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A doe outside the Hastings Public Library on June 27, 2025.

First cannabis dispensary opens with ribbon-cutting

BY AMY BOCHNER

HASTINGS — A month after opening, The Highline celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 9, marking it as the first cannabis dispensary in the Rivertowns.

In 2021, by a vote of 3–2, the Hastings Board of Trustees opted out of allowing cannabis consumption lounges, but not dispensaries. Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, and Irvington opted out of dispensaries and lounges in time for the State-imposed deadline of Dec. 31, 2021. The Dobbs Ferry Board of Trustees reversed the decision regarding dispensaries in December 2022. In response, a petition signed by 1,555 residents of Dobbs Ferry resulted in a public referendum that overturned the opt-in by a vote of 1,448–710 in March 2023.

Located at 45 Main Street, The Highline is owned by Chappaqua native Jake Reinus and Edgemont natives Josh Elyacher and Derek Oberman. Reinus, an attorney, now lives in Port Chester. Since its opening on March 1, the response from patrons has been positive, according to Reinus.

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Officials weigh deer management options

Hastings board considers pros and cons of bow hunting

BY AMY BOCHNER

HASTINGS — The Hastings Board of Trustees is continuing to consider options for deer management, including hiring the bow hunter under contract with the villages of Irvington and Dobbs Ferry.

On April 6, the Irvington Board of Trustees rehired Peter Kelley of Kelley Deer Management (KDM) to hunt deer with a bow for the third year in a row at a cost of \$48,880. The board also approved a \$3,600 contract with Forest Management Solutions to analyze plant population data collected by volunteers in the Irvington Woods.

On March 10, the Dobbs Ferry Board of

Trustees approved a \$37,500 contract with KDM to hunt deer with a bow for a second year at the Juhring Preserve. In Westchester County, deer hunting season starts Oct. 1 and ends Dec. 31.

On March 3, Hastings Mayor Tom Drake introduced the idea of hiring Kelley to hunt in Hillside Woods. Hastings' past attempts to manage deer include a seven-year contraception program that began in 2014, in which 72 female deer were injected with a birth control drug and tagged.

At the Hastings Board of Trustees meeting on April 7, former Hastings Mayor Peter Swiderski, who was in office during the contraception program, and former Trustee Dan Lemons shared a presentation on the outcomes.

According to Swiderski, the Village looked

into other methods of deer management, including bow hunting, which was ruled out. At that time, New York State's rule on bow hunting required a 500-foot radius around the hunter, clear of residential housing and schools, which meant "very little parkland would be eligible for a hunt," he said.

The Village also looked into "net and bolt," which involves netting deer at food traps, and then killing them with the type of bolt gun used in slaughterhouses. Swiderski said the Village decided against that option due to a concern that it would "be culturally difficult to implement here because of its brutality."

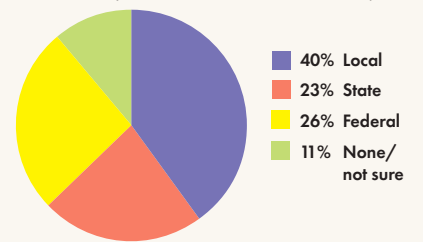
In 2010, the Village was approached by a representative from the animal rights group In Defense of Animals, who put officials in touch with Allen Rutberg, Ph.D., at Tufts

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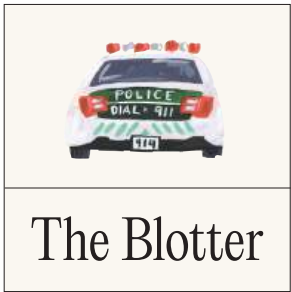
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ARDSLEY

Suspended license: A 34-year-old resident of Waterbury, Conn., was arrested for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree, a misdemeanor, on Lawrence Street on the morning of Tuesday, March 31. He was also issued a summons for running a stop sign at the intersection of Elm Street and Saw Mill River Road (Route 9A).

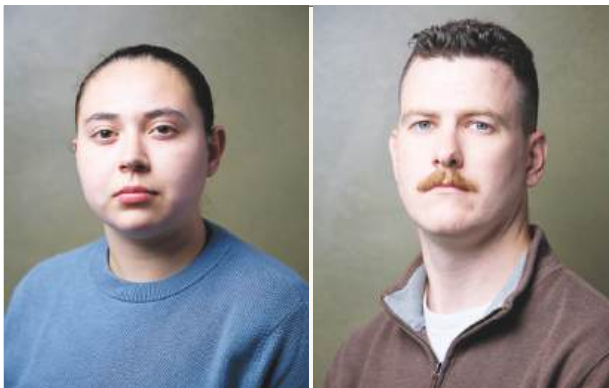
Suspended registration: A 28-year-old Dobbs Ferry resident was arrested for a suspended vehicle registration, a misdemeanor, on Saw Mill River Road on the morning of Tuesday, May 31. She was also issued summonses for

an expired inspection and an unregistered vehicle.

Suspended license: A 57-year-old Bronx resident was arrested for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree, a misdemeanor, on Saw Mill River Road on the evening of Tuesday, March 31. She was also issued a summons for an illegal left turn from the CVS parking lot at 725 Saw Mill River Road.

Theft of cooking oil: Used cooking oil was stolen from a storage tank outside Ardsley Cucina, 935 Saw Mill River Road, between Wednesday, April 1, and Thursday, April 2.

Wanted no more: A 56-year-old man who was wanted by the Ardsley Police Department was apprehended by Yonkers police on Friday, April 3. The warrant was related to his arrest for shoplifting \$137.76 worth of items from CVS, 725 Saw Mill River Road, on Sept. 14, 2025.



Irvington welcomes two new officers

Officers Ashley Alvarez (left) and Charles Girven (right) were sworn in during an Irvington Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, March 24. Both new hires previously served with the NYPD in the Bronx — Alvarez in the 40th Precinct and Girven in the 43rd Precinct. Alvarez started with the NYPD in 2022, the same year she earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from John Jay College. Girven started with the NYPD in 2020. He earned a bachelor's degree from the School of Visual Arts in 2018 and then worked as a camera operator for films and television.

DOBBS FERRY

Thefts from Ulta: Three thefts were reported from the Ulta Beauty at Rivertowns Square — \$8,679 worth of items were stolen

by two men on the evening of Tuesday, March 31; \$1,587 worth of items were stolen by one woman on the afternoon of Friday, April 3; and \$340 worth of items were stolen by

one man and one woman on the afternoon of Sunday, April 5. The shoplifters were not apprehended.

GNC theft: An unidentified man shoplifted \$94.49 worth of items from the GNC at Chauncey Square, 50 Hamilton St., on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 1.

Checkpoint arrests: Two drivers were arrested at a police checkpoint on Broadway (Route 9) on the morning of Saturday, April 4. At 1:40 a.m., a 22-year-old Hastings resident was charged with aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree, a misdemeanor, and issued a summons for an expired registration, a violation. Officer Jonathan Sordellini made the arrest. At 2:32 a.m., a 32-year-old Mount Vernon resident was charged with driving while ability impaired by alcohol and drugs, as well as expired insurance, all misdemeanors. Officer Anthony

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Lighthouse reopens for free tours in wake of vandalism

BY TIM LAMORTE

SLEEPY HOLLOW — The Tarrytown Lighthouse in Sleepy Hollow, which Westchester County bought for \$1 in 1974, reopened for free public tours last Saturday, April 4, after the County spent about \$175,000 on repairs and upgrades following vandalism 10 months ago.

On the exterior of the 143-year-old cast-iron structure, two broken windows were replaced, metal window guards were installed, and barriers on the footbridge that connects to the shore were modified. Inside the lighthouse, debris was removed; floors, walls, and other surfaces were cleaned; walls were repainted; and the wood floor in the kitchen was repaired and refinished.



A lantern in the kitchen

The damage was discovered on the morning of May 30, 2025. By June 6, four suspects had been arrested — a 19-year-old Harrison resident, an 18-year-old White Plains resident, and two 17-year-olds who were not identified due to their age. The court cases involving the 19- and 18-year-olds remain pending.

The current schedule of 45-minute tours will continue every Saturday through June 27, with start times of 10 and 11 a.m., and 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. Most tours were booked as of April 9. To sign up through Eventbrite, search Google for “Tarrytown Lighthouse in Sleepy Hollow Tours.”

On April 4, the tours were led by Jean Klurfeld and Julia Snook, who work for the Westchester County Department Parks, Recreation, and Conservation. Visitors were allowed inside the second-floor kitchen, third-floor bedroom, fourth-floor bedroom, fifth-floor watch room, and on the sixth-floor bell deck. The basement and the lantern room were off limits.

The lighthouse last reopened for tours in October 2024, after a \$3.4 million restoration that started in 2022 and was guided by a 2012 report from the architectural firm of Stephen Tilly in Dobbs Ferry, which specializes in historic preservation projects.

The lighthouse was fabricated by the G.W.&F. Smith Iron Co. in Boston and was activated in Tarrytown on Oct. 1, 1883. Of



The spiral staircase between the fifth and sixth floors

its 12 keepers, Jacob Ackerman was the first (Oct. 1, 1883 to Oct. 1, 1904) and Laureat LeClerc was the last (June 24, 1943 to Aug. 1, 1954).

In 1955, the completion of the Tappan Zee Bridge made the lighthouse obsolete. The lighthouse was decommissioned in 1961 and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1979.

During the lighthouse’s decades of operation, the shoreline moved closer as landfill

was added to accommodate an automobile factory that operated from 1899 to 1996, and was eventually owned by General Motors (GM). The Edge-on-Hudson housing and commercial complex now occupies 70 acres of the former GM site.

The lighthouse is accessible via the River-Walk path that extends from Pierson Park in Tarrytown to Kingsland Point Park in Sleepy Hollow, which Westchester County also owns.

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Muratore made the arrest.

Theft of package: An unidentified man stole a package containing four pairs of shoes from the porch of a home on Broadway on the evening of Saturday, April 4. The shoes were worth a total of \$225.

HASTINGS

Landscapers warned:

Two landscapers were issued warnings for using gas leaf blowers and for operating without a free permit issued by the Village of Hastings. The first landscaper, from Yonkers, was on Clinton Avenue on the morning of Tuesday, March 31. The second landscaper, from Tarrytown, was on Broadway on the morning of Wednesday, April 1.

Deer remains: The remains of a deer were

found in a bag along Warburton Avenue, between the former Riverview building and the bus turnaround, on the morning of Wednesday, April 1.

Suspended license and registration: A 60-year-old Mount Vernon resident was arrested for a suspended driver’s license and vehicle registration, both misdemeanors, on Farragut Avenue on the morning of Saturday, April 4.

