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Musical season

High school musical season wrapped up last weekend with performances of "Pippen" at Dobbs Ferry from April 17–18, and "Grease" at Hastings (pictured above) from April 17–19. For additional photos, turn to pages 18-19. Photos by Tim Lamorte.

Feiner, council at odds over financial report

BY AMY BOCHNER

REGION — Incumbent Paul Feiner and challenger Barry McGoey, a member of the Ardsley Board of Trustees, both gathered enough signatures to appear on the June 23 Democratic primary ballot for Greenburgh town supervisor.

On Feb. 12, the Greenburgh Democratic Committee endorsed McGoey over Feiner, who has served in the position since 1991. To appear on the primary ballot, candidates needed to gather 1,000 signatures from registered Democrats in the Greenburgh between Feb. 24 and April 2. McGoey collected over 2,000 signatures, while Feiner collected almost 3,200. Feiner was endorsed by the Working Families Party, and collected enough signatures to appear on its line in November.

As the primary approaches, there is a growing rift between Feiner and the Town's councilmembers — Joy Haber, Gina Jackson, Francis Sheehan, and Ellen Hendrickx — regarding a forensic report that was conducted by EFPR Group and released Jan. 27.

The report focused on activities between 2020–2023, and identified areas "requiring significant attention and improvement." The report found \$29.4 million in delinquent

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Panel to weigh in on affordable housing

*Dispatch to host public
discussion on April 28*

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL

REGION — The Rivertowns Dispatch will host a panel discussion about affordable housing on Tuesday, April 28, from 7–8:30 p.m. at the HudCo co-working and event space in Dobbs Ferry, 145 Palisade St., Suite 200.

There are currently 104 designated affordable housing units to rent or own among Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Hastings, and Irvington. Housing is deemed affordable if it's reserved for families whose income is at or below a specified

percentage of the area median income (AMI). The current AMI in Westchester is \$119,000 for one person, \$136,000 for a two-person household, and \$153,000 for a three-person household.

In Westchester, most of the affordable housing for purchase is reserved for households that earn 80 percent of the AMI or less, while rentals are reserved for households that earn 60 percent of the AMI or less.

Those benchmark numbers come from an ordinance developed by Westchester County in the aftermath of a housing lawsuit brought against the County by the Anti-Discrimination Center of Metro New York, that was settled

for \$62.5 million in 2009. The lawsuit contended the County was using federal funds to create housing that hindered racial diversity in communities like the Rivertowns.

Hastings Affordable Housing Committee member Andrew Smith, who will be part of the Dispatch's panel, is also the deputy executive director of Westchester Residential Opportunities, which promotes affordable housing. Smith explained that prior to the lawsuit settlement, affordable housing in the Rivertowns was typically awarded to first responders, teachers, and other demographics connected to the villages.

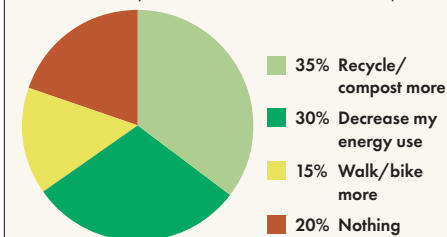
"That sounds good, we love our firefighters

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The Blotter

DOBBS FERRY

Suspended license: A 33-year-old Dobbs Ferry resident was arrested for a suspended driver's license, a misdemeanor, and cited for using a cellphone while driving, a violation, on Ashford Avenue on the afternoon of Tuesday, April 14.

Theft of check: On April 15, a Dobbs Ferry resident reported that a check for \$3,465.19 was intercepted, altered, and cashed by an unintended payee after it was mailed on Jan. 8.

Suspended registration: A 50-year-old Yonkers resident was arrested for a suspended vehicle registration, a misdemeanor, and cited for an illegal left

Dobbs resident guilty of home invasion

Dobbs Ferry resident Brandon Scerri was found guilty last week of burglarizing a home in Hastings, and robbing its occupants at gunpoint, in May 2024. The 31-year-old was convicted of eight felony counts in Westchester County Court on April 15. He will be sentenced on May 21.

On May 11, 2024, at about 4:30 a.m., Scerri held up a husband and wife in their bedroom, where they were asleep with their 7-month-old

baby, according to the Westchester County District Attorney's Office. Scerri stole jewelry from the bedroom.

While their other two children slept, the couple then led Scerri downstairs, with their infant, after the wife offered him cash from her purse. Scerri tied up the parents with electrical wire and tape and fled the scene.

A jury found Scerri guilty of two counts of burglary in the first degree, four counts of robbery in the first

degree, one count of criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree, and one count of criminal possession of stolen property in the third degree.

"I am grateful that the jury saw this case for what it was and convicted the defendant on each and every count in the indictment," District Attorney Susan Cacace said. "We will be seeking a significant sentence commensurate with the seriousness of the defendant's conduct."

turn, a violation, on Ashford Avenue on the morning of Thursday, April 16.

Theft from Ulta: An unidentified woman shoplifted \$1,103 worth of items from the Ulta Beauty at Rivertowns Square on the afternoon

of Wednesday, April 15. The theft was reported on April 17.

HASTINGS

Suspended licenses and registrations: Three drivers were arrested for suspended licenses and

registrations, both misdemeanors, on Thursday, April 16 — a 42-year-old Tarrytown resident on Farragut Avenue, a 33-year-old Yonkers resident on Washington Avenue, and a 35-year-old Bronx resident on Farragut Avenue.

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Local Curiosities

— ASK THE DISPATCH —

Is it safe to eat fish from the Hudson River?

BY JANINE ANNETT

Yes, you can eat (some) fish from the Hudson River, but it depends on who you are, the species of fish, and where it was caught, according to the New York State Department of Health (DOH).

On April 1, the DOH released revised guidelines for eating fish caught in waterbodies statewide, including the Hudson. According to the DOH, “For the first time in 50 years, everyone in the family can now eat some fish from the Lower Hudson River (Rip Van Winkle Bridge in Catskill to the NYC Battery).”

Under the guidelines, sensitive populations (people who can become pregnant and children under 15) can enjoy up to one 8-ounce meal a month of yellow perch, white perch, striped bass, and brown bullhead from the Lower Hudson River. Sensitive populations should not eat other fish species.

For the general population, the DOH recommends up to four meals a month of yellow perch, striped bass, blue crab meat, and brown bullhead, as well as up to one meal per month of white perch, rainbow smelt, largemouth bass, freshwater drum, goldfish, bluefish, and Atlantic needlefish.

Removing the skin and fat from fish can help reduce the amount of contaminants.

For years, it was unsafe to eat any fish from the Hudson. Between 1947–1977, General Electric (GE) discharged approximately 1.3 million pounds of PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) into the river from plants at Fort Edward and Hudson Falls. PCBs, which can cause cancer and other severe health issues, were used as a fire preventive and insulator during the manufacturing of electrical devices. Even after PCBs were banned, they remained in the river sediment.

Fish in the Hudson River contain many thousands of times more PCBs than the



Riverkeeper's science director Shannon Roback at Louis Engel Waterfront Park in Ossining.

surrounding water because PCBs are fat soluble, so they get stored in the fatty tissue. PCBs also become more concentrated as they move up through the food chain. When humans eat contaminated fish, the contaminants are then stored in their fat cells (pregnant or breastfeeding women can pass these contaminants along to a fetus or child).

“PCBs are not the only contaminant that fish can bioaccumulate,” according to Shannon Roback, Ph.D., the science director for Riverkeeper, a nonprofit dedicated to protecting and restoring the Hudson River. “Mercury is one that many people are familiar with, but there are all kinds of what we call ‘persistent organic pollutants.’ PFAS, the ‘forever chemicals,’ are another example of a

persistent organic pollutant. Generally, larger fish are more likely to have higher concentrations of bioaccumulated toxins. Depending on the species and the exact physiological makeup, the amount of toxin that they have bioaccumulated will be different.”

