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Jayden Rofrano and Mark Roshak help Maria Otero-Martin during a planting hosted by the Friends of Waterfront Park in Dobbs Ferry on May 3.

## Town board weighs future of healthcare buyout options

BY DAVID MCKAY WILSON

**GREENBURGH** — Greenburgh town officials are battling over the Town's health insurance buyout plan, which gives municipal employees and elected officials close to \$22,000 a year if they obtain family coverage through their spouse or another job that provides benefits. Individuals who waive the Town plan receive \$9,689.

The benefit for Greenburgh employees is far higher than buyouts offered by the Town's incorporated villages, and three times what Westchester County offers some of its employees.

Only the Village of Tarrytown offers buyouts to its police officers on the scale of Greenburgh's, with both municipalities tying the buyout to 50% of the health insurance premium. That approach has ensured a steady rise in the benefit's cost to taxpayers in Greenburgh — up 53% since 2020.

On the table at the Greenburgh Town Board meeting on May 13 was a proposal to uncouple the benefit from the premium and to cap it at current rates.

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## Eco scavenger hunt crowns winners

*Seventh-graders lead  
Dobbs Ferry to victory*

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL

**REGION** — A pair of seventh-graders from Dobbs Ferry topped all participants — local mayors included — in the inaugural Rivertowns Earth Month Scavenger Hunt.

From March 29 to May 3, about 200 teams of residents from Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Hastings, Irvington, Tarrytown, and Sleepy Hollow earned points for completing more than 4,000 missions and documenting their activities through the Goosechase app.

The environment-themed missions ranged from riding public buses to planting trees,

removing invasive vegetation, and donating to food banks.

On May 7, at the Irvington Senior Center, Dobbs Ferry Middle School students Mark Roshak and Jayden Rofrano, known as the Eco-Warriors, were crowned the winners at the scavenger hunt award ceremony.

"I didn't really see it coming," Roshak told the Dispatch. "I saw how many adults were playing, and I pushed and pushed, and there were so many things to do on the weekends [that] I canceled most of my plans with my cousins, and I was just on it."

"[It was] surprising, because there are some adults that tried this and I'm thinking wow, they got beaten by kids," Rofrano added.

Roshak's parents, Laura Mathieson and

Peter Roshak, were also part of the team, though they credited the children with leading the effort. The Eco-Warriors completed 134 missions for a total of 86,300 points, which bested the second-place team of Irvington village officials by 11,600 points.

Ceremony attendees joked that the Eco-Warriors had been so ubiquitous that they had become local celebrities.

"My favorite activity was probably the O'Hara Nature Center [in Irvington], when we were planting... and we also got pizza," Mark Roshak explained.

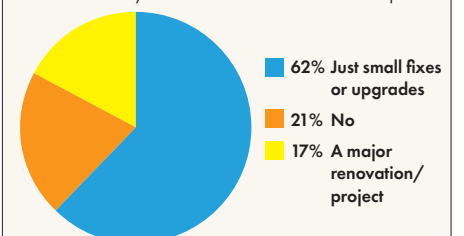
The Eco-Warriors were awarded \$500. Thanks in large part to their efforts, Dobbs Ferry placed first among the six villages, with

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## The Blotter

### ARDSLEY

**Unauthorized transactions:** On May 5, a Dobbs Ferry resident who is a customer of Webster Bank in Ardsley reported unauthorized attempts to use his account for fraudulent transactions of \$6038.14, \$5,524.10, and \$11,562.24.

**Suspended registration:** A 32-year-old Spring Valley

resident was arrested for a suspended vehicle registration, a misdemeanor, and cited for three vehicle-and-traffic violations on Ashford Avenue on the afternoon of Tuesday, May 5.

### DOBBS FERRY

**Check fraud:** On May 4, a Dobbs Ferry resident reported that an \$11,925 check he had mailed to the IRS had been intercepted, altered, and deposited by an unintended payee.

**Suspended license:** A 36-year-old Carmel resident was arrested for a suspended driver's license, a misdemeanor, after being

involved in a two-vehicle accident on Ashford Avenue on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 6.

**Burglary arrest:** A 41-year-old Mahopac resident was arrested for entering his ex-girlfriend's home in Dobbs Ferry on the morning of Friday, May 8. He was charged with burglary in the third degree, a felony, and aggravated harassment in the second degree, a misdemeanor. Officer Robert Marron made the arrest.

### HASTINGS

**Suspended license and registration:** A 27-year-old Bronx resident was arrested

for a suspended driver's license and vehicle registration, both misdemeanors, on Broadway (Route 9) on the evening of Friday, May 8.

**Youths in woods:** Police dispersed more than 100 youths from Hillside Woods on the evening of Saturday, May 9.

**Unauthorized account:** On May 10, a Hastings resident report that an unauthorized Citibank credit card account had been opened in her name and then closed.

### IRVINGTON

**Fraudulent invoice:** On May 4, an Irvington resi-

dent reported that he paid \$4,000, via Venmo, in response to an e-mailed invoice he that appeared to be from the Village of Irvington Building Department, which had issued him a permit. The invoice, which turned out to be fraudulent, was for a total of \$6,953, which he first attempted to pay in full with a wire transfer that failed.

**BB gun at school:** Irvington High School staff confiscated a BB gun from a 14-year-old student on the morning of Monday, May 11. The school implemented lockdown procedures during the incident. No threats were made by the student.

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### Paramedic supervisor accused of misconduct

GREENBURGH — Jared Rosenberg of Dobbs Ferry, the paramedic supervisor for the Town of Greenburgh, was arraigned on May 8 for allegations that he forged 22 medical certification cards and retained certification fees.

Rosenberg, 51, was charged with 44 felony counts and one misdemeanor count, according to a press release from the Westchester County

District Attorney's Office and the New York State Comptroller's Office.

The complaint against Rosenberg alleges that between May 14, 2022, and July 23, 2025, he conducted trainings designed by the private company Health and Safety Institute (HSI), kept student fees instead of remitting them to HSI, and forged HSI certification cards. The alleged loss to HSI was more than \$3,000.

Rosenberg was charged with one count each of grand larceny in the third degree, a felony; scheme to defraud in the first degree, a felony; and official misconduct, a misdemeanor.

He was also charged with 22 counts of criminal possession of a forged instrument in the second degree, a felony; 10 counts of falsifying business records in the first degree, a felony; and 10 counts of tampering with public records in the first degree, a felony.

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# Four artists open doors for Upstate Art Weekend

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL

**REGION** — Four visual artists will welcome visitors to their workspaces in Hastings and Dobbs Ferry as part of the Upstate Art Weekend (UAW) Open Studios program on May 16–17. From 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day, Catrin Perih, Barbara King, Wendy Elman, and Jess Blaustein will allow visitors to view completed pieces as well as works in progress.

This year is the first year that the Kingston-based organization is extending its Open Studios as far south as the Rivertowns. From June 25–29, UAW will also host curated exhibitions throughout the Hudson Valley and Catskills. Some but not all of the artists participating in Open Studios this weekend will also be part of exhibitions in June.

Perih and King are friends who each have art studios in Hastings. Perih, a painter, spent the first 23 years of her life in Wales before emigrating to New York 39 years ago. She has lived in Hastings for the past three decades.

“A lot of my work is really a reflection of my memories and experiences growing up in Wales, but also combined with my experiences living in New York as an immigrant,” Perih told the Dispatch, adding that she visits Wales at least once a year. “So I feel like I’m creating some sort of a visual language that combines both cultures and how those cultures intertwine, and how my life intertwines.”

Perih’s paintings often depict Welsh landscapes, family members, and friends she grew up with, and her younger self. One of the works Perih plans to display at her studio, at 385 Warburton Avenue, is “Couch Cowboy,” which shows three young boys outside, in front of pieces of furniture, pretending to be cowboys. The piece was inspired by an America Perih experienced even before moving to the U.S.

“That’s a big thing in the U.K.,” Perih said. “A lot of our American cultural references are things that you grew up with that you remember from television and movies.”

King, who has lived in Hastings for 35 years, is a mixed media artist whose studio is located at 93 Kent Avenue. Over the past five years, much of King’s work has centered around her “Gender Symbol Series,” which

began when she was invited to be a part of an exhibition targeted at women.

“I had been doing these cut-paper pieces, and previously I was doing ribbon shapes for different causes, and I thought it would be really interesting to do one with the female symbols,” King told the Dispatch. “That led me to thinking I could do something to support all genders.”

Some of King’s early three-dimensional paper sculptures tower as high as 8 feet tall. Her more recent pieces in the series are smaller works that aren’t bigger than 1 foot long, but they’re multi-colored and made out of acrylic, after first being modeled in foam core. King plans to display both the paper and acrylic pieces at her studio.

“I think it’s nice to welcome people in who are maybe intimidated to go to a gallery,” King noted. “It’s a casual welcome and an informal way to see an artist’s work and meet the artist, and I think it’s a nice way to inform the community that you’re an artist.”



“Fine Print” by Jess Blaustein

Elman and Blaustein are Hastings residents who have studios on the fourth floor of the Hudson River Landing building at 145 Palisade Street in Dobbs Ferry. Elman is a mixed media collage artist who works in Joomchi paper collage, which is a 500-year-old Korean paper-making technique that uses water to seal together layers of a handmade paper called hanji. Hanji is made from the inner bark of mulberry trees.

Blaustein is a mixed media artist and co-director of Peep Space, which is an artist-run gallery in Tarrytown that participated in Upstate Art Weekend last year, separate from the Open Studios portion. Peep Space will also be a part of UAW’s June events.

“In general, I really like working with textiles and paper because they are soft, fiber-based materials that have the capacity to morph and shape shift in different ways from flat sheets to folded structures and sculptures,” Blaustein told the Dispatch. “I prefer to use as much as possible the waste

streams and off-cuts of existing systems all around us. For example, I’ll often use discarded household linens for textile pieces. I appreciate all the various meanings and histories these overworked materials hold.”

Blaustein aims to elicit wonder, curiosity, and sometimes discomfort from her audiences through her work. For her open studio visits, she invites viewers to get an early look at a couple of in-progress works with upcoming deadlines, providing a peek at what Blaustein playfully describes as the artist “in action, amidst the chaos.”

“I have a compulsion to dig beneath the surface of things, to peer into systems to figure out how and why they operate the way they do,” Blaustein said. “I like the idea of taking ordinary everyday arrangements out of their usual contexts and twisting them into different positions and dimensions.”

For a full map of the 240 artists participating in Open Studios throughout the Hudson Valley and Catskills, visit [upstateartweekend.org](http://upstateartweekend.org).



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## Scavenger hunt

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671,700 points, and received \$3,000 that will go toward pollinator gardens.

Other teams were recognized for the creative ways they completed tasks with awards like “Silliest Photo with Kids” and “Team Photo that Made Us Laugh.” Those awards came with gift cards and other handouts from local businesses.

The scavenger hunt was organized by a coalition of conservation commissions and sustainability task forces in all six municipalities, known collectively as the Rivertowns Intervillage Sustainability Network (RISN). Irvington’s sustainability director, Charlotte Binns, organized a smaller-scale scavenger hunt in Irvington, called Trick or Triage, in October of last year. Binns and RISN plan to bring back the Earth Month Scavenger Hunt in 2027.

“I think it’s my favorite thing I’ve ever done [as sustainability director], and I’ve done a lot of cool things,” Binns said. “[We had] people saying that they have never volunteered in years of living here and now they are so excited to volunteer all of the time. People saying they’re never going to throw away certain things they now know how to recycle. People saying they discovered nature preserves that they didn’t know were there.”

The scavenger hunt also allowed residents to get familiar with RISN’s website, which Haven Colgate, chair of the Hastings Conversation Commission, created years ago.



Jayden Rofrano and Mark Roshak participate in a Riverkeeper Sweep cleanup at River Glen Cove in Hastings on May 2.

The calendar features events like planting days, vine removal outings, and community garden cleanups, and was the primary source for scavenger hunt participants to find ways to earn points.

“I’ve encouraged people to put things on that calendar, and until this game, nobody used it, and nobody really knew about this entity because it’s all inter conservation commission,” Colgate told the Dispatch.

“There was one event that someone told me a week beforehand had half as much enrollment as the previous year, until we

made it into a scavenger hunt event, and then on the day, they said it was three times the participation as the previous year,” Binns said. “So we really had an impact on the level of engagement on the existing community events that we directed people to.”

Colgate believes that creating a game for residents to protect the environment, and share their efforts, encouraged participation. As the five weeks progressed, she also saw strangers become friends as they continued to run into each other while completing tasks.

“There’s developing a nascent sort of

interrelated fabric,” Colgate said. “I do a lot of community work and it’s not just about the work, it’s about social resilience and people building and having meaning in your community. So for me that’s really the reward more than planting a tree.”

The awards ceremony drew visits from village officials who participated in the scavenger hunt, as well as regional lawmakers including State Assemblymember MaryJane Shimsky and County Legislator David Imamura, who both represent the Rivertowns.

“[We had] people saying that they have never volunteered in years of living here and now they are so excited to volunteer all of the time.”

Irvington sustainability director  
Charlotte Binns

“I think it’s fantastic,” Shimsky told the Dispatch. “It really gives residents a chance to learn more about their communities and join in a common purpose. Anytime we can do that and make it fun too, that can only mean positive things for where we live.”

To check out RISN’s sustainability calendar, which will continue to be updated, visit [resilientrivertowns.org](http://resilientrivertowns.org).



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## AAPI Heritage Community Celebration

Sunday, May 17, 2–4 p.m.  
Ardsley Community Center

Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander  
cultures with music, games, and snacks

## Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, May 18, 7:30 p.m.  
Village Hall

## School Budget Vote and Board Election

Tuesday, May 19, 6–10 a.m. and 2–9 p.m.  
High school

## School Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 7 p.m.  
High school library

Agenda and link: [ardsleyschools.org](https://ardsleyschools.org)

## Smart Growth Zoning Project

Tuesday, May 19, 6–7:30 p.m.  
Village Hall

Work session about housing and the  
downtown. Details: [ardslevillage.gov](https://ardslevillage.gov)

## Architectural Review Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 8 p.m.  
Village Hall

## Senior “Breakfast”

Wednesday, May 20, noon–1 p.m.  
Ardsley Community Center

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The Mitzvah Mixer at Ardsley Middle School in 2025.