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66 Wood Avenue Ardsley	3/3	2,511	\$1,075,000	\$1,250,000	116.3%
10 Old Jackson Avenue #72 Hastings	3/4	3,303	\$1,350,000	\$1,250,000	92.6%
6 Rest Avenue Ardsley	5/4	3,324	\$1,650,000	\$1,650,000	100.0%
134 Euclid Avenue Ardsley	4/4	5,116	\$1,995,000	\$2,152,000	107.9%

	BD/BA	SQFT	LIST PRICE	SALE PRICE	SP/OLP%
DOBBS FERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT					
14 Manor House Dr. #G29 Dobbs Ferry	2/1	950	\$350,000	\$350,000	100.0%
17 Manor House Dr. #K13 Dobbs Ferry	2/1	900	\$349,900	\$350,000	100.0%
17 Manor House Dr. #K14 Dobbs Ferry	2/1	1,090	\$359,000	\$359,000	100.0%
13 English Lane #B Dobbs Ferry	3/3	2,050	\$925,000	\$925,000	100.0%
18 Eldredge Place Dobbs Ferry	4/3	1,813	\$999,000	\$989,000	99.0%

	BD/BA	SQFT	LIST PRICE	SALE PRICE	SP/OLP%
HASTINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT					
751 N Broadway #2D Hastings	1/1	700	\$210,000	\$220,000	104.8%
100 Clarewood Drive #4G Hastings	1/1	744	\$284,999	\$284,999	98.3%
565 Broadway #4A Hastings	2/2	1,150	\$599,000	\$599,000	100.0%
51 Branford Road Hastings	3/1	1,365	\$699,000	\$710,000	97.9%
65 Clarewood Drive #31 Hastings	2/3	2,640	\$875,000	\$915,000	104.6%

	BD/BA	SQFT	LIST PRICE	SALE PRICE	SP/OLP%
IRVINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT					
120 North Broadway #9D Irvington	1/1	750	\$194,500	\$212,000	109.0%
14 S Broadway #2-3B Irvington	2/1	850	\$295,000	\$290,000	98.3%
8 Washington Place Tarrytown	3/1	1,224	\$795,000	\$800,000	100.6%
372 Birch Lane Irvington	3/3	2,221	\$900,000	\$1,036,000	115.1%
19 Marker Ridge #25 Irvington	3/5	3,325	\$1,849,000	\$1,760,522	95.2%
29 Gracemere Tarrytown	4/3	4,200	\$2,200,000	\$2,190,505	118.4%
71 Havemeyer Road Irvington	6/4	5,112	\$2,600,000	\$2,750,000	105.8%
43 Matthiessen Park Irvington	5/5	5,156	\$3,999,995	\$4,500,000	112.5%

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Ardsley-Secor Volunteer Ambulance Corps Open House

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

League of Women Voters Hybrid Meeting

Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m.
Hastings Public Library, 7 Maple Ave.
To participate by Zoom, email
info@lwv-rivertowns.org for the link

Planning Board Meeting

Monday, April 13, 8 p.m.
Village Hall
Agenda available at ardsleyvillage.gov

Mahjong Night

Tuesday, April 14, 7 p.m.
Ardsley High School
Proceeds benefit district schools
Register (\$65) at my.cheddarup.com/c/ardsley-ptsa-mahjong-night/items

Honest Art Candle Making for Seniors

Wednesday, April 15, noon–1 p.m.
Ardsley Community Center

Author Interview and Party

Thursday, April 16, 3:45–5:45 p.m.
Ardsley Public Library
Thomas Schlessler discusses “Mona’s Eyes”
with art historian Beth Gersh-Nesic
Register by emailing
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AEF Annual Gala Fundraiser: “AEFChella”

Saturday, April 18, 7:30–10:30 p.m.
Captain Lawrence Brewing Co., 444 Saw
Mill River Road, Elmsford
Purchase tickets (\$140) or make a donation
at ardsleyeducationfoundation.org

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Matt Arone sits in the dugout at McDowell Park.

— FOUR QUESTIONS WITH —

Matt Arone

Event to focus on history of Ardsley Little League

BY JANINE ANNETT

Matt Arone has been watching, playing, and coaching baseball for most of his life. The Dobbs Ferry resident grew up in Ardsley, where he played Little League from 1978–1984 and played on Ardsley High School’s 1987 and 1988 state championship baseball teams. Arone has coached high school baseball at various schools since 1994. For the past two years, he’s been the assistant varsity coach at Irvington High School, which complements his job as recreation superintendent for the Village of Sleepy Hollow.

Arone is also on the executive board of the Ardsley Historical Society and serves as its secretary. On Sunday, April 19, he will emcee the organization’s “Conversation on the History of the Ardsley Little League,” which celebrates 70 years of Little League in the village. Topics covered will include youth baseball before Ardsley Little League; founders and champions of the league; Village Justice Wilbur McDowell, the namesake for McDowell Park; and the genesis of the girls’ division. There will be pictures and artifacts from the past, and special guests including former Little League presidents, former girls’ division players, and current Little League board members.

The Rivertowns Dispatch spoke to Arone about the importance of baseball and Little League in Ardsley and beyond.

Rivertowns Dispatch: What can people expect at next Sunday’s event?

MA: The Ardsley Historical Society does a few programs per year on various local historical events or buildings. So we figured spring would be the perfect time for an event about the history of the Little League. We’re calling it a conversation. We wanted to try to dig up as much information as we could on the history of the league, and have people come in who maybe were part of the league back in the ’50s or ’60s or ’70s who have stories to tell or historical tidbits to share. We want it to be not just a program where one person is speaking about the history. We want it to be an event where people can come in and share their memories of the Ardsley Little League.

RD: What was/is your involvement in Ardsley baseball?

MA: Like thousands of other kids, I was a member of the Little League. It was an important part of all our lives. I’ve been a participant of the league and played baseball all my life. I was very fortunate to be on the high school state championship teams. Between being on those teams and being a member of the historical society and having an interest in youth sports in my personal life and my work life, those are my attachments to Ardsley baseball. So there’s more than one reason why I’m involved, but the common denominator is Ardsley and the history of Ardsley.

RD: Why is Little League so important?

MA: Little League is important not just in Ardsley, but to all kids. Little League is one of the first athletic events that you can start playing at a young age, when you’re only 6 years old. Basketball is a little difficult at that age and football, obviously, is a pretty heavy contact sport, but soccer and baseball are good for young kids. At a young age, they can start developing good habits — good social habits, a sense of community, good sportsmanship,

and feeling stronger and healthier physically and mentally. It all helps. There are plenty of kids that don’t go on to play sports in high school or college or professionally, but they still had youth sports and their Little League experience that helped them develop.

RD: What’s special about baseball?

MA: Baseball is a unique sport. There are a lot of kids and adults that don’t enjoy baseball because it’s a slower-paced game. You have to really enjoy the intricacies and the chess match of baseball to stay with it. A lot of these new sports are a little bit easier for kids. Soccer is pretty easy and lacrosse is pretty easy in comparison to baseball. Baseball is a very difficult sport because you have to hit a ball, and catch a ball, and throw it. But if you stick with it, it’s great.

Baseball is America’s pastime and it’s really an interesting sport — the strategy is really what people enjoy. With youth baseball, it’s a little bit different, because sometimes there are people out there picking daisies in the outfield. So sometimes the kids don’t enjoy it immediately, but then fall in love with it as they continue playing.

There’s an old saying attributed to a former major league manager [Leo Durocher]: “Baseball is like church. Many attend, few understand.” That’s how I feel it is with youth baseball. Every kid in town will play T-ball or baseball for a year or two, and they may not get it or maybe they’ll get bored, but when they start understanding it and loving it, and they know what’s going on, that’s when they develop that interest.

“A Conversation on the History of the Ardsley Little League” will be held on Sunday, April 19 from 1:30–3:30 p.m. at the Ardsley Community Center, 18 Center St. Admission is free. For questions about the event, email info@ardsleyhistoricalsociety.org.

ARDSLEY

Nine-unit building proposed for site on Saw Mill River Road

BY AMY BOCHNER

The proposal to raze and replace an apartment building at 774 Saw Mill River Road (Route 9A) was presented during the Ardsley Board of Trustees meeting on April 6.

The proposal is for a three-story, nine-unit residence with a garage below and a roof terrace. There would be nine parking spaces in total, three in the rear yard and six in the garage. One of the garage spots would be designated as handicapped parking. The 546-square-foot roof terrace would be a common area for tenants.

Architect David Barbuti represented the property owner, Eric Capolino, at the village board meeting. Capolino is co-founder of general contracting firm Structure NYC. Following the presentation, Mayor Steve Edelstein decided to keep the public hearing open, meaning the project has yet to receive site plan approval.

The proposal would demolish the existing three-story multi-family residence and a garage on the 4,792-square-foot lot. The footprint of the proposed building is the same as the existing one, at 2,900 square feet.

In the proposal, each of the three floors has two one-bedroom units and one two-bedroom unit. All units include a balcony, living room, dining area, and a



A rendering of the building proposed for 774 Saw Mill River Road

bathroom. The two-bedroom units have an additional master bathroom.

The project has received approval from the architectural review board (ARB) and the planning board. According to Barbuti, the final design approved by the ARB has an exterior of stucco, wood planking, and black window frames.

The project also received a variance from the zoning board of appeals in February

2025. This granted the project a front-yard setback of 2 feet instead of the minimum requirement of 10 feet for a multi-family dwelling. Village consultant Tony Grau said this enables parking behind and under the building, instead of seven parking spots facing the street.

According to the stormwater management plan prepared by Krypton Engineering, the proposal involves an increase in impervious

areas, which are nonporous surfaces like rooftops or parking lots which prevent rainwater from infiltrating the ground. The increased stormwater runoff would be managed by a subsurface stormwater retention system.

Before the village board can grant site plan approval, it must conclude a State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) and issue a negative declaration, meaning the project has no adverse impacts on the environment. The Village's planning consultant, Dave Smith, said the board is ready to issue a negative declaration.

Grau said that there are "a few little adjustments" being recommended to the project. Because the development is happening "pretty close" to the adjoining properties, he said, "We want to see some type of easement agreement, because we think they're going to have to enter those properties." He also mentioned that the garage under the building has a 20-foot aisle, although village code requires this to be 24 feet. The applicant is asking for a waiver for this, which does not require a variance and is under the purview of the village board.

Edelstein said the board would continue the discussion and act on the environmental impact statement at their meeting on April 20.



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Annual Earth Day Cleanup

Saturday, April 11, 9 a.m.–noon

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

League of Women Voters Hybrid Meeting

Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m.

Hastings Public Library, 7 Maple Ave.

To participate, email: info@lwv-rivertowns.org

Invasive Plant Removal

Sunday, April 12, 10 a.m.–noon

Juhring Preserve

Sign up at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) and search for the
Dobbs Ferry Conservation Advisory Board

Art Show Reception

Sunday, April 12, 1–5 p.m.

Dobbs Ferry Public Library

“1979 ~ Rainstorm Rupture” by James Kiberd
is on view through May 12

Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 6:30 p.m. for the workshop
and 7:30 for the regular meeting

Village Hall

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 7 p.m.

Middle/high school library

Trivia Night

Wednesday, April 15, 7–9 p.m.

Embassy Community Center, 60 Palisade St.

Free; up to six per team, ages 18 and up

Readers' Circle

Thursday, April 16, 2 p.m.

Waterfront Park (weather permitting)

Discuss “Twice” by Mitch Albom

Register: reference@dobbsferrylibrary.org

Bingo Fundraiser for Seniors

Thursday, April 16, 6:30 p.m.

Doubleday's, 83 Main St.

Registration required: 914-693-9793

Murder Mystery

Friday, April 17, 7 p.m.

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One of James Kiberd's paintings on display at the Dobbs Ferry Public Library.

Exhibit recalls artist's rain-soaked awakening

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL

Longtime Dobbs Ferry resident and former “All My Children” actor James Kiberd is showing artwork that he created more than four decades ago, when a protracted rainstorm upended his creative practice and helped change the course of his life.

Titled “1979 ~ Rainstorm Rupture,” the exhibition at the Dobbs Ferry Public Library includes 31 works on view for the first time since Kiberd painted them during an artist residency. Through the national America the Beautiful Fund, he was granted two months to paint at Palisades Interstate Park, on grounds where three or four other artists were doing the same, each in separate cabins. During a downpour that Kiberd recalls lasting more than a week, he remained in isolation while he worked using a brush and ink on paper.

“I lost track of everything because all I was connected to was the senses and experience of being in this days-long rainstorm, and there I am making these pictures that sort of start to express what’s happening inside of me and around me,” Kiberd, a 40-year Dobbs Ferry resident, told the Dispatch. “The sounds and senses just blew me wide open and sort of changed me as a person and as an artist. And working with the ink on paper with my brushes just tracked the rupture of my habits in life.”

Some of the images are more abstract, while others depict the movement of the rain that fell for days on end.

“The rupture is basically going from, ‘I’m in control’ to ‘the energy of the universe is in control,’ and I just allow it to happen,” Kiberd explained. “And by allowing it all to happen, I started acting.”

Less than two years after the residency, Kiberd accepted a role — his first — in a production of “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Wolf” staged by the Penguin Repertory Company

in Stony Point, N.Y., after the artistic director encouraged Kiberd to audition. At the time, Kiberd was working as a management consultant for the company and had no desire to act.

In 1989, he landed the role of Trevor Dillon on “All My Children,” the iconic network soap opera, and played that character for a little over a decade.

