, 71 Broadway (Route 9), on Wednesday, Oct. 14. He was charged with criminal obstruction of breathing or blood circulation and forcible touching, both misdemeanors. Officer Brad Scala made the arrest.

HASTINGS

Illegal parking: A company based in Irvington, N.J., was cited for parking a commercial truck on Stanley Avenue, a residential street, on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 11:35 p.m.

Suspended license: A 37-year-old resident of Freeport, Long Island, was arrested for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the second degree, a misdemeanor, on Farragut Avenue on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 15. He was also cited for running a stop sign at the intersection of Farragut and Olinda Avenue. Officer Thomas Gunther made the arrest.

DWI arrest: A 72-year-old Yonkers resident was arrested for driving while intoxicated, a misdemeanor, on Farragut Avenue on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 15. He was also cited for two vehicle-and-traffic violations. Officer Ed Fattorini made the arrest.

Hit and run: The driver's-side mirror of a 2025 Nissan Rogue parked on the eastbound side of Main Street was damaged on Friday, Oct. 16, between 10:30–11 a.m.

Youths in woods: Police dispersed four youths from Hillside Woods on Sunday, Oct. 18, at around 12:15 a.m.

TARRYTOWN

Disorderly conduct: A 71-year-old resident of Summerland Key, Florida, was cited for disorderly conduct, a violation, for urinating in the parking lot at 350 South Broadway (Route 9) on the afternoon of Monday, Oct. 5.

Assault arrest: A 24-year-old Poughkeepsie resident was arrested for assaulting his 22-year-old girlfriend in a vehicle parked in a lot off South Broadway on the morning of Friday, Oct. 9. He was charged with assault in the third degree and criminal obstruction of breathing or blood circulation, both misdemeanors, and remanded to the Westchester County Jail. Bail was set at $500 cash. Officer Kevin Aguilar made the arrest.

Parks after dark: Four visitors were cited for being in parks after hours between Friday, Oct. 9, and Saturday, Oct. 10. A

Continued on page 16

Coyote shot by police at Nevis

IRVINGTON

Police shot a coyote after an incident with a woman on the section of the Old Croton Aqueduct Trail that passes through Columbia University's Nevis Labs, 136 South Broadway, on the morning of Monday, Oct. 19. Police were then unable to locate the coyote after it fled. The shooting followed a report, at 8:30 a.m., about a coyote at Mercy University, one block south of Nevis.

Like the Village of Dobbs Ferry, the Village of Irvington has obtained a permit from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to hire a trapper to capture and kill dangerous coyotes. The permit was issued after a coyote chased five children on Meszaros Field at Irvington Middle/High School on the evening of Saturday, Sept. 26.

Rivertowns Dispatch

PUBLISHER Allison Schulte
allison@rivertownsdispatch.com

EDITOR Tim Lamorte
tim@rivertownsdispatch.com

SPORTS EDITOR Rob DiAntonio
rob@rivertownsdispatch.com

STAFF WRITERS
Julian Michael Caldwell
julian@rivertownsdispatch.com
Amy Bochner
amy@rivertownsdispatch.com
Laura Schiller
laura@rivertownsdispatch.com

CONTRIBUTORS
Timothy Reuter
timothy@rivertownsdispatch.com
Barrett Seaman

LISTINGS EDITOR Jennifer Gold
jennifer@rivertownsdispatch.com

COPY EDITOR Lauren Casper

DESIGN & PRODUCTION Christy Knell

SALES/PARTNERSHIPS
Trinity Godfrey
trinity@rivertownsdispatch.com

Rivertowns Dispatch (USPS 025-848) is published weekly on Fridays, except for the last week of the year, for a total of 51 issues annually by The Rivertowns Dispatch LLC, at 145 Palisade Street Suite 200 Dobbs Ferry NY 10522. Periodicals postage is paid at Dobbs Ferry, NY. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Rivertowns Dispatch at 145 Palisade Street Suite 200

Questions, comments, feedback:
hello@rivertownsdispatch.com
(914) 230-0739

To subscribe, go to:
rivertownsdispatch.com/membership

To access the Hudson Independent Archives, please visit
thehudsonindependent.com

EMERITUS STAFF
Walter Montgomery
The Hudson Independent



Open House
Sunday, Oct. 25
1–4 p.m.

Nature's Beauty In Riverview Manor

34 Chestnut Drive, Hastings-on-Hudson

Beautifully paired with its .40 acre parcel, this Arts & Crafts home enjoys unique privacy. From the front porch looking through trees to the back yard where a two tiered deck overlooks rock outcroppings, Maples and Pines, 34 Chestnut is a rare find. Inside, a sunlit Great Room opens onto a botanical panorama. The Living Room with its stone-mantled fireplace & exposed chimney gives way to 17′ ceilings. With four bedrooms and two full baths, the home is a stroll to Hillside Woods and Aqueduct Trail. Downtown Hastings is just down the hill. Must see!
$1,295,000

FS | CB

www.fordsussmanteam.com



William Ford-Sussman
(914) 420-6161

ILLUSTRATION BY JENNIFER ORKIN LEWIS



Dancers Sydney Rosenberg and Erica Moshman on stage at the Irvington Theater.

Theater conjures spirits for 'Ghost Light'

Performance to feature a range of artists

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL

IRVINGTON Theater, music, poetry, dance, and film will converge on the Irvington Theater stage for a Halloween-themed collaboration of arts organizations from throughout the Rivertowns. The one-night-only show, titled "Ghost Light," will take place Friday, Oct. 30 at 7:30 p.m. Organized by theater director Katerina Wong, the production brings together drama from Hastings-based Rivers Edge Theatre Company, poetry curated by Dobbs Ferry-based Hudson Valley Arts Collective, and music, short films, and dance from other artists.

"The thing that has been fun to play with is the history and lore, and spirits and ancestors, and imagined worlds of all of the things that have been living and created inside of Irvington Theater in its 124 years," Wong told the Dispatch. "And that's kind of the seed of the idea that we've been playing with, that it's such a space filled with memories, and lots of people have their sayings that most theaters are haunted with the spirits of different artists. And that's where we circled back to this idea of the 'Ghost Light.'"

"Ghost Light" is the first event produced by Wong since she started as the theater director in August. Wong is a Dobbs Ferry resident who also works as a freelance dancer and choreographer. She was inspired to curate a cross-pollination of disciplines after meeting with art organizations in the Rivertowns during her first few weeks as director.

"I also know it's quite ambitious given that it's still really early in my tenure and there is still a ton of natural groundwork that we're laying," Wong explained. "But I also was thinking, the theater is here, the space is available, we want to bring it alive."

Wong and the Irvington Theater Commission agreed that Halloween, which Wong describes as a "special and magical time in the Rivertowns," provided a perfect opportunity to launch the multi-disciplinary programming concept at the theater. One of Wong's first calls was to Meghan Covington of Ardsley, the artistic director of River's Edge, which will revive one the stories from the Halloween-themed "Riverside Haunts" production the company staged in Ossining four years ago. River's Edge's first-ever event was a staged reading at the Irvington Theater in 2019.

"The Rivertowns have so many talented people in them and we often are on our own track doing our own thing, and would like to support each other, but I feel like there should be more collaborations like this," Covington told the Dispatch. "So, I'm excited at the possibility that maybe this is the beginning of more opportunities to collaborate and share our talents with the community."

During "Ghost Light," River's Edge will present a 10-minute story called "The Lady in White," inspired by the tale of the ghost who is rumored to live at the Octagon House in Irvington. The one-person performance will feature actor Jessica Carmen accompanied by the folk music duo MoonWives, who also provided the live music for the original River's Edge production.

Dobbs Ferry resident and author Carolina Abreu is curating poetry for the event through the Hudson Valley Arts Collective, which she founded. The collective hosts a monthly open mic at Ludy Café in Irvington, where Abreu provides a platform for poets from the Rivertowns and surrounding areas to share their work. Westchester residents Michael "Sals" Guisao and Adina Beth Donovan will share themed poems during the event.

Dobbs Ferry resident Erica Moshman is among the dancers who will perform a set that's partially choreographed by Wong. Bassist Chris Conte of Dobbs Ferry will perform as part of a quartet accompanying singer and Bronx native Candace Lynn Matthews. Wong is also planning to include at least two short films from independent filmmakers.

"The thing I love is bringing contributors and artists from different organizations, different worlds, different towns, together in a shared way where there are multiple layers of connecting," Wong said. "The artists are connecting with one another, the artists are connecting with one another's work, and these works are connecting with the audiences in a way where they're not just walking in and seeing singular vision and voice, but multiple artists in dialogue with a certain idea or theme that can bring it all together."

"Ghost Light" will be about one hour long. To buy tickets, which cost $30, visit *irvingtontheater.com*.

Conley and Lawler square off during final debate

BY BARRETT SEAMAN

REGION Residents of New York's 17th Congressional District, which includes half of Tarrytown and all of Sleepy Hollow, are under siege this month. Their TV screens and postal and digital mailboxes are stocked each day with propaganda, much of it about Republican incumbent Mike Lawler and his Democratic challenger Cait Conley.

The barrage of words and images is fueled by troves of cash that have funded more than $45 million in ads, mailers, and yard signs this year and last, according to financial services firm Quiver Quantitative. In the reporting cycle ending Oct. 15, Conley outspent Lawler $5.8 million to $3.8 million. And there's more to come. Last summer, Lawler predicted the two campaigns combined would end up costing $60 million.

Amidst this shower of greenbacks, the rivals met face to face in the second of two televised debates. Opening statements in the second matchup, aired on PIX 11 TV, largely repeated what was said in their Sept. 28 bout on News 12. Lawler again touted his status as "among the most bipartisan and effective members of Congress" who backed the largest tax cut in history and included the lifting of the cap on SALT deductions, secured the border, and "led the housing bill to reduce prices and increase supply." Conley again brandished her 16 years of service in the military and promised to fight just as hard for the Hudson Valley as she did for her country.

Then the gloves came off. In the exchange over artificial intelligence, Conley charged her opponent with voting to support the "Big Ugly Tax Bill's" 10-year prohibition of state regulation of A.I. — and "doing it for billionaires and Elon Musk." Lawler countered that Conley was "bought and paid for" by the A.I. industry, "taking in hundreds of thousands of dollars in a no-show job that she can't even tell you what she does for them."

They did agree that the federal government needs to support retraining programs for the thousands of workers who are likely to lose their present jobs to artificial intelligence.

On the related topic of data centers, Conley took Lawler to task for the tax bill's $80 billion tax break for data centers and for once promoting Rockland County as "the destination for data centers."

Lawler replied that the five centers in the county were approved before he was elected and that the decision whether to build more should be left to local governments. "You clearly don't understand what's in the tax bill," Lawler snapped, "and part of the problem is that you don't pay property taxes; you don't understand what goes on in these communities."

On the hot-button issue of immigration, Conley used the recent shooting of Dominican

Continued on page 14

Conley cites cost of living as key issue for Rivertowns

BY TIMOTHY REUTER

The Rivertowns Dispatch Podcast recently spoke with Cait Conley, the Democratic candidate for New York's 17th Congressional District. The Dispatch also invited the incument, Republican Congressman Mike Lawler, to be the subject of an interview, but his campaign had not accepted at the time the podcast with Conley was posted. The following excerpts were lightly edited for clarity. You can listen to the full interviews on Spotify or Apple Podcasts or visit *anchor.fm/rivertownsdispatch*.

—

Rivertowns Dispatch Podcast (RDP): The 17th District is like three different districts between Rockland, Westchester, Putnam, and Dutchess counties. What does the Rivertowns slice of Westchester need that the rest of the district doesn't? Or what do you see as what's distinct about the Rivertowns area?

Cait Conley: I think the fight right now that we're talking about, it's about the cost-of-living crisis where even if it's not impacting everyone in the Rivertowns, it's certainly impacting someone they know, right? We have watched as the reckless tariffs that Trump imposed, and that Mike Lawler has voted for eight times, raise costs for the average household here in the Hudson Valley by $4,200. We watched with this reckless war in Iran jacking up our gas prices, the price of diesel, which is jacking up the cost of other goods, like groceries. And this is a point where before the war in Iran, we were paying under $3 a gallon of gas. I just filled up my car at $4.99.

So the cost-of-living crisis that everyone is facing in some way, shape, or form is very real. I just did a small-business tour in Sleepy Hollow a few weeks ago, and I had a small-business owner telling me that right now the cost of healthcare for her is more than her mortgage. I had another small-business owner talk about how the tariffs are jacking up the cost of goods so much for his shop that they're barely making it. And he can't raise prices on his customers because the community can't afford to pay more. And so, you're watching in our communities across the Rivertowns how small businesses are getting absolutely crushed with the policies of this administration and Mike Lawler. And I think this goes back to the Rivertowns deserve a representative that's going to fight for them, that's going to fight for their future.

I'll tell you the other thing that comes up a lot in my conversations with voters on the road in the Rivertowns is concerns over our democracy and our democratic institutions and how this administration, enabled by Congress, who's not reigning it in, to include Mike Lawler, is weaponizing the executive branch, is tearing apart our democratic institutions. And I don't care how you register to vote. That is the most un-American thing possible.

—



Cait Conley

RDP: Turning to immigration, what should happen to a longtime undocumented resident who works here, pays taxes, and has no criminal record?

Conley: I believe they deserve a pathway to citizenship. And this is one of the biggest differences between me and Mike Lawler. He does not support that. I believe that there are so many people in our community who've been here for years, who have raised their kids and grandkids, who have become integral members of our communities, business owners, who are doing everything right, paying taxes, not committing crimes, who deserve a pathway to citizenship. We have a broken immigration system. We need to fix that.

And you can believe that our country needs to have a better immigration system, legal immigration system, while acknowledging that border security is national security and that we don't want violent criminals, and terrorist groups, and drug cartels, and human traffickers in our communities, right? And that's where immigration enforcement should be focused. But right now, what we're seeing is this abusive administration using the federal government more as its political tool than anything else. And instead of prioritizing going after these violent criminals, they're going after children.

—

RDP: Data centers came up at your first joint forum [with Lawler]. Should the federal government slow their growth, encourage it, or stay out of it?

Conley: This is another major difference between me and Mike Lawler. I support a moratorium on data centers to help communities better prepare for making these decisions. I do believe that despite Mike Lawler's efforts to run ads that misframe what I say, I appreciate the opportunity to get it out there. Look, if data centers are being built, they should be built only with the permission of the communities and in a way where they are a net benefit for that community.

If those things are not true, they should not be built. And what we have seen on Mike Lawler's watch is five data centers built over in Rockland County, three more on the way, and instead of standing up for those local communities, he's been advocating promoting Rockland as the destination for data centers, taking hundreds of thousands of dollars from big tech and A.I. companies, tens of thousands from utility companies, and then voted to give data center developers nearly $80 billion in tax breaks for data center construction. If you want to understand who Mike Lawler is, just follow the money and you will see.

Parade

Continued from page 1

"And the two of us shared these experiences, and we said if both of us have these experiences a week or so apart, how many other kids are there that are experiencing hunger and food insecurity?" Geoghegan told the Dispatch.

Brand and Geoghegan decided to survey students and found that about 73 were experiencing food insecurity, a number that has since more than doubled.

"We took that as a rallying call and we came up with the idea for a food pantry and we started very small," Geoghegan said. "It was really stocked solely by the goodness of our staff, and they kept the food coming."

Geoghegan and Kristin Ward, the school's athletics office administrator, now run the operation and serve more than 470 registered families, about 125 of which visit each week to pick up groceries distributed by students and staff.

Housed in the auditorium between the middle and high school gyms, the pantry is open on Mondays at 3 p.m. during the school year and on Monday mornings during the summer. Volunteers from across the district set out the food, register families, pack groceries, and carry bags to cars.

This fall, 25 to 30 students have volunteered during each shift, along with about 15 different staff members, according to Ward.

"It really brings everybody together," Ward said. "We've had some students really step up and become leaders. It's nice to see everybody kind of blossom and enjoy giving back."

The pantry provides each family with enough food for about three to four days. It works with Feeding Westchester and other local organizations to provide staples such as rice, pasta, beans, cereal, peanut butter, and canned tuna, along with fresh produce, eggs, milk, and frozen chicken or fish.

Last year, the pantry switched from prepacked bags to a choice model, allowing families to walk along tables in the hallway and select the foods they prefer. The change gives families more control over what they bring home. Some may prefer fresh vegetables to canned ones, for example, or rice instead of pasta.

"We want our families to feel like they're a part of our family," she said. "And we want them to have the dignity of choice."

When Geoghegan first received the call from parade organizers about the grand marshal honor, she asked if they had the right person.

"It's unbelievable," she said. "There have been so many challenges with food insecurity over the last year with prices rising, and we're also seeing people who haven't come to the pantry in a while come back. Times are getting tough. So, to see that recognition of food insecurity and help get our mission out, it's a wonderful thing."

"When we choose our grand marshal every year, we try to honor someone who has done a lot for the community," said JoAnne Murray, co-chair of the parade committee. "We felt it was really special what these students are doing and what Jacki has put together."

Murray hopes the recognition will inspire others to give back to their communities.

Geoghegan, Ward, and a group of student and staff volunteers will ride in two convertibles and march near the front of the parade, waving to the crowds and tossing candy and necklaces. Instead of costumes, they will wear shirts identifying the SHHS Food Pantry.

Geoghegan hopes the visibility will help connect the pantry with local families who need assistance as well as people who can volunteer or donate food or money. Geoghegan and Ward are looking forward to having student volunteers join them.

"They all appreciate doing good and having an immediate effect," Geoghegan said. "They know they're doing good for their community. And so we're just so happy that they'll be with us."

The parade begins at 5 p.m. at Patriots Park and travels south along Broadway before turning onto Main Street in Tarrytown. Organizers expect about 15,000 spectators and more than 130 marching groups, bands, and floats.