# Events to celebrate a variety of cultures

BY AMY BOCHNER

Three upcoming events hosted by the Ardsley Multicultural, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee (AMDIC) demonstrate the community’s commitment to celebrating, and finding commonality in, cultural differences.

## AAPI Celebration

The first event, this Sunday, May 17, is in honor of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) month, and almost didn’t happen. After the program was cancelled due to challenges finding a date when all the volunteers were able to attend, Rhonda Vanadia, a fourth-grade teacher at Concord Road Elementary School (CRS), decided to take the helm.

“I felt really bad about that, because then kids [were] saying, ‘Why is my heritage not being celebrated in the community?’” Vanadia, who also co-chaired the Diwali festival last year, told the Dispatch. “I just didn’t have the heart for that... I kind of had this spur-of-the-moment idea that maybe I can save it.”

In April, CRS hosted International Day, where community members shared their culture with students through music, crafts, and food. While planning the celebration, Vanadia reached out to each person who presented their AAPI heritage, to ask if they would present again to the larger community. She received a positive response, and pulled together the event in less than a month.

The AAPI program will take place from 2–4 p.m. at the Ardsley Community Center. There will be music, dancing, and free snacks from Asian and Pacific Islander countries. Featured demonstrations include Chinese calligraphy, Chinese knotting, and the game tangram.

## Mitzvah Mixer

May is also Jewish Heritage Month, which will be celebrated by the AMDIC on Sunday,

May 31. The third annual Mitzvah Mixer, co-chaired by Lauren Daub and Marissa Goldberg, is centered on the Jewish idea of tikkun olam, or repairing the world. The event, which will take place from 12–2 p.m. at Ardsley Middle School, encourages attendees to participate in mitzvot — or good deeds — through a variety of activities set up by local organizations.

A monarch butterfly-themed table will be run by Woodlands Community Temple in partnership with the Ardsley Pollinator Pathway. They will hand out milkweed plugs for attendees to plant in their gardens and attract pollinators.

PJ Library, which sends families free Jewish storybooks every month, is hosting a book swap, where people can bring books they received from the nonprofit and exchange them for new ones. At a different table, attendees can make kits with a teacup, teabags, and a positive note for residents of the Atria senior living community. There will also be crafts like rock painting, and food available for purchase from Leibman’s Deli.

New to this year’s Mitzvah Mixer is a table run by Chabad of the Rivertowns where attendees can bake their own rugelach. Other participating organizations include Shames JCC on the Hudson, Temple Beth Shalom, and the Greenburgh Hebrew Center.

## Eid Festival

On June 6, Ardsley will celebrate the annual Eid Festival, organized by Bushra Siddiqui, Haydur Agha, and Sara Cohen-Agha. This event will take place at Pascone Park from 1–4 p.m., with activities like face painting, henna, a bouncy castle, and lawn games. Food will be available for purchase from Ardsley’s Calcutta Wrap & Roll, Yonkers’ Shah’s Halal, and Irvington Delight. A playlist

of festive music will represent the breadth of the Muslim world, and speakers will take advantage of the park’s new bandstand.

There will also be tables set up by community-based organizations, like Muslims Understanding and Helping Special Education Needs (MUHSEN), and Westchester Ummah, which helps connect Muslims in the county.

Siddiqui emphasized the importance of events like the Eid Festival to “bring the community in to get a glimpse of how Muslims celebrate their holidays, and [to] meet your Muslim neighbors.”

For the past two years, the Eid Festival took place during Eid al-Fitr, which follows the month of Ramadan. Because this year’s Eid al-Fitr fell in a colder month, the organizers decided to hold the festival during Eid al Adha instead.

The holiday is based on a story known as the Binding of Ishmael in Islam and the Binding of Isaac in Judaism and Christianity. The story is also traditionally read during the Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah.

This commonality between Islam and Judaism is at the heart of what motivates Agha and Cohen-Agha, who are raising their children in mixed Jewish and Muslim households.

“Culturally and geographically, we’re neighbors in so many ways. Not to mention, right here in our house,” Cohen-Agha said.

This speaks to the greater goal of the AMDIC, which Vanadia explained.

“We’re all in this community together,” she said. “We should know about each other’s cultures, and... the discrimination that they have endured in the past. We can never let that happen again. The more we know, the more we realize that we have more in common than we have differences. Even though their games might be different, we’re all playing.”

## ARDSLEY

# Propositions would spend and replace district's capital reserves

BY AMY BOCHNER

Two propositions related to capital reserves will be on the Ardsley School District's ballot on May 19, alongside the proposed \$91 million school budget for 2026-27 and four candidates running for two seats on the school board.

The first proposition is to spend \$5 million from the district's existing capital reserve, which was established in 2017 and expires in 2027, as a place to put excess funds from prior years. The priority project is to replace the 30- to 50-year-old boilers at each of the three schools. Because this would be funded by reserves, it would not impact taxpayers.

At the March 3 school board meeting, Cheri Rosenblatt, assistant superintendent of business, facilities and operations, said the district "had some scary times with the middle school boiler this year" due to deteriorating tanks, leaking seals, and rusted valves and pipes.

"The last thing we want to do is have to close school because we don't have heat," she said.

At the March 3 and May 5 school board meetings, Rosenblatt listed other potential projects the \$5 million could cover. If bids for the boilers are lower than anticipated, then the district would work through the list

to exhaust the full \$5 million. Funds would be allocated based on urgency.

The next projects would be replacing heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning (HVAC) and building systems, notably at the middle school's music room and the high school's fitness center. Also on the list are a dehumidifier for the middle school pool, adding enhanced building management to use energy more efficiently, replacing flooring, and installing a new scoreboard at the high school.

The second proposition on the ballot will establish a new capital reserve with a 10-year life span to replace the one expiring in 2027. This cannot be established or

spent without voter authorization. Like the previous one, this capital reserve could not exceed \$10 million.

"It's a way for us to save for potential facility improvements without impacting the tax levy in the future," Rosenblatt said at the May 5 meeting.

Voting for the propositions, the budget, and the school board candidates will be at Ardsley High School from 6-10 a.m. and 2-9 p.m.

The school board candidates are Andrea DeVico, Matthew Gonzales, and Joseph Sayegh, as well as incumbent and current board president Mitchell Kleinman.

### — COMMUNITY BRIEFS —

#### Young Artists Exhibit

The 43rd annual Young Artists exhibit opened at the Katonah Museum of Art on May 3 with work by students from 40 high schools, including eight from Ardsley. Jayden Galo, Daniel Garcia, Gabriel Goldschneider, Raymond Rivas, Brandon Rodriguez, EJ Rosario-Stanley, April Snow, and Michael Torres each had one work

selected for the show, which will be up through May 24. The museum is open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday from 12-5 p.m. as well as Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

#### Lower Hudson History Day Competition

Two Ardsley High School students

earned top-three finishes during the Lower Hudson History Day Competition at St. Thomas Aquinas College on March 7.

Taiga To placed third in the Individual Exhibit category for the project "From Authority to Inquiry: How Diderot's Encyclopedia Challenged the Status Quo." Piya Karthikeyan placed second

in the Individual Performance category for "Theatre for Change: How the Indian People's Theatre Association was Central to Indian Independence."

The projects were developed in their AP World History classes, led by teacher Kris Hart. Taigo and Piya will advance to the New York State History Day Competition at SUNY Oneonta on April 26.



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Trailway bike path  
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**Food Drive for the  
Dobbs Ferry Food Pantry**  
Saturday, May 16, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.  
Ardsley United Methodist Church,  
525 Ashford Ave.  
Drop off donations of nonperishable foods  
and monetary gifts

**“Now & Then: Another Moment in Time”**  
Saturday, May 16, 1–4 p.m.  
Dobbs Ferry Public Library  
Opening reception for the exhibit by Dobbs  
Ferry artist Quyen Dac Nguyen. Through  
June 30

**Cult Classic 10th Anniversary**  
Saturday, May 16  
Dobbs Ferry Public Library  
Begins at 5:30 p.m. in Library Plaza with live  
music and free pizza, followed by a screening  
of “The Misfits” at 6 p.m., and a punk-rock  
show with a local Misfits cover band at 8.  
Free tickets: [reference@dobbsferrylibrary.org](mailto:reference@dobbsferrylibrary.org)

**Food Truck Festival**  
Sunday, May 17, noon–6 p.m.  
Waterfront Park

**History Reenactment**  
Monday, May 18, 6:15 p.m.  
Dobbs Ferry Public Library  
Friends of the Dobbs Ferry Library presents  
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**School Budget Vote and Board Election**  
Tuesday, May 19, 7 a.m.–9 p.m.  
High school gym

**School Board Special Meeting**  
Wednesday, May 20, 9 a.m.  
Board Room, 505 Broadway

**Library Board Meeting**  
Wednesday, May 20, 7:30 p.m.  
Dobbs Ferry Public Library

**Got news?**

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Empanadas surrounded by rotisserie chicken, pasta, and coleslaw.

## Piccola adds prepared-foods shop to the menu

BY LAURA SCHILLER

With the opening of Piccola Market and Rotisserie at 23 Cedar Street — two doors down from the Piccola Trattoria restaurant — Rivertowns residents can now pick up fresh prepared pasta, rotisserie chicken, house-made sauces, and Argentine-style empanadas.

After nearly three decades serving Italian cuisine in Dobbs Ferry, Piccola owner and chef Sergio Pennacchio of Irvington has expanded his longtime restaurant with a neighboring takeout market.

The market recently had a soft opening and is expected to be fully operational by

Friday, May 15, with a formal ribbon cutting planned in the coming weeks.

The concept, according to Pennacchio, grew from customers asking for more takeout and catering options.

“I haven’t really been able to do takeout from the restaurant because thankfully we’re so busy,” Pennacchio told the Dispatch. “This gives us the opportunity to offer something different without interrupting the restaurant.”

The market will feature fresh homemade pasta that is al dente, or mostly precooked, allowing customers to finish it in boiling water in about 30 seconds. In addition, the lunch crowd can grab cup-sized portions of fork-ready pasta for quick meals on the go.

Customers can also stock up on Piccola’s sauces, including marinara, vodka, pesto,

Bolognese, cacio e pepe, and béchamel. For a first takeout order, Pennacchio recommends the rotisserie chicken.

“I’m very proud of my recipe for the rotisserie chicken,” he said. “I use the best ingredients I can find — basic condiments, fresh herbs. My recipe is very light, not overpowering, because I’m offering sauces on the side.”

Those sauces include chimichurri, lemon and herb, salsa verde, peppers and onions, and cherry peppers. “So when you take it home, you can put the sauce on top,” he said.

“And the empanadas — that’s my hometown right there,” Pennacchio added.

Born in Argentina to an Italian father and Spanish mother, Pennacchio said the empanadas are especially personal. The

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**New  
Business  
Opening**



### Delgado downtown

Lt. Gov. Antonio Delgado high-fives 7-year-old Edison Galen who is being held by his mother, Jessica Galen, outside her shop, Bloomy Cheese & Provisions, on Monday, May 11. Delgado attended a fundraiser that Rivertowns for Reproductive Rights held for the New York Abortion Access Fund, which is aiming to raise \$100,000 by the end of May.

DOBBS FERRY

# Davis and Nagarajan unopposed for board of education

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL

In the uncontested election for the Dobbs Ferry Board of Education, scheduled for May 19, Pavithra Nagarajan is seeking a second term while Disan Davis is seeking a first. Rebecca Hershberg, whose three-year term ends June 30, chose not to seek re-election.

**Disan Davis**

Davis is running for school board for the second time in two years. Last year she was one of four candidates for three seats on the board. Since then, she has been serving on an ad-hoc communication subcommittee, a spinoff of the School and Community Relations Committee, and as chair of the Dobbs Ferry Parks and Recreation Commission.

“I intend to be someone on the board who asks questions, who tries to understand the issues deeply, and to connect the concerns that are coming from parents with the actions that the board and district can take in those areas,” Davis told the Dispatch.

Davis has lived in Dobbs Ferry for nine years and has two children, a second- and fifth-grader at Springhurst Elementary School. Davis is a former middle and high school science teacher who works in the research department at the Broadening Engagement in STEM Center at the

University of Pittsburgh.

“I continue to think there’s a need for folks on the board who bring a sense of using data to inform decision-making, and using a systems approach to understand and make strategic decisions about the district,” Davis said. “I think that I’ve learned professionally to do that a lot, including in educational spaces, and so I hope to bring that to the board.”

Over the past year, Davis has been focused on following the development of the technology curriculum at the elementary school, which has led to her conversations with parents throughout the district about concerns over the amount of school-sanctioned screen time for classwork and homework assignments and the use of artificial intelligence (A.I.) by students. Davis is also active in seeking solutions for more efficient communication between the district and parents, and working on an effort to survey parents on ways to improve that communication.

“There’s a lot of work still going on to figure out what it is we need the district and board to know from parents in order to improve communication, and what the priorities are,” Davis explained. “I was able to contribute a lot and would really love to continue that work moving forward, and at

a rapid pace, so that real change is experienced quickly.”

**Pavithra Nagarajan**

Nagarajan’s first three-year term on the board ends June 30. She moved to Dobbs Ferry in 2020 and has one child in first grade at Springhurst and another who is 4 years old and yet to enter the Dobbs school system. Nagarajan is a former New York City middle school teacher who went on to earn a Ph.D. in education at Columbia University’s Teachers College, and now works as a researcher and education consultant.

“After having my own kids, I thought this is a really good way to use my expertise for my own children and my own backyard,” Nagarajan told the Dispatch about her decision to run for school board in 2023. “A lot of my research involves making sure programs are data-based and successful, and also making sure that students feel a sense of belonging in schools. So being able to marry those two things in the work I do for the district was exciting to me, and I feel like I could bring that kind of value to the district.”

Socio-emotional learning, along with the more technical side of curriculum, has been a focus for Nagarajan as school board trustee.

Nagarajan is proud of the role she’s played in helping the district maintain strong programming for students, despite the lack of Covid-related emergency funds from the federal government that were provided during and in the years following 2020.