Riverkeeper has an interactive map, on its website, through which it shares the DOH's guidelines as well as other information about fishing and fish health, boating and swimming, drinking water, and climate change.

Due to cleanup efforts, the level of PCBs has decreased in the Hudson River. Being able to eat some fish from the Lower Hudson reflects that turning point, but there's still work to be done.

“We are happy that there have been a

lot of improvements, but I do want to still underscore that we are still really pushing on the EPA [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency] to get on schedule with the cleanup efforts in the Hudson,” Roback said. “We're doing a lot of work to make sure that that cleanup is done correctly and done to the extent that is needed to continue this improvement and to really keep people safe.”

For more information from the New York State Department of Health, visit www.health.ny.gov/environmental/outdoors/fish/health_advisories/. For more information from Riverkeeper, visit <https://data.riverkeeper.org/fishing>. To submit a question for Ask the Dispatch, visit www.rivertownsdispatch.com/contact-us.



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Affordable housing

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and want them to be able to live in town and afford it, but they're also all [the large majority] white," Smith told the Dispatch. "If you're pulling people from a pot of people who are 95 percent or 80 percent white, then you are going to come up with a building full of white people, and that is not what affordable housing is supposed to do. Affordable housing is supposed to be a tool for unwinding residential racial segregation, not a mechanism for maintaining it."

As a result of the settlement, the County created model affordable housing provisions for municipalities. The provisions include a requirement for an affordable housing lottery that's marketed beyond the community where the development is located. The lottery could be run by the County, or an organization like Tarrytown-based Housing Action Council (HAC), which partners with developers or property owners. In the years after the units are filled, property owners, or contracted organizations like HAC, recertify the units annually and could change the rent based on the updated AMI.

The County's provisions also include a minimum 50-year period during which new units must abide by the affordable housing standards, and a requirement that at least 10 percent of units be affordable in new market-rate developments. Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, and Irvington abide by the 10 percent rule for new developments with at least 10 units, while

Hastings requires 15 percent for new developments with at least eight units. Developers are also permitted to build their affordable units offsite, if it can be proved that doing so is more beneficial and/or feasible for the project and community.

Hastings leads the four Rivertowns with 39 affordable units, followed by 32 in Irvington, 17 in Ardsley, and 16 in Dobbs Ferry, where three more units will be added at Cedar Commons, which is under construction at 41 Cedar Street. Dobbs Ferry is also working on a partnership with Somers-based Kearney Realty & Development Group to construct mixed-income housing on three lots along Cedar Street that would add 50 units, with options for households making 30, 60, 90, and 115 percent of the AMI.

"The way to move the needle is to get larger-scale development with a significant portion of which would hopefully be affordable," Smith explained. Ten percent or 15 percent is great, and we've gotten a lot of units out of that, but what we would like to see is akin to what Dobbs is doing, and having a big project."

Smith and developer Larry Regan of Irvington agree that available space is one of barriers to building large-scale affordable housing in the Rivertowns. Regan is the president of the Ardsley-based Regan Development Corp., which specializes in creating large-scale rental developments throughout the tri-state area that typically consist of 100 percent affordable units.

"It's a challenge to develop affordable housing because you're competing against the market-rate developers, and you're also struggling

because the numbers are tight, and without the funding that's made available from the County and the State, the numbers don't work," Regan told the Dispatch.

Regan praised officials like Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins, Gov. Kathy Hochul, and the State legislature for adding funding for affordable housing developers in recent years. One example is the New Home Land Acquisition Program, which provides up to \$5 million or 75 percent of the cost for acquiring land at a fair market value so that affordable housing developers can compete with market-rate developers to purchase properties.

"There's no better place to try to build affordable housing than Westchester County because the financial tools are there to help build smaller rental projects, larger rental projects, and home ownership, with County funding and with State funding," Regan said.

Besides Dobbs Ferry's partnership with Kearney Realty & Development Group, which is targeted for 2028 completion, the only affordable housing on the horizon in the four Rivertowns are those attached to market-rate developments, as a result of the 10 or 15 percent requirement. For information about current and future affordable housing availability, visit homeseeker.westchestergov.com.

Smith and Regan will be joined on the panel by Dobbs Ferry Affordable Housing Task Force co-chair Tracy Baron, Irvington Housing Committee co-chair Michael Hanna, and Housing Action Council executive director Chance Mulen. The event will be moderated by Rivertowns Dispatch Podcast host Timothy Reuter.

Current affordable housing

The following charts lists the 104 affordable units that now exist.

	OWN	RENT
Ardsley		
867 Saw Mill River Road	17	
Waterwheel condos		
Dobbs Ferry		
100 Danforth Ave., <i>The Danforth</i>	10	
185 Ashford Ave.	1	
34 Clinton Ave., <i>The Landmark</i>	1	
75 Main St., <i>Print House Lofts</i>	2	
100 Cedar St.	1	
66-68 Main St.	1	
Hastings		
331 Warburton Ave.	1	1
333 Warburton Ave.	1	1
190 Farragut Ave.	1	1
52 Washington Ave.	3	
5 Mill River Lane, <i>The Lofts</i>		12
422 Warburton Ave.		14
10 West Main St.		4
Irvington		
2 Main St., <i>Burnham Building</i>	22	
1 South Astor St., <i>Hudson Views</i>	4	
24 Marker Ridge	6	
Total	33	71

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Bicentennial Park gazebo
(between DeCicco and Ardsley Diner)
Ages 13 and under require adult supervision

Pups & Cups

Saturday, April 25, 9-11 a.m.
ASVAC, 19 American Legion Drive
Featuring coffee and dogs from The Good
Dog Foundation

Workshop: Preschool Sleep Solutions

Saturday, April 25, 10:30 a.m.
Ardsley Public Library
Register at ardsleypubliclibrary.org

Speed Puzzling

Saturday, April 25, 1:30 p.m.
Ardsley Public Library
For adults, teens, and families with kids age 10+
Register at ardsleypubliclibrary.org

Ardsley Pollinator Day

Sunday, April 26, noon-3 p.m.
Ardsley Community Center
Register to volunteer at the native plant
giveaway at ardsleypollinatorpathway.org

New Clues about King Tut

Monday, April 27, 1 p.m.
Ardsley Public Library
Register by emailing
peggy@ardsleylibrary.org

Board of Trustees Work Session

Monday, April 27, 7:30 p.m.
Village Hall
Agenda available at ardslevillage.gov

Tree and Shrub Sapling Giveaway

Tuesday, April 28, 5-7 p.m.
Greenburgh Public Library, 300 Tarrytown Road
Ardsley Pollinator Pathway provides
guidance on selecting and caring
for your free plants

“Ride”: Music with Marc Berger

Thursday, April 30, 6:30 p.m.
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Home runs and heart fill league history

Former Little League players reminisce about its past

BY AMY BOCHNER

Jamie Macri rolled a signed baseball in his hand at the Ardsley Community Center on April 19, when memories were shared commemorating the 70th anniversary of the village’s Little League. In 1965, Macri asked his father to sign the ball after Macri, then around 12 years old, hit his first-ever home run at McDowell Park.

Leading the Ardsley Historical Society’s retrospective last Sunday was Matt Arone, a former Ardsley Little League player who is the assistant varsity baseball coach in Irvington. Three years ago, Arone wrote an article about Ardsley Little League for the historical society newsletter. Village historian Rob Pellegrino suggested turning the article into a program. One of Arone’s goals was to shine a light on the history of women in Ardsley Little League.

