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VFW Plaza in Hastings before protesters marched south on Warburton Avenue.

'No Kings' protests converge in Hastings

BY AMY BOCHNER

HASTINGS — “No Kings” rallies in Hastings and Yonkers brought generations of activists together in opposition to President Donald Trump on Saturday, March 28.

The rallies were organized by NYCD16/15 Indivisible, Safeguarding Democracy, Yonkers NAACP, and Concerned Families of Westchester (CFOW), which has hosted weekly vigils in Hastings for 25 years.

About 3,200 “No Kings” events were held across the country on March 28 — the third “No Kings Day” since Trump’s re-election; the previous two took place on June 14 and Oct. 18, 2025.

The Hastings rally began at Veterans of

Foreign Wars (VFW) Plaza, while Yonkers’ began at Hudson Fulton Memorial Park. The two crowds then converged at a bus turnaround in Hastings, near the Yonkers border. There, some 30 speakers took the mic, including New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, State Senator Shelley Mayer, Westchester County Legislator David Imamura, and Ardsley Village Trustee Barry McGoe, who is running for Greenburgh town supervisor.

Through their signs and speeches, protesters shared their resistance to Trump and pilloried his actions over the past year. Issues cited included the deployment of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

officers in American cities, the war the United States and Israel are waging against Iran, and the handling of files related to convicted pedophile Jeffery Epstein.

Hastings resident Brian Koehler listed some of the reasons he decided to attend the protest.

“We’re so worried about what’s happening in our country,” he told the Dispatch. “The war is just horrific, and we are really worried we’re losing our democracy, between the fascist takeover, the voter suppression, stopping USAID. Countless human beings will perish because of that... His threats to invade Greenland and now Cuba, after Iran

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Antisemitic meme prompts response from school district

BY AMY BOCHNER

ARDSLEY — An antisemitic meme shared by Ardsley Middle School (AMS) students is sparking a larger conversation about bigotry in the Rivertowns.

On March 19, AMS Principal Stu Horlacher sent an email blast to district parents regarding the circulation of the meme on social media, which had “been repeated by a small number of students within our building.”

Schools Superintendent Matthew Block told the Dispatch that the meme was a video depicting a man saying the word “Jew” multiple times in an aggressive tone. Two students reportedly imitated the meme in a school hallway in two separate incidents. The school also received reports from students that the meme was being shared on social media.

According to Block, the two students who imitated the meme were addressed, but the district felt the need “to take immediate

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As answered by 170 readers of the Rivertowns Dispatch
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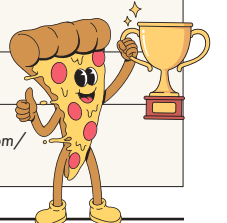
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The Blotter

DOBBS FERRY

Stop & Shop arrest: A 37-year-old homeless man was arrested for stealing \$85 worth of items from Stop & Shop on the afternoon of Monday, March 23. He was charged with petit larceny, a misdemeanor. Officer Jairo Hidalgo made the arrest.

Ulta thefts: Two thefts from the Ulta Beauty at Rivertowns Square were reported on March 23. Two people stole \$1,871 worth of items on the evening of Monday, Jan. 12, while two other people stole \$750 worth of items on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Stop & Shop theft: On

March 24, it was reported that an unidentified man stole \$179.08 worth of items from Stop & Shop on the afternoon of Saturday, March 21.

Ulta arrest: A 32-year-old Yonkers resident was arrested for shoplifting \$2,295 worth of items from the Ulta Beauty at Rivertowns Square on the morning of Thursday, March 26. Westchester County Police apprehended him on the Saw Mill River Parkway. He was charged with grand larceny in the fourth degree and criminal possession of stolen property in the fourth degree, both felonies, and released to the Yorktown Police Department, which wanted him for a crime in that community.

HASTINGS

Stolen motorcycle arrest: A 29-year-old Yonkers resident was arrested for operating a stolen motorscooter, and for a

suspended driver's license, on Farragut Avenue on the morning of Wednesday, March 25. He was charged with criminal possession of stolen property in the fourth degree, a felony, and aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree, a misdemeanor. Officer Rob Simmonds made the arrest. The motorscooter had been stolen in New York City on Oct. 1, 2025.

Suspended license and registration: A 38-year-old Bronx resident was arrested for a suspended driver's license and vehicle registration, both misdemeanors, on Washington Avenue on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 25.

Theft from account: On March 28, a Hastings resident reported that \$160,000 had been transferred from her Morgan Stanley IRA account to her Citibank account in 2023 and then used to

buy cryptocurrency.

Hit and run: A stop sign and a street sign were found damaged on Nepera Place on the morning of Saturday, March 28.

Forged license arrest: A 19-year-old Hastings resident was arrested for a fraudulent driver's license on Maple Avenue on the morning of Sunday, March 29. He was charged with criminal possession of a forged instrument in the second degree, a felony. Officer Erin Fasano made the arrest.

IRVINGTON

Wanted no more: A 25-year-old Bronx resident who was wanted by the Yonkers Police Department was apprehended after running a stop sign on Langdon Avenue on the morning of Friday, March 20.

Dead geese: Two dead geese were found at
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Volunteer OF the Month

Taylor uses time and talent to bring neighbors together

BY JANINE ANNETT

The Rivertowns Repair Café network that started in Hastings in 2019 has grown to include Dobbs Ferry, Irvington, Tarrytown, and Sleepy Hollow, with Ardsley set to host an event in 2027.

Throughout that growth, Lindsey Jeanne Taylor of Hastings has volunteered as an organizer at repair cafés in all of the Rivertowns. Taylor and fellow Hastings residents Ariella Gastel and Morey Bean launched the first café in Hastings. Taylor and Gastel then worked on subsequent repair cafés. Taylor also volunteers with the Hastings Historical Society and at the Take It or Leave It (TILI) garage in Hastings.

The Rivertowns network is part of Repair Café Hudson Valley, a program of the non-profit organization Sustainable Hudson Valley. Suzie Fromer of Irvington, who is the repair café coordinator for Sustainable Hudson Valley, describes Taylor as “the major driving force behind what has grown from Hastings Repair Café to the Rivertowns group.”

Repair cafés muster volunteers to fix household items for their neighbors for free.

“We have a database of over 200 volunteers,” Taylor told the Dispatch. “Some have only volunteered a couple of times, some a dozen times, but I would say about 40 volunteers volunteer multiple times a year. The caliber of all the volunteers is incredibly high. We are so lucky for their dedication and talents. The events wouldn’t be successful without them.”

Taylor, who is a graphic designer, promotes the cafés, including creating posters for them. She also manages logistics for events, from organizing tables to providing training and support for volunteers.

“I want our volunteers to think of being with our group as the best experience they could have,” she said.

Repair café volunteers have an array of



Lindsey Jeanne Taylor of Hastings

skills and knowledge, from sewing and knitting to an understanding of bicycles, computers, electronics, and the best glue for any surface. The volunteers try to fix everything that’s brought to them, and to educate people on how to make their own repairs.

“That’s a big ethos of the repair café. It’s not just fixing stuff — it’s teaching people how to fix stuff,” Taylor said.

Volunteers don’t need to be experts. “Tinkers are welcome,” Taylor emphasized, and noted the hours are flexible. “We know everyone’s busy. You can volunteer for as short or long a time as you want. We’ll make it work for you.”

Hundreds of items are often brought to each repair café. The Hastings event in March 2025 attracted 188 items, 149 of which were fixed (plus over 40 items, such as knives, were sharpened). The objects included a coffee maker, a space heater, a food processor, a sewing machine, artwork, and clothing. Lamps are the most common.

Taylor also volunteers at TILI, a free swap held at Andrus on Hudson in Hastings on most Sundays from 11 a.m.–3 p.m. TILI accepts donations of household items, and invites visitors to take whatever they want at no cost. Like the repair cafés, TILI is open to anyone — not just Hastings residents — and helps keep items out of landfills while supporting a sense of community.

Taylor worked in children’s fashion for 20 years, creating graphics for clothing. “Consumerism just exploded with licensing, and I saw everything I was doing professionally as just making garbage,” Taylor recalled. She now finds much of her own wardrobe through secondhand sources. Thinking about where clothing comes from helped inspire her to get involved in efforts to reduce waste.

After going away to college, studying abroad, and living in New York City, Taylor moved back to Hastings in 2016. (Her mother, who moved to Hastings in 1955,

still lives in the village as well.) She is on the historical society’s board, and enjoys connecting the village’s past with its present.

“We always need volunteers for the historical society,” Taylor added. She utilizes her design experience to create materials for the organization’s exhibits, including the current one, “The Times They Are A-Changin’: Hastings in the 1960s.”

“Place, and who you grew up with, shapes your point of view,” she said. “If you grow up in Hastings now, and there are no factories, you might not understand that this was once a factory town.”

For more information about the Rivertowns Repair Café, visit repaircafehv.org. For more about TILI, visit hastingszerowaste.org. For more about the Hastings Historical Society, visit hastingshistoricalsociety.org.

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Antisemitism

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steps to ensure the imitation of the meme had no chance to gain momentum or expand,” leading to the email from Horlacher

The email asked the community for partnership, and for people to take “time to speak with your child about the impact of words, the importance of respect, and the responsibility each of us has in contributing to a safe and inclusive environment.”

Block said counselors discussed the incident with groups of students and “used it as an example of negative, destructive behavior in our ongoing efforts to make our school a safe and welcoming place.”

In addition, one administrator from each school, plus two district administrators, will attend a full-day training session this month on combating antisemitism in schools. The training is sponsored by Brandeis University and Boundless, a think tank which describes itself as “unapologetically Zionist,” in partnership with the Westchester Jewish Council

and UJA-Federation of New York.

Four days after Horlacher’s email, on March 23, an explicit antisemitic statement was found on a wall inside the pedestrian underpass at the Irvington Metro-North station. The next evening, community members gathered to cover the wall with positive messages in an event organized by Dobbs Ferry’s Chabad of the Rivertowns.

Earlier in the month, on March 9, explicit stickers directed at Israel were found in Hastings. The stickers were on parking pay stations and on two signs near the middle/high school — a stop sign and a sign for Ali Marpet Way, a path named after a Jewish alumnus of Hastings High School who won a Super Bowl with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2021.

In a statement, Hastings Police Chief David Dosin shared that the person responsible for placing the stickers was identified, and that “following consultation with the District Attorney’s Office and a thorough review of the circumstances, it was determined that the facts of the case did not meet the legal threshold necessary to pursue criminal charges.”

Rabbi Shoshana Leis of Dobbs Ferry, who works for the Pleasantville Community Synagogue (PCS), described the incidents in the Rivertowns as “part of a troubling rise in antisemitism around the world.”

“Everyone becomes free or no one becomes free.”

Rabbi Shoshana Leis of Dobbs Ferry

She approved of the Ardsley School District’s decision to implement a day of training. To help foster empathy and compassion among young people, Leis encouraged education about the Holocaust and the broader history of injustice in the United States. She also believes people shouldn’t “shy away” from politics and “conversations about our core values [because] some of these deep underlying teachings can get lost.”

For Leis, the safety of Jewish people is

interconnected with the safety of other marginalized groups. In an interview on April 1, she described a Passover seder, to be hosted by PCS on April 2, which aspired to promote an “alternative microcosm within our county that is a reflection of what we want to see everywhere in the world.”

“It’s a Jewish event, but it’s inclusive, and we’re partnering with Neighbors Link [an organization providing legal services to immigrants],” she said. “We are lifting up the voices of our immigrant neighbors. We are opening it to the Christian and Muslim communities and secular [community]. There’ll be Zionists and anti-Zionists... It will be about the redemption of all humanity.”

Leis believes that combatting hatred through community building is at the heart of what the holiday represents.

“Passover teaches us that focusing on redemption and becoming free together, as humanity, as all of us, is our spiritual work this season, whatever you’re celebrating,” she said. “Everyone becomes free or no one becomes free.”

Blotter

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Halsey Pond. The first was in the pond on the morning of Saturday, March 21. The second was on the path around the pond on the afternoon of

Monday, March 30.

Phone rescued: Officers Daniel Burke and Thomas DiCampli retrieved an Irvington resident’s cellphone from a storm drain on Sycamore Lane on the evening of Saturday, March 21.

Theft of checks: On March 25, an Irvington resident reported that two checks she had mailed on March 2 or 3, at the Ardsley or Irvington post office, had been altered and then deposited. The checks were

changed from \$553.50 to \$8,553.50, and from \$2,463.69 to \$5,086.76. The names of the payees had also been changed.

Extortion: Two hundred and fifty dollars was extorted from an Irving-

ton resident on Saturday, March 28. In response to a threat to release photos and videos of him, the resident used the Sendwave app to transfer the money to someone with whom he had exchanged messages through WhatsApp.

Theft from package: The contents of an Amazon package, worth less than \$10, were stolen after they were delivered to a home on South Buckhout Street on the morning of Saturday, March 28. The theft was reported March 31.



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School Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 7, 7 p.m.
High school library

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Architectural Review Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 7, 8 p.m.
Village Hall

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Con Ed Presentation for Seniors

Wednesday, April 8, noon
Ardsley Community Center

Paint Night for Parents

Wednesday, April 8, 7 p.m.
Ardsley High School

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Ardsley High School

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Ardsley-Secor Volunteer Ambulance Corps Open House

Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
19 American Legion Drive

Got news?

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Megan Roe as Alice, David Covington as the Mad Hatter, and Noni Alley (below) as the White Rabbit. Photos by Ben Fraternali.

‘Off With Her Head’ revisits Wonderland

River’s Edge Theatre adds feminist twist to story of Alice

BY AMY BOCHNER

The River’s Edge Theatre Company explores themes of autonomy, womanhood, and societal expectations in their upcoming production of “Off With Her Head,” a wordless reimagining of Lewis Carroll’s “Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland.”

Carroll’s story was adapted by Meghan Covington of Ardsley, the artistic director of River’s Edge. “Off With Her Head” will run for six shows from April 9–12 at Bethany Arts Community in Ossining. Directing is Jessica Irons, with choreography by Megan Roe of Hastings and music by Jon Hatch of Dobbs Ferry.

The play is personal for Covington, who played the title character in a production of “Alice in Wonderland” when she was in her 20s. As time went on, Covington’s understanding of Alice evolved, and two years ago she decided to put her own spin on the story

“I’ve always been a fan of ‘Alice in Wonderland,’” she told the Dispatch, “but as I started to get older and lived through different phases of life as a woman, I thought that it would be interesting to make Wonderland into a journey through womanhood, instead of just the regular Wonderland that we’re used to.”

“Off With Her Head” begins with Alice entering puberty and follows her from her teenage years into adulthood, where she deals with work, romance, motherhood, and, in midlife, perimenopause and menopause. The story, Covington said, is about Alice “reclaiming agency and finding her own way, and instead of having to obey the rules all



the time, making her own rules in the end.”

The play also recontextualizes other characters from “Alice in Wonderland” and its sequel, “Through the Looking-Glass.” Alice follows the White Rabbit, who serves as a symbol of “the ideal woman and how you’re supposed to look and act,” down the rabbit hole. Among the characters she meets in Wonderland are the Caterpillar, recast as a doctor, as well as Tweedledee and Tweedledum, who are her suitors as she deals with romance and dating.

The antagonist is The Red Queen from “Through the Looking-Glass,” who symbolizes “the constraints that are put on women,” Covington said.

She continued, “It’s up to Alice to decide: Is she going to go along with society’s or The Red Queen’s rules, or is she going to create her own path and break those rules?”

This is Covington’s second wordless production, the first of which was “Ebenezer,” her version of Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas

Carol.” The lack of words highlights physical storytelling, like dancing, body language, and facial expressions, which leans into the play’s themes of womanhood.

“There’s so much focusing on the body — Alice’s body — and how she shrinks and grows, and the expectation put upon a woman, whether it’s body image or child-birth or the health care system,” Covington said.

Props and costumes become more central to the storytelling when there is no dialogue. Covington described the costumes as “goth Barbie-esque” and the world of Wonderland as “pink and girly,” but with a darkness to them. She described the production as River’s Edges’ “biggest tech show” yet.

In keeping with the play’s theme of choice, River’s Edge is partnering with Rivertowns for Reproductive Rights. Following two of the shows, there will be a talkback featuring members of that organization, the cast, and creative team. These community conversations will be family friendly, and are included with the ticket to the show.

Covington described Alice’s journey as an “awakening,” and hopes the story will prompt the audience to “question the rules that have been placed upon them and explore their own authentic name based on their own rules.”

“Off With Her Head” will be performed April 9–10 at 7:30 p.m.; April 11 at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.; and April 12 at 2 and 4:30 p.m. The post-show talkbacks with Rivertowns for Reproductive Rights will follow the shows on April 11 at 4:30 p.m. and April 12 at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$37 for general admission, \$27 for students/seniors, and can be purchased in advance at www.riversedgetheatre.com.

ARDSLEY

Music students and staff more finely tuned by Festival Disney

BY LAURA SCHILLER

Seventy music students and seven music teachers arrived at Ardsley High School before dawn on Thursday, March 26 — not for classes, but for a trip months in the making. After gathering at 3 a.m., they boarded buses and departed for LaGuardia Airport by 4 a.m., where they caught an early flight to Orlando, Fla.

Upon landing, the group headed to Universal Studios, kicking off four days visiting theme parks like Magic Kingdom, Hollywood Studios, and Animal Kingdom, where they rode roller coasters, explored attractions, snapped selfies with some of the world's most recognizable characters, and spent long days at “the most magical place on earth.”

But the centerpiece of the trip was not a ride or attraction. On Friday morning, participants took part in Festival Disney, a national music competition held at Walt Disney World Resort. Performing as members of their school's Select Chorus, Chamber Orchestra, and Wind Ensemble, the students were evaluated by a panel of college-level adjudicators. All three ensembles earned “excellent” ratings and received professional feedback.

The trip was organized by high school band director Jeff Kinsey, who started in Ardsley in 2022. Drawing on his own experiences as a student musician, Kinsey said



Ardsley High School students and staff at the Magic Kingdom

he wanted to give participants the chance to perform in a new environment while building stronger connections through music.

“Traveling with your instrument and putting your work on display somewhere new — there's no other feeling like it,” Kinsey told the Dispatch.

