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Rockin' Rip

"Rip Van Winkle's Journey" debuted at author Washington Irving's former home, Sunnyside, on Saturday, May 30. Produced by Historic Hudson Valley, which owns and operates Sunnyside, the show will continue on select Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays through July 26. For additional photos and information, turn to page 3.

Feiner and McGoey face off over finances

BY AMY BOCHNER

GREENBURGH — The Rivertowns League of Women Voters (LWV) hosted a candidate forum for incumbent Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner, who has been in office since 1991, and challenger Barry McGoey, an Ardsley village trustee, on May 28.

The two will be on the Democratic primary ballot on June 23. McGoey has received the Greenburgh Democratic Committee's endorsement, while Feiner has received the endorsement of the Working Families Party.

The forum took place over Zoom. Rivertowns LWV president Susan Maggiotto provided introductory remarks and Doug French, a member of the LWV of Rye, Rye Brook, and Port Chester, moderated. The questions were submitted by Greenburgh residents in advance.

The candidates began with opening statements, with Feiner saying his record "speaks for itself." He cited "the success garnered under my watch," including a triple A bond rating, increased park acreage and facilities, street safety improvements, and

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Pride events to celebrate community unity

BY LAURA SCHILLER

REGION — When Zachary Perrin came out as a high school student in Hastings, he received support from his family and community. In a speech during last year's Friday Night Pride event, he reflected on a comment he often heard — that he was lucky to grow up in the "bubble" of the Rivertowns.

Perrin, however, rejected that description. He told the crowd that he doesn't see Hastings as a bubble, but as a community where people create a safe environment for everyone.

For Brian Harris, a music psychotherapist who began organizing Friday Night Pride with his neighbor Jen Bonaventura in 2021, that comment captured the purpose of the event.

"He was talking about all the work that goes into creating a place where kids can grow up feeling accepted, whatever identity they have," Harris recalled.

For 2026, Pride celebrations extend throughout the Rivertowns, with gatherings planned for Hastings, Dobbs Ferry, and Irvington.

Friday Night Pride

Hastings will celebrate next Friday, June 12, starting at The Good Witch Coffee Bar on Southside Avenue at 3:45 p.m., where participants will create a colorful banner. At 5:45, marchers will make their way to Warburton Avenue, led by the Brooklyn-based band The Brass Queens. From 6–9 p.m.,

musicians and dancers, ranging from local talent to Broadway stars, will perform at VFW Plaza.

"I like to make the stage a space that represents as much of the LGBTQIA+ community as possible," Harris told the Dispatch.

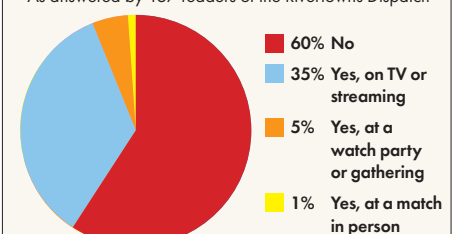
The spirit of inclusion extends beyond the organizers. The self-appointed "junior director of Pride," Matilda Paez-Harris, the 8-year-old daughter of Harris and his husband, Pato Paez, helped create signs and promotional materials. While Matilda is most excited for the giant rainbow slide, cotton candy, face-painting, scavenger hunt, and other family activities, she also understands the event's deeper purpose.

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— You Answered —

Will you be watching the World Cup, starting June 11?

As answered by 167 readers of the Rivertowns Dispatch



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ARDSLEY

Shoplifting arrests:

Four Brooklyn residents were arrested for shoplifting 28 dog collars worth \$1,357.72 from CVS, 725 Saw Mill River Road (Route 9A), on the evening of Saturday, May 30. The defendants — ages 20, 30, 31, and 32 — fled in a vehicle and crashed into a retaining wall on Ardsley Road. All of them were charged with grand larceny in the fourth degree, a felony, and two misdemeanors — resisting arrest and obstructing governmental administration in the second degree. The 31-year-old driver was also charged with two felonies — assault in the second degree

and criminal mischief in the second degree — as well as unlawful fleeing of a police officer in a motor vehicle in the third degree, a misdemeanor. Bail for her was set at \$1,500 and she was remanded to the Westchester County Jail. The other three were released without bail. Sgt. Anthonyross Paguio and Officer Pedro Reyes made the arrests.

DOBBS FERRY

Check altered: On May 26, it was reported that the name of the payee

had been changed on a \$129,000 check issued by Mercy University.

Thefts from Ulta: An unidentified man shoplifted \$1,460 worth of fragrances from the Ulta Beauty at Rivertowns Square on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 20. That theft was reported on May 26. On the afternoon of May 28, a woman known to Ulta shoplifted \$2,759 worth of fragrances. That theft was reported that evening.

Shoplifting arrests: Two homeless people —

a 34-year-old man and a 35-year-old woman — were arrested for shoplifting \$115 worth of Enfamil from Walgreens, 11 Ashford Ave., on the evening of Tuesday, May 26. Both were charged with two misdemeanors — petit larceny and criminal possession of stolen property in the fifth degree. Officers Victor Wilson and John Manzo made the arrests.

HASTINGS

Party interrupted: Police dispersed youths from a party at a private

home on Pinecrest Parkway on the evening of Monday, May 25, which was Memorial Day.

Theft thwarted: On May 26, a Hastings resident reported that an unauthorized attempt was made to transfer \$100,000 from her bank account on May 20. Her bank blocked the attempt.

Reckless driving arrest: A 22-year-old Hastings resident was arrested after speeding south on Broadway (Route 9) and
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County adopts visual gun warnings

The Westchester County Board of Legislators unanimously approved a visual gun warning law, sponsored by Legislator David Imamura of Irvington, during their meeting on Monday, June 1.

The law requires firearm retailers to display images showing the dangers of gun ownership alongside written notices mandated by the County in 2022. Gun license applicants will

also receive visual warnings.

Westchester is the second municipality to adopt such a law. The first was New York City in 2022, where the warning consists of a photo of a child reaching for a handgun in a drawer along with text that reads:

“A firearm in the home significantly increases the risk of suicide, homicide, death during domestic disputes, and unintentional deaths to children, household members, and others.”

The text concludes with phone numbers for a mobile crisis team and for the National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline (988). The Westchester warnings will also include the lifeline as well as the number for the County’s Crisis Prevention and Response Team.

Penalties for noncompliant retailers will remain a \$250 fine for first violations and, for subsequent offenses, a \$500 fine and potential misdemeanor charges.

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No time to nap

Through Historic Hudson Valley's production of "Rip Van Winkle's Journey," audience members attend a maypole dance, a rock concert, and more as a cast of five leads them around author Washington Irving's former home, Sunnyside. The production features actors Will Boyajian, Jackie Schram, Genevieve Maiden, and Petrea Whittier, as well as musician Stephen Benson. Performances continue on select Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays through July 26. For tickets, which cost \$65, visit hudsonvalley.org.



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Town supervisor race

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12 miles of new sidewalks. He asked viewers to consider McGoey's and his personal commitments, experiences, and abilities "to act independent of the other town board members, labor unions, Edgemont incorporators, and the Democratic machine in Yonkers and Westchester."

As a first-time candidate for town supervisor, McGoey introduced himself to voters, sharing his "long career in public service," which includes 22 years as a Yonkers firefighter, 12 years as a union president, three years as a village trustee, and 20 years as a practicing attorney. He emphasized his ability to "work with people to solve problems." He said that Greenburgh is in "dire straits," and that his experience makes him "uniquely qualified to serve as town supervisor and carry this great town forward."

Much of the evening's debate centered on fiscal management and leadership style.

The two were asked about the challenges of managing 700-plus employees and a budget of over \$120 million. McGoey said that there needs to be "somebody at the helm who's going to be responsible and take accountability." The Town, he continued, needs an individual who can oversee the departments' operations, coordinate their efforts, manage the budget, and who has "labor relation experience." An issue he heard while speaking with residents was high taxes, and he called for a leader who can move the Town toward becoming leaner and more efficient.

While Feiner cited the Town's triple A bond rating and "excellent" financial health, he said Greenburgh has to "always look for ways to save taxpayer dollars." He referenced the creation of the Citizens Budget Committee, which looks for ways to save taxpayer dollars, and emphasized that the role of town supervisor "should insist on making sure that we're not ripping off the taxpayers." An example he used was a recent decision made by the town board to hire one individual to serve as both building inspector and commissioner of public works. This, he said, is costing the Town money because, "If somebody is getting paid \$263,000 a year, they shouldn't be spending their time doing inspections, which normally would cost the town taxpayers maybe \$70,000 or \$80,000 a year."

McGoey said he ordinarily doesn't approve of an employee having two jobs for one employer. However, he described there being an "underlying issue in our town where there [is] a tremendous amount of vacancies" and a high turnover. He said that Feiner "doesn't have the leadership skills in

order to bring about consensus amongst the board that he's in agreement with," and called Feiner's behavior during town meetings "disgraceful."

Another question referred to a forensic report released in January 2026 that identified more than \$29 million in unpaid property taxes between 2020-2023. French asked the candidates about their solutions for collecting these taxes, and how to prevent this payment lapse from happening in the future.

McGoey said the Town needs to have someone "monitoring the tax collections and ensuring that everyone is paying their fair share." Feiner responded by saying that there was "no stolen money, no funds lost, no malfeasance," and that "all financial activities in the town have been correctable and are corrected." He also accused McGoey of financial mismanagement as union president, which McGoey called "outright lies and falsehoods."

When asked how Greenburgh should improve fiscal oversight and transparency, Feiner mentioned the Procurement

Committee, which is "scrutinizing every single dollar that is spent in the Town." He also said the Town is going to be looking at other ways of tightening up spending, such as sharing services offered by the Fairview, Greenville, and Hartsdale fire departments.

McGoey called the Procurement Committee "good," but asked Feiner why "didn't he do it in the last 35 years?" He continued by saying "It's only now that he has an opponent that he's actually thinking about how can we actually safeguard the taxpayers' money." Feiner rebutted, stating he has created budget committees in the past.

The candidates were asked their positions on whether elected officials should be eligible for municipal health insurance buyouts, and if they supported capping or eliminating this practice for elected leaders in Greenburgh.

Feiner was against elected officials receiving buyouts, calling them an "unearned windfall" when "costs are skyrocketing for everybody." McGoey said that the policy happened under Feiner's watch. He also said that "the goal and purpose of a health insurance buyout is to save money for the employer, so I wouldn't want to exclude any classification of employee, which would actually not save the Town money."

Areas where the two candidates shared similar perspectives included criticism of Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE), favoring stricter laws on gas-powered leaf blowers, making the town more walkable, and opposition to the incorporation of Edgemont.



Paul Feiner



Barry McGoey

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Rain location: Ardsley Middle School

RiverArts Music Tour

Saturday, June 6, 11 a.m.–9 p.m.

Free performances at venues throughout the Rivertowns

For map and schedule, visit riverarts.org/event/music-tour-26

Board of Trustees Work Session

Monday, June 8, 7:30 p.m.

Village Hall

Agenda available at ardslevillage.gov

Planning Board Meeting

Monday, June 8, 8 p.m.

Village Hall

Senior Program: Medication Prescription Awareness

Wednesday, June 10, noon

Ardsley Community Center

Virtual Lecture: Honoring D-Day

Wednesday, June 10, 1 p.m.

Ardsley Public Library

Register at ardsleypubliclibrary.org

Juneteenth Celebration

Friday, June 19, 4–6 p.m.

Pascone Park

The Multicultural, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee presents music, yoga, performances, and food trucks

End-of-year Ice Cream Social

Friday, June 26, 6–8 p.m.

Pascone Park

With inflatable attractions, live music, balloon sculptures, and a foam party

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Students Alessandra Ciriello, Claire Brown, and Henry Scheer shared their experiences with A.I.

Educators and students assess impact of A.I.

BY AMY BOCHNER

The Ardsley School District's Artificial Intelligence Task Force shared data and student perspectives last week on how the technology is used in teaching and learning in the district's three schools. The May 27 presentation took place over Zoom, with a recording available on the district's website under the Technology Department.

The A.I. Task Force consists of 15 teachers, administrators, and parents exploring the intentional use of the technology for educational purposes. Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Bradshaw led the presentation, which included two Ardsley Middle School students and one Ardsley High School student.

Parent Brian Whitton, AMS Principal Stu Horlacher, and AHS Principal Danielle Trippodo shared data about A.I. use in each of the schools. In a survey of 543 Concord Road Elementary students, 68% reported using A.I. Another survey of 1,235 Ardsley Middle and High school students showed that nearly 100% use the technology. Fifty-six percent of AMS students use A.I. a few times a month or more for schoolwork, while 35% of AHS students use A.I. a few times a week for the same purpose. Thirty-eight percent of AMS students and 33% of AHS students want to learn more about the ethics of using A.I.

