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Preaching for the Earth

The Rev. Billy, portrayed by actor and playwright William Talen, performs with the Stop Shopping Choir at Irvington Theater on Saturday, April 25. The concert was part of a series of events — called “Chaos & Catharsis” — organized for Earth Month by Charlotte Binns, the sustainability director for the Village of Irvington. For more information, visit irvingtongreen.org.

Panel weighs in on the state of affordable housing

BY AMY BOCHNER

REGION — The Rivertowns Dispatch hosted a panel discussion about affordable housing in the Rivertowns on April 28.

Timothy Reuter, host of the Rivertowns Dispatch podcast, moderated the discussion. The panelists included Tracy Baron, co-chair of the Dobbs Ferry Affordable Housing Task Force; Michael Hanna, co-chair of the Irvington Housing Committee; and Andrew Smith, a member of the Hastings Affordable Housing Committee and deputy executive director of the nonprofit Westchester Residential Opportunities. The panel also included affordable housing developer Larry Regan of Irvington, president of the for-profit Regan Development Corp., and Mayor Chance Mullen of Pelham, the executive director of the Housing Action Council in Tarrytown.

Reuter began by offering background on affordable housing in Westchester, which, despite being one of the wealthiest counties

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Public debate continues about artificial turf

BY AMY BOCHNER

HASTINGS — The debate over the Hastings School District's choice of artificial turf continued at the Board of Education meeting on April 22.

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

On April 8, the school board voted 4–1 to award a \$5,789,761 contract to Laura Li Industries for the Burke Estate playing fields,

which includes \$1,246,640 for artificial turf. Two board members were absent. The product the board approved was the FieldTurf Vertix Prime with Purefill, which has an infill of cork and sand, instead of rubber.

Prior to the June referendum, the board released preliminary specifications for the artificial turf, one of which required that it “not be manufactured using PFAS,” which stands for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances. These are also known as “forever chemicals” and are linked to health and environmental concerns.

In accordance with the specs, FieldTurf provided a letter to the district stating their

products “do not contain any intentionally added [PFAS] in its formulation or manufacturing process.” The company also provided a memorandum summarizing the results of independent testing overseen by Gradient, a risk science consulting firm.

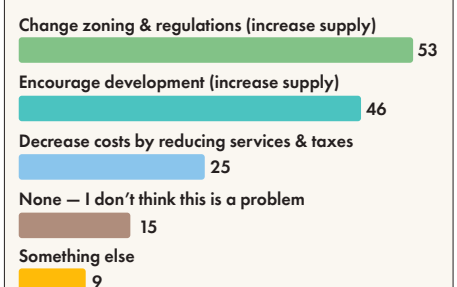
The results indicated trace levels of some PFAS compounds in the artificial turf components. The memorandum concluded this was “not indicative of PFAS compounds being used in the products’ manufacturing processes.” It also stated these concentration levels “do not exceed the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) residential soil

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— You Answered —

Which measures would you support to address housing affordability in the Rivertowns? Select all that apply.

As answered by 109 readers of the Rivertowns Dispatch



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ARDSLEY

Gas stations burglarized:

The Mobil station at 891 Saw Mill River Road (Route 9A) and the Shell station at 730 Saw Mill River Road were burglarized on Tuesday, April 21. Cash and lottery scratch-off games were stolen after the front doors were forced open. Two vehicles fled the Shell station at about 4:30 a.m. Police chased one of the two, which escaped south-bound on the Saw Mill River Parkway.

DOBBS FERRY

Suspended license: A 34-year-old Ossining resident with a suspended driver's license was arrested

after running a stop sign at the intersection of Sherman and Washington avenues on the morning of Tuesday, April 21. She was charged with aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree, a misdemeanor.

Fraud attempts: On April 23, a Dobbs Ferry resident reported that his cellphone was hacked, that an attempt was made to use \$10,000 from his bank account to pay a credit card bill, and that attempts were made to open six credit card accounts in his name.

Shoplifting arrest: A 35-year-old homeless woman was arrested for shoplifting from Stop & Shop, 390 Broadway (Route 9), and for heroin possession on the evening of Sunday, April 26. She was charged with two misdemeanors — petit larceny and criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree.

HASTINGS

Tax return fraud: On April 23, a Hastings resident reported that a fraudulent attempt was made to file an income tax return in his name with New York State. The filing deadline was April 15.

TikTok fraud: On April 23, a Hastings resident reported that she had supplied her phone number and a photo of her driver's license to a TikTok account that appeared to be for a humanitarian organization, but turned out to be fraudulent.

Too close to school: Police told an ice cream truck driver on School Street to move away from the Farragut Complex, which houses the middle and high schools, on the afternoon of Friday, April 24. The village code prohibits ice cream vendors from being within 250 feet of schools on school days between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Unlicensed peddler: Police advised a pest control peddler on Crossbar Road that he needed a license from the Village of Hastings on the afternoon of Saturday, April 25.

Graffiti in tunnel: Anti-Israel graffiti was found inside the tunnel under the Old Croton Aqueduct Trail at Quarry Park on Sunday, April 26. The trail that connects the park and Warburton Avenue passes through the tunnel. In addition, stickers expressing anti-Israel and pro-Palestinian sentiments were found on street signs along Division Street, north of the trail. Anti-Israel stickers were also found on two signs on School Street, alongside the Farragut Complex, on March 9. The person who placed the stickers was identified, but not arrested, because "the facts of the case did not meet the legal threshold necessary or pursue criminal charges," according to a statement from Police Chief David

Dosin on March 12.

IRVINGTON

Fraudulent purchases:

From March 8 to April 16, an Irvington resident's debit card was used for 27 unauthorized purchases totaling \$1,557.15.

Check fraud:

A \$12,821.30 check mailed by an organization based in Irvington earlier this year was altered and then cashed or deposited, which was reported to the police on Monday, April 20. The name of the payee was changed.

Suspended license:

A 29-year-old Sleepy Hollow resident with a suspended driver's license was arrested at the intersection of Langdon and Washington avenues on the afternoon of Monday, April 20. He was pulled over for an expired inspection sticker and charged with aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree, a misdemeanor.

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Left to right: Laura Saracino's butterfly inspired by Vincent van Gogh. Emma and Kristin Mann's butterfly inspired by Keith Haring. Joana Ricou's butterfly inspired by Claude Monet

Butterflies follow in the footsteps of bulldogs on Main

Hand-painted art to be auctioned off

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL
IRVINGTON — Following the success of the Bulldog Gallery over the past four years, and the Mural Gallery last fall, the Irvington Arts and Culture Committee has launched its first-ever Butterfly Gallery on Main Street.

The 10 wooden butterflies, which measure 24-by-18 inches, were decorated by artists who adapted the style of influential painters. Vincent van Gogh, Frida Kahlo, and Andy Warhol are three of the luminaries who inspired the butterflies, which will be on display through May 31.

Irvington Arts and Culture Committee chair Kristina Schmidt made the butterflies by carving out the rough shape of each wing, joining the sides together, and using an angle grinder and sander to shape them. It's much different from how Schmidt creates the Bulldog Gallery models, which are made of fiberglass.

"Given the butterfly is much less three-dimensional, I honestly expected the process

would be far easier," Schmidt told the Dispatch. "However, there are so many shapes of butterflies, and there were a variety of factors to consider for the artists, the public, the structure of the build itself — and then deciding to make them out of wood meant the approach was very different from what we have done in the past."

Schmidt is a professional artist whose work ranges from mural painting to wood-working. In addition to creating the butterflies, she painted one in the style of Georgia O'Keeffe, known for her large-scale images of flowers. Schmidt calls O'Keeffe "one of my favorite artists, a strong female influence." She cited O'Keeffe's "nature-based subject matter," and added that "the gradient curves she used in her painting were the perfect way for me to create a dynamic sense of movement in my art piece. It is both simple and complex."

Each butterfly sits atop a pedestal containing a small pollinator garden, which is a collection of native plants meant to attract bees, birds, and, of course, butterflies. Many of the pieces are also painted to showcase plants, fruits, and seeds, complementing the pollinator gardens that remind passersby

of the importance of native plants to the environment.

"Pollinators matter," Schmidt said. "Their habitat has shrunk, plants have been GMO'd [genetically modified] so that they do not have enough places to call home, and as a community, we can make an impact to buy native, and to plant what naturally grew on this land 400 years ago."

The pedestals were fabricated and donated by Falasca Home Improvement founder and Irvington resident Harley Falasca, while Nature's Cradle Nursery owner Raf Ishkanian, another Irvingtonian, provided native plants at a discount. Most of the artists are Irvington residents, including Schmidt's daughter, Angelica, who is a senior at Irvington High School. Her butterfly is in the style of Spanish surrealist Salvador Dali.

On Sunday, April 26, the arts committee invited residents to paint the final element in the Butterfly Gallery: an 8-foot-square pair of butterfly wings that were installed outside village hall. The project was inspired by a butterfly mural that Irvington Mayor Arlene Burgos spotted while traveling, and shared with Schmidt.

"For years we have also wanted to involve the community in our art displays, so this large-scale community-painted mural connects us all to this gallery," Schmidt explained. "It is also a beacon for the start of the exhibit locations, and a great selfie spot."

The positive impact of the butterfly display can be enjoyed by casual visitors, art lovers, and environmentalists alike; for Schmidt, there are specific benefits.

"My true hope is that people feel how deeply cared for they are by all the volunteers in our community," Schmidt said. "This is a welcoming element, and most of all, this is an opportunity for ecological awareness and education."

Like the Bulldog Gallery sculptures, the butterflies will be auctioned off, with 30% of the proceeds going to the artists and the remaining funds going toward the installation costs, as well as supporting future projects. The auction will take place online from May 24–31 and close during the Bulldog Art & Food Festival on Sunday, May 31, which launches the display of the bulldog sculptures. Bids for the butterfly sculptures will start at \$250; the auction will be accessible at artscultureirv.org.



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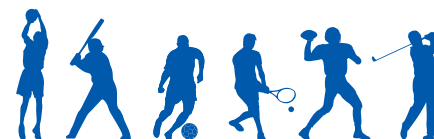
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Affordable housing

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in the country, has one of the largest housing burdens. A little over half of Westchester residents pay more than 30% of their income in rent or on mortgages. He opened the discussion to the panelists by asking for their definitions of affordable housing.

Smith divided the term into two categories: “capital a” affordable housing and “lowercase a” affordable housing. The former refers to housing that is deemed to be affordable by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), based on income level. This is expressed as a percentage of the area median income, which is an average calculated by HUD every year. “Lowercase a” affordable housing is more individual, and can look different for every household. What is affordable for one family may be unaffordable for another, Smith explained.

“What I want in Hastings, and in Westchester, is to have housing that accommodates all those different levels of affordability across the spectrum,” he said. “That means building stuff that the rich people are going to buy, but also having stuff in the middle that’s for the nurses and the teachers and also opportunities there for folks around what we think of as low or moderate income.”

Regan, whose firm is based in Ardsley, believes there is “no better place in the Northeast and even in North America to build affordable housing better than Westchester.” This, he continued, is because of financial

support from the County. He referred to a government program called the New Homes Land Acquisition program, which allows nonprofit and for-profit developers to compete with market-rate developers for sites in communities like the Rivertowns.

The panelists described initiatives to increase the supply of affordable housing. Baron mentioned Dobbs Ferry passing an inclusionary zoning law, which means that if a new development has 10 or more units, 10% must be affordable. That requirement is the same in Ardsley and Irvington, while Hastings requires 15 percent for develop-

“I think that we have to reorient to say we’re not going to solve for everything.”

Chance Mullen, executive director of the Housing Action Council

ments of eight or more units.

In addition, the Village of Dobbs Ferry has partnered with Somers-based Kearney Realty & Development Group to construct mixed-income housing on three Village-owned lots along Cedar Street that would add 50 units, with options for households making 30, 60, 90, and 115 percent of the AMI.

Baron also mentioned passing a law extending where accessory dwelling units

(ADUs) can be built. These are smaller residential units located on the same lot as a primary single-family home. Smith discussed the benefits of ADUs, which include doubling the number of units being provided, and offering people of two different income streams housing opportunities. Hastings also extended where ADUs could be built last year.

Regan emphasized the importance of being “realistic” about the needs and funding opportunities in each community, and listed some of his team’s ongoing projects.

“We’re working with Chance [Mullen] on a small, 12-unit deal in White Plains. We tailored it around what funding was available, and we tailored it around what White Plains wanted to see. And we built a small deal... We’re doing nine single-family homes in Greenburgh, right off Saw Mill River Road... because the deal makes sense. My belief, what makes sense for the Rivertowns, is maybe a for-sale condo in the 30-, 40-unit range, sort of like what density some of the market-rate stuff’s been done. There’s funding out there to do it. I don’t think there would be a lot of local pushback, [but] there is always some.”