To help support the SHHS Food Pantry, visit *tarrytownschoolsfoundation.org/shhs-food-pantry-fund.html*. To help keep the pantry stocked, food donations can be dropped off at the high school's main office during school hours.



ARDSLEY

Sports Card & Memorabilia Show
Saturday, Oct. 24, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Concord Road Elementary School. $10 in advance, $12 at the door, free for kids under 10.
—
Trunk or Treat
Saturday, Oct. 24, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Pascone Park. March from Pascone Park to middle school parking lot where decorated cars offer treats.
—
Screening: "The Haunting"
Monday, Oct. 26, 2 p.m. Ardsley Public Library.
—
Winter Coat and Accessories Drive
Through Monday, Oct. 26. Ardsley Public Library. Drop off new or gently used items for adults and children.
—
Board of Trustees Work Session
Monday, Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m. Village Hall. Agenda available at *ardsleyvillage.gov*.
—
School Board Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 27, 7 p.m. High school library. Link available at *ardsleyschools.org*.
—
Senior Event: Pumpkin Painting and Carving
Wednesday, Oct. 28, noon–1 p.m. Community Center.
—
Zoning Board Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 28, 8 p.m. Village Hall. Agenda available at *ardsleyvillage.gov*.

Hunger walk-a-thon

A walk-a-thon at Pascone Park raised $3,000 for Rise Against Hunger, a nonprofit fighting childhood hunger, on Oct. 18. With the help of the Ardsley PTSA and the Village of Ardsley, four high school juniors — Taiga To, Zaamil Rabbani, Berk Sucu, and Ryan Sue — organized the fundraiser, which they first held last year. The funds will go toward the fourth annual food packaging event, which will take place at Ardsley High School during Ardsley Cares Day on March 13, 2027.

Winter clothing drive

The Ardsley Public Library is hosting a winter coat and accessories drive through Oct. 26. The drive is a collaboration involving the library, Westchester Library System, Regeneron, and the United Way of Westchester and Putnam. Accepted items include new or gently used winter coats of all sizes for adults and children. The drive is also requesting new hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, socks, earmuffs, and hand warmers.

"Boo" fundraiser

The Ardsley Community Enrichment Parent Teacher Organization is raising money for the Class of 2028 through a "You've Been Booed" fundraiser. Being "booed" refers to the Halloween tradition of leaving anonymous baskets of candy on a friend or neighbor's porch. For $26.54, Ardsley residents can hire an Ardsley High School junior to deliver a plastic pumpkin basket filled with candy, treats, and a "You've been booed" sign to a home in the Ardsley School District. The surprise deliveries are scheduled to take place on Oct. 27 or 28. To sign up, go to my.cheddarup.com/c/2026boo/items.

Girl Scout candy drive

The Ardsley Girl Scouts will be collecting Halloween candy from Nov. 1–10 at 66 Euclid Avenue, in a covered bin by the front door. The candy will be used for upcoming community events hosted by the Scouts.

James Madison president's list

Giulia Bennett was named to the president's list at James Madison University for the summer semester.

— Amy Bochner

Got news?
Email staff writer Amy Bochner at *amy@rivertownsdispatch.com*

ILLUSTRATION BY JENNIFER ORKIN LEWIS

Educators weigh in on new rotating schedule

BY AMY BOCHNER

Based on the first seven weeks of the academic year, district leaders shared an early assessment of Ardsley High School's new rotating drop schedule during a panel discussion on Oct. 20.

The model, which provides every student with a universal, hour-long lunch period, was implemented on the second day of school. The schedule utilizes a four-day rotation cycle (A, B, C, D) where students attend six out of up to eight 57-minute classes daily. Four classes rotate through three morning time slots, and the other four rotate through three afternoon time slots. One morning and one afternoon class (or study hall period, if they aren't taking an eighth class) are dropped each day, which systematically rotates on a four-day planned cycle.

The new schedule also incorporates "blue and gold days," which means a student has either a science lab or physical education. In total, there would be eight variations of a student's daily schedule.

During the panel, Principal Danielle Trippodo shared student feedback she received about the revised schedule. Students told her that the day goes by faster, the longer class periods allow them to get more accomplished, and the transition to the new format has been easier to manage than expected. The workload feels more balanced, she said, and the burden of having multiple tests on the same day has been reduced.

With the option for an eighth class, AHS Assistant Principal Brendan Granstrand shared that students have an easier time fitting electives into their schedules. Courses like creative writing and marine biology previously had space for less than 10 students. This year, there are 42 students taking creative writing and 40 taking marine biology.

New courses have been added, including a journalism course, with 12 students enrolled, and an intro to business class, which 92 freshmen are taking. The school was also able to put into place a monthly program in which seniors mentor freshmen.

The schedule makes it easier for students to take multiple electives. Whereas formerly they often had to choose between learning French and a STEM class, Granstrand said that "in adding a period to the schedule, we've almost eliminated that."

The dedicated lunch break was seen as overwhelmingly positive, according to Trippodo. AHS social worker Monique Johnson connected the lunch period's unstructured time to stress reduction, emotional regulation, nutrition, physical activity, social connection, and students' sense of belonging.

Staff members reported seeing students using that time to socialize, play basketball, go outside, complete work, or access resources. Guidance counselor Eric Helmrich described students dropping into the library or arranging part of lunch for a counselor meeting.

To accommodate the universal lunch, Assistant Superintendent for Business, Facilities, and Operations Sheri Rosenblatt said the district added seating in the cafeteria and the commons, along with a serving line, grab-and-go food, and a deli pre-order option.

Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services & Special Education Susan Seda described the transition as generally smooth, although providing students with accommodations for extended time on tests required careful planning. She referenced the testing center that is expected to open soon, which will give students a designated space to take tests or receive accommodations.

Director of Facilities Joe Urbanowicz shared changes made to student transportation as a result of the new schedule. There are three additional buses this year, with the first pickups moving from about 6:25 a.m. last year to 7:05 a.m. this year. The average route length increased from approximately 30 minutes to 35–45 minutes, while the average daily ridership rose from about 70 to 115 students.

An area of improvement noted by the panelists were teacher office hours, which may not line up with when a student needs help.

Parents raised their concerns that students may be absent on a day when their teacher is available, or may need help before a test that falls outside the teacher's office-hour schedule. Parents also shared concerns that students are not receiving enough individual attention in the teaching centers.

A possible solution the panelists proposed is having certified teachers assisting students even if they are not that student's regular teacher. Teachers are working on sharing information about their lessons, assignments, and tests to ensure more useful support, the panelists explained.

Schools Superintendent Matthew Block compared the current schedule to the previous model, and how further improvements could be made.

"If you add up the minutes, no doubt there's more time for kids to access extra help. We have to make sure that we're using that time efficiently and effectively."



Bicentennial elm
—
Girl and Boy Scouts fill the hole around an American elm that the Ardsley Department of Public Works planted at Bicentennial Park on Saturday, Oct. 17. The variety of elm, called Princeton, is one of four that survived the Dutch elm disease that started to spread throughout the United States in the 1920s.





piccola

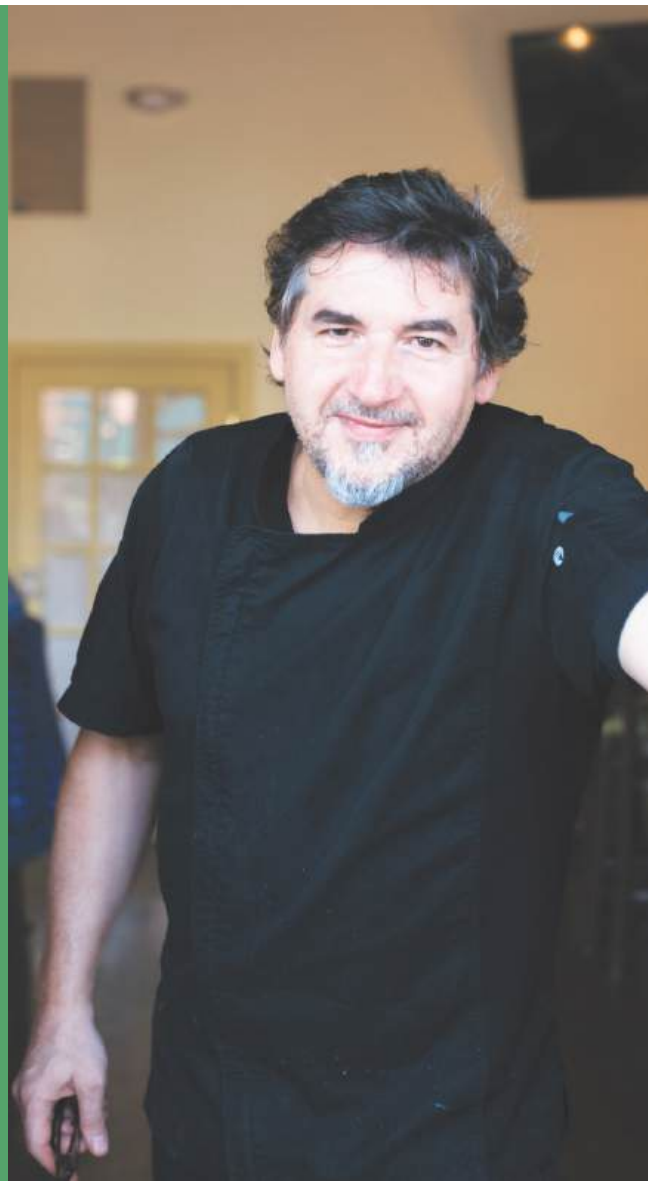
TRATTORIA

Private Dining and Parties

Make your vision come to life beautifully, seamlessly, and beyond expectations.

23 Cedar Street, Dobbs Ferry
(914) 674-8427 piccolany.com

INQUIRE



LISTENING. CARING.

THE WAY MEDICINE WAS MEANT TO BE

PRIMARY CARE | GASTROENTEROLOGY | NEPHROLOGY | PODIATRY
PAIN | ENDOCRINOLOGY | ORTHOPEDIC | VASCULAR | WOUND HEALING



Louis Androne, MD
Internal Medicine

914.693.6500

stjohnsmedgroup.com

ST. JOHN'S MEDICAL GROUP

WE ARE COMMUNITY STRONG

128 ASHFORD AVENUE, DOBBS FERRY

© 2025 St. John's Riverside Hospital | All Rights Reserved

DOBBS FERRY

Halloween Festivities
Saturday, Oct. 24, 11:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Waterfront Park. Pet parade at 11:30 a.m., followed by the Halloween Bash with food trucks, inflatables, and bubble bus.
—
Coffee with the Candidates
Sunday, Oct. 25, 9–11 a.m. Climbing Wolf, 78 Main St. Get to know village candidates Deputy Mayor Jessica Galen, Trustee Laura Rothrock, and Trustee Nitin Gupta.
—
Invasive Species Clearing
Sunday, Oct. 25, 10 a.m.–noon. Juhring Preserve. To sign up, visit *eventbrite.com* and search for Dobbs Ferry Conservation Advisory Board.
—
Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 27, 6:30 p.m. for the workshop and 7:30 for the regular meeting. Village Hall.
—
School Board Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 27, 7 p.m. Middle/high school library. Agenda available at *dfsd.org*.
—
Trivia Night
Tuesday, Oct. 27, 7 p.m. Memorial Park.
—
Downtown Trick or Treating
Friday, Oct. 30, 4–6 p.m. Cedar and Main streets.
—
Headless Horseman Bike Ride
Friday, Oct. 30, 7 p.m. Waterfront Park.

School bus safety program

The Dobbs Ferry School District is taking steps toward implementing a program that installs cameras on school buses to photograph and ticket drivers who pass the bus while its stop arm is extended.

During a meeting on Oct. 13, the Dobbs Ferry Board of Trustees passed a resolution to send a letter of support for the school district to join the Westchester County School Bus Safety Program, which was started four years ago. The Hastings and Irvington school districts are part of the program, which is free for districts to join.

The Ardsley School District manages the school bus system for multiple nearby villages, including Dobbs Ferry. Dobbs Ferry Board of Education president Brooke Bass told the Dispatch that the district has begun discussing implementation of the safety program with Ardsley, but has not yet passed a resolution approving it.

Village hires company to provide crossing guards

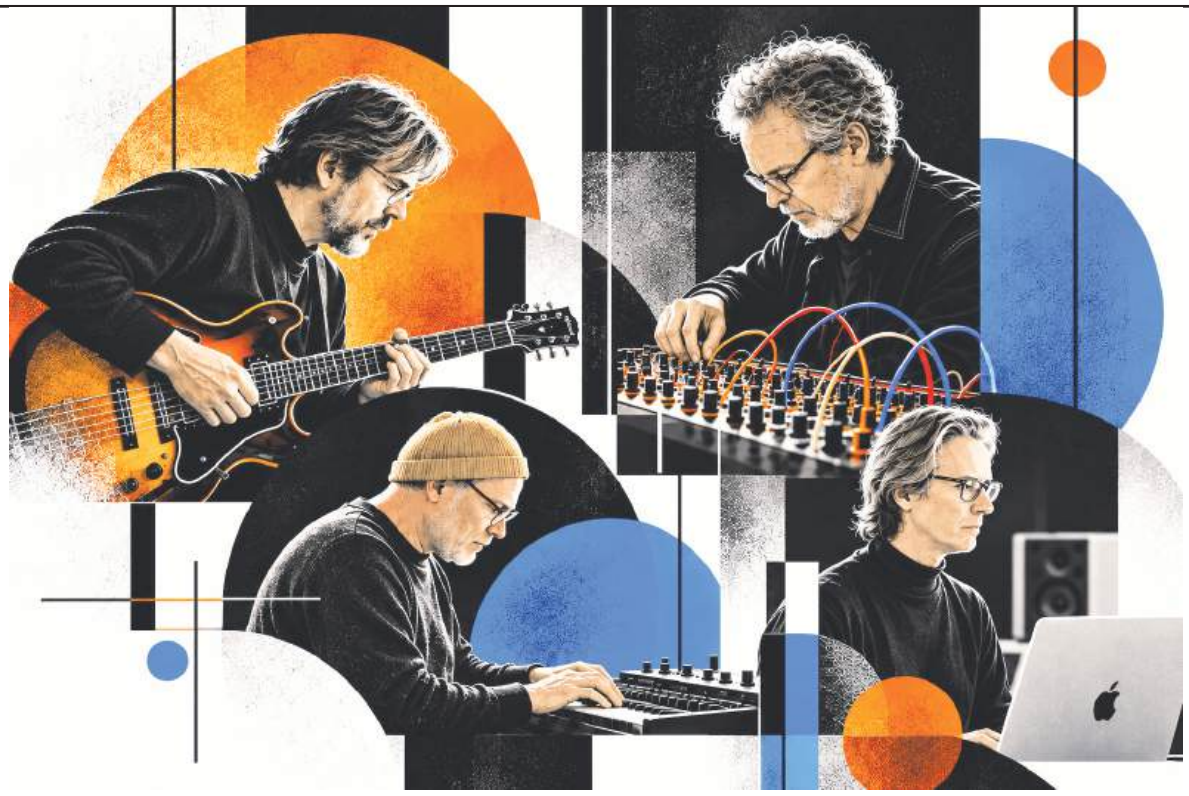
During their meeting on Oct. 13, the Dobbs Ferry Board of Trustees approved a resolution to hire a California-based firm, The Crossing Guard Co., to provide crossing guards for the village. The contract comes with an annual fee of $177,165, which is above the $140,150 set aside in the current budget for crossing guards. That budget item does not account for funds spent on overtime when police officers need to cover shifts, or time the police department spends recruiting new crossing guards.

"Historically, one of the difficult parts is scheduling crossing guard services. On average we have 100 shifts that have to be covered per week, based off of an approximately 182-day school year," Police Chief Manuel Guevara told the board during the meeting. "And each year, what becomes challenging, when guards retire, is trying to find replacements. And unfortunately, as a police department, that's not our expertise — attracting and retaining crossing guards."

Guevara shared that three crossing guards retired this past summer and that another is anticipated to retire in January. There is also currently one location, where the department typically has a crossing guard, that has been vacant this school year. Officers logged 18 hours of overtime from Sept. 8 to Oct. 13 covering shifts. The Crossing Guard Co. provides training and crossing guards, and if they are unable to fill all necessary posts, and a police officer needs to step in, the department can bill the company for the cost of the shift.

— Julian Michael Caldwell

ILLUSTRATION BY JENNIFER ORKIN LEWIS



Electronic Art Ensemble members Clive Smith, Steve Horelick, Russel Dorwart, and Gregory Kramer (clockwise from top left).

High-tech ensemble plugs in for Mercy concert

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL

The innovative Electronic Arts Ensemble (EAE), featuring Hastings musician Steve Horelick, will perform live for the first time in four decades when it gives a free public concert at Mercy University next Friday, Oct. 30.

The event will follow a four-day workshop at Mercy, where Horelick, who is best known for composing the theme song for public television's "Reading Rainbow" series, will be joined by his EAE bandmates Clive Smith, Russel Dorwart, and Gregory Kramer. Kramer founded the group in the early 1980s.

During its heyday in the '80s, EAE featured guitar, hand percussion, and voice combined with touch plates, knobs, and switches through processing and sound manipulation techniques. Their work was considered hi-tech long before synthesizers and laptop computers became commonplace on stage.

The group most recently reunited for studio recording sessions in 2022 and 2023.

"I don't think we ever thought we'd be doing live performance again, but it's important to keep making art," Horelick told the Dispatch. "Even though our lives have taken us in lots of different directions, we had a magic back in those days. We were highly reviewed by The New York Times and New Yorker magazine, and everywhere we went people loved what we were doing."

