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Supporters stand around Issac Garson outside Slices on the evening of April 15.

## Contract approved as concern about turf lingers

BY AMY BOCHNER

**HASTINGS** — A debate regarding the Hastings School District's choice for an artificial turf product took center stage at the board of education meeting on April 8.

The board has approved two contracts related to the \$38,475,489 capital bond, which was broken up into three propositions approved by voters last June. The first and second propositions covered additions and upgrades to the district's buildings, and the third centered on the installation of a synthetic multipurpose field and synthetic softball field at the Burke Estate.

The first contract awarded \$460,000 to New American Construction, Inc., for masonry work at the Farragut Complex, which is home to Farragut Middle School and Hastings High School. The second awarded \$5,789,761 to Laura Li Industries for renovation and construction of playing fields at the Burke Estate, a figure that includes \$1,246,640 for artificial turf. On April 8, four board members voted "yes," approving the meeting's business items,

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## Incident spurs support for business owner

*Community turns out as videos of confrontation circulate*

BY TIM LAMORTE

**HASTINGS** — Supporters of Slices on Main Street and its owner, Isaac Garson, packed that pizzeria and the sidewalk outside on the evening of Wednesday, April 15.

Three days earlier, on April 12, that sidewalk was the scene of a verbal confrontation between Garson and two men who asked him and passersby for their opinions about the conflicts involving Israel, Palestine, and Iran. One of the men, who filmed the interactions, is not seen on camera while the other is seen holding a sign that reads "End U.S. aid to Israel." Videos of the exchanges

were posted on social media.

During the incident with Garson, who is Jewish, the man not seen on camera states "We support Oct. 7," referring to the Hamas attack on Israel in 2023. The videos show the interaction with Garson escalate and de-escalate, as well as the arrival of two Hastings police officers. Other videos show interactions between the two men and passersby on the Old Croton Aqueduct Trail in Hastings.

In an email blast from the Village of Hastings on April 15, Mayor Tom Drake described the confrontation with Garson as an "act of antisemitism and hate."

"This type of fear, intimidation, and harassment cannot be tolerated in our village and in any society," Drake wrote. He later added that "While their actions and

video are covered under their rights to protest and free speech, let me remind all residents that causing fear and intimidation, blocking sidewalks and entrances to business, and harassing members of the public are against the law."

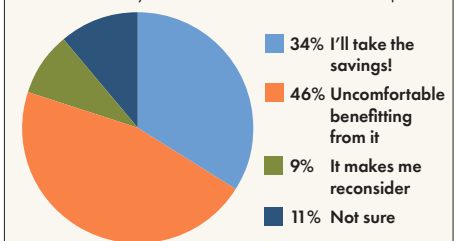
Drake also referred to anti-Israel stickers found on March 9 on Hillside Avenue, outside the Farragut Complex, which houses the Farragut Middle School and Hastings High School. One sticker was on a stop sign while the other was on a sign for Ali Marpet Way, a walkway that connects Hillside to Reynolds Field. Marpet, who is Jewish, graduated from Hastings High School in 2011 and won a Super Bowl with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2021.

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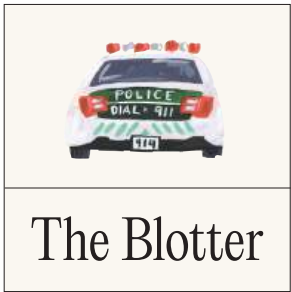
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## The Blotter

### ARDSLEY

**Alcohol sale violation:** The Greenburgh Drug and Alcohol Task Force cited a 37-year-old Queens resident for selling alcohol to a minor, a violation, at Four J Wine & Liquor, 875 Saw Mill River Road (Route 9A), on the evening of Thursday, April 9.

### DOBBS FERRY

**Thefts from Ulta:** On April 7, the Ulta Beauty at Rivertowns Square reported that an unidentified woman shoplifted \$1,053 worth of items on the afternoon of Sunday, April 5, and that an unidentified man stole \$146 worth of items on the afternoon of Monday, April 6.

**Assault arrests:** Two 17-year-olds and one 15-year-old were arrested for assaulting a 17-year-old at The Children's Village residential treatment center on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 8. The victim was cut in the face with a razor blade. The defendants were charged with two felonies — gang assault in the first degree and assault in the second degree. Officer Stephen Betz made the arrests.

**Tobacco sale arrest:** The Greenburgh Drug and Alcohol Task Force arrested a 20-year-old Bronx resident for selling tobacco to a minor at Dobbs Ferry Convenience, 113 Main St., on the evening of Wednesday, April 8. The defendant was charged with unlawfully dealing with a child in the second degree, a misdemeanor.

**Graffiti on DFVAC:** The word "Yoko" was written in marker on the exterior of the Dobbs Ferry Volunteer Ambulance Corps, 81 Ash-

ford Ave., between Dec. 21, 2025 and April 9, 2026.

**Suspended licenses:** Two drivers with suspended licenses were charged with aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree, a misdemeanor, on Friday, April 10. The defendants were a 21-year-old Bronx resident who made an illegal left turn from the Chestnut Mobil, 430 Broadway (Route 9), onto Ashford Avenue, and a 50-year-old Brewster resident who was using a cellphone on Ashford.

**Assault arrest:** A 17-year-old Dobbs Ferry resident was arrested for assaulting her 48-year-old mother at their home on the evening of Saturday, April 11. The defendant was charged with assault in the third degree, a misdemeanor.

**Burglary arrest:** Two residents of The Children's Village were arrested for burglarizing Empire Bagels, 24 Cedar St., on the

morning of Sunday, April 12. Cash totaling \$237.60 and products totaling \$65.96 were stolen. The store was entered through an unlocked door while a cook was busy preparing before opening. The 14- and 15-year-old defendants were charged with burglary in the third degree, a felony, and petit larceny, a misdemeanor.

### HASTINGS

**Hit-and-run violation:** A 26-year-old Hastings resident was charged with leaving the scene of a property damage incident without reporting, a violation, on the morning of Wednesday, April 8. The defendant was apprehended on Warburton Avenue after hitting a vehicle parked on Washington Avenue.

**Suspended license:** Two Pennsylvanians with suspended driver's licenses were charged with aggravated unlicensed opera-

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— THE INSIDER'S LIST —

## Sara Peluso's favorite things to buy secondhand

Wickers Creek Market co-founder shares thrifting tips

BY CHRISTY KNELL

She's the Lara Spencer of Westchester and Connecticut, bringing her passion for flea markets to the masses — minus the HGTV film crews.

A veteran of the vintage and resale world, Sara Peluso has spent years selling at flea markets including the renowned Mongers Market and the Elephants Trunk (both in Connecticut). She also worked alongside the owner of Greencastle Estate Sales on more than 75 events across Westchester and the tri-state area, and she currently sells at the Newburgh Vintage Emporium Warehouse.

Last year, with Hastings and Irvington Farmers Markets' director Pascale LeDraoulec, Peluso launched the Wickers Creek Market at the Dobbs Ferry Waterfront Park, which returns this Sunday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Rain date: Sunday, April 26.)

In her own words, Sara breaks down six types of items that are often worth the hunt and previews some of the vendors who will have them on Sunday.



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Talia of **Wild Clem** has completely won me over with her collection of soft cottons, linens, and denim. Natural fibers only get better with time—and I'm already planning my next "new-to-me" additions.

## Turf fields

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which included these two contracts, with Theresa McCaffrey voting “no.” Two board members were absent.

On March 31, a meeting was held by district officials, the project’s architect, civil engineer, and construction manager to discuss the synthetic turf and infill options. The group decided the best option was the Vertex Prime, with Purefill by FieldTurf. This product uses a cork-and-sand infill instead of rubber or plastic. In addition, it drains the best of the options considered.

Prior to the bond referendum last June, the board released preliminary specifications for an artificial turf product. One of these specs was a requirement that “The product shall 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 that stated their turf products “do not contain any intentionally added [PFAS] in its formulation or manufacturing process.” The company also provided the district with a memorandum summarizing the results of independent testing which sought to determine if their products contain or have the potential to leach PFAS or organic fluorine chemicals into the environment. The testing was overseen by Gradient, a risk science consulting firm, and was conducted at Pace Labs in Minnesota and Massachusetts.

While the majority of the PFAS analytes were reported as non-detected, the results indicated trace levels of some PFAS compounds in the blades and backing products of the artificial turf.

According to the memorandum, these concentration levels “do not exceed the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) residential soil 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 one exception to this was the trace level of PFOA in the test simulating water leaching from the turf. The memorandum states that the RSL of PFOA in tap water is “extremely conservative” and is 1.5 times

lower than the laboratory’s lowest detection limit for PFOA.

Based on these results, the study concluded that the detected PFAS “were measured at only trace levels in the field turf blades and backing products, which are not indicative of PFAS compounds being used in the products’ manufacturing processes.”

McCaffrey expressed reservations about the product based on these results.

“We’re legally bound to make sure that we meet these specs,” she said, “so I think that it’s our duty to do our due diligence on the

“There’s no other way to put an artificial turf field together that is going to be to any greater standard than what’s specified in this bid.”

Board president Alex Dal Piaz

company, on the materials, and seek some outside opinions on this third-party testing that the company supplied to us.”

Other board members stated the product meets the specs voted on by the community and is the best product available. Board member David Weinstein shared mixed feelings. He said that he voted against a 2014 bond that included an artificial turf field, but felt that the district was now in “a much better position... to make a decision to find something that wasn’t going to be perfect, but was going to be about as perfect as we could get here in Hastings.”

Board president Alex Dal Piaz agreed, saying, “There’s no other way to put an artificial turf field together that is going to be to any greater standard than what’s specified in this bid.”

He also expressed hope that at the end of the turf’s life, the district will have “better stuff, a different grass system, some other way to do it.”

Board member David Barone shared his support for the product. “I still hear the students that came up and advocated that this

is what they wanted, and this is what they needed to be competitive, to have a holistic experience and be competitive with other school districts,” he said. “We came to a place where we met with what the community wanted and what the students wanted as well. So, I don’t want to delay this any further, so that our students will be impacted by this delay.”

During the public comment period, residents offered their opinions on the board’s choice of product.

Parent Chloe Teasdale expressed her “shock” that the board was “moving forward with a vote on a vendor after giving the community less than 12 hours to review the information about this vendor.” She also stated that she felt voters had been misled.

“Continually, before the vote, and since the vote, you have maintained that what we voted for was no PFAS,” she said. “That’s in the record, that you said, ‘no PFAS,’ but what you really meant was the industry line, which is ‘not manufactured with added PFAS...’”

Jim Lynch, the father of two student athletes, shared a similar sentiment.

“In the board packet that went out the night before the vote, it says ‘zero PFAS’... It was the basis of the vote,” he said. “In my view, the board doesn’t have a bid right now that it can vote on. The testing results of the very bidder who you are about to pick confirm that it is not PFAS-free... We’re giving you 8 million bucks. It’s got to be PFAS-free, and you got to come back with

that product. That’s [what] our community voted on.”

Michael Schlacter spoke in favor of the turf product, emphasizing how most districts in Westchester have artificial turf fields.

“Even if we keep Burke grass forever, you’re not eliminating [exposure], because all the games are on turf,” he said. “When the kids practice at grass Burke, they then have to practice on a turf field somewhere else, getting home hours later to prepare for those games. You’re not reducing the hours that they’re exposed to turf during the week or during the games or playing in college; perhaps you’re just making it more difficult for them to find that turf to practice on... I just feel that we have to get with the program. It’s like Hastings is still using typewriters, and everyone’s moved on to Chromebooks.”

Prior to the vote approving the contracts, the board described the timeline for the field installation. Construction would start on June 1, or as soon as all spring sports using the Burke Fields have finished their post-season competition, with a substantial part of the project completed by Dec. 31. This would allow for usage of the baseball/field hockey field, upper Burke multi-sport turf field, and the new turf softball field during spring 2027. The lower Burke fields will not be completed until summer 2027 due to grass stabilization and maintenance. During this construction period, the full Burke Estate will be closed, so the high school’s graduation ceremony, scheduled for June 18, will be at Reynolds Field.