At the middle school, the majority of students find A.I. useful for summarizing, brainstorming, explaining, and grammar. For high schoolers, the top-five personal uses for A.I. include searching for information, helping with homework, brainstorming ideas, personal writing/creative projects, and just for fun, like games or chatting. The majority of secondary students (84%) reported using A.I. less than 30 minutes a day or not on a daily basis. Few students (10) reported using A.I. more than 2 hours a day.

The three students who shared their experiences with A.I. tools were fifth-graders Henry Scheer and Claire Brown, and junior Alessandra Ciriello. Each explained how they utilize A.I., the benefits, and their concerns.

For Henry, he observed his peers using A.I. to “generate topics for projects, settle arguments, create media, and so much more.” Claire said although most of her peers use A.I. for projects and help outlining essays, others are “against A.I. and try to stay away from it.” One way in which A.I. is helpful for Claire and Henry is in creating templates that they can then customize for projects. Claire also shared that she sometimes uses A.I. to do “extra research” to learn more about a topic.

Concerns the two middle schoolers had

“When I was using A.I., I genuinely felt like my brain was mush. I started getting better grades when I stopped.”

Ardsley High School junior
Alessandra Ciriello

included the risk of students not learning skills due to reliance on A.I., as well as the technology obtaining personal data from users.

For Alessandra, her experience with A.I. has been largely negative after she first downloaded ChatGPT in 2025.

“For probably the entirety of 2025, I was actually pretty addicted to using A.I. for everything — not even just schoolwork,” she said. “I was using it to write my stories... It got to the point where sometimes I couldn't even write a text message to someone without using A.I.”

After reading about the environmental impact of A.I., she grew concerned and committed to minimizing her use of the technology in 2026. The change she noticed after stopping, she said, was significant.

“I feel like I have actually got all my creativity back,” she said. “When I was using A.I., I genuinely felt like my brain was

mush... I started getting better grades when I stopped... Generative A.I. is the big problem here, because you're hindering your cognitive ability to function and your critical thinking skills.”

According to Bradshaw, the district is looking to introduce A.I. tools in a responsible and ethical way. One of the programs the district is piloting is NotebookLM, which Alessandra said she has had a positive experience with. A tool that allows students to upload their own sources and materials to organize information and make it more accessible and engaging, it was introduced to the Cambridge Advanced Placement (AP) course, social studies, and Latin classes.

In the Cambridge AP course, students upload “vetted sources,” which NotebookLM analyzes, organizes, and creates “thinking maps.” The tool also helps students identify if there is a gap in their research. For social studies classes, teachers upload sources, so “the students are only accessing information that has been pre-approved.” The A.I. can then create audio versions, like a podcast, of this material, “and that way students can have different ways of accessing the information.” Bradshaw said this may increase accessibility and engagement with the material. In the Latin classes, NotebookLM helps create practice quizzes based on documents uploaded by students.

Another program the district has been testing is SchoolAI, which Lisa Tallevi, the library media specialist at AMS, said lets teachers create a personalized learning space, or “walled garden,” for students. She had students read an article about their “rights and responsibilities as digital citizens,” and then had SchoolAI create an assessment in the form of a conversation between the student and a bot. If the student was rushing through the questions, Tallevi said, the bot would encourage them to flesh out their answer.

Bradshaw shared that there will be work over the summer on developing frameworks and guides for A.I. integration into the classroom.

ARDSLEY

Smart Growth proposals target streetscapes and site plans

BY AMY BOCHNER

The Village of Ardsley considered recommendations to improve streetscapes and to streamline the site plan review process at a public work session on June 1. The meeting was part of the Smart Growth Zoning Project, which had an initial work session on May 19.

In 2024, the Village received a \$135,000 state grant to update its zoning code to incorporate the Comprehensive Plan and the Downtown Ardsley Revitalization Implementation Strategy.

Consultants from KSCJ Consulting and the Metropolitan Urban Design Workshop (MUDW) presented the draft zoning changes.

At the May 19 session, which focused on regulations and parking, the consultants shared three overall goals: attract developers by increasing development potential, expand housing choices, and simplify approval/review steps.

At the June 1 meeting, MUDW consultant Shachi Pandey shared facade and streetscape guidelines. These focused on how to advance safety, comfort, and activity for pedestrians and businesses.

One suggestion is to minimize curb cuts and driveways to maintain continuity of building facades. Shared driveways are also encouraged to reduce interruptions in a street wall, increase pedestrian safety,

and improve opportunities for pedestrian seating and storefront activity.

The guidelines suggest dedicating 8 to 12 feet parallel to a building to pedestrian and commercial/retail activity. Another suggestion is for a 4-foot-wide pedestrian walking path that is parallel to a building facade and clear of furniture, landscaping, and other fixtures.

The presentation showed structures or features that could encourage pedestrian safety and comfort, such as semi-permanent decks, outdoor seating, and parklets. The guidelines for these include a buffer between pedestrians and moving traffic.

When providing shaded seating, the height of a structure is limited to 8.5 feet. Retractable shade structures are encouraged as long as they don't obstruct pedestrian movement.

For building facades, the guidelines encourage features like bay windows, columns, and other design details to create visual interest while not interrupting street wall continuity and pedestrian movement. Neutral colors and natural materials, like brick, stone, wood, clay, and concrete, are preferred for the facade.

The guidelines suggest energy-efficient lighting within buildings at street level and limiting the height of facade-mounted lighting to 15 feet. Leaving on facade, pedestrian, and building lights (at street level) during evening hours, particularly after business hours, is

recommended to support walkability, visibility, and a sense of safety. Other guidelines referred to signage, tree pits, and landscaping.

Jan Johannessen of KSCJ Consulting shared a draft for site plan regulations.

Currently, when a site plan application is being reviewed by the village board, a referral to the planning board is made with every subsequent submission. The notes on the draft document stated this delays the approval process and results in a joint review with two boards, sometimes with conflicting direction and feedback to the applicant. The recommendation is to request one comprehensive review of the site plan by the planning board when the village board deems the application complete. The draft provides guidelines for the planning board review and a time frame for a response (45 days unless extended).

The requirements for the application were expanded and edited. For several items, such as zoning, off-street parking, and street-level transparency regulations, applicants would be required to include tabulations and illustrations instead of just providing a number showing that they are compliant.

The current submission deadline is 10 days before a meeting, which Johannessen said may feel insufficient. What he sees more often is municipalities with 15–21 days.

The current code also states that applicants

have one year between a resolution approving their site plan and when they break ground and have “substantial construction,” Johannessen said. He suggested a three-prong approach: six months to complete the conditions included in the resolution, followed by one year to get a building permit after the site plan is signed, and then two years within which to complete the project.

The Village does not currently “have much in the way of lighting requirements,” Johannessen said. He reviewed the draft for lighting regulations, which he said would be “requirements, not recommendations.”

The draft states that the approval authority could require noncompliant lighting to be replaced, but only if the resident or property owner applied for site plan approval, a special use permit, or a subdivision application. All new lighting would have to be in compliance.

For single-family uses, the regulations focus on preventing glare and light trespass over property lines. There is a required lighting plan for nonresidential and multi-family uses, which has the goal of providing sufficient light for safety, but not more than is needed. These regulations include provisions ensuring exterior lighting is “attractive,” downward facing, does not produce glare, and limits light trespass. Approval authority can waive these provisions if deemed appropriate.



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“Wild Facts About Wild Mushrooms”

Saturday, June 6, 2–3:30 p.m.

Dobbs Ferry Public Library

Invasive Species Clearing

Sunday, June 7, 10 a.m.–noon

Chauncey Park

Sign up to volunteer: eventbrite.com, search Dobbs Ferry Conservation Advisory Board

Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, June 9, 6:30 p.m. for the workshop and 7:30 for the regular meeting

Village Hall

Agenda available at dobbsferry.gov

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 9, 7 p.m.

Dobbs Ferry Middle/High School Library

Trivia Night

Tuesday, June 9, 7 p.m.

Memorial Park

Zoning Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 10, 8 p.m.

Village Hall

Cult Classic Movie Night: “Troll 2”

Friday, June 12, 8 p.m.

Dobbs Ferry Public Library

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Saturday, June 13, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

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Lisa Solomon with a basket of mushrooms she foraged during a walk in Bronxville.

Mycophile offers entrée into ‘kingdom of life’

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL

Longtime Ardsley resident and mycophile Lisa Solomon brings the latest edition of her “Wild Facts About Wild Mushrooms” program to the Dobbs Ferry Public Library this Saturday, June 6. It is one of 19 visits Solomon is making to public libraries throughout Westchester this year, from as far north as Peekskill and Chappaqua down to Mount Vernon and Yonkers.

Solomon fell in love with mushrooms 20 years ago, after signing up for a guided foraging walk with her two children. After that first outing, led by freelance naturalist “Wildman” Steve Brill, Solomon became a regular on his foraging trips throughout the county, and joined the Connecticut-Westchester Mycological Association. Solomon now runs the Facebook group of the organization, which is the official affiliate of the North American Mycological Association for Westchester and Fairfield County (Connecticut).

“Mushroom hunting as a hobby is great

because you’re out in the fresh air,” Solomon told the Dispatch, adding that parents often bring their young children, in baby carriers, on foraging walks with the mycological association. “When you’re out there in the woods it’s a lot slower than hiking. So, for people who want to be out in the woods, but may not be up for the athletic abilities you need to do a group hike, it’s a good thing to do.”

Solomon’s curiosity about foraging was first sparked by her love for cooking and her interest in finding new wild foods to prepare. Her “Wild Facts About Wild Mushrooms” program teaches about mycophagy, which is the consumption of mushrooms, including which kinds of mushrooms are edible and can be found in local woods. Solomon also teaches about non-psychedelic mushrooms that can be used medicinally, such as the turkey tail mushroom, which is known to have anti-cancer properties.

“Most people know mushrooms mainly from the supermarket,” Solomon said. “They

may be familiar with more of the gourmet mushrooms, which are wild mushrooms that can be cultivated, such as Hen of the Woods. They may be familiar with different mushrooms through Asian cooking, such as oyster mushrooms.”

Solomon’s program is free and for all ages. She crafted the first part of the program to focus on the wide variety of shapes, sizes, colors, and smells of wild mushrooms, and to be appealing to children who can’t grasp more complex subject matter. Solomon then goes more in-depth about what to wear and what tools to bring into the woods when foraging, as well as how to identify different genera of mushrooms, and collect them to bring home and cook safely. The program also discusses the ways in which mushrooms, like other fungi, benefit the planet.

“Fungi can help take dangerous things out of the soil,” Solomon explained. “The kinds of pollutants that mycoremediation

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River crossing

Three hundred native shrubs and trees were planted on an island in the Saw Mill River on Saturday, May 30, between Rivertowns Square and the Ashford Avenue Bridge. The plants were provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s Trees for Tribes program. On hand were representatives of the DEC, the Dobbs Ferry Conservation Advisory Board, and Groundwork Hudson Valley, a nonprofit based in Yonkers. Ninety-two shrubs and trees were planted on that island in October 2025.



DOBBS FERRY

District cuts positions as costs increase and funding declines

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL

In the face of budget challenges, the Dobbs Ferry School District is eliminating several positions, including one of its two assistant superintendents. This is the third-straight year the district has enacted a “reduction in force,” which involves cutting funding for jobs that are filled, as well as vacant positions the district was setting aside to fill.

Following the certification of the vote to approve the 2026-27 budget on May 20, the board of education approved the reduction in force during a public meeting on Tuesday, May 26. In addition to striking the assistant superintendent for curriculum, instruction, and equity position held by Darrell Stinchcomb, the board voted to eliminate funding for an existing secretarial position, which the district cannot discuss more specifically until the Westchester County Department of Human Resources completes an impact analysis. The last day of work for Stinchcomb, who was hired in 2021 at a salary of \$200,000 per year, is June 30. Last September his salary was established at \$228,191.

As of July 1, Lisa Raymond, assistant superintendent finance, facilities and operations, will be the sole assistant superintendent. She was hired last year at \$240,000 per year.

The board also voted to abolish five vacant positions, including a K-5 teaching position,

an elementary foreign language position, a grade 6-12 reading teacher position, permanent substitute position, and teaching assistant position. Board of education president Brooke Bass explained that the board determined the cuts were necessary to keep the district’s curricula and extracurricular activities intact as costs increase.

“While we were starting the budget process, before we were even considering what was happening, we were already in the hole — almost a million dollars, which for our budget is a lot,” Bass told the Dispatch, adding that the district is spending \$90,000 to fix the boiler at Springhurst this year. “All of our expenses are increasing at a high rate, just like any homeowner’s, and our state aid is not increasing at that rate. We got a little more money this year, but not enough to cover the huge costs in the health insurance reserves that we have to pay into, and the retirement reserves that we have to pay into.”