Kiberd started creating visual art while a child growing up in Rhode Island. Shortly before the residency that inspired “1979 ~ Rainstorm Rupture,” he spent more than four years as an artist-in-residence in Hav-

into your body, and it allowed me to free up my impulses.”

That experience also impacted the art he’s created since. To underscore that impact, the show includes 13 colored pastel illustrations he created in the latter part of 1979. While Kiberd’s previous work consisted mostly of realistic street scenes and exacting portraits of people, the pieces he created during the rainstorm and since have sought to pull more authentically from the emotions of the moment, instead of being precisely accurate.

“It sort of ruptured my way of working for years,” Kiberd said. “Now I allow myself to get wildly free and totally give up myself to the senses of the experience that I’m having around me, rather than being with my idea of what it should be.”

The paintings Kiberd created during the rainstorm are either 14 x 17 inches or 18 x 24 inches. They were on view only once before, at Palisades Interstate Park in 1979, after the conclusion of the artist residency. Kiberd hadn’t looked at the paintings in decades, until he recently came upon a box in storage that was labeled “rain.” After letting some close friends, whose opinions he values, check out the paintings, he decided to clean them up, fix the broken frames, and show them at the library.

Kiberd said he wants viewers “to perhaps feel that they’re in the rainstorm and that in their life, as they move forward, they pay attention to all of the different moments that are happening around them, and honor those moments.”

“1979 ~ Rainstorm Rupture” is on display at the gallery in the Dobbs Ferry Public Library, 55 Main St., through May 12, with an artist’s reception this Sunday, April 12, from 1–5 p.m. For the library’s hours, visit dobbsferrylibrary.org.

“Now I allow myself to get wildly free and totally give up myself to the senses of the experience that I’m having around me...”

Artist James Kiberd

erstraw through grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and New York State Council of the Arts. He’s exhibited at the Dobbs Ferry Library several times, including the interactive “Art That Opens Hearts and Minds” exhibition this past fall.

Looking back at the summer of 1979, when he was 30 years old, Kiberd understands how the extreme circumstances were liberating.

“The experience of being in that rainstorm day after day after day drove me pretty crazy, and out of my body, and into my body,” Kiberd recalled. “We’ve all had experiences that we feel are life transforming, but when you cement it with physical activity connected to it, it sort of locks it

DOBBS FERRY

Board considers viewing platform and sidewalk for Palisade Street

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL
The Village of Dobbs Ferry is moving forward with a plan to construct a Hudson River viewing platform on the Palisade Street slope abutting the Metro-North train station entrance. The design calls for a platform with grass and benches on Village-owned property next to a portion of a stone wall that has been removed and blocked off since last year due to damage.

To develop the project, the Village is working with its engineering consultant,

“I think dispersing river view amenities ... is one of the best things we can do with tax dollars.”

Trustee Michael Patino

AI Engineers, which has offices in Valhalla and New York City. The board of trustees considered a plan to just fix the wall, at an estimated cost of \$462,825. The projected cost of repairing the wall and adding the viewing platform with benches is \$470,375.

At a board meeting on March 24, Palisade Street resident Dalton Johnson and

Main Street resident Dipti Shah spoke in support of the plan.

“Pedestrians have consistently walked along the river-facing side [of Palisade Street], not using the sidewalk,” Johnson said. “Even now, with those barricades in the way [next to the portion of the wall that was removed], it doesn’t look nice, but they still go to that side. This is a very steep uphill grade, and as they’re coming from the train station up, they usually stop at that exact spot where we’re considering the overlook to use it for that purpose.”

The Village is also considering adding a sidewalk along the river-facing side of the hill, and making the stretch from the train station entrance to Main Street a permanent one-way street with traffic flowing up the hill (east), as has been the case since the wall was blocked off last year. There’s currently only a sidewalk on the opposite side of the street. In a letter to the village board, Johnson and his neighbors expressed support for the additional sidewalk and continuation of one-way traffic. That option would cost the Village \$677,275, including the platform.

The Palisade Street project will be paid for separately from the projects proposed for the Village’s \$4.5 million NY Forward grant, which include a staircase and viewing platform at High Street Park, at the intersection



The temporary barricade along Palisade Street

of High Street and Station Plaza. There’s currently no grant money set aside for the Palisade Street project; the Village expects to pay for it with its own money.

“I think we can do it cost effectively,” Trustee Michael Patino said during the village board meeting on March 24. “I think dispersing river view amenities to as many locations and as many people as possible

is one of the best things we can do with tax dollars.”

While there’s no exact timeline for completion, the village board is considering the Palisade Street project a priority, and has directed AI Engineers to design the platform and an option that includes the sidewalk. After the designs are complete, the Village will solicit bids for both projects.

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Sunday, April 12, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
Rivertown Thrift Annex, 3 Spring St.

Friday Night Live: Words-on-Hudson

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

Vine Squad Lopping

Saturday, April 11, 9–11 a.m.
The Lofts parking lot, 419 Saw Mill River Road

League of Women Voters Hybrid Meeting

Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m.
Hastings Public Library, 7 Maple Ave.
To participate, email info@lww-rivertowns.org

Terry Ryan Memorial Run

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

Hastings Flea

Sunday, April 12, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
(rain or shine)
Commuter Lot, Southside Avenue
Outdoor bazaar. Visit thehastingsflea.com

Take It or Leave It Garage Anniversary

Sunday, April 12, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.
(rain date April 19)
Andrus on Hudson, 185 Old Broadway

Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct Lecture

Sunday, April 12, 2 p.m.
Hastings Public Library
Anthropologist April Beisaw discusses impacts of New York City's water system

"Expressions: Real and Absurd"

Sunday, April 12, 4–6 p.m.
Village Hall
Opening for exhibit celebrating Allen M. Hart

Senior Thursday

Thursday, April 16
Screening of "The Great Santini" at the public library, 1 p.m.

Planning Board Meeting

Thursday, April 16, 7 p.m.
Village Hall

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Festival spotlights contemporary composers

BY LAURA SCHILLER

Cellist Peter Seidenberg of Hastings and teaches classical music of all periods, but has a special affinity for music written by living composers — music of our time.

Nine years ago, Seidenberg took on the role of artistic director of the "Music of Our Time Festival" at the Hoff-Barthelsson Music School in Scarsdale. The festival was founded in 1989 by beloved pianist and teacher Wilma Machover, a champion of contemporary music. Upon her passing, the school established the Wilma Machover Fund, which helps sustain the festival.

Directed by Seidenberg, the celebration of living composers returns this spring for its 37th year.

Running April 16–19, the event features four days of concerts and recitals showcasing works written between 1976 and the present. Seidenberg believes student musicians should include works by living composers in their repertoire, as it helps them better understand — and musically express — the world they live in.

"The 'Music of Our Time Festival' is about bringing composers and performers into direct dialogue," Seidenberg said. "It gives our students the rare opportunity to engage with living composers, explore new musical languages, and participate in the creation of music that speaks to our time."

"Every piece of music was once a world premiere — once, it was all contemporary," he continued. "From the beginnings of Western classical music through the early 20th century, composers were writing for their present moment, often without any expectation that their work would be performed again. The idea of a lasting repertoire didn't really take hold until the 19th century."

"In that sense," he added, "there's something timeless about performing and studying music of our own time. It reconnects us to that original tradition — music as a living, immediate art, written for performers and audiences in the present. And, of course, music of our time always reflects the culture in which it was created."

Seidenberg jokes that he is a "junior" faculty member at Hoff-Barthelsson, having taught there for 27 years; his wife, violinist and associate dean April Johnson, has been on the faculty for 34. He spends much of the academic year researching living composers to feature in the festival, while new commissions take months to develop. Even before this year's festival concludes, planning is underway for 2027.

The 2026 festival program includes faculty and student chamber music recitals, as well as performances of works by young composers studying at the school. Kicking off the festival on Thursday, April 16, is the "Compose Yourself Project Recital," featuring original works by students in the school's composition program under the direction of Derek Cooper.

On Thursday evening, the festival continues with a faculty recital featuring Seidenberg, Johnson, and colleagues performing



Peter Seidenberg. Photo by Stephen Schnur.

works by living composers. On Friday, a student recital — also featuring living composers — includes Ardsley High School sophomore Piya Karthikeyan, performing the premiere of "I Carry Your Heart" by composer James Cowdery. Karthikeyan studies voice with Andrea Saposnik at the school. On Saturday, three themed student recitals feature music ranging from the Soviet era to surveys of recent repertoire, as well as a program highlighting women composers.

A centerpiece of the festival is a commissioned work created in partnership with Copland House; this year's composer is Flannery Cunningham. Her piece, "We Long to Wake," for mezzo-soprano and chamber ensemble, draws on poetry by Carl Sandburg and the traditions of communal, or Sacred Harp, singing. The world premiere will conclude the festival on Sunday, April 19. Also on the final program — featuring both student and faculty performers — is a work by the festival founder's son, Tod Machover, an Emmy Award-winning composer.

Another highlight is the "Micro-Commissions Project" recital on Sunday, featuring short works written by composers in the Manhattan School of Music's composition program and premiered by Hoff-Barthelsson's high school students. Ardsley High School sophomore Melanie Davis also studies voice with

Saposnik, who nominated her to participate.

In partnership with Reiko Fütting, Manhattan School of Music chair of composition, Seidenberg paired 10 Hoff-Barthelsson students with 10 Manhattan School of Music composers. Each pair met over Zoom to exchange ideas. Seidenberg matched Davis with Kervy Delcy, a Haitian American composer pursuing her third master's degree. In a gesture that went beyond the festival's requirements, Delcy invited Davis to collaborate on the lyrics, giving her a firsthand look at the songwriting process. Together, they created a piece titled "Kindness," which will receive its world premiere at the April 19 "Micro-Commissions Project" recital.

"It's really meaningful to be singing a piece that was written specifically for my voice," Davis said. "I think composers like Kervy — and so many others writing music today — should be featured on programs everywhere, because they reflect our current society, not the world of composers hundreds of years ago. It's especially cool that I got to play a big part in writing the lyrics for this piece and giving its world premiere. The music is very inspiring and rewarding."

All events are free and open to the public. For a complete schedule, visit hbms.org.

HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON

HHS alumnus to help raise funds for future graduates

BY AMY BOCHNER

Musician Bob Arthurs will give back to the community that helped cultivate his life's passion at a Hastings High School Alumni Association benefit concert next weekend.

All proceeds from the April 17 performance will go toward the association's scholarship fund, which helps students in the district that Arthurs graduated from in 1965.

For over 60 years, Arthurs has worked as a music educator, which he traces back to his time in Hastings.

"I started teaching when I was 13," he said. "My [trumpet] teacher, Joe Shepley, had a couple of students that were beginners, and he felt that I could handle them because I was already playing for four or five years. So, I began teaching at an early age, and I taught all my life."

In 1972, he joined the faculty of the Music Conservatory of Westchester. From 1990 until his retirement in 2005, he served as dean of the school and head of the jazz department. Then, Rye County Day School hired him as its trumpet instructor, a position he held for six years. He also coordinated the jazz department of the Music in the Alps summer festival in Bad Gastein,



Bob Arthurs and Steve LaMattina will perform at the James Harmon Community Center on Friday, April 17, from 7–9 p.m.

Austria, from 2017–2019. For the past five years, Arthurs has volunteered at the Lifelong Learning Institute at SUNY New Paltz, where he teaches courses to senior citizens.

Born in Yonkers, Arthurs was 5 months

old when his family moved to Hastings. He was in fourth grade when Shepley introduced him to music, after which he played in the Hastings beginner's band for two years. In seventh grade, he was accepted into the

senior band, under the direction of Howard Marsh, who was succeeded by Peter DeLuke the next year. As an eighth-grader, Arthurs was accepted into the high school orchestra, then under Joseph Cilicek.

Arthurs' passion for music flourished in high school, where he joined the jazz band, created by DeLuke.

From ninth grade until graduation, Arthurs participated in six weekly ensembles, plus chorus. Monday through Friday, he would go to school at 8 a.m. for band or orchestra practice. The jazz band met during the last period on Wednesdays, and chorus practice was held once or twice each week.