While Ardsley musicians participate in regional events such as the Westchester County School Music Association All-County

Festival and the Trills & Thrills Festival in New Jersey, this marked the program's first major overnight trip in recent years. The select chorus traveled internationally under teacher Spencer Smith, who retired in 2023.

Kinsey emphasized that experiences like this extend beyond performance.

“This kind of experience gives students something beyond the routine of a typical music class. In many programs, music

becomes just another subject with a couple of concerts each year,” he said. “Without that deeper sense of investment, it's harder for students to reach their full potential.”

For many, however, the most memorable moments happened off-stage — waiting in long lines for rides, braving attractions like Tiana's Bayou Adventure and Space Mountain, spending late nights in the hotel, and watching fireworks together.

The trip also served as a team-building experience for the district's music faculty. Teachers from the elementary, middle, and high school levels traveled together, giving them the opportunity to see how students develop over time and to strengthen connections across grade levels.

“For me, it's about keeping all of our music teachers connected,” Kinsey said. “This trip showed how everything builds toward the high school level and gave students a chance to share their progress with the teachers who helped them get there.”

Bass clarinetist Sajin Munjal, a senior, described the trip as both socially and musically impactful. He said one of the most meaningful aspects was forming new connections with classmates. “I bonded with some of the people on the trip, and I made a few new friends,” he said.

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Monday, April 6, 2 p.m.

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Wednesday, April 8, 7 p.m.

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Zoning Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 8 p.m.

Village Hall
Agenda available at dobbsferry.gov

Cult Classic Movie Night: “Shoot ‘Em Up”

Friday, April 10, 8 p.m.

Dobbs Ferry Public Library

Little League Opening Day Parade

Saturday, April 11, 9 a.m.

Begins at Dobbs Ferry High School and ends at Memorial Park
An on-field ceremony will follow, along with refreshments and entertainment, leading into the Mayor’s Cup Game at 10:15 AM between two 8U baseball teams

Annual Earth Day Cleanup

Saturday, April 11, 9 a.m.–noon

Meet at the corner of Cedar and Main streets
Bring gloves; garbage bags will be provided

Got news?

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Lottery to select 18 students for first pre-K class

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL

Dobbs Ferry residents have until Monday, April 13, to apply online for one of 18 spots in the school district’s free pre-K pilot program, which is set to begin in September. Eligible students will have to either be 4 years old or turn 4 years old by Dec. 1. All of the slots will be filled by lottery.

The 18 students in the program will be in one classroom at Springhurst Elementary School, with one primary teacher and one teaching assistant. Enrollment is capped at 18 students because at 19 students, state law would require the classroom to have two teaching assistants, which would increase costs. The program will have a schedule that’s tentatively slated to run five days a week, from 8:15 a.m.–2:45 p.m. The exact hours are subject to change and transportation will not be provided by the district. Pre-K students will also be eligible to participate in Springhurst’s afterschool program.

After applying for the lottery, families will receive a number via email on April 13, after the deadline closes. The selection will take place on Tuesday, April 14, via a randomized computer software system. The process will be recorded on video for transparency.

Public school districts throughout New

York State are anticipating being required to provide universal pre-K starting 2028–29, as is outlined in Gov. Kathy Hochul’s current state budget proposal. The budget was initially given an April 1 deadline, but as of Thursday, April 2, it had not been approved. Also in the budget proposal is an annual increase from \$5,400 to \$10,000 per student in state funding available for districts to provide pre-K, beginning this fall.

The Dobbs Ferry School District is choosing to launch its pre-K program for the 2026–27 school year in part because of the expectation of the increase in state funding. Another significant factor is that low enrollment in kindergarten in recent years has left empty space in the elementary school building that can be used for pre-K students. During a pre-K program information session on March 24, Schools Superintendent Ken Slentz explained that Springhurst’s current outgoing fifth-grade class is 125 students, while the incoming kindergarten class is anticipated to be between 92 and 95 students.

Darrell Stinchcomb, the district’s assistant superintendent of curriculum, instruction, and equity, has been exploring options for implementing universal pre-K since last summer. Stinchcomb had pre-K at the

Church Street School in White Plains, where he was principal from 2010–15. Stinchcomb told the Dispatch that developing a free pre-K program has been a goal of the Dobbs Ferry School District since he was hired in 2021, but that finding space for the program had been a hurdle until now.

During the March 24 information session, Stinchcomb emphasized that parents must be prepared to have their children attend the program for the full day, five days a week. Parents who attempt to have their children only attend for parts of the day, or only on certain days of the week, will risk being unenrolled.

“If they do not participate in the full program, it’s up to the principal and the building administrator and district to make the determination to move someone else into that slot,” Stinchcomb explained at the meeting.

Families have until April 13 at 2 p.m. to apply for the pre-K lottery at dfsd.org. Selected applicants will receive an email with next steps to enroll, including an online registration process that requires an original birth certificate or passport, immunization records signed by a physician, a record of a physical examination conducted within the last 12 months, and documentation establishing residency within the Dobbs Ferry School District.



Sam’s owner Maurice Giliberti accepts a trophy from Dispatch publisher Allison Schulte.

Sam’s tops poll of Dispatch readers

The oldest pizzeria in the Rivertowns is also the most popular among readers of the Rivertowns Dispatch. Of the 14 total pizzerias in Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Hastings, and Irvington, Sam’s Ristorante Italiano emerged as the favorite among readers who responded to a

two-round online poll conducted in March.

The respondents selected their favorite in each village during the first round, and then their favorite among the final four in the second round. The final four also included Stagioni in Ardsley, Pizza Grill in Hastings, and Tony’s in Irvington.

Located at 128 Main Street, Sam’s opened in 1952. The current owner, Maurice Giliberti of Irvington, bought the restaurant from its namesake in June 1986. Giliberti and his family

moved to Dobbs Ferry when he was 10 years old. They lived on Main Street and then Palisade Street. In Irvington, where he has been a resident for 35 years, he and his wife, Cathy, raised their daughters, Christina and Melissa. His brother, Al, is the pizza chef at Sam’s.

Sam’s offers 13 pizza combos and nine signature pizzas, in addition to individual slices. Giliberti attributes their popularity to quality ingredients. For more information, including a full menu, visit samsrest.com.

DOBBS FERRY

— COMMUNITY BRIEFS —

Gas-powered leaf blowers banned

The Dobbs Ferry Board of Trustees agreed to get rid of certain exceptions to the village-wide gas-powered leaf blower ban. After holding a public hearing on Tuesday, March 24, the board voted to amend village code that previously banned gas leaf blowers, except for between Oct. 15 and Dec. 15, during specific times of the day. The previous ban provided exceptions for golf courses and for municipal and school employees, beyond 100 feet from the nearest residence.

The ban with those exceptions went into effect on Jan. 1 of this year. The amendment goes into effect May 15, and bans gas-powered leaf blowers every day of the year except for “emergency operation by utility companies, municipal and school employees, or property owners and/or their subcontractors and only for the duration of the period necessary to complete such emergency operation.”

The board’s vote also amends the “unnecessary noise” section of the village code to extend the period during which restaurants or bars are prohibited from playing or performing loud music from midnight–7:30

a.m., to from midnight–11 a.m.

The amendment also extends the time that homeowners are allowed to perform work on their own property, without a subcontractor, for the “erection, excavation, demolition, alteration or repair of any building or structure,” by an extra hour and a half on weekends and holidays.

The board vote also amends the code to prohibit work like rock breaking, pile driving, and chain sawing “that emits continuous sounds, audible from a distance of 300 feet or more from the work site” at any time of day on weekends and holidays. That work is permitted from 7:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and must have 30-minute breaks every 3 hours.

— *By Julian Michael Caldwell*

Permit and violation fees increase

During their March 24 meeting, the board of trustees voted to approve slight increases for the fees for several parking permits and parking violations.

For the waterfront parking lot, commuter permits are increasing from \$1,400 to \$1,550 per year for nonresidents, and from \$500 to \$510 per year for residents. Downtown resident permits are increasing from \$125 to \$130 per year, and from \$62.50 to \$65 per year for seniors. For hangtag permits

at the 99 Cedar Street Lot and residential parking permits anywhere in the village, the fee is increasing from \$25 per year to \$30 per year. The cost of recreation permits for residents (\$10 and \$5 for seniors) and daily parking passes for seniors (\$2 per day) are remaining the same.

Fines for parking in a fire zone, next to a fire hydrant or within 10 feet of a fire hydrant are increasing from \$100 to \$250. The fee for an abandoned vehicle is doubling from \$75 to \$150. Overnight commercial parking violation fines are going up from \$50 to \$75. The fine for having an unregistered vehicle is increasing from \$20 to \$50.

Every other violation that used to come with a \$20 fine is increasing to \$25. Those include alternate side parking violations, metered parking overtime violations, and parking in places where there’s no parking from 3–6 a.m.

— *By Julian Michael Caldwell*

Property tax exemption for volunteers

During their meeting on March 24, the Dobbs Ferry School Board voted to approve an exemption from school taxes on property owned by eligible volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance corps members. The Volunteer Firefighter and Ambulance

— OBITUARY —

Raymond Androvic

Former Dobbs Ferry resident Raymond “Christopher” Androvic passed away on March 11, at age 67, in Macon, Ga. Chris was born on Aug. 10, 1958, in Saint James, N.Y., and was a graduate of Dobbs Ferry High School. He is survived by his son, Christopher (Kristin), and grandsons, Liam and Cameron. He was preceded by his mother, Nancy Thierman.

Worker Real Property Tax Exemption provides a 10% reduction of the assessed value of the property, for tax purposes.

To be eligible, a firefighter or ambulance corps member has to have a minimum of two years of service. For volunteers who serve more than 20 years, the exemption will be provided for the remainder of that person’s life.

The exemption will be extended to their spouse, as long as they remain unmarried, regardless of whether or not the volunteer is killed in the line of duty.

— *By Julian Michael Caldwell*



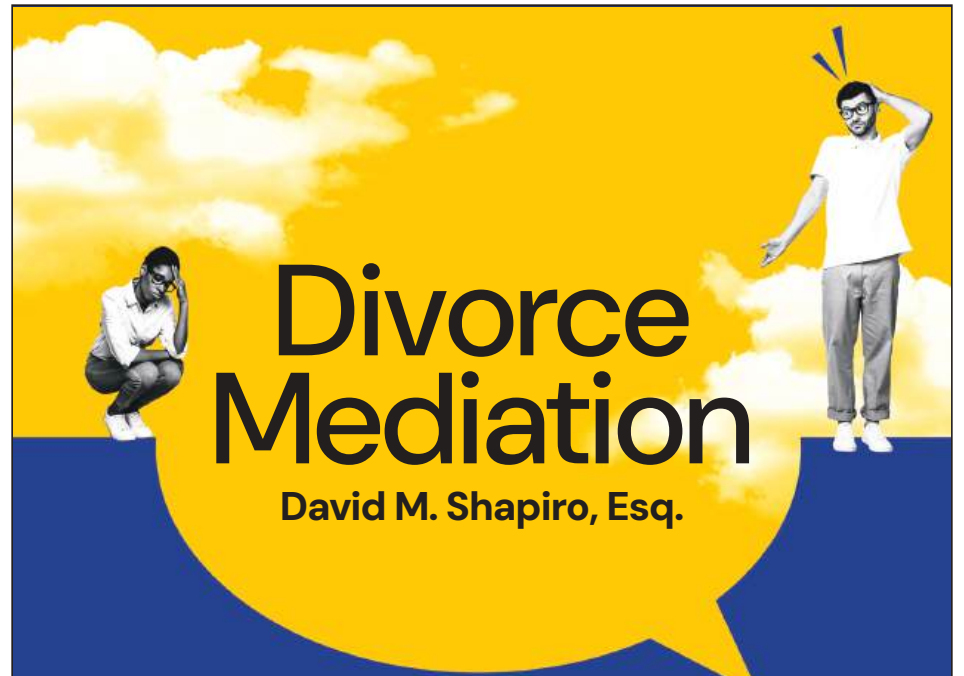
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James Harmon Community Center,
lower level

Clothing donations accepted until noon.
Donate suits, dresses, shirts, ties, shoes,
and accessories this month for the formal
wear sale on April 10–12 at the Rivertown
Thrift Annex, 3 Spring St.

Local History

Saturday, April 4, 2–4 p.m.
Observatory Cottage, Draper Park,
407 Broadway

See the Hastings Historical Society's current
exhibit, "The Times They Are A-Changin':
Hastings in the 1960s"

Architectural Review Board Meeting

Monday, April 6, 7 p.m.
Village Hall

Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, April 7, 7 p.m.
Village Hall

School Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 6 p.m.
Hillside Multipurpose Room

"Expressions: Real and Absurd"

Friday, April 10, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.
Village Hall

The exhibit celebrates the life and artistic
journey of Allen M. Hart

Opening reception Sunday, April 12,
4–6 p.m. On view through June 2

Rivertown Thrift: Formal Wear Sale

Friday, April 10, 6–8 p.m.
Saturday, April 11, 11 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday, April 12, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
Rivertown Thrift Annex, 3 Spring St.

Friday Night Live: Words-on-Hudson

Friday, April 10, 6–9 p.m.
James Harmon Community Center

Terry Ryan Memorial Run

Sunday, April 12, 11 a.m. for the 5K and
10:15 a.m. for the 1-mile Fun Run
Start and finish at the high school
Register (\$5–\$20) at hastingsrecreation.org

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Stephen Ossen at his office in Dobbs Ferry

Orthodontist wraps 34 rewarding years

BY LAURA SCHILLER

As a child, Stephen Ossen thought his grandfather was a celebrity. Everywhere he went in Bethlehem, Penn. — restaurants, stores, walking down the street — people waved and called his name.

His grandfather wasn't the milkman or the mayor. He was a dentist, and he seemed to have treated nearly everyone in the community. His reputation, and his patients' loyalty, left a lasting impression on young Ossen and helped shape the path he would take.

Knowing his grandson was considering a career in dentistry, his grandfather offered some advice. "Be an orthodontist. No needles or drills, and you'll treat mostly kids," Ossen told the Dispatch. "That's why I went that route after dental school."

Now, after 34 years practicing in the Rivertowns, Ossen has come full circle.

"I run into my patients all the time," he said with a laugh. And, to his credit, most of them have perfect smiles. He remembers an estimated 98 percent of their names.

On April 3, Ossen will retire after a career he describes in one word: rewarding. Yes, there's the satisfaction of straightening teeth and watching thousands of confident smiles emerge as braces come off. But even more meaningful are the relationships he built with families over time.

In many cases, he has treated multiple generations, now caring for the children of former patients who have remained in the Rivertowns. His youngest patient was 7; his oldest was 86. He still remembers the first patient who ever bit him — a young girl named Lindsey, who clamped down right after he said, "Don't bite."

Ossen spent most of his career running his practice in Hastings, based in the home where he also raised two children, Cayla and Tyler, with his wife, Damara, a physician. He began

there in 1992 after completing his orthodontic residency, purchasing the practice from another orthodontist, Gerald Finkelstein. Four years later, he bought the house.

Patients stepping into the treatment rooms were greeted by posters of famous baseball players lining the walls — a reflection of Ossen's personality and a welcoming touch that became part of the office's charm. Equally important to creating that warm environment were the friendly faces at reception, Cynthia Sampogna and Deborah Clark, both of whom have been with the office since the beginning. Carmen Herrera and Melissa Palacios are also dedicated staff members who help ensure the practice runs smoothly and patients feel cared for.

Eventually, the practice outgrew the village's zoning limits for home-based businesses. In 2024, Ossen relocated the office to 10 Main Street in Dobbs Ferry and changed its name from Ossen Orthodontics to Rivertowns Orthodontics.

The move allowed him to bring on a partner, Jacklyn Fisher, who was a teenage patient of his when growing up in Hastings. Fisher, who now lives in Irvington, will take over the practice this spring.

Ossen said his own upbringing in Briarcliff Manor shaped his appreciation for communities like those he serves today.

"We used to play Hastings, Dobbs Ferry, and Irvington — we were all in the same sports league," he recalled. "Some other towns were extremely competitive, but these communities were never like that. I loved growing up in Briarcliff, and I still see people from those days around town."

Over time, many of those childhood connections found their way back to him. Friends from Briarcliff brought their children for orthodontic treatment, and his mother, an elementary school teacher in

Ossining, saw many of her former students become patients as well. A few childhood friends went on to become dentists in the area and have referred patients to him. The rest, no pun intended, is word of mouth.

While technology has transformed the field, Ossen said the core principles of orthodontics have remained the same.

"The physics hasn't changed," he said. "You still have to understand that every force has an equal and opposite reaction. When you're moving a tooth, you're also managing the reaction to that force. That's what orthodontics is."

"The biggest shift has been Invisalign, which came out around 2000," he added. "That's probably the most significant change in the field." Advances in digital dentistry have also reshaped the patient experience.

"We used to take those gooey impressions," Ossen said. "Now we can just scan a patient's mouth. That's been a huge improvement."

Behind the scenes, the business of running a practice has evolved just as dramatically.

"When I started, everything was on paper charts," he said. "Now it's all digital."

But the greatest reward of orthodontics, Ossen said, is the chance to truly get to know people.

"Cases run about two years on average," he explained. "You're seeing someone every six weeks, not just once or twice a year like the dentist. By the time you've treated one child and then the next one comes through, you really get to know the whole family."

"A lot of these people are amazing, and I probably wouldn't have crossed paths with them otherwise," he said.

Although he is handing over the keys to Rivertowns Orthodontics, Ossen isn't going far. He still plans to be around the community, waving hello to the many smiles he helped create over the past three decades.

HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON

Hastings HS alum hails his late music idol's humanity

BY AMY BOCHNER

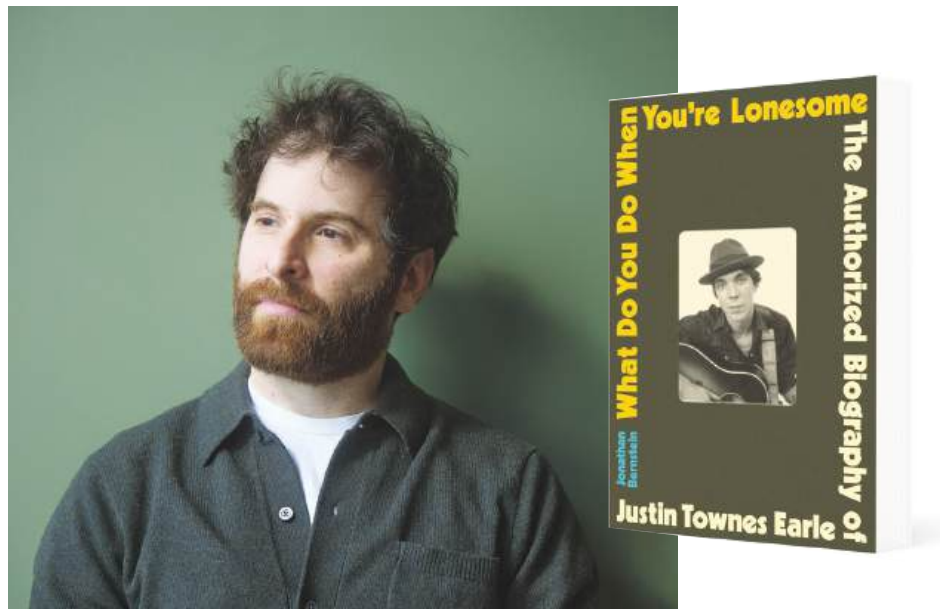
In his debut book, Hastings native Jon Bernstein honors the late singer-songwriter Justin Townes Earle by exploring the life behind the music with empathy and honesty.

Bernstein is a fact checker and writer for Rolling Stone magazine. "What To Do When You're Lonesome" was published by Da Capo Press on Jan. 13.

Now a Brooklyn resident, Bernstein credits his upbringing in Hastings for sparking his interest in music journalism. His father collected vinyl records, and many of his friends' parents were jazz musicians. He also cited his 10th-grade English teacher, Josh Blum, as an influence, referencing an assignment where his class read Nick Hornby's essay about Bruce Springsteen's song "Thunder Road." This, Bernstein said, was "the first time anyone exposed me to the concept that you could just write about music."

After graduating from Hastings High School in 2007, Bernstein studied music at Macalester College in Minnesota. During his sophomore year, he saw Earle perform for the first time, and his "mind was blown."

"He almost seemed like he was time traveling, like this figure from the 1950s or something, with this real showmanship to him," he said. "I was 19, and I became



Jon Bernstein at the Hastings Public Library

an instant fan that night. I went to see him whenever he was in Minnesota, and [after college] when I moved to New York, I just continued to see him."

In 2011, Bernstein began working as a freelance journalist. That same year, Earle earned the American Music Award for Song of the Year for "Harlem River Blues."

Bernstein interviewed Earle in 2014 for

American Songwriter magazine, describing him as "charming, kind, and thoughtful."

In 2020, when Earle passed away from a fentanyl overdose at age 38, it "shocked" Bernstein, and jumpstarted his interest in learning more about the musician's life. He wrote a story for Rolling Stone about Earle, and began writing "What Do You Do When You're Lonesome" in 2022.

"Even though I was a huge fan, I realized how little I knew," Bernstein said. "As I started to actually talk to people in his life and learn more and do reporting, I realized there's so much to say, and that he lived such a crazy life that there could be a book to be written about him."

His research included 250 interviews with people who knew Earle, from his mother to his widow to "the guy who cut his hair." In addition to close friends and family, Bernstein interviewed artists who knew or worked with Earle, like Todd Snider, Patterson Hood, Jessica Lea Mayfield, Amanda Shires, and members of Old Crow Medicine Show.

"I tried to cast my net really wide, and that often led me to really interesting things that people would tell me," he said. "They would have clippings that they kept personally, or photos, or audio recordings of his music that no one's ever heard. A lot of the most exciting research came directly from the people that I interviewed. Like his private journals, which his wife — his widow — provided to me, which was probably the most exciting and sort of revelatory piece of information that I got to look through."

What he discovered was "how unreliable a narrator [Earle] was with his own life."

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“Twyla Tharp: A Choreographic Genius”

Saturday, April 4, 2 p.m.
Irvington Public Library

Hybrid presentation by Toni McKeen
To attend via Zoom, register at irvingtonlibrary.org

Tabletop Game Night for Adults and Seniors

Tuesday, April 7, 6:30–8:45 p.m.
Irvington Public Library

Planning Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 7 p.m.
Village Hall

To attend via Zoom, visit irvingtonny.gov for the link

Craft for Teens and Adults: Stamped Tea Towels

Thursday, April 9, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
Irvington Public Library

Register at irvingtonlibrary.org

Stewardship at O’Hara & Irvington Woods Park

Saturdays, April 11 and 18, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Meet at O’Hara Nature Center, 170 Mountain Road

Help with tree planting and maple syrup boiling. Pizza for volunteers at noon
Register at irvingtonny.gov

“Living Forest” Speaker Series

Saturday, April 11, noon
O’Hara Nature Center

Cornell ecology professor Bernd Blossey presents “Deer Management: Forest Feedback Loops”

Register at register.capturepoint.com

“Treason of the Blackest Dye”

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

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The Sounds of Valor members at the Riverworks Recording Studio

Vets hit notes of joy with Sounds of Valor

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL

Dobbs Ferry resident Tom Mooney, who was a soldier in Vietnam from 1967-68, and has been a drummer, singer, and songwriter for decades, will see his dream of creating a band of U.S. military veterans come to life at the Irvington Theater on Thursday, April 9.

The upcoming Sounds of Valor concert includes six original songs from Mooney and his previous bands, as well as original music from other band members and a handful of covers like “Satisfaction” by The Rolling Stones and “Blowing in the Wind” by Bob Dylan. While the music will be primarily rock ‘n’ roll, there will be a few ballads, blues, and a reggae song.

After putting out the call for musicians via social media and word-of-mouth, Mooney began auditioning 80 musicians for the band in March. He narrowed it down to 10, all of whom served in the military, though not necessarily in combat. Mooney makes it a point not to differentiate between those who have and those who haven’t been on the front lines.

Since their first rehearsal on March 14, the band has had more than a dozen more sessions at Riverworks Recording Studio on Cedar Street in Dobbs Ferry, recording many of them. Some band members have been traveling from as far away as Maryland to make those rehearsals, with others coming from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New Rochelle, and other parts of New York State.

“This show will be the best thing I’ve ever done, because of the people involved, and what it means, and what I hope it means to other people,” Mooney told the Dispatch. “It’s an out-of-body experience. I’m so happy to be able to do this with these people and get this message out there that we’re OK,

and can find ways to be OK and get back to civilian life. If we can do it, you can do it.”

Mooney, who grew up in Brooklyn and moved to Dobbs Ferry from Boston three years ago, began his career as a drummer before being drafted at age 19. After returning home from Vietnam, he spent more than a decade, mostly in the 1970s and ’80s, performing regularly as a front man in blues-rock bands and performing in clubs throughout New York City. During that time, he gained some interest from recording labels but never signed a deal.

“Most of them were musicians before they went in (to the military), and they came back to music to kind of ‘decrut’ ... and become themselves again.”

Tom Mooney

Mooney’s idea to organize a band of veterans began to take shape in November of last year after he shared the idea with his friend of 35 years, documentary filmmaker Michael Campbell. Campbell runs an Emmy-winning nonprofit called Docufilms that produces projects on behalf of charitable organizations or for groups that have a societal benefit. Docufilms believes in Docufilms plans to release a documentary to go along with an album made of recordings from rehearsals and the live concert.

“I sometimes don’t believe it’s really happening,” Mooney said. “Then I go into rehearsal and I realize it’s really happening. I still feel like you need to pinch me.”

The rehearsal process began with conversations about who the band members are, their military experience, and what music means to them. Their common love of music and military experience helped them bond in a way that made Mooney feel like they had known each other for years.

“The common story was, ‘It [music] saved my life.’” Mooney recalled. “When they came out of the military, most of them were musicians before they went in, and they came back to music to kind of ‘decrut’ from being in the military and become themselves again.”

The Sounds of Valor band consists of singers Pat Shannon and Mooney; Velvet Salgado singing and playing piano; lead guitarists Chuck Thomas and Michael Sicola; drummer Chris Hough; bassist William Eggleston Jr.; Felix Montalvo on piano and harmonica; and “Saxy Ric” on saxophone. Vanessa Kurian, a Dobbs Ferry resident who manages Riverworks Recording Studio, was added to the band three weeks in, when it was discovered during rehearsals that she was an operations specialist in the Navy from 2021-23.

“The harmony the people bring is so amazing,” Kurian told the Dispatch. “They have a lot of compassion and I really enjoyed seeing how everyone has a beautiful personality inside, and everyone has a story. Everyone comes together to enjoy each other’s company, and I could feel that there.”

Also included in the band is musical director and multi-instrumentalist Marc Ribler, who Mooney describes as a “ringer” because

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IRVINGTON

IHS junior advances to Regeneron's international competition

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL

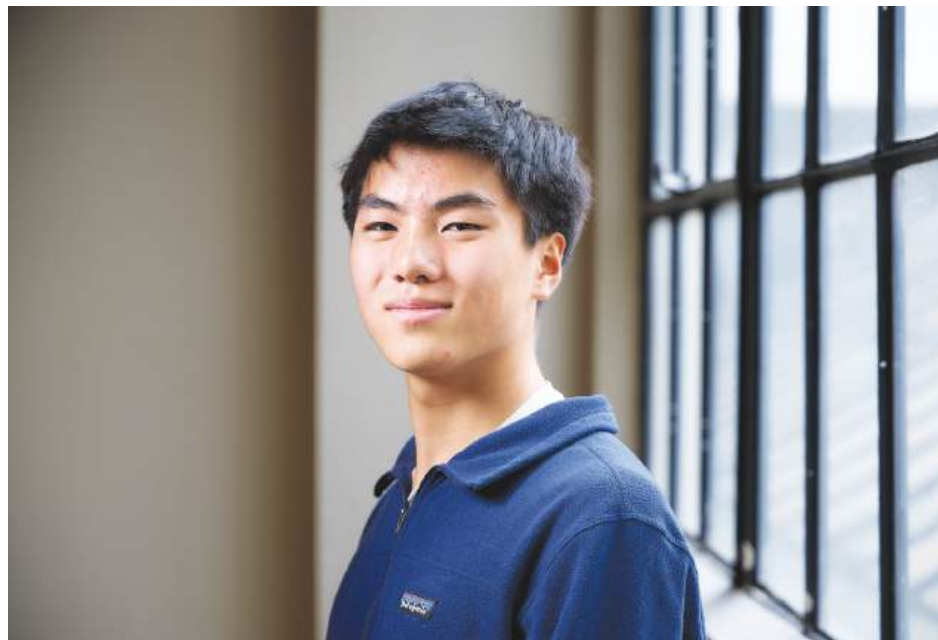
Irvington High School junior Glen Feng is headed to Regeneron's International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in Arizona next month, with the opportunity to win up to \$100,000, after earning the top prize in the plant science division of Regeneron's Westchester (WESEF) competition.

On March 14, when more than 800 Westchester high schoolers showcased their research projects across various scientific fields, Feng was one of 20 students selected to compete at the next level. Feng's project, titled "The Effects of Copper Deficiency on Phytohormonal Biosynthesis and Signaling Pathways," analyzed how different genes that are key to the functioning of phytohormones, also known as plant hormones, are regulated when plants aren't receiving enough copper.

"Copper is a very critical micronutrient in plants," Feng explained. "It's needed to ensure fertility, and it's also needed as a co-factor in cell respiration and photosynthesis, which we know as key reactions to development and plant life."

Feng began his investigations in December 2024 as a sophomore in Irvington's Science Research program.

"I definitely saw a lot of people being drawn towards studies in medicine and



Glen Feng

studies in evolving fields of A.I. [artificial intelligence], and while I think that's interesting, I thought that not enough people were gravitating towards environmental science and plant sciences," Feng told the Dispatch. "I definitely care a lot about the environment, and wildlife, and plant life."

Feng noted that without the proper amount

of copper, plants "aren't really able to go through all developmental stages, so that the plant will be a lot smaller and it won't have a lot of the different anatomical parts that are key characteristics of healthy plants."

Feng's research explains how copper deficiency triggers a response that regulates certain phytohormones needed to support

healthy plant development. By studying this response, Feng's project and others like it look to work together to find ways to help plants become more resilient through copper deficiency. Feng found that soil can be depleted of copper through nutrient exhaustion as soil beds are constantly used over long periods of time, and also through industrial practices like mining. Feng noted that fertilizers typically contain higher volumes of macronutrients like nitrogen, while micronutrients like copper, which has been studied less than nitrogen for its impact on plant development, is often overlooked.

"Plant science research and genetic studies like this can help guide future breeding methods or genetic engineering methods that are trying to breed crops at a higher yield rate, and also crops that are more resilient," Feng said. "And in the long run, studies like this will help find different ways to increase crop resilience and crop yield to ultimately address key issues of food insecurity and hunger in the world, because as the population is growing at a rapid rate, there's an unprecedented need to increase crop yield."

Unlike many of his classmates' work, Feng's research didn't require him to do lab work. Instead, he gathered an

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What the Funk (W.T.F.)

ARDSLEY

8:30–11 p.m. / No cover charge. Saw Mill Tavern, 925 Saw Mill River Road. Reservations encouraged. smtavern.com

Rivertown Thrift Pop-up

HASTINGS

10 a.m.–3 p.m. James Harmon Community Center, 44 Main St., lower level. Clothing donations accepted until noon. Donate suits, dresses, shirts, ties, shoes, and accessories this month for the formal wear sidewalk sale on April 10–12 at the Rivertown Thrift Annex, 3 Spring St.

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

HASTINGS

2–4 p.m. / Free. Observatory Cottage, Draper Park, 407 Broadway. The Hastings Historical Society is open the first Saturday of every month in addition to its regular hours: Mondays and Thursdays, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. On view through October. hastingshistoricalsociety.org

Learn to Play Cribbage

YONKERS

1 p.m. / Free. Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site, 29 Warburton Ave. philipsemanorhall.com

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TARRYTOWN

7 and 9:30 p.m. / \$35, \$30 for students. Jazz Forum Club, 1 Dixon Lane. The six-time Grammy-winning baritone saxophonist celebrates his 70th birthday with live jazz. jazzforumarts.org

Mandolinist Chris Thile

TARRYTOWN

8 p.m. / \$57–\$77. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St. tarrytownmusichall.org

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11 a.m.–3 p.m. / Free. 40 Somerstown Road. bethanyarts.org

Music in the Box: La Pompe Attack

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7:30 p.m. / \$30. Westchester Collaborative



The Afrobeat band Armo performs at HudCo in Dobbs Ferry on Friday, April 10.

Theater’s Black Box Theater, 23 Water St. wctheater.org

WEDNESDAY APRIL 8

Paint Night for Parents

ARDSLEY

7 p.m. / \$40. Ardsley High School, 300 Farm Road. Proceeds benefit the PTSA and Ardsley Friends of the Visual Arts (AFVA). Register at ardsleyart.org/2026-paint-night

Bluegrass Jam

HASTINGS

7–10 p.m. / Free. Tennis Club of Hastings, 100 River St. RSVP to joshsuniewick@gmail.com

Astronomy for Grown-ups

YONKERS

2 p.m. / \$23 for adults, \$16 for seniors, \$14 for ages 3–18, free for members. Hudson River Museum, 511 Warburton Ave. Featuring “Space-Pranks and Astro-Hoaxes” in the planetarium, followed by Q&A. Reservations recommended. hrm.org

Hybrid History Lecture

YONKERS

7 p.m. / Free. Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site, 29 Warburton Ave. Local historian Stephen Paul DeVillo discusses “The Neutral Ground: Westchester County in the American Revolution.” Presented in person and broadcast via YouTube Live. Register at philipsemanorhall.com

“Saving the Hudson”

GREENBURGH

5–6:30 p.m. / Free. Greenburgh Public Library, 300 Tarrytown Road. Hear how the Hudson River was rescued from decades of pollution and its impact on clean water protection. Register at greenburghlibrary.org

THURSDAY APRIL 9

“Spring Sparkle Bingo Night”

DOBBS FERRY

6:30–9:30 p.m. / \$100. South Church, 343 Broadway. Fundraiser for Community Nursery School with games, drinks, light bites, and silent auction. southpres.org

Capitalism Reading Group

DOBBS FERRY

7 p.m. / Free. HudCo, 145 Palisade St., Suite 200. Discuss “Capitalist Realism” by Mark Fisher. Led by Austin Furnas of Boxing Day Café and community member Dena Verhoff in association with Picture Book and HudCo. Reserve a spot at hudco.eventbrite.com

Jazz & More

DOBBS FERRY

7–9:30 p.m. / No cover charge. Mirabella Cocina Latina Restaurant & Bar, 1 Hamilton St. in Rivertowns Square. Featuring Sarah Cion, Bob Gingery, Mitch Shornick, and guests.

New Exhibit: Contemporary Art

HASTINGS

12:30–5:30 p.m. / Upstream Gallery, 8 Main St. Israel Acosta fuses conceptual storytelling with bold colors inspired by his Hispanic roots. Reception on Sunday, April 12, 2–5 p.m. On view through May 3. Hours: Thursday–Sunday, 12:30–5:30 p.m. upstreamgallery.com

Sounds of Valor Concert

IRVINGTON

7 p.m. / \$25. Irvington Theater, 85 Main St. The all-veteran band performs live rock. irvingtontheater.com

Science-on-Hudson Lecture

IRVINGTON

7 p.m. / Free. Nevis Science Center, 136 S. Broadway. Gabriel Bridges and Kelsey Yee, physics graduate students at Columbia University, present “Shedding Light on Dark Matter with GAPS.” Register online. nevis.columbia.edu

“Returning to the Land”

TARRYTOWN

6:30 p.m. / \$15. The Pocantico Center, 200 Lake Road. Reading of poems alongside the landscape paintings by artist Shen Wei that inspired them. On view through April 18. Register at rbf.org/pocantico/events

Nitty Gritty Dirt Band

TARRYTOWN

8 p.m. / \$56–\$296. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St. tarrytownmusichall.org

“Off With Her Head”

OSSINING

7:30 p.m. / \$37, \$27 for seniors and students. Bethany Arts Community, 40 Somerstown Road. Movement-driven reimaging of Alice in Wonderland, written by Ardsley resident Meghan Covington, artistic director of River’s Edge Theatre Company. For ages 7 and up. Performances through Sunday, April 12. riversedge theatre.com, bethanyarts.org

FRIDAY APRIL 10

“Spring Clean Your Writing”

DOBBS FERRY

9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. / \$300. HudCo, 145 Palisade St., Suite 200. Workshop for adults led by published humor writer and creative writing teacher Janine Annett of Hastings. Register at janineannett.com/teaching

HudCo Live Concert: Armo

DOBBS FERRY

6–10 p.m. / \$25. HudCo, 145 Palisade St., Suite 200. Featuring the Afrobeat band at 8 p.m. Cocktails, food, and vendor market begin at 6 p.m. Special guest Marcus World Soul performs at 7. Purchase tickets at hudco.eventbrite.com

Cult Classic Movie Night: “Shoot ‘Em Up”

DOBBS FERRY

8 p.m. / Free. Dobbs Ferry Public Library, 55 Main St. dobbsferrylibrary.org

“Expressions: Real and Absurd”

HASTINGS

8:30 a.m.–4 p.m. / Free. Village Hall, 7 Maple Ave. The exhibit celebrates the life and artistic journey of Allen M. Hart. Through June 2. Opening reception Sunday, April 12, 4–6 p.m.