The earliest evidence of youth baseball in the village comes from a 1927 newspaper article about the Rotary Club and the Hastings School District organizing a junior and senior summer baseball league. Three hundred children from Ardsley, Hastings, and Dobbs Ferry, along with boys from The Children’s Village and The Graham School residential treatment centers participated. To help kick off the league, Babe Ruth came to Ardsley, followed by Lou Gehrig three years later. Despite this, mentions of a baseball team didn’t appear in a local high school yearbook until 1951.

Ardsley baseball came of age in the mid-1950s with the arrival of William Fernandez. Originally from California, he moved to Ardsley in 1952 with his wife, who taught at Concord Road Elementary School.

Fernandez, a decorated World War II veteran, was a sports fan and the father of two boys. In 1955, he drove from Ardsley to the birthplace of Little League, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, to meet with its founder, Carl Stoltz. Fernandez returned to Ardsley with literature on how to start a Little League, and off he went, recruiting sponsors and other parents.

In December 1955, the first organizational meeting of Ardsley Little League took place at the municipal building, where committees were assigned to start the first season the next spring.

The timing couldn’t have been better, Arone explained. Only a month earlier, the village board, which had gained ownership of land on Heatherdell Road, announced that they approved naming the park for Judge Wilbur McDowell.

That first year, 250 boys played on four teams: the Lions, the Wheels, the Acres, and the Volunteers, sponsored by the Lions Club, Tri Village Rotary Club, Ardsley Acres Motel, and fire department, respectively. On May 20, 1956, the first game took place, with the Volunteers defeating the Lions, 5-3.

Two men who played that day attended the historical society’s presentation. On the winning team was Richard Pressholdt, who now lives in New Jersey and stopped by while on a road trip to Vermont. He recalled practicing for the game at Macy Park, as well as opening day for McDowell Park. The second player, actor Peter Riegert, remembered his first hit: “A nine



Ilene Scheiner, Noreen Degnan, and Stephanie Kloos look at a Tigers team photo that includes Degnan and Kloos in 1974.

pitch at bat,” he said. “I swung late and dropped into right field.”

A central figure in the early days of Ardsley Little League was coach Francis J. McLoughlin, also known as Uncle Frank. According to Arone, he was a “legendary athlete” at St. John’s prep and the University of Pennsylvania in the 1920s. A year after McLoughlin’s move to Ardsley in 1955, the Little League began, which Arone said was “no coincidence.” McLoughlin coached teams including the all-star ones that played against other communities.

Riegert said that McLoughlin “taught in the most imaginative way.”

“Most people would teach you to keep your eye on the ball. Frank used to say, ‘Count the stitches,’” he recalled. “He would say to the whole team, ‘The difference between you Little Leaguers and professionals is Little Leaguers, when the game is getting tough, you don’t want the ball hit to you. But a professional baseball player does want the ball hit to you.’ And metaphorically, that sort of stuck with me my whole life.”

When McLoughlin passed away at age 53, in 1961, Ardsley Little League dedicated the season to his memory and named the field after him. Arone showed photos of the ceremony in which a plaque was placed on the field, where it still stands today. In the photos, his widow, Kay, stands alongside the young athletes holding their caps over their hearts.

Over the years, Ardsley Little League gained prominence. Sports artist and former resident Donald Moss recognized the organization in two drawings that made covers of *The Herald Tribune Sunday* magazine, once in 1959 and once in 1961.

Professional athletes often interacted with the league through its annual father-son dinner, renamed the parent-child dinner in 1979. The event featured a professional athlete speaking with and signing autographs for the players.

In 1970, a softball division for girls in fifth to eighth grade opened. That March, 67 girls tried out for the league, which was led by its commissioner, Pat Hammer. The teams did not have sponsors attached to their names, and instead were called the Bobcats, Cougars, Jaguars, Tigers, and Wildcats.

On April 25, 1970, the first softball game took place on the newly developed field three at

McDowell Park, with the Cougars beating the Tigers, 12-6. The next day, the Bobcats beat the Jaguars, 9-3. In this game, Linda Pantani hit a home run, making her the first girl to do so in Ardsley Little League history.

There were many women involved in the creation of the softball division, including Phyllis Scheiner. Her son, Steve, remembered his mom “as a driving force,” in bringing girls’ softball to Ardsley, with the idea floating around their household as early as 1968.

“Our parents grew up in the shadow of Yankee Stadium,” Steve Scheiner said. “Baseball was part of our DNA... My sister and I both remember our mom at the dining room table, planning, organizing and enlisting our help to come up with team names, all inspired by formidable felines.... Our mom’s greatest love was baseball, and that’s why we are especially proud to recognize her contribution today.”

Noreen Byrne Degnan joined last Sunday’s event after coaching an Ardsley High School softball game in Utica. She acknowledged Louise Murphy as one of the women who inspired her as a fifth-grader in 1973.

“I didn’t have a glove, and Mrs. Murphy gave me that glove,” she said. “I get emotional thinking about it... I went on to be a high school athlete and a college athlete, and I’ve been coaching the Ardsley softball team the last 19 years.”

In the mid 1970s, 600 boys and girls participated in Ardsley’s league. In 1974, the international Little League first started to allow girls to play with the boys. In 1976, Gayle Meyer became the first female player on a boys’ team in Ardsley after her mother, Judy, petitioned the local Little League board to let her play.

Another girl who played on the boys’ team was Trish Lacy, the Village’s current recreation supervisor, who remembered Little League as a “huge part” of her and her family’s lives.

Arone believes this experience has been shared by “thousands and thousands” of children and families over the past 70 years.

“Whether you played one season and hated baseball and softball, or you played until you maxed out your eligibility,” he said, “Ardsley Little League probably played an important part in your childhood, and it definitely holds an important place in Ardsley history.”

ARDSLEY

Students and parents dissect the college application process

BY LAURA SCHILLER

Ardsey High School families packed the auditorium for a panel discussion demystifying the increasingly complex college application process on April 15. Organized by the Ardsley PTSA and AHS Counseling Department, and led by guidance counselor William D. Lessa, the event featured seniors Kiarra Parikka, Avi Medar, Justin Jaeger, and Olivia Collazo and parents Erica Finegan, Jessica Sanchez, and Jennifer Gallante, whose children are seniors.

To open the discussion, the four students shared where they stood in the process. (Each had applied to 15 schools on average.) Jaeger committed to Syracuse University through Early Decision; Parikka to the University of Glasgow and Medar to NYU through the ED II round. Collazo is still deciding among her top three visual arts programs. Panelists also clarified key terms like Early Action (EA), Early Decision (ED), and Regular Decision (RD).

A major theme was how and when students begin their college search. Parikka, who plans to study marine science, built her list by focusing on coastal schools and visiting campuses during family road trips. Collazo used the digital tool Naviance to explore options and refine her choices.

Parents emphasized that college lists often evolve. “Our list kept changing all the way through fall of senior year. We had to kind of

“We all add an additional job as parents going through this process, and this one is a high-stakes one.”

Jessica Sanchez

rethink strategy,” Sanchez said, noting that exposure to lesser-known schools reshaped her family’s thinking. While most panelists agreed that junior year is a good time to begin college visits, Sanchez cautioned against starting too early, explaining that students need time to mature.

The panel also explored how the application process influences academic decisions during senior year. Medar described building a rigorous schedule. “I knew I was interested in science, so I took heavy science courses, but I also wanted to be a more holistic applicant,” he said, noting he also pushed himself in humanities and AP French.

Another key takeaway was the importance of building strong relationships with guidance counselors. Finegan shared that her family first met with her son’s counselor during sophomore year. Sanchez described the process as “extremely demanding” and said ongoing communication with counselors was critical, especially as her family

navigated a nontraditional path.