One challenge for affordable housing is what Regan described as a weaponization of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR or SEQRA), which looks at the potential impacts of a project.

“That’s why it takes five years to get through a deal in Irvington or 10 years in certain places,” he said. “People have taken SEQR and made it a major sword to stop

development and stop affordable housing development in communities that don’t want that — maybe not the community, but groups of people that want to stop it.”

Mullen described some of the trade-offs with affordable housing.

“It is true that someone is going to have to now live beside a five-story building, and prior to that, they didn’t have to live beside a five story,” he said. “It is true that some buildings are going to end up with kids in them, and those kids are going to go to school and expect to get a good education.... The question is, are the trade-offs worth it?”

He used an example of a project in Pelham, which required a construction site in the geographic heart of the village. He believes the project’s tradeoffs were “worth it” because the Village received a \$20 million municipal center, which houses its village hall, fire department, and police department, in exchange for selling the developer land to build 127 apartments, six of which are designated as affordable housing.

“I think that we have to reorient to say we’re not going to solve for everything,” he said. “Some things might be objectively worse, but the ways in which they’ll be better will outweigh the ways in which they are worse.”

Regan believes that although “a lot of good has already been done,” there’s a lot more to do.

“It’s hard,” he said, “but the tools are there to do it... with the funds at the county level, at the state level, and there’s a wherewithal within these communities to get these deals done.”

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Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, May 4, 7:30 p.m.

Village Hall

To attend via Zoom, visit ardsleyvillage.gov

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 5, 7 p.m.

High school library

Agenda and link to the livestream available at ardsleyschools.org

Architectural Review Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 5, 8 p.m.

Village Hall

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Veterans Recognition Breakfast

Wednesday, May 6, 9–11 a.m.

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Wednesday, May 6, noon

Szechuan City, 875 Saw Mill River Road

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Food Truck Festival

Friday, May 8, 5–9 p.m.

Pascone Park

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Public Art Program

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Email artscommission@ardsleyvillage.gov requesting a proposal form

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Volunteer OF the Month



Carol Sommerfield stands outside her home.

Carol Sommerfield

Pollinator proponent preaches about bees and butterflies

BY JANINE ANNETT

Longtime Ardsley resident Carol Sommerfield is an artist who spends a lot of time thinking about pollinators and the gardens that attract them. She also helps other people appreciate their importance as chair of the Ardsley Pollinator Pathway Committee.

According to Sommerfield, when she and her husband bought their home in Ardsley in 1985, it was “a wreck.” While trying to improve the house (on a budget), Sommerfield turned to gardening.

“When you have no money and you’re young, you can only do things little bit by little bit. So I tried to kind of do the Martha Stewart thing with the gardens in the front, because that was the style in the ‘90s,” Sommerfield said. Then she read a book that changed her approach to gardening: “Noah’s Garden” by Sarah Stein.

Stein had also attempted to create a beautiful “Martha Stewart-gorgeous garden,” as Sommerfield put it, but noticed “there were no bees, there was no life, but it looked pretty. And it was tremendous amount of work to keep it together. The point of the book was, as a scientist, she began to realize that’s a disconnect, and she did research. She turned her garden into a native garden. All of the sudden, all this life came back.”

Native gardens use plants that are indigenous to their region. They’re more likely

to support local pollinators than non-native gardens. When she first tried to plan her own native garden, around 1995, Sommerfield said there wasn’t much interest in native plants and they were hard to find. “It wasn’t even started yet, the whole movement, but I decided to turn my yard into a native, wild garden,” she said. It wasn’t until around 2010, Sommerfield believes, that native gardens became more widely discussed.

“Former Ardsley Mayor Nancy Kaboolian saw that there were these things called ‘pollinator pathways,’ and someone approached Ardsley and asked if they wanted to be on the pathway. She said yes. We had nobody to run it. She didn’t even really know what it was, but she knew it was probably a good thing, and it was just serendipity that I happened to learn that Ardsley wanted to do this. I’ve always had an interest in it, but the pollinator pathway gave me an opportunity to really have an impact,” Sommerfield said.

Pollinator pathways are public and private areas with native plants that attract bees, butterflies, and other species that transfer pollen from plant to plant. For those who want to become part of a pollinator pathway — in Ardsley or anywhere else — there are now plenty of resources, including the Ardsley Pollinator Pathway website (www.ardsleypollinatorpathway.org).

The Ardsley Pollinator Pathway hosts webinars which Sommerfield shares through the website and through an email newsletter. The group also hosts workshops and events, such as the annual Ardsley Pollinator Day.

“Again, thanks to the Village of Ardsley, we give away native plants for free,” Sommerfield said about Pollinator Day, which was held at the Ardsley Community Center on April 26.

Sommerfield, who often donates the proceeds from her art shows to nonprofits, offers consultations for anyone who wants to start a native garden. “Over a year and a half, I did one hundred free garden consults with people to help them pick their plants,” Sommerfield said. She spent about six hours on each consult, walking the grounds with the owners.

Some of Sommerfield’s favorite pollinators are bees. “Honey bees are nice, but they are agricultural, actually. Of our native bees, I love the solitary bees. They work so hard,” she said. One misconception people often have about planting a garden to attract bees is that the bees will sting them. However, it’s often wasps or hornets that are doing the stinging, not bees. “Many of our native bees don’t even have stingers. And you really have to annoy a bee to have it sting you! Mostly, they have no interest in us.”

Pollinators are an important part of the food chain. “We always think we’re immune — ‘So what if the bees are going extinct?’ ‘So what if a butterfly is going extinct?’ ‘So what if a billion birds are hitting buildings now? It doesn’t affect me!’ But it does. We are on the top of the food chain, but if things start collapsing at the bottom, we would definitely miss bees and pollinators as they account for the majority of food that we have,” Sommerfield said.

Not only are pollinators important to the ecosystem, they also bring joy. “Once people start seeing bees and birds and butterflies in their yards, they’ll say, ‘This is so cool. This is so much fun,’” Sommerfield shared. “What I hear so often from the new folks who have never done this before is that, when you walk into those gardens in July and August, all you hear is life around you humming and buzzing, and it’s just like heaven.”

ARDSLEY

Tech professional offers moms an introduction to A.I.

BY AMY BOCHNER

For Mother's Day weekend, Ardsley resident Jennifer Nordhem seeks to "bring visibility to invisible labor" by teaching moms how to use artificial intelligence to simplify their lives.

"Moms do so much for their families," Nordhem told the Dispatch. "We're in charge of our kids' health. We decide where we're going on vacation. We decide so much about the kids' enrichment... All of these are really big, hard, strategic decisions, and layer on all of the logistical madness of getting everyone to where they need to be on a daily basis. A.I. can be a really good partner to moms in helping alleviate that mental load."

For nearly two decades, Nordhem, who moved to Ardsley five years ago from California, has worked in product operations for tech companies like Pelaton, Paypal, and Hims & Hers. Less than a month ago, she began her blog "Jen Makes Work Work," where she discusses how A.I. can benefit non-technical people. On April 9, she uploaded a post focused on the ways she uses the technology to help her as a mom. (She and her husband have one son who attends Concord Road Elementary School and another in preschool). The post details how she prompts A.I. to pull from school emails and add them to her calendar on a weekly schedule. Nordhem



Jennifer Nordhem

believes this is the tip of the iceberg for how A.I. could be useful to mothers.

The same post announced the free inaugural "A.I. is for Moms" meet-up on May 9 at Ludy Café in Irvington. There will also be virtual workshops that cost \$35-\$55. Throughout the month of May, both the meet-up and workshops will be centered on Claude, which is a large language model, meaning it is an advanced A.I. system that can understand and generate human language.

According to an October 2024 report by the Gender Equity Policy Institute, working women spend two times as many hours per week as working men on childcare and household work combined. The study also found that, among parents working full-time, mothers do 1.6 times as much childcare and household work as fathers, spending 19.5 hours per week compared to 12.3 hours by fathers.

Nordhem also believes that A.I. can be

used as a tool to help partners become more aligned on what needs to be done. An example she used is how A.I. can create weekly reviews with a list of decisions that need to be made, which could be sent to both partners.

"It's taking my mental model of how I strategically look at our week and what I prioritize, but then it's serving up the open questions, not as a 'Hey, Jen, this is what you need to do.' No, it's sending it as an email to me and my partner, so that together we can make that decision. That's what I mean by bringing invisibility to that invisible labor," she said.

The meet-up on May 9 will begin with Nordhem asking attendees (a maximum of 20) to brainstorm tasks that can be offloaded to A.I. Nordhem will then help the attendees find ways to use Claude for these tasks. The session will wrap up with everyone making something with Claude that they can take home and share with their kids.

While Nordhem is "incredibly optimistic about the technology," she also believes that "we're going to need to be the ones with our hands on the steering wheel." An example she gave is using A.I. to create a grocery list that automatically fills into an app like Instacart.

"Even though I'm going to need to go through and review the cart, that already takes a lot off of my plate," she said. "It just

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Waterfront Park
Annual shoreline trash cleanup
Register at riverkeeper.org

Spring Cleanup

Sunday, May 3, 9–11:30 a.m.
Willow Point, the southern section of
Waterfront Park

Join the Friends of Waterfront Park to maintain the beds of native flowering plants. No gardening experience necessary.

Mother's Day Bazaar

Monday, May 4, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.
HudCo, 145 Palisade St., Suite 200

Virtual Comedy Open Mic

Tuesday, May 5, 8–9 p.m.
Hosted on Zoom by the Dobbs Ferry
Public Library
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For ages 18 and up

Planning/Architectural Review Board Meeting

Thursday, May 7, 7 p.m.
Village Hall
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Scribble Art celebrates a decade in Dobbs

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL

Scribble Art Workshop is celebrating a decade of classes for students from 18 months old to adults at 63 Main Street.

"Basically, as soon as they're not putting things in their mouths, we will take them," Scribble Art founder Sasha Schwartz told the Dispatch.

On April 25, Scribble Art, which also has locations in Inwood and Boulder, Colo., celebrated the 10-year milestone of their Dobbs Ferry outpost with a party where children and adults painted and glazed tiles that will be installed in the Scribble Art studio.

During the festivities, Mayor Christy Knell presented Schwartz with a proclamation declaring Scribble Art Day in the Dobbs Ferry. Schwartz also received a certificate from Rivertowns Chamber of Commerce president Tim Akapo.

Schwartz founded Scribble Art during her 15-year tenure as an art teacher at public school in New York City. While working at an elementary school in Inwood, she began offering afterschool classes at a space across the street from the school, and opened up Scribble Art's first location in the same neighborhood in 2011.

"The mission was to provide really high-quality art education to students," Schwartz explained. "We use artist-grade materials and we take them through an actual artistic process. As opposed to telling them how to make something, they're really going through that process of problem solving and figuring out how to make something."

Schwartz aims to provide what she's seen as a lack of opportunities for children to learn different art mediums besides painting. Scribble Art's Dobbs Ferry location has its own ceramic studio. Students can also practice



Rivertowns Chamber of Commerce president Tim Akapo at Scribble Art with his 2-year-old son Dylan and 5-year-old son Lucas.

sculpture, printmaking, and fiber arts.

Scribble Arts provides students with technical skills rather than exact prompts or art pieces to replicate. That approach emphasizes the importance of allowing students to create what they see in their minds.

"Our thought was that's not really valuable in trying to develop the next generation of artists," Schwartz said. "They should actually be creating their own styles, not copying somebody else's. So a project could be that we're all going to make abstract paintings, but everybody's painting is going to look different because they're all making different lines, shapes, and colors."

A few years after opening in Inwood, many of Schwartz's clients moved from the

city to the Rivertowns, where they encouraged her to establish a second studio. Scribble Arts first opened Hastings in 2015 and then, one year later, relocated to its larger space in Dobbs Ferry.

Scribble Art has developed a close relationship with the Dobbs Ferry community, such that Springhurst Elementary School sends a busload of students to the studio for an after-school program four days per week. There, Scribble Arts provides snacks, takes students to the playground, then leads them through art class. Scribble Art also runs a summer camp where kids focus on a different medium every week.

For Scribble Art's hours and prices, visit scribbleartworkshop.com.



Natives for Estherwood

Volunteers planted 30 oak trees and 40 shrubs on The Masters School property at the dead end of Estherwood Avenue on Sunday, April 26. Estherwood resident Tara Bandman, an English teacher at Ardsley High School, led the effort. The native vegetation was added between a trail that leads to Hillside Woods in Hastings and a stream that flows into Wickers Creek in Dobbs Ferry.