Friday Night Live: Words-on-Hudson

HASTINGS

6–9 p.m. / Free. James Harmon Community Center, 44 Main St. Author and poet read-

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The Agenda

ings, plus the City Lore POEMobile. *Destination Hastings.org*

Chamber Music Concert: "Genius"

IRVINGTON
7 p.m. / \$15–\$45. Irvington Theater, 85 Main St. American Classical Orchestra performs Schubert's String Quintet in C major. *irvington-theater.com*

Free First Fridays

YONKERS
5–8 p.m. / Free admission. Hudson River Museum, 511 Warburton Ave. Featuring two live theremin performances in the planetarium, accompanied by immersive visuals under the dome. *hrm.org*

Lyndhurst Classic Mansion Tour

TARRYTOWN
10 a.m.–4 p.m. / \$5–\$26. Lyndhurst, 635 S. Broadway. The historic mansion opens for the season with guided tours encompassing the first and second floors of the mansion, spanning approximately 16 rooms. Through Sept. 20. Timed entry tickets required. *lyndhurst.org*

Helen Sung's Oracle Quartet

TARRYTOWN
7 and 9:30 p.m. / \$35, \$30 for students. Jazz

Forum Club, 1 Dixon Lane. Also on April 11. *jazzforumarts.org*

A.J. Croce

TARRYTOWN
8 p.m. / \$57–\$87. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St. *tarrytownmusicall.org*

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. Artist talk and reception on April 19, 3–5 p.m. 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*

"River Dreamer"

HASTINGS
Village Hall, 7 Maple Ave. Recent works by artist Neil Lavey of Dobbs Ferry. On view through April 3.

"Eternal Verities, Felt Thoughts"

HASTINGS
Upstream Gallery, 8 Main St. Exhibit of Madge Scott's latest works. On view through April 5.

Hours: Thursday–Sunday, 12:30–5:30 p.m. *upstreamgallery.com*

"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*

"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*

"The Octagon House: 1876 Centennial Tour"

IRVINGTON
The Armour-Stiner Octagon House, 45 W. Clinton Ave. Celebrate America's Semiquincentennial with a tour of the eight-sided domed landmark embodying the nation's independent spirit. Various times through Sept. 20. For ages 7 and up. Advance tickets required. *armourstiner.com*

Juried Members Exhibition

YONKERS
Blue Door Art Center, 13 Riverdale Ave. On view through April 11. Thursday and Friday, 3–6 p.m.; Saturday, 1–6 p.m. *bluedoorartcenter.org*

"Modern Women/Modern Vision"

YONKERS
Hudson River Museum, 511 Warburton Ave. The exhibit featuring almost 100 images is on view through May 10. Hours: Wednesday–Friday, noon–5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: \$15 for adults, \$8 for ages 3–18, \$9 for students and seniors, free for members and children under 3. *hrm.org*

"Shen Wei: Still/Moving"

TARRYTOWN
The Pocantico Center, 200 Lake Road. Large-scale landscapes reflect Wei's ongoing dialogue with Chinese traditional painting and nature. On view Fridays and Saturdays through April 18. *rbf.org/pocantico/events*

"Seasonal Shifts"

PLEASANTVILLE
Rockefeller State Park Preserve, 125 Phelps Way. Nine artists explore the annual rhythms that shape our natural surroundings and our emotional landscapes. On view through April 11. *rockefellerstateparkpreserve.eventbrite.com*

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Out-of-control deer population needs to be culled in Hastings

To the Editor:

I want to applaud the Village of Hastings for revisiting the issue of culling deer in Hillside Woods. Since the contraception program ended, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of deer in our yards and streets.

Two mayoral administrations ago, the matter of culling was also floated, but a loud minority rose up to quash it. Since then, other jurisdictions in Westchester have managed the deer population with bow hunters, including Teatown Lake Reservation, a 1,000-acre private preserve in Ossining, and Rockefeller State Park Preserve.

Now that Dobbs Ferry and Irvington have decided to cull, or harvest, deer to end the destruction of their woodlands, it's time for Hastings to do the same. The understorey in

Hillside Woods is gone, which means there are no saplings to take the place of mature trees when they die. That's bad for the deer, which need vegetation to survive, and it's awful for other wildlife that depend on a healthy woods.

The deer population in Westchester has been out of control for decades, the result of sensible restrictions on firearms hunting in the county (due to the population density). Without top predators like wolves and mountain lions, hunting is the one way to preserve ecological balance. Every other county in the state, with the exception of the five boroughs and Long Island, use hunting seasons to do just that. Absent the ability to hunt, Hastings and other villages must resort to culling via professional bow hunting.

A runaway deer population leads to spikes in Lyme disease, deer-vehicle collisions, and a loss of biodiversity. Culling can be done in a way that is humane and safe, and the deer meat can be donated to local food pantries or soup kitchens. It's time.

Lisa Foderaro

HASTINGS

Bernstein

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This was a source of interest for Bernstein, who said that the way Earle “told his stories [was] oftentimes... even more relentless about his inner self and his psychology.” An example he gave was how Earle spoke in interviews about his parents.

“He talked about his dad [Grammy award-winning singer-songwriter Steve Earle] as the villain, absent father figure in his life, and he talked about his mom as the courageous, brave, heroic, single mother who raised him exclusively,” Bernstein said. “Both of his parents had a really hard time raising Justin, and so learning how he portrayed his parents said so much... about how he viewed the world and how he kind of needed to see the world... His difficult and crazy life, in order to make some sense to the public and to the rest of the world, he had to spin his truth in a certain way.”

In the book, Bernstein navigates Earle's rocky childhood in South Nashville, Tenn., with a famous father. To do this, Bernstein interviewed Earle's friends and neighbors from that period, and anyone “who crossed paths with him as a kid.” He found that many of them shared the “difficult” experience of growing up with a parent in the music industry.

“A lot of kids that Justin went to elementary school with, a lot of their dads were either producers or touring artists or songwriters or record label heads,” Bernstein said.

“As a kid, you feel like you're sharing your parent with the rest of the world, especially if they are a public star or an artist that has fans... It made me realize how powerful and specific [this] difficult experience was for not only him, but a whole generation.”

Through learning about Earle's life, Bernstein also gained a deeper understanding of his music and what his songs were about.

“I had this amazing experience as a fan of taking in all this beautiful information about art and his life and what, even if it was sometimes dark, went into his art,” he said. “How beautifully he was able to translate that stuff into these songs and to convert them into music that so many people have connected with and has made so many people's lives better.”

His goal in writing Earle's biography was to share an honest, empathetic perspective on a complex individual, one that did not glamorize his struggles with addiction.

“He was a flawed and beautiful human,” Bernstein said, “I really wanted to try to write a book that was rooted in his humanity and rooted in trying to better understand and show for his fans and his readers, his humanity in all its shades.”

“What Do You Do When You're Lonesome: The Authorized Biography of Justin Townes Earle” has a cover price of \$30.

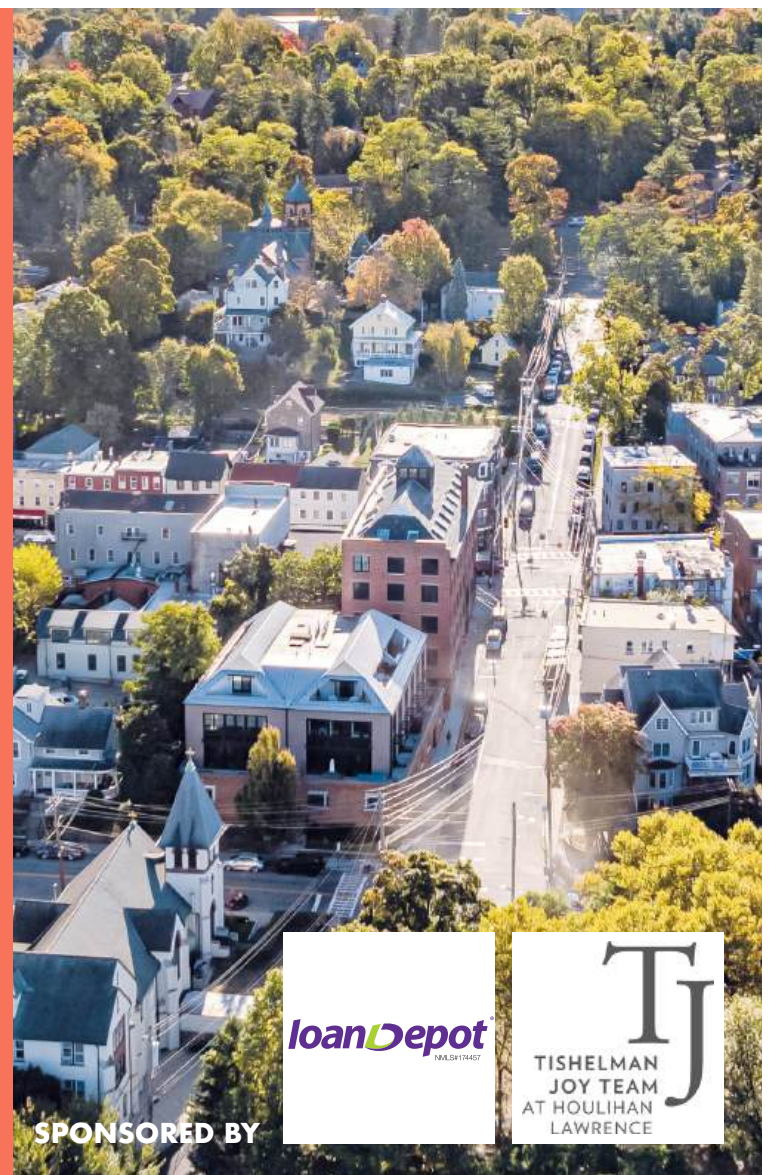
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Festival Disney

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Musically, Munjal emphasized the value of performing for professional adjudicators and receiving detailed feedback that pushed the ensemble beyond what is typically covered in school rehearsals. One key takeaway for the wind ensemble was learning how to create a unified sound.

“If you can figure out how to breathe in

sync, it’s less disjointed and more together,” he said. “We had talked about breathing before, but we never really practiced it like that, and it felt like we were really improving our overall sound quality. Even in such a short time, we learned a lot,” Munjal added.

He also noted that the experience broadened his perspective. “Seeing all these other bands at the awards ceremony made me realize the music world is very big,” he said.

For junior Lea Federman, a soprano,

traveling with her friends was meaningful.

“Getting to spend the time with them just really meant so much, especially in a context where we weren’t bound by school or other responsibilities,” she said. “We all felt a great sense of independence and freedom, but we also knew we were safe with our chaperones’ guidance. I think it brought us much closer together.”

Federman, still hoarse from screaming on Expedition Everest, which she rode three

times, described the feedback her ensemble received as “sophisticated.”

“We were being spoken to in such a grown-up way, and it really resonated with us — we definitely received great tools that we’re going to take back and use in the future,” she said.

She added, “But what I’ll remember most is not the specific rides I went on or our score at the competition, just all the time that I spent with my favorite people.”

Sounds of Valor

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he’s the only person involved who hasn’t served in the military. Ribler has worked as musical director for rock guitarist Stevie Van Zandt, and with Sounds of Valor he plays a similar role, taking the lead in organizing song arrangements. Ribler, who lives in New Jersey, is a friend of members of the Docufilms production team, and is volunteering his time to work with the band.

Mooney remembers the musicians impressing Ribler from the first rehearsal.

“We played and we took instructions and nobody complained, we all listened,” Mooney recalled. “Marc was so surprised, he said that usually in the first rehearsal no one really listens. And one guy said, ‘We’re soldiers, we listen.’ It’s so true. We make mistakes, but we don’t want to make the same mistake twice.”

Mooney’s original songs in the concert include the up-tempo “Better Days,” about a

man enjoying his life; “Cindy’s Song,” which is named after and dedicated to his wife; and “Never Give It Up,” about two friends meeting up after years apart. Mooney hopes the songs will have audiences standing and singing along, and that the talent on stage helps them realize that veterans are not defined solely by their military experiences.

“It’s not all sad stories,” Mooney said. “Even though they’re [sad stories] there, there’s joy in being a vet and joy in your life afterwards. And I want people to have fun.”

The Sounds of Valor concert is Thursday, April 9 at 7 p.m. at Irvington Theater, 85 Main St. Tickets are \$25 for all ages and can be purchased at irvingtontheater.com. Proceeds from ticket and album sales will go to De-cruit, an organization that uses exploration of classical theater and narrative writing practice to support military veterans living through trauma, and The Headstrong Project, which provides mental health care for veterans living with PTSD.

Feng to ISEF

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understanding of the impact of copper on plant development from reading journal articles and research papers by scientists such as his mentor for the Science Research program, Ju-Chen Chia. Chia works in the Olena Vatamaniuk plant research lab at Cornell University. Through Irvington’s Science Research program, students like

Feng seek out mentors based on their chosen field of study.

While Feng is not planning on being a science major, he does want to take science classes in college.

He admitted that he initially was concerned that his lack of lab involvement might put him at a disadvantage in WESEF.

“Something I learned throughout the journey of preparing for and presenting at WESEF is that it’s really all about your

ability to present your research, regardless of the type of research, and the importance of being able to confidently present yourself, because ultimately everyone worked really hard,” Feng said.

Feng’s project will compete at ISEF, in Phoenix, from May 9-15, where prizes across 22 different categories range from \$600 to \$100,000 for the top overall prize.

Feng credits his Science Research program teachers, Amy Ma and Nadia Parikka,

for pushing him to take advantage of this opportunity.

“Qualifying for ISEF development wouldn’t have been possible without my mentor, and my teachers Ms. Parikka and Ms. Ma,” Feng said. “Even though they’re pretty hard on us through the school year, I realized that the reason why they’re hard on us is because they definitely care about us and they want us to prepare enough for us to be recognized for our work at WESEF.”





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RESERVATIONS



'No Kings'

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and Venezuela and threatening Canada, it really feels quite insane.”

Hastings resident Julie Kipp carried a green flag with a peace symbol on it. She described herself as a “peacenik,” having been protesting wars for decades. The flag she brought to the “No Kings” rally was from 23 years ago, when the U.S. invaded Iraq.

“I think I got demoralized after that, because so many people said ‘no’ to [invading] Iraq, and we still went and stayed there for so long,” she said. “But now I’m kind of reinvigorated, because what else are we going to do?”

Steve and Bobbi Seigelbaum of the Bronx have been protesting wars for 60 years. Steve often plays the guitar at the CFOW rallies and leads chants, using the same words he’s invoked for decades.

“I’d like to be able to stop, but events don’t let me,” he said. “If it’s not civil rights, it’s women’s rights, it’s human rights, it’s LGBTQ rights, it’s genocide in Gaza — on and on. I’d like to be able to stay at home and chill, but the fascists and the imperialists don’t let me.”

In addition to the more experienced activists, children and teenagers participated in the protest. During the open mic, 14-year-old Mateo Hurtado shared his perspective with the crowd.

“You don’t need to be older, even in your 20s, to understand a few things,” he said. “We are the people. We don’t want war, we don’t want death, we don’t want ICE. We don’t want felons, we don’t want pedophiles in the White House... We want people to go to school without being scared.”

Ten-year-old Jonas Baer, the grandson of Safeguarding Democracy leader John Baer, also took the mic. “I want a safe country that I can learn in, have fun in... I have a friend from Russia, and I don’t want him to be taken away by ICE,” he said.

The deployment of ICE was a recurring



A Trump supporter drives past the spot where protestors from Hastings and Yonkers met on Warburton Avenue.

theme throughout the protest. At VFW Plaza, Imamura announced his intent to introduce legislation to the Westchester Board of Legislators banning law enforcement, including ICE, from wearing masks.

“If law enforcement is wearing masks, they are cowards,” he said. “We need to ensure that law enforcement identifies themselves. We need to ensure that there is accountability.”

Several protestors wore red knitted hats with tassels, also known as “Melt the ICE” hats. The knitting pattern was created by Paul Neary of the Minneapolis-based store Needle & Skein in response to the surge of

ICE officials in his city and the killing of resident Renee Good by a federal agent. The money raised from the pattern benefits nonprofits supporting immigrants in the Minneapolis area.

The events in Minneapolis inspired Dobbs Ferry resident David Saunders to attend the rally, alongside his young son, Jack,

“[A] reason we’re here is to stand with

“At my nephew’s high school, kids got pepper-sprayed by ICE. My sister had to stand guard outside of her kid’s daycare. This is the least we can do.”

David Saunders of Dobbs Ferry

my family, who’s in Minneapolis,” Saunders said. “I feel a solidarity with them... At my nephew’s high school, kids got pepper-sprayed by ICE. My sister had to stand guard outside of her kid’s daycare. This is the least we can do.”

Many speakers expressed concerns about the state of democracy and the security of the upcoming midterm elections.

“Trump is going to become more unpopular as a result of this [war in Iran], and because of that, we’re going to have to protect our elections, because Trump is going

to try to do everything to intimidate people to not vote,” Steve Glusker of Ardsley said.

Bailey Beeken of New York City called for unity across political lines.