The district’s overall budget went up from \$59,842,452 for the 2025-26 school year, to \$62,045,799 for 2026-27. Despite the budget increasing each of the last three years, the district has called for reductions in force each of those years.

“I don’t like making cuts,” Bass said. “I have this wish list of things that I would love to do and be able to give the students and

the community, but it’s just been so tight the last three years.”

According to Schools Superintendent Ken Slentz, while costs have gone up, the total district funds from the federal government have decreased from \$678,311 for the 2023-24 school year, to \$673,344 for 2024-25, and \$569,355 for 2025-26. The district is still waiting for the preliminary allocations for the 2026-27 school year.

Part of that federal funding is Title I, Part A, which a federal program that the New York State Department of Education (NYSED) website explains provides financial assistance to help districts provide all children with “fair, equitable, high-quality education and to close educational achievement gaps” that can exist for students from low-income families. The district’s Title I, Part A funding is down \$34,713 from 2023-24 to 2025-26.

Slentz shared that in January of this year, the NYSED wrote the district, stating that recent decreases in Title I, Part A funding is “due to changes in student count data and state-level allocations calculated by the United States Department of Education.” Student enrollment has decreased from 1,518 in 2023-24, to 1,456 in 2025-26, and is projected to drop to 1,437 for 2026-27.

“While these funds are budgeted separately from the general fund, any decrease

either means that we reduce the service or the personnel associated with the allocation, or we move the cost to the general fund,” Slentz told the Dispatch.

Stinchcomb is the second administrator being let go by the district in consecutive years. Last year the district eliminated the Springhurst Elementary School assistant principal position in part due to an expected influx of new students that never materialized.

“As a resident here and board member over the last five years, one of the biggest complaints I’ve heard is that we’re so top-heavy,” Bass said. “People always say we’re paying all of these taxes, and we have all of these administrators, and we don’t need as many.”

The district granted Stinchcomb tenure in July 2024. That means that Stinchcomb retains the right to the job for another seven years, and if the district decides to reinstate the position in that time frame, he has the option to come back. Stinchcomb was charged with establishing the district’s free pre-K program, which will begin with 18 students in September. Bass explained that going forward, the district plans to break the duties of the position into projects that existing administrators will take on for a stipend.

“It just made more financial sense, it helped us close the gap, and it allowed us to stay inside the tax cap,” Bass explained.

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Farmers Market

Saturday, June 6, 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Commuter Lot, Southside Avenue

Opening day of the weekly schedule

For details, visit hastingsfarmersmarket.org

Rivertown Thrift Pop-up

Saturday, June 6, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

James Harmon Community Center, lower
level. Clothing donations accepted until noon

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Saturday, June 6, 11 a.m.

Hastings High School

Register a team, \$175 for the adult bracket,
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VFW Plaza

Longtime Hastings resident and jazz pianist
David Janeway performs with the Vincent
Herring Quartet. Rain location: The Good
Witch Coffee Bar, 134 Southside Ave.

Rivertown Thrift Kids’ Clothing Swap

Wednesday, June 10, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

James Harmon Community Center, 3–6 p.m.
sidewalk sale on Friday, June 12, 6–8 p.m. at
the Rivertown Thrift Annex, 3 Spring St.

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Volunteer OF the Month



Olivia Huang teaches Chinese knotting during an AAPI celebration in Ardsley on May 17.

Olivia Huang

*Teen champions culture
through art and advocacy*

BY JANINE ANNETT

Olivia Huang, a 17-year-old junior at Hastings High School, has a passion for sharing her culture and making sure Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) heritage is represented in social spaces and in schools. Huang is a lifelong Hastings resident who lives with her parents, Julia and Paul, and younger sister, Elissa.

Recently honored with a Princeton Prize in Race Relations for her work within the Hastings School District, Huang is a leader of the high school’s Affinity Club and a member of the district’s K-12 Diversity Committee.

“In the past couple of years, we’ve done a lot of advocacy for diverse hiring practices and having a welcoming environment for staff,” Huang told the Dispatch. “Another thing we’ve worked on is having a diverse curriculum in school. I hadn’t seen my history and my culture taught in school much, because I’m a person of Chinese, Taiwanese, and Korean descent. We didn’t learn anything about Taiwan and Korea until ninth grade.”

Due in part to Huang’s efforts, a new class was added to the high school curriculum: Eastern Perspectives on Global Literature (an Honors English course). Huang also recently participated in a workshop at the

Superintendent’s Conference Day at Hastings, where she spoke to faculty about awareness and action when it comes to addressing racist behavior, including biases, microaggressions, and stereotypes. She has also held a similar workshop at a local college, and plans to hold another workshop on the middle school level.

Having learned the art of Chinese knotting from her paternal grandmother, Huang created “Threads of Connection” as her Girl Scout Gold Award project. The Girl Scout

“I hadn’t seen my history and my culture taught in school much, because I’m a person of Chinese, Taiwanese, and Korean descent.”

Olivia Huang

Gold Award is the highest honor in Girl Scouting, earned by Scouts who lead sustainable, community-centered projects that create lasting impact. Gold Award Girl Scouts identify a real-world issue, develop a plan, and take action to make meaningful change.

For her “Threads of Connection” project, Huang leads hands-on Chinese knotting workshops at elementary schools, libraries, Scout meetings, and community events, like the recent AAPI celebration in Ardsley on May 17. Through these sessions, she’s reached more than 450 participants,

who she surveys about what they take away from them. More than 90% of participants say they learned something new, with 93% expressing an interest in continued learning and 95% feeling proud of their handicraft.

“This project is meaningful to me because it allows me to share my positive experiences with my culture with others in the community,” Huang said. “When I was little, my grandmother taught me how to do Chinese knotting, and it became such a special way I connected with my Chinese heritage. In elementary school, I remember sharing the bracelets and dragonflies I’d made with my friends, and they all seemed so curious and eager to try it themselves. I realize now that this was the start of my passion for sharing culture as a way of bringing people together.”

During the workshops, “I teach some history about Chinese culture and Chinese knotting, like the meanings behind knots and the colors, and have an open discussion about people’s own cultures, not just China, but all around the world,” Huang said. “A big idea I emphasize is that knotting is everywhere, so it’s not just in China — it’s in your braids and your shoelaces and boats.”

Huang also developed a website (www.ourthreadsofconnection.com) that includes tutorials on Chinese knotting and information about upcoming events.

This summer, Huang plans to continue to teach more Chinese knotting workshops. She’s also planning a Science Research project on racial representation and the representation of skin in media and social media, furthering her passion for inclusion and representation in the Rivertowns and beyond.

HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON

Teens earn County honor for plastic-to-jewelry fundraiser

BY AMY BOCHNER

Hastings High School juniors Hajeong Lee and Ella Cajigao received a Westchester County EcoAward for their small business that transformed plastic into jewelry and raised funds for marine conservation efforts.

In 2024, the two joined Hastings K.I.D.S. (Kids Involved Doing Service), an organization that provides students with volunteer opportunities. Through that group, they started the Kids Upcycling Club, a free program hosted by the James Harmon Community Center where children in grades 2–5 could make crafts out of recycled materials.

That same year, the Village of Hastings received a \$50,000 grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies to launch a Youth Climate Action Fund, which provided microgrants for local youth-led environmental projects. Lee and Cajigao applied and received \$2,275. With that money and the help of Youth Council chair Lori Walsh, they created Kids Upcycling Club for PWR (Plastic Waste Reduction), a microbusiness that created jewelry out of recycled plastic bottle caps. The profits went toward The Ocean Cleanup, a nonprofit that develops technology to rid the ocean of plastic pollution.

Walsh offered the students a shed in her backyard to use as their work station. Their



Hajeong Lee and Ella Cajigao

jewelry-making process involved melting down plastic and marbling different colors to create a gemstone-like finish. They cut the plastic into stars, flowers, and other shapes before assembling them into earrings and necklaces.

The jewelry was sold at local markets and events, including the Hastings and Irvington

farmers markets, the Good Witch Kids Market, the HudCo Holiday Market, and the Westchester Women's Summit. Overall, they raised more than \$3,000 for The Ocean Cleanup.

Lee and Cajigao collaborated with local businesses to collect plastic and advertise. The Maker Hive supplied the students with

3D printing scraps, while Slices pizzeria put a box at their front counter to collect bottle caps. Rivertown Thrift sold the students' jewelry at their pop-up store, as well as helped them advertise by creating merchandise out of recycled T-shirts.

In June 2025, Lee and Cajigao closed the business side of the Kids Upcycling Club to focus on school. According to Lee, they also wanted “to find ways to connect different communities in our Westchester area to help partner and create a larger impact together. To do this, Cajigao said, they speak about their experience to student clubs at schools in the Rivertowns.

“We wanted to spread the knowledge and resources of how to start a successful micro-business that focuses on sustainable impact, because we had, like any other project, trial and error at the beginning,” she said.

Lee and Cajigao now serve as co-chairs of Hastings K.I.D.S., along with fellow juniors Jay Werner and Maya Ganeshananthan. The Kids Upcycling Club at the community center is ongoing, and they passed the leadership torch to Max Goldberg, a Hastings High School junior.

In April, the Westchester County Department of Environmental Facilities notified

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Needles at Noon

Saturday, June 6, 12–1:30 p.m.
Irvington Public Library
Lori Cohen joins the weekly yarn craft meetup to help with knitting and crocheting

“Clint Hill” with Toni McKeen

Saturday, June 6, 2 p.m.
Irvington Public Library
To attend via Zoom, register at irvingtonlibrary.org

Free Community Concert: The Barn Vultures

Saturday, June 6, 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Matthiessen Park Stage

Pride Month Picnic and Pet Parade

Sunday, June 7, 2–5 p.m.
Matthiessen Park

Butterfly Storytime and Release

Thursday, June 11, 4–4:45 p.m.
Irvington Public Library
For ages 4-8
Registration required at irvingtonlibrary.org

Crafternoon for Ages 7-11

Thursday, June 11, 5:15–5:45 p.m.
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Come paint garden gnomes and colorful stones for our garden or yours. Registration required at irvingtonlibrary.org

Free Community Concert

Friday, June 12, 6–8 p.m.
Matthiessen Park Stage
Double bill features Divining Rod Band and Bent Branches

Stewardship at O’Hara & Irvington Woods Park

Saturday, June 13, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Meet at O’Hara Nature Center,
170 Mountain Road
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Divining Rod will perform with Bent Branches on June 12.

Concerts christen new stage on riverfront

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL

The new, permanent stage at Matthiessen Park will debut this Saturday, June 6, with a concert by local Americana and roots rock band The Barn Vultures. The performance is the first of 16 scheduled through August for the stage, which was completed earlier this year. Programming includes free concerts by rock bands, jazz groups, and more, including a former mayor.

Located in the northern end of the park, beyond the playground and pathway loop, the stage cost roughly \$1.6 million, including a roof and electrical and sound systems. Beyond concerts, it’s envisioned to accommodate theatrical performances, graduations, and community events.

Plans for the stage began in 2022, but were halted by the Village when the estimated price tag ballooned by hundreds of thousands of dollars. In November 2023, Irvington received a \$500,000 Parks, Preservation and Heritage Grant from New York State’s Environmental Protection Fund, and restarted the planning soon after.

The stage’s inaugural season kicks off with The Barn Vultures, a band that has performed at events like last fall’s Rocktoberfest at Matthiessen Park and is led by Irvington High School science teacher David Whitehead. The following week, on Friday, June 12, the stage will feature a double bill with country band Divining Rod and rock band Bent Branches. Both Divining Rod and Bent Branches were part of the “IRV LA” wildfire recovery benefit concert at the Irvington Theater last year, and both consist of members who perform during Irvington’s popular Halloween series.

The first two concerts are part of a series of six produced in a collaboration between

the Irvington Recreation and Parks Department and the volunteer Rocktoberfest Committee. The two groups collaborate annually for Rocktoberfest in September, which Jared Zerman has helped lead as the committee’s co-chair for the past two years. Zerman seized the opportunity to bring local talent to the new stage.

“It’s a great new asset for the Village of Irvington and it’s great that a variety of different groups and individuals are coming together for the village to enjoy,” Zerman told the Dispatch. “It’s a great asset within a great asset because Matthiessen Park is a great asset for the village and now we’ve made it that much more appealing by being able to put concerts and other events on a stage on the shore of the river.”

While the Rocktoberfest Committee is lending its concert production expertise and funds raised from last year’s Rocktoberfest to help run some of the first concerts, programming on the park stage is the permanent responsibility of the parks and recreation department and the Irvington Theater Commission. The

commission plans to announce a schedule of events in the near future.