Since EAE's last appearance, sometime in the 1980s, Horelick has composed music for television, including the classic "Reading Rainbow" theme "Butterfly in the Sky," which he co-wrote with his wife, Janet Weir, and Dennis Neil Kleinman.

Horelick has been a Hastings resident for 41 years and a village volunteer firefighter for the past 28. Smith lives in New Jersey, Dorwart in Philadelphia, and Kramer in Washington State.

At Mercy, Horelick will play a collection of custom-made instruments — from a manufacturer founded by synthesizer pioneer Don Buchla — which Horelick will process through his laptop to add effects to his sounds. One of the instruments, called the Buchla Easel, has a keyboard that allows Horelick to play specific notes, while the Buchla 200e includes an interface with touch pads that can be designated to create effects like changing pitch or increasing distortion.

> "I don't think we ever thought we'd be doing live performance again, but it's important to keep making art."
>
> Steve Horelick

Smith will play guitar, which he will also add effects to using his own computer, and Kramer plans to play piano, which he will process through a laptop, as well as synthesizers he'll play separately. Dorwart will use a processor to create an effect called convolution reverb, which Horelick describes as being "based upon sonic signatures that have been captured from huge churches to concert halls, to your bathroom. Basically, you can create a sonic fingerprint and then you can place sounds in those spaces."

The group will perform in the center of the Mercy University rotunda, with the audience seated around the band and the speakers oriented around the audience. That will maximize the effect of the convolution reverb to make it seem as if the audience is listening to the music inside a large cathedral or within other environments Dorwart emulates through his processing.

Most of what EAE plans to play during the concert will come out of improvisation during a four-day workshop at a classroom studio from Oct. 26–29. Horelick, Mercy music professor Stephen Ward, and Sam Stauff, who manages Mercy's music studio, organized the residency, which will be open to Mercy music students to visit. EAE also plans to perform an extended re-creation of its song "Hudson," which appeared on EAE's 1981 album, "Inquietude."

"The music is about exploration of sonic textures," Horelick explained.

Horelick added that he thinks Mercy students will be "really familiar with the technology, but they might be less familiar with approaching the music from a timbral frame of reference, rather than a beat-driven frame of reference."

The free concert is Friday, Oct. 30, at 8 p.m., at the Mercy Rotunda, 555 Broadway. To hear some of EAE's recorded music, visit *electronicartensemble.com*.

One-Stop Shop

FOR ALL YOUR HOUSEHOLD NEEDS

Since 1932

HASTINGS PAINT & HARDWARE

SMALL TOWN STORE



914-478-1417

TIP OF THE MONTH

As leaves begin to fall, clogged gutters can lead to water damage around your roof and foundation. A quick inspection now helps avoid headaches during autumn storms. Also, stock up on fall cleanup essentials like rakes, leaf bags, and gloves.

548 WARBURTON AVE.
HASTINGS ON HUDSON, NY

MON – FRI 7:30AM–5PM
SAT 8AM–5PM

www.hastingspaintandhardware.com
Hastingspainthardware@gmail.com

EARLY VOTING
OCT. 24 – NOV. 1

Early Voting Site at the Hastings-on-Hudson Public Library

ELECTION DAY
TUESDAY, NOV. 3



RE-ELECT



MORGEN FLEISIG & SAMANTHA MERTON

HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON VILLAGE TRUSTEES

- Beautiful Parks & Public Spaces
- Downtown Vitality
- Pedestrian, Bike & Traffic Safety
- Resilient Stormwater Infrastructure
- Affordable Housing & Zoning Solutions
- Historic Preservation

Vote Row A All the Way—and Help Elect Democrats from Our Village to the Courts and Congress!

HASTINGSDEMS.ORG

Paid for by Hastings Democratic Committee

we love coffee too.

the stains?
not so much.

a little *extra kick* with your cleaning: complete your *first* hygiene visit and take home a professional whitening kit—on us. mention The Dispatch when booking your visit!

parlor dental

preventative care | aesthetic dentistry
prosthodontics | oral surgery

66 main st,
dobbs ferry ny 10522

914-750-3333
info@parlordental.com

Tooth be told

Dobbs Ferry's main street dental practice welcomes **oral surgeon Dr. Abend**—and she's answering the wisdom teeth questions that always *erupt*!

When do you actually need your wisdom teeth out?
Not everyone needs them out. What I look for is space and position—when there isn't enough, the tooth gets stuck, presses on its neighbor, and becomes a trap for food and bacteria. Those come out, and sooner is better because younger patients heal faster, with fewer complications. But a wisdom tooth that came in straight and stays clean? That's just a extra molar. You keep it.

What is the coolest thing about wisdom teeth that people don't know?
If a teen has a failing molar tooth, under the right conditions, we may be able to do a procedure called an auto-transplantation, where we replace the failing tooth with a wisdom tooth. This is the the only tooth replacement option thats actually *alive*.

What is your favorite question that a patient has asked you?
I've been asked by hundreds of patients—is it helpful to drinks gallons of pineapple juice prior to tooth removal? **Short answer**: Kind of. The *Bromelain* enzyme in the juice can help with swelling but you would need to drink about 200 cans. Pineapple juice is also quite sugary, acidic and may be harsh on a fresh wound—instead, I tell patients: consider Bromelain supplements which are taken short-term for about a week. Many will find capsules much much more manageable than drinking tons of juice!



Dr. Julia Abend
DDS | Parlor Dental



HASTINGS

"All in the Timing"
Friday, Oct. 23, and Saturday, Oct. 24, 7 p.m. Hastings High School. Purchase tickets ($10) at *onthestage.tickets/hastings-theatre-program*.
—
Farmers Market
Saturday, Oct. 24, 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Commuter Lot, Southside Avenue. *hastingsfarmersmarket.org*.
—
PBA Truck or Treat
Saturday, Oct. 24, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Hillside Elementary School. Fire trucks, police vehicles, construction trucks, and food trucks.
—
Mobile Shredder
Saturday, Oct. 24, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Chemka Pool parking lot.
—
Drug Take-Back Day
Saturday, Oct. 24, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. VFW, 558 Warburton Ave.
—
Senior Halloween Party
Thursday, Oct. 29, 12:15 p.m. James Harmon Community Center. Lunch, music, and costume contest. Register ($5): 914-478-2380, ext. 644.
—
Friday Night "Spooktacular"
Friday, Oct. 30, 6–8 p.m. Warburton Avenue. Trunk or treating, music, food, bounce houses, and carnival games.
—
"Homeward Bound"
Through Oct. 26. Village Hall Gallery. Features the work of: Tim Lamorte, John Maggiotto, and Jim Metzger.

Exploring Equity update

Following the public response to the eighth-grade "Exploring Equity" unit on genocide, the Hastings School District released a revised curriculum and a letter to the community on Oct. 15.

"Exploring Equity" is a required class at Farragut Middle School taught once a year in grades 5–8. This year, the eighth-grade course initially included a "Genocides and Mass Atrocities" unit. The syllabus listed case studies the class would examine, one of which was Gaza. The major assignment was titled "Is it Genocide?" in which students "evaluate evidence against established definitions and criteria rather than being given a predetermined conclusion."

Following the release of the original syllabus, the district heard concerns from community members about the syllabus' omission of the Holocaust and inclusion of Gaza. The Sept. 9 board of education meeting garnered attention following disruptions by audience attendees urging the board to remove Gaza from the curriculum. On Oct. 6, several speakers pushed back against the behavior of parents at the Sept. 9 meeting. Other speakers expressed support for, or criticism of, Gaza's inclusion in the curriculum.

Replacing "Genocides and Mass Atrocities" is the "Human Rights" unit, which the Oct. 15 letter, signed by Schools Superintendent Bill McKersie, states was created in consultation with Steven Goldberg of Hastings, the director of education for the Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center (HHREC) in White Plains. The unit description includes the Holocaust as a historical example of genocide, alongside a list of historic and current examples of human rights concerns. The latter list includes Gaza. The unit has five lessons which focus on the concept of "universe of obligation," defining universal human rights, examining what constitutes a human rights violation, and the term genocide and its 10 stages.

Over the past three years, a United Nations Commission of Inquiry, the International Association of Genocide Scholars, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and other organizations have characterized Israel's actions in Gaza as genocide.

The new "Human Rights" unit concludes with a capstone project guided by the question, "How have activists challenged dehumanization, defended human rights, and worked to prevent or respond to mass atrocities?"

The unit will be taught in the latter half of the course, with families notified the week prior.

—Amy Bochner

Got news?
Email staff writer Amy Bochner at *amy@rivertownsdispatch.com*

ILLUSTRATION BY JENNIFER ORKIN LEWIS



Leigh Jacobs, Sofie Jackson, and Noa Reimer rehearse "Words Words Words."

'All in the Timing' leans into experimentation

High school to host performances Oct. 23, 24

BY AMY BOCHNER

In preparation for this weekend's production of "All in the Timing," Hastings High School's drama program encouraged students to build and showcase different skills, leading to a unique take on the absurdist comedy.

he collection of six short plays by David Ives, which premiered off-Broadway in 1993, includes "Sure Thing," "Words Words Words," "Universal Language," "Philip Glass Buys a Loaf of Bread," "The Philadelphia," and "Variations on the Death of Trotsky."

Drama program director Rachel Wineberg considered staging "All in the Timing" for years, describing it as a "witty, intellectual, sharp" work that explores "our human desire to be seen and to be loved." But the director prefers her productions to "have a full emotional arc," which she thought six short plays would struggle to provide. This year, however, she found a solution by connecting each of the plays with an overarching dance piece, which she believes makes the themes more apparent, and gives the audience a full experience.

Tech director Gillian Husovsky described what that dance component looks like onstage.

"In any typical show, the crew is coming on and moving set pieces," she said. "We are doing that, but we also have dancers that are helping introduce the scene, bring in pieces. They're helping move us from one scene to the next."

Among the dancers is junior Siri Lambert, who believes this component gives students "an opportunity to showcase our abilities in ways that we normally are not able to." She also finds that the choreography allows the production to "explore the theme without dialogue."

To create this aspect of the production, Wineberg brought in professional choreographer Derek Roland. The program also welcomed professional lighting designer Edward Hansen and costumer Markiss Jackson to mentor the students.

> "... there's a fluidity to the show between the dancers' movement and what the scenery has to do."
>
> Tech director Gillian Husovsky

On Oct. 19, students held a costume parade for the first time. Wineberg explained this is "to look at all the costumes under the lights to make sure that the colors in the lighting, the set, and the costumes are all working together, which is what you would do in the professional world."

The structure of the play is also unique compared to previous productions. Senior Leigh Jacobs, who performs in "Words Words Words" and "Philip Glass Buys a Loaf of Bread," finds that having six distinct plays gives actors the opportunity to take on multiple roles.

"You have to learn how to transition between characters and find out what's distinct about each one," Jacobs said. "[That] has definitely been a new experience, and it's very interesting to explore that skill set."

According to senior and stage manager Olive Friederich, the crew also took a new approach to accommodate the play's structure. The props and set pieces are almost all on wheels, and the crew worked alongside the dancers to create transitions between the plays. Husovsky said that "there's a fluidity to the show between the dancers' movement and what the scenery has to do."

Friederich gave Wineberg props for her creative vision.

"It's really fun to do something so experimental, and I think it's very different from anything we've done before, and that's new and exciting," she said.

Lambert agreed.

"I hope [the audience] takes away that it's OK to be a little bit different, to have fun and interpret things in different ways, because that's what we're doing with this production," she said. "It's taking things in new directions, not being afraid to explore unanswered questions and think in ways you haven't before."

"All in the Timing" will be performed on Oct. 23 and 24 at 7 p.m. in the Hastings High School auditorium. Tickets are $15 at the door or $10 online at *onthestage.tickets/hastings-theatre-program*.

Rivertowns
PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

Kavita Kohli, DDS

"My 3 daughters are all teenagers now and have been going to Dr. Kohli since they were toddlers. They have no fear to the dentist and, in fact, love going to their appointments!"
–Keith



training young *pilots* for lifelong dental care

Make an appointment 914-725-9620

495 Central Park Ave., Suite 208, Scarsdale | rivertownspediatricdentistry.com

Book today, call or text: 914-693-9393
dobbsferrylimousine.com



Car Service for Airport & Long-Distance Trips



For over 25 years, Dobbs Ferry Car & Limo Service, also known as Mohammad's Car Service, provides reliable, professional transportation throughout the Rivertowns, Westchester County, NYC, and surrounding areas. We offer airport transfers to/from JFK, LGA, Newark, HPN, Stewart, and MacArthur Airport, along with comfortable long-distance trips for business, leisure, and special occasions. Available 24/7. Travel with confidence—where reliability, comfort, and exceptional service come first.

DOBBS FERRY
LIMO AND CAR SERVICE

one practice for the whole house.

Your teen, your marriage, your own stuff.
60+ therapists for individuals, couples, families, and kids 6 and up. In person in Irvington or virtual.

Free 15 minute consultation. No commitment.

scan to get started

nextlevel
MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

(646) 722-4503 | care@nextlevelmhc.com | www.nextlevelmhc.com | 94 N Broadway, Irvington, NY 10533

Farmers Market
Sunday, Oct. 25, 9 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Main Street School, 101 Main St. *irvingtonfarmersmarket.org.*
—
"Growing Mushrooms, Growing Forests"
Sunday, Oct. 25, 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. O'Hara Nature Center. Register at *irvingtongreen.org/events.*
—
Virtual Lecture: "Women of the American Revolution"
Sunday, Oct. 25, 2 p.m. Register for the Zoom link at *irvingtonhistoricalsociety.org.*
—
Halloween Parade
Sunday, Oct. 25, 3 p.m. From Immaculate Conception Church to Main Street School parking lot. Sponsored by the Irvington Fire Company.
—
Winter Coats and Accessories Drive
Through Monday, Oct. 26. Irvington Public Library. Drop off new or gently used items for adults and children.
—
Architectural Review Board Meeting
Monday, Oct. 26, 8 p.m. Village Hall.
—
Halloween Storytime for Ages 4+
Tuesday, Oct. 27, 4 p.m. Irvington Public Library. Register: *irvingtonlibrary.org.*
—
Zoning Board Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m. Village Hall.

Village airs recommedations for municipal facilities

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL

Irvington's trustees, mayor, and consultant Beyer Blinder Belle Architects & Planners (BBB) are responding to residents' concerns after BBB presented its final report with recommendations for relocating or renovating key village facilities, including the police and fire departments. Village officials and BBB representatives presented the report in detail during a public meeting on Oct. 14 at the Irvington High School auditorium.

At the conclusion of nine months of work with the Village that included visiting all municipal facilities, speaking with department heads, and considering public input, BBB presented three separate potential scenarios for the Village to consider. Every one of the scenarios recommends relocating the public works department to the current location of the police firing range off of Cyrus Field Road, and they all call for the construction of a new firehouse. One of the scenarios includes expansion of the firehouse in its current location, into the adjacent Village-owned parcel at 86 Main Street, while the others recommend relocation to the municipal parking lot at Main Street and Broadway, or as part a public safety building along with the police department and justice court in the same location, or at Harriman Road and Broadway.

"The report is not a conclusion," Neil Kittredge of BBB explained during the presentation. "I want to be clear — BBB and the Facilities Planning Steering Committee are not making recommendations tonight about which options should be chosen. We're providing information for the ongoing discussion."

Estimated costs in the report include a $20 million–$25 million price tag for a new DPW facility, $25 million–$27 million for a new firehouse, and $45 million–$50 million for a consolidated public safety building. Mayor Arlene Burgos emphasized that costs would potentially be spread out over at least 10–15 years, as the projects are completed in phases.



The entrance to the police department firing range off Cyrus Field Road.

"Those figures will depend on which projects, if any, are selected, when they are undertaken, how they are financed, what grants may be available, and whether revenue can be generated through redevelopment of Village-owned property," Burgos added.

One of the report's most highly contested concepts, which appears in all three scenarios, is to consolidate the main DPW yard on South Astor Street, the transfer station inside the Irvington Woods, and a separate salt shed into one DPW site at the firing range. During the Q&A portion of the presentation, several residents expressed their desire to keep the proposed location as is, because when it's not in use as a firing range, they appreciate it as green space.

BBB supports the relocation because the 12-acre parcel accommodates the 2.5 acres they suggest is needed to keep all the DPW facilities in one place, with buffer space around it. Kittredge also noted that the main DPW facility, at its current 1.1-acre plot on South Buckhout Street, produces waste runoff that flows into the Hudson River.

Residents also questioned why BBB's diagrams show the proposed DPW site closer than the 800-foot distance from the Irvington Reservoir required by village code. Village Administrator Charles Hessler explained that the village code was first written to protect the reservoir as a source of drinking water.

"The reservoir has not provided the village's drinking water since the middle of the last century, so that reason carries far less weight today," Hessler told the audience.

Kittredge explained that BBB considered relocating the DPW to a location on Station Road near Broadway, but didn't pursue the concept further because it would require the acquisition of private property, as well as an act of the state Legislature to de-designate an area of Memorial Park as parkland.

"We're not limited to the concepts that are shown here," Kittredge said. "If new options become available, if new sites emerge, we now have a wealth of information and a toolkit to quickly assess them."

During the meeting, Burgos responded to a resident who asked whether the village board of trustees plans to hold a public vote before construction begins, similar to the $18 million bond referendum for facilities that was voted down in 2023. Projects will have to go through design, engineering, environmental, and financial analysis before being finalized.

"This is a long process so none of us may be sitting here when this comes up for a vote," Burgos said, adding that she would support the projects going to a public vote if she is still on the board.

She continued, "If it is a $25 million project, I have a hard time believing that the board will not put that to the community, because this is an important investment, and at least any board I'm sitting on is going to want to have community buy-in."