DOBBS FERRY

Board approves up to \$5.9M for infrastructure and more

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL

The Dobbs Ferry Board of Trustees has authorized potential bonding that would enable the Village to borrow up to \$5.9 million for capital projects related to infrastructure improvements and more.

During a public meeting on April 28, the board approved five resolutions for bond anticipation notes to set aside temporary

funding for several projects until the Village knows the exact cost. The anticipation notes provide a maximum the Village can borrow and pay off over a varying number of years. Ultimately, the Village may be able to cover some of the bonded costs with grants or its capital reserve funds.

The board authorized up to \$75,000 in bonds to cover half of the expected \$150,000 cost of a new van for senior citizens. On weekdays, Dobbs seniors are able to request transportation on the Village-owned van, which is also used for group shopping trips and special outings the Village provides for seniors. The other \$75,000 is being funded by a grant from Westchester County.

The board is also setting aside \$200,000 in potential bonds to cover planning costs for a proposed community center at Gould

Park. After considering multiple options last year, the board decided to support a proposed two-story structure with an indoor basketball court, a walking track, bathrooms, changing rooms, indoor and outdoor showers, office space for the recreation department, and lifeguard facilities with access from the pool deck. The building would be located between the swimming pool and the baseball/football field. The basketball court would be multi-use, providing room for children in summer camp during inclement weather, as well as a location for plays, concerts, or other productions. The bonded costs are related to the planning, not the construction — an estimated \$15 million expense, with an additional \$3 million for landscape improvements.

An additional \$1,854,177 is being set aside

to purchase new machinery for construction and maintenance, as well as for construction and repairs on Palisade Street. That includes the purchase of a new garbage truck, a new cab chassis (half truck), and a new bucket truck for utility line work, and improvements on Palisade Street. The Village plans to repair a stone wall on Palisade Street that has been blocked off since last year, due to damage, and add a platform with grass and benches for people to enjoy views of the Hudson River. The project will also add a sidewalk up the river-facing side of the slope, and make it a permanent one-way street, with traffic flowing uphill.

The Village is setting aside \$2,000,000 for improvements to the High Street Bridge, which crosses over the railroad tracks and

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— OBITUARY —

Fred De Filippis

Fred De Filippis of Dobbs Ferry passed away on April 16, at age 93, after a life defined by craftsmanship, hard work, and devotion to family.

Born Oct. 28, 1932, in the Bronx, Fred was the youngest son of Michael and Anna De Filippis, proud Italian immigrants. He was predeceased by his brothers, Frank and

Tony; his nephew Anthony; and his parents.

Fred pursued his passion for building at New York University, earning a degree in civil engineering. He married his lifelong partner, Sandra Ruth Glasgow, on June 10, 1955. Early in their marriage, Fred served as an officer in the Army Corps of Engineers in Germany, helping rebuild postwar infrastructure while the couple explored Europe together.

In 1961, Fred founded De Filippis

Construction Co., becoming a respected general contractor whose work on post offices, municipal buildings, and civic structures across New York endures today. He also built two family homes with his own hands, including the longtime residence in Dobbs Ferry.

After retiring, Fred began a second career as an engineering expert in legal cases, working well into his 80s. Outside of work, he was a licensed pilot who enjoyed

flying to coastal destinations, an avid tennis player, and a lifelong traveler alongside Sandy. At home, he found joy in gardening, reading, music, and caring for his property.

Known as "Poppie Fred" to his six grandchildren, he took great pride in each of them and cherished those relationships.

Fred is survived by his beloved wife Sandra; his children Michael (Nancy), Peter (Alice), and Nicole (Gene); six grandchildren; and many extended family members.

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Local History

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

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

Riverkeeper Sweep

Saturday, May 2, 3–5 p.m.
River Glen Cove and MacEachron Park
Register at riverkeeper.org

PTSA Fundraiser: 5K Color Run

Sunday, May 3, 9 a.m.
Hillside Elementary School
Sign up to volunteer or participate (\$40) at
ptsahastings.org/color-run

Architectural Review Board Meeting

Monday, May 4, 7 p.m.
Village Hall
Agenda available at hohny.gov

Rivertowns Chamber: Hastings Village Virtual Chat

Tuesday, May 5, 10–11 a.m.
Register at rivertownschamber.com for the
Zoom link

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 5, 6 p.m.
Hillside Multipurpose Room
Agenda available at hohschools.org

Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, May 5, 7 p.m.
Village Hall
Agenda available at hohny.gov

Senior Lunch and Learn

Tuesday, May 7, 12:15 p.m.
James Harmon Community Center
Learn about AI with high school students
Luca Chen and Levi Rosenman
Register by calling 914-478-2380,
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Alyssa Satin Capucilli with two of the stuff Biscuits at her home.

Beloved puppy turns 30, but never gets old

BY AMY BOCHNER

This May, author Alyssa Satin Capucilli of Hastings is celebrating the 30th anniversary of Biscuit, the playful yellow puppy who has taught countless children how to read.

What began as a single book in 1996 has grown into a series of more than 100, which have sold 54 million copies worldwide. For all of these books, Capucilli has worked with illustrator Pat Schories, who lived in Hastings before moving to Beacon. At the heart of each story is compassion, kindness, and "being good to each other," Capucilli told the Dispatch.

She has written more than 50 additional books aimed at young children. Early childhood has a special place in her heart, she said, because, "It's a time when [children] can move so fluidly between the spheres of everyday life and the imagined life."

Her daughter, Laura, now 35, inspired the first Biscuit book, published in 1996.

"She was babysitting for our neighbor's really large dog, and she was trying to get him to go to sleep," Capucilli recalled. "She brought him a bowl of water, a bedtime snack, a blanket, a doll. She tried to read him a story. As I watched her and realized that she thought the dog understood everything she was saying, I started to think of my own childhood, where I relied on the character Henry, from 'Henry and Ribsy' by Beverly Cleary, to sustain my imagination."

After the publication of "Biscuit," Capucilli began receiving letters from readers, parents, and educators. Some children shared that the book was the first one they read by themselves. Inspired, Capucilli wanted to "create a library for these readers."

Many of the Biscuit books center on the "precious" or "slice-of-life" moments in early childhood, such as going to sleep, going on a trip, or celebrating holidays. The material

for some of the books come from Capucilli's own life, like in the series' newest installment, "Biscuit Rides the Ferry," to be published on May 5.

"I went on a ferry ride with my grandchildren," she said, "and as I'm looking out at the people and the captain and the gulls and the ducks and a little bit of commotion, I think to myself, 'Biscuit would like to do this too.'"

"Biscuit" was the first in HarperCollins' "My First I Can Read" line of titles. For 30 years, the yellow puppy has "been a really good friend" to children learning to read, according to Capucilli.

"We start with those 'woof-woofs,' and once children have read those, they gain confidence and they're ready to go for more," she said. "I make sure that there is repetition, and some kind of a patterning in those words. Most of all, I make sure that there is a story for them to hook into — beginning, middle, and end."

When Capucilli writes about Biscuit, she writes "very fully to get a hold of my story," and then pares it down so that the majority of words are ones that readers can sound out and decode. There is a musicality in the language, which is influenced by her love of poetry and dance.

"I always read my work aloud to make sure that I hear the rhythm and the cadence of those words, whether they rhyme or not, whether they have repetition or not," she said. "There is a song underneath. That first Biscuit book, I think, is a lullaby in some way. There is that sense of moving to music and writing to music that I think is just intrinsic to all of my work."

Capucilli believes there's also an emotional draw to the series, with children identifying with Biscuit and the "unbusy and uncluttered" world he inhabits.

"[Children] are very willing to go on the journey with him, whether he's helping them navigate feelings when there's a new baby in the house, whether he's introducing them to life in the city or on the farm," Capucilli said. "No matter what the subject, no matter what the setting, my readers are always going to come back to a very gentle world filled with unconditional love, kindness, and a lot of humor."

The appreciation for Biscuit transcends age, with readers carrying their love for the series into adulthood and sharing it with the next generation. There is a timelessness to the books, according to Capucilli. She described visiting classrooms, and teachers handing her their copies of "Biscuit" from their own childhoods.

"It's not so much about the time period that is happening, but it is about the unconditional love and bond between a child and a pet," she said, adding that readers "hook into and relate to the character. They really do take that journey, all of its emotions, all of its feelings, all of its ups and downs."

The future of the Biscuit series includes venturing into more challenging titles for children who feel confident after tackling the "My First I Can Read" books. This has given Capucilli the opportunity to write longer, more complex stories that expand on Biscuit's world.

"I hope we can keep our readers engaged and reading, and offer new experiences and new emotions to explore together with this yellow puppy," she said. "I believe he will always be that yellow puppy, and I hope that he continues on to make readers all over the world."

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Turf debate

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or drinking water regional screening levels (RSLs)” and are “consistent with the low-level trace PFAS compounds found in soil and rainwater across North America.”

The Dispatch spoke with Kyla Bennett, one of two scientists who discovered PFAS in artificial turf in 2019. She is now the director of science policy at Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER). She stated the report shows the product “clearly has PFAS” and has “the types of PFAS that we know are dangerous.”

She pushed back against the report’s assertion that the detected levels are consistent with what has been found in the environment.

“They’re trying to argue that PFAS are ubiquitous, so therefore it’s OK to put more in the environment, and that is simply not the answer,” she said. “That’s like saying you shot me once in the arm, you may as well shoot me six more times because I already got shot... If you have a chemical where there’s no safe level of exposure, minimizing the amount of that chemical in any way possible is always advisable.”

During the school board meeting on April 22, Bob Kernan from landscape architecture firm LA Group stated the process of selecting the artificial turf began 15 months ago, and included meetings with the school board, turf manufactures, and other school districts. Kernan said this has been “a learning

curve... because we have not been challenged with a lot of these questions [in] other communities.”

Hastings Schools Superintendent Bill McKersie defended the decision by stating PFAS are “already out on all our natural grass fields,” and the district’s commitment was to “pay attention to the environmental health at the highest level possible.” Per New York State, he continued, this meant PFAS were not added at the point of manufacture.

Board president Alex Dal Piaz emphasized why the board decided to go with artificial turf fields, including lost playing time after weather events, which led to games being played elsewhere and costing the district \$30,000-\$60,000 annually in busing. He also mentioned “numerous severe season-costing injuries” on the current grass fields, which are in “poor shape.” Dal Piaz said the district has worked to deliver “the greenest possible scenario,” and that “There’s no other product that does this better.”

During the public comment period, 24 people spoke, 16 critical of the board’s decision and eight in support. Some speakers were jeered or interrupted by other audience members.

Some residents stated they felt misled and referenced a disparity between current statements by the board versus statements made before the bond vote. While the specs stated the turf would “not be manufactured using PFAS,” district officials also said the turf would have no PFAS prior to

the referendum.

In the spring of 2025, a “Special Bond Edition” of the “Hastings Happenings” newsletter sent to the community stated that the preliminary synthetic turf requirements included that the product “must be free of lead and PFAS.” During a community forum on June 9, a district slideshow had “no PFAS” on a slide about the synthetic fields.

Tanya Lee, who voted “yes” on proposition three, now has a different perspective. “I convinced my family... my friends, my community, that we should vote for the turf because you promised it would be PFAS free,” she told the board.

Michael Schlacter stated that if the board doesn’t proceed, it will affect students’ playing and future college prospects, leading to some quitting. Two student athletes also shared support for the artificial turf. Dan Rosinski believes that by choosing the “most environmentally friendly turf product available,” the board is “doing exactly what they’re supposed to be doing.”

Those against the product described health risks of PFAS exposure, like retired physician Sharon Diamond. Josefa Sullivan compared the conversation about PFAS to conversations about lead, saying, “If we were to replace PFAS with the word ‘lead,’ and say, ‘Oh, well, there’s all these other fields that have lead... we’re just going to get a little bit more lead on our home field,’ to me, that is not a logical argument.”

Multiple speakers discussed democracy.

Those in favor of the turf, like Bob McKinnon and Diana Pan, argued the community made its decision last June. Those against the selected turf, like Rachel Thornton and Andrew Friedman, argued the vote was based on misleading information, and was therefore undemocratic. Some speakers expressed that there should be a revote.

Following public comment, board vice president Jodie Meyer compared the discussion to what happened in Hastings when artificial turf proposed for Reynolds Field was part of a public bond proposition voted down in 2013.

“We’ve been through the turf wars before, and it was really ugly,” she said. “What’s so sad... [is] it takes such a huge toll on this community... the thought that we’re doing turf wars take two is really unfortunate.”

Before adjourning the meeting, Dal Piaz said the board has tried to make “a fair compromise.”

“All we can do is make the best choice from the options that we have, and it is a real balance...,” he said. “It’s just trying to ensure that we’re doing as best as we can by the community.”