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# ARDSLEY

— Coming Up This Week —

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[ardsleyeducationfoundation.org](http://ardsleyeducationfoundation.org)

## History of Ardsley Little League

Sunday, April 19, 1:30–3:30 p.m.  
Ardsley Community Center  
Celebrate the league’s 70th anniversary  
with a presentation by the Ardsley Historical  
Society and special guests

## Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, April 20, 7:30 p.m.  
Village Hall

## Free Class: Preparing for Emergencies

Tuesday, April 21, 6 p.m.  
Ardsley Community Center  
Registration required at [prepare.ny.gov](http://prepare.ny.gov)

## School Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 21, 7 p.m.  
High school library  
Agenda and link available: [ardsleyschools.org](http://ardsleyschools.org)

## Architectural Review Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 21, 8 p.m.  
Village Hall

## Pizza Bingo for Seniors

Wednesday, April 22, noon–1 p.m.  
Ardsley Community Center

## Rivertowns Chamber Meeting and Networking

Wednesday, April 22, 5–6:30 p.m.  
Momo’s Café, 909 Saw Mill River Road  
Register (\$25, free for members) at  
[rivertownschamber.com](http://rivertownschamber.com)

## Zoning Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 22, 8 p.m.  
Village Hall  
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## Ardsley Makers Circle

Thursday, April 23, 5–6:30 p.m.  
Ardsley Public Library  
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### Got news?

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# Crossword creator shares wordplay passion

*Lucido to host event  
for children at library*

BY LAURA SCHILLER

For Aimee Lucido of Irvington, there are few occasions that don’t call for a crossword puzzle. Birthdays, marriage proposals, retirements, business openings, the first and last day of school — even National Library Week (April 19–25 this year).

Next Friday, April 24, the children’s book author and crossword puzzle creator will visit the Ardsley Public Library at 3:45 p.m. to talk with young people (ages 8–13) about her journey in the world of words — and what makes crosswords fun to create and solve.

“There’s something really satisfying about coming up with a set of words that works, like you’re putting puzzle pieces into place,” Lucido told the Dispatch. “Every crossword feels like a thumbprint of the person who made it, because certain words are just so that person. There’s something that feels very you about the final product.”

Lucido has been creating crosswords for more than 15 years, with puzzles appearing in *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, *Scientific American*, and *AVCX*, a six-times-a-week puzzle subscription service. She is also the author of the middle-grade novels “Emmy in the Key of Code,” “Recipe for Disaster,” and “Words Apart”; the picture book “Pasta Pasta Lotsa Pasta”; and the chapter book “Lucky Penny.”

Lucido said her career has unfolded somewhat spontaneously. Rather than sticking to a set plan, she embraced unexpected turns — a theme that shows up in her books for young readers.

“We grow up thinking we’re going to be one thing and have one career forever, and that was just not my experience,” said Lucido, who at one point thought she would become a software engineer.

Her path into crossword construction began almost by accident at Brown University, where she met a group of crossword-savvy students through the Brown Puzzle Club.

“I have no idea how they all ended up in the same school at the same time,” she said.

When the group set out to create a week of student-constructed puzzles for *The New York Times*, Lucido opted in, despite having no prior experience and a looming philosophy final.

That first puzzle, which kicked off “Brown Puzzle Week,” was built around a simple but playful idea: the word “brown” itself. The theme worked through wordplay, reworking familiar phrases into new combinations.

“Instead of putting ‘brown sugar’ in the puzzle, you take the word sugar and put it before another word,” she explained, pointing to entries like “sugar daddy” alongside variations such as “brown Betty” and “brown-nose.”

“It just kind of spiraled,” she recalled. “I



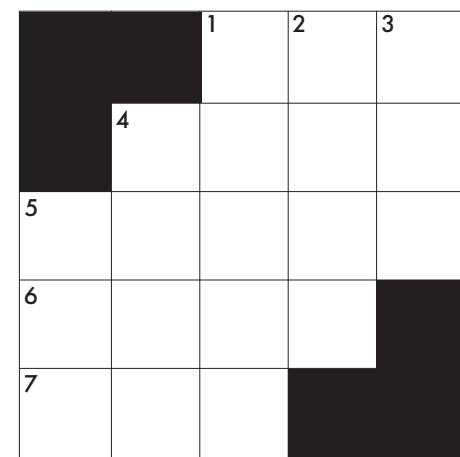
Aimee Lucido. Photo by Nina Pomeroy.

### ACROSS

1. Little rascal
4. Poetry \_\_\_\_
5. See 1-Down
6. Review given after reading a new favorite
7. Tailless primate

### DOWN

1. With 5-Across, something shouted during national library week
2. Create
3. Afternoon hrs.
4. Ivory or Dove
5. Top half of a bikini



don’t even know when it became a choice to do crosswords for my whole life.”

Her process for building a crossword begins with a theme, which changes depending on the purpose of the puzzle. Some are personal — like birthday puzzles centered on a specific person — while others rely on more abstract wordplay.

“I know I have a good puzzle concept when I have a set of answers that feels really, really solid to me,” she said, describing a step-by-step process that moves from idea to grid to finished clues.

For her visit with students at the library, Lucido plans to make that process interactive. She often builds a miniature crossword (like the one she made for National Library Week, which accompanies this story) with the group, starting with a central five-letter word (like five across... clue #2: “we read them”). She then invites participants to help fill in the grid.

“I like to make mini-crosswords with kids because I think it demystifies it,” she said, describing the activity as collaborative and hands-on.

Along the way, she said, crosswords have become an unexpected education. From jazz singers and film stars to geography and history, puzzles have introduced her to a wide range of topics.

“There’s not a three- or four-letter word out there I wouldn’t have pretty good knowledge of,” she said, noting that repeated exposure to clues — whether about a rare bird, Ella Fitzgerald, or the Edo period — has built a broad base of knowledge over time.

But the real value goes beyond trivia. Lucido believes one of the most important lessons crossword-solving offers young people is persistence.

“Sometimes people like to be experts at things right away,” she said. “But the ability to work hard on something tough and not obvious, to keep trying and coming back to it, is an invaluable skill for people of all ages.”

That sense of patience and curiosity, she hopes, is what young solvers will take with them long after the puzzle is finished.

Register for the event at [ardsleypubliclibrary.org](http://ardsleypubliclibrary.org).

ARDSLEY

# Mes Amis Cafe fills a void with sweet and savory crepes

BY AMY BOCHNER

On a recent Monday morning, Mickael Phirmis, the proprietor of Mes Amis French Café in Addyman Square, prepared for the week ahead by emptying flour into a container as his 2-year-old daughter, Mae, played with a soccer ball underneath the table. He opened the business last month, with the goal of bringing authentic French crepes to the community that has been home to his family for the past seven years.

Phirmis was born on Saint Martin, an island in the Caribbean that is split between France and the Netherlands (Sint Maarten). His parents had a friend who owned a pizzeria with a swimming pool, and while his parents hung out with their friend, Phirmis would sit in the pool and watch, impressed, as the pizzas were made. Years later, the pizzeria hired Phirmis for his first job, beginning what he called his “cooking adventure.”

In 2010, he opened his first business, a food truck on Saint Martin selling crepes, which he ran for four years. The perks of the job included the ability to express himself through food. In 2015, he moved to Johnson

City, Tenn., where his wife, Andrea, was doing a medical residency. There, he discovered a serious lack of crepes.

“I thought, ‘Huh, why not start some crepes in Johnson City?’” he told the Dispatch. “So I started a little concept. I bought

a pushcart online in Miami, got it shipped to Tennessee, and I used that to sell crepes. I would go to the farmers market. I would go to different events, and it was fun again. I like having fun.”

Two years later, he moved to New York,

where he found it difficult to keep up his pushcart business. Instead, he gained experience working in different kitchens and restaurants.

His family moved to Ardsley in 2019. He and his wife have four children, three of whom are in the Ardsley School District. Although the village was “beautiful with very nice people,” he said, there was something missing.

“Everywhere I go since I started my adventure, when I see there’s no crepes, I want to put some crepes there,” he said.

While he continued to work in other kitchens, he kept an eye on Addyman Square for a storefront to become available. In 2024, a convenience store/smoke shop closed, and Phirmis secured a lease. That November, he began renovating the space.

On March 21, Mes Amis, which means “my friends” in French, held a soft opening. Many of his first customers have been students and retirees.

“That’s what I wanted [the café] to be. The little spot in town, where after school, the kids can come and grab a crepe,” he said. “I get a lot of retired people in the daytime. They come, they hang out, they drink a coffee, a cappuccino... they appreciate

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Mickael Phirmis holds his daughter Mae at Mes Amis French Café.

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# DOBBS FERRY

— *Coming Up This Week* —

## Food Drive for the Dobbs Ferry Food Pantry

Saturday, April 18, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.  
Ardley United Methodist Church,  
525 Ashford Ave.

Drop off donations of nonperishable foods and monetary gifts or call 914-693-4225 for a pickup

## Book Sale Blowout

Sunday, April 19, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.  
Dobbs Ferry Public Library

During the last hour, bring your own bag to fill for \$5

## Wickers Creek Market:

Antiques and Vintage Goods

Sunday, April 19, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.  
Waterfront Park

## Pollinator Garden and Trail Maintenance

Sunday, April 19, 10 a.m.–noon  
Chauncey Park

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

## Film Screening: “The Librarians”

Wednesday, April 22, 3 p.m.  
Dobbs Ferry Public Library

## Mobile Shredder

Thursday, April 23, 9 a.m.–noon  
Waterfront Park

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Friday, April 24, 10:30 a.m.  
Keeper’s House, 15 Walnut St.

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The cast rehearses on April 15.

# High school revisits ‘Pippin’ with twists

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL

The Dobbs Ferry High School Theatre Department is revisiting a production that was derailed six years ago by the pandemic, staging the Tony Award-winning musical “Pippin” this Friday and Saturday, April 17 and 18, in the high school auditorium.

Middle/high school vocal music director Georgia DeFalco, who is the show’s producer and music director, was on the verge of putting on a production of “Pippin” in the spring of 2020 when the global shutdown that the cast and crew initially expected to last for a couple of weeks brought down the curtain for good.

“We had the whole cast and we were right at tech week when the whole world shut down,” DeFalco recalled. “So we never got to do it with those kids and we never recorded it because we didn’t really understand that it was going to be a year.”

“Pippin,” which was a critical hit on Broadway when it debuted in 1972, is a comedy that tells the story of the title character, who is the son of 9th-century Holy Roman Emperor Charlemagne, as he seeks fulfillment in his life. Pippin, portrayed by sophomore Dominick Stern, and Charlemagne, portrayed by junior David Bunting III, are real historic figures, but beyond the names,

the story is fictional.

The story breaks the fourth wall and sets up a play within the play for the audience, with a character known as The Leading Player leading a performance troupe within the musical that’s telling the story of Pippin. Throughout, the music, by theater luminary Stephen Schwartz, ranges in style from vaudeville to gospel, with beloved numbers like “Magic to Do” and “Morning Glow.”

“The music is just wonderful and really stands the test of time,” DeFalco explained. DeFalco also produced “Pippin” at Manhattan’s High School for Environmental Studies

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## Opening day

Dobbs Ferry Little League players pass Sacred Heart Church as they parade from Dobbs Ferry High School to Memorial Park on Palisade Street, where an opening-day ceremony was held on the morning of Saturday, April 11.

DOBBS FERRY

# Village considers registry to reduce vacant storefronts

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL  
In an effort to reduce the number of empty commercial spaces in the village, Dobbs Ferry's Board of Trustees and downtown advocate are exploring the establishment of a vacant storefront registry.

While the Village is still working out the details, if implemented, the registry would require building owners to register their property after it remains vacant for a specified amount of time. A 30-day threshold has been proposed. Fees charged for properties remaining vacant after that time would incentivize landlords to find a tenant.

During a public village board workshop on Tuesday, April 14, trustees cited registries established within the past several months by other municipalities in the region, such as New Rochelle, Ossining, Briarcliff Manor, and Beacon. The registries are modeled after a law proposed by the state senate in 2025 to create a registry through the Division of Small Business.

At the meeting, Dobbs Ferry Downtown Advocate Rick Tannenbaum presented 10 recent images of different locations along Main and Cedar streets with vacant storefronts, some of which have been in their current condition for years. Many of the properties are being used as storage and

warehouse space for other local businesses, and many have residents living above the empty storefronts. Of the locations shown, 100, 98, and 92 Main Street have recently been rented.

The proposed plan would require businesses to register the empty storefront after 30 days, provide a detailed history of the property since its vacancy, and pay a registration fee. While the fee is yet to be determined, Tannenbaum and the board discussed there being a minimum or maximum cost per square foot, which could increase over time as months pass that the storefront remains vacant. To incentivize building owners, Tannenbaum suggested a waiver system where an owner making a "good faith effort" to fill the space, by listing the storefront in a national database or keeping a "for rent" sign in the window, for example, could avoid having to pay a registration fee.

In the long term, the Village is aiming to create a more complete registry with all commercial properties in Dobbs Ferry.