For the full report, visit *irvingtonny.gov/827/Facilities-Planning-Project.*

Board of Trustees removes zoning board member

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL

The Irvington Board of Trustees voted unanimously during a public meeting on Monday, Oct. 19 to remove Keith Greenbaum from his position as a regular member of the zoning board of appeals (ZBA) and upgrade Clem Turner from an alternate to full-fledged member. Greenbaum, who has lived in Irvington since 2019, was appointed to a vacant ZBA position in May and was first asked to step down by the board of trustees in August. The board of trustees stated his appointment as a regular member was a mistake, and offered Greenbaum to remain on the ZBA as an alternate.

When Village Administrator Charles Hessler drafted the resolution appointing Greenbaum as a regular member, it was despite him having no prior role on the ZBA. Turner, an alternate for the past six years, remained an alternate. During a public hearing on Oct. 19, ZBA president Sarah Gardner stated that when she met with Greenbaum, before his appointment, she explained that board protocol would call for him to become an alternate, not a regular member.

"I said, 'You're alternate, you're probably going to be an alternate for a while, but we do often have people who have to recuse themselves or can't make a meeting for family or business reasons, so you'll often be with us, and we'll often need an alternate for a meeting,'" Gardner recalled.

Greenbaum, who has refused to step down, states that Gardner never mentioned him becoming an alternate.

"I fully believed that I was a member of the zoning board when we met for coffee that day, that's what was expressed to me," Greenbaum explained during the hearing. "I had not heard the term 'alternate' until there was a closed-door meeting, with [Mayor] Arlene [Burgos], myself, [Village Attorney] Marianne Stecich, and Ms. Gardner."

Gardner states the entire ZBA assumed Greenbaum was an alternate throughout their meetings in May, July, and August.

"The way this all came to light is during a meeting," Gardner recalled of the Aug. 18 meeting. "Everyone was in attendance, and somebody asked why Keith wasn't sitting with us, and I said, 'because Keith is the alternate,' and we all said, 'Yeah, Keith is the alternate, it's not necessary for this meeting.' And the next day Charles [Hessler] e-mailed me and said, actually Keith was appointed as the full member and Clem is still the alternate."

At the hearing, Greenbaum was accompanied by Irvington resident and attorney Peter Wessel, who is helping Greenbaum fight the removal, pro bono.

"If the Village makes a mistake in appointing someone to a position and the person doesn't want to vacate that position," Wessel said, then the Village can't remove that person without cause. In Greenbaum's case, he contended, there was no cause.

Prior to the realization of the mistake, Greenbaum agreed to recuse himself from board matters pertaining to the proposed Varma development at 76 North Broadway because of what Greenbaum referred to during a July 21 meeting as "statements that said I was not a fan of this project." On Sept. 21, Greenbaum wrote a letter to the board of trustees and village officials withdrawing his recusal. The legitimacy of that recusal is under review by the Village Ethics Board.

ILLUSTRATION BY JENNIFER ORKIN LEWIS

Thank You

— to our sustaining members —

This paper is powered by readers, advertisers, and subscribers of every level. Our Sustaining Members contribute an extra layer of support, and we're grateful for their commitment to keeping local journalism strong.



ARDSLEY
George Bartko
Seth Benkov
Alan Cohen
Billy & Ellen Dreskin
Steve Edelstein
Judith Flamm
Adria Goodson & Max Vohlken
Natasha Israni
Diana Juettner
Yon Lachmann
Jay Leon
Stephanie Marquesano
Kellen McNally &
Dr. Holly Halmo
Momo's Cafe
Loren Ratner & Paul Levy
Peter Rodwick
Carol & Lee Sommerfield
Brian Whitton



DOBBS FERRY
Jennifer Andrews
Chap Attwell, M.D.
Florim Bajraktari
Amanda Barbarello
Emma Barcoe
Tracy Baron
Brooke Bass
Ronna Blau
Illya Bomash & Disan Davis
Emily Broach
Diana Bufalini
Justin Bush
Jean Capuano
Asaf & Sarah Cohen
Christina & Eli Cohen
Sarah & Paul Colombo
Greta Cowan
Rob D'Annibale
Sara Davidson
Robert Dickey
Renato DiRusso
Dorothy Dunn
Roubi Eliopoulos
George Epstein & Emily Higgins
Ira Frazin
Jessica Galen
Robert Ganer
Jeff Geels
Matthew Ghiorse
Barbara Ginsberg
Richard Goodwin
Leah Gotcsik
Anne Graham
John Gunther-Mohr
Nitin Gupta
Kiera Haley
Jean Hamerman
Lucile Hamlin
Theresa & Ed Hardesty
Beth Holly
Katherine & Ben Hough
Benjamin Ilany
Lindsay Jerutis
Clay Kaminsky & Inna Livitz
Lori Kelly
Lisa & Randy Klipstein
Helena Kolenda
Melissa Kozusko
Jennifer N Kupershlak
Talis Lin
Macias Family
James Mandel
Susan Mia McCroskey
Shayna McEvoy-Zlotnik
James Miller
Christine Moon
Leslie Papa
Sergio Pennacchio
Holly Pilch
Rebecca Pitts
Linda Jo Platt
Bob Plotkin & Lisa Olsson
Sudha Reddy
Leslie Rich
Sandra Rosas
Matthew Rosenberg
Regan Rowan
Roberta A Schaber-Zedeker
Chad Schulte
Kate Sears
Gretchen Seefried
Janet Sikirica
PJ Singh
Joy Batashoff Thaler
Mary Toomy
Carl Walter



HASTINGS
Elizabeth Adinolfi
Jennifer Altman
Courtney Armstrong
Peter Balsam &
Frances Milliken
Natalie & Tim Barry
Liz Batson
Mark Bergamini
Berger
Andrew Bordwin
Jean-Pierre Boudrias
Broadway Training Center
of Westchester
Emily Brown
Jill Cerino
Thomas Chee-Diffy
Leslie W. Chervokas
Jan Clough & Ara Guzelimian
Charles Copeland
Naren Daniel
Michael Didovic
David Ebert
Samuel Effron
Elizabeth Ewing
Sandra Dawn Fransen
Helene Godin
Kerry Gould-Schmit
Nathan Graham
Helen Gredd
Lisa Green
Claudia Heitler
Ellen Hendrickx
Chris Hinkaty
Robin Joseph
Frances Kastner
Pamela Knell
Matthew Levine
Susan Levine
Donna Liparulo
Amy Listerman
Sam Mansour
Darren T. McDermott
Darrow Merton
Mary Mielke
Clara Miller
Marie-Louise Miller
George & Barbara Morrow
Aarthi Muthukrishnan
Brigid Nelson
Nina Orville & Ed Nammour
Laura Owens
Barbara Peterson
Sabine Reichert
Daniel Reiser
Zuri Rice
Joanna Riesman
Jon Riss
Eric Rubin
Mark Sameth
Dan Sbrega
Eric Scholz
Sandra Selikson
Suzanne K. Smith
Stephanie Soohoo
Kenneth Sundberg
Josh Suniewick
Cassandra Sweet
Stephanie Vanamee
Lori Walsh
Antonia Young



IRVINGTON
Ann Acheson
The Armour-Stiner
Octagon House
Benjamin & Anne Bahr
Tuvana Bain
Steven Balet
Gayle Binney & Jeff Helman
Susan Brunenavs
Lilli Bubel
Roger Caplan
Nicola Coddington
Marilyn & John Dimling
Zahra Egal
Lynn & Tom Gambardella
Brandon Goodwin
Brooke Gordon
Liesje Hodgson
Mary Beth Jowers
Kathy Kaufman
Constance Kehoe
Jorge Magallón
Shelley Molina-Rikhy
Michael Moore
Nicholas Moore
Meg Munits
Arthur O'Dwyer
Francis O'Shea
James Peiser
Daniel Pollay
John C. Price
Beth Propper & David Rubin
Laurie Pyburn
Jonathan A. Siegel



SLEEPY HOLLOW
Crystal Bave
Virginia Byron
Gina Carey
Mackenzie Dawson
Marjorie Hsu
George Lence
Veronica Perretti
Jeff Raderstrong
Nick Renzler
Morgan Ridler
Maya Sterling



TARRYTOWN
Allegra Dengler
Dean Gallea
Beth Hanson
Verity Van Tassel Richards
Giselle Brianceschi Schuetz
Fran Smith
Nicole Doniger Strom
Amanda Wallwin

OUR NEIGHBORS
George Calvi
Anne Cloudman
Kenneth Lerer
Susan Maggiotto
Robert Montano
Jim Schulte
Katie Stuntz
Liz Stuntz
Mollie Stuntz
Brad Swanson
Michael Young

To join as a sustaining member, sign up at *rivertownsdispatch.com/membership*

RIVERTOWNS Dispatch



SLEEPY HOLLOW

TaSH Farmers Market
Saturday, Oct. 24, 8:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Patriots Park. *tashfarmersmarket.org.*
—
Sleepy Hollow 10K Run
Saturday, Oct. 24, 9:30 a.m.; 9 a.m. for the Kids' Fun Run. Starting at the Village Parking Lot, 28 Beekman Ave. Register ($45, $55 after Oct. 18) at *rivertownrunners.org.*
—
Walk for Wishes & Fall Festival
Sunday, Oct. 25, 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Kingsland Point Park. Fundraiser for Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley. Register at *hudson.wish.org/walk.*
—
Oktoberfest
Sunday, Oct. 25, noon–4 p.m. Kathryn Davis Pavilion at Kingsland Point Park.
—
Scary Stories for Ages 5–12
Monday, Oct. 26, 4 p.m. Warner Library.
—
Little Pumpkin Parade
Tuesday, Oct. 27, 11 a.m.–noon. Warner Library.
—
Frightful Feature Film: "Mark of the Vampire"
Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2 p.m. Warner Library.
—
Community Coat Drive
Sleepy Hollow Police Headquarters, 28 Beekman Ave. Drop off donations daily 8 a.m.–8 p.m.

Students shine in photo contest

Eight Sleepy Hollow High School students in the Physics 2 class placed in the top 100 of the American Association of Physics Teachers' International Photo Contest, the most of any participating school, Schools Superintendent Ray Sanchez announced at the Board of Education meeting on Oct. 8.

Fifteen SHHS students entered the competition last spring, submitting photographs paired with essays explaining the physics behind each image. Entries were judged over the summer.

"Through their submissions, students brought together curiosity, creativity, critical thinking, and communication to make scientific concepts visible in the world around them," Sanchez said, praising physics teacher Leila Madani for her guidance and encouragement.

Madani told the board that the school first entered the contest in 2016, when an SHHS photograph taken from the front of the school won first place. Participation was later interrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

"Since we've restarted, SHHS has, I want to say, dominated, and I'm really, really proud," Madani said.

Several students shared their photographs and explained their creative processes at the meeting. The eight recognized students were Isabella Bencosme, James Dauer, Kyle DuLucia, Iris Griffin, Thalia Levee, Marcus Sparato, Sam Taylor, and Emmett Witmer.

Glass Pumpkin Patch to benefit Make-A-Wish

What's better than a pumpkin patch filled with pumpkins of all shapes and sizes? A glass pumpkin patch, open over the course of two weekends, where the colorful creations last long after Halloween — and the proceeds benefit Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley, which helps make wishes come true for children facing critical illnesses.

Gregory Tomb Glassblowing Studio is organizing its annual Glass Pumpkin Patch fundraiser for Oct. 22–25 and Oct. 29–Nov. 1, from 10 a.m.–5 p.m. daily at Kingsland Point Park .

Artists from Adirondack Glassblowing Studio will bring hundreds of hand-blown glass pumpkins available for purchase. Twenty percent of proceeds will benefit Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley.

On Sunday, Oct. 25, the pumpkin patch will be among the activities at Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley's Walk for Wishes: Family Fun Day.

— Laura Schiller

Got news?
Email staff writer Laura Schiller at *laura@rivertownsdispatch.com*

ILLUSTRATION BY JENNIFER ORKIN LEWIS



Todd Brown, Traci Redmond, and Josh Lewis

'Headless Improv' to turn cues into comedy

Sleepy Hollow Arts Collective to host three performances

BY LAURA SCHILLER

Have you seen the new musical comedy about the Headless Horseman? Well, no one has! But it's coming — and you can help create it on the spot. Raise your hand to offer an idea. Or forget the rules and yell out a word or two to help shape the story. Leave your filter at home and bring your Halloween fantasies and sense of fun.

The Sleepy Hollow Arts Collective (SHAC) brings "Headless Improv" to town on Oct. 24, 30, and 31 at 7 p.m. A group of improvisers will take the stage at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, 322 North Broadway, without a script. They'll ask the audience for story ideas — perhaps a theory of what really happened to the Horseman's head — and bring them to life on the spot.

"We'll usually say to shout out a place you've always wanted to visit, or a job you've never wanted, or a nightmare that you've had," said Josh Lewis, one of the improvisers and founder of SHAC. "And then we will act out that nightmare, with musical accompaniment."

The show will include a fully improvised opera and a musical comedy retelling of Washington Irving's "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." The performers will ask audience members to help recap the familiar tale, then use the audience's versions — leaning into the likely inaccurate details — as inspiration. A bin of props will add another layer of nuttiness to the proceedings.

"A lot of people think they know it [Irving's tale], but they can be a bit hazy on the details," Lewis told the Dispatch. "They might have some details wrong, but we'll be happy to do their incorrect version and then launch into our own musical comedy, fully improvised."

Performing improv in Sleepy Hollow is a full-circle moment for Lewis. After moving from Madison, Wisconsin, to New York City in the early 1990s, he performed with an improv group and sketch comedy troupe that went on to work with Comedy Central. He also taught improv at the Atlantic Theater Acting School for 15 years, including through its professional conservatory and NYU program.

> "We have more and more tourists coming up here and they're just looking for things to do."
>
> SHAC president Josh Lewis

Lewis moved to Sleepy Hollow with his family about nine years ago, expecting to remain professionally connected to the city. But he soon discovered a thriving community of local artists and began looking for ways to bring them together. After years of connecting with like-minded people, he established SHAC, which is now approaching its fifth year.

The collective offers programs for all ages, including a community band; an intergenerational chorus; and music, movement, and acting classes. Its productions have included "Songs from the Crypt," a concert celebrating deceased rock stars. The collective also hosts drag nights and "Hidden Gems," a play-reading series featuring new or rarely performed works.

Now, SHAC is drawing on the growing improv community in the Rivertowns for its Halloween production. The cast includes local talent as well as performers coming up from New York City. The show will feature short, fast-paced scenes and silly games in the style of the television series "Whose Line Is It Anyway?"

Lewis hopes "Headless Improv" will offer locals and visitors a different kind of Halloween entertainment that doesn't rely on gore or jump scares.

"We have more and more tourists coming up here and they're just looking for things to do," he said. "It doesn't all have to be Jason and 'Nightmare on Elm Street.' "

Instead, the Headless Horseman's story could go just about anywhere, depending on what the audience throws at the performers. No two shows will be alike, and the biggest jolt might come from laughing too hard.

In addition to Lewis, the performers will be Todd Brown, Molly Canu, Michael Cirelli, Kelsea Dineen, Tatiana Godfrey, Richard Lowenberg, Ben Masur, Andrew Newberg, Michelle Piccolo Hill, and Traci Redmond.

The show is recommended for ages 10 and older. For tickets, which cost $30 for adults, $25 for children 13 and younger, visit *sleepyarts.org*.

Conley Lawler debate

Continued from page 3

immigrant Oscar Belgal by ICE agents in the Marble Hill section of the Bronx to condemn ICE's conduct as "posing a public safety hazard, putting civilians in harm's way." The same standards expected of local law enforcement should be required of federal agents. "That means wearing body cameras, not wearing masks, wearing identifying uniforms, so people know who you are." Congress, she said, needs to do its job and enforce standards."

Lawler recited Belgal's rap sheet according to DHS: "We're talking about a gangbanger who came into this country illegally, who committed robbery and held somebody at gunpoint, who pulled a machete on a neighbor and who was arrested for drug dealing," noting that he was released from jail under Gov. Kathy Hochul's cashless bail law.

One of Conley's favorite campaign weapons is the charge that Lawler votes for the Trump agenda 100% of the time. When PIX 11 moderator Dan Mannarino asserted that Lawler "voted with the President's agenda more than 90% of the time," Lawler thanked the moderator for confirming that Conley "lied when she said I voted 100% of the time." According to the Congressional Quarterly, the actual percentage was 94.

Lawler cited examples of policy differences with Trump, one of which has become a regular feature in his appearances: his vote for last year's tax bill contingent on Trump's agreeing to raise the cap on SALT deductions from 10 to 40 percent. However, the original cap was due to expire this year, so that without his intervention, there would have been no cap at all.

Questioned about tariffs, Conley charged that they "have jacked up the price of everything," leading Lawler to lecture about the short-term benefits of tariffs before he conceded that Trump was "wrong to make it volatile and continually fluctuate the rate."

On the fraught topic of American relations with Israel, it was Conley who was forced to walk a fine line. Lawler declared himself "opposed to any effort by the Democrats and the DSA [Democratic Socialists of America] to defund the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel." Conley distinguished between policy toward Israel and relations with its government: "I believe America has a responsibility to help insure the safety and security of the Israeli people," she said, "but I will also criticize the Netanyahu administration when I believe it is doing the wrong thing for Israel and America."

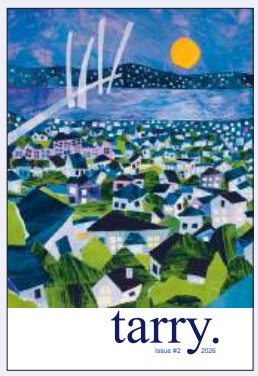
Earlier in the debate — and in many of his ads — Lawler linked his opponent with the DSA, a tactic pursued nationally by Republicans to convince voters that the Democrats are moving dangerously left. He demanded that Conley say whether she condemned Zohran Mamdani's "antisemitic" Oct. 7 denunciation of the Israeli campaign in Gaza. She did, but added, "I'm not a member of the DSA. I disagree with a lot of their policies. I also believe that the future of the Democratic Party is not in New York City."