Construction at the Burke Estate is scheduled to start June 1 and to be completed by Dec. 31.

Starting Dec. 31, the sale of artificial turf containing PFAS or treated with PFAS shall not be allowed in New York State, according to the Extended Producer Responsibility for Carpet Law that went into effect on Dec. 28, 2024.

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Farmers Market

Sunday, May 3, 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
Main Street School, 101 Main St.
The market also convenes on May 17 before
the weekly market begins on
June 13, 9 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
For details, visit irvingtonfarmersmarket.org

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 5, 7:15 p.m.
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Agenda available at irvingtonschools.org

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Margot Sharp and company rehearse at the Irvington Theater. Photo by Maddie Sledge.

Musical intertwines fantasy and reality

BY LAURA SCHILLER

It’s not a good year for Delilah McPhee. First, her parents are getting a divorce. Then she’s forced to move midway through high school to a new town, where she finds herself targeted by bullies. Her one escape is a book she discovers in the school library: “Between the Lines.” It’s the one place she can disappear, the one story that feels safe and predictable — until it isn’t.

This weekend, the Broadway Training Center (BTC) brings that story to the Irvington Theater, performed by its junior troupe of students in grades 4–8. Based on the novel by Jodi Picoult and Samantha van Leer, with a musical score by Elyssa Samsel and Kate Anderson, “Between the Lines” premiered at the Kansas City Repertory Theatre before its off-Broadway debut in 2022.

Jason Brantman, BTC’s co-artistic director alongside his wife, Fiona Santos, said the team chose the musical in part for its thought-provoking themes, including self-discovery and self-confidence.

“While Delilah is reading, the prince in the story suddenly writes the word ‘help’ on the page, and she realizes he’s communicating with her. That discovery sets everything in motion,” Brantman told the Dispatch. “You see her real life — her parents’ divorce, being bullied at school — alongside this whole other world inside the book. And in that world, the characters are stuck performing their roles whenever the book is open, but when it’s closed, they get to be completely different versions of themselves.

“The prince, who’s unhappy being trapped in that story, reaches out to her for help — and as she’s been dreaming of escaping into his world, the line between the two starts

to blur,” he added.

Brantman pointed to a line in the script that resonates with students: “Live the story you want, even if it’s not the story you’re in.”

“It’s about making your own destiny,” Brantman said, explaining why the story is ideal for students. “A lot of our students feel like they don’t quite fit in at school. Through theater, they find their community — their place where they can be themselves.”

Taking on the role of Delilah McPhee is

“This isn’t something that’s been done a lot, which makes it fun because we can put our own twist on it.”

Dobbs Ferry eighth grader Aubrey Brewer

Margot Sharp, an eighth-grader from Dobbs Ferry. Though this marks her first leading role, Sharp has appeared in other BTC productions, including “Beetlejuice,” “Matilda,” “The Pirates of Penzance,” and “Singin’ in the Rain.”

Sharp said the role challenged her, particularly with memorization, but also gave her room to explore as an actor. “There are a lot of different beats where you can interpret lines in many ways,” she said. “For example, when Oliver starts talking to me, I’m very shocked, because you wouldn’t expect to read a book and have a character talk back.”

Avery Parker, an eighth-grader from Hastings, plays Prince Oliver and the author’s son in the real world — the inspiration for the storybook character. A veteran BTC performer,

this will be Parker’s first leading role.

Aubrey Brewer, a Dobbs Ferry eighth-grader, plays Delilah’s mother, Grace McPhee. Drawn to the show’s originality, Brewer said, “This isn’t something that’s been done a lot, which makes it fun because we can put our own twist on it.” That approach reflects BTC’s tendency to depart from mainstream shows and produce those that audiences — and students — may be experience for the first time.

Dobbs Ferry eighth-grader Aanya Soni portrays Jessamyn Jacobs, the author of “Between the Lines.” Soni points to the show’s blend of fantasy and reality as part of its appeal. “It’s really interesting to see the contrast between those two worlds,” she said.

The show’s themes resonate with the cast. “The story is kind of an escape,” Brewer added. “I think theater can be like that too. When you’re on stage, your outside problems kind of go away. The stage is like the book — you can disappear into it.”

In the story’s emotional conclusion, Delilah seeks out the author, Jessamyn Jacobs, and asks her to rewrite the ending to allow Prince Oliver to stay with her and leave the book behind.

“But I can’t do that,” Soni said of her character. “At the end, Delilah realizes she has to figure out how to be independent, how to be her own person.”

Sharp agreed, adding that Delilah and Prince Oliver ultimately come to the same realization. “They both accept that they have to take their own paths,” she said.

Performances at the Irvington Theater, 85 Main St., are May 1–2 at 7 p.m., and May 3 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for general admission and \$20 for seniors and children, available at broadwaytraining.com/tickets.

IRVINGTON

New art market marks effort to see and be seen in person

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL

The first Irvington Art Market, featuring the work of a dozen visual artists, aims to bring the community spirit of farmers markets to the art world this weekend at the Irvington Presbyterian Church.

The organizer of the event is mural artist and photographer Kimberly Patota of Tarrytown, who attended Irvington schools and graduated from Irvington High School in 2012.

In an era when Patota finds both artists and collectors are beholden to the constraints of social media, she's aiming to build a space for in-person interactions.

"You can have a website, you can have an Instagram account, but if you don't have a following, you're not getting eyes on your work," Patota told the Dispatch. "Not everyone's built to do social media constantly. I wanted to create a space that was intentional and curated that doesn't have a ton of artists, so that you don't get lost in a sea of creators, and people can see you and meet you."

Patota began assembling the art market in the fall of last year. She was inspired by her past two years managing farmers markets for Morning Glory Markets of Hastings, which operates several farmers markets in Westchester — including Hastings' and Irvington's — plus the one at the New York Botanical Garden. Patota hopes to bring the same sense



Kimberly Patota stands alongside one of her paintings.

of community fostered at those markets to an event centered around visual artists.

"When it comes to the markets, what I really valued the most was the connection between the people and the vendors, and the community that was built among vendors themselves," Patota said. "When people come to the [farmers] market, they're looking for something intentional that will bring more joy into their lives and more quality into their life, and that's something

I wanted to reflect with art as well."

The Irvington Art Market will feature painters, sculptors, and photographers from as close as the Rivertowns and as far as Milton, Conn. Watercolor artist Kaya Devi Das, who is a native of Ardsley, and painter Martin Munroe of Sleepy Hollow are among the Rivertown-based artists, along with Charles Britz, Justyn T Davis, and Tatjana Kunst of Yonkers. Kunst, a ceramic artist, has vended at the Irvington and Hastings

farmers markets, while Britz has worked as a salesperson for Irvington's Red Barn Bakery at both markets. Patota will also display her photography. All 12 artists will have original pieces and prints for sale.

"It can be really hard to feel a real connection to who you're buying from or who you are creating for as an artist," Patota said. "The market is an opportunity to step out of the digital space and meet artists face-to-face and engage with the rich culture of art that's in the Northeast and the Hudson Valley especially, and to give people the chance to stop scrolling long enough to have a direct encounter with something real."

Patota also sees the art market as an opportunity to give back to the community that nurtured her creative talents. She credits her high school art teacher, Diana Schmertz, as one of her earliest supporters. Schmertz gave Patota the chance to paint her first large-scale mural, a portrait of singer/songwriter John Lennon, in the halls of Irvington High School when she was a senior.

The art market's location at Irvington Presbyterian Church also provides a full-circle moment for Patota, who attended Good Shepherd Early Childhood Center, a preschool that operates at the church.

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The Agenda

SATURDAY MAY 2

Classic Rock: Electric Beef

ARDSLEY

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

Mom & Me Cake Decorating

DOBBS FERRY

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. / \$60. HudCo, 145 Palisade St., Suite 200. Nora of 351 Cakes leads a Mother's Day edition cake-decorating class. Register at hudco.eventbrite.com

Rivertown Thrift Pop-up

HASTINGS

10 a.m.–3 p.m. James Harmon Community Center, 44 Main St., lower level. Clothing donations accepted until noon.

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

HASTINGS

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

“Living Forest” Speaker Series

IRVINGTON

Noon / Free. O'Hara Nature Center, 170 Mountain Road. Elijah Goodwin of Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture presents “Agriculture as Conservation.” Register at irvington.green.org/events

Outdoor Art Market

IRVINGTON

1–5 p.m. / Free. Irvington Presbyterian Church, 25 N. Broadway. Rain date May 3, 2–6 p.m. instagram.com/irvingtonartmarket

Artist Reception

IRVINGTON

2:30–4:30 p.m. / Free. Irvington Public Library, 12 S. Astor St. This month's exhibit features works by Wendy Goidell.

“Between the Lines Jr.”

IRVINGTON

7 p.m. / \$25, \$20 for students and seniors, \$3 more at the door. Irvington Theater, 85 Main St. Broadway Training Center's Junior Ensemble presents a musical based on the novel by Jodi Picoult and Samantha van Leer. Also on Sunday, 3 p.m. BroadwayTraining.com/Tickets

Plant Sale and Garden Fair

SCARSDALE

10 a.m.–1 p.m. / Free admission. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Road. Hosted by the Irvington Garden Club. gcirvington.org



The Garden Club of Irvington hosts its annual Plant Sale and Garden Fair at the Greenburgh Nature Center in Scarsdale on Saturday, May 2.

Lyndhurst Spring Craft Festival

TARRYTOWN

10 a.m.–6 p.m. / \$6–\$13 online; \$3 more in person. 635 S. Broadway. Shop for original clothing, accessories, jewelry, home décor, and art, plus gourmet specialties, food trucks, and family activities. Also on Sunday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. lyndhurst.org

SUNDAY MAY 3

Chamber Concert: String Quintets

ARDSLEY

4 p.m. / \$40. St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 2 Revolutionary Road. Featuring a newly commissioned work by Ossining composer David Macdonald, and classics by Mozart and Mendelssohn. Presented by RiverArts. Purchase tickets at riverarts.org

Merfolk and Merriment

HASTINGS

4–7 p.m. / \$25–\$100. The RETCo Studio, 546 Warburton Ave. Fundraiser for River's Edge Theatre Company featuring live music by Merman, interactive activities, and refreshments. For all ages. riversedgetheatre.com

Farmers Market

IRVINGTON

9:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Main Street School, 101 Main St. The market also convenes on May 17 before the weekly market begins on June 13, 9 a.m.–1:30 p.m. theirvingtonfarmersmarket.org

Piano Four Hands

IRVINGTON

3 p.m. / Free. Church of St. Barnabas, 15 N. Broadway. “Teapot Tempests” features pianists David Baranowski, conductor for Hudson Chorale and Westchester Choral Society, and

Jesse Goldberg, Ardsley native and the church's music director and organist.

Self-Care Sunday: Deep Restoration & Release

IRVINGTON

4 p.m. / \$65, discount for members. The Lark, 50 S. Buckhout St., G107. thelark.club/events

Hudson Valley Singers: Proclaim the Madness

BRONXVILLE

3 p.m. / \$45 in advance, \$50 at the door. Sommer Center at Iona University, 171 White Plains Road. The Rivertowns-based chorus presents works by Bach, Brahms, Beethoven, Schumann, and Mendelssohn. hudsonvalleysingers.org

Community Art Celebration

TARRYTOWN

2–4 p.m. / Free. Shames JCC, 371 S. Broadway. Featuring an exhibition showcasing over 50 local artists, art-making activities for all ages, refreshments, and live music. shamesjcc.org

MONDAY MAY 4

Mother's Day Bazaar

DOBBS FERRY

11 a.m.–3 p.m. / Free. HudCo, 145 Palisade St., Suite 200. Pop-up market with local artisans and designers. Register at hudco.eventbrite.com

TUESDAY MAY 5

“Funny Mthrs”

DOBBS FERRY

7 p.m. / \$35. HudCo, 145 Palisade St., Suite 200. Featuring a lineup of female comedians celebrating moms. Cash bar. Register at hudco.eventbrite.com

THURSDAY MAY 7

Jazz & Latin Music

DOBBS FERRY

7–9:15 p.m. / No cover charge. Mirabella Cocina Latina Restaurant & Bar, 1 Hamilton St., in Rivertowns Square. Featuring Hastings native Peter Brainin on sax and flute, Tony Depaolis on bass, and special guests. mirbellacocina.com

Two New Exhibits

HASTINGS

12:30–5:30 p.m. / Upstream Gallery, 8 Main St. Paul Greco's “Immaculate Constellation” and Cecily A Spitzer's “Connections” are on view this month. Reception on Sunday, May 17, 2–5 p.m. Hours: Thursday–Sunday, 12:30–5:30 p.m. upstreamgallery.com

Science-on-Hudson Lecture

IRVINGTON

7 p.m. / Free. Nevis Science Center, 136 S. Broadway. Angela V. Olinto, physics and astronomy professor at Columbia University, presents “Flying High to Catch Neutrinos and Other Extreme Particles.” Register online. nevis.columbia.edu

FRIDAY MAY 8

Food Truck Festival

ARDSLEY

5–9 p.m. Pascone Park. Live music by What the Funk and children's activities. ardsleyvillage.gov

Classic Rock: Drive Time

ARDSLEY

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

Victorian Springtime Tour

IRVINGTON

11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. / \$34. The Armour-Stiner Octagon House, 45 W. Clinton Ave. Featuring the architecture and landscape of this unique National Historic Landmark. Through June 15. For ages 7 and up. Advance tickets required. armourstiner.com

Opening Day of Historic Hudson Valley's Tour Season

IRVINGTON, SLEEPY HOLLOW

Various times. Washington Irving's Sunnyside, 3 West Sunnyside Lane, Irvington, and Philipsburgh Manor, 381 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow, a 1750 farm and grist mill. Timed-entry tickets required. hudsonvalley.org

Vincent Herring & Eric Alexander Quintet

TARRYTOWN

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

Opinion

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

Voter feels misled about PFAS in planned turf fields

To the Editor:

I live in Hastings and on June 17, 2025 voted “yes” on Proposition 3 of the capital bond, which included installation of artificial turf fields at the Burke Estate. I voted for the fields because the Hastings School District and Hastings Board of Education (BOE) promised our village that the turf fields would be free of PFAS — “forever chemicals” that linger in the environment and human body, causing disease and endocrine system dysfunction.