The board also discussed the possibility of making use of vacant storefronts in the interim as new tenants are pursued, by requiring building owners to donate the storefronts to the village's Public Art

Committee, which would implement art activations in the spaces. The village board is expected to discuss the plan further at future meetings, and would have to adopt a new law before creating a vacant storefront registry that would require a registration fee for building owners.

are currently vacant may be violating one or both of these parts of the code, Mayor Christy Knell spoke about implementing a gradual plan to enforce this part of the village code.

"It's not beneficial to our small business community to just go and immediately fine them all when they've been doing it for a long time and haven't had a problem," Knell said during the meeting. "So, this is trying to get back to being code compliant."

Sign and awning maintenance and removal of outdated business signage is also required in village code. The code currently gives owners 10 days from the notice of a violation to fix a sign, and 30 days from notice to remove a sign. In the case of signage for a business that no longer operates in the location, after 30 days' notice, the Village itself can have the signage removed and charge the building owner for the cost.

Since October 2024, the Village and Downtown Committee have been marketing grants of up to \$5,000 for storefront improvements, to reimburse up to 75% of the costs for improvements. The Village set aside \$50,000 of a \$250,000 Downtown Improvement Grant from Westchester County for that purpose, and has yet to distribute all of the grants.

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Mayor Christy Knell

Village code currently allows for violations to be issued for a lack of maintenance of a storefront in the case of disrepair. A violation can also be issued if a building owner is using a property for warehousing purposes when the property isn't zoned for that use. While the board acknowledged that some local landlords who own properties that

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James Harmon Community Center  
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## Music Tour Call for Performers

Register by Sunday, April 19, at [RiverArts.org](http://RiverArts.org)  
RiverArts' annual music festival is slated for  
Saturday, June 6, 11 a.m.–9 p.m.

## Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, April 21, 7 p.m.  
Village Hall  
Agenda available at [hohny.gov](http://hohny.gov)

## Earth Day Teen Clothing Swap

Wednesday, April 22, 5–6 p.m.  
Hastings Public Library  
Registration required by emailing [amanning@hastingslibrary.org](mailto:amanning@hastingslibrary.org)

## School Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 22, 6:30 p.m.  
Hillside Multipurpose Room  
Visit [hohschools.org](http://hohschools.org) for the link to the  
livestream

## Senior Mindfulness Class

Thursday, April 23, 12:30–1:30 p.m.  
James Harmon Community Center

## Zoning Board Meeting

Thursday, April 23, 7 p.m.  
Village Hall  
Agenda available at [hohny.gov](http://hohny.gov)

## Senior Book Club

Friday, April 24, 1:30 p.m.  
Hastings Public Library  
Discuss "Magnolia Palace" by Fiona Davis

## Villagewide Cleanup Weekend

Saturday, April 25, and Sunday, April 26  
Register at [hastingsrecreation.org](http://hastingsrecreation.org)

## Sakura Matsuri Cherry Blossom Festival

Saturday, April 25, 12–3 p.m.  
Villard Pocket Park  
Performances include taiko drums  
(12:30 p.m.), martial arts (1:15 p.m.),  
and flutes (2 p.m.).

## Got news?

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The cast rehearses on April 15.

# Greasers and Pink Ladies populate stage

BY AMY BOCHNER

The Hastings High School auditorium will be transformed into Rydell High this weekend with a production of the 1971 musical "Grease."

Set in 1959, the story follows "greaser" Danny Zuko and new girl Sandy as the two navigate love, peer pressure, and social cliques, in this case the T-Birds and the Pink Ladies.

Director Laurie Walton chose "Grease" for the spring musical for its lightheartedness and familiarity, and tech director Gillian Husovsky added that it's been one of students' most requested musicals.

"'Grease' is so silly and the script is simple... It's fun for the kids to play their own age and it's fun for audiences to see something that's a touchstone," Walton said. "[I wanted] the kids to have an escape from all the stress of school and the world, and have something that would just feel complete joy."

For Ella Chiu, a senior who plays cheerleader Patty Simcox, what makes "Grease" so compelling is how the characters "represent the various aspects that make up teenager life."

"From romance to trying to find your place or identity, to the pressures that high schoolers can feel, it truly shows so many parts of

high school and growing up, which make it all the more relatable to its audience and the actors on stage, especially since we are all teenagers at some point," Chiu said.

Senior Sylvie Black, who is the stage manager, shared some of the production's highlights.

"My favorite moment is the opening number, 'Grease (Is the Word)' — it's such a fun one and it really sets the mood for the whole show," Black said. "And I also love 'Greased Lightnin'' — the lighting in that one is my favorite," she added.

For senior Carlin McKinnon, who plays  
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## Work in progress

Stephen Stoller paints as his wife of 56 years, poet Francy Stoller, sits at a desk at Denouement Fine Art in Hastings on Easter Sunday. Tentatively titled "The Hand of God," the 7-by-9-foot canvas, painted in oils the artist mixed from powdered pigments, depicts a donkey race around a pit. The Stollers opened the gallery at Moviehouse Mews on Warburton Avenue in September 2024. They have five sons, one daughter, and 12 grandchildren.

## HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON

## Board and residents weigh in about intersection upgrade options

BY AMY BOCHNER

Residents and village board members shared perspectives on a pedestrian crosswalk assessment, which included a busy intersection on Ravensdale Road, at the Hastings Board of Trustees meeting on April 7.

The study, conducted by T.Y. Lin International Engineering & Architecture, covers the stretch of Villard Avenue between Euclid Avenue and South Calumet Avenue, and the intersection of Ravensdale Road and Rosedale Avenue.

According to the study, residents have expressed concerns regarding “the lack of a designated pedestrian crossing location” in these areas, and the need to “accommodate safe pedestrian crossings, especially for students who frequently cross these roadways.”

In addition to assessing the need for new or improved crossings, the board asked T.Y. Lin to examine the feasibility of a four-way stop at the intersection of Ravensdale and Rosedale.

Village Manager Mary Beth Murphy presented the results of the study at the recent meeting. The consultants recommended the installation of two marked crosswalks on Villard: one between Croton Avenue and Euclid Avenue, and the other between Calumet Avenue and South Calumet Avenue. These recommended crosswalks include high-visibility pavement markings and

appropriate signage. The study also suggested curb extensions and the installation of rectangular rapid-flashing beacons (RRFBs), a pedestrian-activated traffic device.

Murphy explained that the consultants did not recommend a four-way stop at Ravensdale and Rosedale. According to the study, the intersection does not meet the minimum thresholds for the implementation of an all-way Stop control (AWSC) based on the methodology of the “Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.”

Instead, the study listed other improvements at the intersection for the board to consider, such as curb extensions (bump-outs), reduced curb radii, roadway re-striping, upgrading existing crosswalks with high-visibility markings, and installing RRFBs.

The study stated that “the feasibility of implementing a compact/mini roundabout at this location should also be evaluated.”

Trustee Douglass Allgood asked what the consequences would be if the board installed a four-way stop, disregarding the consultants. Murphy said she didn’t recommend this, because if there were an accident at that intersection, the Village would be liable.

Mayor Tom Drake noted that this is the second study the Village has commissioned that concluded the intersection did not warrant a four-way stop. He suggested the board get another opinion. Murphy said that

one way the board could go about this is by soliciting input from the engineer on the Rosedale sidewalk project (the construction of continuous sidewalks along both sides of Rosedale Avenue between Ravensdale Road and Mount Hope Boulevard).

Murphy also described the status of the Ravensdale Road redesign, which is estimated to cost \$2,393,790 and includes the addition of bike lanes on both sides of the road, the replacement of a sidewalk on the north side, and the addition of a sidewalk along the west side of Saw Mill River Road (Route 9A) from Heath Place to the Ravensdale Bridge. Catch basins and associated piping would also be replaced.

The board was granted \$1,156,894 from New York State Climate Smart Communities for the work. Murphy said the Village has not received contracts from the State for this grant. She also said that the Village is expecting partial grant funding from Westchester County.

Trustee Morgen Fleisig said another option was that the board make part of Ravensdale’s redesign an “effort to solve that intersection.”

During the public comment portion of the meeting, several residents that live near the intersection challenged the assessment’s findings.

Nathan Burke of Fenwick Road thanked the board for their “willingness to re-engage

with the company doing the traffic study.” He suggested that the board ask the person conducting the study “to try and cross Ravensdale during a busy time of day,” instead of only using a traffic monitoring camera.

“There’s a difference between a computer doing it and logging numbers, and actually running that game of chicken when you need to cross Ravensdale and you don’t know if that person coming from God knows where is actually going to stop,” he said.

Another Fenwick Road resident, Matt Cummings, referred to the board’s statements regarding the Village’s liability if they went against the consultant’s recommendations.

“I hear a lot about liability to traffic,” Cummings said. “As a parent of young children who cross that road in a stroller... what’s the Village liability if someone was hit by a car and killed despite repeatedly, for a decade, sending comments to the board that the intersection is, frankly, unsafe.”

Kent Road resident Barbara King emphasized why residents are “pushing so hard to get a four-way stop sign.”

“It’s very upsetting to hear this engineering report. It is missing the mark on what’s going on, and it doesn’t seem to address the pedestrians,” she said. “We appreciate that you’ll consider opening it up again, because I don’t think signage is going to solve the problem.”

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# IRVINGTON

## — Coming Up This Week —

**Det. Dave Walsh Senior Breakfast**  
Friday, April 17, 9–11 a.m.  
Irvington Senior Center, 29 Bridge St.  
Breakfast cooked by the Irvington PBA

### Volunteer Fire Department Recruitment Event

Saturday, April 18, 9 a.m.–noon  
Irvington firehouse, 90 Main St.

### Stewardship at O'Hara & Irvington Woods Park

Saturdays, April 18 and 25, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.  
Meet at O'Hara Nature Center,  
170 Mountain Road  
Register at [irvingtonny.gov](http://irvingtonny.gov)

### Artist Reception and 90th Birthday

Saturday, April 18, 1–4 p.m.  
Irvington Public Library  
Celebrate Janet Lippman at her show, "Close  
to Home." RSVP: [jlippmann@earthlink.net](mailto:jlippmann@earthlink.net)

### Farmers Market

Sunday, April 19, 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m.  
Main Street School, 101 Main St.  
This week features "Community Planting and  
Painting," 10 a.m.–noon

### Historical Society Presentation

Sunday, April 19, 2 p.m.  
Main Street School  
Irvington High School teacher  
Christopher Barry presents  
"Researching Your Civil War Ancestor: What  
Studying My Great-Great Grandfather  
Timothy Carroll Taught Me"

### Butterfly Gallery — Pollinator Gardens

April 20–May 31  
Painted sculptures on display on Main Street

### School Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 21, 7:30 p.m.  
Irvington High School Library

### Rivertowns Crop Hunger Walk

Sunday, April 26, 2 p.m.  
Irvington Presbyterian Church  
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# Teacher shares dive into Civil War history

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL

Longtime Irvington High School social studies teacher Christopher Barry is giving a presentation this Sunday, April 19, at Main Street School, on finding familial connections to the Civil War. Supported by the Irvington Historical Society, the program was conceived after Barry uncovered details about one of his own ancestor's involvement in that conflict.

Barry, 63, recalls being a child at his home on Long Island, where an appointment letter displayed in the living room was a constant reminder of his maternal great-great grandfather, Timothy Carroll's, service in the Union Army. After a family trip to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, his mother wrote to the National Archives in Washington, D.C., to find out if Carroll had fought in the Battle of Gettysburg, and received a formal letter back with no new information. It wasn't until Barry was working as a history teacher in Maryland in the 1990s, that, armed with the knowledge that Carroll had fought with a unit called the 65th New York Volunteers, he visited the National Archives to learn more.

"I found out he [Carroll] and his unit were in a lot of key battles, and since I was in Maryland, I was close to a lot of them," Barry told the Dispatch. It turned out that Carroll had fought in the Battle of Gettysburg. "So, I got into traveling to the battlefields and walking them and reading about them and trying to connect the pieces."

Barry returned home with copies of documents related to Carroll and his unit, including newspaper accounts from soldiers about the battles. At the New-York Historical Society (now New York Historical), Barry discovered a folder with letters and a handwritten diary from a commander of the regiment. He's found no written diaries or letters from Carroll himself, and admits he's not sure if Carroll knew how to write.

After he began teaching at Irvington High School, in 1999, Barry went on bus tours to different battlefields along the East Coast and took a couple of graduate history courses in which he zeroed in on the Civil War. For one of the classes, he wrote a paper about Carroll's regiment; the teacher encouraged him to dive deeper and write a book on the topic. In 2019,



Chris Barry stands alongside the 65th New York monument at Gettysburg.

Barry self-published "No Flinching from Fire: The 65th New York Volunteer Infantry in the American Civil War," which went beyond Carroll to tell the story of the entire unit.