“They are dividing us so they cannot see that the oligarchs are, in fact, in charge,” she said. “The kings in my mind today [are] Peter Thiel, Sam Altman, Mark Zuckerberg — these are the criminals that are carrying and moving this, if you want to call it administration, forward.”

There was a moment of silence honoring service members and their families. The last speaker, Diane Rosen of Hartsdale, also acknowledged the people who may have been unable to attend the rally out of fear.

“It is important for us to raise our voices for them loud and clear and against an administration that wages illegal war on countries around the world, on Iran... in Gaza, in Venezuela,” she said. “Wherever you look, the United States’ money is there, and we need to raise our voices for those invisible people who do not have the freedom to come up here like we do.”

Some speakers shared personal anecdotes about what the rally meant to them, like Thomas Hoffman, a Holocaust survivor.

“I was born May 8, 1944, in hiding in Budapest, Hungary,” he said. “My mother and my siblings, everybody else, including my father, was killed by the Nazis. In January of 1951, my family crossed the Atlantic Ocean on a ship called the Liberty... The first thing we saw in America was the Statue of Liberty.”

Referring to the crowd, he added “Today is why I came to America.”



Protestors at VFW Plaza in Hastings.

BY KIDS



FOR KIDS

Dinosaurs in our Backyard: Yes, They Really Roamed Here!

BY: SAMMY W-P., 8

TRACKS LEAVE CLUES

Imagine a hot swampy world with dinosaurs, tall conifers, and ferns. Welcome to long ago in the dinosaur times in New York.

Did you know that in Rockland County footprints called *Atreipus* tracks and footprints called *Grallator* tracks have been found?



Detail of the tracks

The *Grallator* tracks were in the mud and somewhat well preserved, says Dr. Lisa Amati, curator of paleontology at the New York State

Museum and state paleontologist. Dr. Amati said, "We do know a little about the dinosaur that made the tracks... They're three-toed tracks, and based on their size, we can guess the dinosaur was about the size and shape of *Coelophysis*... but it probably wasn't *Coelophysis*. Until we find more bones or better tracks, that's as much as we can really know."

The *Grallator* tracks were found in Nyack Beach State Park across the Hudson River in 1972. Can you imagine that? In our backyard. And who knows, there might be much more.

Read a longer excerpt from the interview online:



DINOS OF THE NORTHEAST

Dinosaurs that probably roamed in what is present day New York:

Coelophysis-like dinosaur

Coelophysis was a small dinosaur that ate meat. It was ten feet long. It loved eating lizards.



The *Hadrosaurus* was a herbivore. It was 25 feet long. It lived in New Jersey. It was the first almost complete dinosaur fossil found in the United States. It lived in the Late Cretaceous period.

Anchisaurus was small and vulnerable. It was 6.5 feet long. It ran from predators. It ate plants. It lived 206 million years ago in Connecticut.



SPRING BREAK MATCH-UP: FLORIDA VS. HAWAII

BY: LEON R., 8

In Hawaii, kids can snorkel, surf, and explore black beaches. When I was in Hawaii, I touched a dolphin. It felt like a smoother version of plastic. It felt so good! In Florida, kids can also swim, snorkel, and surf. They can go to Disney World, too. I liked the beaches better in Hawaii because the waves were better.

Hawaii is on average 85 degrees F in the summer. Florida is 90 degrees F or more in the summer. Kids might feel a little hot in Florida then.

My favorite food in Hawaii is açaí bowls. The food is so fresh in Hawaii. My favorite food in Florida is key lime pie. The food in Florida is good.

New York to Florida takes about three hours. Hawaii takes 11-12 hours from New York. On a longer trip like this, kids might feel sick. Bring bags for the plane!

What do you think? Which place is better? Hawaii or Florida?



Danny golfs in Florida

"I really like Florida because when I go, the weather is great, there are a lot of pools, and there are golf courses."

-Danny, 11

FLORIDA

- Home to Disney World
- Sticks out of the southeastern corner of the U.S.
- In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon lands in Florida and claims it for Spain
- Florida manatees are a threatened species
- Gatorade was invented in Florida
- The capital is Tallahassee

"I would definitely go back to Hawaii, because it was a very fun and once in a lifetime experience. When I went there, my family and I drove up to the top of a large volcano, and the views were amazing."

-Ella, 12



Ella (R) with her sister Lucy in Hawaii

HAWAII

- Oahu has the largest population of the Hawaiian islands.
- People have lived in Hawaii for more than 1,500 years
- Aloha means hello in Hawaiian
- The time change from NY is 5 hours
- It's super small compared to other states
- Hawaiian state bird is a nēnē



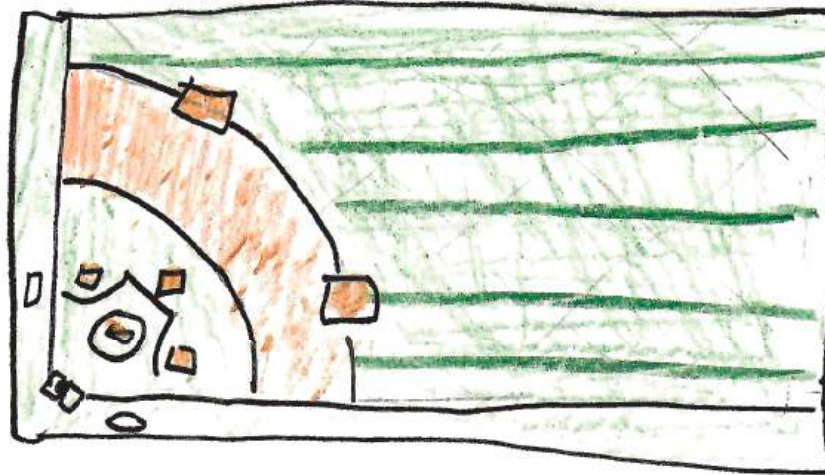
Into the Stretch: Dobbs Ferry Eagles' Baseball Season Preview

By: Henry H., 12

Art by Quinn C., 9

Are you ready for the exhilaration and thrill of the high school baseball season? Coach Adamo of the Dobbs Ferry Eagles, a Section 1, Class B high school baseball team, spoke to the Little Dispatch about when the season starts, competition, where they play, and even his experience coaching.

The Eagles are building primarily on young sophomores and juniors in their first or second year of playing. The team lost about 20 seniors last year to colleges and other schools. Coach Adamo shared that his competition is always very strong, however, his team has a similar schedule to last season's, so he feels



pretty comfortable. He said that one of the best things about playing in Section 1 high school baseball is the competition.

When asked about preparation for the season he said that they are really doing as much as they can, including physical training like batting practice and pitching sessions. They

are also doing mental practice by practicing being good student athletes and balancing school, baseball, and home life evenly. Coach Adamo stressed how much his players care about this team, town, and how much they care about each other.

Does Coach Adamo have a favorite season or team? Coach Adamo says,

"Every season has its accomplishments and memorable players, families, and achievements. It's really tough to pick one. Obviously, the last few seasons stand out immediately... Having a team with that many upperclassmen and that amount of talent doesn't come often. So, I would have to say the last couple of seasons."

With so many seniors graduating last year, Coach Adamo explained that they are basically filling an entire roster, which is a challenge. He feels that when you have that kind of turnover, it releases opportunity. It's a young group with a lot to prove. The team has their next game this season on April 7 versus Edgemont.

CROSSWORD CORNER Spring Into Action

By: Sienna L-E., 10

Test your knowledge of the season and sustainability...
then grab a pencil and fill in the squares!

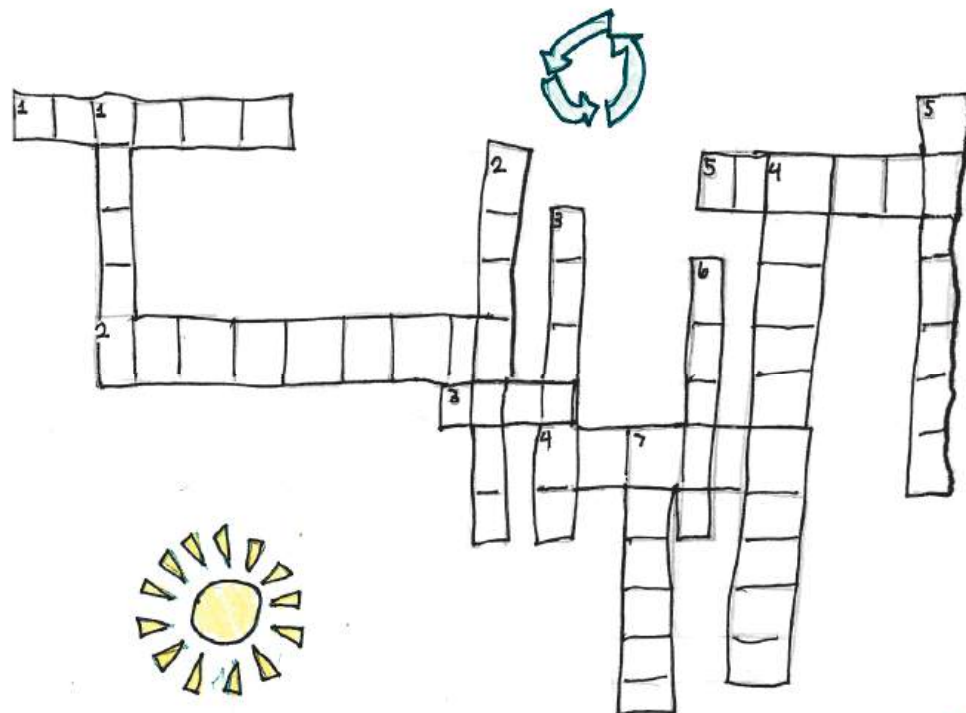


Across

1. a season that comes after winter
2. when living things work together to create an _____
3. water falling from clouds in the sky
4. a type of flower that starts with the letter "T" (plural)
5. not to throw something away, but to put it in a different bin when it's used

Down

1. to use something again (Hint: one of the 3 R's)
2. living things that eat food
3. living things that don't eat food
4. the act of making something in soil
5. colorful plants that have petals
6. the second month of spring
7. flowers that start with the letter "L" and are usually light purple



answer key

- ACROSS**
5. RECYCLE
 4. TULIPS
 3. RAIN
 2. ECOSYSTEM
 1. SPRING
- DOWN**
7. LILACS
 6. APRIL
 5. FLOWERS
 4. COMPOSTING
 3. PLANTS
 2. ANIMALS
 1. REUSE



Sports

EDITED BY ROB DIANTONIO

Young Eagles earn rivalry win over Hastings

— SOFTBALL ROUNDUP —

BY ROB DIANTONIO

Dobbs Ferry's youth is impossible to ignore on paper: Just two seniors, one junior — a roster dotted with underclassmen still learning the pace, the pressure, and the expectations of varsity softball.

On March 30, though, none of that mattered. Instead, it was the Eagles who looked poised, resilient, and opportunistic in a 10-5 victory over defending Section 1 Class B champion Hastings — a rival that ended Dobbs Ferry's season a year ago in the finals.

"I know we're early in the season, but it's something big to us," eighth-grader Victoria Baron said. "Rivals are rivals. It means something to win against someone you lost to in a big game."

After the Eagles took a 1-0 lead, Hastings responded in the top of the second inning when Ruby Wallach drove in Ella Rizzo and Lexie Schur to give the visitors 2-1 advantage. Abby Weiss followed with an RBI to plate Wallach, stretching the lead to 3-1.

For a young team still trying to establish its identity, it could have been a moment where things unraveled. Instead, it became the turning point.

Dobbs, which improved to 3-0, erupted for five runs in the bottom of the third inning. Ella Rizzo got things started with an RBI, Baron followed with a two-run double, senior Gianna Stone added an RBI ground-out, and Emma DeFilippis scored on a wild pitch as the Eagles surged ahead 6-3.

"No matter if it was a strikeout, no matter if it was a triple, we all picked each other up," Baron said. "We think of it as a train. If one person does something, either good or bad, we pick each other up no matter what."

Junior shortstop Nicolette Giorgio went three for four with a double and an RBI, consistently putting pressure on Hastings' defense.

"Everybody thought since we lost so many girls last year that we wouldn't be on top of this," Giorgio said, "but we all pulled it together and worked together to make it happen."

The Eagles added three runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to extend the lead to 9-3. Giorgio delivered an RBI single to score senior center fielder Kamryn Addis (four putouts), later coming home on a wild pitch. Another run crossed on a defensive miscue.

Hastings showed signs of life in the fifth inning. Ella Rizzo and Hazel Sabella each delivered RBI singles to trim the deficit to 9-5, but Dobbs never allowed the momentum to fully shift.

Baron made sure of that.



Dobbs Ferry's Victoria Baron, Emily Marron, Lucy Logan, and Nicolette Giorgio celebrate a win over Hastings. Photo by Rob DiAntonio.

The eighth-grader, who already logged varsity innings as a seventh-grader last season, delivered a complete-game performance in the circle. She struck out seven, walked one, and allowed three earned runs, settling in as the game progressed.

"I really just wanted to win," Baron said. "Before [the game], I was honestly really, really nervous. But I really wanted to win. My loss last year was horrific. It's hard to bounce back and then hard to come back and face the same team you lost to."

Baron also contributed at the plate, going two for three with three RBIs, including a sacrifice fly in the sixth inning that provided a final insurance run.

For Hastings (2-1), the offense was steady but not enough to overcome defensive miscues. Wallach finished two for three with two RBIs, Ella Rizzo went three for four with an RBI, and Weiss added two hits and an RBI.

"We need to take this one on the chin and tip our hats to Dobbs Ferry on a well-played game," Hastings coach Kaitlin Degnan said. "We had too many mistakes in the field and didn't take advantage of runners in scoring position."

While the result carried extra meaning given last season's sectional final, Dobbs Ferry coach Kim Reznicek has made it clear that her focus remains on development, not

revenge. With five key seniors gone from last year's lineup, this season has been about discovery — figuring out roles, building confidence, and embracing growing pains.

"I think it's such a young group that I'm still trying to figure out who we are," Reznicek said. "Everyone can pinpoint it towards it's Hastings, it's your rival, and it's who you lost to in the finals. Honestly, I just need these young girls to understand that it's just any other game. We need to just build our confidence and build our wins in any capacity."

She continued, "It's been one of the most fun beginnings of a season that I've had. You're nervous coming into it because there are so many question marks. But they're just showing me that they love softball and they just want to win."

Still, Reznicek was quick to keep the bigger picture in perspective. "It's March 30th," she said. "There's so much time left. There are still so many holes that we have to fix."

Giorgio echoed that mindset, emphasizing the importance of staying grounded.

"We just remind ourselves that this is just another game," she said. "We're going to take it one game at a time and see where it leads us."

Winning pitcher Baron recorded her 100th career strikeout in a 9-1 rout of visiting Blind Brook on March 27. She recorded

nine strikeouts. Bela Abraham (2-3, 2RBIs), Giorgio, (2-3), Stone (2-3), and Addis (2-4) paced the offense. The Eagles opened the season with a 17-1 five-inning road win over Byram Hills on March 25. Baron (win, 8K, OER, 2-2), Emily Marron (4-4, 4RBIs), Abraham (3-3, 2B, 3RBIs), Addis (3-3, RBI), Stone (2-2, 2RBIs), and Giorgio (4RBIs) led the way.

Hastings started the campaign with a 16-0 road rout of Valhalla on March 25. Sophia Pereira (2-2, HR, 3RBIs), Sabella (3-4, 2RBIs), Rizzo (3RBIs), Izzy Doherty (2RBIs), Lola Norlander (2RBIs), and Siri Rosenberg (2-4, RBI, win, 3H, 7Ks) sparked the team. The Jackets defeated host Byram Hills 17-10 on March 27. Norlander (4-4, 3RBIs, 2 doubles), Pereira (3-4, 3RBIs), Rizzo (3-4, 4RBIs), Rosenberg (3-3, save, 4Ks), and Sabella (win) were key contributors.

Irvington rolls past Sleepy Hollow in opener

Irvington started the season strong, defeating host Sleepy Hollow 21-6 on March 26. Nia Kilbury netted the win, striking out seven while recording two hits and four RBIs offensively. Kayla Clinton drove in five runs. Jordan Henry, a freshman, tallied her first varsity hit.

Sports

Ardsley storms past Hastings for 10-goal win in lacrosse

— VARSITY ROUNDUP —

BY ROB DIANTONIO

Coming off a loss to Irvington, Ardsley responded with a sharp, complete effort, rolling to a 13-3 win over visiting Hastings in a girls' lacrosse game on March 25. Ardsley improved to 3-1, while it marked the season opener for a young Hastings squad.

The Panthers set the tone immediately, building a 5-1 lead after one quarter. Lyla Vega punctuated the opening surge with a coast-to-coast goal, weaving through traffic and finishing with 13 seconds left to give Ardsley full control.

That momentum carried into the second quarter, where Ardsley added four goals to stretch the advantage to 9-2 by halftime. Crisp ball movement and balanced scoring defined the stretch, with the Panthers consistently finding the open player and capitalizing.

"They moved the ball well," Ardsley coach Scott Miele said. "We were seeing the open girl and getting rid of the rainbow pass. But all our offense starts on the defensive side, and I feel like our defense really stepped up and cleaned up from our past game and continued to play well this game."

The Panthers forced turnovers, won ground balls, and quickly transitioned up the field. Hazel McGourty was a key presence in that regard, finishing with four ground balls to go along with two goals and two assists.

The Panthers continued to build on their lead in the third quarter. Lyv Pulver converted an 8-meter opportunity to make it 10-2, and moments later Juliette An delivered a behind-the-back goal to extend the margin to 11-2.

An (1A) and Pulver led the Panthers with three goals apiece. Liliana Champion scored twice. Krista Kelly contributed a goal and three assists, and Anna Gallante added a goal and two assists. Lily Tiernan dished out two assists and Maia Hadi added one.

The offensive production reflected a



Ardsley's Liliana Champion crosses midfield as Hastings' Hanna Lambert defends. Photo by Rob DiAntonio.

team-first approach that Miele has emphasized early in the season.

"It's great," Miele said of the balanced scoring. "We talk about not having a personal ego. They're not scared to get rid of the ball and make their teammates better and get the ball around."

Ardsley's response also reflected a focused effort to bounce back from the Irvington loss.