As the school board member with the youngest children, Nagarajan is putting an emphasis on making sure elementary school students receive the preparation they need for advanced classes later in their educational careers.

“We [the school board] are starting to have conversations of what vertical alignment of the IB [International Baccalaureate] curriculum looks like in the earlier grades,” Nagarajan explained. “We’re really thinking about what the preparation and alignment looks like in the middle and elementary schools, and trying to think about how to make sure elementary school programming is both rigorous, and making sure the socio-emotional piece is also there for kids.”

Voting for the Dobbs Ferry Board of Education and district budget will take place Tuesday, May 19, from 7 a.m.–9 p.m. in the Dobbs Ferry High School Gymnasium, 505 Broadway (Route 9).



# HASTINGS- ON-HUDSON

— Coming Up This Week —

## Concrete Flowers Benefit Concert

Friday, May 15, 7:30–9:30 p.m.  
Tennis Club of Hastings, 100 River St.  
\$10 tickets  
Fundraiser for Rivertown Thrift and  
Hastings Food Pantry

## Annual Great Saw Mill River Cleanup

Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.  
South County Trailway at Farragut Avenue  
Sign up to volunteer at  
[groundworkhv.org/events](http://groundworkhv.org/events)

## Hastings Day & Spring Thing

Sunday, May 17, noon–4 p.m.  
Warburton Avenue  
Featuring live music, fire department  
cookout, interactive family crafts, inflatable  
slide, and information tables hosted by  
community groups

## School Budget Vote and Board Election

Tuesday, May 19, 7 a.m.–9 p.m.  
High school gym

## Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 7 p.m.  
Village Hall

## Family Tinker Night

Wednesday, May 20, 6–8 p.m.  
Hillside Elementary School  
RSVP required at [RivertownParents.com](http://RivertownParents.com)

## Senior Thursday

Thursday, May 21  
Screening of “Lady Bird” at the public library,  
1 p.m. Foodtown, restaurants, and shops offer  
discounts for residents over 65. Pick up a free  
parking pass at the library or community center.

## Planning Board Meeting

Thursday, May 21, 7 p.m.  
Village Hall

## Gala with The Rivertowns Ramblers

Sunday, May 31, 5:30–8 p.m.  
Hastings Public Library  
The lively old-time string band performs for  
the Friends of the Library’s annual cocktail  
party and silent auction fundraiser.  
Purchase tickets (\$40–\$50 in advance, \$60  
at the door) at [hastingslibrary.org](http://hastingslibrary.org)

### Got news?

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Beth Rudd at First Reformed Church

## Sing-along an opportunity to stand for peace

BY AMY BOCHNER

For Hastings resident Beth Rudd, music has always been a way to “transcend” herself “in times of trouble.”

“When my grandmother died, I went to the piano,” she told the Dispatch. “When a boyfriend broke up with me when I was 13, I went to the piano. It’s a wonderful outlet and... some sort of ineffable communion happens when you make music.”

After watching footage of the troubling actions by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents in Minneapolis, Rudd is once again using music to process emotions, as well as a way to bring people together. On May 16 at 4 p.m., she will lead “Community Sing-Along: Songs of Resistance and Hope” at Hastings’ First Reformed Church, inviting members and nonmembers to raise their voices.

Rudd, who grew up in Hastings, taught English in the school district for 20 years. She is a musician who has performed with The

Hudson Valley Singers, a Westchester-based chorus, and was one of the original members of the band “Housewives on Prozac.”

Since the early ’90s, she has held various roles at First Reformed, including organist, choir director, and music director. Now, she and her husband, Michael Willson, conduct choirs and perform music at the church every other week.

In January, Rudd felt “horrified” by what she saw on the news when ICE agents were deployed to Minneapolis. She noted a particular CNN segment that inspired her to bring the resistance shown by the Minneapolis residents to Hastings.

“A woman named Serena Partridge, along with her pastor, started a protest singing in the streets,” she said. “[It was a] protest movement against ICE taking immigrants randomly and the treatment of immigrants... It was about the power of music to unite people, and to allow for a vehicle for their emotions, which were

running high, and to evoke new emotions.”

Rudd showed the segment to her pastor, the Rev. Emily Brown, and proposed the idea of a sing-along to the congregation. The focus of the event, Rudd said, would be “music that was hopeful and about wishing for peace and [about] how to achieve that.”

She reached out to community members and gathered a group of fellow musicians to lead the event, including Colin McGrath, Erik Blicher, Jon Riss, Chris Conte, and David Charles. Rudd and Willson will be song leaders, while retired Hastings High School teacher Gerard Marciano will be the emcee.

When choosing songs, Rudd prioritized protest music that was familiar and easy to sing. The selection includes favorites by Bob Dylan, the Beatles, Woody Guthrie, Cat Stevens, Dolly Parton, as well as traditional songs like “This Land is Your Land” and “If I Had a Hammer.” For those who don’t know or have forgotten

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### — OBITUARY —

## Susan Meigs

Susan Elizabeth Meigs, a Hastings resident from 1986 to 2022, passed away from complications due to ovarian cancer on March 20, at age 70, at Calvary Hospital in the Bronx.

Susan grew up in Princeton, N.J., where she attended Princeton Day School. She received a B.A. from Pomona College in Claremont, Calif., where she met her future husband, Todd Vunderink.

Susan was a deep reader and a gifted editor of nonfiction books. While she loved working with the authors at Oxford University Press, she resigned her position to be home with her two young sons. The three

were a familiar presence around Hastings and at the Reynolds Field playground. Susan was a devotee of Andrea Chillemi’s On Hudson Fitness, which struck a deep chord beyond physical well-being.

After stints as a freelance editor, Susan was a part-time editor at Manhattan School of Music in its marketing, communications, and alumni affairs office. She concurrently devoted herself to mentoring the boys at The Children’s Village in Dobbs

Ferry, which provides residential and educational services for at-risk youth. After working in CV’s Books for Boys program, Susan started the Open Door Library, an afterschool haven lined with books that

she curated. There, through reading and other activities, she gave the boys her unwavering support, care, and guidance.

Susan is survived by her husband, her sons Will (Anna Archibald) and Graham (Ellyn Gaydos), and three grandchildren; her siblings Margaret Meigs of Philadelphia, Barbara (Jim) Hughes of Madison, N.J., and Jim (Jenni Stern) of Yonkers; and many nieces and nephews with a growing number of their own children.

In honor of Susan, donations may be made to LitWorld ([litworld.org](http://litworld.org)) and the Greenburgh Eleven Educational Foundation ([greenburgh11ef.org](http://greenburgh11ef.org)). A memorial service will be held in the coming weeks.



## HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON

# Petition seeks to invalidate contract for artificial turf

BY AMY BOCHNER

Following weeks of public debate, three Hastings residents, including two with children in district schools, filed a petition on May 4 challenging the Hastings Board of Education's approval of a contract for artificial turf fields.

The Dispatch obtained a copy of the petition with the petitioners' names redacted. The document argues that the board's vote to award the contract failed to comply with the "bid specifications and representations made... to the Petitioners and the public."

Last June, voters approved a \$38,475,489 capital bond, which was broken up into three propositions, with the third centered on the installation of a synthetic multipurpose field and synthetic softball field at the Burke Estate. Proposition three was approved by a vote of 1,440-1,369.

On April 8, the school board voted 4-1 to award a \$5,789,761 contract to Laura Li Industries for the Burke Estate playing fields, which includes \$1,246,640 for artificial turf. Two board members were absent. The product the board approved was the FieldTurf Vertex Prime with Purefill, which has an infill of cork and sand, instead of rubber.

On May 8, the district sent out a

communication, via email, informing the community that it had received a challenge in the form of a Notice of Petition and Petition specific to the board's award of a contract with Laura Li Industries, for the construction of the two artificial turf fields. The email included a letter signed by Schools Superintendent William McKersie.

Prior to the June referendum, the board released preliminary bidding specifications for the artificial turf, one of which required that it "not be manufactured using PFAS," which stands for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances. These are also known as "forever chemicals" and are linked to health and environmental concerns. On Feb. 10, the board updated its specs, which required "a manufacturer certified letter stating that the synthetic turf shall not contain or be treated with PFAS substances for any purpose."

During the bidding process, FieldTurf provided a letter to the district stating their products "do not contain any intentionally added [PFAS] in its formulation or manufacturing process." The company also provided a memorandum summarizing the results of independent testing overseen by Gradient, a risk science consulting firm. The results indicated trace levels of multiple

PFAS compounds in the artificial turf components. The memorandum concluded this was "not indicative of PFAS compounds being used in the products' manufacturing processes." The petitioners argue that because the letter did not state the product contains "no PFAS" and the testing indicates the chemicals are in fact present in the product, the awarded contract does not meet the board's specifications.

The petition also argues that the district represented in communications with voters "that any installed turf would be free of PFAS." Among the exhibits are two presentations provided by the district on May 29 and June 9, each with a slide about the fields that states "No PFAS." On June 6, the district made a post on its Facebook account that said the turf will be "PFAS-free" and "will not contain PFAS chemicals." A June 13 communication sent out by the district stated that "in response to safety concerns... the district has prioritized environmentally responsible turf" followed by a list which included "PFAS-free." Also in the exhibits is a Hastings Happenings newsletter released prior to the bond that states that the specifications stress that the product "must be free of lead and PFAS."

The petitioners are seeking a stay, or a temporary pause, of the April 8 contract and any related construction at the Burke Estate, which the district has announced will begin on June 1. The petitioners also requested that the New York State commissioner of education annul the contract and direct that "only bids that comply with the district's stated PFAS-free specifications be considered."

In his May 8 letter, McKersie stated that the district is working with legal counsel on its response to the proceeding. The district, he wrote, is "confident that the turf fields to be installed under the challenged contract fully comply with New York State (and Federal) law and regulations and will continue to do so after December 2026."

He continued, "The board has worked hard to meet the breadth of mandates our community put forth — to install dependable turf fields as part of our school athletic facilities, while renewing and re-establishing our other grass fields, and doing the entire project in the most environmentally-sound way possible. We will continue to provide regular updates as we move forward with this major investment in Hastings students."

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## Halsey Pond Cleanup

Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m.–noon  
 Northeast corner of the pond, between  
 Legend Hollow and Palliser paths  
 Register at [irvingtonny.gov](http://irvingtonny.gov), under the Parks &  
 Recreation tab

## Stewardship at O'Hara & Irvington Woods Park

Saturdays, May 16 and 30, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.  
 Meet at O'Hara Nature Center, 170  
 Mountain Road  
 Register at [irvingtonny.gov](http://irvingtonny.gov)

## Sherlock Holmes: "The Adventure of the Retired Colourman"

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

## Farmers Market

Sunday, May 17, 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m.  
 Main Street School, 101 Main St.  
 The weekly market begins June 13,  
 9 a.m.–1:30 p.m.  
 For details, visit [irvingtonfarmersmarket.org](http://irvingtonfarmersmarket.org)

## Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, May 18, 7 p.m.  
 Village Hall  
 To attend via Zoom, visit [irvingtonny.gov](http://irvingtonny.gov)  
 for the link

## School Budget Vote and Board Election

Tuesday, May 19, 7 a.m.–9 p.m.  
 High school gym

## Rivertowns Chamber: Irvington Village Chat

Thursday, May 21, 10–11 a.m.  
 Ludy Café, 7 N. Astor St.  
 Register at [rivertownschamber.com](http://rivertownschamber.com)

## Thursday Evening Book Club

Thursday, May 21, 7:30–8:30 p.m.  
 Irvington Public Library  
 Discuss "Creation Lake" by Rachel Kushner

## "Butterfly Gallery – Pollinator Gardens"

Through May 31  
 Painted sculptures on display on Main Street

## Got news?

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Pups & Cups board members Conor Woodley, IVAC captain Lucas Isola, Whitney Wilkerson (and Georgie), Layla Kunjukutty, and Nancy Adler.

# Pups & Cups aids emergency responders

*Ambulance corps volunteers  
 mingle with therapy dogs*

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL

Irvington EMS volunteer Whitney Wilkerson wants first responders to benefit from the company of therapy dogs along with sips of coffee between emergency calls. A member of the Irvington Volunteer Ambulance Corps (IVAC) since 2025, Wilkerson launched the Pups & Cups Project at IVAC in January, and has since brought it to the volunteer ambulance corps in Ardsley and Ossining.

"Pet-assisted therapy has been very well researched and shows that contact with dogs who are specifically trained to offer this kind of comfort lowers cortisol, boosts oxytocin, and it really anchors the first responder in the present moment without an overly

clinical environment," Wilkerson told the Dispatch. "It's a casual encounter with a loving, open, receptive animal."

Per the guidance of the organizations that provide the dogs, there are no more than two at each session. The program is funded by a seed grant Wilkerson received last year from the Spiritual Mind Body Institute at Columbia University, Teachers College. Before receiving the grant, Wilkerson, who works as a pediatric chaplain serving children in health crises and their families, participated in a six-week program called Innovating Forward. The program, run by the research institute, provided for faith-based lay and community leaders looking to implement spirituality with mental health in community projects. She launched Pups & Cups in part because of the effects of long periods of downtime that first responders experience

while waiting to answer an emergency.

"Part of the inspiration for Pups & Cups was looking at isolation and loneliness among first responders in direct response to those long shifts," Wilkerson explained. "Most people see them when they're actively out responding to an emergency, and what they don't see is what's happening when there's not a call. They work these very long shifts — 12-hour shifts — which means they miss out on things. They miss birthday parties, they miss going out to dinner with friends."

Pups & Cups takes place on Saturdays at the emergency facilities where first responders wait during their shifts, and also invites volunteers who are off the clock to come by and join their colleagues who are working. The families of first responders are also

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## Stiller on stage

The Irvington Theater hosted a sold-out screening of the documentary "Stiller & Meara: Nothing is Lost" on Saturday, May 9, followed by a Q&A with the film's director, Ben Stiller, and Rachel Abrams, host of The New York Times podcast "The Daily." The film is about Stiller's parents, the comedic partners Jerry Stiller and Anne Meara. Photo by Reggie Exilus.