Early morning practice also served as Arthurs' homeroom, which he believes offered him a unique experience.

"Most students have a homeroom, and those are the kids you see every day, and they're all your age," he said. "But in the band and orchestra, every morning, we were with people from seventh or eighth grade right up to seniors. It was a very mixed group, and we made friends across grades."

Outside of school, Arthurs and two classmates created their own band, The

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Forest Feedback Loops”

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League of Women Voters Hybrid Meeting

Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m.

Hastings Public Library, 7 Maple Ave.

To participate by Zoom, email
info@lww-rivertowns.org for the link

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 7:30 p.m.

Irvington High School Library

Agenda available at irvingtonschools.org

Thursday Evening Book Club

Thursday, April 16, 7:30–8:30 p.m.

Irvington Public Library

Discuss “Still Life” by Sarah Winman

Senior Movie: “Singin’ in the Rain”

Friday, April 17, 10:30 a.m.

Irvington Public Library

Stargazing

Friday, April 17, 7:30 p.m.

(Rain or cloudy sky date: April 20)

O’Hara Nature Center

Moderated by Bob Kelly of Westchester

Amateur Astronomers

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Volunteer Fire Department Recruitment Event

Saturday, April 18, 9 a.m.–noon

Irvington firehouse, 90 Main St.

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Saturdays, April 18 and 25, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

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Mountain Road

Register at irvingtonny.gov

Music Tour Call for Performers

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RiverArts’ annual music festival is slated for

Saturday, June 6, 11 a.m.–9 p.m.

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Rev. Billy Talen and the Stop Shopping Choir will perform at the Irvington Theater on Saturday, April 25, at 7 p.m.

‘Chaos & Catharsis’ tackles related crises

Series kicks off with talks, music, and dance

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL

The Irvington Green Team is building upon the climate talks it launched in 2023 by initiating a new series called “Chaos & Catharsis: Minds, Movement and Music for Uncertain Times.” Created by Green Team leader Charlotte Binns, the director of sustainability for the Village of Irvington, the series demonstrates how a range of societal issues are interconnected, and can be addressed comprehensively.

“We’re not just talking about climate, we’re talking about all of the related crises like democratic strain, technological change, inequality, polarization, [the] growing epidemic of loneliness,” Binns told the Dispatch. “There are so many fires burning that it seems like the climate catastrophe has faded in people’s focus, but it’s still really important. And climate disruption is intertwined with these other systems.”

Binns considers the big picture approach of “Chaos & Catharsis” as necessary to address challenges she believes cannot be solved in isolation.

“For example, economic systems drive environmental damage and biodiversity loss, and environmental stress fuels migration and conflict, and political instability weakens our capacity for coordinated response,” Binns explained.

“Chaos & Catharsis’s” Earth Month activities open next Friday, April 17, at Irvington Presbyterian Church with an event titled “Collapse and Renewal.” The program starts with a discussion between authors Luke

Kemp and Douglas Rushkoff about Kemp’s book “Goliath’s Curse.” The book draws on Kemp’s experience studying hundreds of examples of civilizations collapsing, and shares patterns that Binns describes as “both alarming and hopeful.” The discussion will be followed by a talk from organizer and civil rights lawyer Lisa Genn on democratic participation and immigrant justice. Lastly, author, educator, and executive coach Samantha Sweetwater will lead the audience in spiritual practices to help regulate nervous systems and deal with anxiety.

“A way we’re expanding on the original climate talks is by building in community building and community resilience work,” Binns explained. “So we follow the talks with practical opportunities to engage with solutions on the ground. And then we have a moment where we ask people in the audience to talk to someone they don’t already know around them and make a connection in the community.”

An Earth Day panel at the Irvington Theater on Wednesday, April 22, will feature Sweetwater again, along with performance activist Rev. Billy Talen, singer-songwriter Dani Sundream, and author Daniel Pinchbeck, who Binns credits with giving her the push to dedicate her life to environmental work 13 years ago. Sundream will facilitate a song circle and lead the audience in a multipart harmony that’s meant to provide collective healing, regardless of singing ability. Rev. Billy Talen and the Stop Shopping Choir will then perform a concert at the Irvington Theater on Saturday, April 25, where they’ll employ humor in songs about consumerism, corporate greed, and climate.

“I cry and laugh every single time I see them,” Binns said. “Billy and his wife, Savitri D, who is the director, are the most authentic people. They are activists first and foremost who have been arrested multiple times doing direct creative actions. But it’s when they lock into harmony and song about the plight of the planet that I am brought to tears time and again.”

A five-session season of dance circles from the Dance Embodiment Collective, organized by the Irvington Recreation Department, is also taking place through June as part of “Chaos & Catharsis.” The current season of dance circles at the recreation center is sold out, but more sessions are expected to be added in the future, as well as more “Chaos & Catharsis” talks and activities. Binns hopes the series will leave attendees more informed and connected to their community, and work in tandem with the Earth Month Scavenger Hunt underway throughout the Rivertowns to teach residents how to work collectively toward solutions.

“What I’ve learned is that people are generally cooperative, pro-social, inclined towards fairness, unlike the stories we hear about the selfish gene and that it’s a dog-eat-dog world,” Binns said. “Most often it’s neighbors who come to the rescue when large-scale catastrophe hits, and communities that already have connections fostered, fair far better. So I want people to go home feeling that there is still some sanity in the world and that they belong to a community that is there for them.”

All three of the upcoming “Chaos & Catharsis” events are ticketed. To purchase tickets and read more details about the events, visit chaosandcatharsis.com.

IRVINGTON

— COMMUNITY BRIEFS —

Firehouse to receive safety upgrades as its future remains uncertain

Irvington is spending nearly \$40,000 on upgrades to its Main Street firehouse to address critical safety priorities. The work is being undertaken at the same time the Village considers an overhaul of the firehouse or relocation of the fire department.

During a public meeting on April 6, the village board of trustees approved \$25,950 to hire Calgi Construction to manage renovations to the firehouse, and \$14,000 to hire Tietjen Venegas Consulting Engineers to design a new boiler system. The latter includes the replacement of the boiler, addition of a gas line for the boiler, and replacement of an oil tank. Tietjen Venegas' contract covers the design services solely and does not include the cost of purchasing or installing the boiler.

As construction manager, Calgi will help the fire department plan and execute a pair of projects related to firefighter safety. Calgi will prepare cost estimates and project schedules for the construction of a decontamination room to remove potentially harmful material from people and equipment, as well as the stabilization of a compromised section of the apparatus bay floor. The contract with Calgi only covers the planning and management of renovations, and not the cost

of construction and materials.

During a Jan. 14 work session, the village board and fire department officials discussed an estimated budget of at least \$140,000 for building a decontamination area, and acknowledged that the cost could go up depending on what the construction manager considers to be the safest option.

Mayor Arlene Burgos acknowledges that regardless of long-term plans, investing in firefighter safety in the near term is a priority.

"Whether the fire department ultimately remains at its current site with renovations and/or expansion, or relocates to a new facility, that process will take time," Burgos wrote to the Dispatch. "In the interim, the board is committed to addressing these immediate safety concerns through targeted, short-term improvements."

The firehouse is a focus of Irvington's Facilities Planning Steering Committee, which is working with Beyer Blinder Belle Architects & Planners (BBB) to develop large-scale renovation and/or relocation projects. One of the proposed locations to relocate the firehouse is the parking lot on Broadway (Route 9) near the top of Main Street, across from Cifone's restaurant.

The Facilities Planning Steering Committee was formed in April 2024 after Irvington voters rejected an \$18.2 million bond proposal to revamp the village's facilities in November 2023, of which the firehouse was a main focal point. The committee

includes Burgos, Trustee David Zwiebel, Village Administrator Charles Hessler, and co-chairs Arthur Chabon and Mike Aziz, who are Irvington residents and architects.

The fire department will host a volunteer recruitment event at the firehouse on Saturday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to noon.

— By Julian Michael Caldwell

Stargazing event to mark Dark Sky Week

The Ursa Major constellation, also known as the Great Bear, will be the celestial centerpiece on the moonless night of Friday, April 17, when a free stargazing event at the O'Hara Nature Center on Mountain Road will coincide with International Dark Sky Week (April 13–20).

The gathering will take place from 7:30–9:30 p.m. and will be led by Bob Kelly of Ardley, the vice president of field events for the Westchester Amateur Astronomers (WAA). Kelly was an air pollution meteorologist for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for 37 years until his retirement in 2017.

The event was initiated by Laurie Friedman of Irvington, a member of DarkSky Massachusetts and DarkSky International. The latter is a nonprofit with chapters around the world focused on the problems light pollution causes for humans and wildlife. Dark Sky Week is an initiative of DarkSky International.

In response to a letter from Friedman,

Irvington Mayor Arlene Burgos issued a proclamation about International Dark Sky Week during a village board of trustees meeting on March 16. The proclamation noted, in part, that all applications before the village planning board must include dark sky compliant lighting as per an amendment to the village zoning code in 2020.

The Hastings Board of Trustees approved a similar declaration about Dark Sky Week on April 7, noting that their village's green building code has required the prevention of "light trespass" since 2013.

Founded in 1991, the WAA hosts free "Stairway to Heaven" star parties every two weeks at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation in Pound Ridge. The club also hosts lectures once a month at the Pleasantville campus of Pace University. For more information, visit westchecherastronomers.org.

Looking ahead to April 17, Kelly sent the Dispatch an evening sky map for April, created by Skymaps.com, that lists celestial objects visible with the naked eye, with binoculars, and with telescopes. The brightest objects, he noted, will be Venus and Jupiter. Ursa Major includes the seven stars known as the Big Dipper.

Registration for the stargazing event was full as of April 9, though it was possible to sign up for the waitlist. For more information, visit the parks and recreation section of the Village website, irvingtonny.gov.

— By Tim Lamorte

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Farmers Market

HASTINGS

9:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Commuter Lot, Southside Avenue. The market convenes every other Saturday through May. For details, visit hastingsfarmersmarket.org.

Rivertown Thrift: Formal Wear Sale

HASTINGS

11 a.m.–5 p.m. / Free admission. Rivertown Thrift Annex, 3 Spring St. Also Sunday, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

“Living Forest” Speaker Series

IRVINGTON

Noon / Free. O’Hara Nature Center, 170 Mountain Road. Cornell ecology professor Bernd Blossey presents “Deer Management: Forest Feedback Loops.” Register at irvingtongreen.org/events

Murder Mystery

YONKERS

2–4 p.m. / \$15 for adults, \$9 for students and seniors, free for members. Hudson River Museum, 511 Warburton Ave. Interactive event created and led by Hudson Valley author and storyteller David Neilsen. For ages 16 and up. Register at hrm.org

Helen Sung’s Oracle Quartet

TARRYTOWN

7 and 9:30 p.m. / \$35, \$30 for students. Jazz Forum Club, 1 Dixon Lane. jazzforumarts.org

“Off With Her Head”

OSSINING

4:30 and 7:30 p.m. / \$37, \$27 for seniors and students. Bethany Arts Community, 40 Somerstown Road. Movement-driven reimagining of “Alice in Wonderland,” written by Ardsley resident Meghan Covington, artistic director of River’s Edge Theatre Company. For ages 7 and up. Also 2 and 4:30 p.m. Sunday. riversedgetheatre.com, bethanyarts.org

SUNDAY APRIL 12

Art Show Reception

DOBBS FERRY



“Expressions: Real and Absurd,” an exhibit celebrating the life and artistic journey of Allen M. Hart, opens with a reception in Hastings Village Hall on Sunday, April 12.