“The Irvington Theater Commission is thrilled to incorporate the new stage into our seasonal programming,” theater commission co-chair Shana Liebman wrote the Dispatch. “An outdoor space opens a world of programming possibilities and helps us reach new audiences. We can’t wait for this summer’s ‘Jazz in the Park’ — a perfect use of the stage — and we are currently brainstorming new ways to maximize this exciting opportunity.”

After the June 12 show, the parks and recreation department and Rocktoberfest Committee are set to present concerts on the evenings of June 26, July 11, July 18, and July 31. On July 11, Irvington’s most recent former mayor, Jon Siegel, will perform with his band, Local Politics, for a double bill with The Skam, which features former village trustee Mitchell Bard.

From July 9–Aug. 27, Tarrytown-based organization Jazz Forum Arts will move its free jazz summer series from Lyndhurst, where it presented summer performances for the last 15 years, to Matthiessen Park. Jazz Forum Arts first began presenting free outdoor jazz concerts in Dobbs Ferry during the summer of 2000, and will produce concerts at locations in Dobbs Ferry, Irvington, Tarrytown, Ossining, and Sleepy Hollow this summer.

“Even back in the day, I was interested in doing concerts at Matthiessen Park, but up until last year it had been exclusively for the use of Irvington residents,” Jazz Forum Arts founder and executive director Mark Morganello told the Dispatch. “And now they’ve opened it up to the public, which is a big deal. And

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Village of Irvington Summer Concert Series

June 5, The Barn Vultures,
6:30–8:30 p.m.

June 12, Divining Rod and Bent
Branches, 6–8 p.m.

June 26, Long Story Short, 6–8 p.m.

July 11, Local Politics and
The Skam, 4–7 p.m.

July 18, The Now Stories, 6–8 p.m.

July 31, The Femme Fighters, 7–9 p.m.

IRVINGTON

Village pulls the plug on planned EV charging stations

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL

After pushback from village residents, the Irvington Board of Trustees has canceled plans to install electric vehicle charging stations on South Buckhout Street, as well as the Ardsley-on-Hudson train station and a parking lot off East Sunnyside Lane.

Mayor Arlene Burgos made the announcement in an email blast to village residents on Friday, May 22, following a May 18 public hearing where residents of the Half Moon North Co-op urged the board not to install the three proposed dual-port EV chargers — with a total of six ports — next to public parking spaces at 230 South Buckhout Street.

The South Buckhout location was part of a larger plan to install charging stations at seven locations throughout Irvington, using a grant from Con Edison and Westchester County. In emails to the Dispatch, Burgos explained that while the hearing centered on South Buckhout, the village board's review was not limited to that site alone.

"As we evaluated the project, we looked at all of the proposed installations together and considered the broader concerns residents raised about siting, process, communication, and neighborhood impacts," Burgos wrote the Dispatch. "The decision ultimately reflected the cumulative assessment of community feedback, engineering and funding constraints, and the overall

feasibility of moving forward. For the two additional locations, the board concluded that proceeding in those locations was also not practical under the grant structure and cost requirements that govern the program."

During the May 18 hearing, multiple Half Moon North residents shared their disappointment that they were unaware of the plan to install the chargers until they saw paint on the sidewalk marking their future location. In both her message to village residents and messages to the Dispatch, Burgos owned up to a lack of communication by the Village, calling it a "shortcoming" that the Village is committed to correcting for future infrastructure projects.

"The primary factor was that the project became focused on meeting the technical, regulatory, and funding requirements associated with the county grant program," Burgos wrote to the Dispatch. "As village staff and consultants worked through site eligibility, utility coordination, and approval requirements, we did not place enough emphasis on proactively communicating with residents who would be most directly affected by the proposed installations. We should have engaged the community earlier, shared more detailed information about the project and its constraints, and created opportunities for discussion before plans had advanced as far as they did."

The project also includes four dual-port chargers that have been installed at the

Fieldpoint municipal lot at the intersection of Main Street and Broadway (Route 9), and four dual-port chargers that have been installed at Scenic Hudson Park. The Village still plans to install two dual-port chargers at the O'Hara Nature Center, and one charger with two ports at the public library, along with the replacement of an existing dual-port charger there.

If all of the proposed charging stations were installed, the entire project would have cost \$712,746, with Con Ed and Westchester County covering \$692,909. The grant requires that chargers be installed in public parking spaces. In her message to residents, Burgos explained that the grant program was also intended for bulk installation of the chargers, so that spreading chargers across many smaller sites would have likely disqualified the project from full funding.

The grant program round is now closed. If the Village decides to install more charging stations, then it will look for grant opportunities, such as funding initiatives through Westchester County or New York State, utility-supported programs through Con Edison, or public-private partnerships, according to Burgos.

"As future opportunities arise, the Village will evaluate them carefully, balancing the goal of expanding EV access with fiscal responsibility and meaningful community engagement," Burgos wrote.

— COMMUNITY BRIEFS —



Best Communities for Music Education

The Irvington School District has been named one of the 2026 Best Communities for Music Education Award from the NAMM (National Association for Music Merchants) Foundation. Irvington is one of more than 1,000 school districts and individual schools across the country to receive this distinction. Now in its 27th year, the award program recognizes recipients for their dedication to music education and efforts to ensure equitable access to music education to all students.

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ARDSLEY
12:30–5:30 p.m. / Adults: \$12.50 in advance, \$15 at the door; kids: \$7.50 in advance, \$10 at the door. Ardsley Middle School, 700 Ashford Ave. Crafts for kids, food available for purchase. ardsleymusicpartners.org/amp-fest

Eid Festival

ARDSLEY
1–4 p.m. / Free. Pascone Park, 507 Ashford Ave. Festivities include food trucks, halal vendors, bouncy castle, henna, crafts. Rain location: Ardsley Middle School. ardslevillage.gov

Teen Open Mic

HASTINGS
2–5 p.m. / Free. Reynolds Field, 7 Farragut Ave. Sign up in advance for a 15-minute time slot to perform music (band or solo act) outdoors. [instagram.com/the_lab_open_mic](https://www.instagram.com/the_lab_open_mic)

Farmers Market

HASTINGS
8:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Commuter Lot, Southside Avenue. Opening day of the weekly market through November. hastingsfarmersmarket.org

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. Also, kids clothing swap on Wednesday, June 10, 3–6 p.m. at the community center, and sidewalk sale on Friday, June 12, 6–8 p.m. at the Annex, 3 Spring St.

“The Tempest”

HASTINGS
7:30 p.m. / \$37, \$27 seniors and students. River’s Edge Theatre Studio, 546 Warburton Ave. Imaginative adaptation of Shakespeare’s play. For ages 8+. Final performance on Sunday, 4 p.m. riversedgetheatre.com

“Wake Me Up”

IRVINGTON
Noon and 4 p.m. / \$35, \$20 for seniors and students. Irvington Theater, 85 Main St. Amanda Kupillas Dance presents an end-of-year showcase. Purchase tickets at irvingtontheater.com

Community Concert

IRVINGTON
6:30–8:30 p.m. / Free. Matthiessen Park



The annual RiverArts Music Tour on Saturday, June 6, features free performances at more than 25 venues throughout the Rivertowns.

Stage. The Barn Vultures play an eclectic mix of rock and roots music, featuring Irvington High School’s David Whitehead.

“You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown”

TARRYTOWN
2 p.m. / \$25, \$10 for children under 12. Shames JCC, 371 S. Broadway. Good Company Performing Arts Center presents the beloved musical based on Charles M. Schulz’s Peanuts characters. shamesjcc.org

SUNDAY JUNE 7

Outdoor Live Music: Notes Overton

DOBBS FERRY
2–5 p.m. / No cover charge. Hudson Social, 11 Station Plaza. hudsonsocial.com

“Life During Wartime”

HASTINGS
2–4 p.m. / Free. Hastings Public Library, 7 Maple Ave. The Hastings Historical Society presents Char Weigel to discuss the impact of the Revolutionary War on what is now Hastings, Dobbs Ferry, and Irvington. hastingshistorical-society.org

35th Anniversary Show

HASTINGS
2–5 p.m. / Free. Upstream Gallery, 8 Main St. Opening reception. Also, artist talks on Sunday, June 14, 2–5 p.m., closing celebration on Sunday, June 28, 2–5 p.m. Hours: Thursday–Sunday, 12:30–5:30 p.m. upstreamgallery.com

“Hastings on Jazz”

HASTINGS
3–5:30 p.m. / Free. VFW Plaza, 558 Warburton Ave. The weekly summer series kicks off with longtime Hastings resident and jazz pianist David Janeway performing with the Vincent Herring Quartet. Rain location: The Good Witch Coffee Bar, 134 Southside Ave. destinationhastings.org

Tarrytown Street Fair

TARRYTOWN
10 a.m.–5 p.m. Main Street. Outdoor market with food, music, local retailers, arts and crafts vendors. sleepyhollowtarrytownchamber.com

Rose Day

TARRYTOWN
10 a.m.–2 p.m. / \$15. Lyndhurst, 635 S. Broadway. Garden events are held throughout the property. lyndhurst.org

Direct From Sweden: The Music of ABBA

TARRYTOWN
8 p.m. / \$47–\$67. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St. tarrytownmusichall.org

MONDAY JUNE 8

Craft & Sip

ARDSLEY
6:30 p.m. / \$40 (includes one cocktail). Saw Mill Tavern, 925 Saw Mill River Road. Reservations encouraged. smtavern.com

TUESDAY JUNE 9

Trivia Night

DOBBS FERRY
7–9 p.m. / Free. Memorial Park. Up to six people per team; ages 18 and up. Teams that compete in at least four of the weekly Trivia Nights through July 21 qualify to win prizes. Sign up at dobbsferry.gov/recreation-department

Book Launch

HASTINGS
7 p.m. / \$5 purchase of a gift card to Picture Book in Dobbs Ferry. Good Witch Coffee Bar, 134 Southside Ave. Celebrate Dorothy Neagle’s new book “Imagine a Woman.” Gift card can be used toward the purchase of the book at the event or redeemed for a book of your choice at a later date. picturebookny.com/calendar

Mindful Meetup

IRVINGTON
7 p.m. / \$35, free for unlimited members. The Lark, 50 S. Buckhout St., G107. The theme is “Imperfectly Perfect.” thelark.club/events

WEDNESDAY JUNE 10

Sunset Yoga

YONKERS
7 p.m. / \$22. Untermyer Park and Gardens, 945 N. Broadway. Tickets: untermyergardens.org

THURSDAY JUNE 11

Outdoor Live Music: Greetings From Anywhere

DOBBS FERRY
6–9 p.m. / No cover charge. Hudson Social, 11 Station Plaza. hudsonsocial.com

Jazz and Latin Music

DOBBS FERRY
7–9:15 p.m. / No cover charge. Mirabella Cocina Latina Restaurant & Bar, 1 Hamilton St. Featuring Hastings native Peter Brainin on saxophone and flute and Harvie S on bass. mirabellacocina.com/calendar-dobbs-ferry

FRIDAY JUNE 12

Recently Moved to the Rivertowns Meetup

DOBBS FERRY
10–11 a.m. / Free. HudCo, 145 Palisade St., Suite 200. Register at hudco.eventbrite.com

Raffle and Porch Party

DOBBS FERRY
6–7:30 p.m. / \$125. The Manse at South Presbyterian Church, 343 Broadway. Featuring Stanley Legan and Friends, light bites, beverages, raffle drawing. Proceeds support South Church’s historic campus and programs. southpres.org

Friday Night Pride

HASTINGS
6–9 p.m. / Free. Warburton Avenue. Live concert, activities, and food vendors. Pre-event, 3:45–5:45 p.m., at The Good Witch Coffee Bar, 134 Southside Ave., followed by a march to Warburton. DestinationHastings.org

Community Concert

IRVINGTON
6–8 p.m. / Free. Matthiessen Park Stage. A double bill featuring Divining Rod Band and Bent Branches.

Juneteenth Celebration

GREENBURGH
5:30–8:30 p.m. / Free. Greenburgh Town Hall, 177 Hillside Ave. Featuring food, games, arts and crafts, and music. greenburghny.com

The Blotter

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crashing into a fence at the Andrus children's and families services campus on the evening of Friday, May 29. The defendant was transported to the

Westchester Medical Center. He was charged with reckless driving, a misdemeanor, and cited for nine vehicle-and-traffic violations. Officer Kevin Barry made the arrest.

Suspended license and

registration: A 33-year-old Yonkers resident was arrested for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree and for a suspended registration, both misdemeanors, on Warburton Avenue on the morning of Saturday,

May 30. Officer Rob Simmonds made the arrest.

Suspended license and

more: A 33-year-old Bronx resident was arrested for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third

degree, a misdemeanor, and cited for two vehicle-and-traffic violations — improper plates and an unregistered vehicle — on Farragut Avenue on the afternoon of Saturday, May 30. Officer Wuilber Maldonado made the arrest.