When it came to practical advice, panelists stressed starting early — but not all at once. “Once you find a college that interests you, do more research because the more you delay, the more stressed senior year will be,” Parikka said. Many recommended using the summer between junior and senior year to draft essays and get ahead on applications.

Students and parents also discussed the role of cost in decision-making. Jaeger said his family weighed the value of Syracuse’s communications program against the high cost of private tuition. Medar noted that financial considerations — and a tuition benefit through his father’s job — played a major role in his decision to apply ED II to NYU.

College visits were seen as essential. Finegan shared that her family visited 10 schools, eliminating several along the way. “I told my son it’s just as important knowing that it’s not the right fit for you,” she said. Students advised asking thoughtful questions about campus life.

Collazo highlighted the importance of tailoring questions, especially for students with specific needs. As a student who is legally blind, she made a point to connect with disability services offices at each school.

The panel also touched on State University of New York (SUNY) schools, noting that while the application process is relatively simple — often requiring few supplemental essays — the high volume of applicants makes it important to stand out through visits, interviews, or virtual engagement. Families also recommended taking advantage of SUNY’s free application week and the system’s flexibility across campuses.

Staying organized was another recurring theme. “We all add an additional job as parents going through this process, and this one is a high-stakes one,” Sanchez said, emphasizing the need to track applications and deadlines.

Reflecting on what they would do differently, students acknowledged the challenges of time management. Jaeger wished he had visited more campuses during busier times, while Parikka said she would have started earlier to reduce stress. Balancing academics, extracurriculars, and applications proved difficult, reinforcing the importance of planning ahead. By the end of the session, panelists reinforced that although the college application process can be overwhelming, early preparation, organization, and support make it manageable.



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Sunday, April 26, 2:30 p.m.
Dobbs Ferry Public Library

Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, April 28, 6:30 p.m. for the workshop
and 7:30 for the regular meeting
Village Hall
Agenda available at dobbsferry.gov

A Dispatch Discussion: Housing Affordability

Tuesday, April 28, 7–8:30 p.m.
HudCo, 145 Palisade St., Suite 200
The Rivertowns Dispatch hosts a panel
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Submit questions by April 19 and reserve a
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School Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 28, 7 p.m.
Middle/high school library
Agenda available at dfs.d.org

Romance Book Club

Wednesday, April 29, 6 p.m.
Dobbs Ferry Public Library
Discuss "Ladies in Hating"
by Alexandra Vasti
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CV contends with allegations of abuse

Federal agency relocates 47 migrant teens

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL

Following allegations that migrant teens were abused at the Children's Village (CV) residential treatment center in Dobbs Ferry, the facility's director told the Rivertowns Dispatch in an exclusive interview on April 20 that there's "no evidence" of the abuse thus far. Jeremy Kohomban, who has served as director of CV for 21 years, talked about claims — including beatings, excessive restraints, and extended isolation — that made national headlines last week and led to the relocation of 47 migrant teens who had been at CV.

The allegations were reported by CNN on April 16; Kohomban said he was first alerted to the claims when CNN reached out to him two days prior. The report states that some of the migrant teens, brought to CV after arriving in the U.S. alone, or being separated from their families by Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE), were the subjects of the abuse, sometimes out of view of cameras. It also alleges that on one occasion a teen was kept locked in a room for four days without a shower or bath, and with little access to food.

"If there was a room where a child was held for four days with no hygiene, no food, that would mean all my physicians, my psychiatrists, my lawyer, me, my social workers — hundreds of people — would have to be complicit in such a strategy," Kohomban told the Dispatch. "I don't know if I could survive that kind of a finding, personally. When you are the leader, you are responsible for the tone at the top. That means while I was doing all of these other things, something very important about what we believe about how we treat children who need treatment was missed, and I should be held accountable for that."

The Westchester County District Attorney's Office is also investigating a claim that a male migrant teen was sexually abused by a female employee who no longer works for CV, according to a source familiar with the case. The case was reported by CV to a New York State law enforcement agency called the Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs, and was referred to the DA's office in March. It was not referenced in CNN's report. The Justice Center conducts investigations into abuse and neglect. Kohomban said he has not heard from the Justice Center regarding the allegations in the CNN report.

"Most of the allegations that get reported to the Justice Center actually come from us," Kohomban explained. "We see something, we hear something, we have a suspicion and we report it to the Justice Center, and they investigate and come back and say it's either substantiated or unsubstantiated."

The DA's office could not share whether or not an arrest has been made in the sexual abuse case. The only confirmed arrests of CV staff in the past year were for a case of theft in 2025, according to Kohomban. Those two employees were not with the migrant program.

"Upon receiving an allegation related to this facility, ORR acted immediately to transfer all unaccompanied children to other locations and referred the matter to the appropriate federal investigative authorities."

Office of Communications for the Administration for Children and Families

The alleged beatings, excessive restraints, and isolation allegedly involved male teens who at some point were in the Heightened Supervision Treatment program, which is for individuals separated from the general population because they have what Kohomban described as "complex problems" and "significant psychological needs". CV operates similar programs for both migrant and domestic residents. Kohomban emphasized that the program is not a punishment, but a safety measure for the children and others around them.

The alleged abuse was allegedly carried out by members of the campus security department, known as Special Children's Services, which CV describes as a specially trained therapeutic crisis response team called on when a teen is at risk of harming themselves or others. Kohomban said he doesn't know the source of the allegations, but thinks they were introduced by "well-intentioned people" who learned of them from one or more migrant teens.

"I also think to some degree we got caught in the whole immigration conversation," Kohomban said. "I think some people probably think we are an extension of ICE and not a treatment center. They forget that we are medical professionals, we are psychiatrists, we are social workers, and that some young people are referred to a program like this because they have real treatment needs that don't make it safe for them to be in the community."

While CV, founded in 1851, exists primarily as a treatment center for domestic children, the claims of abuse are tied to a program that brought migrant children to the facility via the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), which is within the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS). ORR places migrant children in facilities throughout the country. Since 2005, more than 12,000 migrant children have stayed at CV before being reunited with their families. At its height, Kohomban recalls as many as 200 being on the campus at one time. There were 47 migrant children there in January, before they were relocated. This is the only time that ORR has moved migrant children from CV, according to Kohomban.

"We have no evidence [of the abuse]; we've looked at video," Kohomban noted, adding that there are hundreds of cameras on the campus monitored by auditors who work with CV to ensure that staff follow protocol. "If there was a name or a date, we could look deeper, but our position is that the Justice Center and the chief of police in Dobbs Ferry have full access to all of

our records, and they could investigate anything."

CV staff are trained to employ legal therapeutic restraints, utilizing the body and no external tools, for teens deemed to be a danger to themselves or others, according to Kohomban. The Justice Center has been investigating three complaints of questionable restraints between September and January, after CV's auditors called the center to investigate. Some of the results began coming in in November, while others are still pending. To date, the Justice Center has found no wrongdoing in the cases, according to CV's chief program officer David Collins. When the ORR decided to remove the 47 teens at the end of January, Kohomban believed those cases may have been a factor in the decision.

ORR monitors made an unscheduled visit to CV from Jan. 21–23. Routine scheduled visits in June, September, and November raised no red flags, according to Kohomban. Shortly after January's visit, ORR called for all 47 migrant teens at CV to be removed, and shared a statement that Kohomban says cited child safety concerns, but didn't go into more detail. Transfers to other facilities began on Jan. 29, and all children were transferred within a week. Children's Village's ORR grant supporting the program, which operates on three-year cycles, ended on March 31 and was not renewed.

ORR is a program underneath the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) division of HHS. ACF's Office of Communications wrote the Dispatch: "Upon receiving an allegation related to this facility, ORR acted immediately to transfer all unaccompanied children to other locations and referred the matter to the appropriate federal investigative authorities."