## IRVINGTON

## Maglienti to join Friedman and Kenny on board of education

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL

Two incumbents and one new candidate are on the ballot for the three open seats on the Irvington Board of Education. The election, which is uncontested, takes place Tuesday, May 19.

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**Rachael Maglienti**

Maglienti is the only candidate new to the school board. She has lived in Irvington since 2013 and has a child in ninth grade and another in 11th grade at Irvington High School. She's been executive vice president of the Irvington PTSA for the past two years, and was involved with the PTSA for roughly a decade prior.

"We do have new leadership in our district, and I'm very supportive of that new administration, and also very interested in working with them, and seeing how they develop their leadership and vision for the schools," Maglienti told the Dispatch. Irvington Schools Superintendent Mara Ratesic is nearing the end of her second academic year.

"Education is changing constantly, our environment is changing constantly, technology is changing, demographics are changing. And I do think the district is in a place that's stable, but willing to be reflective, and that can be enjoyable and really productive," Maglienti added.

In the community, Maglienti has served on the vestry at St. Barnabas Episcopal

Church, and was involved with the Westchester-based Hearts and Homes for Refugees organization, where she helped refugee families resettle in the county.

Professionally, Maglienti has a background in information management and formerly worked with the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) in database management for capital improvements. She then went on to work for a software company hired by the construction industry for scheduling and project management.

"One of my interests is making sure that data collected is information, and not just data," Maglienti said. "There's a lot of talk about data and tracking, and I feel like it takes a certain skill set to make sure that what you're setting up to capture is going to yield what you want to report on in a way that's understandable to constituents."

Maglienti will replace Jayne Wissner, who opted not to run again and whose term ends June 30.

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**Brian Friedman**

Friedman, a 1992 Irvington graduate who left the village and returned 21 years ago, is nearing the end of his third three-year term on the school board. He has one child who graduated from the high school in 2024, and another who is a sophomore.

"I've found the experience to be very rewarding and a good way to contribute to the community," Friedman told the Dispatch. "So that's what's kept me on [the board]. And there've been a lot of big, I call them 'initiatives,' between Covid being a big challenge, and recently hiring a new superintendent, so that was a monumental undertaking."

Friedman served as president of the board from 2019–24, through Covid as well as the hiring of Ratesic. With one child in the high school, Friedman is looking forward to seeing the impact of the new block schedule that will go into effect there in the fall, with fewer classes and longer class time periods. He's also an advocate for a later start time for high school students.

"Currently, high school starts at 7:50, which anyone who has teenagers knows is just way too early for them," Friedman explained. "That's something that I hope the district takes a long look at, especially now that we've changed to a new schedule. And now that we have lights on the field, practices and games could go later, which would make a later start time more feasible."

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**Dympna Kenny**

Kenny is seeking her second three-year term on the board. She lives in Tarrytown, within the Irvington School District, and

has one child who graduated from the high school in 2024, another who is a junior at the high school, and a third who is in eighth grade at the middle school.

"When one superintendent leaves and another one starts, it's a period of transition," Kenny told the Dispatch. "We've completed the five-year strategic goals framework, we've continued development and implementation of the Irvington Way as a framework. So what's important to me is seeing this work come to fruition in the schools."

Kenny is a former president of the Irvington PTSA and served in that role during Covid. She served on the PTSA for eight years in total. During her first term on the school board, Kenny served beside students, teachers, and administrators on the scheduling committee that was tasked with developing the new high school block schedule.

"It was a really satisfying experience listening to teachers, listening to students, hearing their experiences, hearing how they struggle with the hamster-wheel experience of being in high school," Kenny said. "The students were so thoughtful, so eloquent, so great in advocating for themselves and their peers."

Voting for the Irvington Board of Education and district budget will take place Tuesday, May 19, from 7 a.m.–9 p.m. in the Main Street School Gymnasium, 101 Main St.

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# The Agenda

## SATURDAY MAY 16

### Damani Quartet

#### ARDSLEY

9 p.m. / No cover charge. Saw Mill Tavern, 925 Saw Mill River Road. Featuring classic rock, blues, and R&B. Reservations encouraged. [smtavern.com](http://smtavern.com)

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

#### DOBBS FERRY

1–4 p.m. / Free. Dobbs Ferry Public Library, 55 Main St. Opening reception for the exhibit by Dobbs Ferry artist Quyen Dac Nguyen. On view through June 30. [dobbsferrylibrary.org](http://dobbsferrylibrary.org)

### Cult Classic 10th Anniversary

#### DOBBS FERRY

5:30 p.m. / Free. Dobbs Ferry Public Library, 55 Main St. The celebration begins in Library Plaza with live music and free pizza, followed by a screening of “The Misfits” at 6 p.m., and a punk-rock show with a local Misfits cover band at 8. For free tickets: [reference@dobbsferrylibrary.org](mailto:reference@dobbsferrylibrary.org)

### MorDance: “Unwritten”

#### DOBBS FERRY

7 p.m. / \$35, \$25 for students. 145 Palisade St. Westchester’s contemporary ballet company explores the Constitution as a living document. [mordance.org](http://mordance.org)

### Spring Migration Walk

#### HASTINGS

8 a.m. / Free. Meet in the Chemka Pool parking lot. Hudson River Audubon Society leads an exploration of Hillside Woods. [hras.org](http://hras.org)

### Borsht Belt Artifacts

#### TARRYTOWN

2:30 p.m. / Free. Warner Library, 121 N. Broadway. Historian Alex Prizgintas discusses the Catskills resort region and showcases five of its unique relics. Also on May 27, 11 a.m., at the Irvington Public Library. [irvingtonlibrary.org](http://irvingtonlibrary.org)

### Screening: “Among Neighbors”

#### TARRYTOWN

3 p.m. / \$10–\$14. Shames JCC, 371 S. Broadway. Filmmaker Yoav Potash gives an introduction and leads a post-film Q&A. [shamesjcc.org](http://shamesjcc.org)

### Volunteer Fire Department Carnival

#### SLEEPY HOLLOW

2 p.m. / Kingsland Point Park. The department celebrates its 150th anniversary with a parade up Beekman Avenue to the carnival. Also open on Sunday, 29 p.m. Daily wristband for unlimited rides: \$35. [acecarnival.com](http://acecarnival.com)

## SUNDAY MAY 17

### AAPI Heritage Community Celebration

#### ARDSLEY



“Now & Then: Another Moment in Time,” featuring paintings by Dobbs Ferry artist Quyen Dac Nguyen, opens with a reception on Saturday, May 16, at the Dobbs Ferry Public Library.

2–4 p.m. / Free. Ardsley Community Center, 18 Center St. Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander cultures with music, games, and snacks.

### Food Truck Festival

#### DOBBS FERRY

Noon–6 p.m. Waterfront Park. Featuring food, kids’ activities, and live music. [dobbsferry.gov](http://dobbsferry.gov)

### Outdoor Live Music: Jay Stoke Moran

#### DOBBS FERRY

2–5 p.m. / No cover charge. Hudson Social, 11 Station Plaza. [hudsonsocial.com](http://hudsonsocial.com)

### Hastings Day & Spring Thing

#### HASTINGS

Noon–4 p.m. / Free. Warburton Avenue. Featuring live music, fire department cookout, interactive family crafts, inflatable slide, and information tables hosted by community groups. [destinationhastings.org](http://destinationhastings.org)

### Two New Exhibits

#### HASTINGS

2–5 p.m. / Free. Upstream Gallery, 8 Main St. Opening reception for Paul Greco’s “Immaculate Constellation” and Cecily A Spitzer’s “Connections.” On view through May 31. Hours: Thursday–Sunday, 12:30–5:30 p.m. [upstreamgallery.com](http://upstreamgallery.com)

### Farmers Market

#### IRVINGTON

9:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Main Street School, 101 Main St. The market resumes weekly starting June 13, 9 a.m.–1:30 p.m. [theirvingtonfarmersmarket.org](http://theirvingtonfarmersmarket.org)

### Spring Choral Concert

#### IRVINGTON

11:15 a.m. / Free. Church of St. Barnabas, 15 N. Broadway. Childcare will be provided.

### “Emotions in Motion”

#### IRVINGTON

2:30 p.m. / \$25, \$20 for students and seniors; \$3 more at the door. Irvington Theater, 85 Main St. Broadway Training Center’s spring recital features acting, singing, and dancing. [broadwaytraining.com](http://broadwaytraining.com)

### Brazilian Duo

#### TARRYTOWN

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

## MONDAY MAY 18

### History Reenactment

#### DOBBS FERRY

6:15 p.m. / Free. Dobbs Ferry Public Library, 55 Main St. Friends of the Dobbs Ferry Library presents British spy Major John André to recount his connection to Benedict Arnold and his capture 234 years ago. [dobbsferrylibrary.org](http://dobbsferrylibrary.org)

## TUESDAY MAY 19

### Picture Book: Book Club

#### DOBBS FERRY

8 p.m. / Free. Picture Book at HudCo, 145 Palisade St., Suite 200. Discuss “Yesteryear” by Caro Claire Burke. RSVP at [picturebookny.com/calendar](http://picturebookny.com/calendar)

### Rock & Pop Classics

#### HASTINGS

7–9 p.m. / No cover charge. Uncle Lefty’s, 583 Warburton Ave. Featuring Tommy and Friends. [uncleleftys.com](http://uncleleftys.com)

### Embroidery Workshop

#### IRVINGTON

7 p.m. / \$75. The Lark, 50 S. Buckhout St., G107. [thelark.club/events](http://thelark.club/events)

## WEDNESDAY MAY 20

### Screening and Discussion: “2040”

#### ARDSLEY

6:30–8:30 p.m. / Free. Ardsley Community Center, 18 Center St. Ardsley Green Task Force presents “Wellness Through Community and Sustainability” featuring a film about climate change followed by a panel with Kathy Evers of Ardsley Pollinator Pathway, Megan Ort of Sustainable Westchester, Josh Malkin of The Masters School, and moderator and clinical psychologist Tony Puliafico. Register at [ArdsleyCAN.org](http://ArdsleyCAN.org)

### Women’s Wellness Social

#### DOBBS FERRY

6–9 p.m. / \$40, \$30 for members. Symphony Medical Center, 35 S. Washington. Rivertowns Chamber presents local women-led wellness providers to share tips. Reserve your spot at [rivertownschamber.com/events](http://rivertownschamber.com/events)

### Art Reception

#### TARRYTOWN

6 p.m. / Free. Jazz Forum Club, 1 Dixon Lane. Featuring works by Wayne Bowen, Helen Elliott, and Alexa Mingyan Huang. [jazzforumarts.org](http://jazzforumarts.org)

## THURSDAY MAY 21

### Outdoor Live Music: Milton

#### DOBBS FERRY

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

## FRIDAY MAY 22

### Bad Art

#### ARDSLEY

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

### Toddler Storytime

#### DOBBS FERRY

10:30 a.m. / Free. Keeper’s House, 15 Walnut St. Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct and the Dobbs Ferry Public Library team up for a story and craft, followed by the opportunity to walk on the trail. [aqueduct.org](http://aqueduct.org)

### Jazz Pianist Ted Rosenthal

#### TARRYTOWN

7 and 9:30 p.m. / \$35, \$30 for students. Jazz Forum Club, 1 Dixon Lane. Also on May 23, 7 and 9:30 p.m. [jazzforumarts.org](http://jazzforumarts.org)

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## The Agenda

### ONGOING

#### “Discard, Reclaim, Nurture by You”

**DOBBS FERRY**

The Donald Gallery at South Church, 343 Broadway. Exhibit by Hector “Bori” Rodriguez, a formerly incarcerated artist. On view through May 24. Gallery hours: Tuesday, 12–6 p.m.; Wednesday, 2–4 p.m.; Thursday, 12–4 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. [southpres.org](http://southpres.org)

#### “Expressions: Real and Absurd”

**HASTINGS**

Village Hall, 7 Maple Ave. The exhibit celebrates the life and artistic journey of Allen M. Hart. Through June 2.

#### “The Times They Are A-Changin’: Hastings in the 1960s”

**HASTINGS**

Observatory Cottage, Draper Park, 407 Broadway. Open the first Saturday of each month, 2–4 p.m., and Mondays and Thursdays, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. On view through October. [hastingshistoricalsociety.org](http://hastingshistoricalsociety.org)

#### “Treason of the Blackest Dye”

**IRVINGTON**

1–4 p.m. / Free. McVickar House, 131 Main St. The Irvington Historical Society hosts a

showcase of Revolutionary Westchester 250’s research about Benedict Arnold and British Major John André. On view Saturdays and Thursdays, 1–4 p.m., through Aug. 8. [irvingtonhistoricalsociety.org](http://irvingtonhistoricalsociety.org)

#### Octagon House Tours

**IRVINGTON**

Various times Thursday-Monday / \$34. The Armour-Stiner Octagon House, 45 W. Clinton Ave. The Victorian Springtime Tour features the architecture and landscape of this unique National Historic Landmark (through June 15), and the 1876 Centennial Tour commemorates the 250th anniversary of the United States (through Sept. 20). For ages 7 and up. Advance tickets required. [armourstiner.com](http://armourstiner.com)

#### Historic Hudson Valley Tours

**IRVINGTON, SLEEPY HOLLOW**

Various times. Washington Irving’s Sunnyside, 3 West Sunnyside Lane, Irvington, and Philipsburgh Manor, 381 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow, a 1750 farm and grist mill. Timed-entry tickets required. [hudsonvalley.org](http://hudsonvalley.org)

#### Lyndhurst Classic Mansion Tour

**TARRYTOWN**

\$5–\$26. Lyndhurst, 635 S. Broadway. The historic mansion offers guided tours encompassing the first and second floors of the mansion, spanning approximately 16 rooms. Offered on

various dates and times through Sept. 20. Timed entry tickets required. [lyndhurst.org](http://lyndhurst.org)

#### Lyndhurst Upstairs/Downstairs Tour

**TARRYTOWN**

\$35–\$42. Lyndhurst, 635 S. Broadway. Offered on various dates and times through Sept. 20. Timed-entry tickets required. [lyndhurst.org](http://lyndhurst.org)

### COMING UP

#### Book Signing

**DOBBS FERRY**

May 29 / 1 p.m. / Free. Picture Book at HudCo, 145 Palisade St., Suite 200. Rory Mulligan celebrates his debut monograph, “Fred-die.” [picturebookny.com/calendar](http://picturebookny.com/calendar)

#### Movie on the Trail: “Zootopia”

**DOBBS FERRY**

May 29 / 8:30 p.m. / Free. Keeper’s House, 15 Walnut St. Bring your own chair or blanket and refreshments. [aqueduct.org](http://aqueduct.org)

#### “The Tempest Unpacked”

**HASTINGS**

May 29-June 7 / 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 4 p.m. Sundays / \$37, \$27 seniors and students. River’s Edge Theatre Studio, 546 Warburton Ave. Imaginative adaptation of Shakespeare’s play. For ages 8+.