IRVINGTON

Suspicious suitcase: A suitcase was spotted floating in the river off the Bridge Street Properties complex on the evening of Sunday, May 31. The suitcase was not recovered.

Kids Upcycling Club

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Lee and Cajigao that they had won an EcoAward, which honors residents, students, schools, municipalities, businesses, and organizations for their contributions to sustainability and environmental stewardship. The awards were presented on April 23 at Tibbetts Brook Park in Yonkers. On the same day, a press release on the Westchester

County website described the Kids Upcycling Club as “transforming plastic waste into community-driven solutions that reduce pollution, educate youth, and support global ocean cleanup efforts.”

As two of the youngest recipients, Cajigao said it was “pretty awesome” to be honored among local government officials and small business owners.

Lee believes this is aligned with the Kids Upcycling Club’s “core message,” that young

people can have a “lasting impact on your community and your environment through hard work and putting your time into growing an idea.”

“If you put good out there in the world, the good will come back to you,” she said. “People will be inspired and support you, and everyone is trying to also just help you pursue your own idea and improve your surroundings.”

She encouraged other students to take a chance and apply for opportunities like the

Youth Climate Action Fund grant, even if they are unsure of what their project would be, because “chances are that something really good will happen.”

Cajigao agreed.

“Everyone we encountered was super enthusiastic about what we were doing and was willing to help us in any ways that we needed,” she said. “Whatever project you’re doing or idea you’re pursuing, you don’t have to do it alone.”

Mushrooms

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can address include oil spills, pesticides, and heavy metals.

“Mycelium, which are kind of like the roots of fungi, can be used to make compostable packaging, they can be used in building construction, and can also be used to make vegan leather,” Solomon added.

As is the case with all 19 events, Solomon donates her time so that the program is free for all ages.

Professionally, Solomon is a lawyer who

researches and writes for a personal injury firm, but mushrooms and foraging are her passion. Being able to share the knowledge and invite others to join in on the hobby is an important part of what she enjoys about being a mycophile.

“Fungi are a whole separate kingdom of life,” Solomon said. “They’re not plants and they’re not animals, and their [audiences’] eyes are opened to this really fascinating world.”

“Wild Facts About Wild Mushrooms” will be presented at the Dobbs Ferry Public Library on June 6 at 2 p.m. and at the Irvington Public Library on Sept. 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Park concerts

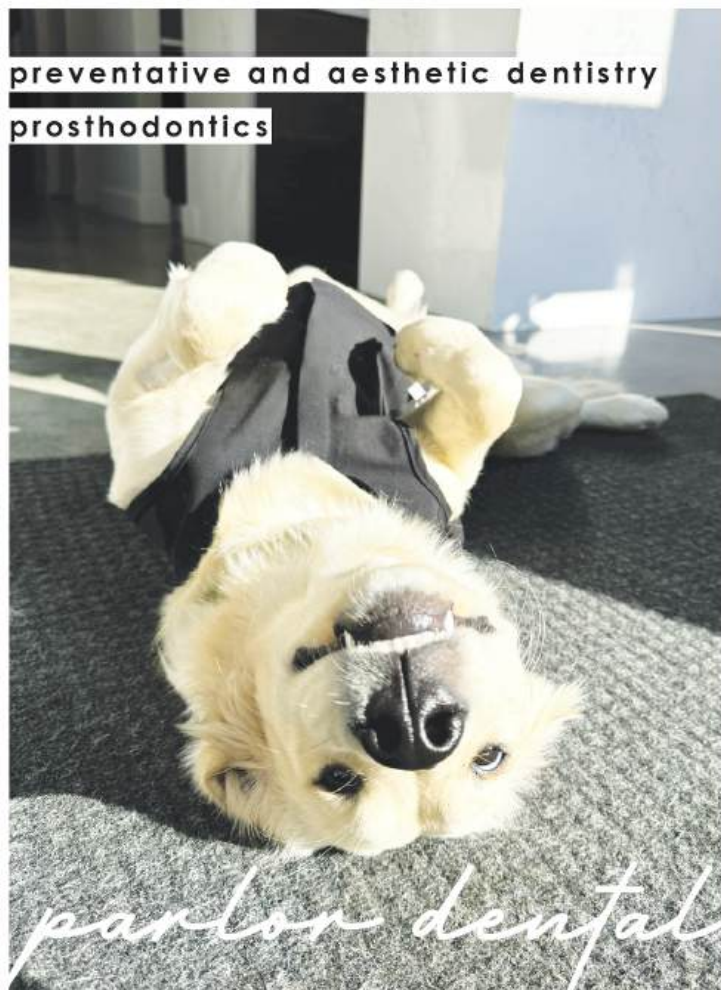
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now that it’s open to the public it fits precisely with our mission to be a community-based organization and offer these concerts for free.”

Jazz Forum Arts’ series at Matthiessen Park will feature artists like pianist Donald Vega, drummer and vocalist Tony Jefferson, and vocalist Julia Danielle Smulson. The curation was guided by Darrian Douglas, a drummer who is taking the baton from Morganelli as executive director of Jazz Forum Arts, starting July 1.

“It’s a beautiful stage, right on the river, and we’re going to have a great time presenting all types of music,” Douglas said. “I have some local people like Tony Jefferson coming in, and then I have other people who haven’t necessarily been in the community yet who I want to introduce the audiences to, with the hopes of eventually bringing those hopes to the club.”

All of the upcoming concerts presented by the parks and recreation department, theater commission, Rocktoberfest Committee, and Jazz Forum Arts will be free. More information about the summer jazz series can be found at jazzforumarts.org.



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parlor dental



Opinion

The Dispatch welcomes letters to the editor about subjects related to the Rivertowns. Letters must be no more than 350 words, submitted by Monday at noon for that week's issue, and include the names, home addresses, and phone numbers of their writers. No letter is guaranteed publication. To submit a letter, visit rivertownsdispatch.com/submissions

Rally at bank to protest funding of private prisons

To the Editor:

The broad extent of the Trump administration's attack on immigrants, refugee-seekers, and their rights is well known to most readers of the Dispatch. The spearhead of this attack is the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency, or ICE. The violence that ICE generated in its invasion of Minneapolis several months ago may now be heading to New York City and its suburbs.

Indeed, ICE is already a local issue, as witnessed by the events at Newark's Delaney Hall, an ICE detention center where inmates are on hunger strike and work strike, and where protests led by inmates' family members occur daily.

On Saturday, June 6, a coalition of Westchester organizations will address the jailing of immigrants, under the threat of deportation, without due process. The rally will take place at the Citizens Bank, 2195 Central Park Ave., in Yonkers, from 12–1 p.m. Please join us.

Why Citizens Bank? Citizens Bank is the main funder of the GEO Group, a massive profit-driven corporation whose wealth comes from its network of private prisons, such as Newark's Delaney Hall.

Saturday's rally in Yonkers, part of a nationwide day of protest against Citizens Bank and ICE, will urge the bank to end its funding of GEO, and urge people who have deposited money in the bank to withdraw their funds unless/until Citizens Bank ends its profit-making role in immigrant detention. More about the issue and the protests can be learned on last Monday's edition of Democracy Now! (www.democracynow.org).

Frank Brodhead

HASTINGS

Tension over turf reflects a loss of trust in Hastings

To the Editor:

This latest iteration of the Hastings "turf wars" has placed a strain on the fabric of our community. Residents have been insulted in public forums for sharing their expertise and opinions. Others have described the decisions made by the board as a "betrayal" — a direct violation of their trust. A petition was

lodged and then addressed in a mass email from our superintendent. These reactions suggest something more troubling than disagreement — a breakdown of trust within our community.

Wendell Berry talked about the centrality of trust within a community in his Iowa Humanities Lecture, saying, "People who do not trust one another do not help each other, and moreover they fear one another."

Many of us live here with an acute sense of place — a small group of hills overlooking the Hudson and Saw Mill River valleys. How we maintain our place reflects how we maintain our community.

The remnants of Factory Brook, flowing from the Burke wetlands, remind us that places bear the decisions of their stewards. The brook no longer appears on the map and instead runs invisibly beneath our commuter lot.

We should consider how our shared future depends on our trust in one another, our institutions, and our representatives. We encourage our leaders to reflect seriously on their role as stewards of both place and public trust.

Thomas and Marisa Chee-Duffy

HASTINGS

Plastic production pumps up prices and profits for Big Oil

To the Editor:

As the Iran war creates higher oil prices, Big Oil is exploiting global instability to reap massive profits. While fossil fuel companies clean up, we're forced to put up with painful spikes at the pump.

Plastics are 99% derived from fossil fuel and Americans use them at four times the global rate. Our profligate use of plastics for packaging and other consumer goods compounds the effects of war on fuel costs.

Since plastic is a cheap commodity, profits depend on high volume. It shouldn't surprise us that plastic output has doubled in the past 20 years. No doubt, it will triple and quadruple. Pushing plastic is Big Oil's "Plan B" to ensure profitability in a volatile energy market.

Despite knowing about devastating effects of plastics on our environment, oceans, and health, we've been hooked and are now chronically addicted to a throwaway lifestyle. We've even swallowed the lie that plastic can be recycled — most can't.

Will connecting the dots between demand for plastic and rising gas prices curb its use? Even if it does, lurking in the background

are the Big Oil and chemical lobbies delaying regulations, promoting false solutions like "chemical recycling," and obstructing essential legislation like PRRIA, the New York State Plastic Reduction & Recycling Infrastructure Act.

Please help pass this bill by calling your state senator and state assemblyperson to voice your support for PRRIA: Assembly Bill 1749/Senate Bill 1464.

Reduce, reuse, and resist: You'll help drive change and even save money at the pump. Learn more at beyondplastics.org.

Harriet Cheney

DOBBS FERRY

Feiner aims to lift up Greenburgh in role as town supervisor

To the Editor:

A lot has been made of Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner's 35-year tenure. But a lot of what I don't hear and should is why he's been returned so many times. He must be doing something right.

Paul gives all of himself to this job, most recently focusing on pedestrian safety and building 12 miles of new sidewalks. He is extremely accessible to the public — always returning constituents calls, emails, and following up with their concerns. He has a lot of empathy which is missing too much in today's politics.

A lot of people are seeking to bring Greenburgh down and saying bad things about the Town, but Paul is looking to lift Greenburgh up. Vote for Paul Feiner.

Early voting goes from June 13–21, and the primary is on June 23. Greenburgh residents have both the Hastings Public Library and Greenburgh Town Hall as polling places.

Andy Laub

ARDSLEY

McGoey would support youth as town supervisor

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my strong support for Barry McGoey for Greenburgh town supervisor in the upcoming Democratic primary.

I am a lifelong resident of Irvington and am now a college student. I support Barry for town supervisor because he is committed

to supporting young people in our area.

Over the years, Barry has worked to organize inspiring events and volunteer opportunities in the town, including working together with the Ardsley Village Board of Trustees — on which he currently serves — to support Diwali celebrations, packaging meals for asylum seekers, and participating in multi-village Pride marches. These gatherings not only bring families together, but also create positive, memorable experiences for young people.

On a more personal note, Barry has supported his children's involvement in local sports as a coach with the RJS Sports football program, a volunteer with the Greenburgh Special Recreation Challenger program, and by leading the annual Ardsley Little League parade — all to support organizations that provide kids with opportunities for mentorship, teamwork, and safe, structured environments.

As town supervisor, I know that Barry will be dedicated to supporting youth initiatives to ensure that our community remains a place where young people can thrive.

Gabriela Villavicencio

IRVINGTON

Remember D-Day's legacy of freedom 82 years later

To the Editor:

June 6 marks the 82nd anniversary of the largest amphibious invasion in world history. The 1944 D-Day invasion of Normandy, France (code name: Operation Overlord), marked the beginning of the march of the Allied forces across Europe to defeat Nazi Germany.

There were 160,000 Allied troops who landed along a 50-mile stretch of the fortified coast in France. More than 5,000 ships and 13,000 aircraft supported the D-Day invasion. There were more than 9,000 Allied soldiers killed or wounded that day.

Everybody in Europe has lived in freedom for the past 82 years because of what began on that day. We honor and remember all those that participated and created the legacy that is now known as "The Greatest Generation." Lest we forget.

Stephen Wittenberg

LEWES, DELAWARE

The writer is a former resident of Ardsley and a member of Ardsley American Legion Post 458

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



PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS VILLAGE BRANDING IMPLEMENTATION VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY, NEW YORK

Body copy: The Village of Ardsley, located in Westchester County, is requesting proposals from qualified creative agencies or design professionals to provide comprehensive branding implementation services. Respondents should demonstrate experience in municipal or community branding, strategic communications, and managing collaborative projects for local governments or community organizations.