"They definitely felt like they could have played better during that Irvington game," Miele said. "They wanted to go out there and show everyone that we're a good team."

While the offense drew attention, Ardsley's defense and goaltending were equally steady. Sienna Kay made six saves, helping

coach Ricky Chenard, Ardsley is embracing it head-on. Chenard, a 2017 Ardsley graduate, steps into the role after serving as an assistant under Sean Cappiello. Rather than framing 2026 as a reset, the Panthers are approaching it with a clear message.

"This year we have a mindset of it not being a 'rebuild,' but a 'reload,'" Chenard said. "Being year two, our theme is, 'Panthers on the surge.'"

Ardsley returns a strong junior core, led by Morgan Macri, an all-section wide receiver/safety, who headlines a group that includes all-league selection Khloe Knoesel (LB/C), all-league honorable mention Cayden Barrocas (RB), all-league honorable mention Ava Santavicca (WR/DB), and quarterback Elise O'Brien, who replaces 2025 graduate Joie Levy, the Class C Offensive MVP last season.

limit Hastings' opportunities and preserve the comfortable lead throughout the second half.

For Hastings, Alina Abrams led the way with two goals, while Mila Angoff added a goal and Elissa Huang recorded an assist. Goalie Saydi Landon made 10 saves, including several key stops that helped slow Ardsley's momentum after halftime.

"The second half was much better," Hastings coach Marissa Staffu said. "I think the defense really kind of took what we talked about at halftime and got in front of their cutters. Honestly, the defense and our goalie saved the second half for us, so I was much happier with that. Attack is what we're still going to continue to work on."

Macri and O'Brien will serve as captains alongside seniors Samara Hadi and Dylan Paley. Paley — one of the team's most dynamic players last season with over 1,000 all-purpose yards — is out for the year with a torn ACL suffered during basketball season.

Ardsley's roster is built on speed and versatility, with multiple players capable of lining up across positions. Newcomers like junior Alexis Fitzsimmons, and freshmen Ella Barrocas, Meghan Berry, and Morgan Hamlet add to that flexibility, giving Chenard options on both sides of the ball.

But what separates this group, according to its coach, goes beyond physical tools.

"Our greatest strength is communication and poise," Chenard said. "Offensively and defensively, we are great communicators, always talking and being on the same page.

Despite the loss, Staffu pointed to growth from a young roster. "This first game was probably better than last year's last game," she said. "Just to see how they played from the beginning to the end and being able to take those coaching points was really awesome."

For Ardsley, the performance offered a glimpse of what the group could become as the season progresses.

"I'm really liking how this group is coming together," Miele said. "They have a really tight bond. It's one of those teams that you remember for a very long time."

Baseball

Irvington (1-1) rallied to defeat Sleepy Hollow 9-8 on March 26. Justin Salvatore picked up his first varsity win, tossing four innings of no-hit ball while striking out 11. Justin Corniel (4-4, 2 doubles, 1 triple), Navy Minkoff (2-3, 3RBIs), and Brian Kim (2RBIs) sparked the offense.

Dobbs Ferry improved to 2-0 with an 8-3 win over visiting Saunders on March 27. Brendan Molina (3.1IP, 3H, 0ER, 3Ks) and Drew Kimerling (2IP, 2H, 1ER, 0BB) paced the pitching effort. Jake Evan (2-3, 2RBIs, 2 runs), D.J. Kollar (RBI), and Brendan Maron (2-4, RBI, double) led the offense.

Hastings (1-2) traveled south and played two games in Florida at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex. The Yellow Jackets lost to Pelham 2-0 on March 30 and fell to Westlake 11-2 the next day.

Ardsley (0-2) lost to host Hendrick Hudson 5-1 on March 28. On March 26, the Panthers were leading visiting Albertus Magnus 6-2, but the game was called in the top of the fourth inning due to darkness and will be made up at a later date.

Boys' lacrosse

Ardsley (0-2) fell to host White Plains 15-2 on March 27. Robbie Miele scored both goals for the Panthers and won 10 of 21 faceoffs. Jackson Rosenfeld made 12 saves.

No matter the situation, we stay calm, cool, and collected."

That composure showed up in last year's playoff run, and it's central to Ardsley's identity moving forward. The Panthers emphasize a "next play" mentality — limiting mistakes by refusing to dwell on them.

Ardsley is aiming for at least 10 regular-season wins, a league title, and another trip to the sectional final, according to Chenard. This time, the goal is to finish the job — and potentially push all the way to the state's final four.

The Panthers opened the season with an 18-13 loss to Eastchester on March 18. The team was led by O'Brien (130 passing yards, 2 TD passes), Macri (100 yards receiving, 2 TD catches), Fitzsimmons (7 tackles),

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Ardsley Panthers reload after near sectional title

— FLAG FOOTBALL PREVIEW —

BY ROB DIANTONIO

Ardsley

Last year, during their inaugural season, Ardsley came within a single point of a Section 1 Class C championship, falling 13-12 to Hendrick Hudson to finish with an 11-4 record. That kind of debut could set the tone for a program's future — and under new head

Sports

Irvington alum Chevrier leads Tappan Zee to state title

BY ROB DIANTONIO

Riley Chevrier had been here before — just not like this.

As a basketball player at Irvington, she helped bring home a state title. This time, she did it on the sidelines, guiding Tappan Zee to a 54-48 win over Section 3's Notre Dame in the Class A state final on March 22 at Hudson Valley Community College, securing the first state championship in program history.

"It's always the goal," said Chevrier, née Riley Harrington. "There isn't much else I could hope to accomplish as a coach. That said, making this run with this group was special. They really believed that we had a chance, and I believed in them."

It was the kind of win that didn't just validate a season — it stamped a program. For Chevrier, it completed a full-circle moment years in the making. Long before she was diagramming plays, Chevrier was running them as a point guard at Irvington High School. A 2010 graduate, she helped lead the Bulldogs to a state title in her senior year — the same prize she now guided her own team to as a coach.

Chevrier played under legendary coach Gina Maher, whose 814 career wins stand as the most in New York State history. Maher's influence remains embedded in how Chevrier approaches the game — and her players.

"Ms. Maher taught us how to expect things of ourselves before we knew we could," Chevrier said. "She loves all of her players as people first, before players, and because of that is able to be harder on them. She is the blueprint. Every day I try to do things just a little closer to how she does them."



Irvington graduate Riley Chevrier talks with her Tappan Zee squad during a timeout. Photo by Dave Taber.

Maher, who retired this past fall after 50 seasons, was in attendance throughout Tappan Zee's run — a presence that made the moment even more meaningful.

"Having her come to all of our games was special," Chevrier said. "I will never take for granted the role she has had in my life."

Tappan Zee's path to the title wasn't fueled by a single star. It was built on depth, versatility, and a collective understanding of roles — something Chevrier emphasized from the outset.

In the Section 1 final, the Dutchmen knocked off Pelham, 47-31, to claim the championship. They earned a 47-44 win over Section 8's Plainedge in the regional

final, then pulled away late for a 60-52 victory against Albany Academy in the state semifinals.

Each step looked a little different. Each time, someone new stepped forward.

"Everyone on the team played their role," Chevrier said. "We had different players step up at different points throughout the season and that made us a very tough matchup."

That adaptability proved crucial in March, when games tightened and possessions mattered more. It also reflected a philosophy Chevrier has leaned into over her nine seasons as head coach — one that values trust as much as talent.

"We didn't rely on one player," she said.

"We could go three or four players into our bench and compete, and that's really what made us successful."

If there was a turning point, it came late in the regular season. After a loss to Ursuline, Chevrier challenged her team — and they responded with one of their most complete performances in a win over Ketcham.

"I coached some of the players up pretty hard," she said. "They responded. We played more as a team than ever, and the players really accepted their roles."

Championship teams aren't just built in practice gyms. Sometimes, they're built around dinner tables. "It took a lot of pasta parties," Chevrier said.

But behind the lighthearted answer was a deeper truth about what made this group click. Chevrier simplified her system, emphasizing consistency and clarity over constant adjustment. One of the clearest examples: Tappan Zee didn't play a single possession of zone defense all season.

"We really dialed in on the things that we wanted to be excellent at rather than change a game plan daily," she said. "Simplifying defense like that allowed our players to trust each other and the team defense rather than guessing on rotations they weren't familiar with."

Chevrier has built Tappan Zee into a consistent contender. The résumé now includes three section titles, two regional championships, and — with this year's breakthrough — a state crown. Her career record stands at 148-54.

"This group came together in a special way to make it happen," Chevrier said. "It was a joy to coach them."

Flag football

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Santavicca (38 yards rushing, INT), Siena Bennett (6T), Knoesel (6T), Angie Fiordimalva (5T), Hamlet (sack), and Ella Barrocas (30 yards receiving).

Ardslay (0-2) fell to host Hen Hud 26-0 on March 26. Hamlet (42 yards rushing), Knoesel (5T), Fiordimalva (3T, INT), Bennett (4T), and Maggie Donovan (3T) led the team.

Dobbs Ferry

Dobbs Ferry is taking a different path into 2026 — one rooted in growth.

The Eagles went 6-10 last season and bowed out in the Class C quarterfinals against Bronxville, but head coach Vinny Garofalo sees a team that's trending upward in their second season as a program.

"We're looking to improve every day and hopefully turn that into a winning record this season," Garofalo said.

The foundation starts with senior

quarterback and linebacker Mya Ustares, an all-section selection who provides leadership on both sides of the ball. She's joined by fellow captain Jane Bolger, an all-league defensive end and receiver.

Leia Brandon, a sophomore running back/safety, earned all-league honors as a freshman. Her ability to impact the game in multiple phases adds a dynamic element to the Eagles' attack.

Senior Mimi Phillips, a newcomer who can line up at receiver, quarterback, linebacker, and safety, adds even more versatility — something Garofalo values in a sport where adaptability is critical.

Dobbs Ferry's strength lies in its balance. The Eagles don't rely on a single standout or system. Instead, they're built on collective development, with multiple players taking strides since last spring. "We're a very well-balanced team with lots of players showing growth from last season," Garofalo said.

The Eagles (0-1-1) tied Eastchester 13-13 in their season opener on March 23. They

lost to host Westlake/Briarcliff 44-26 on March 27.

Irvington

Irvington enters the season with a fresh start — and a new voice guiding the program. Zach Richardson takes over as head coach after a 1-15 campaign last year, inheriting a group eager to grow and redefine its identity.

The Bulldogs' progress begins with senior quarterback/cornerback Sara Welter, a team captain. "Sara is the definitive leader of our team, with strong game-time awareness and the ability to coach up those around her," Richardson said. "She acts as a second coach on the field."

Welter is part of a senior-led core that includes captain Sabrina Pasternak, a reliable wide receiver and safety with a knack for tracking the ball, and captain Jordana Laks, a disciplined presence in the secondary who excels in coverage.

Junior Piper Keltz (RB/LB) adds another layer with her high football IQ and relentless

defensive play as she's consistently around the ball. Freshman Annabelle Wang, a quarterback and cornerback, could play an immediate role as the Bulldogs look to develop depth.

Irvington's goals center on field awareness — understanding spacing and timing — while also becoming more aggressive defensively. The emphasis is on dictating tempo, tightening coverage, and creating turnovers, according to Richardson.

There's also a broader shift underway. "The goal is shifting from learning the game to winning the game," Richardson said.

That transition won't happen overnight, but the pieces are in place.

"We have a team of quick learners who are eager to get involved," Richardson said. "Our team chemistry is high, and we have a group of athletes that are focused on improvement and camaraderie."

The Bulldogs (0-2) opened the campaign with a 45-0 loss to host Brewster on March 23 and lost to host Putnam Valley 40-0 on March 25.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

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

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

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN, that said vote and election will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 9:00 PM, prevailing time, in the Dobbs Ferry High School Gymnasium, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine upon the following items:

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

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

Springhurst Elementary School

Dobbs Ferry Middle School
Dobbs Ferry High School

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

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN, that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the Superintendent's Office, no later than Monday, April 20, 2026 until 5:00 PM. Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at large. Nominating petitions shall not describe any specific vacancy upon the Board for which the candidate is nominated; must be directed to the Clerk of the District; must be signed by at least (25) qualified voters of the District; must state the name and residence address of each signer, and must state the name and residence address of the candidate.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN, that applications for Early Mail Ballots and Absentee Ballots may be obtained on the District website or in the District Clerk's office during school business hours. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk no more than thirty (30) days and at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter or the voter's authorized agent set forth in the application at the District Clerk's Office. Upon receiving a timely application for a mailed early mail ballot or absentee ballot, the District Clerk will mail the ballot to the address designated on the application by no later than six (6) days before the election. Early Mail Ballots and Absentee Ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time, on May 19, 2026.

Separate lists of all persons to whom Early Mail Ballots and Absentee Ballots are issued, and a list of military voters to whom Military Ballots are issued, will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00

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In the coming weeks, you'll notice proposed school district budgets published in our classifieds section as part of required public notices. We'll also be covering these budgets in our reporting to help you understand what they mean for our community.

— From the Dispatch Team

PM on weekdays until the day of the annual election. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on any such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN, that personal registration of voters is required pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law. To register, a voter must be (1) a citizen of the United States, (2) eighteen years of age, and (3) a resident within the district for a period of 30 days immediately preceding the election. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law and has voted at an annual or special district meeting within the last four (4) calendar years, he/she is eligible to vote at this election; if a voter is registered with the Board of Elections of Westchester County he/she is eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register with the District or the Westchester County Board of Elections. The Board of Registration will meet for the purpose of registering all qualified voters of the District at the Dobbs Ferry High School Gymnasium Lobby, on Monday, May 11, 2026 between the hours of 3:30 PM and 7:30 PM, prevailing time, to add any additional names to the Register to be used at the aforesaid election, at which time any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such Register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of said Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such election for which the register is prepared. The register so prepared will be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the School District in the Superintendent's Office, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District beginning on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM, prevailing time, on weekdays, and each day prior to the day set for the election, except Saturday and Sunday, and at the polling place on the day of the vote.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN that Military Voters who are not currently registered to vote may apply to register as a qualified voter of the District by contacting the District Clerk at 505 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522, Telephone (914) 693-1500 ext. 3024, or email: districtclerk@dfsd.org, to receive an application to register as a qualified voter of the District for the Annual Meeting on May 19, 2026. The Military Voter may indicate their preference for receiving the registration application by mail, by facsimile or electronic mail (email). The application to register must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M. on May 11, 2026. The register of voters prepared and filed in the District Clerk's office shall include the names of all military voters who submit a valid military voter registration. Military Voters who are registered voters of the District may obtain an application for a military ballot from the District Clerk at 505 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522, Telephone (914) 693-1500, ext. 3024 or email: districtclerk@dfsd.org, by no later than 5:00 P.M. on April 23, 2026. The Military Voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application for a military ballot and the military ballot by mail, by facsimile or email. Military ballots will be mailed or otherwise distributed no later than 25 days before the election. Military ballots must be returned by mail or in person and received by the District Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on election day.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with Sections 2035 and 2008 of the Education Law, any referendum or proposition to amend the budget or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said Annual Meeting, must be filed with the Board of Education at the Business Office on or before April 20, 2026, at 5:00 PM, prevailing time, unless such proposition is required to be in all legal notices of the Annual Meeting, in which cases it must be filed on or before March 20, 2026; must be typed or printed in the English

language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least (30) qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence address of each signer. However, the School Board will not entertain any petition which is not within the power of the voters to determine or is illegal, or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditures of monies is required by the proposition.

DATED: March 3, 2026

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

By: Elizabeth Saperstein
School District Clerk

AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA, VOTACIÓN DE PRESUPUESTO Y ELECCIÓN

AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA, VOTACIÓN DE PRESUPUESTO Y ELECCIÓN
DISTRITO ESCOLAR DE DOBBS FERRY UNION FREE PUEBLO DE GREENBURGH, CONDADO DE WESTCHESTER, NUEVA YORK

POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA, que una audiencia pública de los votantes calificados de Distrito Escolar Dobbs Ferry Union Free, Condado de Westchester, Nueva York, se llevará a cabo en el Centro de Presentación de la Biblioteca MS/HS, Escuela Secundaria de Dobbs Ferry en dicho Distrito el martes 12 de mayo de 2026 a las 7:00 PM, hora para la presentación del documento de presupuesto para el año escolar 2026-2027.

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

votación sobre los siguientes puntos:

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

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

Para sobre votar cualquier otra proposición legalmente propuesta.

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

Escuela Primaria Springhurst
Escuela secundaria Dobbs Ferry
Escuela secundaria Dobbs Ferry

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

Y SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL, que las peticiones de nominación de candidatos para el cargo de miembro de la Junta de Educación se presentarán ante la Secretaria de dicho

Distrito Escolar en su oficina en la Oficina del Superintendente, a más tardar el lunes 20 de abril de 2026 hasta las 5:00 p.m. Las vacantes en la Junta de Educación no se consideran cargos separados y específicos; los candidatos se postulan en libertad. Las peticiones de nominación no describirán ninguna vacante específica en la Junta para la cual se nombra al candidato; debe dirigirse al Secretario del Distrito; debe estar firmado por al menos (25) votantes calificados del Distrito; debe indicar el nombre y dirección de residencia de cada firmante, y debe indicar el nombre y dirección de residencia del candidato.

Y SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que las solicitudes de boletas anticipadas por correo y boletas en ausencia se puede obtener en el sitio web del Distrito o en la oficina de la Secretaria del Distrito durante el horario comercial escolar. Las solicitudes completas deben ser recibidas por el Secretario del Distrito no más de treinta (30) días y a menos siete (7) días antes de la elección si la boleta se enviará por correo al votante, o el día antes de la elección, si la boleta debe ser recogida personalmente por el votante o el agente autorizado del votante establecido en la solicitud en la Oficina del Secretario del Distrito. Al recibir una solicitud oportuna para una boleta de voto anticipado o de voto ausente enviada por correo, el Secretario del Distrito enviará la boleta por correo a la dirección designada en la solicitud a más tardar seis (6) días antes de la elección. Las boletas de voto anticipado por correo y los votos en ausencia deben ser recibidas por el Secretario del Distrito a más tardar a las 5:00 p. m., hora vigente, del 19 de mayo de 2026.