[riversedgetheatre.com](http://riversedgetheatre.com)

#### “Acting Shakespeare”

**IRVINGTON**

May 30 / 8 p.m. / suggested donation starts at \$25. Rivertowns Playhouse, 25 N. Broadway. Kamran Saliani, executive artistic director of Irvington Shakespeare Company, blends Shakespeare’s scenes and soliloquies in an adaptation of Ian McKellen’s one-man musical. Donations support free, professional Shakespeare performances for the community. Tickets available at [irvshakespeare.org](http://irvshakespeare.org)

#### An Audience with Poe

**TARRYTOWN**

May 23 / 3, 5, 7 p.m. / \$65. Historic Hudson Valley’s Library, 639 Bedford Road. Immersive retelling of four classic Edgar Allen Poe tales. Includes complimentary beverages. On Saturdays through June 27. Recommended for ages 16+. Advance tickets required. [hudsonvalley.org](http://hudsonvalley.org)

#### Rip Van Winkle’s Journey

**TARRYTOWN**

May 23 / 6 and 8 p.m. / \$65. Washington Irving’s Sunnyside, 3 W. Sunnyside Lane. Immersive outdoor theater experience with live music and curated drinks. Through July 26. Recommended for ages 10+. Advance tickets required. [hudsonvalley.org](http://hudsonvalley.org)

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## Healthcare buyouts

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Three of five town board members receive the buyout: Francis Sheehan, Joy Haber, and Gina Jackson. All three obtain their health insurance from the government agencies where they work full time.

Town Attorney Joe Danko drafted the resolution after the story about the buyout was published on May 7 by the Hudson Valley Digger.

The issue exploded before the all-Democrat board on May 13, with the meeting adjourned in a shouting match after Town Supervisor Paul Feiner accused board members of silencing him during a debate on the policy issue.

“You are not going to shut me up,” Feiner said. “So basically board members are working for other government bodies and getting health insurance. That’s why you are abusing this \$20,000.”

But Sheehan, who has insurance through his job with the City University of New York, said that by taking the \$22,000 buyout, employees were saving the Town \$22,000 because the Town’s insurance premium cost almost \$44,000. Sheehan has individual coverage, so his buyout is \$9,689.

“If you do not take \$44,000 a year in taxpayer money, there’s a 50% benefit to the employee and the 50% benefit to the Town,” Sheehan said.

The buyout provides a financial boost to town board members, whose annual salary is \$40,911.

The board did not vote on the proposal, with board members agreeing that more study was needed. But agreement on what that would be remained to be developed.

“This is a starting point,” said Town Board member Ellen Hendrickx, who takes the Town insurance plan and who works as the district director for Congressman George Latimer.

A look at the healthcare buyout in Greenburgh’s villages showed a disparity in benefit levels, according to village officials. In Ardsley, the buyout for police and nonunion employees is \$5,000 for the family plan, \$1,500 for

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Town Supervisor Paul Feiner

individuals. In Irvington, it’s \$5,000 for employees represented by the Civil Service Employees Association, \$6,500 for police. In Hastings, it’s \$6,000 for the family plan for employees represented by Teamsters Local 456 and nonunion employees and \$3,000 for individuals. In Dobbs Ferry, it’s \$8,000 for family coverage and \$5,000 for an individual.

“It’s a question to what extent you convert people or just reward people who wouldn’t take the insurance anyway,” Ardsley Village

Manager Joe Cerretani said.

Greenburgh Town Comptroller Kimberly Gutwein said the payments are an incentive for employees in dual-income families to not take the Town’s health plan, which costs almost \$43,965 for family plan and \$19,378 for individuals. To qualify, employees, must show proof they are covered by another policy.

The buyout program costs the Town \$1.8 million, which in 2025 went to 120 town employees and retirees. She said net savings came to \$1.3 million. That’s calculated under what she called “aggressive” assumptions that all 120 would take the buyout while paying 15% of the premium to obtain coverage.

Greenburgh resident Hugh Schwartz said the projected savings were overblown.

“That number is garbage, absolute garbage,” he said.

Ardsley resident Gary Rappaport said that capping the benefit at close to \$22,000 would continue to provide a financial windfall to the elected officials.

“They are codifying the scandal,” he said. “They keep doubling down and digging themselves into a deeper grave.”

Hendrickx said that health insurance is a benefit that should have value, whether or not you take it.

“As a general rule, municipalities across the board have better health plans,” she said. “So the better health plans are a benefit. And for those that don’t take that benefit, there’s another benefit that could be the buyout.”

Feiner, the 17-term incumbent who faces Ardsley Trustee Barry McGoey in a June 23

Democratic primary, has proposed eliminating the benefit for elected officials — the town board members, along with three part-time town judges and the receiver of taxes.

“We don’t want to have any residents of the town say, ‘There are abuses. It’s a horrible thing,’” Feiner said. “We want to have something that makes sense to the average person.”

McGoey has personal experience with the buyout program. His wife, Westchester County Court Judge Erin McGoey, received the buyout for three years while serving as part-time Greenburgh town judge, with payments totaling \$73,021 from 2022 to 2025, according to Town records.

McGoey said he expects to take Greenburgh’s insurance if elected, so he would not receive the buyout.

“If elected as town supervisor, I anticipate that I would take the Town insurance — and not the buyout — but that also doesn’t solve the \$1.8 million problem,” he said. “As supervisor, I would be committed to bringing the buyout down to a more reasonable and sustainable level. This will require fiscal analysis, a review of the Town’s compensation packages, and the work of negotiating in good faith with our partners in labor.”

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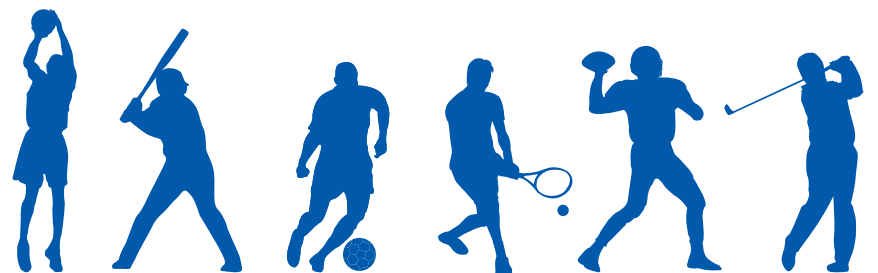
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## Piccola Market

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selection includes beef, chicken, corn, ham and cheese, tuna, and vegetable varieties such as spinach and ricotta and mushroom and ricotta.

“You can freeze them, and they can keep for a couple of weeks,” he said. “And they go right into the oven.”

Pennacchio grew up in the restaurant business. When he moved to New York City in 1986, at age 19, he planned to study dentistry, but instead fell in love with the restaurant industry. He stayed in New York and opened his first restaurant at age 23.

## Pup & Cups

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invited to join their loved ones for quality time with the dogs, coffee, pastries, and card and board games.

“It’s a time where they can bring their loved ones on site, get to know their co-workers, and feel that much more cohesive,” Wilkerson said. “And it gives kids a chance to say, ‘Oh this is where my parent works, these are the people they’re always talking about.’”

Wilkerson has been inspired to support first responders, and to volunteer herself, from her experience growing up with her sister, Lew, who struggled with a rare autoimmune condition for the majority of her life. Lew was diagnosed at age 10 and passed 13

In 2013, he opened Piccola Trattoria at 41 Cedar Street in Dobbs Ferry. The name “Piccola,” meaning “small” in Italian, reflected the original restaurant’s modest size. That location closed in November 2021 when the building was sold for redevelopment into Cedar Commons, a residential/commercial project currently under construction.

In October 2023, Pennacchio reopened Piccola Trattoria in a larger space that was created by combining two adjacent vacant storefronts — previously occupied by The Rare Bit and Broccoli’s Luncheonette.

For his new market, Pennacchio took over a storefront that once housed Dobbs Dawg House before becoming Cocoa Tree

Chocolates. When that shop closed in February 2025, it became an ideal fit for a take-out concept because it had a full kitchen, making the permitting process smoother.

“We are in a great area,” Pennacchio said of the community. “I used to be on the other side of town — Bronxville and Yonkers — and it is a different ambience on this side. Rivertowns residents have always been very supportive. I’ve met dear friends and made many great customers. I’m very grateful for this community’s support.”

He added that his expansion strategy is partly about supporting the local business district. “One of the reasons I took over the other stores is to keep the town alive. We

don’t have a lot of stores here, and when two or three stores are empty, you notice it somehow,” he said. “So, if it’s something well planned out, it works for the town. And it works for me personally.”

Piccola Market and Rotisserie is open daily from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Empanadas cost \$3.75 each (or \$42 for 12), while pasta bowls are \$11.50, with a meatball add-on option. A half-chicken dinner costs \$22, while a whole chicken is \$38, with sides. Side dishes include spinach, broccoli rabe, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, rotisserie cauliflower, and white cheddar mac and cheese. Fresh pasta is priced at \$7.50, and pasta sauce at \$13.

years ago at age 38. Since her sister’s health conditions presented constant complications, first responders were a regular part of Wilkerson’s life.

“From a very early age I got to see how important a role that they [first responders] play in our communities and our well-being, and I’ve always had a soft spot for them,” Wilkerson said. Before joining the children’s hospital where she currently works, Wilkerson was a chaplain at the trauma center of a New Jersey hospital, where she worked with first responders in a new context.

“I got to see them caring for my sister out in the community or at home, and then I got to see them in the emergency department,” Wilkerson explained. “I just continued to develop my appreciation for them and that’s

what brought me to IVAC, wanting to give back and support them, and also wanting to feel connected to my community.”

In addition to helping to combat the effects of isolation, Pups & Cups aims to help combat the effects of witnessing tragedy on a regular basis, which can have a serious negative impact on mental health.

“EMS shifts involve witnessing death and serious injury multiple times in a day; there’s always that potential,” Wilkerson noted. “That kind of stress and exposure is cumulative, and it has a profound impact.”

Pup & Cups isn’t run by Wilkerson alone, but with a committee of Westchester residents who plan to continue expanding the program to more volunteer ambulance corps throughout the county. Wilkerson also plans to use the grant money to provide seed

funding to launch Pups & Cups in other emergency agencies, such as police and fire departments. The program is aiming to launch its website, pupsandcupsproject.com, within a few weeks and provide a downloadable guide on how to recreate the program in other communities. Wilkerson hopes to see the impact she’s seen in the first three Pups & Cups sessions replicated nationwide.

“I have seen people show up hesitantly and leave with enthusiasm,” Wilkerson said. “I have seen a lot of laughter and a lot of joy. I have seen people in uniform get on the floor and let a dog snuggle up to them. I have seen people say, ‘I’m getting off shift and I’m only going to stay a few minutes, and then an hour and a half later, they’re still there.’”



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## *LWV to host forum for town supervisor candidates*

To the Editor:

The League of Women Voters of the Rivertowns is sponsoring a candidate forum for the Democratic primary for Greenburgh town supervisor. The candidates are Paul Feiner and Barry McGoey.

The forum will be a Zoom webinar on Thursday, May 28, from 7–8 p.m. The forum can be viewed live by pre-registration at [bit.ly/GreenburghTS](http://bit.ly/GreenburghTS).

Questions must be submitted ahead of time either at registration or by email to [info@lwv-rivertowns.org](mailto:info@lwv-rivertowns.org). The deadline for submission of questions is 5 p.m. on Monday, May 25. Questions will be reviewed by a committee of League members who will submit them to the moderator prior to the start of the forum.

The event will be recorded and made available following the forum on the Rivertowns YouTube channel, LWV Rivertowns, and website [www.lwv-rivertowns.org](http://www.lwv-rivertowns.org).

Susan Maggiotto

PRESIDENT OF LWV RIVERTOWNS

## *Hastings School Board needs to exercise more oversight*

To the Editor:

I am running for the Hastings Board of Education with the primary goal of bringing the board in line with good governance practices. If you've ever tried following what our board is doing, and why, you've most likely hit a wall.

I don't think this is intentional. But it's the result of a philosophy that took hold decades ago — that the board's job is just to set broad "goals" and then stay out of the superintendent's way. Don't micromanage. Trust the professionals. Step back. Taken too far, without the right structures in place, this erodes the oversight, transparency, and accountability that our community deserves, and our children's education depends on.

Hastings operates with three board committees — audit/finance, facilities, and policy. There is no committee for oversight of curriculum and instruction, the district's core mission. And there is no record on the district's website of any past curriculum committee's activities.

Our committee structure is bare bones compared to our similarly sized neighboring districts. For example, Dobbs Ferry has nine board committees. Ardsley has seven. Bronxville has eight. Each has a Curriculum Committee to ensure board-level oversight of what students are learning and how teachers are teaching.

Dobbs Ferry takes it a step further: their committee minutes are posted publicly. If you want to know what their Curriculum Committee discussed two years ago, you can find out. Hastings somehow decided that this level of oversight and transparency is not necessary. We are an outlier, and I'm not sure our current board recognizes that.

Governance structure determines whether the public can hold the board accountable, whether important topics get real board-level scrutiny, and whether decision-making about our children's education happens in the open or behind closed doors.

If you believe Hastings can and should do better, I ask for your vote on May 19.

Elizabeth Adinolfi

HASTINGS

## *Let residents vote again on adding artificial turf fields*

To the Editor:

Regarding your recent report on artificial turf, and quotations from Hastings Board of Education leaders [Dispatch, May 1], I wanted to respond to the remarks about "the turf wars before and it was really ugly."