To obtain project details and specifications, please email Village Clerk, Ann Marie Rocco at arocco@ardsleyvillage.gov or visit the office of the Village Clerk, Ardsley Village Hall, 507 Ashford Avenue, Monday through Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm. A copy of the RFP document will also be posted on the Village's website www.ardsleyvillage.gov.

Please review the RFP and request clarification or additional information no later than Monday, June 15, 2026. All inquiries and responses will be posted on the Village's website.

Responses must be submitted by Monday, June 22, 2026 at 10:00am in a sealed package or electronically to: arocco@ardsleyvillage.gov.

Mailing Address:
Village Clerk, Ann Marie Rocco
507 Ashford Avenue
Ardsley, NY 10502
Dated: June 5, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ESTABLISH AND SET ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING RATES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ardsley will hold a public hearing Monday, June 15, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. or soon thereafter at Village Hall-Court Room, 507 Ashford Avenue, Ardsley, NY to discuss adoption of a resolution to establish and set electric vehicle charging rates.

Please check the calendar on the Village website for meeting details at www.ardsleyvillage.gov or email the Village Clerk at arocco@ardsleyvillage.gov.

The meeting will be able to be seen live on Channel 75 (Cablevision) or Channel 32/35 (Verizon).

Members of the public can also listen to the meeting via Zoom platform by dialing via phone+1 929 205 6099, Webinar ID: 848 9284 3228 Passcode: 300658 or Join Zoom Meeting here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84892843228?pwd=5CbcYbV1lbOrOz2pZRVcaKvFkmRwXk.1> Meeting ID: 848 9284 3228 Passcode: 300658

Further details on sewer rents are available at the Office of the Village Clerk, 507 Ashford Avenue, Ardsley, NY during normal office hours Monday through Friday 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

Written comments may be sent to the Village Clerk at arocco@ardsleyvillage.gov and the Village Manager at jcerretani@ardsleyvillage.gov or sent via regular mail to 507 Ashford Ave, Ardsley, NY 10502. All comments will be shared with the Board of Trustees and questions will be answered as quickly as possible.

All residents and taxpayers are invited to attend.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY, NEW YORK
Ann Marie Rocco
Village Clerk
Dated: June 5, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE — HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 295-143B & 295-120C,4 of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson Zoning Code

Notice is hereby given that:

A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Board on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 7:00 pm, in the Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York.

The Hearing will be held on the application of 2 Fulton, LLC for the re-approval of a two lot subdivision on their property located at 2 Fulton Street, as per section 295-120 of the Village Code, Said property is located in the R-7.5 zoning district and is known as SBL: 4.140-146-16&17 on the Village Tax Maps.

The Planning Board will, at this time and place, will hear all persons in support of such matter and any objections thereto.

Plans will be made available for review at the office of the Building Department or on the Village web site on or about the Friday preceding the meeting date. Hohny.gov

Eva Alligood, Chair, PB
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The Hearing will be held on the application of 16 Villard Avenue, LLC (Contract Vendee) for View Preservation recommendation under section 295-82 and Site Plan approval under section 295-104, to construct a (3) story, (60) unit, active adult (55+) rental apartment building and associated clubhouse building with surface and sub-surface parking located at 16 Villard Avenue. Said property in MR-1.5 Zoning District and is known as SBL 4.40-44-3 on the Village Tax Maps.

The Planning Board will, at this time and place, hear all persons in support of such matter and any objections thereto.

Plans will be made available at the office of the Building Department or on the Village web site on or about the Friday prior to the meeting. Hohny.gov

Eva Alligood, Chair
PUBLISH RIVERTOWNS DISPATCH

HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON PUBLIC HEARING

To consider Proposed Local Law D of 2026, A Local Law to Amend Chapter 282, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson Regarding Downtown Parking Regulations.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: That the Mayor and Board of Trustees schedule a public hearing for Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 7:00 PM or shortly thereafter to consider Proposed Local Law D of 2026, A Local Law to Amend Chapter 282, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson Regarding Downtown Parking Regulations.

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

The meeting will be conducted

in-person at the Village Hall Meeting Room, 7 Maple Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York.

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

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

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

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

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June 5, 2026

HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Village Clerk of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson until 11:00 AM on June 26, 2026 Hastings-on-Hudson, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706, at which time and place said sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for the furnishing and/or placing of the following materials:

The project consists of installing approximately 3,000 linear feet of concrete curb, along with sidewalks, pavers, asphalt, and drainage.

Specifications and Bid proposal forms will be available on June 5, 2026 online at <https://www.hohny.gov/Bids> or by sending an email to the Village Clerk at Acostantini@hohny.gov. All bidders are to notify Anthony Costantini upon downloading the project documents.

In addition to the above, the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson has partnered with BidNet as part of the Empire State Purchasing Group and will post our bid opportunities and any addendums to this site. As a vendor, you can register with Empire State Purchasing Group and be sure that you see all of the Village's available bids, addendums, and opportunities. Detailed plans and specifications for said bid may be obtained through the Empire State Purchasing Group at the following link: <http://www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/hastings-on-hudson>

Bids shall be made on the Proposal Forms, furnished with

the Specifications and must be accompanied by a Bid Bond acceptable to the Village, or a certified cashier's check, drawn on a solvent bank account in the amount of not less than 5% of the total amount of the Bid. Checks shall be made payable to the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, and are to be held by the Village as a guarantee for the proper execution and delivery of the Contract and bonds to secure the faithful performance thereof. In default of such execution and delivery of Contract and Bonds, the amount of the deposit represented by the check shall be forfeited to and retained by the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson as liquidated damages.

All bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes plainly marked "Bid for 2026 Curb Installation and Replacement – due June 26, 2026."

Contractor shall coordinate curb installation with the Village paving work. Roads which require curbing and paving shall not be paved prior to curb installation.

The cooperating Villages reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities at their discretion, and to award contracts in a manner deemed to be in the best interests of the cooperating Villages even if such award is for other than the lowest bidder.

All technical questions should be directed in writing to Mary Beth Murphy by email to Vilagemanager@hohny.gov or by mail to 7 Maple Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706.

Anthony Costantini
Village Clerk

HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON NOTICE OF ADOPTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, Westchester County, New York (the "Village"), at a meeting held on June 2, 2026, duly adopted the resolution summarized below, subject to a permissive referendum.

The resolution provides that the faith and credit of the Village are irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable; that an annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year; that the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of

the issuance and sale of the bonds authorized by such resolution, including renewals of such notes, is delegated to the Village Treasurer; that all other matters, except as provided in such resolution, relating to the bonds authorized, including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed in such resolution and the manner of the execution of the consolidation with other issues, and the authority to issue such obligations on the basis of substantially level or declining annual debt service, is delegated to and shall be determined by the Village Treasurer; and that this LEGAL NOTICE shall be published.

A summary of the bond resolution follows:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JUNE 2, 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$500,000 BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF RECONSTRUCTION OF ROADS, IN AND FOR SAID VILLAGE.

The period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is fifteen years pursuant to subdivision twenty of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

THE FULL TEXT OF THIS BOND RESOLUTION IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE CLERK LOCATED AT 7 MAPLE AVENUE, HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK, DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS.

Dated: Hastings-on-Hudson, New York
June 3, 2026

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The period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is fifteen years, pursuant to subdivision eleven of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

THE FULL TEXT OF THIS BOND RESOLUTION IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE CLERK LOCATED AT 7 MAPLE AVENUE, HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK, DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS.

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A summary of the bond resolution follows:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JUNE 2, 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$293,046 BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF POLICE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, IN AND FOR SAID VILLAGE.

The period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is ten years pursuant to subdivision twenty-five of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

THE FULL TEXT OF THIS BOND RESOLUTION IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE CLERK LOCATED AT 7 MAPLE AVENUE, HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK, DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS.

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payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable; that an annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year; that the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds authorized by such resolution, including renewals of such notes, is delegated to the Village Treasurer; that all other matters, except as provided in such resolution, relating to the bonds authorized, including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed in such resolution and the manner of the execution of the same and also including the consolidation with other issues, and the authority to issue such obligations on the basis of substantially level or declining annual debt service, is delegated to and shall be determined by the Village Treasurer; and that this LEGAL NOTICE shall be published.

A summary of the bond resolution follows:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JUNE 2, 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$445,000 BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE PURCHASE OF HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLES AND MACHINERY FOR CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE PURPOSES, IN AND FOR SAID VILLAGE.

The period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is fifteen years, pursuant to subdivision twenty-eight of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the cost of each item is over \$30,000.

THE FULL TEXT OF THIS BOND RESOLUTION IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE CLERK LOCATED AT 7 MAPLE AVENUE, HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK, DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS.

Dated: Hastings-on-Hudson, New York
June 3, 2026

HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON NOTICE OF ADOPTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of Village of Hastings-on-Hudson,

Westchester County, New York (the "Village"), at a meeting held on June 2, 2026, duly adopted the resolution summarized below, subject to a permissive referendum.

The resolution provides that the faith and credit of the Village are irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable; that an annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year; that the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds authorized by such resolution, including renewals of such notes, is delegated to the Village Treasurer; that all other matters, except as provided in such resolution, relating to the bonds authorized, including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed in such resolution and the manner of the execution of the same and also including the consolidation with other issues, and the authority to issue such obligations on the basis of substantially level or declining annual debt service, is delegated to and shall be determined

by the Village Treasurer; and that this LEGAL NOTICE shall be published.

A summary of the bond resolution follows:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JUNE 2, 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$342,000 BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VILLAGE HALL AND LIBRARY, IN AND FOR SAID VILLAGE.

The period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is twenty-five years pursuant to subdivision twelve of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

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Dated: Hastings-on-Hudson, New York
June 3, 2026

Pride events

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"I think it's something that's really supportive and people deserve to have it, because it supports stuff that some people don't," she said.

Harris said that message is one he hopes the event continues to reinforce.

"I tell my daughter often that if we want a community that celebrates love and diversity, we have to be part of creating it," he said. "In our current climate, simply expressing joy and celebrating openly can itself be an act of rebellion. These big, broad expressions of community, joy, and emotion remind people that they are not alone. They give us a sense of hope."

Pride March and Rally

The rainbow crosswalk at the intersection of Main and Cedar streets in Dobbs Ferry will be the starting point this Saturday, June 6, at noon, for the annual Greenburgh-Rivertowns Pride event. Participants will march to Dobbs Ferry Waterfront Park for a rally at 12:30 p.m., featuring speeches, performances, and community-building activities. The Village will waive parking fees at the waterfront and the 99 Cedar Street parking lot.

A silent auction will offer opportunities to bid on Broadway tickets, arts events, restaurant experiences, and spa packages. The Dobbs Ferry Human Rights Committee will host games and prizes, while two local high school seniors will serve as emcees. The scheduled speakers include Mondaire Jones, one of the first openly gay Black members of

Congress, who represented New York's 17th District from 2021-2023. Organizers hope to draw LGBTQIA+ community members and allies from across the Rivertowns. Festivities continue until 2:30 p.m.

Pride Picnic and Pet Parade

On Sunday, June 7, LGBTQIA+ residents, allies, and their four-legged friends are invited to Matthiessen Park in Irvington for a picnic starting at 2 p.m. and a pet parade at 3:30 p.m. The inclusion of pets is symbolic of the community spirit that the afternoon — and Pride Month as a whole — is intended to celebrate.

"Remember that Matthiessen Park, up until late 2024, was not open to dogs. It's just kind of a joyful reminder that everyone is welcome, including our furry friends," Irvington Deputy Mayor Josie Bloom told the Dispatch. "Now more than ever, just having community together and making Pride very visible is so important."

The celebration, to last until 5 p.m., will feature plenty of chalk. Organizers encourage participants to decorate the park's walkways with Pride messages.

"We'll also be sending attendees home with chalk so that we can hopefully spread positive messages about Pride throughout the streets in Irvington," Bloom said.

"There's gonna be a community art project, big love, and a whole lot of 'paws-itivity.' This is a judgment-free, tail-wagging, strut-your-mutt kind of day," organizers wrote in an Instagram announcement. "Come for the Pride, stay for the 'paw-ty.'"

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FOR KIDS

Ready to Play Magic: the Gathering? Start Here.

BY: BECKETT J., 11

Magic: the Gathering is a trading card game where players clash and try to dominate their opponents while not falling at their opponents' hand. Players try to get good cards in packs in order to defeat their friends. They take turns trying to kill each other (not IRL) using Warriors, Beasts, Fey, and Behemoths.

Ari Malul teaches Magic: the Gathering at Ferry Con. He's been playing since he was 14. Ari says, "I think kids want to play games that are challenging, and when they win, it really feels like they fought



hard to win." Magic takes a lot of strategy and mental capacity.