"As much as it hurts me, I don't fault them for their decision to remove the children," Kohomban said. "We have a lot of empty beds in our system [nationally], and very few kids, so why keep kids in a program where you have some questions, when you have all of these empty beds elsewhere?"

The monitors also identified concerns about their communication with CV staff during their visit. Kohomban determined the concerns were significant enough that he terminated three senior leaders with the migrant program.

As of April 23, Kohomban had not heard of any law enforcement investigation into the allegations of abuse detailed in the CNN report, besides the sexual abuse allegation flagged by CV.

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Dine-in movie theater fined for pest control violations

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL

The Westchester County Department of Health's board voted to assess fines of \$2,850 against LOOK Dine-In Cinemas at Rivertowns Square for pest control violations that spanned several months. The vote took place on Thursday, April 16, more than three months after the Westchester County Department of Health ordered the dining operation at LOOK Cinema to close on Jan. 6, following complaints of mice at the facility. Fountain drink and alcohol service was allowed to continue.

The Mirabella Cocina Latina restaurant next door to the cinema is also permitted under the LOOK permit, and was under the same food service restrictions as the theater. LOOK Cinema has a total of seven locations in New York, Virginia, Texas, Georgia and California, and all three Mirabella restaurants in the country are located next to LOOK Cinemas.

The \$2,850 that was first proposed by the board of health at a Feb. 26 hearing is an accumulation of fines for violations, most of which took place outside the kitchen, dating back to August of last year. The fines include \$300 for inadequate pest control on Aug. 15, \$500 for a repeat violation on Sept. 12, \$750 for a repeat violation on Nov.



The LOOK Dine-In Cinema at Rivertowns Square

21, and \$1,000 for a repeat violation on Jan. 5, as well as \$300 for a new violation for improper storage of food, also on Jan. 5.

LOOK voluntarily paused food service after November's violation, after evidence of rodents was found in the kitchen area for the first time. LOOK resumed serving food the same month after the situation was deemed under control. Before dining was suspended again in January, mouse droppings were found in a storage cabinet behind the food service counter at Mirabella

Cocina Latina.

After suspending LOOK's food service on Jan. 6, the health department conducted a follow-up inspection on Jan. 13 and found six violations — four for inadequate rodent control, one for "improper sanitary facilities and controls" for improperly maintained plumbing and sinks, and one for "improper construction and maintenance of physical facilities" after food debris under and behind chairs was deemed inaccessible because of how the seats are mounted. A summary

report obtained by the Dispatch from the health department stated that none of the violations were "public health hazards" and that "no critical violations" were reported.

Department of Health Deputy Commissioner Chris Ericson told the Dispatch that another inspection, on Jan. 16, showed that the rodent issue had been "satisfactorily resolved." The health department then gave LOOK the green light to fully reopen food service.

The most recent inspection of LOOK Cinema, on Feb. 4, found a dead rodent in a trap behind the curtain of one of the theaters, but no evidence of vermin was found near the kitchen. LOOK was issued a violation, but was permitted to continue operating in full, with no additional fine. According to Ericson, LOOK has been instructed to clean each theater thoroughly between every showing to ensure that extermination efforts work as designed.

In January a representative from LOOK explained to the Dispatch, in a written statement, that in addition to pest control efforts within the cinema, the Rivertowns Square shopping center uses a separate pest control company for the common areas. Following the approval of the fine, the Dispatch attempted, unsuccessfully, to reach LOOK for further comment.

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Trash bags are available at the community center and will be handed out at the VFW beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

Farmers Market

Saturday, April 25, 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
Commuter Lot, Southside Avenue
The market convenes every other Saturday through May and resumes a weekly schedule starting June 6.

For details, visit hastingsfarmersmarket.org and follow the market on Facebook

Hillside Woods Restoration Project Update

Sunday, April 26, 2–4 p.m.
James Harmon Community Center

Dog Mania Trivia Competition

Tuesday, April 28, 5–6:30 p.m.
Hastings Public Library
For ages 7–10
Register by emailing
amanning@hastingslibrary.org

“Declaration Deep Dive”

Tuesday, April 28, 7–8:30 p.m.
Hastings Public Library
A textural analysis of the Declaration of Independence with Greg Smith, Social Studies Department chairperson at Hastings High School, and Fred Charles, chairperson of Revolutionary Hastings.

Senior Game Day

Thursday, April 30, noon
James Harmon Community Center

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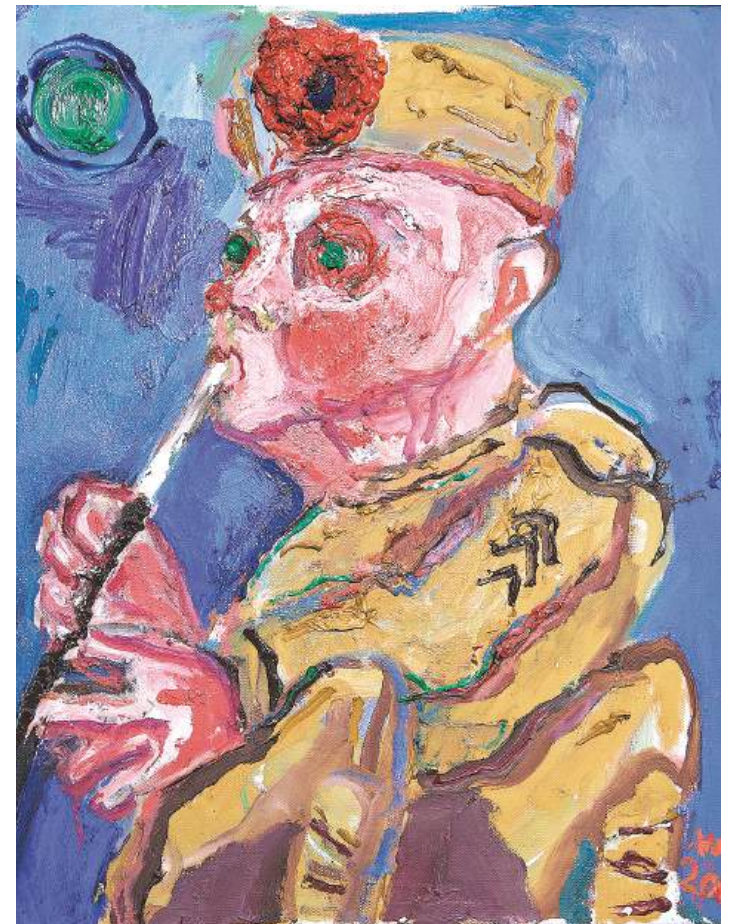
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Allen Hart's paintings "Viola da Gamba" and "The Trumpet Player"

Family of late artist showcases his legacy

99-year-old widow recalls her husband's heart and talent

BY AMY BOCHNER

In her Yonkers apartment, Millie Hart, who is 99 years old, keeps her late husband Allen's legacy alive by displaying and maintaining his vast body of artwork. Twelve years after the prolific painter's passing, Millie and her two sons are offering the community a glimpse into his expressionist canvases through an exhibit at Hastings' Village Hall Gallery, which opened April 10 and continues through June 2.

Throughout Allen Hart's art career, his wife was always involved, making sure "things got done," she told the Dispatch. She would reach out to galleries about displaying her husband's output, and after their move to Dobbs Ferry in 1995, she was the one who motivated him to join Upstream Gallery in Hastings. The exhibit at village hall, produced by Millie, Adam, and Dan Hart, and the Hastings Village Arts Commission, is the first solo showing of Allen Hart's work since 2015, when the family held a retrospective at Upstream.