Cancer is really ugly, diseases are really ugly, ignoring science and facts can be really ugly, and having the community feeling misled is ugly as well. Having a spirited and intense debate and dispute over this controversy is critical, and needed, to arrive at the right decision.

Bring the turf wars on, and hopefully the board of education will stop being politicians and reverse their decision. Calling this a "fair compromise"? Really, fair to whom? The children exposed to PFAS developing illnesses years from now? Having to wash your skin after exposure, and minimize exposure to PFAS dust? That's fair? What about the animals and pets being exposed to this stuff? Hose your pets before coming into your home? We have enough chemicals floating around; let's not add more to this toxic soup.

Hold the vote again with the new information available to all, and see what the outcome is. I know that isn't practical, but proceeding with artificial turf now seems even worse.

Steven Goldfinger

HASTINGS

## *Former school board president touts Meyer's expertise*

To the Editor:

I'm writing in support of Jodie Meyer for reelection to the Hastings Board of Education (BOE). I served on the BOE with Jodie for five years. In that time, I came to know her as a staunch advocate for children, with a thoughtful and measured approach to governing. She takes the time and energy to see issues from many angles, pushing the board to do the same before making decisions. Moreover, her deep institutional knowledge is an invaluable asset in our fast-moving, complex times. She is excellent at pulling in previous experience to help both the community and board understand where things have worked in the past and where they've gone wrong. In our world of increasingly ideological "primary colors," Jodie sees important shades and nuance. Hers is an important voice on the board. Please vote May 19.

Doug Sundheim

HASTINGS

The writer is a former president of the Hastings Board of Education

## *Synthetic materials are embedded in day-to-day life*

To the Editor:

The first synthetic polymer, an early form of plastic, was developed in the mid-1800s to replace ivory in billiard balls, helping reduce the slaughter of endangered elephants. While plastics remain controversial, their history shows they can benefit the natural world.

Today's debate in Hastings over the turf fields at the Burke Estate raises a practical question: Could we return to a pre-polymer society and rely only on natural materials? The answer is "no." Natural resources — stone, wood, plant, and animal products — are finite and cannot meet modern demand.

In 2026, synthetic materials are embedded in daily life. We drive cars, wear rain gear, and use carpets — many containing PFAS. Plastics and coatings are not optional, they are unavoidable.

Synthetic turf fields exist within this same reality. The turf testing indicates trace levels of PFAS. However, natural grass fields can also contain PFAS and many other chemicals. Unlike many unavoidable exposures, using the turf fields at Burke is a choice. They are not required for gym classes, are not near

playgrounds, and are not visible from the street. Those with concerns about the fields can choose to avoid them. But why restrict the rights of others to make their own choice?

We accept PFAS-containing materials when they serve essential purposes. Scientists rely on specialized coated equipment to work safely and effectively. Hastings athletes similarly need reliable playing surfaces. Every high school we compete against has a turf field, and our athletes are asking for equity — the chance to train and compete on the same level as their peers.

Finally, this issue has already been decided through a democratic process. Please allow our elected leaders to carry out that mandate. They have been working tirelessly to deliver the safest possible fields for our community.

Mara Ayuso

HASTINGS

## *Adinolfi has ideas for improving the school district*

To the Editor:

We do not agree with Elizabeth Adinolfi on everything. We suspect most voters do not agree with any candidate on everything.

What matters to us in a school board election is whether a candidate has actually done the work. Not just whether they understand how the institution functions, but how it should function, not just what authority the board actually has, but what authority it should have, and not just whether they care about improving our children's education, but what specifically they would change to improve how the district operates and how our children are educated.

On those questions, Elizabeth stands apart. She has read the district's own policy documents, and can point to specific policies that need to change. She has studied education research seriously enough to hold her own in a conversation with experts. She has a vision for the district grounded in research and knowledge, and that matters.

Boards do better when they include people willing to ask difficult questions, disagree and debate in good faith, and follow the evidence wherever it leads, not to cause conflict, but because that is how institutions improve and better decisions get made. That describes Elizabeth Adinolfi.

You do not have to share all of her views. We don't. But we will be voting for her on May 19.

Gayle Pietropaolo-Pinero and Ken Sanzel

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# Ardsley cruises past Irvington under the lights

— FLAG FOOTBALL ROUNDUP —

BY ROB DIANTONIO

Under the lights for the first time in program history, the host Ardsley Panthers delivered a performance worthy of the occasion.

Ardsley rolled past rival Irvington 31-6 on May 8 in the Panthers' first home night game on their new turf field, turning Senior Night into a celebration on a memorable Friday evening.

The Panthers honored lone senior Dylan Paley before kickoff. Paley has missed the entire season after suffering a torn ACL during basketball season. She played an important role in Ardsley's run to the Section 1 Class C championship game during the program's inaugural season last spring.

"It was something we were trying to do, and I'm glad we were able to do it and make it a Senior Night thing," Ardsley coach Ricky Chenard said of hosting the night game. "It was like a real 'Friday Night Lights' atmosphere and it was a lot of fun."

Once the game began, Ardsley's offense quickly lit up the new turf. Junior quarterback Elise O'Brien orchestrated a balanced and explosive attack, repeatedly attacking downfield. She finished with 186 passing yards and three touchdown passes. She also caught a touchdown pass.

"It was our first night game," O'Brien said. "It was the first time Ardsley flag football was playing at night [with] our new turf, new lights, and it was just a lot of fun, especially getting the win and playing really well."

Ardsley wasted little time setting the tone. O'Brien connected with Ava Santavicca for a 34-yard gain before finding Morgan Macri for a 32-yard touchdown with 6:27 left in the first quarter to give the Panthers a 6-0 lead.

Irvington threatened to respond later in the quarter when Sara Welter ripped off a 26-yard run that moved the ball inside the Ardsley 15-yard line. But the Panthers' defense held firm, forcing a turnover on downs to preserve the lead.

Ardsley's offense continued to stretch the field in the second quarter as O'Brien once again connected with Macri over the middle for a 31-yard touchdown pass, extending the advantage to 12-0 with 11:51 remaining in the half.

Morgan Hamlet came away with an interception with 17 seconds left in the second quarter, allowing Ardsley to carry complete control into the break.

Chenard credited both O'Brien's patience and the receivers' ability to find openings against the secondary for the success through the air.

"Elise displayed a lot of patience," Chenard said. "She was allowing the rush to come



Ardsley's Morgan Macri heads for the end zone. Photo by Rob DiAntonio.

and manipulating what she wanted to do. And then once the secondary closed down on her, she was able to throw the ball and we were able to get explosive plays."

O'Brien said reading Irvington's safeties was important.

"As they came down, my receivers were always behind them," she said, "and I was just able to throw it up, give them a chance, and let them catch it."

Ardsley continued to build momentum in the second half. A 25-yard completion from O'Brien to Ella Barrocas helped set up another score midway through the third quarter. With 4:57 left, O'Brien connected with Santavicca on a 2-yard touchdown pass to make it 18-0.

The Panthers then put the game completely out of reach in the fourth quarter. At the 10:56 mark, Meghan Berry took a reverse and launched a 35-yard touchdown pass to Macri (116 receiving yards) for a 24-0 lead and Macri's third touchdown of the evening. Berry later added an interception before Irvington's Clara Stern answered with a takeaway of her own.

Ardsley continued to move the ball effectively on the ground late in the game as Izzy Latman broke free for a 14-yard run and Dillon Zenobia added runs of 8 and 27 yards to move the Panthers near the goal line. Berry capped the drive with a 3-yard touchdown pass to O'Brien with 3:56 remaining before adding the extra point toss to Angie

Fiordimalva for a 31-0 advantage.

Irvington (2-14) avoided the shutout in the final minutes when Welter scored on a 4-yard touchdown run with 1:15 remaining.

Chenard said Ardsley's defensive unit has steadily improved as the season has progressed.

"That's something we've been working on all year," Chenard said. "We kind of figured, just let the girls go out there and let them play. Simplifying it, either going man or zone, and just letting them have fun with it. It's at the point of the season now where they're using the experience that they're building to have success."

Between the lights, the crowd, Senior Night, and a dominant performance, it was another step forward for a growing program.

"I feel like the team overall has a lot of chemistry," O'Brien said. "We love practice. We love hanging out, going to practice every day, and laughing together, so it definitely helps."

The Panthers (5-9-2) now turn their attention to sectionals. They received the No. 8 seed in the Class C playoffs and travel to Westlake/Briarcliff for the quarterfinals on May 16.

"I feel like coming into the season, there were a lot of new people," O'Brien said. "And we don't have a lot of seniors, so I'm excited to see where next season goes and the rest of this season."

Ardsley fell to host Peekskill 45-20 on May 6 and lost to visiting Woodlands 33-7 on May 9. Against Peekskill, O'Brien (TD pass), Hamlet (receiving TD, INT), Berry (2

passing TDs, 123 passing yards, 6T), Macri (2 receiving TDs, 6T), Barrocas (5T, 1S), and Khloe Knoesel (9T) led the team. O'Brien rushed for a touchdown against Woodlands. Knoesel led the defense with seven stops.

## Eagles win two of three

Dobbs Ferry (7-6-2) defeated host Bronxville (12-0, May 7), lost to visiting Woodlands (19-6, May 8), and cruised past visiting Hudson River (51-0, May 9) to finish the regular season.

Against Bronxville, Mya Ustares and Leia Brandon each rushed for a score. Ustares rushed for 90 yards and passed for 70. Ustares added an interception and eight defensive stops while Brandon had 10 stops.

In the loss to Woodlands, Ustares passed for 120 yards and a touchdown pass to Mimi Phillips (75 receiving yards). Ustares also rushed for 80 yards. Brandon (8T) and Yendri Zweibon Quiroz (5T, INT) led the defense.

In the rout of Hudson River, Ustares (130 yards passing, 3TDs), Phillips (receiving TD, 6T), Jane Bolger (receiving TD, 5T), Brooke Perri (receiving TD, 2INT, pick six), Leia Brandon (rushing TD, INT), Renata Assanova (rushing TD, pick six), Zweibon Quiroz (3INT, 8T, pick six), Olivia Nunez (1INT), and Claire Turner (6T) led the team.

The Eagles earned the No. 6 seed in the Class C sectionals and travel to No. 3 Bronxville for the quarterfinals on May 16.

## Sports

## Panthers erupt early in 12-goal victory over Tuckahoe

— GIRLS' LACROSSE ROUNDUP —

BY ROB DIANTONIO

After a brief layoff between games, the timing and chemistry of the Ardsley Panthers looked as sharp as ever on May 7.

Host Ardsley stormed out to a commanding start and never let up, cruising past Tuckahoe 17-5. The Panthers built a 6-0 lead after one quarter and carried a dominant 12-1 advantage into halftime as they continued what has been one of the program's strongest seasons in recent memory.

With the Section 1 playoffs approaching, Ardsley appears to be rounding into form at the right time.

"I think we're going in the right direction," Ardsley coach Scott Miele said. "We've had a little bit of a break since our last game, and in practice, we just focus on a lot of ball movement. Not focusing necessarily on scoring the goal, but what's going to get us open to create those opportunities. These girls did a great job working off-ball to make those chances happen."

That approach paid off immediately. The Panthers moved the ball crisply throughout the opening quarter, creating quality looks all over the field while overwhelming Tuckahoe in transition. Juliette An and Anna Gallante each scored four goals to lead a balanced offensive attack. Gallante also added an assist.

Ardsley's depth was on display as a myriad of players contributed. Krista Kelly scored twice, while Mairead Gowran finished with two goals and four draw controls. Gowran, a senior, also recorded the 100th draw control of her varsity career during the victory.

Lyv Pulver tallied a goal and an assist, while Lily Tiernan and Helene Dillon added a goal and an assist of their own. Lyla Vega and Liliana Champion also found the back of the net. Hazel McGourty recorded two assists and Maia Hadi added another helper. Sienna Kay made seven saves.

The Panthers controlled possession for much of the game behind strong draw play and relentless pressure in the mid-field. Once Ardsley established its early lead, the offense continued to attack aggressively while the defense limited quality opportunities.

It was another win in what's been a strong season for Ardsley. The Panthers also secured the League F title with a 14-2 rout of Yonkers back on April 29.

"It's an accomplishment for us," Miele said. "We celebrate the little moments and then once we do that, we look at what's next for us."

While Ardsley shared a league title two years ago with Dobbs Ferry and Sleepy Hollow, this championship belonged to the Panthers alone.

"We were three-way league champs two



Ardsley's Lyv Pulver chases a loose ball. Photos by Rob DiAntonio.

years ago," Miele said. "Having it by ourselves — we always say that hanging the banner in the gym would be really nice for these girls. They worked hard for it."

Ardsley (9-5) lost to host Westlake 17-14 on May 12. Gowran led the way with five goals and five draw controls. Kelly (3G), Tiernan (1G, 2A), An (2G), McGourty (1G, 4DC), Gallante (1G), Vega (1G), and Kay (5S) contributed.

The Panthers were scheduled to travel to

Haldane on May 14 and wrap up the regular season by hosting Blind Brook on May 15.

#### Irvington splits a pair

Irvington rebounded from a loss to visiting Brewster (17-4, May 8) with a 9-3 win over host Edgemont on May 11.

In the loss to Brewster, Lizzy Villa had two goals while Federica Ricciardella and Leila Schneider scored one goal each. Sadie Kilbury made 12 saves. Against Edgemont,

Ricciardella (3G), Sophia Im (1G, 1A), Lena Svigals (1G), Schneider (1G), Lillian Isom (2G, 1A), Villa (2G, 1A), and Kilbury (9S) sparked the Bulldogs.

Irvington (5-8) was scheduled to travel to Scarsdale on May 14, welcome Pearl River on May 16, and close the regular season at Fox Lane on May 18.

#### Hastings handles Keio

Mila Angoff (6G) and Alina Abrams (4G) combined for 10 goals as Hastings (3-11) cruised past visiting Keio Academy 18-7 on May 8. Rory McKinnon (3G), Brenna Drago (2G), Adela Mihalcescu (2G, 1A), Elissa Huang (1G), and Saydi Landon (20S) also contributed to the win.