On April 8, 2026, the BOE provided information to the Hastings community about the selected turf product, FieldTurf, which, according to testing provided by the company that makes it, contains more than 10 different types of PFAS, including a human carcinogen, PFOA.

If I had known that the district would install turf fields at Burke containing PFAS, I would have voted “no” on Proposition 3 last June.

I feel misled. I did not vote for “some PFAS” or “not intentionally added PFAS” or “not manufactured with PFAS.” I voted “yes” because the district and BOE promised “no PFAS.”

It is unacceptable for this project to move forward when the district's stated commitment to PFAS-free turf has been ignored. If the district installs turf that has PFAS, it will be putting our children and our community in danger.

Jinsoo Kim

HASTINGS

LWV to host forums for contested school board elections

To the Editor:

The League of Women Voters of the Rivertowns is pleased to host three candidate forums for contested school board elections in Dobbs Ferry, Ardsley, and Hastings. All forums will be Zoom webinars that can be viewed live by registration or after the forums on the league's YouTube channel, LWV Rivertowns. All questions must be submitted in advance either at time of registration or by email to info@lwo-rivertowns.org. Here are the details:

Dobbs Ferry School Board Candidate Forum

Wednesday, May 6, 7 p.m.

Register at bit.ly/DFSchoolBoard

Three candidates for two open seats: Pavithra Nagarajan (incumbent), Disan Davis, Jeremy Schumacher

Questions deadline: Sunday, May 3, 5 p.m.

Ardsley School Board Candidate Forum

Wednesday, May 13, 7 p.m.

Register at bit.ly/ArdsleySchBd

Four candidates for two open seats: Mitchell Kleinman (incumbent), Andrea DeVico, Matthew Gonzales, Joseph Sayegh

Questions deadline: Sunday, May 10, 5 p.m.

Hastings School Board Candidate Forum

Thursday, May 14, 2026. 7 p.m.

Register at bit.ly/HastingsSchoolBd

Three candidates for two open seats: Theresa McCaffrey (incumbent), Jodie Meyer (incumbent), Elizabeth Adinolfi

Questions deadline: Monday, May 11, 5 p.m.

We thank the Dobbs Ferry and Ardsley PTAs and the Ardsley PTA for their assistance in presenting these forums.

Susan Maggiotto

PRESIDENT, LWV RIVERTOWNS

Town Council rebuts Feiner's assertion about finances

To the Editor:

In response to “Feiner, Council at odds over financial report” (Rivertowns Dispatch, April 24) some clarifications are needed.

There is nothing political in our effort to further investigate fiscal mismanagement our recently hired comptroller has been finding. She feared being associated with prior mismanagement of funds — so much so she considered quitting. It was Councilman Sheehan's suggestion in January 2025 of a forensic audit of four years prior to her hire that convinced her to remain and continue deciphering the mismanagement. When Councilman Sheehan proposed the audit to the town board, the supervisor objected and delayed its authorization for months.

The assertion that only “\$7.4 million was formally restricted [for the courthouse] to this purpose” flies in the face of truth and logic. The Town Council, including two former members, both attorneys, voted for the “RESERVE FOR COURTHOUSE” budget lines all four years (2019–2022) which Feiner included in his budgets. The Town Board unanimously approved reserving \$39.4 million for a new courthouse, which was collected from taxpayers. Nothing in the Town Code dictates that Board members need to vote a second time to actually reserve the collected money for a courthouse, as the supervisor asserts.

Supervisor Feiner's assertion is a “red herring,” designed to explain away the fact that

as chief financial officer he never reserved \$32 million of the \$39.4 million collected for the courthouse. His contention that \$7.4 million is sufficient to build a new courthouse is not plausible. Despite his claims of having proof that the Council authorized him to misdirect funds, Supervisor Feiner has been unable to provide them.

The result is town taxpayers, including those in the Rivertowns, will need to be taxed again to replace the misdirected \$32 million no longer available for the courthouse. The Town Council is in agreement with the comptroller's determination that this is “unconscionable.”

Supervisor Feiner delayed and then voted against doing the forensic report. We now know why.

Councilmembers Ellen Hendrickx, Francis Sheehan, Gina Jackson, and Joy Haber

TOWN OF GREENBURGH

Board prioritized most eco-friendly turf field option

To the Editor:

We want to thank the Hastings Board of Education, particularly the president, Alex Del Piaz, for their countless hours spent researching the most environmentally friendly turf field option that is on the market today. It was said repeatedly by the architects and managers of this project that Hastings was unique in prioritizing such a high-standard solution. The board has given their time and attention to this matter and has done so with patience, grace, and genuine care for the community.

Our students will finally join their 61 neighboring school districts who offer their athletes turf fields for their athletic programs. It's long overdue and our athletes deserve this opportunity to reach their true potential.

Sue Malat and Melissa Sbrega

CO-PRESIDENTS, HASTINGS YELLOW JACKETS BOOSTERS

Put school district's plan to install synthetic turf on hold

To the Editor:

I am a primary care physician, proud Hastings resident, and active member of Beyond Plastics, an organization committed to passing legislation in New York State to reduce the use of single-use plastics which contain not only plastic, but many chemicals

that are harmful to our health. I was dismayed when our village voted and passed the school bond proposition last year (albeit by a slim margin) to install artificial turf. At that time, we were told by the school board that the turf would be PFAS-free. It turns out that their turf is not PFAS-free. PFAS and other forever chemicals in plastic raise many serious public health concerns.

Why is the Hastings School Board proceeding to install synthetic turf when New York State recently banned PFAS from carpets and other products effective Dec. 31, 2026? These substances come with substantial health costs. They have been shown to be endocrine disruptors, increase risk of cancer, suppress our immune system, decrease fertility, increase heart attacks, strokes, and dementia, and much more. Children, much more vulnerable than adults, will increase their health risk by inhaling plastic dust particles, accidental ingestion, and skin contact with the turf. Also, the runoff from these fields will pollute the surrounding area, including the Hudson River.

Our community and parents deserve greater transparency. Our children deserve to have a community that places their health and safety above convenience. Let's put a hold on synthetic turf and reevaluate next steps.

Sandra Selikson, M.D.

HASTINGS

Rapid-flashing beacon could cause unintended harm

To the Editor:

I am writing today regarding the Hastings intersection upgrades talked about in the Rivertowns Dispatch (April 17). I would like us to reconsider the high-visibility rectangular rapid-flashing beacon (RRFB). I have epilepsy. It is interesting to know that one in 10 people will have a seizure in their lifetime and many of these people have epilepsy, like I do. There are lots of things we need to avoid — alcohol, caffeine, missed medication, lack of sleep, stress, swimming, and... blinking flashing lights. I like the RRFB in theory, but in practice, they are awful for me and for anyone else who has photosensitivity.

I have seen the one in Ardsley. Each time I pass it, I have to look away so that I don't have a seizure. We have managed to cross the street with just a regular light with a walk signal for decades. We all love our children, and Hastings is a great town to walk in, but can't we find solutions that are for everyone, including those with disabilities? Please don't install the RRFB.

Nicole Lesser

HASTINGS



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BY KIDS



FOR KIDS

The Science Behind Spiciness: Feeling the Heat at Dinner

BY: QUINN C., 10

I try to eat a lot of spicy food because I love the way it tastes. To me, it's red, hot, and burning. So I thought, what makes some food so spicy?

Capsaicin (cap-SAY-a-sin) is a chemical in spicy food. The Scoville scale ranks levels of spice in peppers. For example, on the Scoville scale, a sweet bell pepper is 0, meaning not spicy. But, a jalapeño is what we call very spicy, ranking a 6. However, a Carolina Reaper is very hot, ranking 12, the highest. That's hot!



Capsaicin is an oil-like compound. It repels water. So, drinking water won't reduce the effect of spice. However, milk, sour cream, and soda will reduce spiciness levels.

Some spicy dishes I like to eat are: butter chicken (a mix of carrots, chicken, and potato in a spicy sauce), a chicken curry dish, and spicy noodles. Spicy foods can be very troublesome, especially if you like them. Start slow. Try mild spices. Get your friend to record your reaction so you can laugh at it later.

What Kids Are Saying

"I tried a hot sauce made up of chilis, lime, and sea salt, then drank water. The water and hot sauce went up my nose!"

"When I ate hot sauce with ghost pepper, I felt burned alive!"



HOW TO BE A GOOD FRIEND

BY: LAUREN Z., 8

Have you ever needed a good friend? Everybody does! Here are some examples of being a good friend.

What Good Friends Do

- Good friends are kind.
- Good friends will be there for you in hard times.
- Good friends cheer you up when you are sad.
- Good friends play with you.
- Good friends are funny.
- Good friends are still your friends no matter what feelings you have.
- Good friends listen when someone is speaking.
- Good friends help you.



How to Make Friends

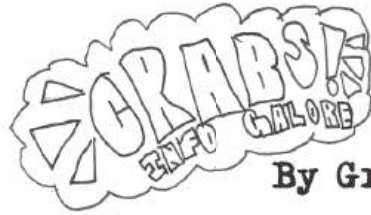
A good way of making friends is by saying "hi" and playing with them! You should ask, "do you want to play with me" or ask to play with them. You can suggest a game to play or you can ask them what you should play. Don't forget to tell them your name and ask what their name is.

Friends Aren't Perfect

Friends sometimes get into arguments. Good friends usually find a way to stop them.

If you want a good friend, you have to be a good friend.

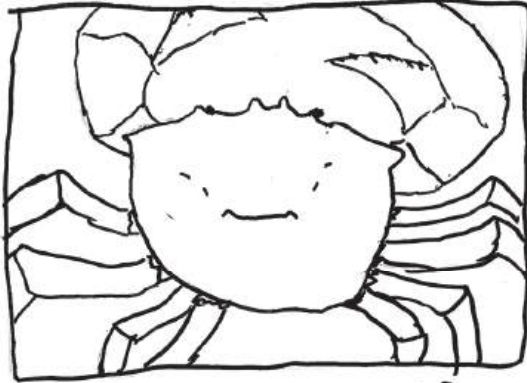




By Grey K., 11

Ever wonder about the crabs that live in the Hudson River?

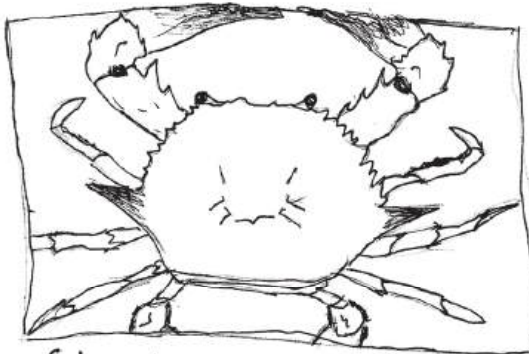
Pacific shore crab



Size: 1.5 inches
 Habitat: saltwater, shallow water
 Diet: wide variety
 Hunting style: scavenger
 Status: invasive

The Pacific Shore crab (also known as the Asian Shore crab) are invasive, and came to the Hudson river around 1988. It's invasive because its ability to outcompete native species.