Adam Hart lives in Hastings and produces the annual RiverArts Music Tour; Dan, who lives in California, is the former CEO of Virgin Orbit.

While Millie and Allen were moving from their Dobbs Ferry home into the apartment in Yonkers, Allen passed away at 89. The room they had decided would be his studio is full of his paintings, with rows of canvases dating back to the 1950s. On a shelf, abstract figures cover a pair of men's loafers, a stiletto high heel, and

Millie's favorite hat.

"There wasn't anything that he didn't touch," she said. "It was very funny."

Even after Allen's death, Millie continued to get things done. She keeps every article written about his work in a binder, going back to 1946. A spiral notebook on her husband's old desk catalogs his paintings, while 72 books full of drawings are organized in a cabinet and a bookshelf. Each is dated by Millie, who is "always trying to make order."

Amid the paintings is a photograph of the Harts as newlyweds, in 1953. Seven months earlier, Allen was sponsored to do a solo show at the Roosevelt House on the Upper East Side, and Millie, who was working at an embroidery business, was invited to attend by a mutual friend.

"I met [Allen], and that was the end of me," she said.

After two weeks, the couple spent every day together. Millie developed a close bond with Allen's grandmother, who invited her to dinner every night.

In 1968, the family (a daughter, Anne Louise, passed away in 1959) moved from New York City to Long Island. The top floor of their home served as Allen's studio. Millie said there was never a day he wasn't creating art.

Millie worked in financial management, becoming full time when Adam and Dan were a bit older.

For 33 years, Allen was the director of visual arts at the Children's Aid Society, where he built a program used in all eight of the organization's locations. The couple spent 15 summers working at Kutz Camp in Warwick, Orange County, where the two

taught children and Allen was the artist in residence.

Millie said Allen was an excellent teacher, speaking from her own experience sketching with him.

"He was very generous with his criticism," she recalled. "I'd say, 'Come on, I'm not going to be Rembrandt.' He said, 'How do you know?'"

In the mid '90s, Allen began filling books of hand-pressed paper with drawings. One would be with him wherever he went, a practice that continued until his passing.

The 72 books were inspired by medieval illuminated manuscripts, Millie said. Inside are sketches collaged with newspaper clippings from the 19th century (supplied by Allen's grandmother), X-rays, and metal scraps. Allen, who was once pepper-sprayed by police while at an anti-Vietnam War demonstration, did not shy away from politics, and a book from early 2001 satirizes and incorporates photographs of then President George Bush.

Some drawings are fantastical, with half-man, half-creatures straight out of mythology. Others are more personal, like a drawing of Millie wearing a winter hat. Many drawings merge the two. A book from 2002 serves as a diary of a hospital stay, with Allen documenting his treatment while depicting himself as a horse.

The Village Hall Gallery show features several works inspired by these books. Millie's favorite is "Diogenes Looking for an Honest Man," which depicts the cynical philosopher riding a turtle.

While Allen's passion was art, Millie's was singing. When Allen and Millie met,

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Concert of classical music quintets to feature original composition

BY AMY BOCHNER

RiverArts' Spring Chamber Music Concert will present four string quintets — three classics and one world premiere — at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Ardsley next Sunday, May 3.

For the program, Peter Seidenberg, who lives in Hastings and is the artistic director of the chamber music series, reached out to composer David Macdonald, asking him to write a piece based on Protestant hymns. The two grew up in the same town in Illinois and are old friends. This is the second time RiverArts has commissioned a Macdonald work. In 2018, he wrote the music for "Braiding," an original multi-discipline performance piece that was supported by a \$20,000 matching grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Macdonald, an Ossining resident who teaches at the Manhattan School of Music and has served as the director of music at Pleasantville Presbyterian Church for the past 25 years, said Protestant hymns are the earliest genre he loved as a child.

"I'm a classical composer and a teacher of music, so my professional life is what you might call the classical canon — Beethoven, Schumann, and the like," he told the Dispatch. "But my center is the simple hymns of the Protestant church."

"Each movement is sort of a fantasy on the tune that I chose, and I treat them in different ways, but the tune is present in all of them."

Composer David Macdonald

His new piece, titled "The Blue Hymnal," is composed of four movements based on four different hymn melodies, one each from America, Germany, France, and Scotland. "Each movement is sort of a fantasy on the tune that I chose, and I treat them in different ways, but the tune is present in all of them," he said.

He hopes that audience members who have attended Protestant services will recognize the motifs. Two of the movements are played "vigorously," while two are "straight-forward" and played slowly. One of the hymns, the German and Lutheran "Jesu, meine Freude," Macdonald said, is widely known outside of church services. The last movement is based on the African American spiritual "Amen, amen."

"It's got all kinds of couplets sections where it gets off the rails," Macdonald

explained. "Instruments go into a sort of a more improvisatory mode, but then I come back to the tune and set it in the way I would... if I were writing an arrangement for choir. It modulates. The key goes up by one step at the end, which is a standard tick of people who arrange things like spirituals for choir, and I did it with sort of a sly wink to that tradition."

The other three pieces that will be performed are standard repertoire: Mozart's Quintet No. 5 in D Major, Mendelssohn's Quintet in Bb major, and Brahms' "Spring" quintet.

All pieces, including Macdonald's, are "viola" quintets, which means they are written for a typical string quartet configuration (two violins, viola, and cello) with an additional viola.

Macdonald described the challenges of writing a piece for five instruments.

"It's like trying to have a conversation," he said. "A conversation with two people — that's pretty darn easy. Three people? Still pretty easy. Once you get four, it gets harder, but once you get to five, you start to have a crowd and if you're not careful, you have a certain amount of chaos that might not be desirable. It's a challenge coordinating everyone, having every one of the instruments have a vital role, yet [also] having some sort of a unified statement."


The musicians performing the four pieces are Miranda Cuckson and Muneka Otani on violin; Lawrence Neuman and David Panner on viola; and Seidenberg on cello. Cuckson, Otani, and Panner are based in New York City, while Neuman lives in Chicago.

"I couldn't ask for better people to be playing my music," Macdonald said.

He is eager to share his new work with the RiverArts audience.

"I'm just delighted whenever classical music is played in Westchester County for people other than fellow musicians," he said. "I wish there were more of it."


The Spring Chamber Music Concert will take place from 4–5:30 p.m., with doors opening at 3:30. Tickets, \$40, can be purchased in advance online through the RiverArts website (riverarts.org).



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Meet at O'Hara Nature Center, 170 Mountain Road
Register at irvingtonny.gov

Community Mural Painting

Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m.–noon
Village hall
The Arts and Culture Committee and Irvington Green invite all ages to help paint a large-sized butterfly

Spring Cleanup

Saturday, April 25, 2–5 p.m. (rain date April 26)
Meet at the ventilator tower on the Old Croton Aqueduct near the municipal parking lot
Register at irvingtongreen.org/events

Rivertowns Crop Hunger Walk

Sunday, April 26, 2 p.m.
Irvington Presbyterian Church, 25 N. Broadway
Sign up or donate at events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/event/rivertowns

Architectural Review Board Meeting

Monday, April 27, 8 p.m.
Village Hall
To attend via Zoom, visit irvingtonny.gov for the link

"Elder Financial Exploitation"

Tuesday, April 28, 7–8 p.m.
Irvington Public Library
Register at irvingtonlibrary.org

Zoning Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 28, 7:30 p.m.
Village Hall
To attend via Zoom, visit irvingtonny.gov for the link

IEF Fundraiser: "In the Secret Garden"

Friday, May 1, 6:30–10 p.m.
Captain Lawrence Brewery
Purchase tickets (\$200 per person, \$390 per couple) at iefny.org

Irvington Garden Club: Plant Sale and Garden Fair

Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Road, Scarsdale

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Dows Lane assistant principal Megan Hanson and principal Andrea Kantor. Photo courtesy of the Irvington School District.