"It definitely made me a ridiculous Civil War geek," Barry said of his research. "For me it's about appreciating the humanity of it. Having read a lot about the battlefield, and being there [as a visitor], I know how horrific it was, and try to picture him being there getting wounded three times."

Barry's research revealed that Carroll was wounded in the neck while fighting in Spotsylvania in 1864, and then again that year at Cedar Creek. At the Battle of Sailor's Creek in 1865, Carroll was shot in the shoulder and treated in a hospital in Warrington, Virginia, before being transported to an army hospital on David's Island, off the coast of New Rochelle. Carroll entered the war in June of 1863 as a private and exited the war as a lieutenant after being injured at Sailor's Creek.

Through his Irvington Historical Society presentation, titled "Researching Your Civil War Ancestor," Barry hopes to encourage attendees to seek out the thrill he experienced from pursuing details about his great-great grandfather.

"If you have the name and the military

unit, like I did, and you physically go to the National Archives in D.C., there's the military record and the pension file," Barry explained, adding that he expects that more of the records are now digitized than when he first visited. "If he applied for the pension, or his widow applied for a pension, there's an incredible amount in that file."

Among the documents Barry plans to share on Sunday is a letter from Carroll's widow, Elizabeth Bracken, requesting a pension after Carroll passed away. Pension requests required key documentation, such as proof of marriage, a death certificate, and details about the jobs the deceased had held, and more.

"You end up with this whole big picture of who this person was and how they lived, how poor they were, how many kids they had," Barry explained.

Records show that Carroll worked as a plasterer in New York City after the war. Barry believes Carroll was born in Ireland in the 1840s and thinks that a ship registry that includes a "T. Carroll, age 5" may be referring to his great-great grandfather, though he has no way of knowing for sure.

Whatever an individual's personal connection to the past, by exploring it "You're really going to find out a lot about ultimately who you are and how you got here," Barry said. "I had never been to Ireland before, and then a couple years ago I went with my daughter [Rachel], and now I know why I'm the way I am. I tell stories a lot and tell sarcastic jokes and that's what Irish people are like."

In recent years, Barry has collaborated with Rachel, now 23, to locate the graves of roughly 400 members of the 65th New York Volunteers at Arlington National Cemetery. The pair have made it a regular practice to take trips to the cemetery and place American flags at several of those graves. Since 2000, Barry has taken his Irvington history students on a full-day annual trip to Gettysburg; this year's will be Barry's final outing, since he plans to retire after 27 years teaching in Irvington.

"Researching Your Civil War Ancestor" will take place April 19 at Main Street School, 101 Main St., from 2–4 p.m. The event is free and no RSVP is required.



### Into the woods

Scott Mitchell, Marc Rohner, and Erin Malone were the top-three finishers during the second IBBC Trail Classic 5K on Sunday, April 12. Hosted by Peace, Love, Trails Racing, an organization co-owned by Dobbs Ferry native Dean Leggiero, the run started and ended at the middle/high school campus and wound through the Irvington Woods. The proceeds benefited the Irvington Bulldog Booster Club, which supports school district sports teams with grants for expenses not covered by the district budget.

IRVINGTON

# Bliss Bakehouse couple adds sugar and spice to Main

BY LAURA SCHILLER

If a lava s'more — filled with milk chocolate ganache, graham cracker crumbles, and toasted marshmallow — is your idea of bliss, or if you lean toward moist carrot cake — layered with cream cheese frosting and walnut crumble — the new bakery at 94 Main Street may be your kind of place.

At Bliss Bakehouse, choosing isn't easy. An "ultimate brookie" and a chocolate-covered cheesecake compete for attention, while Sunday specials like vegan vegetable soup and Argentine slow-cooked stew suggest you might want something savory before diving into dessert.

If the decision proves overwhelming, you can take a lavender oat milk matcha latte and your treats out back, where a sunlit patio and blooming cherry blossom tree offer a quiet, tucked-away escape.

Alison Stinson and her partner, Jason Breen, opened Bliss Bakehouse on April 4, and since then, the village has gotten a little sweeter, while life for the couple has grown busier and happier than ever.

"It was kind of this 15-year-long adventure of trying to get here. It's always been a dream of mine," Stinson told the Dispatch. "I

worked as an artist for a long time, and then that kind of morphed into a love of cooking. I went to the French Culinary Institute, had a cake business, and did catering, but I always wanted my own place."

After culinary school, she became a Michelin-trained chef — though Breen noted Stinson's not one to dwell on her accolades.

Breen, who works in the medical field and brings a health-conscious perspective to the menu, also has a background in general contracting. It's a skill set he put to good use after the couple purchased the building.

Once a mixed-use space with an upholstery shop and vacant apartments, the structure required a full renovation.

"We tore everything down to the studs and kept the framework, bringing it back to life while preserving its character and charm," Breen said.

"I ended up reactivating my general contractor's license and did most of the work myself," he said. "We subcontracted a few things, but I remodeled the upstairs and the downstairs. A lot of sweat, blood, and tears went into that building."

Stinson, he added, played an equally hands-on role in shaping the space.

"Alison did the countertops and the shelving. We bought raw wood, and she handled all the finish work," he said. "This place really

is customized with our heart and our soul."

While the couple, who met in 2021, now live in White Plains, Stinson grew up on Hopke Avenue in Hastings and graduated from Hastings High School in 1997. As their relationship grew, so did the idea for the business.

"We had gotten engaged and said, 'Should we have a wedding or should we start a business?'" Breen recalled. "We decided to take a swing on this, and the wedding will come when things calm down." They now imagine the bakehouse's backyard as a possible wedding venue.

"When we met, everything just kind of lined up. It was the perfect combination of dreams," he added. "She wanted to open a bakery, and I wanted to build a business around cooking. It just felt right."

The building itself helped seal the decision. "We were looking and looking, and then we just drove by this building and fell in love with it," said Breen, a Connecticut native.

The property, owned for decades by longtime resident Karen Kempter — whose family held it for over 80 years — had drawn widespread interest, but a personal connection set the couple apart.

"She had something like 100 full-price offers," he said. "But we started talking every day for about four months. Then she told us, 'I want my building to go to your family. I feel like you can offer something to the town, and

that my family's legacy will continue with you."

Designated locally as historic building No. 47, it still retains original elements, including the bluestone patio made from repurposed sidewalk slabs dating back roughly a century.

Today, Bliss Bakehouse reflects the owners' vision and values. Stinson said the goal was to create a place she would want to spend time in.

"Growing up in Hastings, we'd hang out in the diner, but there weren't many other places," she said. "I love going to bakeries and just hanging out, especially outside, and I really wanted to bring that here."

Breen and Stinson now work alongside a team of six employees — many of them Irvington High School students — along with help from Stinson's children, Lia, 13, and Logan, 8.

Beyond its artful desserts (ranging from \$4–\$8.50), the menu reflects a thoughtful approach: cookies made with less sugar to avoid overwhelming sweetness, cappuccinos (\$6.50/\$3 drip coffee) crafted with Segafredo Zanetti coffee, and a rotating selection of Del Norte empanadas from local vendor Ariel Zeitune. A Solato gelato machine produces fresh gelato (\$6) on demand, using simple ingredients like cream, milk, sugar, and vanilla bean.

Bliss Bakehouse is open Wednesday from 11 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m.–3 p.m.



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## SATURDAY APRIL 18

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### Conquer the Trail

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8 a.m. / \$40. Mercy University, 555 Broadway. The 7.5k race on the Old Croton Aqueduct Trail celebrates the school's 75th anniversary. Proceeds benefit Mercy's food and resource pantry. Register at [mercy.edu/news-events](http://mercy.edu/news-events)

### Rivertowns Repair Café

#### HASTINGS

10 a.m.–2 p.m. / Free. James Harmon Community Center, 44 Main St. [repaircafehv.org](http://repaircafehv.org)

### "Shrek the Musical"

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2 and 8 p.m. / \$30–\$50. Irvington Theater, 85 Main St. Presented by Open Arts Alliance. Also on Sunday, April 19, 1 p.m. [irvingtontheater.com](http://irvingtontheater.com)

## SUNDAY APRIL 19

### History of Ardsley Little League

#### ARDSLEY

1:30–3:30 p.m. / Free. Ardsley Community Center, 18 Center St. Celebrate the League's 70th anniversary with a presentation by the Ardsley Historical Society and special guests. [facebook.com/ArdsleyHistoricalSociety](http://facebook.com/ArdsleyHistoricalSociety)

### Pediatric Cancer Foundation Fundraiser

#### ARDSLEY

4:30–6:30 p.m. / \$30 (includes light bites and one drink). Saw Mill Tavern, 925 Saw Mill River Road. Music by progressive rock teen band Crever. Reservations encouraged. [smtavern.com](http://smtavern.com)

### Book Sale Blowout

#### DOBBS FERRY

10 a.m.–4 p.m. Dobbs Ferry Public Library, 55 Main St. Featuring gently used books and jewelry. During the last hour, bring your own bag to fill for \$5. [dobbsferrylibrary.org](http://dobbsferrylibrary.org)

### Wickers Creek Market: Antiques and Vintage Goods

#### DOBBS FERRY

10 a.m.–4 p.m. / Free admission. Waterfront Park. [wickerscreekmarket.com](http://wickerscreekmarket.com)

### Outdoor Live Music: Nick DiBari Band

#### DOBBS FERRY

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

### Artist Talk and Reception

#### DOBBS FERRY



Artist and former inmate Hector "Bori" Rodriguez discusses his art and creative journey at a reception on Sunday, April 19, at the Donald Gallery at South Church in Dobbs Ferry, where his exhibit, "Discard, Reclaim, Nurture by You," is on view.

3–5 p.m. / Free. The Donald Gallery at South Church, 343 Broadway. Hector "Bori" Rodriguez, a formerly incarcerated artist, discusses his creative journey. His exhibit is on view through May 24. Gallery hours: Tuesday, 12–6 p.m.; Wednesday, 2–4 p.m.; Thursday, 12–4 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. RSVP at [zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/hector-bori-rodriguez-artist-talk](http://zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/hector-bori-rodriguez-artist-talk)

### Zen Movement Workshop

#### HASTINGS

3–6 p.m. / \$50. Amanda Kupillas Dance, 44 Main St. For adults. Register: [amandakupillas.com](http://amandakupillas.com)

### Farmers Market

#### IRVINGTON

9:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Main Street School, 101 Main St. The market convenes on the second and fourth Sundays of the month through May 17. [theirvingtonfarmersmarket.org](http://theirvingtonfarmersmarket.org).

### Researching Your Ancestors

#### IRVINGTON

2 p.m. / Free. Main Street School, 101 Main St. The Irvington Historical Society presents history teacher Christopher Barry to discuss "Researching Your Civil War Ancestor: What Studying My Great-Great Grandfather Timothy Carroll Taught Me." [irvingtonhistoricalsociety.org](http://irvingtonhistoricalsociety.org)

### Self-Care Sunday: Sound Bath and Meditation

#### IRVINGTON

4 p.m. / \$55, discount for members. The Lark, 50 S. Buckhout St., G107. [thelark.club/events](http://thelark.club/events)

## MONDAY APRIL 20

### Meetup for Entrepreneurs

#### DOBBS FERRY

10–11 a.m. / Free. HudCo, 145 Palisade St., Suite 200. Register: [hudco.eventbrite.com](http://hudco.eventbrite.com)

## TUESDAY APRIL 21

### International Film Festival

#### DOBBS FERRY

6:30 p.m. / Free. The Lecture Hall at Mercy University, 555 Broadway. Nightly screenings, April 21–24, are followed by discussions with guest speakers. [mercy.edu/academics/school-liberal-arts/international-film-festival](http://mercy.edu/academics/school-liberal-arts/international-film-festival)

### Chris Conte Duo: Jazz Standards

#### HASTINGS

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

## WEDNESDAY APRIL 22

### Rivertowns Chamber Meeting

#### ARDSLEY

5–6:30 p.m. / \$25, free for members. Momo's Café, 909 Saw Mill River Road. Register at [rivertownschamber.com](http://rivertownschamber.com)

### Documentary Screening: "The Librarians"

#### DOBBS FERRY

3–4 p.m. / Free. Dobbs Ferry Public Library, 55 Main St. The film explores the fight against book bans and censorship. [dobbsferrylibrary.org](http://dobbsferrylibrary.org)

### Earth Day Teen Clothing Swap

#### HASTINGS

5–6 p.m. / Hastings Public Library, 7 Maple Ave. Registration req.: [amanning@hastingslibrary.org](mailto:amanning@hastingslibrary.org)

## THURSDAY APRIL 23

### Honey Notes Fragrance Bar

#### DOBBS FERRY

Noon / \$30. HudCo, 145 Palisade St., Suite

200. Design your signature scent for a room and linen spray. Register: [hudco.eventbrite.com](http://hudco.eventbrite.com)