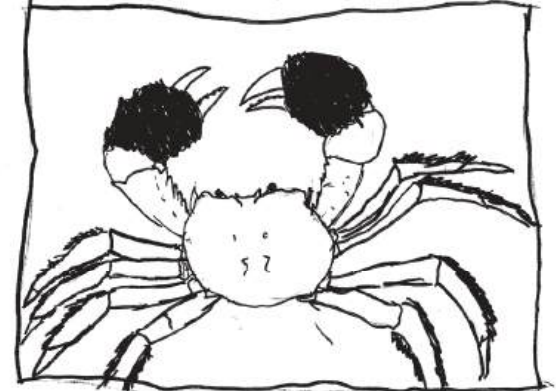
Blue crab



Size: 8 inches
 Habitat: bays, and shallow coastal waters
 Diet: crustaceans, small fish, and other crabs
 Hunting style: Hunter
 Status: native

Blue crabs are native to the Hudson river, and are very common. They are easily one of the most known crabs around the Hudson river.

Mitten crab



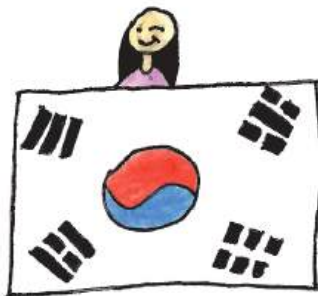
Size: 1.2-4 inches
 Habitat: freshwater rivers, lakes, and coastlines
 Diet: wide variety
 Hunting style: ambusher
 Status: invasive

Mitten crabs are native to East Asia. In New York, mitten crabs occur in the Hudson River and New York Harbor. The impact of Mitten crabs in New York is unknown.

My South Korea Story

A Travel and Culture Guide by Chloe K., 8

SOUTH KOREA



LANGUAGE

In Korea, people speak Korean but they also learn to speak and read English. When you get there, you may be surprised to hear everyone speak Korean - not English.

FAST FACTS

Capital City: Seoul
 Population: 51.6 million
 Language: Korean

FOOD

The food in South Korea is so tasty - usually it's hot, like soup, and sometimes it's salty. Bulgogi is marinated beef that is grilled or pan-fried. It's salty and yummy to eat. Buldak is spicy noodles.



CLOTHING

Hanbok is the traditional clothes we wear on Seollal and at other celebrations.



HOLIDAYS

Seollal is the Korean Lunar New Year. Gwangbokjeol is Liberation Day. We are free from Japanese rules so we hang our flag in front of our homes, just like on the Fourth of July.



HOW TO SAY HELLO

To an Adult:
 Annyeonghaseyo
 안녕하세요

To a Friend:
 Annyeong
 안녕

MY TAKE

To me, South Korea is a fun place to visit because wild cats go all over the place. They climb on the roof and they are so cute.

THE LITTLE Dispatch



Sports

EDITED BY ROB DIANTONIO

Irvington Bulldogs post turnaround season on court

— BOYS' TENNIS ROUNDUP —

BY ROB DIANTONIO

A year after missing the postseason, Irvington has engineered a turnaround season during its current campaign.

The Bulldogs improved to 9–2 overall and a perfect 8–0 in league play after sweeping visiting Dobbs Ferry, 5–0, on April 27, continuing a surge that has positioned them for a return to the team playoffs.

Irvington coach Blake Guzman said the formula has been a mix of steady singles play and growth in doubles.

“We’ve been really working on our doubles strategy, and I think that’s been helping,” Guzman said. “Our top two singles players are pretty strong. So that’s been helping us win our league matches and some other non-league matches.”

Against Dobbs Ferry, the Bulldogs controlled the match from top to bottom. At first singles, junior Connor Maglienti defeated Kyrus Klein, 6–1, 6–4.

“He’s a hard fighter and a hard worker, and he’s really a smart player,” Guzman said of Maglienti. “He does a good job seeing his opponent’s weaknesses and using that to his advantage.”

At second singles, Irvington’s lone senior, Eldad Frechter, rolled past Josh James, 6–0, 6–1. Frechter’s presence has provided veteran leadership to a roster otherwise built largely around underclassmen and returning younger players. Guzman said Frechter has played a major role in the team’s chemistry and composure.

“Eldad’s a big part of our team and a big part of keeping us together and supportive,” Guzman said. “We’ll definitely miss him next year.”



Irvington senior Eldad Frechter returns a shot at the net. Photo by Rob DiAntonio.

Irvington also dominated in doubles. The first doubles tandem of Hagai Frechter and A.J. Sloyer cruised to a 6–1, 6–1 win over Matt Doherty and Evan Ommen. At second doubles, Brandon Chirinos and Sawyer Stein delivered the most dramatic match of the afternoon, edging Kyle Hung and Zain Klein, 6–2, 4–6, 1–0, in a super tiebreak. Third doubles also went Irvington’s way as Levent Sarayli and Oliver Huang topped Jonah Bass and Tighe Van Engen, 6–4, 6–2.

The Bulldogs’ depth was tested earlier in the week during a 4–1 loss to host Briarcliff on April 23, when Irvington was without Maglienti due to an injury.

Even shorthanded, Irvington found a bright spot at second doubles, where Chirinos and Stein earned an impressive 6–2, 7–6 victory.

“They played really smart,” Guzman said. “They had great volleys and great communication, lots of great doubles points, and I was really proud of them to fight, because that was a big one.”

Guzman said doubles has become a strength throughout the lineup, pointing to the usual first doubles pairing of Paul Van Haetsdaele and Sloyer.

“They communicate so well,” Guzman said. “They back each other up. If the ball goes over them, they’re doing great switching and just really great communicating.”

With only one senior on the roster, Guzman believes the program is positioned to remain competitive beyond this season. “Definitely pretty bright,” she said. “We’ll be really strong again next year.”

Before looking too far ahead, however, the

Bulldogs still have business to handle this spring. Irvington has a handful of league matches remaining, including a key showdown against rival Hastings on May 1. The Bulldogs already defeated the Yellow Jackets once this season, and another win would strengthen their push toward the postseason.

“Hopefully we can prevail and get a chance to play in the team playoffs,” Guzman said.

Dobbs Ferry bested host Pearl River High School, 4–1, on April 24. James won in singles, 6–2, 6–2. Doherty and Ommen (7–6, 1–6, 1–0), Van Engen and Bass (6–1, 6–3), and Riley Caffentzis-Horn and Klein (6–2, 6–2) swept the doubles matches.

Hastings nets two wins

Hastings cruised past host Sleepy Hollow 5–0 on April 27. In first singles, Andre Forrest (6–0, 6–0) and Andrew Franco (6–1, 6–0) were victorious. In doubles, Charles Baer and Lukas Kovac (6–0, 6–0), David Franco and James Panzer (6–1, 6–2), and Marcus Gelman and Jalen Pekkala-Bitterman (8–0) won their matches.

The Jackets also traveled to Nanuet and swept the Golden Knights 5–0 on April 24. Forrest (6–0, 6–0) and Franco (6–2, 6–2) won in singles. The doubles squads of Kovac and Felix Casey (6–1, 7–6), Gelman and Jude El Yaman (6–1, 6–4), and Oren Ben-Zvi and Mason Ponagai (8–5) earned wins.

Ardasley tops Westlake

Visiting Ardsley defeated Westlake 4–1 on April 27. Jacob Frank (6–1, 6–0) and Ryan Levenson (6–4, 6–1) swept the singles matches. Ryan Herrick and Leo Vujnovich (6–2, 6–3), and Zayaan Rabbani and Owen McFadden (6–2, 6–4) were the victors in doubles.

Haber records 600th strikeout as Panthers shut out Irvington

— SOFTBALL ROUNDUP —

BY ROB DIANTONIO

Ardasley senior pitcher Sofia Haber added another milestone to an already decorated career on April 24.

The Gettysburg College commit recorded her 600th career strikeout while firing a one-hit shutout with 13 strikeouts to lead the Panthers to a 12–0 five-inning victory over visiting Irvington.

“It’s a great feeling getting to 600 strikeouts in my varsity career, especially knowing how much work has gone into it over the years and everyone involved,” Haber said. “A lot of late nights, early mornings, and even pitching in the snow with my longtime pitching coach Margaret Scarcella, who has been with me since I was 9 years old. But honestly, I try not to focus too much on the number because

at the end of the day I am just trying to do whatever it takes to help the team win.”

That mentality has helped make Haber one of the top pitchers in the area and a steady force atop the Ardsley staff over the last several seasons. Against Irvington, she was in command from the opening inning, mixing power and precision while allowing just one hit over five scoreless frames.

“I think the key to my success has been a combination of love and passion for the game, support from my coaches, teammates, and parents, and my ability to stay calm and in control no matter the situation,” Haber said. “I always know my teammates have my back and that allows me to just go out there and get the job done.”

Ardasley’s offense made sure Haber had plenty of support. Haley Albano sparked the lineup, recording three hits including a

home run, three runs scored, and three RBIs. Noemi Ippolito finished two for three with a triple and three runs scored. Bella Feldman added a double as Ardsley continued to string together quality at-bats.

Haber dominated again as Ardsley improved to 9–1 with a 1–0 shutout win over visiting Tuckahoe on April 27. She tossed a one-hitter and struck out 18 over seven innings. Haber also doubled at the plate. Ippolito and Summer Lopez added one hit apiece.

The Panthers have shown the balance of dominant pitching, timely hitting, and experienced leadership that makes them a dangerous team in the postseason race. Haber believes the group is beginning to hit its stride at the right time.

“As a team, we’re really clicking right now,” Haber said. “We have much larger goals for the remainder of the season and will not be

satisfied until we achieve them — and I think the momentum we have now will help us get there.”

Irvington (5–6) has had a difficult stretch, losing five of its last six games. The Bulldogs also fell to host Westlake (7–6, April 23) and visiting Edgemont (16–2, April 27).

Eagles soar to 11–1, win league

Dobbs Ferry just keeps winning as the Eagles improved to 11–1, piling up four more wins over the last week while securing the League I title. They went on the road and bested Woodlands (23–1, April 22), Blind Brook (15–3, April 23), and Rye Neck (6–4, April 27), and cruised past visiting North Salem (13–1, April 28).

In the win over Woodlands, Ella Rizzo tossed a five-inning no-hitter, striking out 12.

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Sports

Yellow Jackets sweep Eagles for back-to-back victories

— VARSITY ROUNDUP —

BY ROB DIANTONIO

Hastings' baseball squad won both games over rival Dobbs Ferry in a home-and-home series. The Yellow Jackets blanked the host Eagles 12-0 on April 24 and followed that with a 11-3 home win over Dobbs on April 28.

Since a slow start, the Yellow Jackets have been on a roll, winners of eight of their last nine games to move to 9-6 on the season.

In the first meeting with Dobbs, Aidan Curtis (win, 4IP, 2H, OER, 4K), Andrew Rizzo (4-4, 2RBIs, 3R), Theo Suniewick (3-3, 4RBIs, 2R), Eli Dube (RBI), Avi Rothstein (RBI), and Andrei Zuk (RBI) sparked the squad. In the second game, Matt Corbo (4IP, 8K, 1ER, win), Dylan Heilakka (2B), Rizzo (2-3, 2B, 2R, 3RBIs), Suniewick (2-3, 2B, 2R, 2RBIs), Aidan Curtis (3RBIs), and Julian Carnavali (RBI) led the team. Anthony Ficarrotta (3-3, HR, RBI), D.J. Kollar (3-3, RBI), and Andrew Zendzel (2-4, 2B, RBI) aided the Eagles.

Hastings bested host Bronxville 4-1 on April 25. Andrew DiLeo (5.1IP, 3H, 5K, win), Dube (2-4, RBI), Corbo (2-3), and Curtis (RBI) guided the squad. In a 10-0 rout of visiting Croton-Harmon on April 27, Dube (3IP, win, 2H, OER), Johnny Sbrega (2-2, 2R, RBI), Suniewick (3-3, 3R, 4RBIs), Curtis (2RBIs), Ciszewski (2RBIs), and Carnavali (RBI) paced the team.

Dobbs (6-7) defeated host Valhalla 12-5 on April 27. Ficarrotta (4IP, 2H, 1ER, 7K, 2-3, 3R, RBI), Brendan Marron (2.2IP, 6K, OER), Henry Brewer (4-4, 2B, 2RBIs, 2R), Jake Evan (2-5, 2B, 2R), and Zendel (2-3, 2RBIs) were key for the Eagles.

Irvington (9-3) swept Alexander Hamilton, winning 17-1 at home on April 24, and 16-0 on the road on April 28. In the first game, Justin Corniel and Brian Kim collected three hits each. Emmett Eson, Navy Minkoff, Matt Shapiro, and Patrick Pressman each had two hits. In the second meeting, the Bulldogs' 13-hit effort was paced by Kim's three hits. Pressman, Carter Pollack, and Ben Epple each had two hits. John Salvatore recorded the win.