1–5 p.m. / Free. Dobbs Ferry Public Library, 55 Main St. “1979 ~ Rainstorm Rupture” by James Kiberd is on view through May 12. dobbsferrylibrary.org

Hastings Flea

HASTINGS

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

Terry Ryan Memorial Run

HASTINGS

11 a.m. for the 5K and 10:15 a.m. for the 1-mile Fun Run / \$5–\$20. Start and finish at Hastings High School. Register at hastingsrecreation.org

Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct Lecture

HASTINGS

2 p.m. / Free. Hastings Public Library, 7 Maple Ave. Vassar anthropologist April Beisaw discusses the impact of New York City’s water system on upstate communities. aqueduct.org

Two New Exhibits

HASTINGS

2–5 p.m. / Free. Upstream Gallery, 8 Main St. Opening reception for Israel Acosta’s “Between Darkness and Light” and Patricia Herz Deahl’s “Horizon: Precipice and Hope.” On view through May 3. Hours: Thursday–Sunday, 12:30–5:30 p.m. upstreamgallery.com

“Expressions: Real and Absurd”

HASTINGS

4–6 p.m. / Free. Village Hall, 7 Maple Ave. Opening reception for the exhibit celebrating the life and artistic journey of Allen M. Hart. Through June 2.

Birdwatching with Saw Mill River Audubon

TARRYTOWN

7–9 a.m. / Free. Lyndhurst Mansion, 635 S. Broadway. For adults and ages 8 and up. Registration required. sawmillriveraudubon.org

The Yale Wiffenpoofs

TARRYTOWN

5:30 p.m. / \$35–\$40. The Ark at Shames JCC, 371 S. Broadway. The collegiate a cappella group sings old tunes, jazz standards, and hits from across the decades. shamesjcc.org

Comedy: Pat McGann

TARRYTOWN

7 p.m. / \$43–\$63. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St. tarrytownmusichall.org

MONDAY APRIL 13

Meetup for Writers: Share Stories and Develop Techniques

DOBBS FERRY

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

Holocaust Survivor Talk

TARRYTOWN

7 p.m. / Free. Temple Beth Abraham, 25 Leroy Ave. Ernie Brod gives a moving presentation about his family’s film business and their escape from the Nazis. Appropriate for ages 9 and up. Register by emailing tbaoffice@tba-ny.org

TUESDAY APRIL 14

Picture Book x HudCo Book Club

DOBBS FERRY

8 p.m. / Free. Picture Book at HudCo, 145 Palisade St., Suite 200. Discuss “The Correspondent” by Virginia Evans. RSVP at picturebookny.com/calendar

Comedy Open Mic

HASTINGS

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

Mindful Meetup: “Read the Signal, Not the Spiral”

IRVINGTON

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

WEDNESDAY APRIL 15

Trivia Night

DOBBS FERRY

7–9 p.m. / Free. Embassy Community Center, 60 Palisade St. Up to six people per team; ages 18 and up.

THURSDAY APRIL 16

Outdoor Live Music:

Sonnie Daze

DOBBS FERRY

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

Jazz & More

DOBBS FERRY

7–9:30 p.m. / No cover charge. Mirabella Cocina Latina Restaurant & Bar, 1 Hamilton St., in Rivertowns Square. Quartet featuring Matt Garrison on sax, Jeff Barone on guitar, Kris Kendall on bass, and Mitch Shornick on drums.

Lisa Loeb Live

TARRYTOWN

7:30 p.m. / \$40–\$60. The Ark at Shames JCC, 371 S. Broadway. Acoustic performance and conversation about the stories behind her iconic songs. shamesjcc.org

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FRIDAY APRIL 17

Rock, Funk and Soul: Hey Baby Band

ARDSLEY

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

Murder Mystery

DOBBS FERRY

7 p.m. / \$40. Dobbs Ferry Public Library, 55 Main St. Interactive fun featuring local storyteller David Neilsen. Proceeds support the Friends of the Dobbs Ferry Library. Purchase tickets at dobbsferrylibrary.org

Stargazing

IRVINGTON

7:30 p.m. / Free. O'Hara Nature Center, 170 Mountain Road. Moderated by Bob Kelly of Westchester Amateur Astronomers. Rain or cloudy sky date: April 20. Registration required at irvingtongreen.org/events

Trivia Night

GREENBURGH

6-9 p.m. / \$60 per person, \$220 for a team of four, \$400 for a team of eight. Greenburgh Public Library, 300 Tarrytown Road. Fundraiser to support the library. Register at greenburghlibraryguild.org

Deer management

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University. Rutberg had run experiments that involved injecting deer with a substance called PZP-22, which provoked an immune response that prevented a successful pregnancy.

The Village decided to go with this approach, Swiderski said, because it could be "as effective as controlled hunts and would result in very little public pushback [compared to] an ongoing lethal hunt in close proximity to people's residences and schoolchildren."

The experiment began in 2014 in cooperation with The Humane Society and Tufts. It involved darting female deer with an anesthetic, administering the PZP-22 immuno-contraceptive shot, and attaching a numbered, yellow tag to one of the deer's ears.

Because the dart guns were not lethal, the experiment could be conducted throughout the village, with hundreds of residents giving permission for the Village to go on their properties.

The experiment went on for seven years, costing the Village between \$9,000 and \$38,000 annually. The effort, Swiderski said, was a success, which was determined based on three metrics: a drop in deer population, a lower number of vehicle/deer collisions based on police department statistics, and less damage to property. For the last metric, the Village distributed 45 hostas, which "is crack for deer," Swiderski said, and tabulated

how quickly the plants were eaten.

After six years, the does that had been darted dropped from 90% having fawns to 15%. For does darted twice, that number dropped to 10%. The deer population decreased by over 50%. Before the experiment, there were an average of nine annual vehicle accidents involving deer. A few years into the experiment, this decreased to three to four annual accidents. The hosta experiment showed success, with the plant survival increasing from 9% to 24%.

For the Village to continue darting deer annually, Swiderski said, the FDA needed to approve the PZP-22 contraceptive, which is considered experimental. In addition, immuno-contraception would need to be approved as a deer population control mechanism by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), which Swiderski said, "has a historic orientation to managing deer by hunting." He did not suggest this method to the board unless they were "willing to bang at the DEC in Albany and see if they approve it."

"If so," he continued, "it's been proven to work and work village-wide, which is its major advantage."

Regarding deer hunting, Lemons explained that although the darting experiment was able to cover the whole village, bow hunting would be limited because of a restriction that it cannot take place within 150 feet of schools, residences, or buildings.

Regarding the decision on whether or

not to move forward with bow hunting, Lemons recommended that the board "be clear about its goals."

"If what seems achievable matches the goals, then proceed, but if not, then the expenditure for bow hunting will at best fend off criticisms that the board is doing nothing, but possibly no more," he said.

Some goals Lemons described are the reduction of tick-borne illnesses, deer/vehicle collisions, and damage to residents' plantings. He also mentioned fostering the restoration of the Village's woods and parks, as well as "demonstrating that the Village is attempting to do something about deer."

"In our view, only the last two are realistic goals of bow hunting," Lemons said. "As we see it, the board needs to assess whether those are worth the cost... We further recommend that in messaging to the village residents, the board be clear that deer management in an urban, suburban area is highly complex and therefore challenging and not achievable with a single simple solution."

Later in the meeting, Drake said he appreciated the presentation by Swiderski and Lemons, and that he would "like to continue to explore and maybe bring back [Kelley] for a more formal meeting."

Trustee Morgen Fleisig shared that he believes bow hunting could achieve the goals listed by Lemons, saying that he met with Kelley and was "very impressed." Fleisig also suggested expanding the program to include the Rowley's Bridge Trail.



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Death by cull would be an unthinkable act of cruelty in Hastings

To the Editor:

If Hastings is to cull its deer population, just how much suffering are we willing to inflict?

In bow hunting, a perfect “double lung” hit (far from a given) is thought to affect the quickest kill and least suffering. Accounts vary, but a double lung hit can kill in 15 to 120 seconds, with the deer often running 50–200 yards before collapsing. And that’s the very best case. Hit one lung only, as one of countless awful possible wounding scenarios, and the victim can survive much longer.

Reporting on a cull in a neighboring town executed by the same contractor Hastings is now considering, this paper (Feb. 7) noted, “[f]or the greatest impact, [the contractor] hunted more female deer to rid the forest of multiple potential deer with one kill.” It seems that “multiple potential deer” here

refers to future offspring. But consider the target’s existing family.

Young fawns depend entirely on their mother for survival. Unsurprisingly, a very young orphan has a very poor chance of getting much older. And if she somehow manages to survive, what’s the emotional toll of experiencing her mother’s agonizing demise?

And what’s the emotional toll on kids knowing their parents made/let this happen, and in their own backyard no less? Or seeing a skewered deer stumbling out into the road? Or hearing a loud, scream-like sound, which sometimes occurs when an arrow violently pierces a deer’s body.

And on and on. Based on these and myriad other considerations, the potential for serious physical and emotional harm is limitless for all involved.

If you’re ever unsure whether an act upon an animal is cruel, simply replace the target with your own beloved dog, cat, or other domestic animal. By this measure, in a time of unspeakable cruelty, violence, and destruction — ruinous to so many human and non-human animals — supporting this proposed

wave of death by cull is unthinkable.

David Ebert

HASTINGS

In 2016, the writer co-founded Animal Defense Partnership, which provides free legal services to animal protection nonprofits. In 2025, he founded Weeping Elephant Project, which advocates on behalf of captive elephants in the U.S.

Mentoring program involves participants in political process

To the Editor:

A few months ago, I announced plans to mentor young people who are in their 20s and 30s who want to become future leaders of our town. We meet monthly by Zoom. The mentoring program is open to Democrats, Republicans — anyone who wants to learn how to make a positive difference in public service. We don’t discuss local political issues or campaigns, but provide tips on how to become effective advocates and how to get

involved in the political process.

Each month we hear from different speakers. Our most recent speaker was Luke Powell, Gov. Kathy Hochul’s regional representative and a former deputy regional director for U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer.

On April 16 at 7 p.m., we will hear from Tarrytown Village Trustee Kenny Herzog, an aide to County Legislator David Imamura of Irvington. Kenny has also been involved in the Covid Angels program and a program he started, #VaxupWestchester. Kenny also volunteered for the Greenburgh Snow Angels program. He will talk about his public service activities and activism.

If you would like to join our mentoring program and be invited to attend all future sessions, please email me at pfeiner@greenburghny.com. Although the program is designed to encourage young people in their 20s and 30s to get involved, it is open to older residents as well.

Who knows? One of the participants may one day be governor of New York, a U.S. senator, or future town supervisor.

Paul Feiner

GREENBURGH TOWN SUPERVISOR

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HHS Alumni fundraiser

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Variations, in which Alan Freedman played guitar and Carl Peachman played drums. When they were 13, the trio performed their first gig at the Uniontown Firehouse, where they each made \$3. The band stayed together for most of high school and played many local gigs, in addition to hosting jam sessions at Freedman's house.

After high school, Arthurs attended the Manhattan School of Music and began

“(Hastings) was a very supportive environment for any of the students who were interested in music and the arts.”

Bob Arthurs

studying jazz improvisation privately with pianist Sal Mosca. He returned to school in the '80s and earned a master's degree in Russian Language and Literature from SUNY Albany.

Throughout his education and career, Arthurs continued to create music, releasing five albums: “Notes From the Underground,”

“Jazz for Svetlana,” “Jazz for Molly,” “Jazz it Up! Ukrainian Songs for Three Dads,” and “Jazz for Anya.” Over the years, he has performed at clubs and festivals in the United States and abroad, including Russia, Japan, and throughout Europe.

This year, the Hastings High School Alumni Association reached out to him about a concert, which Arthurs had offered in the past. At the benefit, Arthurs will sing and play trumpet alongside guitarist Steve LaMattina of White Plains, performing material from the Great American Songbook, a loose canon of jazz standards from the 20th century, as well as original songs. CDs of Arthurs' albums will be available for purchase for \$10, which will also go toward the scholarship fund.

As a regular attendee at class reunions, Arthurs said he has “a soft spot” for the Hastings schools.

“It was a very supportive environment for any of the students who were interested in music and the arts,” he said. “I feel very grateful for that. There was plenty of opportunity for me to play and to learn and to share music with other students.”

The HHS Alumni Association benefit concert will take place at the James Harmon Community Center, 44 Main St., from 7-9 p.m., with the doors opening at 6:30. Tickets are \$20 online through April 13 at www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/bob-arthurs-hhsaa-concert, and \$25 at the door.