### Seed Swap and Workshop

#### DOBBS FERRY

1 p.m. / \$20, free for members. HudCo, 145 Palisade St., Suite 200. Immersive garden workshop with Fleurscape Garden & Design. Register: [hudco.eventbrite.com](http://hudco.eventbrite.com)

### Outdoor Live Music: Chris & Sal

#### DOBBS FERRY

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

### Jazz & More

#### DOBBS FERRY

7–9:30 p.m. / No cover charge. Mirabella Cocina Latina Restaurant & Bar, 1 Hamilton St., in Rivertowns Square. Quartet featuring Scott Latzky on drums, David Janeway on keyboard, Bryan Copeland on bass, and Ari Ambrose on saxophone. [mirabellacocina.com](http://mirabellacocina.com)

## FRIDAY APRIL 24

### Meet Author and Crossword Editor

#### ARDSLEY

3:45 p.m. / Free. Ardsley Public Library, 9 American Legion Drive. Q&A and book signing with Aimee Lucido of Irvington. For ages 8–13. Register at [ardsleypubliclibrary.org](http://ardsleypubliclibrary.org)

### Grateful Bro

#### ARDSLEY

8 p.m. / No cover charge. Saw Mill Tavern, 925 Saw Mill River Road. Featuring the Grateful Dead cover band. Reservations encouraged. [smtavern.com](http://smtavern.com)

### Recently Moved to the Rivertowns Meetup

#### DOBBS FERRY

10–11 a.m. / Free. HudCo, 145 Palisade St., Suite 200. Register at [hudco.eventbrite.com](http://hudco.eventbrite.com)

### Gigi's Playhouse Game Night

#### DOBBS FERRY

6–8 p.m. / \$5. Dobbs Ferry Public Library, 55 Main St. Fundraiser for the Ardsley-based organization for individuals and families of individuals with Down syndrome. [dobbsferrylibrary.org](http://dobbsferrylibrary.org)

### MorDance Open Rehearsal

#### DOBBS FERRY

6:30–8 p.m. / Pay what you can. 145 Palisade St. (lower level). Join the women-led dance company for an open rehearsal of "Unwritten." Register at [mordance.org](http://mordance.org)

### "Simple Nutrition for Steady Energy"

#### IRVINGTON

12:30 p.m. / \$40, discount for members. The Lark, 50 S. Buckhout St., G107. Registered dietitian Alison Gold discusses nutrition over a light lunch. [thelark.club/events](http://thelark.club/events)

## Slices

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The person who placed the stickers was identified, but not arrested, according to a press release from Hastings Police Chief David Dosin on March 12. Dosin wrote that “Following consultation with the District Attorney’s Office, and a thorough review of the circumstances, it was determined that the facts of the case did not meet the legal threshold necessary to pursue criminal charges.”

Drake and others addressed supporters of Garson outside Slices on April 15. The mayor arrived from coaching a Little League game and wore a league jersey. Inside Slices, plaques on a wall included photos of league teams sponsored by the pizzeria.

“This man is all about this village, and this village is clearly all about this man,” Drake said about Garson.

The other speakers, all of whom stood on a chair, included Rabbi Daniel Reiser of Temple Beth Shalom in Hastings, Rabbi Benji Silverman of Chabad of the Rivertowns in Dobbs Ferry, the Rev. Lauren Kuratko of Grace Episcopal Church in Hastings, and Hastings resident Shelly Steinwurtzel, one of the administrators of an Instagram account called Hastings Against Antisemitism.

“The turnout tonight is a sign that there’s lots of good in the world,” Reiser said.

Garson, who opened Slices in 2000, told the crowd that “The support means everything. It just shows you they can’t win.”

## Mes Amis

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that they can come and sit down and talk with me.”

Mes Amis’ crepes are traditional, Phirmis said, to give customers “a real French experience.” The sweet crepes are made with wheat flour, while savory crepes are made with buckwheat flour, which is gluten free. Mes Amis also offers a lactose-free batter.

Among the sweet crepe options are beurre sucre (sugar and butter), nutella, and salted butter caramel. Savory options include the Parisienne, made with French ham, sautéed mushrooms, and cheese, and the Rata-touille, made with roasted vegetables and cheese. The crepes range from \$6 to \$16, with add-ons available.

While crepes are the heart of Mes Amis, the menu also lists coffee and sandwiches on baguettes. Other baked goods for sale include tarts, quiches, croissants, macarons, and cakes, which are all baked on site, with the exception of the macarons.

Being in charge of his own shop comes with creative freedom, and Phirmis likes to shake up the daily offerings.

“I don’t make the same cakes every day,” he said. “Remember, I’m having fun. If I want to make an upside-down pineapple cake, I make an upside-down pineapple cake, and I put it in a window when it’s done. Next time I feel like making a cake, I’ll make a different cake. You know what I mean? Just have fun.”

## Blotter

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tion of a motor vehicle in the third degree, a misdemeanor. Police stopped a 21-year-old driver from Allentown on Broadway (Route 9) on the evening of Wednesday, April 8, and a 42-year-old driver from Philadelphia on Farragut Avenue on the morning of Thursday, April 9. The Allentown resident was also cited for no brake lights, while the Philadelphia resident was cited for running a red light.

**Wanted no more:** A 40-year-old Montrose resident who was wanted by the Yonkers Police Department was apprehended by Hastings police on Saw Mill River Road (Route 9A) on the morning of Friday, April 10. Hastings released him to Yonkers.

**Youths in woods:** Police dispersed dozens of youths from Hillside Woods, off Edgewood Avenue, on the evening of Friday, April 10.

**Suspended license:** A 21-year-old Yonkers resident with a suspended driver’s license was charged with aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree, a misdemeanor, on Washington Avenue on the morning of Saturday, April 11. He was also cited for improper license plates.

**Suspended license and registration:** A 37-year-old Bronx resident was charged with aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the second degree, and for a suspended vehicle registration, both misdemeanors, on Farragut Avenue on the evening of Saturday, April 11. He was also cited for no brake lights.


**Suspended license and stolen plates:** A 22-year-old Bronx resident with a suspended driver’s license and stolen license plates was arrested on Broadway on the morning of Monday, April 13. He was charged with aggravated

unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree and criminal possession of stolen property in the fifth degree, both misdemeanors. He was also cited for improper license plates. Officer Ryan Keys made the arrest.

## IRVINGTON

**Graffiti on Main:** Graffiti made with shaving cream or whipped cream in the shape of male genitalia was found on the Main Street sidewalk on the morning of Saturday, April 11.

**Identity theft arrest:** A 24-year-old Bronx resident who was wanted by the Irvington Police Department was apprehended by the NYPD on Monday, April 13. He was charged with identity theft in the second degree, a felony, for using an Irvington resident’s personal information on a fraudulent ID to rent a U-Haul in the Bronx on May 20, 2025. Officer Ryon Burnett made the arrest.



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## Story about cannabis dispensary opening did not include opposing viewpoints

To the Editor:

In regard to "First cannabis dispensary opens with ribbon-cutting (Rivertowns Dispatch, April 10), we find your article misleading in its one-sided reporting.

You quoted an owner of The Highline in Hastings saying that the "...hard feelings seem to have settled down," in regard to the inappropriate location of the dispensary directly across the street from the James V. Harmon Community Center. You did not report the opposing view from many advocates in our community that continues to be appalled at New York State's decision to provide a license to this location across the street from our community center — the nexus of after-school life for the youth

of our village.

The article, as written, seems like an advertisement, and could have included the research from the Journal of Adolescent Health concluding that storefront cannabis contributes to increased underage use; physicians and experts in Hastings have also publicly pointed to the research provided by the WAY Coalition — now operating within 100 feet of a pot store — showing that our rates of youth use already exceed our neighbors'.

Parents and clinicians on the front line of youth drug use in Hastings know that nothing has died down. A story that omits the research, ignores the voices of community advocates, and gives the last word to the business owner does a disservice to the families who live with these consequences every day.

*Lauren Berman and Jeremy Arnon, Rebecca Ashley, Barbara Cifelli and Jim Cifelli, Elizabeth Galletta, Carolyn Jacobs, Lisa Lord, Mary Esther Malloy, and Brian Street*  
HASTINGS

## Turf contains PFAS, contrary to assurances made by Hastings School District

To the Editor:

On Wednesday, April 8, the Hastings Board of Education (BOE) voted to accept a bid for the installation of two artificial turf fields at the Burke Estate, which were approved in the 2025 bond vote.

Information about the selected turf product was shared with the community on the morning of the BOE vote (April 8), including data from testing for PFAS ("forever chemicals") conducted by the selected company.

The report shows more than 10 different types of PFAS were found in samples and states that "Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) was detected in every sample."

According to the U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency's 2024 report, "available evidence indicates that PFOA exposure is likely to cause hepatic, immunological, cardiovascular, and developmental effects in humans" and "PFOA is likely to be carcinogenic to humans via the oral route of exposure."

Last spring in the lead-up to the bond vote, the school district assured the Hastings community in the "Hastings Happenings" spring newsletter that the turf installed at Burke would be "free of lead and PFAS," and at a community forum on June 9, stated that the turf would have "no PFAS." However, the product the district selected contains PFAS. It is also concerning that information about the product was shared less than a day prior to the vote.

The BOE must work harder to identify a product that meets the specifications promised to the voters of Hastings and must also provide the community with adequate time to review information about that product before moving forward.

*Chloe Teasdale*  
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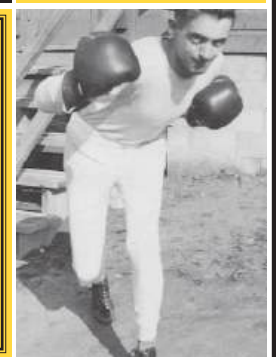
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## Grease

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Sandy, performing “Summer Nights” exemplifies her favorite parts of theater.

“I’ve always being on stage with others, but this song specifically makes me feel so in touch with my castmates,” she said. “They are all clumped around me and we are all grinning from ear to ear as we sing an iconic song, feed off of each other’s energy, and allow ourselves to reminisce over fun summer nights. It sets up the joy and light-hearted nature of ‘Grease’ perfectly, and is a moment where I feel grounded in what I’m doing and the community I surround myself with.”

The production includes a live band composed of seven professional musicians, led by Walton’s husband, Bob. Husovsky noted that their participation “adds so much energy to the performance.”

“Last night, when we were in rehearsal, when they started playing, the room came alive,” she said.

The costumes were created by Hastings resident Penny Margeotes. Senior Lucinda Gunton, who is billed as “costumes head” and assists Margeotes, appreciates how the clothes define the cliques, with “the Pink Ladies dressed in satin bomber jackets and the T-Birds in leather,” choices that “highlight their differences.”

For her version of “Grease,” Walton took some creative liberties. There are 65 students involved, half in the cast and half in the crew.

To accommodate the number of actors, she modified the characters, including gender bending Johnny Casino into Jenny Casino, and adding new members of the Pink Ladies and T-Birds.

Walton said that “Grease” is often faulted for its conclusion, in which Sandy’s transformation into a “greaser,” for Danny, can be seen as encouraging conformity. Instead, this iteration of the story focuses on Danny and Sandy “meeting in the middle.” McKinnon believes Laurie’s ending does “a great job of blending the traditional iconic movie scenes with the modern reality we live in.”

With opening night approaching, Husovsky described a buzz among residents.

“I told the guys at the hardware store [on Warburton Avenue] that we’re doing the show, and they all have their memories of it,” she said. Parents have expressed “love and excitement about it.”

“I hope that audiences have a great time watching the incredible work of the performers and the crew,” she added. “And honestly, I’d be surprised if they don’t leave with at least one of the songs stuck in their head. For me, it’s like a file in my brain that never left. It all came back when I started sitting in rehearsals.”

“Grease” will be on stage at Hastings High School on April 17–18 at 7 p.m., and on April 19 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available online at [HastingsTheatre.com](http://HastingsTheatre.com) or [our.show/grease26](http://our.show/grease26). Adult admission is \$10 online/\$15 at the door, while student/senior admission is \$5 online/\$10 at the door.

## Pippin

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in 2007. “People tell me all the time, they stop by rehearsal and they hear ‘Morning Glow,’ and they’re like, ‘That song was in my head all week.’ It was Stephen Schwartz at the top of his game when he wrote this musical.”

While it’s his first time directing a production of “Pippin,” Bret Fox, the artistic director for DFHS theater productions, has family history with the musical. Fox’s mother, as choreographer, worked on a production of “Pippin” at Blind Brook High School 25 years ago, during which time Fox would accompany her and first fell in love with the show. His mother also played Fastrada in an earlier theater production in Westchester.