Boys' lacrosse

Irvington (8-4) split its last two games, defeating visiting Nanuet 15-8 on April 27, while falling to host Nyack 15-11 on April 25. Against Nanuet, Nick Grados led the way with seven goals and two assists. Saxon

Frank (4G, 3A), Liam Wade (1G, 3A), Chris Callahan (1G, 3A), D.J. Ufer (3G), Grant Malakoff (1G), and Harrison Malakoff (12S) contributed. In the loss to Nyack, Grados (4G, 2A), Frank (4G, 2A), Jack Klatell (1G), Wade (2G, 1A), and Harrison Malakoff (10S) led the team.

Dobbs Ferry (3-6) defeated visiting North Salem 15-7 on April 27. Ryan Mohl (3G), Dylan Ravage (1G, 3A), Peter Kilroe (2G, 1A), Jackson Kearns (2G), Hunter Fuerst (2G), Nick Ficarrotta (2G), Jack Shemonoski (1G), Rook Portwood (1G), and Hudson Bauer (1G) sparked the Eagles.

Ardasley (5-3) topped visiting Keio Academy 14-9 on April 27. Wilson Donnep (4G), Liam Gallante (4G), Tristen Roberts (2G, 2A), Tyler DeCosta (2A), Robbie Miele (1G, 1A, 21/27 faceoffs), Brodi Kessler (2G), Mason Slater (1G), and Jackson Rosenfeld (22S) paced the squad.

Hastings (1-8) lost a pair of road games to Eastchester (9-2, April 24) and Valhalla (15-2, April 25).

Girls' lacrosse

Dobbs Ferry (8-3) defeated visiting Keio Academy (13-4, April 22) and host Haldane (19-12, April 25), but lost to host Blind Brook (15-10, April 24) and visiting Putnam Valley (21-13, April 28).

Against Keio, Scarlett Kilroe (1G, 5DC), Mary O'Dea (2G, 1A, 2CTO), Molly O'Brien (1G, 1A), Juliet Curanovic (2G, 2A), Megan Hartnett (2G, 1A, 2CTO), Hollen Peet (1G),

Katherine Kelly (1G, 4GB), Grier Rowan (2G), Cara Hartnett (1G), Cailleigh Doyle (2CTO), and Irma Bravo (4S) led the way. In the loss to Blind Brook, Kilroe (4G, 1A), 9DC), O'Dea (3G, 4DC), O'Brien (1G, 1A, 7GB), Curanovic (2G, 1A), and Bravo (5S) led the team.

In the win over Haldane, Kilroe (1G, 3A, 11DC), O'Dea (3G, 2A, 11DC), O'Brien (3G), Curanovic (3G, 1A, 5GB), Megan Hartnett (5G), Peet (4G, 5GB), Kelly (1A, 4GB), and Bravo (3S) stuffed the stat sheet. Against Putnam Valley, Kilroe (4G, 7DC) tallied her 100th career draw control. Curanovic (2G, 2A), O'Dea (2G), Peet (2G), O'Brien (2G), Hartnett (1G, 7DC), and Bravo (8S) contributed.

Ardasley (7-3) split a pair of games, defeating host Edgemont (12-7, April 27) while falling to visiting Brewster (20-7, April 24). Against Edgemont, Mairead Gowran filled up the net with six goals. Lily Tiernan (1G, 2A), Hazel McGourty (1G, 2A), Anna Gallante (1G, 2A), Krista Kelly (1G), Lyla Vega (1G, 1A), Juliette An (1G), Lyv Pulver (2A), and Sienna Kay (10S) contributed. Vega (2G), An (2G), Gallante (1G, 1A), Gowran (1G), McGourty (1G), and Kay (8S) led the way against Brewster.

Hastings (2-6) lost to host Ossining 14-4 on April 28. Alina Abrams (2G), Mila Angoff (1G, 1A), Caroline Emilio (1G), and Saydi Landon (10S) led the team.

Irvington (3-7) endured a 13-2 road loss to Lakeland/Panas on April 24 and a 10-7 home loss to Harrison on April 28.



Irvington's Skyla Coyne handles the ball against Lakeland/Panas. Photo by Rob DiAntonio.

Against Blind Brook, Victoria Baron earned the win, striking out 13. She had two hits, including a double and one RBI. Abraham (3-4, 2RBIs), Rizzo (2-3, RBI), DeFilippis (3-5, 2B, 2RBIs), Hochleutner (2-4, HR), Kamryn Addis (2RBIs), and Stone (2RBIs) helped stuff the stat sheet. In the win over Rye Neck, Baron struck out 12 and allowed one earned run to pick up the

win. Logan (3-4, RBI), Addis (2-4), Emily Marron (2-4, RBI), Abraham (2-4, RBI), and Stone (2B) paced the offense.

Against North Salem, Logan (2-3, 3B, RBI), Hochleutner (2-3, 3B, 4RBIs), Marron (2-4, RBI), Rizzo (2-4), Addis (RBI), Giorgio (RBI), Brianna Cherico (RBI), and Baron (3-4, 3 2B, RBI, win, 7K) sparked the squad.

Track and field

A pair of local athletes, both juniors at The Masters School, thrived at the Penn Relays on April 25. Mason Rosenblatt of Hastings and Khair Parris of Dobbs Ferry teamed with Henry Frasca and David Morris to win the boys' prep schools 4x400-meter relay in a clocking of 3:21.71. This is the second-fastest time in school history and ranks the quartet fourth in New York State.

Ardasley's girls took first in Class B at the Croton Relays on April 25. The Panthers won the 3x100 shuttle hurdle relay (58.21), 4x100-meter relay (52.76), and 4x200-meter relay (2:05.43). Claudia Strum, Zaniya Bell, and Diane Zacharias were on the shuttle relay. Mioko Martin, Czarina Adewunmi, Sarah Lenihan, and Bell made up the 4x100 with Olivia Moopenn-Morris, Anya Fort, Kaia Rogers, and Lenihan on the 4x200.

Winners in individual events included Bell (400-meter hurdles, 1:12.54), Maya Laglenne (high jump, 4-10), Martin (long jump, 17-5 1/4), and Czarina Adewunmi (triple jump, 34-3).

For Hastings, Danae Morgan won both the discus (90-11) and shot put (33-3).

Flag football

Dobbs Ferry defeated host Irvington 27-13 on April 22. Eagles quarterback Mya Ustares passed for 81 yards and threw a pair of touchdown passes to Renata Assanova. Ustares also had a pick six and rushed for 40 yards. Claire Turner ran for 45 yards. Jane Bolger added an interception. Both of the Bulldogs' touchdowns were on rushing scores by Sara Welter.

Ardasley bested host Irvington 36-15 on April 28. Elise O'Brien passed for 186 yards and three touchdowns, completing 15 of 20 passes. Morgan Macri caught three touchdown passes, had 87 yards receiving, and made four tackles. Morgan Hamlet rushed for 57 yards and a score and had four stops. Ella Barrocas threw a 52-yard touchdown pass, while Meghan Berry had a touchdown reception. Khloe Knoesel had 76 yards receiving and a touchdown catch. Siena Bennett (4T) and Liya Kunjukutty (INT) contributed on defense. Irvington was again led by Welter, who had both of its scores.

The Panthers lost to host Woodlands 13-6 on April 24. O'Brien threw for 161 yards and one touchdown pass to Ava Santavicca, who had 117 yards receiving. Knoesel (5T), Maya Lubell (4T), and Alexis Fitzsimmons (3T, 1S) were defensive leaders.

Hastings drops a pair

Hastings (7-6) lost to host John Jay-Cross River 9-2 on April 27 and fell to host Putnam Valley 7-2 on April 28. Against John Jay, Siri Rosenberg tripled while Haley Ehrlich had an RBI. In the setback to Putnam Valley, Lola Norlander went two for four with an RBI double.

Softball roundup

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She tripled and drove in four runs. Gianna Stone (HR, 5RBIs), Bela Abraham (2-3, 2RBIs), Emma DeFilippis (2-2, 2B, RBI), Lucy Logan (2B, 2RBIs), Olivia Hochleutner (2B, 2RBIs), and Nicolette Giorgio (2B, RBI) also aided the offense.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

VILLAGE OF IRVINGTON PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that a quorum of the Village Board of Trustees may be present at the Facilities Community Workshop on April 30th from 6:30PM – 8PM in the Main Street School gym.

Charles G. Hessler
Village Administrator
Village of Irvington
April 24, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION DOBBS FERRY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT TOWN OF GREENBURGH, COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK

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

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

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

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN, that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2026-2027, may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours beginning April 24, 2026, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays,

at the Superintendent's Office, Dobbs Ferry High School, Dobbs Ferry, New York, and at each of the following schoolhouses, at any public or free association library in the District, and on the District's website:
Springhurst Elementary School
Dobbs Ferry Middle School
Dobbs Ferry High School

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

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

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

Separate lists of all persons to whom Early Mail Ballots and Absentee Ballots are issued, and a list of military voters to whom Military Ballots are

issued, will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM on weekdays until the day of the annual election. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on any such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

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

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with Sections 2035 and 2008 of the Education Law, any referendum or proposition to amend the budget or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said Annual Meeting, must be filed with the Board of Education at the Business Office on or before April 20, 2026, at 5:00 PM, prevailing time, unless such proposition is required to be in all legal notices of the Annual Meeting, in which cases it must be filed on or before March 20, 2026; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least (30) qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence address of each signer. However, the School Board will not entertain any petition which is not within the power of the voters to determine or is illegal, or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditures of monies is required by the proposition.
DATED: March 3, 2026

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF DOBBS FERRY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, TOWN OF GREENBURGH, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK
BY: Elizabeth Saperstein
School District Clerk

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

their preference for receiving the registration application by mail, by facsimile or electronic mail (email). The application to register must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M. on May 11, 2026. The register of voters prepared and filed in the District Clerk's office shall include the names of all military voters who submit a valid military voter registration. Military Voters who are registered voters of the District may obtain an application for a military ballot from the District Clerk at 505 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522, Telephone (914) 693-1500, ext. 3024 or email: districtclerk@dfsd.org, by no later than 5:00 P.M. on April 23, 2026. The Military Voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application for a military ballot and the military ballot by mail, by facsimile or email. Military ballots will be mailed or otherwise distributed no later than 25 days before the election. Military ballots must be returned by mail or in person and received by the District Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on election day.

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CONDADO DE WESTCHESTER, NUEVA YORK

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

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

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

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

Para sobre votar cualquier otra proposición legalmente propuesta.

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

Y SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS, que un Informe de exención del impuesto sobre bienes inmuebles preparado de conformidad con la Sección 495 de la Ley del Impuesto sobre bienes inmuebles será anexada a cualquier presupuesto tentativo/preliminar, así como al presupuesto final adoptado del cual formará parte; y se publicará en los tableros de anuncios del Dis-

trito mantenidos para avisos públicos, así como en el sitio web del Distrito.

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

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

Listas separadas de todas las personas a quienes se emiten boletas de voto por correo anticipado y boletas de ausente, y una lista de votantes militares a quienes se les emiten boletas militares, estarán disponibles para inspección para los votantes calificados del Distrito en la oficina del Secretario del Distrito entre las 9:00 a.m. y las 3:00 p.m. de lunes a viernes hasta el día de la elección anual. Cualquier votante calificado puede presentar una impugnación por escrito de las calificaciones de un votante cuyo nombre aparece en dicha lista, indicando los motivos de la impugnación.

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

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

Y SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que los votantes militares que actualmente no están registrados para votar pueden solicitar registrarse como votantes calificados del Distrito comunicándose con el Secretario del Distrito en 505 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522, Teléfono (914) 693-1506, o correo electrónico: districtclerk@dfsd.org, para recibir una solicitud para registrarse como votantes calificados del Distrito para la Asamblea Anual del 19 de mayo, 2026. El Elector Militar podrá indicar su preferencia de recibir la solicitud de registro por correo, por facsimil

o correo electrónico (email). La solicitud de registro debe ser recibida por el Secretario del Distrito a más tardar a las 5:00 p. m. el 11 de mayo de 2026. El registro de votantes preparado y archivado en la oficina del Secretario de Distrito incluirá los nombres de todos los votantes militares que presenten un registro de votantes militares válido.

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

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

FECHA: 3 de marzo de 2026

POR ORDEN DE LA JUNTA DE EDUCACIÓN DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR DE DOBBS FERRY UNION, CIUDAD DE GREENBURGH, CONDADO DE WESTCHESTER, NUEVA YORK
POR: Elizabeth Saperstein
Secretario del distrito escolar

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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 PM, prevailing time, in the Hillside Multi-purpose Room, 120 Lefurgy Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, for the presentation of the 2026-2027 budget document.