Dows Lane earns Gold Star designation

National association recognizes elementary school

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL

Irvington's Dows Lane School has received nationwide recognition from the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) in the organization's inaugural Gold Star School Program. The program, which launched in October of last year, evaluates schools based on their established culture and how they empower employees and create optimal systems for children to learn.

Schools eligible to receive a Gold Star must be led by a principal who has been in their post for at least five years. Andrea Kantor has been principal at Dows Lane, which serves grades K-3, since 2019, after nearly two years as assistant principal.

"We always talk about joy, and joy in our work and joy in seeing our students grow and it [the Gold designation] really shows that we're on the right path, and we're doing something that makes a difference," Kantor told the Dispatch.

Irvington Schools Superintendent Mara Ratesic is in her second full school year overseeing the district, and describes the award as a testament to the consistency of staff throughout Dows Lane.

"One need only attend a meeting where student progress is discussed to see the depth of commitment — teachers, administrators, and support staff who advocate for all children and do whatever it takes to ensure their success," Ratesic wrote the Dispatch. "Every

staff member has a voice and plays a meaningful role in the school's success."

Kantor told the Dispatch that she makes it a point to make sure every staff member who interacts with students takes responsibility for promoting a culture that's welcoming and inclusive, with kindness at the foundation. As a result, leadership at Dows Lane doesn't just mean administration.

"We have leaders in every facet, from the classroom to our lunch monitors to even the school bus drivers, all trying to make positive change and influence students," Kantor explained.

Kantor took over as principal in the summer of 2019, less than a year before the pandemic shut down schools worldwide and forced educators to adapt quickly. In the fall of 2020, Dows Lane was named a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

"In my earlier years we did have systems and we had structure, but I think we have fine-tuned our work over the years," Kantor said. "We honor and respect every student and every adult, and we honor neurodiversity and work with students' strength. Our systems are strong, so we're able to individualize work and do whatever a child needs to succeed."

The 2025-26 school year has been the first that Dows Lane and Main Street School have utilized a new, structured literacy program that's centered on building deeper knowledge of certain subjects while learning to read and write. For example, students might spend a large part of the year learning about farming, reading poetry,

fiction, and nonfiction writing about farming, and learning a variety of farming-related terms. Kantor said the curriculum shift was significant, and one that students are enjoying.

"We built a culture of change and growth that never stops," Kantor explained. "We never say, 'OK, we're good, we're done.' We are continually learning. We have a staff that's eager to learn and try, and we make mistakes and fail together, and that's good."

During the spring, Dows Lane students are getting multiple opportunities to interact with and learn from Irvington High School students. On May 29, high school students will be visiting dozens of classrooms at Dows Lane to teach students about the history of the United States for the 250th anniversary of the founding of the country, and vocational high school students have already begun working at Dows Lane in various roles, including assisting with coaching.

NAESP plans to announce its full list of Gold Star elementary schools throughout the country next month, and Kantor and Ratesic plan to travel to Florida together for the award ceremony over the summer.

"I think we are a little pocket of kindness and love as children learn their foundational skills, and we hope that we are raising students who can advocate for good and change in the world," Kantor said. "It's just a K-3 school, but this is where they learn in the beginning. So, when they learn to disagree with each other respectfully, or show empathy for someone they don't agree with, this is where it starts."

IRVINGTON

Workshop to solicit public input about future of village facilities

BY JULIAN MICHAEL CALDWELL

Irvington residents have the opportunity to help develop solutions for upgrading key village facilities, such the fire department, police department, and public works garage, during the “Sites and Scenarios Exploration” community workshop on Thursday, April 30, at the Main Street School.

The workshop involves the public in the process as the Village works with New York City-based firm Beyer Blinder Belle Architects & Planners (BBB) to develop recommendations for the renovation or relocation of several municipal facilities. The departments BBB and the Village are prioritizing are fire, police, public works, parks and recreation, ambulance corps, and village administration. They’re also looking into potential improvements to the justice court, senior center, theater, and public library.

Irvington hired BBB in October of last year for \$444,505 to lead the development of a new plan, with community engagement at its core, after voters rejected an \$18.2 million bond proposal, in November 2023, to revamp the Village facilities. Irvington also formed the Facilities Planning Steering Committee in April 2024,

in the aftermath of the failed proposal, to ensure that residents are more informed and involved in the process.

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

At the upcoming workshop, attendees will be broken up into groups of seven or eight people and collaborate to measure the needs of each department against the potential locations BBB is considering and to provide recommendations. The workshop builds upon an open house event in February that Michael Hanna, the community engagement adviser to the steering committee, said drew more than 100 residents.

“Rather than in the open house saying, ‘Here’s what we’ve assessed and here’s what we believe the needs are’ without worrying about how to achieve them, now we’re saying that we’re worrying about how to achieve them, and we’re asking you to join us in this process of how to solve for those needs,” Hanna told the Dispatch.

BBB is nearing the end of its nine-month planning stage and is on track to deliver its final facilities plan in June. The plan

will provide the Village with primary recommendations as well as alternate, vetted options for the village board to review and approve. BBB’s report will include pros and cons for each option, and a relative understanding of costs and revenue opportunities for the Village. The recommendations will factor in the expertise of BBB’s engineers and village department heads, as well as community input from events like the upcoming workshop, and a community survey created by the steering committee that was completed by 445 Irvington residents earlier this year.

“There’s always some challenge to whatever solution you have, and in participating in this event, you can see the opportunities, you can pose questions, you can see what the challenges are, and no matter what, as a community, we’ll have to say the benefits of this approach outweigh cons,” Hanna said. “If we do that together, hopefully we’ll build consensus.”

Hanna acknowledged that while the 2023 bond proposal was crafted in a way that he believes made it easy for residents to think it would be entirely paid for using taxpayer dollars, the Village will be pursuing grants and other funding opportunities to help pay for the facilities upgrades, which

are expected to be completed in phases over the course of several years.

The “Sites and Scenarios Exploration” community workshop takes place in the Main Street School auditorium, 101 Main St., from 6:30–8 p.m. on Thursday, April 30. The program will start promptly. Prior registration is not required but encouraged. To RSVP, visit irvingtonny.gov and enter “Facilities Planning Project” in the search bar.

— COMMUNITY BRIEFS —

MSS Geography Bee

Fifth-grader Avinash Feigon won the Main Street School’s annual Geography Bee on March 6, while fellow fifth-grader Theo Kimmel was the runner-up. The competition began with a qualifying round that included 66 fourth graders and 53 fifth graders. From this group, 16 fourth graders and 12 fifth graders advanced as finalists. The event was moderated by Irvington High School social studies department chair Chris Barry and Westchester County Legislator David Imamura. Geography Bee Committee members Stacey Cole, Nancy Deakin, and Gaby Witt served as judges.

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The Agenda

SATURDAY APRIL 25

The Verge

ARDSLEY

8:30 p.m. / No cover charge. Saw Mill Tavern, 925 Saw Mill River Road. Featuring rock, pop, punk, and blues. Reservations encouraged. smtavern.com

Children's Book Nook

DOBBS FERRY

Noon–3 p.m. / Free. Keeper's House, 15 Walnut St. Explore a special selection of books and interactive displays in a cozy space. Also on Sunday. aqueduct.org

Farmers Market

HASTINGS

April 25 / 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Commuter Lot, Southside Avenue. The market convenes every other Saturday through May. For details, visit hastingsfarmersmarket.org and follow the market on Facebook.