The version of “Pippin” available to schools today is not the original, but an acrobatic 2013 revival that featured performers from Cirque du Soleil. The DFHS production has no high-flying stunts, but features a corps of trained student dancers. Fox aimed to create a “Pippin” that strikes a balance between the revival and the more “stripped-down” staging that he first fell in love with as a kid.

“This show was a big Broadway production, but because it’s a show within a show and its players putting on a show, it can be done in a way that feels more minimalist because props or set pieces can all be suggested,” Fox explained. “So rather than it just being all circus related [like the revival], I

kind of wanted to take it back to the theater troupe kind of aesthetic.”

Fox is also pushing the boundaries of the production by giving the story what he describes as a “dystopian theme” inspired by revivals of “Sunset Boulevard” and “Evita” that Fox also says brought a “rock ‘n’ roll aspect” to classic stories. He also chose to amplify some of the darker elements of the story that have always been present alongside the comedic aspects, in a way he hasn’t seen other school or professional productions approach.

“I definitely want audiences to be able to relate to the fact that it’s a radical reimagining of a show that they wouldn’t expect to see done in this specific way,” Fox said. “I wanted to just take a risk and see how people would react and relate to that [darkness]. And the kids have been really awesome in trusting me and going for this ride.”

The ensemble-centered production also gives plenty of opportunities for several students to solo, with a score that DeFalco believes has a strong pop sensibility. Front of her mind is that the show is a showcase for the students.

“I want them [audiences] to be entertained, and I would love for them to see different people featured, and leave saying, ‘I didn’t know that these kids had so much talent.’”

“Pippin” will be performed on Friday, April 17 at 7 p.m. and on Saturday, April 18 at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$5 for students and staff and \$10 for general admission.

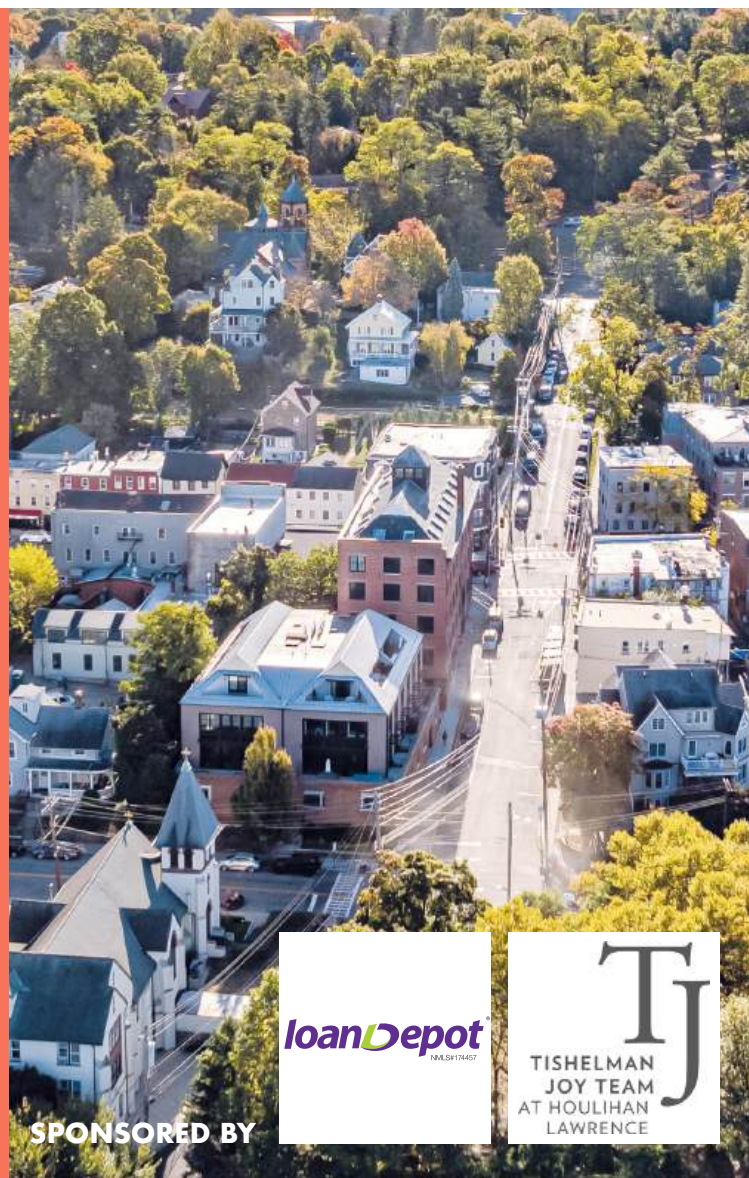
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## Sports

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## Grados powers Bulldogs to win against Yellow Jackets

— BOYS' LACROSSE ROUNDUP —

BY ROB DIANTONIO

Irvington didn't need much time to take control, and once it did, there was little Hastings could do to slow the surge.

Behind a dominant first half and a monster performance from senior Nick Grados, Irvington rolled to a 13-5 win over host Hastings on April 13. The Bulldogs built a 6-1 lead by halftime and never looked back, improving to 5-1 on the season while Hastings dropped to 1-3.

Grados was at the center of everything offensively, finishing with five goals and seven assists in a 12-point outing that set the tone from the opening faceoff. Whether he was dodging to score or drawing attention and finding open teammates, the senior attackman dictated the pace throughout.

"The keys were to stay calm and trust our game that has been practiced since the start of the season," Grados said. "Our team plays at our best when we trust ourselves and each other."

Irvington's offense showed that trust early, moving the ball efficiently and capitalizing on opportunities. D.J. Ufer added three goals, while Saxon Frank chipped in a goal and three assists. Liam Wade, Soren Deyonker, Chris Callahan, and freshman Brayden Callahan each netted a goal, with Brayden's being his first varsity goal.

"I have plenty of confidence in my teammates," Grados said. "I've been playing with some of these guys since third grade, so our bonds on and off the field built this



Nick Grados attacks from behind the cage as Ryan Lee defends. Photo by Rob DiAntonio.

confidence."

For Hastings, Paul Consorte and Max Park each scored twice. William Tenthoff added a goal and an assist, but the early deficit proved too much to overcome. Goalie Nate Fallon-Jablon was a bright spot for the Yellow Jackets, finishing with 16 saves while facing constant pressure from Irvington's attack.

For Irvington, the win was also a response to a recent setback, as the Bulldogs appear to be finding their footing on both ends of the field.

"After losing to Sleepy Hollow [11-10 on March 24] in a game that we believe we threw away, the team came together and

expressed how a loss like that is unacceptable and change needs to happen," Grados said. "Our defense and goalie [Harrison Malakoff] have been playing outstanding and the offense is starting to click, so we are starting to build a lot of momentum and confidence."

Irvington traveled to West Point where it bested New Rochelle 12-7 on April 11. Grados (4G, 3A), Chris Callahan (2G, 1A), Wade (2G), Frank (2G), Ufer (3A), Ryder Spino (1G, 2A, 10/13 faceoffs), and Conner Gredick (1G, 6/9 faceoffs) led the way.

The Bulldogs defeated visiting Ossining 10-4 on April 9. Grados (2G, 3A), Frank (3G,

1A), Wade (1G, 2A), Chris Callahan (3G, 1A), Ufer (1G), and Malakoff (17S) contributed.

## Ardasley posts two victories

Ardasley (2-3) defeated host Albertus Magnus 15-10 on April 9 and followed that with a 17-1 rout of visiting Port Chester on April 13.

Against Magnus, Liam Gallante (3G, 3A), Brodi Kessler (3G), Conor Lenihan (2A), Wilson Donnep (1G, 3A), Tyler DeCosta (3G, 1A), Tristen Roberts (2G, 1A), Reyad Issa (1G), Robbie Miele (2G, 1A, 22/29 faceoffs), and Jackson Rosenfeld (17S) sparked the Panthers.

Gallante poured in seven goals against Port Chester. Donnep (1G, 1A), DeCosta (1G, 4A), Jack Lepore (1G, 1A), Roberts (1G, 2A), Mason Slater (2A), Miele (2G, 13/17 faceoffs), Jacob Kowalsky (2G), Ryan Rende (1G), and Rosenfeld (1G, 7S) contributed.

## Eagles earn first win

Behind big efforts from Ryan Mohl (6G, 9A) and Peter Kilroe (5G, 3A), Dobbs Ferry (1-2) defeated visiting Hendrick Hudson 19-14 to pick up its first win of the season on April 13.

Dylan Ravage and Jack Shemonoski added three goals each while Jackson Kearns had a goal and six assists. James Pessin gathered six ground balls and caused three turnovers. River Rowan was 14 of 20 on faceoffs.

The Eagles lost to host Byram Hills 21-9 on April 9.

## Injection of energy yields improved results for Irvington Bulldogs

— BASEBALL ROUNDUP —

BY ROB DIANTONIO

A year ago, wins were hard to come by for Irvington. This spring, they're piling up early.

After finishing with just four victories and missing the Section 1 Class A postseason in 2025, the Bulldogs have already eclipsed that total with a 5-2 start, fueled by improved pitching, sharper execution, and a noticeable shift in energy throughout the roster.

Irvington's latest statement came April 13, when it traveled to rival Dobbs Ferry and earned a convincing 7-1 victory behind a strong combined effort on the mound from sophomore John Salvatore and junior Justin Corniel, along with timely hitting up and down the lineup.

The Bulldogs wasted little time grabbing control. In the top of the second inning, K.J. Mastropietro delivered a two-run single to stake Irvington to a 2-0 lead. The advantage grew to 3-0 before Dobbs Ferry got on the

board in the fourth, when Rodger Frisch lifted a sacrifice fly to score Anthony Ficarrotta and trim the deficit to 3-1.

Any momentum the Eagles gained was short-lived as Irvington broke the game open in the fifth inning. Navy Minkoff scored on an error, and Connor Marron followed by ripping a two-run double down the left field line, extending the lead to 6-1. Salvatore later added an RBI single for insurance.

Salvatore was effective and efficient in earning the win, allowing three hits and one earned run over four innings while striking out five. Corniel was dominant in relief, tossing three hitless innings with six strikeouts to close the door.

"They both filled up the zone," Irvington coach Rocco Cipriano said. "We play really well when they fill up the zone and they limit walks. They let them put the ball in play and our fielders made plays. That gets the confidence going around the team."

It's a formula that has defined Irvington's early-season success. Despite a relatively

young pitching staff — Salvatore is a sophomore and Corniel a junior — the Bulldogs have relied on strike-throwing and defensive support to control games. "It's a pretty young team overall," Cipriano said. "We only have a couple seniors that really play. A lot of young kids have come up, but they're doing the job."

Behind the plate, senior captain Brian Kim has played a key role in guiding that staff.

"I think the biggest thing is knowing how they're feeling that day, knowing what's working," Kim said. "You have no clue sometimes coming into a game. So, it's about taking advantage of what they have working, knowing hitters' weaknesses and capitalizing."

That same mindset extends to Irvington's offense, which has shown an ability to seize opportunities when they arise. Against Dobbs Ferry, the Bulldogs turned mistakes into runs and stayed aggressive throughout.

"When we play fundamental baseball — taking the extra base, bunting, executing — we're a really hard team to beat," Cipriano said.

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Irvington's Connor Marron settles under a fly ball. Photo by Rob DiAntonio.

## Sports

# Panthers pile up runs during fast start on diamond

— SOFTBALL ROUNDUP —

BY ROB DIANTONIO

Ardsley's start has looked less like a typical early-season stretch and more like a statement.

Three games in, the Panthers are 3-0 and have overwhelmed opponents by a combined 46-1 margin, flashing the kind of balance and experience that made them a Section 1 Class A semifinalist a year ago. With most of that core back, Ardsley hasn't just picked up where it left off — it's raised the bar.

The Panthers rolled to a 17-1 five-inning victory at Irvington on April 10 behind a dominant all-around performance from senior captain Sofia Haber and a lineup that produced up and down the order.

Ardsley jumped out quickly, building a 5-0 lead before Irvington broke through. The Bulldogs got on the board when Jordan Henry scored in the bottom of the second inning, but the Panthers responded with four runs in the third inning and eight in the fifth to put the game out of reach.

Haber controlled the contest from the circle and at the plate. The senior tossed a one-hitter with seven strikeouts. Offensively, she went three for five with a triple, three RBIs, and three runs scored.

"I think our team this year has a really positive attitude, and one hit just starts us off," Haber said. "We're pretty consistent, and with our hitting coach George [Phillips], we do a lot of work before the game and it carries over. It just takes one person to start momentum, then we're going."