Ari stated that Magic is a great game for getting together with friends to have a fun time. A good set for beginners is Bloomburrow. It uses adorable little animals

like squirrels, mice, and other tiny animals with deadly weapons.

This game does have some cons. It can be expensive, but there is a solution. You can get proxy cards, which are cards that you print so that you don't have to buy them.

Magic is a brain-focused game that's also fun. Plus, your parents will like it, as Ari says: "...if you're doing hard math by calculating... and you're reading difficult words and learning new vocabulary... you're doing all the things

that a parent wants for their child..." Also, there is no screen.

So, if you think it sounds cool, or if you like other trading card games, then try Magic: the Gathering.

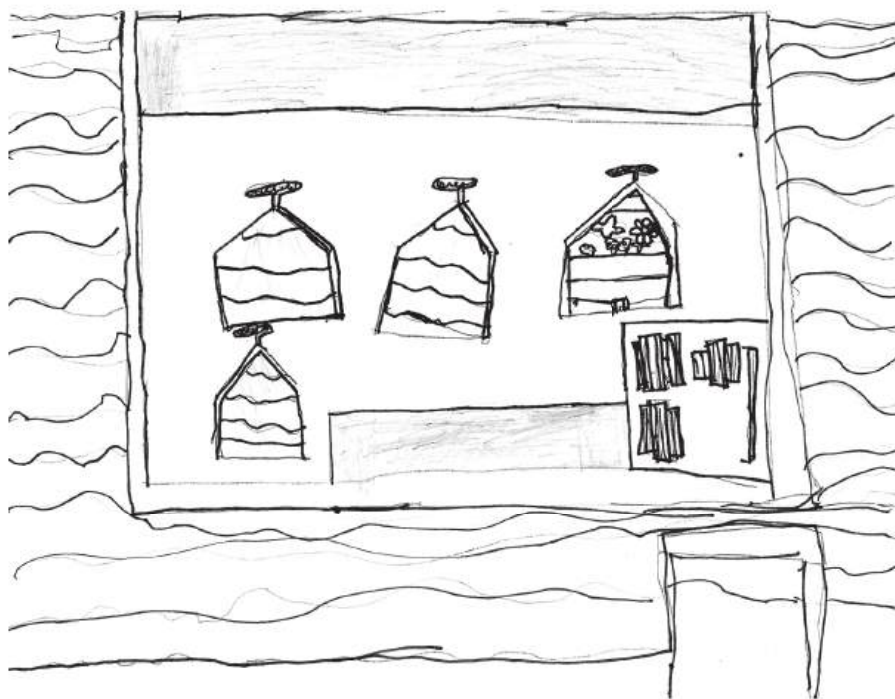


IN OUR COMMUNITY:

The Science Barge

At the Science Barge, there is something called a greenhouse. It's like a floating garden over the water. They grow plants like sunflowers, roses, vegetables, and fruit. They also teach people about the environment and the river.

- Jimena B., 7



The Science Barge is a sustainability education center in downtown Yonkers that is open every weekend between June and October. Free tours are available from 12 PM to 4:45 PM.

Two Truths and a Lie

By Ayla K., 10 & Beckett J., 11

CUTE ANIMAL EDITION

Test your knowledge of subjectively adorable cute animals. Can you spot the lie?



Axolotl

1. They can regrow body parts
2. They have 2x less DNA than a human
3. The most common color for an Axolotl is brown



Vampire Bat

1. Subjectively Adorable
2. Drinks All animal blood
3. Nocturnal



Dumbo Octopus

1. They are called Dumbo Octopus because they are kind of stupid
2. They live in the deep sea
3. They love to eat worms



Blobfish

1. Always the cute pink blobs we know and love.
2. Lives in the DEEP sea
3. They have blood.

ANSWER KEY

Axolotl (#2); Vampire Bat (#2); Blobfish (#1); Dumbo Octopus (#1)

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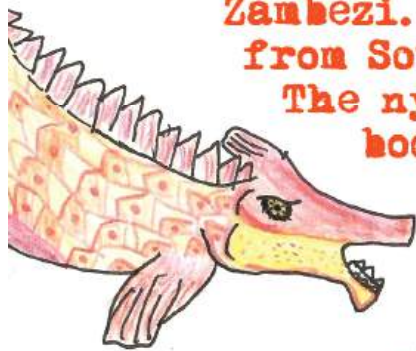
CREATURES FROM WORLD MYTHOLOGY

Welcome to the wonderful world of mythical creatures. You will read about fun mythological creatures from all around the world.

BY CHLOE K., 8
& LAUREN Z., 8

The nyami nyami is a snake-like creature with a fish head. The nyami nyami is a powerful river god of Zambezi. This powerful river god is from Southern Africa.

The nyami nyami's snake-like body is at least 10 feet thick.

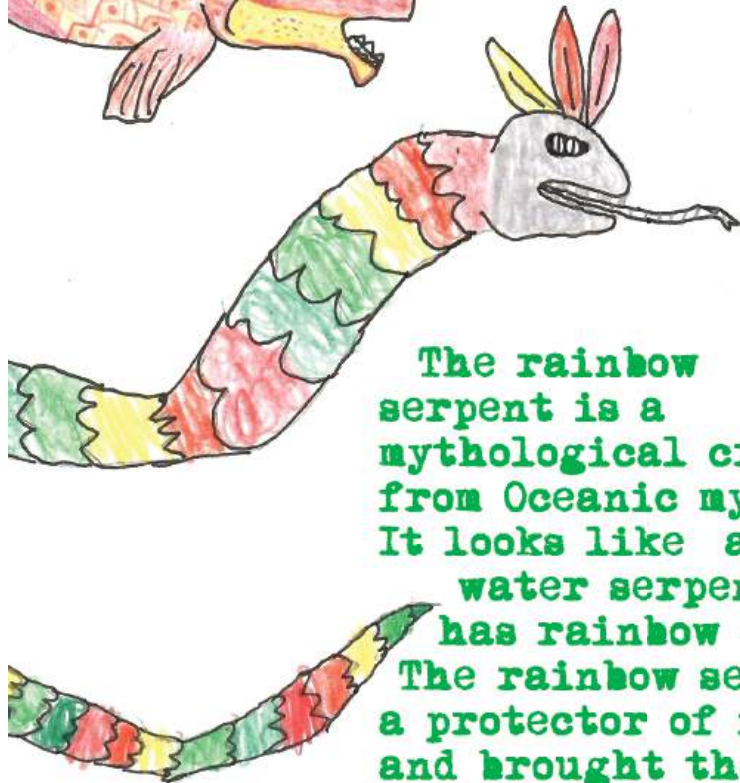


An encantado is a mythological creature from Brazilian mythology. It is a pink river dolphin with a colorful feather crown. It shape-shifts into a handsome young man so it can go to festivals and parties.



The rainbow serpent is a mythological creature from Oceanic mythology. It looks like a giant water serpent that has rainbow scales.

The rainbow serpent is a protector of nature and brought the world to life, according to the myth.



The chimera is a mythological creature from Greek mythology. It is a fire-breathing monster that's part lion, part goat, and part serpent. The chimera was the child of Typhon and Echidna, two of the scariest monsters in Greek myths.



The shenlong is a long dragon with blue scales. The Shenlong is from China. It is known for being a dragon god of wind, clouds, and rain. It's also a powerful spirit dragon.





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Sports

EDITED BY ROB DIANTONIO

Dobbs Ferry soars to sectional softball title

BY ROB DIANTONIO

After graduating a large senior class and returning only three upperclassmen, few outside the program expected Dobbs Ferry softball to be back on the biggest stage so quickly.

The Eagles heard the doubts. Now they're sectional champions.

Top-seeded Dobbs Ferry completed its remarkable postseason run on June 1, defeating No. 2 Haldane 4-1 to capture the Section 1 Class B championship at North Rockland High School.

"After last season and how many seniors we lost, we were really doubted this year," junior shortstop Nicolette Giorgio said. "I think we all came out and worked our hardest with this new team and really showed everybody what it's like to be a team and how to work together. We came up from being the underdogs."

One year after suffering a heartbreaking 10-9 loss to Hastings in the sectional final, the Eagles left no doubt this time. Behind another dominant performance from eighth-grade pitcher Victoria Baron and a game-changing bases-clearing triple from senior center fielder Kamryn Addis, Dobbs Ferry secured the program's first sectional title since 2010.

The Eagles advance to face Section 9 champion Spackenkill in the regional championship game on June 5 at Monroe-Woodbury High School.

Dobbs Ferry graduated a talented senior class that led the program to last year's sectional final. This spring, the Eagles entered the season with only two seniors — Addis and left fielder Gianna Stone — and one junior in Giorgio. All three players are team captains.

Even coach Kim Reznicek thought it could take some time before another run to the championship game with such a young team.

"Coming into this year, I really didn't," Reznicek said. "Not that there wasn't the expectation, but I didn't think it was going to happen this quickly. As I walked onto the field today, I had such a different feeling. I had a positive, confident feeling. We've come a long way and I think that last game last year kind of propelled us a bit."

The Eagles had belief in themselves.

"I've played with those girls since I was probably 9 or 10 years old," Baron said of the younger players on the team who stepped into starting roles. "I've seen what they could do. I believed in them so much, but they proved they could do even better than what I expected."

That confidence was tested immediately



Dobbs Ferry celebrates winning the Section 1 Class B championship game. Photos by Rob DiAntonio.

against Haldane. The Blue Devils grabbed a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning and threatened for more before Dobbs Ferry came up with one of the game's biggest defensive plays.

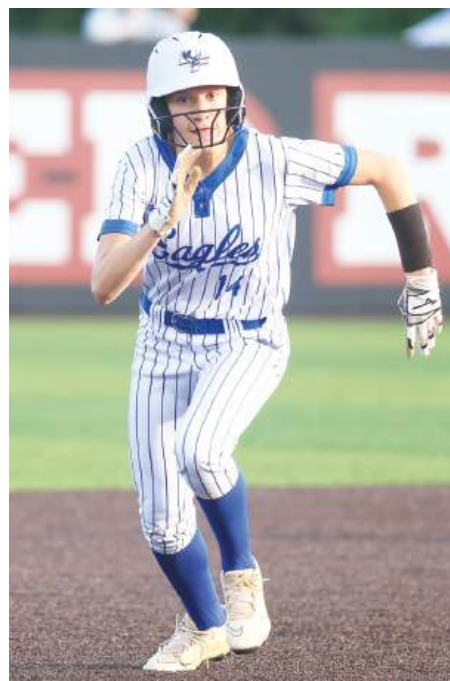
With runners on base, Olivia Hochleutner recorded a force out at first base and quickly fired home, where catcher Lucy Logan applied the tag for an inning-ending double play.



Shortstop Nicolette Giorgio tracks the ball.

The defensive gem kept the deficit at one run and allowed Baron to settle in.

After the opening inning, the eighth-grader was nearly untouchable. She scattered five hits across seven innings while striking out seven and walking just one batter. She allowed only the first-inning run and kept Haldane at bay with either strikeouts or ground balls.



Lucy Logan hustles to third base.

"That girl works hard," Reznicek said of Baron, who saw significant innings on the mound last season. "I completely respect the amount of time and effort that she has put in the entire offseason. She loves the game. She loves watching the game. She loves constantly getting better."

"Just imagine — her head is already there as an eighth-grader, and that's the most impressive part."

The Eagles' offense remained quiet throughout the first two innings before erupting in the bottom of the third. Logan drew a walk, Hochleutner reached on an error, and Emma DeFilippis beat out an infield single to load the bases.

That brought Addis to the plate.

Facing a full count, the senior drove a shot to right-center field that one-hopped the fence for a bases-clearing triple. Although DeFilippis was initially ruled out at home plate, the run counted following an obstruction call on Haldane's third baseman, giving Dobbs Ferry a 3-1 lead.

"I just knew I had to get a good hit and get it in the gap somehow," Addis said. "Winning the section means so much to me. We played our hardest after losing last year."

Emily Marron followed with a sacrifice fly to score Addis and extend the advantage to 4-1.

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Sports

Morgan doubles up on sectional titles as four others win

— TRACK AND FIELD ROUNDUP —

BY ROB DIANTONIO

Hastings senior Danae Morgan has spent the past several years establishing herself as one of the area's premier throwers. On May 29 at Pawling High School, the senior added two more accomplishments to an already decorated résumé.

Morgan successfully defended her Section 1 Class C championships in the shot put and won the discus, leading the way for a strong showing from Rivertowns athletes at the sectional championships. Her performance helped Hastings' girls finish fourth in the team standings with 50 points, the highest finish among the local girls' programs.

Meanwhile, Irvington's boys put together a strong team performance, scoring 64 points to edge Haldane by a single point for second place overall. Bronxville captured both team championships, winning the boys' title with 136 points and the girls' crown with 172.