Voters will decide on Nov. 3 whether its future is in District 17 — at least for the next two years.

tarry. corner

Futures Perfect

By Lynn White



The nymphs gathered round eagerly.
Though they'd heard the tale
many times before,
still they listened rapt.

Grandad told of a time long, long ago
when a great-great-grandmother
had been squashed by a boot
her hard skeleton broken
her soft body splattered
on the sidewalk
as she died.

They counted their blessings
knowing they were lucky
to live in this time
when there were no boots,
no human feet inside them,
no human brains to hate them.

So lucky
to live in a time
when only love
and peace prevailed.

The Tarry corner is a collaboration between the Rivertowns Dispatch and Tarry literary magazine to bring Tarry's poetry and short fiction to the pages of the Dispatch.

For more information about Tarry or to submit to their magazine, go to *tarrymag.com*



FRENCHY HELPING HANDS LLC

LOCAL & LONG-DISTANCE MOVING

We Don't Just Move Furniture - We Move Lives.

- Residential & Commercial Moving
- Packing & Unpacking
- White-Glove Moving & Delivery
- Furniture Disassembly & Reassembly
- Hot Tub Relocation
- Art & Specialty Moving



Local, Family-Owned • Licensed & Insured

Serving the Hudson Valley, Tri-State Area & Beyond

CALL OR TEXT FOR A FREE ESTIMATE

845-907-2314

frenchyhelpinghands.net

barre3

Rivertowns

Your first class is free!



TARRYTOWN

TaSH Farmers Market
Saturday, Oct. 24, 8:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Patriots Park. *tashfarmersmarket.org.*

—

Halloween Parade
Saturday, Oct. 24, 5 p.m. From Patriots Park to Broadway, then Main Street, followed by music and food trucks.

—

Scary Stories for Ages 5–12
Monday, Oct. 26, 4 p.m. Warner Library.

—

Planning Board Meeting
Monday, Oct. 26, 7 p.m. Village Hall.

—

Little Pumpkin Parade
Tuesday, Oct. 27, 11 a.m.–noon. Warner Library.

—

Frightful Feature Film: "Mark of the Vampire"
Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2 p.m. Warner Library.

Board of Trustees Work Session
Wednesday, Oct. 28, 6 p.m. Village Hall.

—

Trunk or Treat & Movie Night
Friday, Oct. 30, 4:30–6:30 p.m. Parking Lot E next to Pierson Park. Screening of "Addams Family Values" in Pierson Park.

—

Personal Care Drive
Village Hall. Through Friday, Oct. 30. Weekdays, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., drop off overnight essentials for those impacted by domestic violence.

Public decries gas leaf blowers

More than 30 residents and neighbors called for a ban on gas-powered leaf blowers (GPLBs) at the Oct. 19 Tarrytown Board of Trustees meeting.

They spoke during a public hearing on a proposed law that would expand restrictions on GPLBs in the village, with many calling for a full ban.

Among them was Rob DeRocker, who circulated an online petition that has garnered more than 180 signatures.

"For all the health, environmental, and quality-of-life reasons that have already been so well articulated, we're wholeheartedly in favor of this ban. Another reason, though, is the village's reputation," DeRocker told the board. "It would be great to say that Tarrytown, however late to the game, has gone from laggard to leader with this legislation."

One advocate was 11-year-old Max Macari, a Sleepy Hollow Middle School student who told trustees he had started a petition last year calling for a full ban on GPLBs in Sleepy Hollow. The Village adopted a phased-in ban in June 2026. Macari's petition garnered 200 signatures.

Mayor Karen Brown said the Village needed to clarify whether the proposed ban would apply to school property, and encouraged Macari to bring his petition to the school district superintendent.

The public hearing will continue at the board's Nov. 2 meeting.

Electric bike regulations

The Village of Tarrytown is considering changes to its code that could allow officials to confiscate certain electric bikes operated illegally by underage riders.

During a work session on Oct. 14, board members raised concerns about children riding electric bikes on sidewalks, sometimes in groups and at speeds that can pose risks to pedestrians.

Trustees discussed pairing enforcement with public education for riders, parents, and the broader community, potentially in coordination with the school district.

The proposal remains under review.

Parking pay station upgrades

Tarrytown's Board of Trustees voted Oct. 19 to approve a $118,835.57 purchase of 19 new and upgraded parking pay stations as the Village moves toward phasing out its aging individual Duncan meters, which are increasingly difficult to maintain.

The new stations will accept coins, credit cards, and contactless payments, and allow the Village to adjust parking rates and time limits as needed.

— Laura Schiller

ILLUSTRATION BY JENNIFER ORKIN LEWIS



Tess Kaplan as Lady Macbeth and Emma Freeman at Macbeth

Production brings out the horror in 'Macbeth'

BY LAURA SCHILLER

If you hear someone say, "By the pricking of my thumbs / Something wicked this way comes," you might be in the wrong place at the wrong time. Or, you might be at Makers Central in Tarrytown, where Anywhere Theatre Company is bringing the witches, bloodshed, and psychological horror of Shakespeare's "Macbeth" to the stage just in time for Halloween.

Opening Oct. 29 for five performances, the production emphasizes the play's supernatural visions and brutal violence. Its staging in a warehouse space dedicated to craft and creative work draws audiences into the dark world of a Scottish nobleman whose hunger for power leads him down a path of murder and madness.

"The play definitely revolves a lot around themes of psychological horror," said director William Royston of Sleepy Hollow. "There are lots of different interpretations of the witches, and in ours it is very much kind of metaphorical for internal conflicts, digging into Shakespeare's language, the allusions to horror, and the thrilling aspects of the play."

The production continues a Halloween-season tradition for Anywhere, which has made spooky, atmospheric theater part of its work in the Rivertowns. Founded in 2022 by William's father, Peter Royston, the company grew out of a desire to rethink how theater could reach the community after the pandemic.

"I think a big part of what Will has been trying to do with this production is bring it back to its scary roots," Peter said. "It is Shakespeare, and there is extraordinary philosophy there. But it's also a scary story about revenge and murder that has been massively influential on stories that we watch and listen to and read today."

"Macbeth" marks William's first time directing a professional production with Anywhere, though he has directed the company's youth and educational productions.

The show brings its dark imagery to life through visual effects, including artwork by Luke Johnson, an artist and actor who has worked with the company. Johnson's artwork, which draws on occult imagery and horror, will appear in background projections during the performance. The staging also features bloody fight scenes and eerie supernatural moments.

"There are brutal fights that have a lot of blood, and it's just so entertaining and fun, and that's a big aspect of this play," the director said.

One of the play's best-known supernatural moments comes when Macbeth sees an imaginary dagger before murdering King Duncan.

"I don't think I'm doing any spoilers here but, you know, Macbeth kills the king of Scotland," William said. "He has that famous speech, 'Is this a dagger which I see before me?' where the dagger is kind of just this vision of the dagger floating through the air."

The production also re-imagines who gets to play Shakespeare's most complex characters, with an all-female cast of 12. Emma Freeman, one of Anywhere's original members, plays Macbeth, while Ann Royston, Peter's wife and William's mother, plays King Duncan.

"We first found ourselves kind of surrounded by extraordinary women actors who would never have been able to play these parts," Peter said. "And we really felt there was a kind of 400-year-old conversation going back to the Elizabethan times when they were all men playing it. And we wanted to have that same feeling, but with women who would just never have had the opportunity to play these parts."

William had long wanted to see Freeman play MacBeth, and it was rewarding for him to give her that chance. The two have performed together in numerous Anywhere productions, including last year's "Twelfth Night."

"I've seen Emma Freeman play these amazing roles, but I've always felt she was a little limited," he said. "We once talked about her wanting to play Hamlet. She had these dreams of playing complex, interesting roles, but Shakespeare wrote so many more compelling roles for men than for women. When we did 'Othello,' she played Desdemona amazingly, but of course, she's brutally killed, and that's it. She never gets to do the killing."

Freeman is also a member of The Altogether, the band that created the production's music and performs in the show.

Having lived in Sleepy Hollow for 32 years, Peter said the production reflects the community's long connection to storytelling. He has watched the village grow from its North Tarrytown days into a place recognized around the world for its literary and supernatural associations.

"Sleepy Hollow is kind of built on stories," he said. "You can go anywhere in the world and say 'Sleepy Hollow,' and people think of the Headless Horseman or the original story. To have that as part of our identity, and then to bring in this classic, scary horror tragedy, I think is a real gift to the community."

Performances, at Makers Central, 84 Central Ave., are Thursday, Oct. 29, 7 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 30, 7 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 31, 5 and 9 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 1, 7 p.m. Tickets cost $50 at *anywheretheatrecompany.com/macbeth-2026*.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Classies

MARKET.RIVERTOWNSDISPATCH.COM/CLASSIES

The Dispatch Classies are for person-to-person ads and notices to the community. Submissions are due by 12 p.m. Monday for that Friday's paper. To purchase a classified notice, go to *market.rivertownsdispatch.com/classies*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLING ALL YOUNG ARTISTS!

Kids ages 12 and under are invited to create an original drawing or painting of their local library's children's room. Use of color is encouraged! Email a photo of your artwork to info@storysalon.studio by Nov. 15. Young editors of the Little Dispatch will select one winner from each library. Winners will be published!

PUBLIC NOTICES

Fifty-Three Thirty Productions LLC. Filed 9/29/26. Office: Westchester Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 230 S. Bedford Rd, Chappaqua, NY 10514. Purpose: Entertainment.

—

IRVINGTON VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS RES 10 YEARS SUMMARY ESTOPPEL NOTICE

This bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Irvington, New York on the 14th day of September, 2026, and the period of time has elapsed for the submission and filing of a petition for a permissive referendum and a valid petition has not been submitted and filed. The validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village of Irvington, New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.
KATIE BUGNA
Village Clerk

SUMMARY OF BOND RESOLUTION

Set forth below is a summary of said resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Irvington on September 14, 2026.

BOND RESOLUTION, DATED SEPTEMBER 14, 2026, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO $1,053,200 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF IRVINGTON, COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, STATE OF NEW YORK, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW, TO FINANCE THE COSTS OF (I) THE ACQUISITION OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND (II) THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF HVAC IMPROVEMENTS, ALL IN AND FOR THE VILLAGE.

object or purpose: (i) the acquisition of communications equipment ($116,000) and (ii) the acquisition, construction and reconstruction of HVAC improvements ($937,200), all in and for the Village, at an estimated maximum cost not to exceed $1,053,200

period of probable usefulness: ten (10) years
amount of obligations to be issued: $1,053,200

A complete copy of the Bond Resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Village Clerk, Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Irvington, New York 10533.

Dated: October 15, 2026

—

IRVINGTON MACHINERY AND APPARATUS 15 YEARS SUMMARY ESTOPPEL NOTICE

This bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Irvington, New York on the 14th day of September, 2026, and the period of time has elapsed for the submission and filing of a petition for a permissive referendum and a valid petition has not been submitted and filed. The validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village of Irvington, New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.
KATIE BUGNA
Village Clerk

SUMMARY OF BOND RESOLUTION
Set forth below is a summary of said resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Irvington on September 14, 2026.

BOND RESOLUTION, DATED SEPTEMBER 14, 2026, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO $891,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF IRVINGTON, COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, STATE OF NEW YORK, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW, TO FINANCE THE COSTS OF THE ACQUISITION OF MACHINERY AND APPARATUS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

objects or purposes: the acquisition of machinery and apparatus for construction and maintenance, at an estimated maximum cost not to exceed $983,892

period of probable usefulness: fifteen (15) years
amount of obligations to be issued: $891,000

A complete copy of the Bond Resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Village Clerk, Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Irvington, New York 10533.

Dated: October 15, 2026

—

IRVINGTON FIRE FIGHTING APPARATUS RES 20 YEARS SUMMARY ESTOPPEL NOTICE

This amended and restated bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Irvington, New York on the 14th day of September, 2026, and the period of time has elapsed for the submission and filing of a petition for a permissive referendum and a valid petition has not been submitted and filed. The validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village of Irvington, New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.
KATIE BUGNA
Village Clerk

SUMMARY OF BOND RESOLUTION

Set forth below is a summary of said resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Irvington on September 14, 2026.

AMENDED AND RESTATED BOND RESOLUTION, DATED SEPTEMBER 14, 2026, AMENDING AND RESTATING A BOND RESOLUTION, DATED AUGUST 12, 2025, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO $1,400,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF IRVINGTON, COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, STATE OF NEW YORK, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW, TO FINANCE THE COSTS OF THE ACQUISITION OF A FIRE-FIGHTING VEHICLE

objects or purposes: the acquisition of a fire-fighting vehicle
period of probable usefulness: twenty (20) years
amount of obligations to be issued: $1,400,000

A complete copy of the Bond Resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Village Clerk, Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Irvington, New York 10533.

Dated: October 15, 2026

—

VILLAGE OF IRVINGTON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Adam and Rebecca Waldman have submitted an application to the Village of Irvington Planning Board for proposed improvements to the property located at 3 Roland Road, Irvington, New York. The proposed work includes demolition of the existing rear deck; renovation of the rear patio and walkway; improvements to the retaining wall; and construction of a new garbage enclosure pad. The project proposes a net increase of approximately 475 square feet of impervious coverage. The application will be considered at the Planning Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at 7:00 PM, in the Trustees Meeting Room at Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Irvington, New York 10533. The application and associated plans will be available for public examination at the Office of the Village Clerk and the Irvington Public Library beginning one week prior to the meeting, during their regular public hours. By Order of the Village of Irvington Planning Board.

—

HASTINGS PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED LOCAL LAW F OF 2026

To Consider Proposed Local Law F of 2026, a Local Law Amending Article VII Stop and Yield Intersections of Chapter 202 Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, Section 282-16A(5)(B) to Add Stop Sign on Ravensdale Road at Kent Avenue.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
That the Mayor and Board of Trustees schedule a public hearing for Tuesday, November 3, 2026 at 7:00 PM or shortly thereafter to consider Proposed Local Law F of 2026, a Local Law Amending Article VII Stop and Yield Intersections of Chapter 202 Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, Section 282-16A(5)(B) to Add Stop Sign on Ravensdale Road at Kent Avenue.

The full text of the Proposed Local Law is available at www.hohny.gov.

The meeting will be conducted in-person at the Village Hall Meeting Room, 7 Maple Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York.

The meeting will be able to be seen live on Channel 75 (Cable), or Channel 43 (FIOS), or streaming live on www.whoh-tv.org.

The Board at such time and place will hear all persons in support or opposition to such matter.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ANTHONY P. COSTANTINI
Village Clerk/Treasurer

For information regarding access for persons with disabilities, please visit www.hohny.gov or call 914-478-3400 Ext. 610.

Publish: The Rivertowns Dispatch
October 23, 2026

—

HASTINGS PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED LOCAL LAW G OF 2026

To Consider Proposed Local Law G of 2026, a Local Law to Amend Chapter 260 Taxation of the Code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson to Add New Article X Exemption for Fully Disabled Veterans Pursuant to Section 458-a(11) of the Real Property Tax Law.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
That the Mayor and Board of Trustees schedule a public hearing for Tuesday, November 3, 2026 at 7:00 PM or shortly thereafter to consider Proposed Local Law G of 2026, a Local Law to Amend Chapter 260 Taxation of the Code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson to Add New Article X Exemption for Fully Disabled Veterans Pursuant to Section 458-a(11) of the Real Property Tax Law..

The full text of the Proposed Local Law is available at www.hohny.gov.

The meeting will be conducted in-person at the Village Hall Meeting Room, 7 Maple Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York.

The meeting will be able to be seen live on Channel 75 (Cable), or Channel 43 (FIOS), or streaming live on www.whoh-tv.org.

The Board at such time and place will hear all persons in support or opposition to such matter.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ANTHONY P. COSTANTINI
Village Clerk/Treasurer

For information regarding access for persons with disabilities, please visit www.hohny.gov or call 914-478-3400 Ext. 610.

Publish: The Rivertowns Dispatch
October 23, 2026

—

PUBLIC NOTICE - SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a majority of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Irvington will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 7PM at Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Irvington.

Katie Bugna, Clerk-Treasurer
Irvington, NY
October 21, 2026

The Blotter

Continued from page 2

29-year-old resident of Lynbrook, Long Island, was at Tarrytown Lakes Park on Oct. 9 at 11:53 p.m. That park closes half an hour after sunset. A 23-year-old Bronx resident, 35-year-old Bronx resident, and 42-year-old Queens resident were at Riverwalk Park on Oct. 10 at 12:38 a.m. That park closes at 11 p.m.

Suspended license: A 43-year-old Tarrytown resident was arrested for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree, a misdemeanor, on North Broadway on the morning of Monday, Oct. 12. Officer Paul Dopyera made the arrest.

Fishing violation: A 45-year-old Yonkers resident was cited for fishing at Tarrytown Lakes Park on the afternoon of Monday, Oct. 12. Fishing requires a Village permit that is only available to Tarrytown residents.

Security check: Two men asked suspicious questions of staff at the Sleepy Hollow Hotel, 455 South Broadway, on the afternoon of Tuesday, Oct. 13. The men turned out to be from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Their questions were an exercise to determine if hotel staff would report them to the police, which they did.

Wanted no more: A 34-year-old Cross River resident who was in custody at the Westchester County Jail was turned over to the Tarrytown Police Department, which had a warrant for his arrest, on Wednesday, Oct. 14. The defendant had been arrested for shoplifting from The Swan's House, 37 North Broadway, on May 9. The warrant was issued after he missed an appearance in Tarrytown Village Court on June 3.