Haley Albano, another senior captain, set the tone near the top of the lineup, going three for five with two doubles, three RBIs, and three runs. Summer Lopez added a three-for-four performance with a double, two RBIs, and three runs, while Tessa Guernah (2R) and Sofia Ramirez each drove in two runs as part of a balanced attack.

It's that collective approach — rather than reliance on any one player — that has stood out most.

"We've definitely been working on it in practice, focusing a lot on cheering each other on," Albano said. "Even when we're just hitting in the cage, feeding off everyone's energy. And I think that's been transferring to the games for us a lot. Every hit just brings the energy, and confidence is the key in this game."

Irvington threatened in a few innings, putting runners on and forcing Ardsley to execute. Each time, Haber bore down, limiting damage and keeping the Bulldogs from building anything sustained.

"One thing I believe in a lot is keeping the defense calm," Haber said. "People make errors, it happens sometimes, but it's how we react to those errors that says a lot about the team. I like to stay as calm as I can in the circle, and I think it calms everyone else down."



Ardsley's Noemi Ippolito awaits a throw at second base as Irvington's Jordan Henry runs. Photos by Rob DiAntonio.

Albano echoed that trust.

"I have so much confidence in Haber," she said. "No matter who's behind the plate, no matter who's hitting, I know she's going to figure it out in every game. She pitches with confidence and that's really what matters."

For Irvington, there were positives to take despite the final score. Eighth-grader Cassidy Reischgott got the start and battled against a deep Ardsley lineup, and the Bulldogs showed resilience early before the game got away.

"We played the best we have in three seasons against them the first few innings,"



Ardsley's Haley Albano hustles to first.

Irvington coach James Madison said. "Letting Cassidy Reischgott start and battle a tough lineup, she did a nice job as an eighth-grader."

Madison pointed to growth areas but also emphasized the team's progress and mindset. It was the Bulldogs' lone loss as they sit at 4-1.

"Our team has talent with great confidence," he said. "We have improved on our overall team chemistry and we are a team that wants to grow. We've been playing really well in our first few games and having such a fun time."

For Ardsley, the focus remains on building toward something bigger. With nearly the entire roster back from last year's semifinal run, expectations are naturally high.

"The expectations are always high here with softball," Haber said. "We obviously have a lot of big goals, and I think we're going to be able to accomplish them. I think we have a really good mindset going right now."

Ardsley bested Pleasantville 12-0 in six innings on April 13. Albano hit two home runs in one inning, drove in six runs, and scored twice. Haber struck out 13 and walked just one batter. Noemi Ippolito had three hits, scored three times, and stole three bags.

Irvington bounced back with an 11-10 nine-inning road win over Edgemont on April 11 and a 7-5 home win over Maria Regina on April 13. Against Edgemont, Nia Kilbury (3-5, HR, 4RBIs, win), Alex Barth (scored winning run), and Maddy Maldonado (RBI) led the team. Barth (win, 3K), Kilbury (2B, save), and Maldonado (2RBIs) led the way against Maria Regina.

## Hastings avenges loss to Dobbs Ferry

Defending Section 1 Class B champion Hastings rebounded from a loss to Dobbs Ferry back on March 30 with a 7-2 win over the visiting Eagles on April 14.

Hastings' Siri Rosenberg tossed a complete-game five-hitter while allowing one earned run. She also had a double and drove in two runs. Leni Gagliano (2RBIs, 2B) and Catherine Rice (RBI) collected their first varsity hits. Hazel Sabella had an RBI. The Eagles were sparked by Gianna Stone (2-3, RBI) and Emily Marron (2-4, 2B).

The Yellow Jackets bounced back from a rough patch where they lost three-straight games and are now 4-3. They also defeated visiting Blind Brook 15-2 on April 10. Sabella (win, 6Ks, 4H, 3RBIs), Ella Rizzo (4-4, 2B, 3RBIs), Rosenberg (3-4, 3B, 4RBIs), and Abby Weiss (RBI) led the way. In a 13-6 road loss to Rye Neck on April 8, Lola Norlander (3-4, 3B, RBI), Rosenberg (2-3), Izzy Doherty (2-3), Rizzo (2B, RBI), and Weiss (2B) paced the team.

Dobbs (5-1) defeated host Valhalla 21-9 on April 8 and routed visiting Rye Neck 12-0 in five innings on April 10. Against Valhalla, Nicolette Giorgio (2-5, 3RBIs), Brianna Cherico (2-4, 3B, 3RBIs), Marron (2-4, 2RBIs), Bela Abraham (3RBIs), Kamryn Addis (RBI), and Victoria Baron (win, 8Ks) contributed. Marron (4-4, 2B, 3RBIs), Giorgio (2-4, RBI), Addis (2-4), Stone (2-4, 3RBIs), and Baron (3-4, 3RBIs, win, 9Ks, 2H) sparked the squad against Rye Neck.

## Sports

# An leads Ardsley to win over rival Dobbs Ferry

— VARSITY ROUNDUP —

BY ROB DIANTONIO

Ardsley rode a dominant performance from Juliette An and timely stops on the defensive end to hold off visiting Dobbs Ferry for a 13-10 win in girls' lacrosse on April 10. An, a sophomore, led the charge with six goals and one assist, repeatedly finding space and finishing chances to fuel the Panthers' offense.

"Juliette's six goals really reflect the player she's becoming," Ardsley coach Scott Miele said. "In her third year on varsity, she's improved every season. You can now see her confidence and understanding of the game translate on the field."

Krista Kelly added three goals and an assist, while Mairead Gowran contributed two goals and secured five draw controls. Hazel McGourty scored twice and Lyv Pulver dished out a pair of assists. Ardsley also got a strong performance in net from Sienna Kay, who made 11 saves.

Dobbs Ferry was led by Mary O'Dea (3G, 1A), Scarlett Kilroe (2G, 8DC), Megan Hartnett (2G), Juliet Curanovic (1G, 2A), Molly O'Brien (1G, 4DC, 3CTO), Hollen Peet (1G, 4GB), and Irma Bravo (5S).

Despite the Eagles' persistence, the Panthers defensive unit came up with stops when it mattered most.

"The key to the win was our team defense and strong goaltending, paired with a calm, composed offensive approach," Ardsley



Irvington's Lizzie Villa collects a loose ball against Putnam Valley. Photo by Rob DiAntonio.

coach Scott Miele said. "It was a tight one-to-two-goal game throughout, but the group stayed together, stayed focused, and never wavered from the game plan."

Miele also praised his team's adaptability and mindset.

"We emphasize, 'winning the moment' and the team did that consistently," he said. "We also had players step into different roles and they handled it with confidence regardless of position."

Ardsley (5-2) rolled past host Valhalla 15-5 on April 8 but fell to host Croton-Harmon 13-9 on April 13. Against Valhalla, An (4G, 2A), Kelly (4G, 1A), Gowran (3G, 1A), McGourty (2G, 1A), Lyla Vega (1G, 1A), and Lily Tiernan (2A) led the way. In the loss to Croton, McGourty (3G, 1A), Anna Gallante (2G, 1A), Vega (2G), Tiernan (1G, 3A), Kelly (1G), and Kay (13S) contributed.

Dobbs (5-1) bounced back with an 8-7 win over visiting Byram Hills on April 14. Kilroe (4G, 4DC), O'Dea (1G, 4A), O'Brien (1G), Curanovic (1G, 3CTO), Peet (1G), and Bravo (7S) paced the Eagles.

Irvington (2-5) earned a 12-1 Senior Day win over visiting Tuckahoe on April 8. The

Dobbs Ferry (4-3) showed its own resilience following the loss, bouncing back the next day with a 6-3 win over visiting Ardsley. Ficarrota led the way, earning the win on the mound with five innings of six-hit ball, allowing two earned runs while striking out seven. He also belted a solo home run.

"They're hungry every day and they're competitive," Eagles coach Frank Adamo said. "We lost a lot of seniors last year and we're coming back and teaching kids how to be ready for a game. They're doing an unbelievable job. They come here with the expectation that they're going to play good baseball every day."

Andrew Zendel added two scoreless innings in relief with two strikeouts, while Jake Evan (3-4, run, RBI), Don Anthony DiLorenzo (3-4, 2B), Ian Hwangbo (2-3, 2B) and D.J. Kollar (RBI) paced the offense.

Ardsley was led by Hunter Hamlet, who had four hits and drove in a run. Mike Heizman drove in a run while Jiei Tomioka (2IP, OER, 1H) pitched well in relief.

Bulldogs suffered a narrow 11-10 loss to host Putnam Valley on April 10. Against Tuckahoe, Federica Ricciardella led the team with a goal, five assists, and 11 draw controls. Leila Schneider had a goal and an assist. Daisy Hodges, Sophia Im, Lillian Isom, Hazel Kwon, Skylar Coyne, Zoe Gonzalez, Maddie Okun, Natalie Rushford, Lena Svigals, and Lizzie Villa scored one goal apiece. Villa (4G), Im (3G, 4A), Ricciardella (1G, 2A), Isom (1G, 1A), Coyne (1G, 1A), and Sadie Kilbury (7S) sparked the team against Put Valley.

Hastings (1-5) suffered road losses to Sleepy Hollow (15-8, April 8) and Haldane (18-10, April 14). Against Sleepy, Alina Abrams (4G), Mila Angoff (3G, 1A), and Adela Mihalcescu (1G) led the Jackets. Angoff (4G), Abrams (3G), Brenna Drago (1G), Olivia Huang (1G), Rory McKinnon (1G), and Saydi Landon (8S) paced the squad against Haldane.

## Boys' tennis

Irvington improved to 5-1 with a 5-0 sweep of visiting Nanuet on April 13. Eldad Frechter (6-0, 6-0) and Sawyer Stein (6-2, 6-2) won in singles action while the doubles victors were A.J. Sloyer and Paul Van Haetsdaele (6-2,

The Eagles battled in an 11-10 loss to Pearl River on April 11, rallying for 10 runs in the sixth inning to briefly take a 10-5 lead before ultimately falling. Kollar (2-4, 2B, 3RBIs, 1.2IP, 2H, OER, 3K), Ficarrota (2-4, RBI), Zendel (2B, RBI), Rommel Eusebio (2-2, 2B, 2RBIs), Brendan Marron (RBI), and Brendan Molina (2IP, OER, OH) led the team.

"We showed a lot of fight," Adamo said. "The kids did a really good job after really struggling to get anything going early in the game. We put together some great at-bats and that inning was huge. But a good team just found a way to fight back and take one from us."

Irvington earned wins over host Haldane (13-0, April 8), host Woodlands (20-6, April 10), and visiting Woodlands (10-0, April 14), but fell to host Blind Brook (12-8, April 11). Against Haldane, Ben Epple (2-4, 2RBIs), Kim (2-4, 3RBIs), Corniel (2-2, RBI), Salvatore (4IP, 1H, 4K), and Matt Shapiro (2-3, RBI) led the team with Mastropietro and Kaydin Moyer getting their first varsity hits.

6-4), Oliver Huang and Levent Sarayli (8-4), and Brandon Chirinos and Krish Jain (8-2).

The Bulldogs also went on the road and defeated Dobbs Ferry 5-0 on April 10. Connor Maglienti (6-2, 6-2) and Frechter (6-0, 6-1) won in singles with the same teams listed above winning their doubles matches. Irvington also swept Ardsley 5-0 on April 9 with Maglienti and Frechter winning in singles, and the same doubles teams earning victories.

Hastings (3-1) bested host Pearl River 4-1 on April 13. Felix Casey (6-3, 7-6) won his singles match while the doubles teams swept the three matches with Charles Baer and Andrew Franco (6-2, 6-2), Jude El Yaman and Marcus Gelman (6-0, 6-0), and Jalen Pekkala-Bitterman and James Panzer (6-0, 6-1) the victors.

## Flag football

Dobbs Ferry (1-2-2) earned its first win of the season with a 26-12 victory over visiting Byram Hills on April 10. Leia Brandon rushed for 165 yards on 14 carries and two touchdowns. Mya Ustares rushed for 110 yards on 11 carries and two scores. She passed for 105 yards and had four stops on defense. Mimi Phillips had an interception and four defensive stops.

The Eagles fell to host Hen Hud 18-6 on April 13. Phillips had the lone score on a pick six.

Ardsley (0-4-2) lost to host Westlake/Briarcliff 33-0 on April 11 and tied visiting Putnam Valley 14-14 on April 14. Against Westlake/Briarcliff, Elise O'Brien (127 yards passing), Morgan Macri (44 receiving yards, 4T), Ava Santavicca (46 receiving yards), Angie Fiordimalva (5T), and Khloe Knoesel (3T) sparked the Panthers. Against Put Valley, O'Brien (180 passing yards) threw touchdown passes to Macri (32 yards) and Ella Barrocas (43 yards). Meghan Berry (46 receiving yards), Santavicca (40 receiving yards), Cayden Barrocas, (8T), Alexis Fitzsimmons (3T, 2S), Morgan Hamlet (3T), and Fiordimalva (3T) were key contributors.