Listas separadas de todas las personas a quienes se emiten boletas de voto por correo anticipado y boletas de ausente, y una lista de votantes militares a quienes se les emiten boletas militares, estarán disponibles para inspección para los votantes calificados del Distrito en la oficina del Secretario del Distrito entre las 9:00 a.m. y las 3:00 p.m. de lunes a viernes hasta el día de

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la elección anual. Cualquier votante calificado puede presentar una impugnación por escrito de las calificaciones de un votante cuyo nombre aparece en dicha lista, indicando los motivos de la impugnación.

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

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

Y SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que los votantes militares que actualmente no están registrados para votar pueden solicitar registrarse como votantes calificados del Distrito comunicándose con el Secretario del Distrito en 505 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522, Teléfono (914) 693-1506, o correo electrónico:

districtclerk@dfsd.org, para recibir una solicitud para registrarse como votantes calificados del Distrito para la Asamblea Anual del 19 de mayo. 2026. El Elector Militar podrá indicar su preferencia de recibir la solicitud de registro por correo, por facsímil o correo electrónico (email). La solicitud de registro debe ser recibida por el Secretario del Distrito a más tardar a las 5:00 p. m. el 11 de mayo de 2026. El registro de votantes preparado y archivado en la oficina del Secretario de Distrito incluirá los nombres de todos los votantes militares que presenten un registro de votantes militares válido.

Los volantes militares que son votantes calificados del distrito pueden obtener una solicitud para una boleta militar de secretario del distrito en 505 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522, telefono 914-693-1500 ext. 3024, o correo electronico districtclerk@dfsd.org, a mas tardar a las 5:00 p.m. del 23 de abril de 2026. El volante military puede indicar su preferencia de recibir la solicitud de boleta military por correo, facsimile o correo electronico. Las boletas militares se enviaron por correo o se distribuiran de otro modo a mas tardar 25 dias antes de las elecciones. Las boletas militares deben devolverse por correo o en persona, y ser recibidas por el Secretario del Distrito ante de las 5:00 p.m. del dia de las elecciones.

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

FECHA: 3 de marzo de 2026
POR ORDEN DE LA JUNTA

DE EDUCACIÓN DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR DE DOBBS FERRY UNION, CIUDAD DE GREENBURGH, CONDADO DE WESTCHESTER, NUEVA YORK

POR: Elizabeth Saperstein
Secretario del distrito escolar

NOTICE TO BIDDERS — AUTO PARTS

Sealed proposals for Contract No. 2026-13 for AUTO PARTS, will be received by the Village Clerk-Treasurer, Irvington, NY until 11 AM on April 22, 2026.

Immediately thereafter, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in Village Hall.

The Village will award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and distinctly marked with the name of the bidder, the bid number and the date and time of the bid. Bids may be delivered or mailed to the attention of Karen Buccheri, Assistant to the Village Administrator, on or before the bid opening time and date specified.

The Village of Irvington reserves the right to waive any informality in the bids, or to reject any or all bids. No bidder may withdraw their bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. The prices quoted are to remain in effect for the full term of the contract.

Katie Bugna, Clerk-Treasurer
Irvington, NY
April 1, 2026

NOTICE TO BIDDERS — CLEANING SERVICES

The Village of Irvington will be accepting bids for a cleaning service contract. Cleaning services are required for Village Hall, Library, Theater, Recreation Center and Senior Center (PRC# 2026900465 - Cleaning services).

Specifications will be available on April 1, 2026 on the Village website at www.irvingtonny.gov or at the office of the Village Clerk, Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Irvington, NY between the hours of 9AM and 4PM.

Those interested in scheduling a tour of each location should contact Karen Buccheri, Secretary to the Village Administrator, at KBuccheri@irvingtonny.gov.

Sealed proposals for Contract No. 2026-12, for CLEANING SERVICES, will be received by the Village Clerk-Treasurer, Irvington, NY until 11 AM on

April 22, 2026.

Immediately thereafter, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in Village Hall.

The Village will award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and distinctly marked with the name of the bidder, the bid number and the date and time of the bid. Bids may be delivered or mailed to the Village Clerk-Treasurer on or before the bid opening time and date specified.

The Village of Irvington reserves the right to waive any informality in the bids, or to reject any or all bids. No bidder may withdraw their bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

The policy of the Village is to encourage significant, meaningful participation of business enterprises owned by minorities and/or women (MBE/WBE) in projects and contracts funded by the Village.

Katie Bugna, Clerk-Treasurer
Irvington, NY
April 1, 2026

NOTICE TO BIDDERS — TREE REMOVAL, PRUNING & STUMP GRINDING

Sealed proposals for Contract No. 2026-14, for TREE REMOVAL, TREE PRUNING AND STUMP GRINDING will be received by the Village Clerk-Treasurer, Irvington, NY until 11 AM on April 22, 2026.

Immediately thereafter, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in Village Hall.

The Village will award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and distinctly marked with the name of the bidder, the bid number and the date and time of the bid. Bids may be delivered or mailed to the attention of Karen Buccheri, Assistant to the Village Administrator, on or before the bid opening time and date specified.

The Village of Irvington reserves the right to waive any informality in the bids, or to reject any or all bids. No bidder may withdraw their bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. The prices quoted are to remain in effect for the full term of the contract.

Katie Bugna, Clerk-Treasurer

Irvington, NY
April 1, 2026

NOTICE TO BIDDERS — MISCELLANEOUS HARDWARE

Sealed proposals in duplicate for Contract No. 2026-15 for MISCELLANEOUS HARDWARE & SUPPLIES will be received by the Village Clerk-Treasurer, Irvington, NY until 11 AM on April 22, 2026.

Immediately thereafter, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in Village Hall.

The Village will award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and distinctly marked with the name of the bidder, the bid number and the date and time of the bid. Bids may be delivered or mailed to the attention of Karen Buccheri, Assistant to the Village Administrator, on or before the bid opening time and date specified.

The Village of Irvington reserves the right to waive any informality in the bids, or to reject any or all bids. No

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Hastings-on-Hudson Union Free School District, County of Westchester, New York, will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 6:00 PM, prevailing time, in the Hillside Multi-purpose Room, 120 Lefurgy Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, for the presentation of the 2026-2027 budget document.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that said vote and election will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, in the Cochran Gym of Hastings High School, 1 Mount Hope Boulevard, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, in said district, for the purpose of voting upon the Board of Education of the Hastings-on-Hudson Union Free School District, Town of Greenburgh, New York, to be authorized to expend the sums set forth in the 2026-2027 Annual Budget in the total amount of \$65,947,830. and to levy the necessary tax therefore; electing two (2) members of the Board of Education to serve three-year terms, commencing July 1, 2026 and ending on June 30, 2029.

Voting will be by ballot on voting machines and the polls will

A.M. and 4:00 P.M., prevailing time. A Real Property Tax Exemption Report prepared in accordance with Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law will be annexed to any tentative preliminary budget as well as the final adopted budget of which it will form a part; and shall be posted on the District bulletin board maintained for public notices, as well as on the District's website.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Board of Registration of the district shall meet in the lobby of Hastings High School, 1 Mount Hope Boulevard, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York for the purpose of preparing a Register of qualified voters of the district for said Annual Election at which time any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon such Register provided that the person is known or proven to the satisfaction of said Board of Registration to be then and thereafter entitled to vote at the Annual Election, on the following dates at the times set forth:

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., prevailing time;

Or Wednesday, May 13, 2026 from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., prevailing time.

Any person whose name appears on such a Register or who shall have previously registered and voted at any Annual or Special Meeting or Election held within the last four (4) calendar years will not be required to register for this Annual Election.

Any resident of the district who is registered to vote in general elections may vote in the school Annual Election without registering with the school district Board of Registration.

Citizens 18 years of age or over as of May 19, 2026 who have or will have resided in the district for at least 30 days prior to May 19, 2026, and who are not otherwise prohibited from voting under the provisions of Section 5-106 of the Election Law, are eligible to register to vote.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Register of voters will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the District upon its completion and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the district on each of the five days, except Sunday, prior to the Annual Election, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., prevailing time, except that on Saturday, May 16, 2026, the hours shall be from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., prevailing time.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Board of

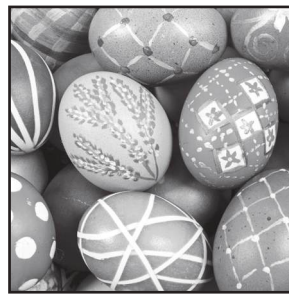
Registration shall meet at and during the time and place hereinbefore provided for the Annual Election for the purpose of registering voters for meetings and election subsequent to May 19, 2026.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that petitions nominating qualified candidates to the office of member for a specific seat on the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District in the District Office, 27 Farragut Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday, except holidays, but not later than 5:00 P.M. Monday, April 20, 2026. Each petition nominating a candidate shall state the name and residence of the candidate, shall be signed by at least 43 qualified voters of the District, and shall state the residence of each signer.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that applications for absentee and early mail ballots may be obtained at the office of the Clerk of the District, at any time. If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the completed application must be received by the Clerk of the District no later than 11:00 A.M., prevailing time, on May 12, 2026. If the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter, the completed application must be received by the Clerk of the District no later than 4:00 P.M., prevailing time, on May 18, 2026. A list of all persons to whom absentee and early mail ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the Clerk of the District on each of the five days prior to the Annual Election, except Sunday, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., prevailing time, except that on Saturday, May 16, 2026, the hours shall be from 9:00 AM to 12 P.M., prevailing time. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter, whose name appears on such a list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that Military Voters who are not currently registered to vote may apply to register as a qualified voter of the District by contacting the office of the District Clerk at 27 Farragut Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York 10706. Telephone (914) 478-6402 or email delabarreram@hohschools.org to receive an application to register as a qualified voter of the District for the Annual Meeting on May 19, 2026. The Military Voter may indicate their preference for receiving the registration application by mail, facsimile or electronic mail (email). The application to register must be received by the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M. on April 21, 2026.

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HAPPY EASTER

Wishing a peaceful and joyful Easter to all who celebrate!

bidder may withdraw their bid within forty-five (45) after the actual date of the opening thereof. The prices quoted are to remain in effect for the full term of the contract.

Katie Bugna, Clerk-Treasurer
Irvington, NY
April 1, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING, BUDGET VOTE, AND BOARD TRUSTEE ELECTION HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT TOWN OF GREENBURGH, COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK

remain open from 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M., prevailing time, and as much longer as may be necessary to enable voters then present to cast ballots.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Board of Education has prepared a detailed statement of the amount of money which will be required for the year 2026-2027 for school purposes, specifying the several purposes and the amount of each, and that copies of this statement may be obtained by a qualified voter of the district at the Office of the Board of Education, 27 Farragut Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, and at each other school building in the district beginning April 22, 2026, except Saturday and Sunday, between the hours of 8:00

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The register of voters prepared and filed in the office of the District Clerk shall include the names of all military voters who submit a valid military voter registration. A military voter means a qualified voter of New York State who is in actual military service and will, therefore, be absent from the District in which he or she is qualified to vote on the day of registration or election or is discharged from military service within 30 days of an election or a spouse, parent, child or dependent of the military voter if a qualified voter of New York State and a resident of the same school district as the military voter or military personnel residing on a military base within a school district in New York State for a period of 30 days immediately preceding the election.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Military Voters who are qualified voters of the District may obtain an application for a military ballot from the office of the District Clerk at 27 Farragut Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York 10706. Telephone (914) 478-6402 or email delabarreram@hohschools.org, by no later than 5:00 P.M. on April 23, 2026. The Military Voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application for a military ballot by mail, by facsimile or email. Military ballots will be mailed or otherwise distributed no later than 25 days before the election. Military ballots must be received by the office of the District Clerk (1) before the close of the polls on election day and showing a cancellation mark of the U.S. postal service or a foreign country's postal service, or showing a dated endorsement of receipt by another agency of the U.S. government or (2) by 5:00 P.M. on election day and signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereof, with a date which is ascertained to be not later than the day before the election. A list of all persons to whom military ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the said office of the District Clerk on each of the five days prior to the Annual Election, except Sunday, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., prevailing time, except that on Saturday, May 16, 2026, the hours shall be from 9:00 AM to 12 P.M., prevailing time.

The Education Law makes special provisions for absentee voting by "permanently disabled" voters of the District and any questions regarding these rights should be directed to the Clerk of the District.

By order of the Board of Education

Melissa DeLaBarrera

Clerk of the District

AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA SOBRE EL PRESUPUESTO, VOTACIÓN SOBRE EL PRESUPUESTO Y ELECCIÓN DE MIEMBROS DE LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA DISTRITO ESCOLAR LIBRE UNIÓN DE HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON CIUDAD DE GREENBURGH, CONDADO DE WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK

Por la presente se notifica que se llevará a cabo una audiencia pública de los votantes calificados del Distrito Escolar Unificado Libre de Hastings-on-Hudson, Condado de Westchester, New York, el martes 5 de mayo de 2026 a las 6:00 p. m., hora local, en la Sala Multiusos Hillside, 120 Lefurgy Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, para la presentación del 2026-2027 documento de presupuesto.

POR FAVOR, TOME NOTA ADICIONAL, que dicha votación y elección se llevará a cabo el martes 19 de mayo de 2026, en el gimnasio Cochran de Hastings High School, 1 Mount Hope Boulevard, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, en dicho distrito, con el propósito devotación sobre la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar Libre de Hastings-on-Hudson, Ciudad de Greenburgh, New York, para ser autorizada a gastar las sumas establecidas en el Presupuesto Anual 2026-2027 por un monto total de \$65,947,830. y recaudar el impuesto necesario para ello; eligiendo (2) miembros de la Junta de Educación para servir por períodos de tres años, comenzando el 1 de julio de 2026 y finalizando el 30 de junio de 2029.

La votación se realizará mediante papeletas en máquinas de votación y los colegios electorales permanecerán abiertos de 7:00 a. m. a 9:00 p. m., hora vigente, y todo el tiempo que sea necesario para que los votantes presentes puedan emitir sus votos.

POR FAVOR TOME NOTA ADEMÁS, que la Junta de Educación ha preparado una declaración detallada de la cantidad de dinero que se requerirá para el año 2026-2027 para fines escolares, especificando los diversos fines y la cantidad de cada uno, y que las copias de esta declaración pueden ser obtenidas por un votante calificado del distrito en la Oficina de la Junta de Educación, 27 Farragut Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, y en cada uno de los

demás edificios escolares del distrito a partir de 22 de abril de 2026 Excepto los sábados y domingos, entre las 8:00 a. m. y las 4:00 p. m., hora local. Un informe de exención del impuesto sobre bienes inmuebles, preparado de conformidad con la Sección 495 de la Ley del Impuesto sobre Bienes Inmuebles, se adjuntará a cualquier presupuesto preliminar tentativo, así como al presupuesto final aprobado del cual formará parte; y se publicará en el tablón de anuncios del Distrito destinado a avisos públicos, así como en el sitio web del Distrito.

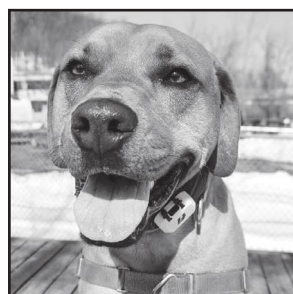
POR FAVOR TOME NOTA ADEMÁS, que la Junta de Registro del distrito se reunirá en el vestíbulo de la Escue-

anales escolares sin necesidad de inscribirse en la Junta de Registro del distrito escolar.

Ciudadanos de 18 años de edad o más al 19 de mayo de 2026 que hayan residido o vayan a residir en el distrito durante al menos 30 días antes del 19 de mayo de 2026 y que no tengan prohibido votar de otro modo según lo dispuesto en la Sección 5-106 de la Ley Electoral, son elegibles para registrarse para votar.

TOME NOTA ADEMÁS de que el Registro de votantes se archivarán en la oficina del Secretario del Distrito una vez completado y estará abierto para su inspección por cualquier votante calificado del distrito durante los cinco

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DOG OF THE WEEK
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la Secundaria Hastings, 1 Mount Hope Boulevard, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, con el propósito de preparar un Registro de votantes calificados del distrito para dicha Elección Anual, en el cual cualquier persona tendrá derecho a que su nombre sea colocado en dicho Registro siempre que se sepa o se demuestre a satisfacción de dicha Junta de Registro que la persona tiene derecho a votar en la Elección Anual, en las siguientes fechas y horas establecidas:

Miércoles 22 de abril de 2026, de 16:00 a 20:00 horas, hora local;

O Miércoles 13 de mayo de 2026, de 16:00 a 20:00 horas, hora local.

Cualquier persona cuyo nombre aparezca en tal registro o quienes se hayan registrado y votado previamente en cualquier Reunión Anual o Extraordinaria o Elección celebrada dentro de los últimos cuatro (4) años calendario no estarán obligados a registrarse para esta Elección Anual.

Cualquier residente del distrito que esté inscrito para votar en las elecciones generales puede votar en las elecciones

días, excepto el domingo, previos a la Elección Anual, entre las 8:00 a. m. y las 4:00 p. m., hora vigente, excepto el sábado 1 de mayo.6, 2026, el horario será de 9:00 a. m. a 12:00 p. m., hora local.

SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que la Junta de Registro se reunirá en la fecha y hora aquí estipuladas para la Elección Anual con el propósito de registrar votantes para las reuniones y elecciones posteriores al 19 de mayo de 2026.

POR FAVOR TOME NOTA ADEMÁS, que las peticiones que nominen candidatos calificados para el cargo de miembro para un puesto específico en la Junta de Educación deberán presentarse ante el Secretario de dicho Distrito Escolar en la Oficina del Distrito, 27 Farragut Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, entre las 8:00 a. m. y las 4:00 p. m. de lunes a viernes, excepto días festivos, pero no más tarde de las 5:00 p. m. Lunes, abril 20, 2026. Cada petición que nomine a un candidato deberá indicar el nombre y la residencia del candidato, y deberá estar firmada por al menos 43 votantes calificados del Distrito, y deberán indicar la residencia de cada firmante.