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Sports

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Eagles maintain composure in 2-goal win over Ossining

— GIRLS' LACROSSE ROUNDUP —

BY ROB DIANTONIO

Dobbs Ferry didn't panic.

Host Ossining erased what once looked like a comfortable cushion and turned the final seconds of the third quarter into a one-goal game. The Eagles leaned on their chemistry, trust, and balance — and it showed in a composed fourth quarter that lifted them to a 17-15 win on April 7.

The victory pushed the unbeaten Eagles to 4-0 on the season, but more importantly, it revealed something about who they are.

"They kept their heads on the whole time," first-year head coach Allison Burt said. "I'm super proud of them. They stayed strong. They played together as a team and no one turned on each other. I think that's what makes them so special. They're all friends, have so much chemistry, and always play together."

Dobbs had built a 13-8 lead after senior captain Mary O'Dea found the back of the net with 3:33 remaining in the third quarter. But Ossining surged with four straight goals — two coming in the final 22 seconds — to suddenly pull within 13-12 heading into the fourth.

It could have unraveled there. Instead, the Eagles responded. Freshman Juliet Curanovic wasted little time restoring order, finishing a feed from fellow freshman Scarlett Kilroe just over a minute into the fourth to make it 14-12. Moments later, O'Dea backed in and scored to stretch the lead to 15-12.

Even when Ossining answered to cut it back to two, the Eagles responded. Kilroe converted an 8-meter opportunity for a 16-13 advantage, and senior captain Molly



Scarlett Kilroe handles the ball at midfield.



Dobbs Ferry's Olivia Malinowski carries out of the defensive end. Photos by Rob DiAntonio.

O'Brien followed with a goal less than 15 seconds later to push the cushion back to four.

That sequence — calm, efficient, and opportunistic — was the difference.

"I think it's definitely just keeping our heads in the game," O'Dea said. "We're all really great friends and we all rely on each other. Wherever the ball goes, we trust each other, and we know it's going to work out in the end."

The Eagles' ability to regroup late mirrored what they had already done earlier in the game. After a back-and-forth start, Dobbs Ferry trailed 5-4 midway through the second quarter. Ossining had just regained the lead at 7:56, and momentum briefly tilted toward the home side.

It didn't last. O'Dea immediately answered, winning the draw and going coast to coast to tie the game at 5-5. That sparked a 6-1 run to close the half. Megan Hartnett gave Dobbs Ferry a 6-5 lead, Hollen Peet followed with an 8-meter finish, and Kilroe controlled the ensuing draw before setting up Curanovic to make it 8-5 in a span of just over a minute.

Curanovic added another from behind the cage off a feed from O'Brien, and Kilroe capped the surge with an 8-meter goal to send the Eagles into halftime with a 10-6 lead.

"They're always looking for each other,

finding each other, and making great shots," Burt said. "You see them hugging each other after someone scores a goal — that's what keeps them going. They're having fun and they're playing well, and that's all that matters."

Dobbs carried that momentum into the third quarter as Curanovic (5G, 1A) and Kilroe (4G, 3A) continued to drive the offense. Kilroe dominated the draws, collecting 12 to help the Eagles control possession, and she added three caused turnovers. After gaining valuable experience a year ago, the duo has taken on major roles and delivered in big moments.

"Super impressive," Burt said of the freshmen. "Last year they came up as eighth-graders and played the whole game, but this year they've been star standouts for us. They still have three more years left, so I'm so excited to see what they have ahead."

Curanovic's ability to finish from multiple spots and Kilroe's command of the draw circle and transition game have added a new dimension to the Eagles' attack. Their presence has not only elevated the offense, but also eased pressure on veteran leaders like O'Dea and O'Brien, creating a more dynamic unit.

"Oh my god — the young girls are great," O'Dea said. "They definitely helped us step

up this year. Scarlett and Juliet really put in the work last season and in the summer to really get that spot, and they are really helping us out."

That blend of emerging young talent and experienced leadership has helped Dobbs Ferry stay steady, even in high-pressure moments like Tuesday's late push from Ossining.

"I think it's the chemistry that we have," O'Dea said. "Knowing that whoever has the ball, we're obviously going to do great. We have no doubts. We're always picking each other up."

Hastings rolls past Yonkers

Hastings (1-2) cruised past host Yonkers 15-3 on April 6 to hand first-year head coach Marissa Staffu her first victory. Alina Abrams (5G, 1A) and Rory McKinnon (4G, 7GB) led the way for the Yellow Jackets. Mila Angoff (2G, 1A, 8DC), Olivia Huang (2G, 1A), Caroline Emilio (2G), and Saydi Landon (2S) contributed.

Irvington falls to Eastchester

Irvington (1-4) lost to host Eastchester 16-5 on April 6. Sophia Im (2G), Federica Ricciardella (1G), Marina Foley (1G), Lizzie Foley (1G), Leila Schneider (1A), and Madie Okun (4S) paced the Bulldogs.

Sports

Panthers and Eagles battle to 6-6 gridiron stalemate

— FLAG FOOTBALL ROUNDUP —

BY ROB DIANTONIO

For two programs still finding their footing in just their second seasons, Ardsley and Dobbs Ferry showed just how far both have come. The Panthers and visiting Eagles battled to a 6-6 tie on April 8, with both teams making key second-half stops to preserve the result. Neither team, however, could find a decisive offensive breakthrough late.

Dobbs threatened early, marching to midfield on runs from Renata Assanova, Leia Brandon, and Mya Ustares. Ustares then connected with Brooke Ryan on a first-down pass to the 16-yard line, but Ardsley's defense held firm, forcing a turnover on downs on fourth-and-goal from the 7.

Ardsley answered with a spark of its own as quarterback Elise O'Brien hit Morgan Macri for a 20-yard gain to move the ball out of danger, but the Panthers were forced to punt.

After an interception by the Eagles' Olivia Nunez near midfield, Ustares found Mimi Phillips for a 20-yard gain before connecting with Brandon on a 16-yard swing pass to the left side for the game's first touchdown with 6:05 remaining in the half. Macri came up with a key stop on the two-point try, keeping it a 6-0 game.

While the Eagles carried that lead into halftime, the momentum began to shift in the third quarter. Ardsley adjusted, spreading the field and leaning into its passing game. O'Brien found Meghan Berry for a 24-yard gain to midfield, setting the stage for the Panthers' biggest play of the afternoon.

Facing fourth down, O'Brien delivered, connecting with Ava Santavicca for a 40-yard



(Left) Dobbs Ferry's Mya Ustares looks for running room. (Right) Ardsley's Ava Santavicca heads to the end zone for a touchdown. Photos by Rob DiAntonio.

touchdown pass with 8:25 left in the third. The extra-point attempt fell short, leaving the game tied at 6-6.

"Just like our last game, we made some adjustments at halftime, and the girls are really good at honing in on the task at hand and focusing on the changes," Ardsley coach Ricky Chenard said. "They communicate very well and it's been working out."

The Panthers' defense came up with a pair of key interceptions in the final frame, including one by Angie Fiordimalva and another by Maya Lubell with just over 4 minutes remaining. "That was a timely interception," Chenard said of Lubell's play.

The Panthers had chances to take the lead,



with Santavicca breaking free for a 12-yard run and Morgan Hamlet adding an 8-yard gain, but the Eagles' defense held.

Dobbs (0-1-2) had one final opportunity in the closing seconds after a Brandon interception. A swing pass to Brandon moved the ball to midfield, and following a timeout with 2.2 seconds remaining, Assanova took a final carry before being stopped as time expired.

Despite the missed chances, both teams walked away encouraged.

"I feel like we're getting better with every game," Dobbs Ferry coach Vinny Garofalo said. "We definitely demonstrated a few places where we've improved. As long as we keep doing that, I think we're going to

have a really successful season."

Garofalo pointed to the team's defensive playmaking, particularly its flag-pulling and overall discipline. "Our execution is really elevated," he said.

He also highlighted the development of Brandon and Ustares.

"Leia continues to improve every game," Garofalo said. "Being only a ninth-grader, it's really impressive that she finds herself in the right place so often. And Mya is playing as well as anyone can, being both our quarterback and inside linebacker. She's really helping bring us along to the level we want to be at."

For Ardsley, the game reflected a team still evolving offensively after losing key pieces from last year's run to the Section 1 Class C championship game. Even at 0-3-1, Chenard sees progress in a team that graduated standout quarterback Joie Levy and lost senior Dylan Paley to a season-ending ACL injury suffered during basketball season.

"You could say we depended on [Levy]," Chenard said. "We also depended on Dylan, and she's out. But the message this year is we've got to play as a team. We need to keep practicing our concepts, reading the defense, getting the ball out quick, and getting downhill in our run game."

He continued, "The program's growing. We have a lot of juniors showing leadership and it's coming together."

In a 14-13 loss to visiting Byram Hills on April 6, Ardsley was led by O'Brien (10/23, 147 passing yards, 2TD passes, 55 rushing yards), Santavicca (61-yard TD reception), Berry (54-yard TD reception, 3T), Hamlet (41 rushing yards, 5T), Khloe Knoesel (6T), Fiordimalva (4T), and Jayleen Reyes (3T).

Irvington lacrosse edges Eastchester in overtime thriller

— VARSITY ROUNDUP —

BY ROB DIANTONIO

In boys' lacrosse, Irvington senior Nick Grados netted the game-winner in overtime in the Bulldogs' 8-7 win over host Eastchester/Tuckahoe on April 7.

Grados and Chris Callahan each finished with two goals. Saxon Frank (1G, 1A), Liam Wade (1G), D.J. Ufer (1G, 3A), Soren Deyonker (1A), Harrison Malakoff (10S), and Ryder Spino (12/19 faceoffs) contributed for the Bulldogs, who improved to 2-1.

Ardsley (0-3) battled but narrowly lost to visiting North Salem 10-9 on April 7. Robbie Miele scored three goals, passed for two assists, and won 14 of 23 faceoffs. Liam Galante also netted three goals. Jackson Rosenfeld had a busy day in net with 25 saves.

Brodi Kessler (2G, 1A), Tyler DeCosta (2A), Tristen Roberts (1G), Conor Lenihan (1A), Wilson Donnep (1A), and Mason Slater (1A) chipped in.

Baseball

Dobbs Ferry improved to 3-0 with a 5-1 win over host Edgemont on April 7. Anthony Ficarrota (win, 3.2IP, 2H, 1ER, 8K) and Andrew Zendel (3.1IP, 2H, OER) combined on the hill. D.J. Kollar (double, run, 2RBIs), Zendel (RBI), and Drew Kimerling (RBI) led the offense.

Ardsley (0-4) lost a pair of games to host John Jay-Cross River (8-2, April 6) and visiting Pearl River (10-2, April 7). Will Liu (2-3, RBI) and Nate Caldara (1-3, run) led the offense against the Wolves. Hunter Hamlet (2-4, RBI), Jesse Jaeger (2-3, run), and Caldara (RBI, run) contributed offensively against the Pirates.

Hastings lost to host Eastchester 1-0 on April 4 to fall to 1-3 on the season.

Softball

Ardsley opened its season with a 17-0 five-inning rout of visiting Edgemont on April 7. Sofia Haber earned the win on the



Ardsley's Nate Caldara slides safely into second base. Photo by Rob DiAntonio.

mound, tossing a two-hitter with seven strikeouts. Haley Albano blasted a grand slam and drove in five total runs. She also scored twice. Bella Feldman clocked a home run and had three RBIs.