The Yellow Jackets lost to Eastchester 20-3 on May 11 and fell to visiting Westlake 16-5 on May 6. In the loss to Westlake, Angoff (3G), Abrams (2G), and Saydi Landon (9S) led the team.

Hastings was scheduled to travel to Rye Neck on May 14.

#### Eagles fall to Nanuet

Dobbs Ferry (9-6) lost to visiting Nanuet 18-13 on May 6. Hollen Peet (3G, 1A), Scarlett Kilroe (4G, 3DC), Molly O'Brien (3G), Megan Hartnett (1G, 5DC), Juliet Curanovic (1G), Mary O'Dea (1G, 4DC), and Aine Kavanagh (4S) paced the Eagles, who were scheduled to host Albertus Magnus on May 14.



Lily Tiernan works her way past a defender.

## Sports

## Corniel leads Irvington; Ciszewski pitches perfection for Hastings

— BASEBALL ROUNDUP —

BY ROB DIANTONIO

With the tying run on third base and the bases loaded in the seventh inning, Justin Corniel never panicked.

Instead, the Irvington junior induced a game-ending fly out to center field, escaping yet another late jam to preserve the Bulldogs' 3-2 win over host Ardsley on May 9.

Corniel starred on both sides of the ball, driving in all three Irvington runs while striking out six over three clutch innings in relief as the Bulldogs finished the regular season 15-3 overall and a perfect 12-0 in League K play.

League K is a developmental league in Section 1, so only the league champion qualifies for the postseason, meaning the Bulldogs officially punched their ticket to the Class A sectionals. They received the No. 16 seed and will travel to top-seeded Tappan Zee for the first round on May 16.

"It's huge," Irvington coach Rocco Cipriano said. "We've gotten beaten up a lot in the last couple years. It kind of restored confidence in the program that, 'Hey, we can win ball games here.'"

With the score tied 2-2 in the top of the fifth inning, the Bulldogs manufactured what proved to be the winning run. Ben Epple led off with a single before Navy Minkoff dropped down a sacrifice bunt to move Epple to third base, setting the stage for Corniel, who lifted a sacrifice fly to bring home the go-ahead run.

The Bulldogs' willingness to embrace situational baseball has been one of the hallmarks of their turnaround season.

"These kids are resilient," Cipriano said. "They're willing to do anything, even if that's me asking for a sacrifice bunt or to purposely get thrown out trying to move a runner over. They're baseball kids, and that's all we can ask for as coaches."

In the bottom of the fifth, the Panthers threatened to swing momentum back in their favor. Will Liu singled and Hunter Hamlet walked to load the bases, putting the tying run 90 feet away. But Corniel elevated his game in the biggest moment, recording back-to-back strikeouts to end the inning.

"Just focusing and trusting my defense," Corniel said of escaping the late jams. "Making sure they put the ball in play or getting a strikeout."

Corniel struck out six batters in his three innings of relief while also driving in all three Irvington runs offensively.

Cipriano said there was never any doubt about wanting the junior on the mound in crunch time. "Justin is one of those baseball guys," he said. "He wants the moment. So having him in those spots, I'm totally comfortable with it. It just kind of went our way today."

Ardsley's Carter Buccini struck out seven over six innings, allowing just two hits and three earned runs, but he walked seven. Justin Jaeger



Irvington's Justin Corniel pitches against Ardsley. Photos by Rob DiAntonio.

added a scoreless seventh inning in relief. Offensively, Jesse Jaeger drove in a run while Hamlet contributed a hit and scored once.

Even in defeat, Ardsley repeatedly pressured Irvington late, but the Bulldogs continued to answer every challenge.

"We're ready to play any team," Corniel said. "The key is, if you make a mistake, just forget about it and keep pushing forward in order to win these games."

That mentality has fueled Irvington's dramatic turnaround this spring.

After struggling through a four-win season in 2025, the Bulldogs now enter the Class A playoffs carrying momentum, confidence, and belief that they can compete with anybody.

"As long as you play fundamental baseball and execute the small things, we'll win the games," Cipriano said. "All you've got to do is just put the ball in play and you never know what can happen."

Irvington closed the regular season with a 9-0 win over host Yonkers Montessori on May 12. The Bulldogs also bested visiting Yonkers Montessori 7-2 on May 8. In the first meeting, Minkoff tossed a complete-game three-hitter with eight strikeouts and one earned run. Corniel had two hits and an RBI.

Ardsley (2-18) finished its season with a 4-3 win over visiting Edgemont. James Sheerin got the win in relief, pitching three innings while allowing three hits and one earned run. Jonah Kleinman pitched the first four innings, striking out eight. Jonah Goldberg (2R), Hamlet (2RBIs), and Jesse Jaeger (RBI) led the offense.

### Hastings' Ciszewski pitches perfect game

In the 117 years of Hastings' baseball program, the Yellow Jackets had never had a perfect game until senior Andrew Ciszewski



Hastings' Drew Ciszewski

took the mound on May 8. Ciszewski had 11 strikeouts and needed just 88 pitches to shut down visiting Rye Neck 2-0. It was the 11th no-hitter in school history.

"Drew has been getting better and better with each start this season," Hastings coach Scott Stampfl said. "He's been able to build up his stamina and confidence. Drew was successful because his mechanics were perfect. He set a great tone and rhythm to the game and worked efficiently. He trusted his defense and they were perfect behind him as well. Drew realized that he had something special going and was able to mentally stay composed and in control of his emotions. He showed no emotion up until the last out was made, when everyone could see a huge smile."

Johnny Sbrega (3-3, HR, 2SB) and Andrew Rizzo (2-3, RBI) led the Yellow Jackets' offense.

The Yellow Jackets dropped the league rematch, falling 2-0 to host Rye Neck on May 9 to close the regular season.

### Eagles split four games

Dobbs Ferry (8-12) finished up the regular season two wins over Leffell School (9-8, May 7; 3-2, May 12), and a pair of losses to host Tuckahoe (16-9, May 9) and visiting Westlake (10-5, May 11).

In the first game with Leffell, Ficarrota crushed two home runs while going four for five with six RBIs and three runs scored. Ficarrota and Andrew Zindel (6K) combined for 10 strikeouts on the mound. Zindel also had three hits and an RBI. Ian Foley (2-4, RBI), Henry Brewer (2-3), and D.J. Kollar (RBI) contributed offensively.

In the second game with Leffell, Ficarrota (4IP, 2H, 1ER, 4K), Zindel (2IP, 3H, 1ER, 2K), and Brendan Marron (1IP, 0ER) led the Eagles on the mound. Marron, Foley, and Kollar had two hits apiece. Jake Evan had a solo home run. Ficarrota had two hits and drove in two runs in the loss to Westlake. Ian Hwango (2B, RBI), Marron (2-3), Zindel (RBI), and Kollar (RBI) contributed offensively.

## Sports

# Hastings boys' tennis team avenges loss to Irvington

— VARSITY ROUNDUP —

BY ROB DIANTONIO

Hastings' boys' tennis squad fell to Irvington earlier in the season back on April 15, but the host Yellow Jackets avenged that loss with a 3-2 win on May 11.

Eli Sundheim won handily for Hastings (10-4) at second singles, 6-0, 6-0. The Yellow Jackets also won two doubles matches. Hastings' David Franco and Charles Baer topped Irvington's Hagai Frechter and Paul Van Haetsdaele at first doubles, 7-2, 6-2. Jude El Yaman and Andrew Franco also won for the Yellow Jackets, defeating Oliver Huang and Levent Sarayli, 7-5, 6-4.

In first singles, Irvington's Eldad Frechter bested Hastings' Andre Forrest, 6-2, 6-3. Irvington's doubles win came in third doubles with A.J. Sloyer and Brandon Chirinos defeating James Oliver Panzer and Marcus Gelman, 7-6, 6-4. Irvington dropped to 10-4 with the loss.

The Yellow Jackets defeated host Ardsley 4-1 on May 12. Forrest (6-1, 6-4) and Sundheim (6-2, 6-1) won in singles action while the doubles teams of Baer and David Franco (6-3, 6-1), and El Yaman and Andrew Franco (6-2, 6-1) picked up wins. Ardsley's lone win came from the doubles team of Griffin Chan and Zayaan Rabbani (6-1, 6-4).

Hastings cruised past visiting Sleepy Hollow 5-0 on May 8. Forrest and Lukas Kovac swept the singles matches, 6-0, 6-0. James Oliver Panzer and David Franco (6-0, 6-0), Baer and El Yaman (6-0, 6-0), and Franco and Jalen Pekkala-Bitterman (8-0) were the doubles victors.

Dobbs Ferry (10-6) edged visiting Sleepy Hollow 3-2 on May 11. Kyros Klein (8-3) and Joshua James (8-1) won in singles with the doubles team of Matt Doherty and Evan Ommen (8-2) victorious.

Ardsley lost to host Rye Neck 3-2 on May 9. The Panthers netted their two wins in doubles, with Jacob Frank and Max Zhou (8-6), and Ryan Herrick and Leo Vujnovich (8-3) recording wins.

The Section 1 tournament now takes center stage as the individual tournament begins on May 16 with the team tournament starting on May 23.

## Softball

Eighth-grader Leni Gagliano laced a walk-off double in the eighth inning, driving in Abby Weiss as Hastings edged visiting Byram Hills 5-4 on May 8. Siri Rosenberg earned the win, striking out 13 while scattering six hits and letting up three earned runs. Hazel Sabella's two-run double gave the Yellow Jackets a 4-3 lead in the sixth inning. Izzy Doherty added two hits and a double.

Hastings (10-8) narrowly fell to visiting Haldane 5-4 on May 12. Lola Norlander (3-4, 2B, RBI) and Ella Rizzo (2B, 2RBIs) paced the



Hastings' Andre Forrest sends a shot back against Irvington. Photos by Rob DiAntonio.

offense. Gagliano, Catherine Rice, Doherty, and Sophia Pereira each had a double.

Ardsley (14-3) routed host Westlake 17-0 in five innings on May 8. Sofia Haber (win, 1H, 13K), Mia King (3-4, 2RBIs, 3R), Summer Lopez (3H, 2R), and Noemi Ippolito (3-4, 3B) led the team.

The Panthers were blanked by visiting John Jay-Cross River 4-0 on May 11. Haber struck out six and walked three in the loss.

Dobbs Ferry (14-3) lost to visiting Tuckahoe 4-1 on May 7. Emma DeFilippis and Bela Abraham each had two hits. Ella Rizzo



Hastings' Eli Sundheim returns a shot.

struck out five over three innings.

Irvington (5-11) fell to visiting Walter Panas 8-5 on May 11.

## Track and field

Local teams displayed some notable results at the prestigious Glenn D. Loucks Games, which took place May 7-9 at White Plains High School.

Irvington's Brody Schimmel had an impressive showing in the javelin, placing second with a heave of 164-4.

The Bulldogs' distance medley relay was sixth in a clocking of 10:40.85. Declan Lyons, Ethan Gartlan, Aaron Portnoy, and Glen Feng made up the relay. Gartlan also ran the 3,200 meters, finishing in 9:19.67 to place 17th.

Hastings senior Danae Morgan recorded a personal best by over 2 feet in the shot put with a 39-3 to place fourth.

Claire Grushko finished 26th in the mile in a clocking of 5:12.80 for the Yellow Jackets. On the boys' side, Kai Ghalib was 24th in the 400 meters in 50.43 seconds.

Dobbs Ferry's boys had two athletes compete in the mile with Chris Doherty clocking a 4:19.04 and Seamus Fitzpatrick crossing the finish line in 4:33.14.

For Ardsley's girls, the 4x100-meter relay squad finished seventh in 50.47 seconds. Mioko Martin, Czarina Adewunmi, Sarah Lenihan, and Zaniya Bell made up the relay. Martin placed 10th in the long jump with a 17-5 ¼. Adewunmi was 12th in the triple

jump (34-9).

For Ardsley's boys, Lou Bausson took 11th in the 400-meter hurdles (56.96). The 4x100-meter relay was 12th (44.64) with a quartet of Zaire Bell, Xavier Estime, Andrew Herceg, and Isaac Patient.

## Boys' lacrosse

Irvington (10-5) cruised past host North Salem 19-4 on May 7. Nick Grados scored three goals and dished out eight assists. Saxon Frank netted three goals and tallied his 100th career point. Liam Wade (2G, 2A), D.J. Ufer (3G), Chris Callahan (1G), Grant Malakoff (1G, 1A), Josh Tatz (1G), Conner Gredick (1G, 1A), Jack Klatell (1G, 2A), Brayden Callahan (1G, 1A), Soren Deyonker (1G), Max Edibe (1G), and Harrison Malakoff (8S) contributed to the win.

The Bulldogs lost to visiting Clarkstown South 14-10 on May 11. Wade (3G, 1A), Grados (1G, 3A), Callahan (2G, 2A), and Ufer (2G, 2A) led the way.

Ardsley (5-7) lost to visiting Clarkstown North 12-8 on May 11. Jack Lepore (2G, 1A), Tristen Roberts (1G, 1A), Mason Slater (1G), Robbie Miele (1G, 1A, 19/24FO), Liam Gallante (1G, 1A), Brodi Kessler (2G, 1A), and Jackson Rosenfeld (15S) paced the Panthers.

Hastings (1-12) fell to visiting Ossining 12-7 at home on May 7 and lost to host Albertus Magnus 5-3 on May 11.

Dobbs Ferry (4-10) lost to visiting Haldane 12-3 on May 7.

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](http://market.rivertownsdispatch.com/classies)



## PUBLIC NOTICES

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

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

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

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of monies which will be required for the 2026-2027 school year for school purposes may be obtained by any resident in the District during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the Annual Election except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, at each of the following school houses, in which school is maintained between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.: Concord Road Elementary School, Concord Road Ardsley Middle School, Ashford Avenue Ardsley High School, Farm Road Ardsley Central Office, Farm Road A copy of the Budget shall also be available at any public or free association library in the District and on the District website.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN pursuant to Real Property Tax Law, Section 495, an exemption report detailing exemptions from real property

taxation shall be available and appended to any tentative/preliminary or final budget, and shall be available on the District website.