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

Voting will be by ballot on voting machines and the polls will 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, 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 votación sobre la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar Libre de Hastings-on-Hudson, Ciudad de Greenburgh, New York, para ser autorizada a gastar las sumas establecidas en el Presupuesto Anual 2026-2027 por un monto total de \$65,947,830. y recaudar el presupuesto necesario para ello; eligiendo (2) miembros de la Junta de Educación para servir por períodos de tres años, comenzando el 1 de julio de 2026 y finalizando el 30 de junio de 2029.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cualquier residente del distrito que esté inscrito para votar en las elecciones generales puede votar en las elecciones anuales escolares sin necesidad de inscribirse en la Junta de Registro del distrito escolar.

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

TOME NOTA ADEMÁS de que el Registro de votantes se archivarán en la oficina del Secretario del Distrito una vez completado y estará abierto para su inspección por cualquier votante calificado del distrito durante los cinco días, excepto el domingo, previos a la Elección Anual, entre las 8:00 a. m. y las 4:00 p. m., hora vigente, excepto el sábado 1 de mayo. 6. 2026, el horario será de 9:00 a. m. a 12:00 p. m., hora local.

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

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

TOME NOTA ADEMÁS de que las solicitudes de boletas de voto ausente y correo anticipado pueden ser obtenidas en la oficina del Secretario del Distrito, en cualquier momento.

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

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

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.

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

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Por orden de la Junta de Educación
Melissa DeLaBarrera
Secretario del Distrito

NOTICE TO BIDDERS VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Village Clerk of the Village of Ardsley until 11:30 AM on May 26, 2026, Village Hall, 507 Ashford Avenue, Ardsley, NY 10502, at which time and place said sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for the furnishing and/or placing of the following materials:

The project consists of installing approximately 6,000 linear feet of concrete curb, along with drainage, sidewalks, pavers, and asphalt.

An alternate has been added to this project which includes drainage work as shown in the specifications. The alternate work is funded in part by a Westchester County Grant.

Specifications and Bid proposal forms will be available on

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May 1, 2026 online at Bids/RFP's | Ardsley NY (ardsleyvillage.com) or by sending an email to the Village Clerk at arocco@ardsleyvillage.com. All bidders are to notify Ann Marie Rocco upon downloading the project documents.

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

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

Contractor shall coordinate drainage and curb installation with the Village and must be prepared to mobilize the first week of June.

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

All technical questions should be directed in writing to Joseph L. Cerretani by email to jcerretani@ardsleyvillage.com or by mail to 507 Ashford Avenue, Ardsley, NY 10502.

Ann Marie Rocco
Village Clerk
May 1, 2026

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Annual Meeting and Election of the qualified voters of the Irvington Union Free School District will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Irvington Main Street School Gymnasium, 101 Main Street, Irvington New York, for the purpose of

(1) voting upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for school purposes for the school year 2026-27 and (2) the election of three (3) members of the Board of

Election for a three (3) year term each.

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

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

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

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

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

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

between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on regular school days.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee and early mail ballots must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than thirty (30) days before the election. Furthermore, such application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter or his/her designated agent. Upon receiving a timely request for a mailed absentee ballot or early mail voting ballot, the District Clerk will mail the ballot to the address set forth in the application by no later than six (6) days before the vote. No absentee or early mail voter's ballot will be canvassed unless it has been received in the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. (prevailing time) on the day of the election.

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

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

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

5:00 p.m. on election day and signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereto, with a date which is associated to be not later than the day before the election.

Board of Education
Irvington Union Free
School District
Irvington, New York
10533-1328
By: Brittany Comstock,
District Clerk

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Se dará aviso de que una lista de todas las personas a quienes se les hayan emitido boletas de voto en ausencia estará disponible en dicha oficina del Secretario durante el horario regular de oficina hasta el día de la elección.

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

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

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

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS
VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY
VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-
ON-HUDSON
VILLAGE OF
IRVINGTON
VILLAGE OF SLEEPY
HOLLOW VILLAGE OF
TARRYTOWN**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Village Clerk of the Village of Ardsley until 11:00 AM on May 26, 2026, Village Hall, 507 Ashford Avenue, Ardsley, NY 10502, at which time and place said sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for the furnishing and/or placing of the following materials:

The project consists of milling approximately 52,000 square yards of existing roadway surface, adjust manholes, valve boxes, and catch basins, line

stripping, and installing approximately 6,500 tons of asphalt top course.

A price adjustment will be included in the specifications since asphalt prices may fluctuate, and to adjust equally to compensate for price fluctuations.

The Village of Ardsley includes an alternate as shown in the specifications. The alternate work is funded in part by a Westchester County Grant.

Specifications and Bid proposal forms will be available on May 1, 2026 online at Bids/RFP's | Ardsley NY (ardsleyvillage.gov) or by sending an email to the Village Clerk at arocco@ardsleyvillage.gov. All bidders are to notify Ann Marie Rocco upon downloading the project documents.

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

All bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes plainly marked "Bid for 2026 Road Milling and Paving Contract – due May 26, 2026."

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

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

All technical questions should be directed in writing to Joseph L. Cerretani by email to jcerretani@ardsleyvillage.gov or by mail to 507 Ashford Avenue, Ardsley, NY 10502.

Ann Marie Rocco
Village Clerk
May 1, 2026

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**SECTION A
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY
PURCHASE AND
DELIVERY OF SKID
MOUNTED TRASH
PUMP AND ENCLOSURE**

Sealed proposals for performing the work herein described will be received by the Village Board of Ardsley, New York, at the Office of the Village Clerk, Village Hall, 507 Ashford Ave, Ardsley, New York 10502, until May 14, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. and immediately thereafter the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Court Room in Village Hall at 507 Ashford Ave, Ardsley, NY 10502.

The work consists of furnishing and delivering a new unused Skid Mounted Trash Pump with Enclosure to the Village of Ardsley, in accordance with the equipment specifications as directed by the Village DPW General Foreman. Contract Documents may be obtained at the above office of the Village Manager, or can be emailed upon request, on or after May 1, 2026.

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

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

The Village of Ardsley reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive any informality in any Bid, and to award the Contract to other than the lowest Bidder if deemed in the best interest of the Village to do so.

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WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK TELEPHONE: (914) 693- 1550

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Village Clerk
May 1, 2026
Ardsley, NY

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that sealed Bids, in duplicate, are sought and requested by the Board of Education, Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District (hereinafter called "Owner"), for the Reconstruction to the Dobbs Ferry Middle/High School.

Separate Bids are requested for the single Prime Contract for Site Work in accordance with the Drawings, Project Manual (including Conditions of the Contract and Specifications), and other Bidding and Contract Documents prepared by:

Tetra Tech Engineers, Architects & Landscape Architects, P.C. d/b/a
Tetra Tech Architects & Engineers
500 Bi-County Blvd., Suite 104
Farmingdale, NY 11735

A pre bid conference for potential Bidders and other interested parties will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2026,

Classies

at 10:00 a.m. at Dobbs Ferry Middle / High School, 505 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, New York 10522.

Sealed Bids will be received by the Owner until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at Dobbs Ferry Middle / High School, 505 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, New York 10522 at which time and place Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

For the convenience of potential Bidders and other interested parties, the Bidding Documents may be examined at the following locations:

Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, 505 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522
Tetra Tech Architects & Engineers, 500 Bi-County Blvd., Suite 104, Farmingdale, NY 11735

Complete digital sets of Bidding Documents, drawings and specifications, may be obtained online as a download at tetratacheprojectplanroom.com/projects/ for a non-refundable fee of \$49.00 (Forty-Nine Dollars).

Complete hard copy sets of Bidding Documents, drawings and specifications, may be obtained online at <https://tetratacheprojectplanroom.com/projects/>

com/'projects'. Checks shall be made payable to Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District in the sum of \$100.00 (One Hundred Dollars) for each set of documents. A copy of the check can be submitted at the time of checkout. Mail checks to: Lohrius Blueprint, 226 Newtown Road, Plainview, New York 11803. Plan deposit is refundable in accordance with the terms in the Instructions to Bidders. Any bidder requiring documents to be shipped shall make arrangements with the printer and pay for all packaging and shipping costs (either by providing FedEx/UPS account number or being charged a flat rate by the printer).

Please note REV <https://tetratacheprojectplanroom.com/> is the designated location and means for distributing and obtaining all bid package information, electronic or hard copy. Only those Contract Documents obtained in this manner will enable a prospective bidder to be identified as a registered plan holder. The Provider takes no responsibility for the completeness of Contract Documents obtained from other sources. Contract Documents obtained from other sources may not be accurate or may not contain addenda that may have been issued.

All bid addenda will be

transmitted to registered plan holders, regardless of receiving electronic or hard copy Bid Documents, via email and will be available at <https://tetratacheprojectplanroom.com/>

Registered plan holders who have paid for hard copies of the bid documents will need to make the determination if hard copies of the addenda are required for their use, and coordinate directly with REV for hard copies of addenda to be issued (telephone number 845-651-3845). There will be no charge for registered plan holders to obtain hard copies of the bid addenda.

As bid security, each Bid shall be accompanied by a certified check or Bid Bond made payable to the Owner, in accordance with the amounts and terms described in the Instructions to Bidders.

The Owner requires Bids comply with bidding requirements indicated in the Instructions to Bidders. The Owner may, at its discretion, waive informalities in Bids, but is not obligated to do so, nor does it represent that it will do so. The Owner also reserves the right to reject any and all Bids. The Owner will not waive informalities which would give one Bidder substantial advantage or benefit not

enjoyed by all affected Bidders. Bids may not be withdrawn before 45 days following the Bid opening thereof, unless an error is claimed by the Bidder in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

By Order of the Board of Education
Elizabeth Saperstein
District Clerk
Date: April 29, 2026

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Ardsley Village Planning Board, 507 Ashford Ave., Ardsley, NY, will conduct a public hearing at 8 p.m., May 11, 2026, on an application of Leena & Monish M. Rajpal, 102 Ridge Rd. (Lot 6.100-93-15), for a steep slope permit & approval of proposed: removal of existing retaining walls; construction of new retaining walls, fencing & steps; and grading & filling. All wishing to be heard are invited to attend and to email comments to: ltomasso@ardsleyvillage.gov. Application materials may be viewed in the Village Clerk's office during office hours (Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.). Meeting information is also posted at: www.ardsleyvillage.gov/calendar.

Tasha Macedo
Planning Board Secretary
Village of Ardsley

A.I. for moms

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means that we're going to need to get comfortable working from a different browser."

The skills taught at the meet-up and workshops are "universal," Nordhem said. Getting more comfortable with leveraging the technology at home also makes it easier to utilize at work. This is another reason why Nordhem wanted to help mothers learn about A.I. She cited a study by Anthropic that found older women are one of the demographics most vulnerable to job displacement as a result of the technology.

"I'd hate to see us get left behind and left out of the conversation, because we all know that women have a lot to bring to the table," she said. "When technologies are built without women at the table, we all suffer. So I just want us to have more spaces for women to explore tech and relationships and ask those hard controversial questions."

Some of these questions include the use of A.I. by children and teenagers, or the adverse impacts of A.I. data centers on the environment.

But to start, the goal is to "give moms an hour of time to learn a new skill or to try and invest in offloading their mental load," Nordhem said. "I feel like that's an investment worth making on your Mother's Day weekend."

The May 9 meet-up is at 11 a.m. at Ludy Café, 7 N. Astor St., Irvington. Because space is limited, RSVPs are required at luma.com/id6t63c2?lm_source=embed.

Dobbs bonds

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leads to the train station parking lot and Waterfront Park. The Village is planning to have the \$2 million cost of upgrading the bridge, which has fallen into disrepair, reimbursed by a grant from the State. Valhalla-based AI Engineers is working on the final design for the project.

There is \$1,050,000 allotted to repair the footbridge that connects village hall to its rear parking lot, and to provide drainage improvements to keep water from leaking into village hall. Another \$750,000 in bonded funds is being set aside for storm drain improvements throughout the village.

The time the Village has to pay off the various bonds ranges from five years for the funding for the Gould Park Community Center and senior van, and 40 years for the money going toward storm drain improvements.

Art Market

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"The community gave me so much, and it was an opportunity to provide the town with something to look forward to," Patota said, adding that she hopes for the market to happen at least a couple of times each year.

The Irvington Art Market will take place on Saturday, May 2, from 1-5 p.m. on the lawn of Irvington Presbyterian Church. The rain date is Sunday, May 3. For updates and more information about the individual artists, visit [@irvingtonartmarket](https://www.instagram.com/irvingtonartmarket) on Instagram.

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