The next stop for many of the area's top athletes will be the state qualifying meet on June 4-5, with the first day scheduled for Arlington and the second day at Suffern.

For Morgan, the sectional championships carried extra meaning.

"Being that this was my last sectional meet it was really special to compete and defend my title one last time," Morgan said. "It was bittersweet saying goodbye to some of the officials that were there from the start of my journey, and also the other athletes that always encourage me and make the competition interesting."

Morgan won the discus with a throw of 103 feet and captured the shot put title with a mark of 33-7/4. She said the transition between the two throwing disciplines has become increasingly comfortable.

"As time went on, transitioning from one event to another became a lot easier because my main focus in both rings is really to just maintain controlled speed no matter the technique I end up choosing to use," Morgan said.

Morgan owns the super standard in the shot put heading into the state qualifying meet and has her sights set even higher.

"I'm really pushing for the 40-plus throw in shot put," she said. "I haven't really set any goals for discus yet besides just wanting to be consistent, but it would be nice to qualify in both for my last time being at states."

The Yellow Jackets received several other strong performances on the girls' side. Distance standout Claire Grushko earned runner-up honors in the 1,500 meters in 4:45.38, while teammate Hazel Kuniholm placed fourth in the same event in 5:03.86. Sage Wrzesinski added a fifth-place finish in the 800 meters. Hastings' 4x800 relay team finished second in 10:36.43. Kuniholm, Wrzesinski, Grushko, and Georgia Schmit made up the relay.

In the field events, Prita Berry finished second in the high jump (4-6), while Maya



(Top) Hastings' Danae Morgan competes in the shot put. (Bottom) Irvington's Harrison Gredick clears a hurdle. Photos by Rob DiAntonio.

Ganeshanathan placed seventh in the long jump.

The Hastings boys were led by sophomore sprinter Kai Ghalib, who nearly won two events. Ghalib narrowly placed second in the 100-meter dash in 11.13 seconds before bouncing back to win the 200-meter dash in 22.32.

"Winning the 200 made me feel like all the hard work I've been putting in has paid off," he said. "I've made sure to work out six

days a week and make every rep as strong as possible. After falling short by 0.004 seconds in the 100, I tried to recover as quickly as possible and stay confident because the 200 is usually my best race. I made sure to stay off of my phone between races because it takes away my focus."

Looking ahead, Ghalib hopes to continue his strong postseason run. "My goal heading into the state qualifier is to run the best race I can and hopefully win the 100 or 200 and

advance to states," he said.

Irvington's boys scored in event after event to secure the runner-up plaque, finishing just ahead of Haldane.

"I am very proud of our boys' team, who battled like warriors to manage to take the runner-up plaque," Irvington coach Chris Barry said.

The distance crew was particularly dominant. Declan Lyons captured the sectional title in the 1,600 meters in 4:32.82. Teammates Michael Carron and Noah Brenner followed close behind, placing second and third to complete a 1-2-3 finish.

"Declan has worked hard for four years, and he is healthy now," Barry said. "He ran with confidence, and of course he had the help of his teammates Michael Carron and Noah Brenner, who pushed him and finished second and third themselves."

The Bulldogs excelled in the relays, with both the 4x400 and 4x800 earning runner-up finishes. Cormac Lyons, Aaron Portney, Alex Shevrin, and Carron were on the 4x400, with Brenner, Luke Calabrese, Glen Feng, and Ethan Gartlan on the 4x800.

"Our relays really battled and showed off our consistency in the running events," Barry said. "Relays are fun because you are running not just by yourself, but with three teammates together, and our kids don't want to let each other down."

Cormac Lyons and Portnoy finished fifth and sixth in the 400 meters, respectively. Calabrese placed fifth in the 800, Gartlan finished fifth in the 3,200, and Harrison Gredick took fifth in the 110-meter hurdles. Jonah Tubman placed fifth in the pentathlon.

Gredick added a second-place finish in the pole vault at 12-6, while Shevrin placed fourth in the triple jump. "Harrison had a huge PR to nab the silver medal, and he also scored in the 110 hurdles, so he had a very big day," Barry said.

The Irvington girls were led by Ruthie Liang, who earned second place in the 400 meters with a time of 1:00.37. "Ruthie is a fine runner who has consistently done well in the 400 all season, so her big race was no surprise," Barry said.

Liliana Brandwein added a fourth-place finish in the 800 meters, while Irvington's 4x400 relay team also took second. Jelena Herceg, Kylie Canton, Brandwein, and Liang were on the relay.

Dobbs Ferry senior Christopher Doherty won the 800 meters in 1:57.39. "Winning the 800 at sectionals is definitely a nice confidence-booster heading into the rest of the championship season," Doherty said.

Doherty said his preparation for championship racing centers around handling late-race surges. "With tactical style racing I think modeling those gear-changing scenarios in practice is very important for me," he said. "I spend a lot of time in practice completing

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From there, Baron and the defense took care of the rest.

The Eagles faced their biggest challenge in the sixth inning after Haldane recorded back-to-back singles. Baron responded with consecutive strikeouts before inducing a ground ball to Bela Abraham at second base to end the threat.

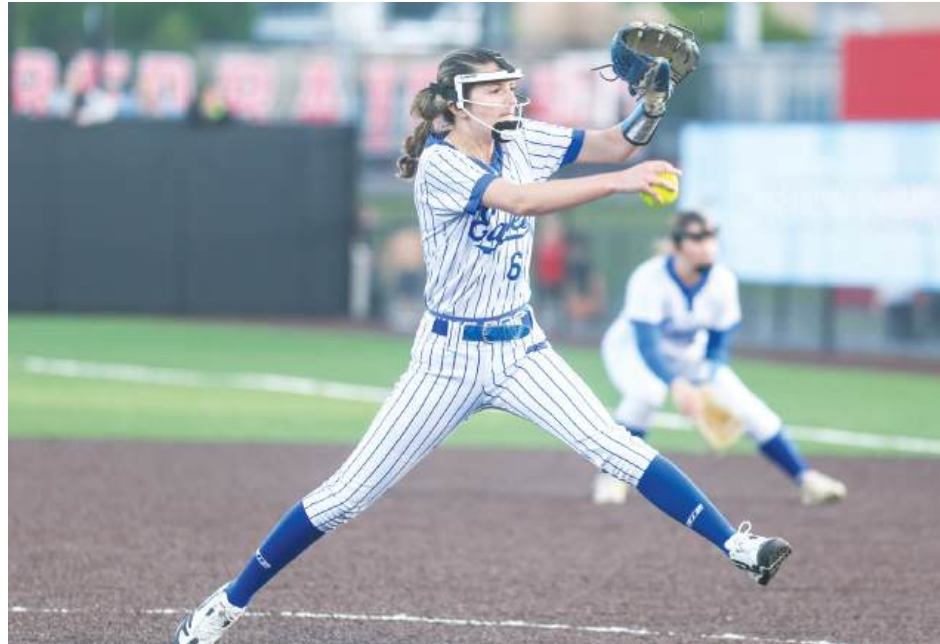
In the seventh, Giorgio showcased the defensive skills that have made her one of the area's top shortstops, cleanly handling the first two outs before Abraham fielded the final ground ball and fired to Hochleutner for the final out.

Giorgio finished with two hits, while Stone also had two hits including a double.

As the celebration began, the significance of the accomplishment was not lost on the Eagles. The young roster that some expected to take a step back instead took a giant leap forward.

"You try so hard as a coach to get them to have chemistry off the field," Reznicek said. "They've created it on their own. They love each other more off the field than they do on the field. I don't know how it happened, but I'm so grateful for the leaders on this team."

For Giorgio, the championship validates everything the Eagles believed about



Victoria Baron pitches. Photo by Rob DiAntonio.

themselves from the beginning.

"Everybody's really dedicated and puts all their time and work into this," she said. "We just keep going, and we never give up on each other."

Eagles rout Hastings in semis

Host Dobbs Ferry (18-3) defeated No. 5 Hastings 12-1 in the semifinals, ending the defending champion's season on May

29. The teams split their meetings during the regular season.

Baron tossed a complete game with nine strikeouts to record the win. Abraham (4-4, RBI), Stone (3-3, 2RBIs), Giorgio (3-4, 2B, RBI), DeFilippis (2-4, 2B, RBI), and Addis (2-4, RBI) paced the offense.

Hastings (13-9) was led by senior Siri Rosenberg, who had three hits including a solo home run and recorded the 100th

hit of her career. Lola Norlander and Izzy Doherty had one hit each.

It was the final game for a decorated senior class that played a key role in leading the Yellow Jackets to last year's Section 1 Class B title. Rosenberg (Skidmore College) and Norlander (Keuka College) will continue their softball careers in college while the team also graduates Sophia Pereira and Lexie Schur.

The Yellow Jackets cruised past No. 4 Rye Neck 12-2 on the road in the quarterfinals on May 27. Rosenberg recorded the win, striking out six while allowing just three hits and one earned run. She also had four hits at the plate.

Norlander (2B, 3RBIs), Leni Gagliano (3-3, 2RBIs), Haley Ehrlich (3-4, 2B), Hazel Sabella (4-5, 2RBIs), and Ella Rizzo (2B) aided the offense.

Host Dobbs demolished No. 8 Blind Brook 17-1 in five innings in the quarterfinals on May 27. Baron netted her 200th career strikeout and fanned four over three innings. She also had a double and drove in three runs. Ella Rizzo pitched a perfect final two innings, striking out the side twice. She added two RBIs.

Marron had a big day at the plate, recording three hits including a double while driving in five runs. Addis (2-2, 2B, RBI), Stone (3-3), and Hochleutner (2-3, RBI) were key contributors.

Track and field

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longer reps which end with faster sprints."

Looking ahead to the state qualifier, Doherty is aiming high.

"Heading into the state qualifying meet I want to be competitive for the win in both the 1600 and the 800," he said. "Section 1 is the most competitive region in the state, and being up at the front of the pack would be a great feeling this close to states. I feel fit and ready to take risks in both races."

Teammate Seamus Fitzpatrick added a second-place finish in the 3,200 meters, while Dobbs Ferry's 4x800 relay team placed fourth. Fitzpatrick, Doherty, Patrick Lynn, and Reed Wilford were on the relay.

On the girls' side, Mariah Loran led the Eagles with an eighth-place finish in the 100-meter dash and ninth-place finishes in both the 200 and 400.

Baousson hurdles to first place

Ardasley senior Lou Baousson hit the final hurdle, stumbled, and still found a way to finish like a champion.

Baousson captured the Section 1 Class B title in the 400-meter hurdles on May 27 at Hendrick Hudson, winning the race in 56.63 seconds to lead the Panthers. His victory highlighted a strong day for Ardsley's boys, who finished seventh in the team standings.

"Lou is driven and one of the team's hardest-working athletes," Ardsley boys' coach Scott Pollard said. "His success came from how hard he has worked this past year and



Dobbs Ferry's Chris Doherty (800), Irvington's Declan Lyons (1,600), and Hastings' Kai Ghalib (200) won their events. Photos by Rob DiAntonio.

his dedication to perfecting the race."

Baousson's sectional title continued a standout senior season. After setting a goal last year to break Ardsley's school record in the 400 hurdles, he accomplished that in just his second race this spring. He has continued lowering the mark throughout the season. "He has a new goal to make the state championship meet and medal there," Pollard said.

Zaire Bell had a strong day in the sprints, placing third in the 100-meter dash in 11.31 seconds. He also added a sixth-place finish in the 200 in 23.01.

Xavier Estime reached the final in the 110



hurdles and finished fourth in 16.09. Jonah Londin placed fifth in 10:45.43 in the 3,200, while Christian Adler was right behind him in sixth in 10:48.03. Abel Eldho added a sixth-place finish in the 800 in 2:03.09.

The Panthers were also strong in the relays. Ardsley's 4x100 relay team finished second in 4:3.64, while the 4x400 relay team took fourth in 3:32.38. Bell, Estime, Baousson, and Andrew Herceg were on the 4x100 with John Bonney, Baousson, Estime, and Herceg on the 4x400.

On the girls' side, Ardsley was led by Zaniya Bell, who placed second in the



100-meter hurdles in 16.28 after running the top time in the prelims at 15.97.

Czarina Adewunmi also had a big meet, finishing third in the 100-meter dash prelims in 12.65 and second in the triple jump with a leap of 37-10¼.

Julia Berlin added a sixth-place finish in the triple jump at 32-10. Claudia Strum finished eighth in the 400 hurdles in 1:15.65, and Serina Tomioka placed eighth in the 2,000-meter steeplechase. Maya Laglenne added an eighth-place finish in the high jump and Ana Luisa Vaz Castello took seventh in the pole vault.



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