DWI arrest: A 53-year-old Hopewell Junction resident was arrested for driving while intoxicated and for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the second degree, both misdemeanors, on Windle Park on the morning of Wednesday, Oct. 14. Officer Blake Butler made the arrest.

Suspended license: A 39-year-old Sleepy Hollow resident was arrested for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree, a misdemeanor, at the Washington Irving School on Broadway on the morning of Thursday, Oct. 15. Officer Blake Butler made the arrest.

Theft of package: A package containing $51 worth of items was stolen from the mailroom of a building on Windle Park on Saturday, Oct. 17, between 11:05 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

DWI arrest: A 49-year-old Ossining resident was arrested for driving while intoxicated, a misdemeanor, after he hit a utility pole on South Broadway on the morning of Sunday, Oct. 18. Officer Peter Delmonaco made the arrest.

Opinion

The Dispatch welcomes letters to the editor about subjects related to the Rivertowns. Letters must be no more than 300 words, submitted by Monday at noon for that week's issue, and include the names, home addresses, and phone numbers of their writers. No letter is guaranteed publication. To submit a letter, visit *rivertownsdispatch.com/contact-us*

Support Democrats 'all the way' on Row A

To the Editor:

Early voting begins Saturday, Oct. 24 for the upcoming general election on Nov. 3, and our Democratic candidates need voters' support across the board. We urge all Democrats to "Vote Row A, All the Way" for our village trustees Morgen Fleisig and Samantha Merton, in addition to New York State Gov. Kathy Hochul and Lt. Gov. Adrienne Adams; State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli; State Attorney General Letitia James; Congressman George Latimer; State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins; State Assemblymember MaryJane Shimsky; Westchester County Legislator David Imamura; Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner; Greenburgh Town Clerk Lisa Marie Nero; State Supreme Court, 9th Judicial District candidates Maria Rosa, George Fufidio, and Alden Wolfe, and Greenburgh Town Justice Amy Foote. Hastings voters: also remember to turn over your ballot to vote on whether to increase the maximum service credit under the Hastings volunteer firefighter service award program from 20 to 40 years, effective Jan. 1, 2027.

Early voting is from Saturday, Oct. 24 to Sunday, Nov. 1. Days and hours are: Saturday and Sunday, October 24–25: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, October 26, 28, 30, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, Oct. 27 and 29, 12–8 p.m. Vote at the Hastings Public Library, 7 Maple Ave., or at any of the 25 early voting centers located throughout the county. Find more information at *https://www.hohny.gov/m/newsflash/Home/Detail/2016*.

Vote early to avoid confusion or running out of time on Election Day, or vote on Election Day at your regular polling site from 6 a.m.–9 p.m. Please contact *hastingsdems10706@gmail.com* if you need assistance.

Vote in this critical election to support our village trustees and volunteer firefighters and elect all of our Democratic candidates. Our democracy depends on it. Thank you!

Leslie Chervokas, chair
HASTINGS DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

Vote for Boulanger, Raderstrong, and Sheeran for board

To the Editor:

The Transparent Accountable Government Party (TAG) was started by former Mayor Martin Rutyna in 2023 because he saw a Sleepy Hollow government that needed to pay more attention to the basics, like fiscal responsibility, community engagement, and open lines of communication.

Three years later, his vision is becoming a reality we can all be proud of. We have a local government focused on keeping taxes low through smart prioritization, minimizing borrowing, and making us more resilient to fiscal stress — all while building our community to be a safer, supportive, and more affordable place to live.

Which is why I'm excited to support this year's slate of candidates for trustee of the Village of Sleepy Hollow — Patrick Sheeran, Rodolphe Boulanger, and Meghan Raderstrong.

An owner of a much-loved business in Sleepy Hollow whose family is deeply embedded in the community, Patrick brings a unique perspective and commitment to revitalizing our business community that helps the board make thoughtful decisions for the entire community. He understands the challenges facing residents today and is committed to a thriving, engaged community.

Meghan's volunteer work with the Sleepy Hollow Ambulance Corps and our public schools makes her uniquely suited to focus the Village's attention on increasing volunteerism in our community. We all win when we work together, and her focus on this area will benefit the community for decades to come.

Rodolphe's involvement with the Village's Parking & Transportation Committee, and his thoughtful approach to problem-solving, offers a path forward on many of the tough issues facing Sleepy Hollow as we grow and evolve in a changing world.

I hope you will join me in voting for them on Nov. 3 (or earlier if you vote early or by mail). Early voting begins Saturday, Oct. 24.

Lauren Connell
DEPUTY MAYOR OF SLEEPY HOLLOW AND MEMBER OF TUFSD UNPLUGGED

Schools should use more than 'evidence' to gauge EdTech

To the Editor:

From LA to NYC, school districts are pulling back on the use of educational technology (EdTech) in K–12 classrooms. EdTech companies have taken notice and turned to a familiar page in the corporate playbook: screenwashing.

"Screenwashing" originally referred to the way social media platforms pretend to be more socially responsible than they actually are. Like "greenwashing," screenwashing is marketing, not meaningful change, and it's happening in two ways.

First, EdTech companies are pushing "purpose," describing their products as "purposeful technology" and "purpose-built." For companies, this makes sense: "purpose" exists in the minds of the people creating and using the product and can be changed without effort or money. What's not easy to change are the flaws in these products, if they can even be salvaged at all.

Second, EdTech companies emphasize that their products are "evidence-based." A federal law, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), recognizes four tiers of evidence for educational interventions. ESSA's highest tier ("Tier 1"/"strong evidence") requires at least one well-designed and well-implemented experimental study. Sounds good, right? But in practice the standards are incredibly weak.

For example, IXL Math is a popular product supported by "strong evidence" under ESSA. However, this evidence is a single independent study conducted on 545 students in third to fifth grades in one school district in Michigan, 67% of whom were economically disadvantaged. No independent researchers have replicated these results or produced evidence supporting IXL Math in middle school, though it's used there too. More alarming is the fact that, in one study, only 2% of the EdTech products surveyed even met the very low threshold of "strong evidence" under ESSA.

As our districts wrestle with the appropriate use of EdTech, we must eschew buzzwords and rely on more than the bare minimum of evidence. Our kids deserve nothing less.

Brianne Lucyk (Dobbs Ferry), Julie Civale (Dobbs Ferry), Lucy Collins (Dobbs Ferry), Lauren Connell (Sleepy Hollow), Kristie Weatherford (Hastings)

Preschool needs new home for indoor and outdoor activities

To the Editor:

Little Leaf, the outdoor preschool that has become an anchor of the Rivertowns community, has lost its Hastings site and needs a new home. We urge any landowner, land trust, or municipal body able to help to come forward.

As parents of two Little Leaf children, and as a pediatrician and a neuroscientist, we see daily what this program does. Its play-based curriculum gives children the opportunity to learn and grow in the natural world instead of a traditional classroom. It treats them as capable, curious people and gives them room to take developmentally appropriate risks, solve real problems, and build independence.

The research supports what we have seen in our own children. Time outdoors, opportunities to take reasonable risks, and the freedom to work through challenges help children develop independence, emotional regulation, and problem-solving skills. We have watched both of our children become more willing to try new things, work through frustration, and look out for the people, animals, and the natural world around them.

Little Leaf has also shaped our experience of living here. When we left New York City for Westchester, the opportunity to send our daughter to an outdoor preschool was one of the things that drew us to the Rivertowns. We know other families who made the same choice, and many of our closest local friendships began at Little Leaf. For us, it has been much more than a preschool; it has been a place where we found community.

The school's director is now searching for a new site, and the program needs an outdoor/indoor space in or near the Rivertowns to continue serving the community that depends on it. If you can help, we would be glad to share more about our family's experience.

Emily Echevarria, M.D. and Travis Lewis, M.D., Ph.D.
HASTINGS

Jewish journalist reports first-hand from West Bank

To the Editor:

My son, Jasper Nathaniel, Hastings born and raised, is a Jewish journalist reporting from the West Bank. He went to report on the life of the small communities and to serve as what has been known as a "protective presence," the theory being that the terrorist settlers would be less likely to attack foreigners than Palestinians. That no longer seems to be the case — a Washington Post photographer was recently brutalized, barely escaping with her life, and rescued by my son and other activists and Palestinian youths who protected them while getting her to an ambulance. The day before, a Palestinian American was severely beaten, almost to death, and required ICU treatment. The IDF collaborates and protects the settlers. During a recent pogrom, my son approached the IDF jeep sitting in the road, and begged for help. They tear-gassed him. They tear-gassed my son for reporting on a murderous rampage. These pogroms must be stopped. The complicity of the IDF and Israeli government must end.

Continued on page 19

HAPPENINGS IN THE RIVERTOWNS

The Agenda

EDITED BY JENNIFER GOLD

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24

Sports Card & Memorabilia Show
ARDSLEY

10 a.m.–4 p.m. / $10 in advance, $12 at the door, free for kids under 10. Concord Road Elementary School, 2 Concord Road. Ardsley PTSA hosts a day of buying, selling, and trading vintage and modern cards. *my.cheddarup.com/c/ardsley-ptsa-card-show/items*

Halloween Festivities
DOBBS FERRY

11:30 a.m.–4 p.m. / Free. Waterfront Park. Pet parade at 11:30 a.m., followed by the Halloween Bash with food trucks, inflatables, and bubble bus.

Teen Open Mic
DOBBS FERRY

7 p.m. South Presbyterian Church, 343 Broadway. Sign up in advance to share stories, poems, comedy, or music (band or solo act) at *instagram.com/the_lab_open_mic*

Grave Rave: HudCo's Halloween Ball
DOBBS FERRY

7:30–11 p.m. / $30, $20 for members. HudCo, 145 Palisade St. A dark carnival with macabre merriment features dancing and a costume contest. *hudco.eventbrite.com*

Gothic Market Weekend
TARRYTOWN

9 a.m.–5 p.m. / $35 for adults, $33 for seniors, $29 for ages 6–17. Lyndhurst, 635 S. Broadway. Explore the mansion and shop the market of eclectic mix of spooky oddities, antiques, jewelry, plus tarot card readings and seasonal foods. Tickets required. Also Sunday. *lyndhurst.org*

Halloween Parade and Block Party
TARRYTOWN

5 p.m. Kicks off at Patriots Park, turns south on Broadway, and heads down Main Street with a block party at South Washington Street. *instagram.com/tarrytownhalloweenparade*

"The Masque of the Red Death"
TARRYTOWN

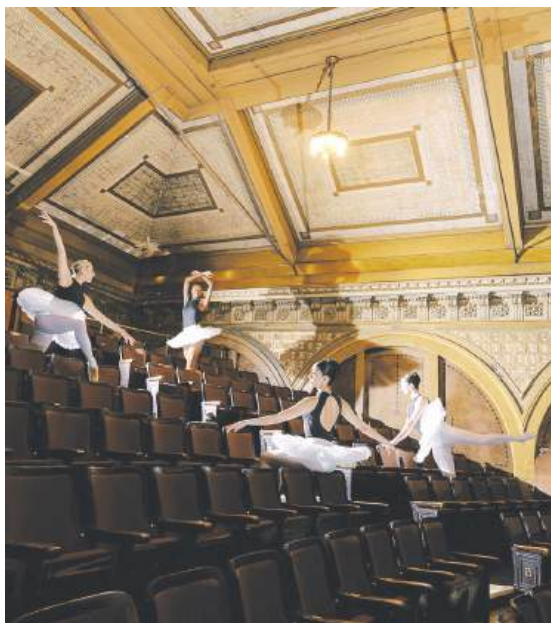
6–9 p.m. / $45. Lyndhurst, 635 S. Broadway. Irvington Shakespeare Company presents an immersive theater experience. For ages 12+. Also Oct. 25 and 29–30. *lyndhurst.org*

"The Rocky Horror Picture Show"
TARRYTOWN

9 p.m. / $28. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St. Audience participation is welcome at the cult classic. *tarrytownmusichall.org*

Halloween 10K
SLEEPY HOLLOW

9:30 a.m., 9 a.m. for StartKids Fun Run / $55. Village Parking Lot, 28 Beekman Ave. The Headless Horseman sends off costumed runners on a 6.2-mile loop. Register at *visitsleepyhollow.com*



Continuum Contemporary Ballet presents "Suite Mysterioso: A Halloween Ballet" at Tarrytown Music Hall on Thursday, Oct. 29. *Photo by Renee Hollingshead*

Glass Pumpkin Patch
SLEEPY HOLLOW

10 a.m.–5 p.m. / Free admission. Kingsland Point Park, 299 Palmer Ave. Adirondack artist Gregory Tomb showcases hundreds of hand-blown glass pumpkins for sale; 20% of proceeds benefit Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley. Also Oct. 25 and Oct. 29–Nov. 1. *wish.org/hudson*

The Headless Horseman Files
SLEEPY HOLLOW

10 a.m.–4 p.m. / $25–$35. Philipsburg Manor, 381 N. Broadway. Follow a guide to collect clues and solve the legend. Recommended for ages 8+. Fridays-Sundays through Oct. 31. Timed-entry tickets required. *hudsonvalley.org*

Spirits of Sleepy Hollow Country
SLEEPY HOLLOW

2 p.m. and later / $65–$89. Philipsburg Manor, 381 N. Broadway. Illusionists Mark Clearview and Nick Wallace feature interactive magic and the region's folklore. Various times on Fridays-Sundays through Oct. 31. Recommended for ages 10+. Advance tickets required. *hudsonvalley.org*

Headless Improv
SLEEPY HOLLOW

7 p.m. / $30, $25 for ages 10–13. Fraternal Order of the Eagles, 322 N. Broadway. Comedians and audience participation. Also Oct. 30 and 31. *sleepyhollowtarrytownchamber.com*

SATURDAY OCTOBER 25

Author Talk
DOBBS FERRY

11 a.m. / Free. Greenburgh Hebrew Center, 515 Broadway. Susan Kleinman discusses her novel, "All Afternoon." RSVP by emailing Lisa at *adulteducation@ghcny.org*. *ghcny.org*

85th Annual Spaghetti Dinner
DOBBS FERRY

1–6 p.m. / $20, $10 for children. Our Lady of Pompeii Church, 95 Palisade St. Incl. salad, spaghetti, meatballs, bread, cake, coffee. *sh-olp.com*

"Growing Mushrooms, Growing Forests"
IRVINGTON

10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. / Free. O'Hara Nature Center, 170 Mountain Road. Connor Youngerman of Cornell Small Farms Program leads a hands-on exploration. *irvingtongreen.org/events*

Virtual History Lecture
IRVINGTON

2 p.m. / Free. The Irvington Historical Society presents Samantha Wilcoxson to discuss her book, "Women of the American Revolution." Register for the link: *irvingtonhistoricalsociety.org*

Halloween Parade
IRVINGTON

3 p.m. Steps off from Immaculate Conception Church, 16 N. Broadway, and ends at the Main Street School, 101 Main St., with candy and music. Sponsored by the Irvington Fire Company.

Fall Fest
TARRYTOWN

10–11:30 a.m. / Free. Shames JCC, 371 S. Broadway. Pumpkin decorating, treats, raffles, a magic show, and games with River Friends Day Camp and J Sports Academy Day Camp. Register at *shamesjcc.org*

Jazz Vocalist Chiara Izzi
TARRYTOWN

4 and 6 p.m. / $25, $20 for students. Jazz Forum Club, 1 Dixon Lane. *jazzforumarts.org*

"Home for Horror" Film Series
TARRYTOWN

3, 5:15, 7:15 p.m. / $16 for adults, $13 for kids. The Lyceum, 39 N. Broadway. Seasonal classics presented by Sleepy Hollow Cinema. The series runs through Nov. 1. *sleepyhollow-cinema.org/events*

"Whose Live Anyway"
TARRYTOWN

7 p.m. / $76–$86. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St. Improv comedy and songs based on audience suggestions. *tarrytownmusichall.org*

Walk for Wishes & Fall Festival
SLEEPY HOLLOW

9 a.m.–2 p.m. / $15 for adult walkers, $10 for youth walkers; $5 more on-site. Kingsland Point Park, 299 Palmer Ave. The benefit for Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley features a 1-mile walk and family-fun fall-themed activities. Register at *hudson.wish.org/walk*

Oktoberfest
SLEEPY HOLLOW

Noon–4 p.m. / Free, $5 for parking. Kathryn Davis Pavilion at Kingsland Point Park. German food and beer, live Bavarian music, and children's activities. *sleepyhollowny.gov*

Debut Poets Reading
SLEEPY HOLLOW

4 p.m. / Free. Hudson Valley Writers Center, Philipse Manor Station. *writerscenter.org*

Twilight Village
SLEEPY HOLLOW

7–9 p.m. / $25–$35. Philipsburg Manor, 381 N. Broadway. Market with entertainment and vendors. Various times on Fridays-Sundays through Oct. 31. Tickets req. *hudsonvalley.org*

MONDAY OCTOBER 26

"The Haunting"
ARDSLEY

2 p.m. / Free. Ardsley Public Library, 9 American Legion Drive. Screening of the 1963 film. Free popcorn. Register at *ardsleypubliclibrary.org*

"Get Found on Google"
DOBBS FERRY

Noon–1 p.m. / $15. HudCo, 145 Palisade St. Learn how to increase your search visibility. *hudco.eventbrite.com*

Halloween-themed Paint & Sip
DOBBS FERRY

7 p.m. / $50. Hudson Social, 11 Station Plaza. Incl. a glass of wine or beer. *hudsonsocial.com*

Continued on page 19

The Agenda

TUESDAY OCTOBER 27

Coffee, Class, and Conversation
DOBBS FERRY
10–11:30 a.m. / $20 suggested donation. MorDance, 145 Palisade St. For seniors. Register at *mordance.org*

Trivia Night
DOBBS FERRY
7–9 p.m. / Free. Memorial Park. Up to six people per team; ages 18+. Sign up at *dobbsferry.gov/recreation-department*

Chris Conte Duo
HASTINGS
7–9 p.m. / No cover charge. Uncle Lefty's, 583 Warburton Ave. *uncleleftys.com*

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28

Frightful Film: "Mark of the Vampire"
TARRYTOWN
2–3 p.m. / Free. Warner Library, 121 N. Broadway. *warnerlibrary.org*

Ode to Francis Saltus Saltus
SLEEPY HOLLOW
7:30 p.m. / $45. Washington Irving Memorial Chapel, 540 N. Broadway. Register at *sleepyhollowcemetery.org*

THURSDAY OCTOBER 29

Makers Circle
ARDSLEY
5–6:30 p.m. / Free. Ardsley Public Library, 9 American Legion Drive. Register at *ardsleypubliclibrary.org*

"Amityville Awakens" Book Launch
DOBBS FERRY
7 p.m. / Free. Dobbs Ferry Public Library, 55 Main St. Robert P. Ottone reads from and discusses his new novel.