Patrick Pressman collected his first varsity hit in the first game with Woodlands. In the second Woodlands game, Minkoff (2-3), Kim (2-4, 2RBIs, 3B), Corniel (3-4, 3RBIs, 3B), Pressman (2RBIs), Salvatore (2-3), and Epple (5IP, 2H, 7K) led the way. In the Blind Brook loss, Epple (3-5, 3RBIs), Minkoff (3-4, RBI), Corniel (2-3, RBI, 2B), and Emmett Eson (2RBIs, first varsity hit) paced the team.

"We have 15 kids, and all 15 can contribute," Cipriano said. "It doesn't matter who we put out there — they're going to give their best."

Hastings (2-5) edged Ardsley 4-3 on April 13 behind six innings from Andrew Ciszewski. He struck out six, walked two, and allowed two earned runs. Aidan Curtis got the save and fanned one. Theo Suniewick (2B, 3B, RBI), Matt Corbo (2B), and Andrew Rizzo (2B) powered the offense. For Ardsley (0-8), Carter Bucci struck out 12 over five innings, allowing three hits and one earned run. Hamlet had two hits while Nate Caldara and Santo Fiordimalva drove in a run each.

## Baseball roundup

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Kim echoed that sentiment.

"We just have to keep riding momentum, keep the ball rolling and feed off our team's energy," Kim said. "Just coming out of the gate firing. Staying aggressive the entire game, not getting complacent, and making sure we play all seven innings."

Irvington is competing in Developmental League K this season, which presents a different path to the postseason. The Bulldogs would need to win the league to qualify, but early returns suggest that goal is within reach. "I think we have a good shot," Cipriano said. "I think the energy on the team is just different. The kids want to come to work every day, and they always want to get better. That makes our job easier as coaches. We're not trying to pry kids to play — they want to be here. Now they're kind of reaping the rewards of sticking it out and working hard."

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In Seung Chun – 69 Hudson Avenue (2.30-8-39) is seeking a variance of section 224-11 (encroachment into the rear yard setback) of the Village Code in order to document an existing shed at the above referenced property.

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Jeremy Tark – 23 Park Road (2.140-68-3) is seeking a variance of section 224-13 (exceeds allowable coverage) of the Village Code in order to document a field condition (wall) at the above referenced property.

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Drew Popkin – 1 Heritage Hill Road (2.111-59-46) is seeking a variance of section 224-13 (exceeds allowable coverage) of the Village Code in order to construct a garage and front entrance at the above referenced property.

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Jared & Allie Wein – 19 Dearman Close (2.111-59-47.9) is seeking a variance of section 224-13 (exceeds allowable coverage) of the Village Code in order to construct a pool and patio at the above referenced property.

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Strawberry Hill Holdings LLC – 76 North Broadway (2.50-16-1.2) is seeking an interpretation of sections 224-82 and 224-85.1 of the Village Code for the above referenced property. Pursuant to section 224-83E, the applicant, an owner of adjoining property (2.50-19-21), seeks reversal of the site-capacity determination rendered on January 7, 2026 (filed on February 13, 2026) in relation to 76 North Broadway, on the following grounds: (1) failure to subtract the area of certain existing roads/driveways from gross site area, as required by section 224-82B; (2) failure to subtract the area of certain proposed roads/driveways from gross site area, as required by section 224-82D and section 224-85.1.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

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DOBBS FERRY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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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

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

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

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

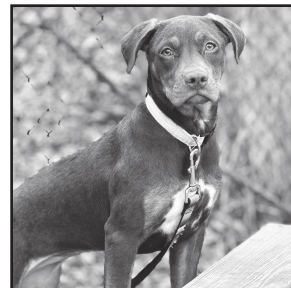
AND FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN, that Military Voters who are not currently registered to vote may apply to register as a qualified voter of the District by contacting the District Clerk at 505 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522, Telephone (914) 693-1500 ext. 3024, or email: [district-clerk@dfsd.org](mailto:district-clerk@dfsd.org),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

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

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

BY: Elizabeth Saperstein  
School District Clerk

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### DOG OF THE WEEK

Addie is one of the Paws Crossed Animal Rescue's Pets of the Week. Reach out to [adoptions@pawscrossedny.org](mailto:adoptions@pawscrossedny.org) to learn more!



### CAT OF THE WEEK

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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.

Clerk will mail the ballot to the address designated on the application by no later than six (6) days before the election. Early Mail Ballots and Absentee Ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time, on May 19, 2026.

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

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**AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA, VOTACIÓN DE PRESUPUESTO Y ELECCIÓN**

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

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

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

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

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

Para sobre votar cualquier otra proposición legalmente propuesta.

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

Escuela Primaria Springhurst  
Escuela secundaria Dobbs Ferry  
Escuela secundaria Dobbs Ferry

Y SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS,

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

Y SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL, que las peticiones de nominación de candidatos para el cargo de miembro de la Junta de Educación se presentarán ante la Secretaria de dicho Distrito Escolar en su oficina en la Oficina del Superintendente, a más tardar el lunes 20 de abril de 2026 hasta las 5:00 p.m. Las vacantes en la Junta de Educación no se consideran cargos separados y específicos; los candidatos se postulan en libertad. Las peticiones de nominación no describirán ninguna vacante específica en la Junta para la cual se nomina 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 abierto para inspección por cualquier votante calificado del Distrito a partir del martes 12 de mayo de 2026, entre las 9:00 a. m. y las 3:00 p. m., hora predominante, de lunes a viernes y cada día antes del día fijado para la elección, excepto sábado y domingo, y en el lugar de votación el día de la votación.

Y SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que los votantes militares que actualmente no están registrados para votar pueden solicitar registrarse como votantes calificados del Distrito comunicándose con el Secretario del Distrito en 505 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY

10522, Teléfono (914) 693-1506, o correo electrónico: districtclerk@dfsd.org, para recibir una solicitud para registrarse como votantes calificados del Distrito para la Asamblea Anual del 19 de mayo. 2026. El Elector Militar podrá indicar su preferencia de recibir la solicitud de registro por correo, por facsímil o correo electrónico (email). La solicitud de registro debe ser recibida por el Secretario del Distrito a más tardar a las 5:00 p. m. el 11 de mayo de 2026. El registro de votantes preparado y archivado en la oficina del Secretario de Distrito incluirá los nombres de todos los votantes militares que presenten un registro de votantes militares válido.

Los 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 envian 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 DISTRICTO 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 TO BIDDERS ADDENDUM NO. 1 VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF SKID MOUNTED TRASH PUMP AND ENCLOSURE VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK**

The Original Bid Document dated March 25, 2026 is amended as follows:

The following is an addendum to Page C-1 Section C SPECIFICATIONS GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS for PUMP:

PUMP  
Mechanical Float or equivalent control for automatic shutdown at low water level / intake

IMPORTANT:  
Please acknowledge receipt of this ADDENDUM by signing page D-3 of the Bid Documents before submitting sealed Bid.

Please visit: <https://www.ardsleyvillage.gov/home/pages/bidsrfs> which describes the project and specifies requested information.

Dated: April 17, 2026

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Village Clerk of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson until 11:00 AM on May 1, 2026, Hastings-on-Hudson, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706, at which time and place said sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for the furnishing and/or placing of the following materials:

The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson ("Village") is soliciting proposals from qualified solar installers ("Proposers") to provide material and installation services for a rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) system at the Village Public Library. The project shall be delivered as a turn-key installation, based on an existing design prepared by the Engineer of Record.

Specifications and Bid proposal forms will be available on April 13, 2026 online at <https://www.hohny.gov/Bids> or by sending an email

to the Village Clerk/Treasurer at [Acostantini@hohny.gov](mailto:Acostantini@hohny.gov). All bidders are to notify Anthony Costantini upon downloading the project documents.

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

Bids shall be made on the Proposal Forms, furnished with the Specifications and must be accompanied by a Bid Bond acceptable to the Village, in the amount of not less than 5% of the total amount of the Bid 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 bond shall be forfeited to and retained by the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson as liquidated damages.

All questions should be directed in writing to Mary Beth Murphy by email to [Villagemanager@hohny.gov](mailto:Villagemanager@hohny.gov) no later than April 21st, 2026. Any Addenda will be emailed to prospective bidders and be posted on BidNet by April 27, 2026.

A site walk-through is scheduled for Friday, April 17, 2026 at 10:00am. Prospective bidders are to meet in front of Village Hall.

All bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes with accompanying flash drive plainly marked "Bid for 2026 Library Solar Photovoltaic System Installation – due May 1, 2026" or submitted online via BidNet.

The Village reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities at its discretion.

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**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 of-

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Office of the District Clerk of the school district no later than April 24, 2026 and military ballot application forms must be received in the office of the District Clerk of the school district no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 3, 2026. No military ballot will be canvassed unless it is (1) received in the office of the District Clerk before the close of the polls on election day and showing a cancellation mark of the United States postal service or a foreign country's postal service, or showing a dated endorsement of receipt by another agency of the United States government; or (2) received by the office of the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 p.m. on election day and signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereto, with a date which is associated to be not later than the day before the election.

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

**DISTRITO ESCOLAR  
LIBRE DE LA UNIÓN DE  
IRVINGTON CONDADO**

### DE WESTCHESTER IRVINGTON, NUEVA YORK AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA, ASAMBLEA ANUAL Y ELECCIÓN DE MIEMBROS DE LA JUNTA

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

SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que se llevará a cabo una Audiencia Pública el martes 5 de mayo de 2026 a las 7:15 p.m. en la Sala de Presentaciones del Campus, 40 North Broadway, Irvington, Nueva York, con el propósito de presentar el estado detallado de la cantidad de dinero que se requerirá para fines

escolares para el año escolar que comienza el 1 de julio de 2026, así como cualquier otro asunto que legalmente pueda presentarse en dicha reunión.

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

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

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

parte; y se publicará en los tabloneros 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 in-

dicar 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.

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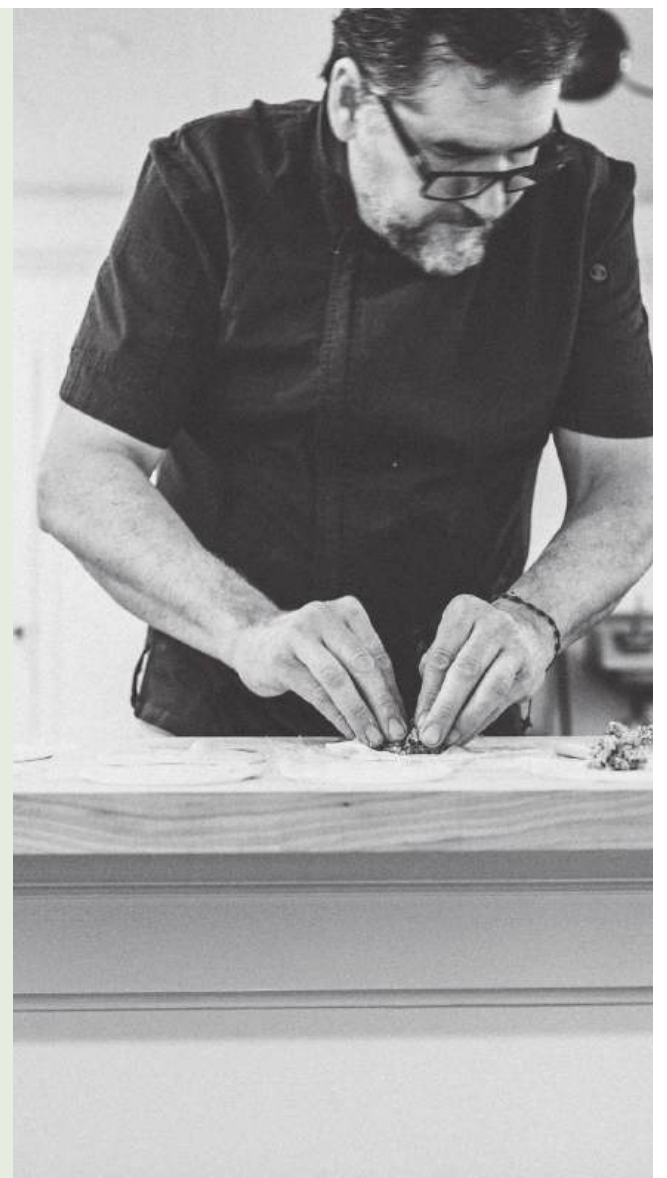
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