Irvington (2-0) earned a 14-1 five-inning victory over host Westlake on April 7. Nia Kilbury tossed a complete game one-hitter. Kayla Clinton was two for three with a

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Sports

Winter sports awards

BOYS' BASKETBALL

ALL-SECTION

Anthony Ficarrotta, **Dobbs Ferry**, senior
Dylan Heilakka, **Hastings**, senior

ALL-CLASS

Michael Leyden, **Hastings**, senior

ALL-LEAGUE

Anthony Ficarrotta, **Dobbs Ferry**, senior
Mateus Hertz-Bird, **Dobbs Ferry**, senior
Calvin Higgins, **Dobbs Ferry**, junior
Nastiek Smith, **Dobbs Ferry**, senior
Dylan Heilakka, **Hastings**, senior
Michael Leyden, **Hastings**, senior
Nick Grados, **Irvington**, senior
Jarrett Ourman, **Irvington**, sophomore

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

ALL-SECTION

Madison Bortstein, **Ardsley**, senior
Izzy Doherty, **Hastings**, junior

ALL-CONFERENCE

Kayla Clinton, **Irvington**, senior

ALL-LEAGUE

Madison Bortstein, **Ardsley**, senior
Megan Hartnett, **Dobbs Ferry**, sophomore
Mimi Phillips, **Dobbs Ferry**, senior
Mya Ustares, **Dobbs Ferry**, senior
Mila Angoff, **Hastings**, senior
Izzy Doherty, **Hastings**, junior
Kayla Clinton, **Irvington**, senior
Jelena Herceg, **Irvington**, senior
Chloe MacKessy, **Irvington**, senior

ALL-LEAGUE HONORABLE MENTION

Lily Tiernan, **Ardsley**, senior
Lillian Duke, **Irvington**, freshman

BOYS' BOWLING

ALL-LEAGUE

Nate Moshan, **Irvington**, junior

ALL-LEAGUE HONORABLE MENTION

Brandon Reich, **Irvington**, junior

BOYS' FENCING

ALL-SECTION

Joshua Au, **Ardsley**, junior
Robert Sanchez, **Ardsley**, senior

ALL-LEAGUE

Joshua Au, **Ardsley**, junior
Matthew Kraytman, **Ardsley**, senior
Robert Sanchez, **Ardsley**, senior

GIRLS' FENCING

ALL-SECTION

Tess Castellano, **Ardsley**, senior
Sophia Champion, **Ardsley**, senior
Trish Iyer, **Ardsley**, senior
Grace Wang, **Ardsley**, junior

ALL-LEAGUE

Tess Castellano, **Ardsley**, senior
Sophia Champion, **Ardsley**, senior
Trish Iyer, **Ardsley**, senior
Grace Wang, **Ardsley**, junior

ICE HOCKEY

ALL-STATE

Aidan Balkin, **Irvington**, senior

ALL-SECTION

Eli Morrison, **Ardsley**, senior
Aidan Balkin, **Irvington**, senior
Saxon Frank, **Irvington**, junior

ALL-LEAGUE

Eli Morrison, **Ardsley**, senior
Aidan Balkin, **Irvington**, senior
Saxon Frank, **Irvington**, junior

ALL-LEAGUE HONORABLE MENTION

Liam Gallante, **Ardsley**, senior
Luka Surguladze, **Irvington**, sophomore
Ryan Vicari, **Irvington**, senior

BOYS' SKIING

ALL-SECTION

Andrei Zuk, **Hastings**, junior
Harrison Gredick, **Irvington**, junior

ALL-LEAGUE

Vittorio Corte, **Dobbs Ferry**, freshman
Desmond Cheung, **Hastings**, sophomore
Mattias Nollen, **Hastings**, sophomore
Andrei Zuk, **Hastings**, junior
Harrison Gredick, **Irvington**, junior

GIRLS' SKIING

ALL-SECTION

Costanza Corte, **Dobbs Ferry**, junior
Georgie Schmit, **Hastings**, sophomore

ALL-LEAGUE

Costanza Corte, **Dobbs Ferry**, junior
Georgie Schmit, **Hastings**, sophomore
Grace Chalker, **Hastings**, sophomore
Simrin Ecklund, **Hastings**, junior
Jenny Schofield, **Hastings**, sophomore

BOYS' SWIMMING

ALL-STATE

Nikita Ambotas, **Dobbs Ferry**, junior
Toby Chen, **Hastings**, sophomore
Kelly Franks, **Irvington**, junior

ALL-SECTION

Nikita Ambotas, **Dobbs Ferry**, junior
Henry Turner, **Dobbs Ferry**, sophomore
Toby Chen, **Hastings**, sophomore
Kelly Franks, **Irvington**, junior

ALL-LEAGUE

Colby Hamel, **Ardsley**, freshman
Nikita Ambotas, **Dobbs Ferry**, junior
Henry Turner, **Dobbs Ferry**, sophomore
Kelly Franks, **Irvington**, junior
Toby Chen, **Hastings**, sophomore

BOYS' INDOOR TRACK

ALL-STATE

Zaire Bell, **Ardsley**, senior
Ahmady Dolcine, **Ardsley**, senior
Peyton Francis, **Ardsley**, senior
Andrew Herceg, **Ardsley**, sophomore
Chris Doherty, **Dobbs Ferry**, senior

ALL-SECTION

Chris Doherty, **Dobbs Ferry**, senior
Aaron Schwartz, **Irvington**, senior

ALL-COUNTY

Zaire Bell, **Ardsley**, senior
Ahmady Dolcine, **Ardsley**, senior
Peyton Francis, **Ardsley**, senior
Andrew Herceg, **Ardsley**, sophomore
Ethan Gartlan, **Irvington**, senior
Aaron Schwartz, **Irvington**, senior

GIRLS' INDOOR TRACK

ALL-AMERICAN

Danae Morgan, **Hastings**, senior

ALL-STATE

Czarina Adewunmi, **Ardsley**, sophomore
Zaniya Bell, **Ardsley**, sophomore
Sarah Lenihan, **Ardsley**, freshman
Mioko Martin, **Ardsley**, senior
Danae Morgan, **Hastings**, senior

ALL-SECTION

Mioko Martin, **Ardsley**, senior
Danae Morgan, **Hastings**, senior

ALL-COUNTY

Czarina Adewunmi, **Ardsley**, sophomore
Zaniya Bell, **Ardsley**, sophomore
Sarah Lenihan, **Ardsley**, freshman
Mioko Martin, **Ardsley**, senior
Danae Morgan, **Hastings**, senior

BOYS' WRESTLING

ALL-SECTION

Simon Kochman, **Ardsley**, freshman
Ethan Mitev, **Ardsley**, junior

ALL-LEAGUE

Andrew Amendola, **Ardsley**, sophomore
Lucas Cohen, **Ardsley**, senior
Jonah Kleinman, **Ardsley**, senior
Simon Kochman, **Ardsley**, freshman
Ethan Mitev, **Ardsley**, junior
Jackson Schneider, **Ardsley**, sophomore
Byron Stock, **Irvington**, sophomore
Josh Tatz, **Irvington**, junior

GIRLS' WRESTLING

ALL-SECTION

Romina Tapia, **Irvington**, sophomore

Varsity roundup

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double and two RBIs. Ashley Shapiro had five stolen bases. Madison Maldonado drove in two runs.

Hastings (2-2) was blanked by visiting Tuckahoe 2-0 on April 7. Siri Rosenberg

pitched a four-hitter and struck out six batters. Ella Rizzo and Sophia Pereira had one hit apiece.

Boys' tennis

Dobbs Ferry (1-1) defeated visiting Valhalla 5-0 on April 8. Kyrus Klein (6-0, 6-0) and Joshua James (6-0, 6-0) each swept their

singles matches. In doubles, Kyle Hung and Zain Klein (6-2, 6-4), Matt Doherty and Evan Ommen (6-0, 6-0), and Tighe Van Engen and Jonah Bass (6-0, 6-2) won their matches.

Irvington (2-1) bested visiting Pearl River 5-0 on April 6. Connor Maglienti (6-1, 1-6, 1-0) and Paul Van Haetsdaele (6-0, 6-0) won their singles matches. Sawyer Stein and A.J.

Sloyer (6-1, 6-0), Levent Sarayli and Oliver Huang (6-1, 6-1), and Brandon Chirinos and Krish Jain (6-1, 6-1) were victorious in doubles.

Hastings (2-1) fell to host Rye Neck 4-1 on April 6. The Yellow Jackets' lone victors were the doubles team of Jude Yaman and Andrew Franco (6-3, 6-2). Ardsley (1-1) lost to host Blind Brook 5-0 on April 6.

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.rivertownsdspatch.com/classies



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAYOR ARLENE BURGOS DECLARES APRIL 13 - 20, 2026 DARK SKY WEEK IN IRVINGTON; STARGAZING EVENT PLANNED AT O'HARA NATURE CENTER

On March 16, Mayor Arlene Burgos declared April 13-20, 2026, International Dark Sky Week in Irvington. She joins a global initiative of DarkSky International to celebrate the natural night sky, raise awareness about light pollution, and promote the use of environmentally responsible outdoor lighting.

The Proclamation recognizes that the beauty and wonder of the natural night sky in Irvington is part of its heritage that should be protected and preserved, notes the many ways that light pollution is harmful to humans as well as wildlife, and calls upon all residents of Irvington to join her in observing Dark Sky Week and helping to preserve Irvington's dark skies.

Not only does light pollution put our view of the stars and the Milky Way at risk, it is also harmful to wildlife, wastes energy, can create unsafe glare, and has become a quality-of-life issue for many, interfering with their sleep and enjoyment of their own property.

During Dark Sky Week, on Friday April 17, there will be a special stargazing event hosted by the Irvington O'Hara Nature Center and the Parks and Recreation Department. Because space is limited, advance registration is required.

For details and the link for registering: https://register.capturepoint.com/reg/cat_program_list_detail.cfm?s=&=&season_id=24610&program_id=2823469



PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE — 45 AMHERST DRIVE VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON

7 Maple Avenue Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706

Zoning Board of Appeals - Case No. 06-26

Pursuant to the provisions of

Section 295-143B of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson Zoning Code Notice is hereby given that: A Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 7:00 P.M., in the Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York. The Hearing will be held on the application of John & Kate Bommarito for relief from the strict application of the Village Code Sections 295-68F1(b&c) for the construction of a shed in the rear yard at their single-family dwelling, located at 45 Amherst Drive. Said property is located in the R-10 Zoning District and is known as SBL: 4.110-111-1 on the Town of Greenburgh Tax Maps.

Variances sought for non-Conformities for the shed are as follows: 1) Accessory Structure Rear Yard: Proposed - 4.5 ft.; Required - 8.0 ft. {295-68F1(b)}; Variance Required - 3.5 ft. 2) Accessory Structure Side Yard: Proposed - 7.0 ft.; Required - 8.0 ft. {295-68F1(c)}; Variance Required - 1.0 ft.

The Zoning Board of Appeals will, at this time and place, hear all people in support of such matter and any objections thereto. Plans will be available for review at the office of the Building Department or on the Village web site, www.hohny.gov, on or about the Friday prior to the meeting. Josh Heitler, Chair, ZBA

LEGAL NOTICE — 50 HAMILTON AVENUE VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON
7 Maple Avenue Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706

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additions and decks are as follows: 1) Front-Yard Setback: Existing - 20.9 ft.; Proposed - 21.5 ft.; Required - 30 ft., {295-68F1(a)}; Variance Required - 8.5 ft. 2) Rear-Yard Setback: Existing & Proposed - 25.3 ft.; Required - 30 ft., {295-68F1(b)}; Variance Required - 4.7 ft. 3) 295-55A: Extension of an existing non-conformity {Both Front- and Rear-Yard Setbacks} 4) Side-Yard #1 Setback: Existing - 14.1 ft.; Proposed - 10 ft.; Required - 12 ft. {295-68F1(c)}; Variance Required - 2 ft. 5) Front-Yard Setback to Deck: Existing - NA; Proposed - 16.5 ft.; Required - 24 ft.; {295-20B(6) w/295-68F1(a)} - Variance Required - 7.5 ft.

The Zoning Board of Appeals will, at this time and place, hear all people in support of such matter and any objections thereto. Plans will be made available for review at the Building Department and on the Village web site, www.hohny.gov, on or about the Friday prior to the meeting date. Josh Heitler, Chair, ZBA

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

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

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

Voting will be by ballot on voting machines and the polls will remain open from 7:00 A.M.