Jazz and Blues Party
DOBBS FERRY
7–9:30 p.m. / No cover charge. Mirabella Cocina Latina Restaurant & Bar, 1 Hamilton St., in Rivertowns Square. *mirabellacocina.com/calendar-dobbs-ferry*

"Suite Mysterioso: A Halloween Ballet"
TARRYTOWN
7 p.m. / $38. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St. Continuum Contemporary Ballet's performance is suitable for families and sophisticated audiences. *tarrytownmusichall.org*

"Macbeth"
TARRYTOWN
7 p.m. / $50. Makers Central, 84 Central Ave. Anywhere Theatre Company's production reimagines the tragedy with an all-female cast. Also 7 p.m. Oct. 30, 5 and 9 p.m. Oct. 31, and 1 and 7 p.m. Nov. 1. *anywheretheatrecompany.com*

Movie on the Lawn: "Sleepy Hollow"
TARRYTOWN
Sunset / $5. Tarrytown House Estate, 49 East Sunnyside Lane. Food and beverages available for purchase. *tarrytownhouseestate.com*

FRIDAY OCTOBER 30

Halloween Spectacular
DOBBS FERRY
5–8 p.m. / Free. Keeper's House, 15 Walnut St. Screening of "Ghostbusters" along with games, decorations, crafts, and candy. *aqueduct.org*

Halloween Dance Party
DOBBS FERRY
10 p.m.–1 a.m. / $10. Hudson Social, 11 Station Plaza. Featuring a costume contest, jello shots, and drink specials. *hudsonsocial.com*

Friday Night Spooktacular
HASTINGS
6–8 p.m. / Free. Warburton Avenue. Trunk or treating, music, food, inflatables, and games.

Pokeween Celebration
IRVINGTON
6 p.m. / $15. New Kawaii, One Bridge St. League Night with tournament and treats. Costumes encouraged. Register: *newkawaii.com*

"Ghost Light"
IRVINGTON
7:30 p.m. / $30. Irvington Theater, 85 Main St. Multi-disciplinary performance with more than a dozen Rivertowns artists. *irvingtontheater.com*

"Home for Horror" Film Series
TARRYTOWN
5, 7, and 9:15 p.m. / $16 for adults, $13 for kids. The Lyceum, 39 N. Broadway. Screenings through Nov. 1 for the last weekend of seasonal classics presented by Sleepy Hollow Cinema. *sleepyhollowcinema.org/events*

Stevie Nicks Tribute Band
TARRYTOWN
7:30 p.m. / $30, $35 for nonmembers. Shames JCC, 371 S. Broadway. Cash bar opens at 7. *shamesjcc.org*

Jazz Pianist Oscar Rossignoli
TARRYTOWN
7 and 9 p.m. / $35, $30 for students. Jazz Forum Club, 1 Dixon Lane. *jazzforumarts.org*

Murder Mystery Creative Writing Party
SLEEPY HOLLOW
7–9 p.m. / $50. Hudson Valley Writers Center, Philipse Manor Station. For ages 18+. *writerscenter.org*

Opinion

Every day I call the offices of Sens. Schumer and Gillibrand to ask them to take action to protect my son and other Americans in the West Bank. Neither has given me the courtesy of a response. Even a few years ago I could not have imagined that my Jewish son would depend on the help of Palestinians to protect him from Jewish terrorists. And yet this is exactly the case. Is there another country in the world that would get away with attacking American citizens and not be sanctioned in some way? I know there are many issues now facing our country and many of us are exhausted fighting for our democracy. Nevertheless, I urge everyone to look at some of the clips of these attacks and then contact your Congressional representatives.

Sharon Diamond
HASTINGS

Vote for Hochul on the Working Families Party line

To the Editor:

Early voting in New York starts on Oct. 24, and I am writing to urge my fellow Rivertowns residents to vote for Gov. Kathy Hochul on the Working Families line, Row D. A vote for Hochul on the WFP line will be added to votes she gets on the Democrat line so it counts just as much as a vote there, but it is not just another Democrat vote; it sends a message about the public policy issues one cares about; issues such as affordable housing, universal healthcare and child care, protections for our neighbors who are immigrants, and fair share taxation of the very wealthy. Please make your voice heard on these issues. Vote Gov. Kathy Hochul on Row D (WFP). Our goal is not only to help Hochul defeat her MAGA opponent, but to know that there are hundreds of thousands of us who want her to govern on behalf of working people and not on behalf of the oligarchs who are ruling our state and nation.

David S. Schwartz
ARDSLEY-ON-HUDSON

Scarecrows add magic to Old Croton Aqueduct Trail

To the Editor:

I just wanted to thank the Old Croton Aqueduct folks for creating a magical world of scarecrows by the Keeper's House. I walk my dog Rocky there every day, and the scarecrows against the backdrop of clouds, autumn leaves, and the Hudson are magical and alive. Thank you for this gift.

Jan Donley
DOBBS FERRY

Support Democrats for village, county, state, federal posts

To the Editor:

The Dobbs Ferry Democratic Committee proudly endorses Jessica Bloom Galen, Laura Rothrock, and Dr. Nitin Gupta for re-election as village trustees in 2026. This is a slate of proven leaders who bring experience, integrity, and a shared commitment to keeping Dobbs Ferry strong, vibrant, and moving forward.

Deputy Mayor Jessica Bloom Galen, owner of Bloomy Cheese & Provisions and the newly opened Dapper Fellows, understands what it takes to support small businesses and keep downtown thriving. Trustee Laura Rothrock brings valuable experience in municipal management and small-business support. Dr. Nitin Gupta, founder and president of Rivertowns Pediatrics, has dedicated years to caring for our community's children and families.

Together, they offer the right balance of proven leadership and fresh perspectives. They listen to residents, tackle challenges, and work collaboratively to preserve what makes Dobbs Ferry special while embracing thoughtful progress. They are committed public servants who put our village and its residents first.

This election also matters beyond our village. We urge voters to support Democrats up and down the ballot, including Congressman George Latimer, State Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assemblywoman MaryJane Shimsky, County Legislator David Imamura, Greenburgh's Democratic leadership, and Democratic judicial candidates.

Strong communities depend on strong leadership at every level of government. Now more than ever, we must elect leaders who share our values, deliver results, and work for the common good.

Early voting runs Oct. 24 through Nov. 1. Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3. Make your voice heard — vote early, and vote Row A all the way.

Elaine Trader (chair), Michael Gallagher (treasurer), and Joanna Golden (secretary)
DOBBS FERRY
DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

Sports

EDITED BY ROB DIANTONIO

Ardsley goes the distance for back-to-back wins

— VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP —

Ponterio earns 500th career victory

BY ROB DIANTONIO

Ardsley found itself in a tough spot after dropping the first two sets to visiting Tappan Zee on Oct. 14, but the Panthers refused to go down without a fight.

Behind a balanced attack at the net and some clutch plays down the stretch, Ardsley rallied for a thrilling 17–25, 22–25, 25–22, 25–20, 17–15 victory.

"We kind of had a lot of nerves at the beginning, and we started playing together towards the end," Ardsley senior captain Morgan Macri said. "Our communication got a lot better, and we were picking up balls that we were letting drop in the beginning."

After falling into a 2–0 hole, Ardsley came out strong in the third set, building an early 10–5 advantage behind several kills from Maddison Polanco. Tappan Zee responded with a 12–4 run to take a 17–14 lead and appeared poised to complete the sweep.

The Panthers wouldn't go away. An ace from Sophia Pecora evened the score at 17, and Ardsley continued to battle back before taking a 23–22 lead. Polanco and Sophie Young delivered consecutive kills to close out the set and keep the Panthers alive.

Ardsley carried that momentum into the fourth set, racing out to a 12–4 lead. Tappan Zee cut the deficit to 23–20 late, but Polanco answered with back-to-back kills to force a decisive fifth set.

The finale featured another dramatic comeback. Trailing 14–12, Ardsley fought off two match points and evened the score at 14 on a kill from Zaniya Bell. The teams traded points before Macri delivered a kill to put the Panthers ahead 16–15. Bell followed with an ace to complete the comeback.

Macri credited the team's ability to maintain its intensity in pressure situations.

"I feel like we can't let our energy drop," she said. "If our energy drops, that's when we kind of just give up, and we can't give up at the end. So we kind of push everything like it's our last game because for some seniors, it's our last opportunity to play volleyball."

Ardsley's depth at the net was a major factor in the victory, with four different players providing consistent offensive production. Bell finished with 14 kills, five aces, and 17 digs. Young added 13 kills and 12 digs while Polanco contributed 13 kills and 16 digs. Macri tallied six kills, two blocks, and six digs.



Sophia Pecora passes to a teammate.

Setter Katherine Cai helped keep the offense balanced with 45 assists and 21 digs, while Pecora anchored the defense with 40 digs.

Macri believes having several players capable of putting the ball away makes the Panthers difficult to defend.

"We have a lot of IQ on this team, knowing where to place the balls, and it makes it harder for them to pick them up," she said. "Tappan Zee did really well keeping up a lot of the balls, but at the end of the day, we had to be smart with where we were placing them."

Panthers coach Dave Ponterio earned his 500th career win as Ardsley showed its resilience again on Oct. 16, outlasting John Jay-Cross River 25–23, 23–25, 26–24, 11–25, 15–9 in another five-set battle. Polanco (11K, 11D, 2AC), Claire Herrod (8K, 2B), Macri (6K, 2B), Pecora (37D), and Cai (33AS, 21D, 2AC) led the way.

The Panthers lost to host Nanuet 3–0 (19–25, 23–25, 18–25) on Oct. 20. Young (10K, 2AC, 11D), Pecora (26D), and Cai (26AS, 10D) paced the Panthers.

With the playoffs approaching, Macri believes Ardsley (11–6) is making progress despite an up-and-down regular season.

"I think there's definitely stuff we need to work on, but we are definitely doing a lot better than we did in the beginning of the season," she said. "I feel like a lot of that has to do with working as a team and picking up our energy."



Ardsley's Zaniya Bell follows through on a spike. *Photos by Rob DiAntonio.*

—

Eagles capture league, Wilbekin reaches 500 assists

Dobbs Ferry claimed the League J title, finishing 9–1 in its league and with a 14–3 overall record to end the regular season.

Senior setter Layla Wilbekin reached 500 career assists as the Eagles rallied to defeat visiting Putnam Valley 25–22, 22–25, 23–25, 25–15, 15–12 on Oct. 15. Wilbekin (25AS, 10D, 2AC), Natasha Mansfield (15K, 9AC, 21D, 3B), Taylor Denike (18K, 4AC, 28D, 3B), and Jocelyn Jakasal (16D) paced the team.

Dobbs won the Scarsdale Tournament for the second-straight season on Oct. 17, defeating Eastchester in the finals. Mansfield was named MVP, with Denike and Grace Demitrovic making the all-tournament team.

The Eagles got revenge against visiting Croton-Harmon for a loss earlier in the season when they won in straight sets (25–19, 25–11, 25–19) on Oct. 19. Denike (8K, 15D), Hollen Peet (5K), Jakasal (8D, 4AC), Brielle Jean (5K, 2B), and Kayla Rukaj (5K, 2B) led the way.

The Eagles closed the regular season with a 25–14, 25–23, 25–17 sweep of visiting Hastings on Senior Day on Oct. 20. Seniors Denike (12K, 8D), Peet (4K, 4AC), Mansfield (11K, 4AC, 8D), Demitrovic (16AS, 4K, 2AC, 7D) and Wilbekin (13AS) sparked the squad.

—

McLaughin nets milestone

Hastings senior Josie McLaughlin reached 500 career kills in a 3–0 win (25–16, 25–21, 25–19) over visiting Pawling on Oct. 15. She finished the game with 10 kills, seven aces, and five digs.

"I'm so grateful to hit this milestone during my senior year and to be able to celebrate it with my team and family," she said. "None of this would have been possible without my teammates and coaches, especially my setters. I'm just so grateful for this experience and all the amazing support I've received."

Roxy Griffin (12K, 6AC) and Emmy Dehgan (12D, 2AC, 4AS) were also key contributors for Hastings (10–4).

—

Irvington sweeps Pawling

Irvington (5–13) cruised past host Pawling 25–8, 25–9, 25–18 on Oct. 17. Paige Swift (18AS, 8D, 6K), Brooke Lee (17D, 7AS), Blake Glazer (5AC, 4K, 4D, 3B), and Gemma Ciliento (10K) paced the team. The Bulldogs lost to visiting Put Valley 17–25, 23–25, 12–25 on Oct. 19. Swift (21AS), Piper Keltz (11D, 4K), Alice Kamin (8K), and Glazer (5K, 2AC) contributed. In a 12–25, 17–25, 17–25 loss to host Croton on Oct. 21, Swift (15D, 12AS), Alice Schneider (4K, 4B, 3AC), Keltz (10D, 4K), Kamin (12D) and Lee (16D) sparked the squad.

Sports

League champion Bulldogs top Horsemen in sectional tune-up

— BOYS' SOCCER ROUNDUP —

BY ROB DIANTONIO

Irvington is heading into the Section 1 Class B playoffs with plenty of momentum and a league championship already under its belt.

The Bulldogs closed out the regular season with their seventh consecutive victory on Oct. 19, defeating host Sleepy Hollow 2–0 in a non-league matchup. Joseph DeNardo and Conner Gredick scored second-half goals as Irvington finished the regular season 13–2–1.

The Bulldogs also went 9–1 in league play to capture the League M title, their first league crown since 2023 and coach Chris Lombardi's first season at the helm.

Irvington earned the No. 2 seed in the Class B sectionals and will host the winner of No. 7 Bronxville and No. 10 Alexander Hamilton in the quarterfinals on Oct. 27.

The Bulldogs are hoping for a much deeper postseason run after suffering a 1–0 loss to rival Dobbs Ferry in last year's quarterfinals.

"We know what it's been like the last couple years in the playoffs, but we're a new team, and this is a big year for us," Irvington senior captain and defender Navin Vasudev said. "This is the first year we won the league in a while. I hope we're going to do well in the playoffs. We're all really focused."

Irvington controlled much of the action against Sleepy Hollow but couldn't break through in the first half. Senior Griffin Warner nearly gave the Bulldogs an early lead when his shot struck the left post 4 minutes into the contest. Warner continued to create opportunities, including a cross to DeNardo that Sleepy Hollow goalie Jason Espinoza stopped with 25:20 remaining.

Sleepy Hollow (7–6–3) also had its chances. Samuel Quezada Pesantez set up Dhary Suqui for a scoring opportunity that Irvington's Owen Brunenavs (4S) turned away. Brunenavs later denied Quezada Pesantez to keep the game scoreless.



Irvington's Griffin Warner goes on the attack as Andrew Lucchetti defends.

Irvington made some adjustments at halftime and continued to pressure the Horsemen.

"We talked about just having to play with that confidence and continue to play for each other, come back, defend together and not be afraid to play forward," Lombardi said.

The Bulldogs broke through with 28:23 remaining when Warner delivered a through ball to DeNardo, who finished to give Irvington a 1–0 advantage.

Warner nearly helped extend the lead 8 minutes later. After Espinoza stopped his shot following a pass from DeNardo, freshman Alex Ahn struck the crossbar on the rebound.

Irvington added an insurance goal with 14:54 left when Gredick headed in a corner kick from Josh Diamond to make it 2–0. "Conner Gredick really stepped up," Vasudev said. "We made some tactical changes and put some reliance on players that we haven't necessarily relied on before."

Lombardi was also pleased with Ahn's contributions and the play of Diamond, who helped anchor the defense while creating opportunities on set pieces. "Diamond has been just unbelievable in the back," Lombardi said. "He's been a tremendous force for us. He's saved us a lot of times."

Warner, meanwhile, continued to demonstrate why he's the Bulldogs' most dangerous offensive player. His ability to draw multiple defenders has helped create opportunities for his teammates.

"Every time he's on the ball, he's got three or four guys automatically, and what's so admirable about him is he knows that and he looks for his teammates," Lombardi said. "He's creating so many opportunities."

Irvington's defense also delivered another strong performance, limiting a Sleepy Hollow attack featuring the dangerous Quezada Pesantez.

"I think we were really prepared," Vasudev said. "We knew No. 10 was going to be an important player for them, and we have really good experience in the back watching those types of players. I take pride in having one of the strongest defenses in the section."

Sleepy Hollow coach JP Ospina credited Irvington's defensive organization for making things difficult. "They had a game plan," Ospina said. "They dropped a lot of their players down on defense, and it was hard for us to break their defensive line. Some of the passes just weren't splitting their lines as much."

The Horsemen also had to overcome injuries, including one to senior captain Dylan Robles. "Losing him at center back midgame and then having another injury as well, there was a lot of rotation that occurred," Ospina said. "I think it just kind of threw off our balance a little bit."