TOME NOTA ADEMÁS de que las solicitudes de boletas de voto ausente y correo anticipado pueden ser obtenidas en la oficina del Secretario del Distrito, en cualquier momento. Si la boleta se va a enviar por correo al votante, la solicitud completa debe ser recibida por el Secretario del Distrito a más tardar a las 11:00 a. m., hora local, del 12 de mayo 2026. Si la boleta se entregará personalmente al votante, la solicitud completa debe ser recibida por el Secretario del Distrito a más tardar a las 4:00 p. m., hora local, del 18 de mayo de 2026. Una lista de todas las personas a quienes se les hayan emitido boletas de voto ausente y por correo anticipado estará disponible en la oficina del Secretario del Distrito durante los cinco días previos a la Elección Anual, excepto el domingo, entre las 8:00 a. m. y las 4:00 p. m., hora local, excepto que el sábado 16 de mayo de 2026, el horario será de 9:00 a. m. a 12:00 p. m., hora local. Cualquier votante calificado puede presentar una impugnación por escrito de las calificaciones de un votante cuyo nombre aparezca en la boleta tal lista, exponiendo los motivos del desafío.

TOME NOTA ADEMÁS de que los votantes militares que actualmente no están registrados para votar pueden solicitar registrarse como votantes calificados del Distrito comunicándose con la oficina del Secretario del Distrito en 27 Farragut Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York 10706. Teléfono (914) 478-6402 o correo electrónico delabarreram@hohschools.org para recibir una solicitud para registrarse como votante calificado del Distrito para la Reunión Anual del 19 de mayo de 2026. El votante militar puede indicar su preferencia por recibir la solicitud de registro por correo postal, fax o correo electrónico. La solicitud de registro debe ser recibida por la oficina del Secretario del Distrito a más tardar a las 5:00 p. m. del Abril 21, 2026. El registro de votantes preparado y archivado en la oficina del secretario del distrito deberá incluir los nombres de todos los votantes militares que presenten un registro válido de votante militar. Un votante militar es un votante calificado del estado de New York que se encuentra en servicio militar activo y, por lo tanto, estará ausente del distrito en el que está calificado para votar el día del registro o de la elección, o será dado de baja del servicio militar dentro de los 30 días posteriores a una elección, o un cónyuge, padre, hijo o dependiente del votante militar si es un votante calificado del estado de New York y reside en el mismo distrito escolar que el votante militar o personal

militar que reside en una base militar dentro de un distrito escolar en el estado de New York durante un período de 30 días inmediatamente anteriores a la elección.

TOME NOTA ADEMÁS de que los votantes militares que sean votantes calificados del Distrito pueden obtener una solicitud para una boleta militar en la oficina del Secretario del Distrito en 27 Farragut Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, York 10706. Teléfono (914) 478-6402 o correo electrónico delabarreram@hohschools.org más tardar a las 5:00 p. m. del 2 de abril 3, 2026. El votante militar puede indicar su preferencia por recibir la solicitud de una boleta militar por correo, por fax o correo electrónico. Las boletas militares se enviarán por correo o se distribuirán de otra manera a más tardar 25 días antes de la elección. Las boletas militares deben ser recibidas por la oficina del secretario del distrito (1) antes del cierre de las urnas el día de la elección y mostrando un sello de cancelación del servicio postal de los EE. UU. o del servicio postal de un país extranjero, o mostrando un endoso de recepción fechado por otra agencia del gobierno de los EE. UU. o (2) antes de las 5:00 p. m. del día de la elección y fechadas por el votante militar y un testigo, con una fecha que se determine que no sea posterior al día anterior a la elección. Una lista de todas las personas a quienes se les hayan emitido boletas militares estará disponible para su inspección por los votantes calificados del distrito en dicha oficina del secretario del distrito durante cada uno de los cinco días anteriores a la elección anual, excepto el domingo, entre las horas de las 8:00 a. m. hasta las 4:00 p. m., hora local, excepto que el sábado 16 de mayo de 2026, el horario será de 9:00 a. m. a 12:00 p. m., hora local.

La Ley de Educación establece disposiciones especiales para el voto en ausencia de los votantes con "discapacidad permanente" del Distrito, y cualquier pregunta relacionada con estos derechos debe dirigirse al Secretario del Distrito.

Por orden de la Junta de Educación

Melissa DeLaBarrera
Secretario del Distrito

NOTICE TO BIDDERS — HEAVY EQUIPMENT

1. Sealed bids will be received by the Village Clerk of Irvington until 11 AM on April 29, 2026 at the Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Irvington, NY 10533 for Contract No.

2026-23 (Use and Operation of Heavy Equipment) 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. Bids can be mailed to the attention of Karen Buccheri, Assistant to the Village Administrator, for receipt by the bid date and time.

2 Attention of bidders is called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract. The bidder to whom a contract is awarded will not be required to furnish performance or payment bonds.

3 Plans, specifications and all information relative thereto may be secured at the Village Administrator's Office of said Village. The Village will not be responsible for full or partial sets of contract documents, including any addenda obtained from any other source.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to waive any formalities and to reject any or all bids.

Katie Bugna, Clerk-Treasurer
Irvington, NY
April 1, 2026

IRVINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER IRVINGTON, NEW YORK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, ANNUAL MEETING AND BOARD MEMBER ELECTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Annual Meeting and Election of the qualified voters of the Irvington Union Free School District will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Irvington Main Street School Gymnasium, 101 Main Street, Irvington New York, for the purpose of (1) voting upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for school purposes for the school year 2026-27 and (2) the election of three (3) members of the Board of Election for a three (3) year term each.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 7:15 p.m. in the Campus Presentation Room, 40 North Broadway, Irvington, New York, for the purpose of presenting the detailed statement of the amount of money that will be required for school purposes for the school year beginning July 1, 2026 and for such other business as may lawfully come before said meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that candidates for the Board of Education shall be nominated by petition. Such petition shall be directed to the District Clerk of the School District, shall be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the district, and shall be filed with the District Clerk, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. no later than April 20, 2026.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that copies of the estimated expenditures and any propositions for the 2026-27 school year will be available at the Business Office, located at 6 Dows Lane, and available on the Irvington Union Free School District website.

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

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Board of Education at a regular meeting duly held on October 23, 1991 approved a voter registration system. To register, a voter must be (1) a citizen of the United States, (2) eighteen years of age, and (3) a resident of the district for a period of 30 days preceding the election. A person may register during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on regular school days at the office of the District Clerk at 6 Dows Lane, Irvington NY, 10533. The last day for voter registration for the 2026-27 Election is 5 days before the election.

Any person who shall have voted at any school election held or conducted at any time within four (4) years prior to the preparation of the register for this election or who is registered with the Board of Elections of Westchester County will not be required to register personally for this school district election. The register prepared will be filed in the office of the District Clerk of the district; that such register will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District beginning five (5) days prior to the election, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on regular school days.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee and early mail ballots must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than thirty (30) days before the election. Furthermore, such application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to

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the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter or his/her designated agent. Upon receiving a timely request for a mailed absentee ballot or early mail voting ballot, the District Clerk will mail the ballot to the address set forth in the application by no later than six (6) days before the vote. No absentee or early mail voter's ballot will be canvassed unless it has been received in the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. (prevailing time) on the day of the election.

There shall be notice to state that a list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued, will be available in the said office of the clerk during regular office hours until the day of the election.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that for the purpose of preparing ballots for voting machines, the Board of Education has adopted a rule with respect to the submission of questions or propositions to be voted on at the Election. Such questions or propositions must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters and must be filed with the Board of Education not later than April 20, 2026.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the school district. Military voters who are qualified voters of the school district may submit an application for a military ballot. Military voters may designate a preference to receive a military voter registration, military ballot application or military ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail in their request for such registration, ballot application or ballot. Military voter registration forms must be received in the office of the District Clerk of the school district no later than April 24, 2026 and military ballot application forms must be received in the office of the District Clerk of the school district no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 3, 2026. No military ballot will be canvassed unless it is (1) received in the office of the District Clerk before the close of the polls on election day and showing a cancellation mark of the United States postal service or a foreign country's postal service, or showing a dated endorsement of receipt by another agency of the United States government; or (2) received by the office of the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 p.m. on election day and signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereto, with a date which is associated to be not later than the day before the election.

Board of Education
Irvington Union Free School

District
Irvington, New York
10533-1328
By: Brittany Comstock, District Clerk

**DISTRITO ESCOLAR
LIBRE DE LA UNIÓN
DE IRVINGTON
CONDADO DE
WESTCHESTER
IRVINGTON, NUEVA
YORK AVISO DE
AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA,
ASAMBLEA ANUAL
Y ELECCIÓN DE
MIEMBROS DE LA
JUNTA**

SE NOTIFICA que la Asamblea Anual y la Elección de los votantes calificados del Distrito Escolar Libre de la Unión de Irvington se llevará a cabo el martes 19 de mayo de 2026, entre las 7:00 a.m. y las 9:00 p.m., en el gimnasio de Irvington Main Street School, 101 Main Street, Irvington, Nueva York, con el propósito de: (1) votar sobre la asignación de los fondos necesarios para cubrir los gastos estimados con fines escolares para el año escolar 2026-2027; y (2) elegir a tres (3) miembros de la Junta de Educación para un período de tres (3) años cada uno.

SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que se llevará a cabo una Audiencia Pública el martes 5 de mayo de 2026 a las 7:15 p.m. en la Sala de Presentaciones del Campus, 40 North Broadway, Irvington, Nueva York, con el propósito de presentar el estado detallado de la cantidad de dinero que se requerirá para fines escolares para el año escolar que comienza el 1 de julio de 2026, así como cualquier otro asunto que legalmente pueda presentarse en dicha reunión.

SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que los candidatos para la Junta de Educación deberán ser nominados por petición. Dicha petición deberá dirigirse al Secretario del Distrito Escolar, estar firmada por al menos 25 votantes calificados del distrito y presentarse ante el Secretario del Distrito entre las 8:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m., a más tardar el 20 de abril de 2026.

SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que copias de los gastos estimados y de cualquier propuesta para el año escolar 2026-2027 estarán disponibles en la Oficina de Negocios, ubicada en 6 Dows Lane, y en el sitio web del Distrito Escolar Libre de la Unión de Irvington.

SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que se preparará un Informe de Exención del Impuesto sobre Bienes Inmuebles de conformidad con la Sección 495 de la Ley de Impuestos sobre Bienes Inmuebles, el cual se anexará a cualquier presupuesto preliminar o tentativo,

así como al presupuesto final adoptado del cual formará parte; y se publicará en los tablones de anuncios del Distrito destinados a avisos públicos, así como en el sitio web del Distrito.

SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que la Junta de Educación, en una reunión ordinaria debidamente celebrada el 23 de octubre de 1991, aprobó un sistema de registro de votantes. Para registrarse, un votante debe: (1) ser ciudadano de los Estados Unidos, (2) tener dieciocho años de edad, y (3) haber residido en el distrito durante un período de 30 días previos a la elección. Una persona puede registrarse entre las 9:00 a.m. y las 3:00 p.m. en días escolares regulares en la oficina del Secretario del Distrito, ubicada en 6 Dows Lane, Irvington, NY 10533. El último día para el registro de votantes para la Elección 2026-2027 es cinco (5) días antes de la elección.

Cualquier persona que haya votado en una elección escolar celebrada en cualquier momento dentro de los cuatro (4) años previos a la preparación del registro para esta elección, o que esté registrada en la Junta de Elecciones del Condado de Westchester, no estará obligada a registrarse personalmente para esta elección del distrito escolar. El registro preparado se archivará en la oficina del Secretario del Distrito; dicho registro estará disponible para inspección por cualquier votante calificado del distrito a partir de cinco (5) días antes de la elección, entre las 9:00 a.m. y las 3:00 p.m. en días escolares regulares.

SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que las solicitudes para boletas de voto en ausencia y boletas de votación anticipada por correo deben recibirse en la oficina del Secretario del Distrito no antes de treinta (30) días antes de la elección. Además, dicha solicitud debe recibirse al menos siete (7) días antes de la elección si la boleta se enviará por correo al votante, o el día anterior a la elección si la boleta se entregará personalmente al votante o a su agente designado. Al recibir una solicitud oportuna de una boleta de voto en ausencia o de votación anticipada por correo, el Secretario del Distrito enviará la boleta a la dirección indicada en la solicitud a más tardar seis (6) días antes de la votación. Ninguna boleta de voto en ausencia o de votación anticipada será contabilizada a menos que se reciba en la oficina del Secretario del Distrito a más tardar a las 5:00 p.m. (hora vigente) del día de la elección.

Se dará aviso de que una lista de todas las personas a quienes se les hayan emitido

boletas de voto en ausencia estará disponible en dicha oficina del Secretario durante el horario regular de oficina hasta el día de la elección.

SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que, con el propósito de preparar las boletas para las máquinas de votación, la Junta de Educación ha adoptado una norma respecto a la presentación de preguntas o proposiciones que se someterán a votación en la elección. Dichas preguntas o proposiciones deben estar firmadas por al menos 25 votantes calificados y presentarse ante la Junta de Educación a más tardar el 20 de abril de 2026.

SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que los votantes militares que no estén actualmente registrados pueden solicitar registrarse como votantes calificados del distrito escolar. Los votantes militares que sean votantes calificados del distrito escolar pueden presentar una solicitud para una boleta militar. Los votantes militares pueden indicar su preferencia de recibir el registro de votante militar, la solicitud de boleta militar o la boleta militar por correo, fax o correo electrónico en su solicitud. Los formularios de solicitud de votantes militares deben recibirse en la oficina del Secretario del Distrito a más tardar el 24 de abril de 2026, y las solicitudes de boleta militar deben recibirse a más tardar a las 5:00 p.m. del 3 de mayo de 2026. Ninguna boleta militar será contabilizada a menos que: (1) se reciba en la oficina del Secretario del Distrito antes del cierre de las urnas el día de la elección y tenga un matasello del servicio postal de los Estados Unidos o de un país extranjero, o una confirmación fechada de recepción por otra agencia del gobierno de los Estados Unidos; o (2) se reciba en la oficina del Secretario del Distrito a más tardar a las 5:00 p.m. del día de la elección y esté firmada y fechada por el votante militar y un testigo, con una fecha que no sea posterior al día anterior a la elección.

Junta de Educación
Distrito Escolar Libre de la Unión de Irvington
Irvington, Nueva York
10533-1328
Por: Brittany Comstock, Secretaria del Distrito

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

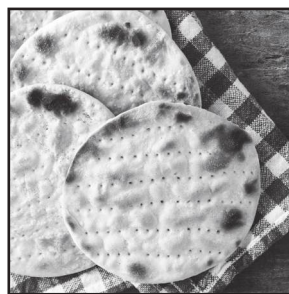
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the vote upon the appropriation of necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of the District for the 2026-2027 school year and the election of two (2) trustees

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.:

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HAPPY PASSOVER
Wishing a peaceful and joyful Passover
to all who celebrate!

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

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

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER

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

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

**PROPOSITION – USE OF
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS**

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

ing 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.

Classies

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: daccorso@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 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

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

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:

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?

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

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

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

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

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

Y SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que los Votantes Militares que no estén actualmente registrados para votar pueden solicitar registrarse como votantes calificados del Distrito Escolar y los votantes militares que estén registrados pueden obtener una solicitud para una boleta militar para la Reunión Anual del 19 de mayo de 2026, contactando al Secretario del Distrito en 500 Farm Road, Ardsley, NY 10502, Teléfono (914) 295-5515 o correo electrónico: 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.

SECTION A NOTICE TO BIDDERS VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF SKID MOUNTED TRASH PUMP AND ENCLOSURE WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK TELEPHONE: (914) 693-1550

Sealed proposals for performing the work herein described will be received by the Village Board of Ardsley, New York, at the Office of the Village Clerk, Village Hall, 507 Ashford Ave, Ardsley, New York 10502, until April 24, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. and immediately thereafter the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Court Room in Village Hall at 507 Ashford Ave, Ardsley, NY 10502.

The work consists of furnishing and delivering a new unused Skid Mounted Trash Pump with Enclosure to the Village of Ardsley, in accordance with the equipment specifications as directed by the Village DPW General Foreman. Contract Documents may be obtained at the above office of the Village Manager, or can be emailed upon request, on or after April 3, 2026.

Bids shall be made on the Proposal Forms furnished with the Specifications.

Proposals shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name and address of the Bidder, addressed to the Village of Ardsley, The Village Hall, 507 Ashford Ave, Ardsley, New York 10502 and endorsed "PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF SKID MOUNTED TRASH PUMP AND ENCLOSURE".

The Village of Ardsley reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive any informality in any Bid, and to award the

Contract to other than the lowest Bidder if deemed in the best interest of the Village to do so.

Ann Marie Rocco
Village Clerk
April 3, 2026
Ardsley, NY

INVITATION TO BID – REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, Dobbs Ferry, New York, invites the submission of sealed proposals for the following service. Proposals are due at the time listed below on April 27, 2026. If the district is closed due to inclement weather, the proposals will be opened on the next work day.

Building Condition Survey and Five-Year Plan Requirement – 2:00 P.M.

The specifications and bid documents will be available from March 25, 2026 on the District's Business Office website by visiting <http://www.dfsd.org> and clicking under the heading entitled "Departments" and under the section entitled "Business Office" and under the section entitled "Bids and Requests for Proposals" and by visiting BidNet (<https://www.bidnet-direct.com/new-york>). Documents may be requested and/or picked up at the Business Office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on regular business days.

The Business Office is located in the High School Building at 505 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522 (Telephone 914-761-1500 ext. 3030).

Proposals are to be submitted in sealed envelopes and must bear on the face thereof the name and address of the bidder and the proposal name. Proposals will be received at the Office of the Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Facilities and Operations up to the time stated above for each bid on April 27, 2026. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that their proposal is received by the Business Office before the stated deadline, whether sent by mail or by means of personal delivery. The bidder assumes the risk in any delay in the mail or in the handling of the mail by employees of the District. The Board of Education reserves the right to award these contracts as a whole or in part and to reject any or all proposals.

By Order of the Board of Education
Elizabeth Saperstein
District Clerk
Date: March 25, 2026

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CAT OF THE WEEK

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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

estarán en la boleta en la Reunión Anual del Distrito el 19 de mayo de 2026:

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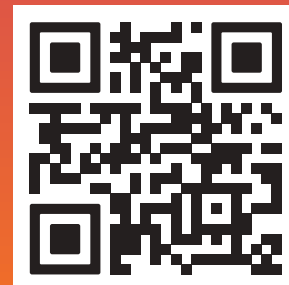
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