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

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Board of Education has prepared a detailed statement of the amount of money which will be required for the year 2026-2027 for school purposes, specifying the several purposes and the amount of each, and that copies of this statement may be obtained by a qualified voter of the district at the Office of the Board of Education, 27 Farragut Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, and at each other school building in the district beginning April 22, 2026, except Saturday and Sunday, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., prevailing time. A Real Property Tax Exemption Report prepared in accordance with Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law will be annexed to any tentative preliminary budget as well as the final adopted budget of which it will form a part; and shall be posted on the District bulletin board maintained for public notices, as well as on the District's website.

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

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

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

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

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

Citizens 18 years of age or over as of May 19, 2026 who have or will have resided in the district for at least 30 days prior

to May 19, 2026, and who are not otherwise prohibited from voting under the provisions of Section 5-106 of the Election Law, are eligible to register to vote.

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

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

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

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

the reasons for the challenge.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that Military Voters who are not currently registered to vote may apply to register as a qualified voter of the District by contacting the office of the District Clerk at 27 Farragut Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York 10706. Telephone (914) 478-6402 or email delabarreram@hohschools.org to receive an application to register as a qualified voter of the District for the Annual Meeting on May 19, 2026. The Military Voter may indicate their preference for receiving the registration application by mail, facsimile or electronic mail (email). The application to register must be received by the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M. on April 21, 2026. The register of voters prepared and filed in the office of the District Clerk shall include the names of all military voters who submit a valid military voter registration. A military voter means a qualified voter of New York State who is in actual military service and will, therefore, be absent from the District in which he or she is qualified to vote on the day of registration or election or is discharged from military service within 30 days of an election or a spouse, parent, child or dependent of the military voter if a qualified voter of New York State and a resident of the same school district as the military voter or military personnel residing on a military base within a school district in New York State for a period of 30 days immediately preceding the election.

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

military ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the said office of the District Clerk on each of the five days prior to the Annual Election, except Sunday, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., prevailing time, except that on Saturday, May 16, 2026, the hours shall be from 9:00 AM to 12 P.M., prevailing time.

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

By order of the Board of Education

Melissa DeLaBarrera
Clerk of the District

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

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

POR FAVOR, TOME NOTA ADICIONAL, que dicha votación y elección se llevará a cabo el martes 19 de mayo de 2026, en el gimnasio Cochran de Hastings High School, 1 Mount Hope Boulevard, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, en dicho distrito, con el propósito de votar en la Elección Anual, en las siguientes fechas y horas establecidas:

Miércoles 22 de abril de 2026, de 16:00 a 20:00 horas, hora local; O Miércoles 13 de mayo de 2026, de 16:00 a 20:00 horas, hora local.

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

La votación se realizará mediante papeletas en máquinas de votación y los colegios

electorales permanecerán abiertos de 7:00 a. m. a 9:00 p. m., hora vigente, y todo el tiempo que sea necesario para que los votantes presentes puedan emitir sus votos.

POR FAVOR TOME NOTA ADEMÁS, que la Junta de Educación ha preparado una declaración detallada de la cantidad de dinero que se requerirá para el año 2026-2027 para fines escolares, especificando los diversos fines y la cantidad de cada uno, y que las copias de esta declaración pueden ser obtenidas por un votante calificado del distrito en la Oficina de la Junta de Educación, 27 Farragut Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, y en cada uno de los demás edificios escolares del distrito a partir de 22 de abril de 2026 Excepto los sábados y domingos, entre las 8:00 a. m. y las 4:00 p. m., hora local. Un informe de ejecución del impuesto sobre bienes inmuebles, preparado de conformidad con la Sección 495 de la Ley del Impuesto sobre Bienes Inmuebles, se adjuntará a cualquier presupuesto preliminar tentativo, así como al presupuesto final aprobado del cual formará parte; y se publicará en el tablón de anuncios del Distrito destinado a avisos públicos, así como en el sitio web del Distrito.

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

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Cualquier residente del distrito que esté inscrito para votar en las elecciones generales puede votar en las elecciones anuales escolares sin necesi-

The Highline

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“Our customers have been very enthusiastic and friendly,” he said. “People in the village, and the board of trustees, have also been very welcoming.”

Prior to opening, the dispensary sparked controversy due to its location next door to Amanda Kupillas Dance and across the street from the James Harmon Community Center, both of which provide programs for children. A petition signed by more than 200 residents urged the board of trustees to file an Article 78 appeal to revoke the license the State granted to The Highline. Article 78 refers to lawsuits used to challenge an action, or inaction, by agencies of New York State and local governments. A statement posted on the Village’s website on Nov. 14 explained that, after reviewing options with their attorneys, the board determined not to take further action.

Since the store opened, Reinus believes that “a lot of the hard feelings seem to have settled down.”

“We’re happy about [that], because we just want to get along and coexist with our neighbors, and we’ve been able to do that so far without a problem,” he said.

The Highline is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m.–8 p.m., and Sunday from 12–6 p.m. The front door leads into a vestibule where a security guard checks identification for proof a customer is 21+. Inside, there are self-service kiosks for browsing the store’s menu and placing an order, as well as workers, or “budtenders,” ready to help.

In the center of the room, the flower bar displays smokable buds that range from \$7 for .7 grams to \$70 for a quarter ounce. Other products, featured on shelves, include vapes, edibles, beverages, tinctures, and topicals. Aside from the flower bar, most of the packaging up front is empty.

Behind the counter, a door leads to the fulfillment area, where most of the product is stored. Once a customer places an order at the counter or the self-service kiosk, the fulfillment center receives a receipt. Workers select from rows of wheeled shelves, organized



Clockwise from top left: The flower bar. Cannabis-infused drinks. Adaptogenic mushrooms. One of three self-service kiosks.

by product type, before passing the order through a window to the front counter. At night, these shelves full of product are rolled into the vault room where they are locked into a metal cage surrounded by cameras.

Reinus said that the inventory is regularly audited “to make sure that everything’s here and accounted for and that we’re not making any mistakes when we fill orders or otherwise handle inventory.”

The Highline also offers a delivery service for Hastings, Ardsley, Dobbs, Ferry, Irvington, and parts of northern Yonkers. Reinus hopes to expand to all of Westchester.

The fulfillment area could serve as an event space. Reinus mentioned the possibility of hosting educational events about growing cannabis at home, which is legal in New York State, and about subjects related

or unrelated to cannabis. He also mentioned the idea of staff serving as a “cannabis concierge or sommelier” at private events.

One goal Reinus cited is for The Highline to get involved with the Hastings community. The Highline is currently doing cross promotions with other local businesses. On Sundays, customers can bring a proof of purchase from The Highline to Bread & Brine for discounts on several menu items. At Saint George Bistro, Maud’s Tavern, and The Cookery (in Dobbs Ferry), there are coasters that customers can bring to The Highline for 10% off their purchase.

Reinus is also looking to get involved with the Hastings Farmers Market to “interact with people, raise awareness, and just get to know the other folks in the community.” He described an educational booth where

people could learn about products and safe storage. Cannabis products would not be sold at the booth.

More than a month after opening, Reinus said he sometimes notices passersby peering into the store’s window. He encouraged those curious about cannabis to “not be intimidated,” saying, “It’s just a store like any other.”

“We have really knowledgeable staff that will help guide them through their selections and help them understand the product option. We don’t just sell cannabis for smoking... which may be a turn-off to some people,” he said. “It’s a place to buy a whole range of cannabis products for a whole number of uses. Even if they’re unsure if they actually want to make a purchase, I encourage them to come in and talk to us and see what the world of cannabis is all about.”

dad de inscribirse en la Junta de Registro del distrito escolar.

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

TOME NOTA ADEMÁS de que el Registro de votantes se archivarán en la oficina del Secretario del Distrito una vez completado y estará abierto para su inspección por cualquier votante calificado del distrito durante los cinco días, excepto el domingo, previos a la Elección Anual, entre las 8:00 a. m. y las 4:00 p. m., hora vigente, excepto el sábado 1 de mayo, 2026, el horario será de 9:00 a. m. a

12:00 p. m., hora local.

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

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

la residencia del candidato, y deberá estar firmada por al menos 43 votantes calificados del Distrito, y deberán indicar la residencia de cada firmante.

TOME NOTA ADEMÁS de que las solicitudes de boletas de voto ausente y correo anticipado pueden ser obtenidas en la oficina del Secretario del Distrito, en cualquier momento. Si la boleta se va a enviar por correo al votante, la solicitud completa debe ser recibida por el Secretario del Distrito a más tardar a las 11:00 a. m., hora local, del 12 de mayo 2026. Si la boleta se entregará personalmente al votante, la solicitud completa debe ser recibida por el Secretario del Distrito a más tardar a las 4:00 p. m., hora local, del 18 de mayo de 2026. Una lista de todas las personas a quienes se les hayan emitido boletas de voto ausente y por correo anticipado estará disponible

en la oficina del Secretario del Distrito durante los cinco días previos a la Elección Anual, excepto el domingo, entre las 8:00 a. m. y las 4:00 p. m., hora local, excepto que el sábado 16 de mayo de 2026, el horario será de 9:00 a. m. a 12:00 p. m., hora local. Cualquier votante calificado puede presentar una impugnación por escrito de las calificaciones de un votante cuyo nombre aparezca en la boleta. tal lista, exponiendo los motivos del desafío.

TOME NOTA ADEMÁS de que los votantes militares que actualmente no están registrados para votar pueden solicitar registrarse como votantes calificados del Distrito comunicándose con la oficina del Secretario del Distrito en 27 Farragut Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York 10706. Teléfono (914) 478-6402 o correo electrónico

delabarreram@hohschools.org para recibir una solicitud para registrarse como votante calificado del Distrito para la Reunión Anual del 19 de mayo de 2026. El votante militar puede indicar su preferencia por recibir la solicitud de registro por correo postal, fax o correo electrónico. La solicitud de registro debe ser recibida por la oficina del Secretario del Distrito a más tardar a las 5:00 p. m. del Abril 21, 2026. El registro de votantes preparado y archivado en la oficina del secretario del distrito deberá incluir los nombres de todos los votantes militares que presenten un registro válido de votante militar. Un votante militar es un votante calificado del estado de New York que se encuentra en servicio militar activo y, por lo tanto, estará ausente del distrito en el que está calificado para votar el día del registro o de la elección, o será dado de

baja del servicio militar dentro de los 30 días posteriores a una elección, o un cónyuge, padre, hijo o dependiente del votante militar si es un votante calificado del estado de New York y reside en el mismo distrito escolar que el votante militar o personal militar que reside en una base militar dentro de un distrito escolar en el estado de New York durante un período de 30 días inmediatamente anteriores a la elección.

TOME NOTA ADEMÁS de que los votantes militares que sean votantes calificados del Distrito pueden obtener una solicitud para una boleta militar en la oficina del Secretario del Distrito en 27 Farragut Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, York 10706. Teléfono (914) 478-6402 o correo electrónico delabarreram@hohschools.org más tardar a las 5:00 p. m. del 2 de abril 3, 2026. El votante militar

puede indicar su preferencia por recibir la solicitud de una boleta militar por correo, por fax o correo electrónico. Las boletas militares se enviarán por correo o se distribuirán de otra manera a más tardar 25 días antes de la elección. Las boletas militares deben ser recibidas por la oficina del secretario del distrito (1) antes del cierre de las urnas el día de la elección y mostrando un sello de cancelación del servicio postal de los EE. UU. o del servicio postal de un país extranjero, o mostrando un endoso de recepción fechado por otra agencia del gobierno de los EE. UU. o (2) antes de las 5:00 p. m. del día de la elección y firmadas y fechadas por el votante militar y un testigo, con una fecha que se determine que no sea posterior al día anterior a la elección. Una lista de todas las personas a quienes se les hayan emitido boletas militares estará dis-

ponible para su inspección por los votantes calificados del distrito en dicha oficina del secretario del distrito durante cada uno de los cinco días anteriores a la elección anual, excepto el domingo, entre las horas de las 8:00 a. m. hasta las 4:00 p. m., hora local, excepto que el sábado 16 de mayo de 2026, el horario será de 9:00 a. m. a 12:00 p. m., hora local.

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

Por orden de la Junta de Educación

Melissa DeLaBarrera
Secretario del Distrito



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