Irvington's Navin Vasudev and Sleepy Hollow's Samuel Quezada Pesantez battle for the ball. *Photos by Rob DiAntonio.*

Sleepy Hollow earned the No. 10 seed in the Class A sectionals and will visit No. 7 Westlake in the opening round on Oct. 23.

Irvington enters the playoffs with confidence after finishing the regular season with consecutive shutout wins over Eastchester and Sleepy Hollow. The Bulldogs are dealing with some injuries, including one to senior Dennis Sasso, but Lombardi has been encouraged by the team's depth and continuity.

Irvington won home league games over Leffell School (4–1, Oct. 14) and Rye Neck (2–1, Oct. 16) and blanked host Eastchester 2–0 on Oct. 17.

Warner (2G), DeNardo (1G), David Rus (1G), Diamond (1A), Hagai Frechter (1A), and Ryder Haynes (1A) led the way against Leffell. Warner and George Miles scored a goal apiece against Rye Neck, with Brunenavs making three saves. Warner and Frechter scored against Eastchester. Brunenavs made five stops.

Branden Wang and Gavin Ferriss scored for the Horsemen in a 2–0 Senior Day win over visiting Ardsley on Oct. 14. Joaquin Rodriguez had an assist.

Sebastian Chacon netted a goal for Ardsley (4–12) in a 2–1 loss to visiting Tappan Zee on Oct. 16. The No. 16 Panthers were scheduled to host No. 17 Nanuet in the out-bracket round of the Class A sectionals on Oct. 22.

—

Hastings captures league title

Hastings (12–1–3) claimed the League J title by finishing 5–0–1 in league play. The Yellow Jackets also earned the No. 3 seed in the Class A sectionals and will host No. 14 Keio in the opening round on Oct. 23.

In a 7–0 league win over host Riverside/Obama on Oct. 14, Zack Brower (2G, 2A), Felix Casey (1G, 1A), Charles Baer (1G), Drew Franco (1G), Kai Ghalib (1G), Ricardo Garcia (1A), and Louis Von Rege (1A) sparked the team. Hastings blanked visiting Hendrick Hudson 6–0 on Senior Day on Oct. 16 behind Von Rege (2G), Brower (2G), senior Baz Van Der Sande (first varsity goal, 1A), Garcia (1A), Baer (1A), and senior Gabe Nacht (1A). In a 5–0 win over visiting Riverside/Obama on Oct. 17, Von Rege (1G, 1A), Casey (1G, 1A), Joaquin Toledo-Chae (1G, 1A), Ghalib (1G), Baer (1G), and Max Caramanica (1A) led the way. Brower netted both goals as Hastings bested host Clarkstown South 2–0 on Oct. 19. Von Rege and Eli Sundheim each had an assist.

—

Eagles post 1–2 week

Dobbs Ferry (7–7–2) defeated visiting Woodlands (6–0, Oct. 16) but suffered losses to host Blind Brook (5–1, Oct. 14) and visiting Westlake (6–3, Oct. 19). Chase Colyer scored four goals and had an assist against Woodlands. He finished the regular season with 32 goals and seven assists. Jonas Serulle added a goal while Fynn Dannefer also scored. Evan Todd, Caleb Rekedal, Jake Malinowski, and Max Arellano had one assist each. Elijah Burns made five saves. Colyer (1G), Kyle Hung (1A), and Burns (8S) led the team against Blind Brook. Colyer tallied two goals and an assist in the loss to Westlake. Todd scored the other goal. Burns made nine saves. The No. 9 Eagles travel to No. 8 Rye Neck for the Class B opening round on Oct. 24.

Sports

Horsemen and Panthers fall in pivotal Class A contests

— FOOTBALL ROUNDUP —

BY ROB DIANTONIO

Sleepy Hollow went toe-to-toe with unbeaten Pelham for a half, but the visiting Pelicans pulled away over the final two quarters to hand the Horsemen a 28–6 loss on Oct. 16.

The defending Section 1 Class A champions dropped to 2–5 despite another strong performance from Olin Keough, who rushed for 150 yards on 18 carries, including a 99-yard touchdown run.

Sleepy Hollow trailed just 7–6 at halftime but struggled to sustain drives against Pelham's aggressive defense.

"Offensively, we couldn't necessarily get anything going," Horsemen coach Anthony Giuliano said. "We had the one big play after the turnover, which was nice. To get an explosive play like that after a turnover is always helpful. But we'd like to see us sustain drives a little more and be able to move the chains and control the ball a little more."

Sleepy Hollow's defense helped set up its lone score late in the half. Dean Nelson forced a fumble that the Horsemen recovered at their own 1-yard line. Keough broke free on the ensuing play, racing 99 yards for a touchdown with 3:44 left. The extra-point attempt was unsuccessful, leaving Pelham ahead 7–6.

The Pelicans extended their lead to 14–6 with 8:40 remaining in the third quarter when Sean Grubert connected with Drew Bier on a 15-yard halfback pass for a touchdown.

Sleepy Hollow's offense continued to struggle, and a third-down interception gave Pelham another opportunity. The Pelicans capitalized with a 2-yard touchdown run by Grubert in the final minute of the quarter. Tristan Paganuzzi added a 6-yard touchdown run with 3:23 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Giuliano credited Pelham for making things difficult offensively.

"They were very quick and very aggressive," he said. "When they get to the ball, the first guy there is usually bringing him down. And then the rest get there."



Sleepy Hollow's Abel Perez Rosario chases against Pelham. *Photos by Rob DiAntonio.*



Ardsley's Tommy Bennett eludes a defender.

Despite the loss, Giuliano was encouraged by his team's continued effort against another unbeaten opponent. "I was proud of the fact that we competed for four quarters," he said.

Defensively, senior Jack Marvin had a sack, with fellow senior Abel Perez Rosario contributing multiple tackles for a loss.

Sleepy Hollow looks to rebound when it hosts Briarcliff/Hamilton in its regular-season finale on Oct. 23. The Horsemen remain in the playoff picture, with a victory potentially securing a postseason berth.

—

Irvington defeats Haldane

Irvington has turned its season around over the past few weeks, winning four of its last five games to move above .500. The Bulldogs continued their strong stretch with a 20–7 victory over visiting Haldane on Oct. 17, improving to 4–3.

Irvington coach James Madison has been pleased with the way his team has responded since suffering a difficult homecoming loss to Albertus Magnus on Oct. 2.

"The main key has been the team playing together and communicating, both on offense and defense," Madison said. "Our defense is playing well with leadership and being confident. Our offense has clicked and has grown to understand more down and distance."

Senior linebacker and tight end Vontre Harris played a key role on both sides of the ball against Haldane. Harris hauled in a 14-yard touchdown reception and came up with an interception to help lead another strong defensive effort.

Sophomore quarterback Julian Peres completed nine of 20 passes for 103 yards and a touchdown. Adrian Aybar added an 8-yard touchdown run, while Zach Surchin also found the end zone on the ground.

The Bulldogs' defense continued to impress. Josh Tatz led the team with five tackles, while Grant Malakoff and Harrison Malakoff finished with four tackles apiece.

Irvington has shown significant improvement since its early-season struggles, with its offense finding more consistency and its defense emerging as a strength.

"Our team has come together, played well and lifted themselves up," Madison said. "They are doing amazing, with special teams and support players helping out each day to make us better."

The Bulldogs will look to carry their momentum into a showdown with host and rival Dobbs Ferry on Oct. 23. "The team's mindset going into next week is to play good football and to stay positive," Madison said.

—

Ardsley falls to Byram Hills

Ardsley (3–4) lost to host Byram Hills 28–6 on Oct. 16. The Panthers fell into a 20–0 halftime hole that they couldn't dig out of. Jack Calkins rushed for the lone Ardsley touchdown and passed for 60 yards. Jonah Goldberg had four receptions for 50 yards. Mason Slater added a fumble recovery. The Panthers look to bounce back when they host Nanuet on Oct. 23.

—

Eagles come up short vs. Tuckahoe

Dobbs Ferry (3–4) lost to visiting Tuckahoe 19–7 on Senior Day on Oct. 17. Killian O'Connor rushed for the lone touchdown and finished with 101 yards on 19 carries. Jackson Kearns passed for 68 yards on three of five attempts and rushed for 38 yards. Camilo Cruz had 75 all-purpose yards on the day. The defense was led by Kola Rukaj, who had six tackles and a fumble recovery. Ian Foley recorded five tackles while Mike Kingston and Matt O'Leary had 4.5 tackles each. The Eagles travel to Irvington on Oct. 23.

—

Hastings loses to Briarcliff/Hamilton

Hastings (0–7) lost to host Briarcliff/Hamilton 40–8 on Oct. 16. Paul Consorte scored the Yellow Jackets' touchdown on a 29-yard run.

Sports

Ardsley advances to sectional semis with win over Blind Brook

— VARSITY ROUNDUP —

BY ROB DIANTONIO

—

Girls' tennis

Fourth-seeded and host Ardsley cruised past No. 5 Blind Brook 5–0 in the Section 1 Division 2 quarterfinals on Oct. 19.

In first singles, Summer Lopez faced a test against Maggie Miao but was able to pull through with the 6-2, 6-4 victory. In second singles, LilyRosey Parashis cruised past Ella Rackenberg, 6-0, 6-0.

Kimaya Sood and Hayden Weiss earned a 6-1, 6-2 victory in first doubles. Avery McCormack and Keira Hayden (6-1, 6-0), and Ellie Ladha and Aditri Inamdar (4-6, 6-1, 1-0), also won in doubles.

The Panthers, who improved to 7–8 on the season, were scheduled to travel to top-seeded Byram Hills for the semifinals on Oct. 21.

"The kids are really excited to get another chance to play Byram and I think it should be a competitive match," Ardsley coach Bennett Romney said. "Byram always has tremendous depth at doubles, but I feel like this Ardsley team is peaking as many of our kids now have a full season of playing doubles under their belt."

The Bobcats bested eighth-seeded Irvington 5–0 in the quarterfinals on Oct. 19. Sophia Orton (6-0, 6-0) and Abigail Brandwein (6-1, 6-0) fell in singles action. Marina Foley and Anya Foley (6-0, 6-1), Annabelle Wang and Sadie Weiss (6-4), and Mackenzie Lee and Jordan Henry (6-1) lost in doubles.

Irvington defeated No. 9 Hendrick Hudson 5–0 in the opening round on Oct. 17. The Bulldogs won all three doubles matches to secure the win with Anya Foley and Marina Foley (6-2, 6-0), Wang and Weiss (7-5, 6-1), and Lee and Henry (6-2, 6-2) earning wins. Orton (6-1) and Brandwein (8-4) also were victorious in singles.

—

Girls' soccer

Ardsley (12–4) concluded a strong regular season by defeating host Westlake (3–1, Oct. 15) and visiting Irvington (2–1, Oct. 17). The Panthers earned the No. 2 seed in the Class A sectionals and will host No. 15 Putnam Valley in the opening round on Oct. 24.

Against the Wildcats, the team was paced by Ariana DiBlasi (1G, 1A), Riley Osborne (1G), Hazel McGourty (1G), Olivia Moopenn-Morris (1A), Elise O'Brien (3S), and Emily Sanders (1S).

In the win over the Bulldogs, Teagan Kenny scored both goals on feeds from Helene Dillon and Osborne. Sanders made seven saves in goal.

Irvington's goal was scored by Shea Pressman with the assist from Naomi Maltz. Ella Krieg stopped nine shots.

Behind four goals from Skylar Coyne, the Bulldogs (7–7–2) cruised past visiting Carmel 6–1 on Oct. 15. Ruthie Liang (1G), Pressman (1G), Emma Ecklund (2A), Parker Pressman (2A), Krieg (8S), and Emma Reilly (2S) were key contributors. No. 11 Irvington travels to No. 6 Hendrick Hudson for the Class A opening round on Oct. 24.



Ardsley's Summer Lopez returns a shot. *Photos by Rob DiAntonio.*

Meghan McMahon netted a hat trick to lead Sleepy Hollow (8–7–1) to a 3–1 win over host Irvington on Oct. 19. McMahon reached 20 goals on the season. Evie Mackey (2A), Sami Marvin (1A), and Sabrina Graham (7S) contributed. Irvington's goal was scored by Eleanor Schultz on a feed from Shea Pressman. Reilly made nine saves.



Kimaya Sood competes in first doubles.

The Horsemen routed host Edgemont 6–1 on Oct. 15. McMahon (2G, 1A), Marvin (1G, 2A), Layla Igbara (1G), Mackey (1G), Sarah Gordon (1G), Corina Armster (1A), Oli Montolio (1A), and Graham (5S) led the way. No. 8 Sleepy Hollow hosts No. 9 Walter Panas in the Class A first round on Oct. 24.

Behind two goals from Sage Wrzesinski, Hastings (7–7–2) edged host Blind Brook 2–1 on Oct. 17. Alyssa Schlacter had one assist. The Yellow Jackets cruised past host Scarsdale B 9–0 on Oct. 15. Schlacter (2G, 5A), Wrzesinski (3G, 1A), Maddie Crowely (1G), Grace Chalker (1G), Claude DiGerlando (1G), Simrin Ecklund (1G), Georgia Schmit (1A), and Maya Kelly (1A) stuffed the stat sheet. No. 12 Hastings travels to fifth-seeded Bronxville for the Class A opening round on Oct. 24.

Dobbs Ferry (10–6) defeated visiting Rye Neck 4–1 on Oct. 17. Phoebe Walker (2G), Clara Power (1G), Megan Ryan (1A), Bridget Turner (1A), and Juliet Curanovic (7S) led the way. In a 5–2 loss to host Blind Brook on Oct. 15, Power scored twice with an assist from Ruthie Murphy. Curanovic had a busy day in net with 14 saves. The Eagles were blanked 1–0 by host Bronxville on Oct. 19. Curanovic made 17 saves. No. 4 Dobbs hosts No. 5 Croton-Harmon in the Class B quarterfinals on Oct. 26.

—

Field hockey

Sleepy Hollow/Briarcliff (6–9–2) routed visiting Valhalla/Westlake 5–0 on Oct. 14. Lark Goldsmith (2G), Ruby Wild-Arons (1G), Lila Fenimore (first varsity goal, 1A), Chloe Yagoda (first varsity goal), and Lily Raghavan (1A), contributed to the win. Jana Reimer made 10 saves in a 5–0 loss to host White Plains on Oct. 19. Sleepy Hollow/Briarcliff cruised past visiting Edgemont 6–1 on Senior Day on Oct. 20. Seniors Sydney Weiss (3G), Wild-Arons (2G), and Eliza Boozer (1G) led the way.

Zoya Bhandari made three saves and surpassed 300 for her career as Irvington (5–10–1) lost to host Croton/Hen Hud 3–2 on Oct. 17. Sophia Quinio (1A) and Bella Balkin scored for the Bulldogs. Zoe Gonzalez had an assist. In a 4–3 loss to host Brewster on Oct. 15, Quinio (2G), Lucy Brutto (1A), Sadie Kilbury (1A), and Bhandari (7S) paced the team.

Hastings (5–9–2) edged visiting Nanuet 4–3 on Oct. 14. Celia Ayuso scored twice, with Zelda Weitzman and Camelia Galvan scoring one goal each.

—

Cross country

Hastings junior Claire Grushko placed 10th in the Varsity 1 race and 26th overall at the Coaches Invitational at Bowdoin Park in Wappingers Falls on Oct. 17. She clocked a time of 20:07.2. Teammate Hazel Kuniholm took 38th and Louise Durietz-Bourdain was 52nd.

For Irvington's girls, Lily Korb placed 28th (21:38.5) in the Varsity 2 race. Greta Davis was 38th (22:19.7). Julianna Flamm took 46th with Melanie Welsch in 47th and Lumina Rush in 55th.

In the Varsity 3 race, Sleepy Hollow's DeLila Iovacchini placed 27th (21:13.1). Isabella Bencosme placed 50th. Alessia Ambrosi led the Dobbs Ferry girls, taking 63rd.

For the boys, Dobbs Ferry's Seamus Fitzpatrick finished 21st in 17:45.1 in the Varsity 3 race. Irvington's Glen Feng was right behind him in 22nd (17:49.4). Irvington's Emmett Ansari placed 47th and Ian Kwon 56th. Dobbs' Griffin Kamke took 59th.

Ardsley's Jonah Londin was 37th in the boys' Varsity 2 race in 18:30.2. Christian Adler took 50th. Hastings' Jonah Goldberg placed 75th in the Varsity 1 race.

—

Girls' swimming

Ardsley/Dobbs Ferry (5–0) swam past visiting Rye/Blind Brook/Rye Neck 101–67 on Oct. 16.

Individual winners were Isla Harris (200 freestyle, 2:02.75), Fiamma Cioffi (200 IM, 2:11.91; 500 freestyle, 5:11.96), Emma DeFilippis (50 freestyle, 26.26; 100 freestyle, 56.62), and Daphne Green (100 butterfly, 1:04.10; 100 breaststroke, 1:13.30).

The team won the 200-medley relay (1:59.91) behind Green, Cioffi, DeFilippis, and Mackenzie Cabello. They also won the 400-freestyle relay (3:58.94) behind Green, DeFilippis, Harris, and Cioffi.


A HUDCO HALLOWEEN BALL
THE GRAVE RAVE
BACK FROM THE DEAD
COSTUME CONTEST
DANCING AND COCKTAILS
AGES 21+
FINAL CALL!
SATURDAY 10.24
7:30P -11P
WITH DJ NAPPYPIPES
COSTUME CONTEST Hosted By Comedian CYNDY CECIL
PRIZES - PHOTO BOOTH - COCKTAILS - MOCKTAILS - SMALL BITES