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

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

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

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

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

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the School District not later than Monday, April 20, 2026, by 5:00pm. Each petition shall be directed to the District Clerk, shall state the name and residence address of the candidate, shall state the residence address of each signer, and shall require at least 25 signatures of qualified voters.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### DISTRITO ESCOLAR LIBRE DE ARDSLEY AVISO LEGAL DE AUDIENCIA DE AUDIENCIA PRESUPUESTARIA, ELECCIÓN ANUAL Y VOTACIÓN DEL PRESUPUESTO

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

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

Road a partir del 28 de abril de 2026, excepto sábados, domingos o días festivos, entre las 9:00 a.m. y las 4:00 p.m.

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

Escuela Primaria Concord Road, Concord Road  
Escuela Intermedia Ardsley, Ashford Avenue  
Escuela Secundaria Ardsley, Farm Road  
Oficina Central de Ardsley, Farm Road  
Una copia del Presupuesto también estará disponible en cualquier biblioteca pública o de asociación gratuita en el Distrito y en el sitio web del Distrito.

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

SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que las siguientes proposiciones estarán en la boleta en la Reunión Anual del Distrito el 19 de mayo de 2026:

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

reasignación es en el mejor interés del Distrito?

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

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

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

Y SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que las peticiones para nominar candidatos a la Junta de Educación deben presentarse ante el Secretario del Distrito Escolar a más tardar el lunes 20 de abril de 2026, antes de

las 5:00 p.m. Cada petición deberá dirigirse al Secretario del Distrito, indicar el nombre y dirección de residencia del candidato, la dirección de residencia de cada firmante y requerirá al menos 25 firmas de votantes calificados.

Y SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que las solicitudes para Boletas por Correo Anticipadas y Boletas de Ausente para la elección de miembros de la Junta y la votación del presupuesto escolar pueden obtenerse en la Oficina del Secretario del Distrito. Una solicitud para una Boleta por Correo Anticipada o Boleta de Ausente debe ser recibida por el Secretario del Distrito no antes de treinta (30) días y no después de siete (7) días antes de la Elección Anual (antes del 12 de mayo de 2026), si la boleta debe enviarse por correo al votante, y no después del 18 de mayo de 2026, si la boleta debe entregarse personalmente al votante o a su agente designado en la solicitud en la Oficina del Distrito. Al recibir una solicitud oportuna para una Boleta por Correo Anticipada o Boleta de Ausente enviada por correo, el Secretario del Distrito enviará la boleta a la dirección designada en la solicitud a más tardar seis (6) días antes de la Elección Anual. Listas separadas de todas las personas a quienes se les hayan emitido Boletas por Correo Anticipadas, Boletas de Ausente y Boletas Militares estarán disponibles para inspección de los votantes calificados del Distrito en la Oficina del Secretario del Distrito durante el horario regular de oficina, hasta el día de la elección y votación. Cualquier votante calificado puede presentar un desafío por escrito a las calificaciones de un votante cuyo nombre aparezca en cualquiera de dichas listas, indicando las razones del desafío.

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

Y SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar Libre de Ardsley, conforme a la Sección 2014 de la Ley de Educación, ha dispuesto el registro personal de votantes en las reuniones del distrito escolar en dicho Distrito y que, en relación con la votación anual del presupuesto y la elección de miembros

## Classies

de la Junta de Educación de dicho Distrito que se celebrará el 19 de mayo de 2026, dicha Junta de Educación ha fijado cualquier día laborable entre las 8:00 a.m. y las 4:00 p.m., y el 14 de mayo de 2026, entre las 8:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m., como fechas y horas para el registro en la Oficina del Secretario del Distrito, 500 Farm Road, en dicho Distrito Escolar. La última fecha para registrarse para la Elección Anual que se celebrará el 19 de mayo de 2026 es el 14 de mayo de 2026.

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

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

Y SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que los Votantes Militares que no estén actualmente registrados

para votar pueden solicitar registrarse como votantes calificados del Distrito Escolar y los votantes militares que estén registrados pueden obtener una solicitud para una boleta militar para la Reunión Anual del 19 de mayo de 2026, contactando al Secretario del Distrito en 500 Farm Road, Ardsley, NY 10502, Teléfono (914) 295-5515 o correo electrónico: daccorso@ardsleyschools.org. El Votante Militar puede indicar su preferencia para recibir la solicitud de registro y/o la solicitud de boleta militar por correo, fax o correo electrónico. La solicitud completada para registrarse y/o la solicitud para una boleta militar debe ser recibida por el Secretario del Distrito a más tardar a las 5:00 p.m. del 23 de abril de 2026. Las boletas militares serán enviadas por correo o distribuidas de otra manera a más tardar 25 días antes de la elección. Las boletas militares deben ser devueltas por correo o en persona y recibidas por el Secretario del Distrito a más tardar a las 5:00 p.m. del 19 de mayo de 2026.

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

### LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING DISTRICT-WIDE SAFETY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Hastings-on-Hudson Union Free School District shall hold a Public Hearing on the District-Wide Safety and Emergency Management Plan at its Regular Meeting on June 15, 2026 at 6:30 pm at Hillside Elementary School, Multi-Purpose Room, 120 Lefurgy Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY.

Melissa DeLaBarrera, District Clerk  
Board of Education  
Hastings-on-Hudson UFSD  
May 15, 2026

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS - ON-CALL STREETLIGHT & ELECTRICAL SERVICES NOTICE TO BIDDERS

VILLAGE OF IRVINGTON  
ON-CALL STREETLIGHT AND  
ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR  
VILLAGE-OWNED FACILITIES  
PROJECT #2026-18  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY,  
NEW YORK  
Telephone: (914) 591-4356;  
Fax: (914) 591-4072

Sealed proposals for performing the work herein described will be received at the office of the Village Administrator, Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Irvington, NY 10533, until May 27, 2026 at 11:00 A.M. and immediately thereafter the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Court Room in Village Hall at 85 Main Street, Irvington, NY.

No bids will be received or considered after the date/time stated above.

Specifications may be secured at the Office of the Village Clerk, 85 Main Street, Irvington, New York during regular business hours or downloaded from the Village's web-page [www.irvingtonny.gov](http://www.irvingtonny.gov). The Village will not be responsible for full or partial sets of contract documents, including any addenda obtained from any other source.

Proposals shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name and address of the Bidder, addressed to the Village of Irvington, Office of the Village Administrator, 85 Main Street, Irvington, NY and clearly marked:  
ON-CALL STREETLIGHT AND ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR VILLAGE-OWNED FACILITIES (BID #2026-18)

Bidders must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations, including but not limited to prevailing wage requirements where applicable. Bids that do not comply with submission requirements will not be considered.

No bidder may withdraw their bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. The Board of Trustees of the Village of Irvington reserves the right to waive any informalities in and/or to reject any or all bids, or to make such award as it deems to be in the best interest of the Village.

Katie Bugna, Village Clerk/  
Treasurer  
Irvington, NY  
May 7, 2026

### LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Hastings-on-Hudson Union Free School District shall hold a public hearing on June 15, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., at Hillside Elementary School, Multi-Purpose Room, 120 Lefurgy Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York 10706. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on any proposed revisions to the District's Code of Conduct for the 2026-2027 school year.

Melissa DeLaBarrera, District Clerk  
Board of Education  
Hastings-on-Hudson UFSD

### PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that a quorum of the Village Board of Trustees may be present at the Irvington Historical Society McVickar House and exhibit located at 131 Main Street, Irvington, NY on Monday, June 1st from 6:30PM – 7PM.  
Charles G. Hessler  
Village Administrator  
Village of Irvington  
May 11, 2026

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS – ON-CALL PLUMBING SERVICE FOR VILLAGE- OWNED FACILITIES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
VILLAGE OF IRVINGTON  
ON-CALL PLUMBING  
SERVICE  
VILLAGE-OWNED  
FACILITIES  
PROJECT #2026-17  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY,  
NEW YORK  
Telephone: (914) 591-4356;  
Fax: (914) 591-4072

Sealed proposals for performing the work herein described will be received at the office of the Village Administrator, Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Irvington, NY 10533, until Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 11:00 A.M. and immediately thereafter the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Court Room in Village Hall at 85 Main Street, Irvington, NY.

No bids will be received or considered after the date/time stated above.

Specifications may be secured at the Office of the Village Clerk, 85 Main Street, Irvington, New York during regular business hours or downloaded from the Village's web-page [www.irvingtonny.gov](http://www.irvingtonny.gov). The Village will not be responsible for full or partial sets of contract documents, including any addenda obtained from any other source.

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ON-CALL PLUMBING SERVICES FOR VILLAGE-OWNED FACILITIES (BID #2026-17)

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Katie Bugna, Village Clerk/  
Treasurer  
Irvington, NY  
May 11, 2026

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Ardsley Village Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a Public Hearing at 8 pm, May 27, 2026, in the Village Hall Court Room, 507 Ashford Ave., Ardsley, NY, on an appeal & variance application of Sandra O. Nyanor, 538 Almena Ave. (Lot 6.70-51-2; R-3 District), for proposed rear 2-story & basement additions including a new Accessory Dwelling Unit, where the proposed: (1) 8.1 ft. north

side yard width is less than the 15 ft. minimum required (Village Code §200-26B); and (2) 3,523 sf floor area exceeds the 3,372 sf maximum permitted for the lot (Village Code §200-83B). All wishing to be heard are invited to attend and to email comments to: [ltomasso@ardsleyvillage.gov](mailto:ltomasso@ardsleyvillage.gov). Application materials may be viewed in the Village Clerk's office during office hours (Mon.-Fri., 9 am-4 pm). Meeting information also is posted at: [www.ardsleyvillage.gov/calendar](http://www.ardsleyvillage.gov/calendar).  
Tasha Macedo  
ZBA Secretary  
Village of Ardsley

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Zoning Board of Appeals  
Village of Irvington  
Westchester County  
New York

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Section 224-98 of the Code of the Village of Irvington, that a public hearing will be held in Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Irvington, New York, on May 26, 2026 at 7:30 p.m., upon the application of

Vassilis Bakopoulos & Monica Dredger – 88 Fargo Lane (2.20-3-3) is seeking variances of sections 224-11A (existing shed encroaches into the side yard setback) and 224-11B-6 (proposed driveway encroaches into required setback more than 4') of the Village Code in order to document an existing sidewalk, shed and proposed driveway at the above referenced property.

All papers are on file at the office of the Irvington Village Clerk-Treasurer and the Irvington Library, open to public inspection during their business hours. All submissions can also be viewed online through the Village website, [www.Irvingtonny.gov](http://www.Irvingtonny.gov).

By order of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Village of Irvington.

Signed,  
Dated: May 12, 2026  
Sarah Gardner, Chairperson  
Katie Bugna, Clerk-Treasurer  
Village of Irvington, New York

David & Julia Welch – 55 Field Terrace (2.170-76-19) is seeking a variance of section 224-13 (exceeds allowable coverage) of the Village Code

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Village of Irvington  
Westchester County  
New York

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John Walgren – 32 South Cottenet Street (2.80.30-5) is seeking variances of sections 224-11 (encroachment into North and South side yard setbacks), 224-11 (encroachment into front yard setback), 224-13 (exceeds allowable coverage) and 224-134 (exceeds allowable FAR) of the Village Code in order to construct an addition at the above referenced property.

All papers are on file at the office of the Irvington Village Clerk-Treasurer and the Irvington Library, open to public inspection during their business hours. All submissions can also be viewed online through the Village website, [www.Irvingtonny.gov](http://www.Irvingtonny.gov). All persons interested are invited to attend in person or join via Zoom

By order of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Village of Irvington.

Signed,  
Dated: May 12, 2026  
Sarah Gardner, Chairperson  
Katie Bugna, Clerk-Treasurer  
Village of Irvington, New York

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David & Julia Welch – 55 Field Terrace (2.170-76-19) is seeking a variance of section 224-13 (exceeds allowable coverage) of the Village Code

in order to construct a garage and relocate the existing driveway, cabanas and pool at the above referenced property.

All papers are on file at the office of the Irvington Village Clerk-Treasurer and the Irvington Library, open to public inspection during their business hours. All submissions can also be viewed online through the Village website, [www.Irvingtonny.gov](http://www.Irvingtonny.gov). All persons interested are invited to attend in person or join via Zoom

By order of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Village of Irvington.

Signed,  
Dated: May 12, 2026  
Sarah Gardner, Chairperson  
Katie Bugna, Clerk-Treasurer  
Village of Irvington, New York

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Zoning Board of Appeals  
Village of Irvington  
Westchester County  
New York

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Section 224-98 of the Code of the Village of Irvington, that a public hearing will be held in Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Irvington, New York, on May 26, 2026 at 7:30 p.m., upon the application of

Drew Popkin – 1 Heritage Hill Road (2.111-59-46) is seeking a variance of section 224-143 (exceeds allowable FAR) of the Village Code in order to construct a garage and front entrance at the above referenced property.

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## Opinion

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# Adinolfi has earned support and trust from neighbors in bid for school board

To the Editor:

Communities like Hastings run on people

you can count on. Elizabeth Adinolfi is one of those people.

We have known her in different ways: as a nei'ghbor; as someone who worked before and during the pandemic to make sure no one in the community went without basic necessities; as someone people reach out to, sometimes people she barely knows, when they have a problem they cannot solve on their own.

She listens. She follows through. She does not make a show of it.

What strikes us about her decision to run for the board of education is that it comes from the same place. She genuinely

believes every child in this district deserves access to an excellent education, not just the ones whose families know how to work the system. And she has spent years learning enough about how schools actually work to do something about it.

We trust her judgment. We have seen what she does with it.

That is why we will be voting for Elizabeth Adinolfi on May 19, and we hope you will too.

*Leslie Barbagallo, Tim Muldoon, Marilyn Campbell, Emily Wallace, and Will Wallace*

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## Sing-along

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the lyrics, there will be a projection of them.

The sing-along follows the success of the church's holiday sing-along, which took place in December and drew 150 participants. Rudd believes that having people in the same room sharing music and feelings can "strengthen a sense of community."

"I think people are frustrated by not knowing what to do right now with the state of our country and everything that's happening, and being in a group of people who feel the same way is a start," she said.



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