Rev. Billy and the Stop Shopping Choir

IRVINGTON

7 p.m. / \$30. Irvington Theater, 85 Main St. The gospel-infused performance challenges consumerism and ecological destruction. Purchase tickets at chaosandcatharsis.com/events/irvingtontheater.com

Two Community Events

TARRYTOWN

11 a.m.–3 p.m. / \$10. Patriots Park. The Rotary Club of the Tarrytowns' Rubber Ducky Derby races down Andre's Brook (\$10 to adopt a duck), and the Family YMCA of Tarrytown's Healthy Kids Day features games, arts and crafts, face painting, and the Bubble Bus (\$10 wristband for ages 2 and up). Food will be available for purchase. tarrytownrotary.org, ymcattarrytown.org

Deconstructing The Beatles' "Revolver"

TARRYTOWN

3–5 p.m. / \$33, \$25 for members. Shames JCC, 371 S. Broadway. Musicologist Scott Freiman gives a multimedia lecture about the inspiration for and evolution of Beatles songs. Purchase tickets online. shamesjcc.org

Tribute Concert

TARRYTOWN

8 p.m. / \$42–\$57. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St. Three American troubadours celebrate James Taylor, Carly Simon, and Carole King. tarrytownmusichall.org

Music "En Plein Air"

YONKERS

2–3:30 p.m. / \$15 for adults, \$9 for seniors and students, \$8 for ages 3–18, free for members and children under 3. Hudson River Museum, 511 Warburton Ave. Featuring guitar-



Ardsley Pollinator Day features free native plants and seeds and garden consultations on Sunday, April 26, at the Ardsley Community Center.

ist Jesse Lewis and vibraphonist and composer Chris Dingman. Register at hrm.org

SUNDAY APRIL 26

Ardsley Pollinator Day

ARDSLEY

Noon–3 p.m. / Free. Ardsley Community Center, 18 Center St. Native plant giveaway. ardsleypollinatorpathway.org

Outdoor Live Music: Milton

DOBBS FERRY

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

Rivertowns Crop Hunger Walk

IRVINGTON

2 p.m. / Free. Irvington Presbyterian Church, 25 N. Broadway. Sign up or donate at events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/event/rivertowns

Car Show

TARRYTOWN

10 a.m.–2 p.m. / Free. Lot E at the Tarrytown Waterfront. Rain date May 17. sleepyhollow-tarrytownchamber.com

Double Feature

TARRYTOWN

8 p.m. / Free. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St. Screening of "Heist" and "Yours in Freedom," followed by a Q&A with Bill and Joni Baird, director Rebecca Cammisa, and special guests. tarrytownmusichall.org

Friends of Music Concerts

SLEEPY HOLLOW

3 p.m. / \$40. Kusel Auditorium at Sleepy Hollow High School, 210 N. Broadway. The season finale features violinist Stefan Jackiw accompanied by Kevin Ahfat on piano. [\[concerts.org\]\(http://concerts.org\)](http://friendsofmusic-</p>
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Impressionism in Art and Music

YONKERS

2 p.m. / \$15 for adults, \$9 for seniors and students, \$8 for ages 3–18, free for members and children under 3. Hudson River Museum, 511 Warburton Ave. Art historian Kirsten Jensen is joined by Yonkers Philharmonic conductor Ariel Rudiakov and a sextet of musicians. Register at hrm.org

Amauta: Traditional Music of the Andes

GREENBURGH

2:45–3:30 p.m. / Free. Greenburgh Public Library, 300 Tarrytown Road. greenburghlibrary.org

TUESDAY APRIL 28

Art Exhibition: "Resilience"

DOBBS FERRY

5 p.m. / Free. Mahoney Hall at Mercy University, 555 Broadway. Opening of the Mental Health Month exhibition. On view through May 8. mercy.edu/news-events

A Dispatch Discussion: Housing Affordability

DOBBS FERRY

7–8:30 p.m. / \$10. HudCo, 145 Palisade St., Suite 200. The Rivertowns Dispatch hosts a panel moderated by its podcast host, Timothy Reuter. Reserve a spot at eventbrite.com. If ticket cost is a barrier, email hello@rivertowns-dispatch.com

Tree and Shrub Giveaway

GREENBURGH

5–7 p.m. / Free. Greenburgh Public Library, 300 Tarrytown Road. Ardsley Pollinator Pathway will provide expert guidance on selecting saplings and caring for your new plants. [\[leypollinatorpathway.org\]\(http://leypollinatorpathway.org\)](http://ards-</p>
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WEDNESDAY APRIL 29

Blood Drive

DOBBS FERRY

10:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. St. John's Riverside Hospital's Dobbs Ferry Pavilion, 128 Ashford Ave. Schedule an appointment at donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/337249

Hybrid Film Club: "The Fisher King"

GREENBURGH

7 p.m. / Free. Greenburgh Public Library, 300 Tarrytown Road. Watch this month's film in advance, and join via Zoom or in person to discuss. Registration required. greenburghlibrary.org

THURSDAY APRIL 30

"Ride"

ARDSLEY

6:30 p.m. / Free. Ardsley Public Library, 9 American Legion Drive. Featuring singer, songwriter, storyteller Marc Berger. Register by emailing peggygm@ardsleylibrary.org

Jazz & More

DOBBS FERRY

7–9:15 p.m. / No cover charge. Mirabella Cocina Latina Restaurant & Bar, 1 Hamilton St., in Rivertowns Square. Featuring Brazilian vocalist Sanny Alves with Alcides Filho and Scott Latzky. mirbellacocina.com

Krishna Das

TARRYTOWN

7:30 p.m. / \$68–\$93. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St. Benefit concert for Tibetan Home of Hope. tarrytownmusichall.org

FRIDAY MAY 1

"Between the Lines Jr."

IRVINGTON

7 p.m. / \$25, \$20 for students and seniors, \$3 more at the door. Irvington Theater, 85 Main St. Broadway Training Center's Junior Ensemble presents a musical based on the novel by Jodi Picoult and Samantha van Leer. Also on May 2, 7 p.m., and May 3, 3 p.m. BroadwayTraining.com/Tickets

Lyndhurst Spring Craft Festival

TARRYTOWN

10 a.m.–5 p.m. May 1 and 3; 10 a.m.–6 p.m. May 2 / \$6–\$16 online; \$3 more in person. 635 S. Broadway. Shop for original clothing, accessories, jewelry, home décor, and art, plus gourmet specialties, food trucks, and family activities. lyndhurst.org

Financial report

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real property tax balances owed by Greenburgh taxpayers. The report also found that although there were \$39.4 million in funds budgeted for a new courthouse in Greenburgh between 2019–2022, only \$7.4 million was formally restricted to this purpose. This meant the Town was able to use those funds “to plug other budget gaps year over year by reappropriating funds intended for the courthouse,” which is in the planning stage. Among the other issues were inconsistencies in budget administration, such as outdated financial policies, and lapses in internal controls such as segregation of duties and maintenance of active user accounts.

On Feb. 25, the town board approved a resolution requesting that the New York State comptroller investigate the report’s findings. The four councilmembers voted in favor, while Feiner voted against the resolution. He stated that he was “fine” with the state comptroller reviewing the report, but that the board should invite the comptroller to conduct “a more in-depth audit” of the Town’s budget going into the beginning of 2026. He also described the resolution as “political.”

On March 9, the four councilmembers sent the request to the state comptroller. In their letter, they stated they “authorized the forensic audit be conducted after the town supervisor procedurally delayed the vote and then voted against the forensic

audit.” They accuse Feiner of “trying to further delay the vote by insisting” the 2024–2026 annual audits also be included. The councilmembers argue this would have delayed the forensic report until next year.

The letter also provides background on what led to the report. After being hired in May 2024, Greenburgh Comptroller Kimberly Gutwein was working on the 2023 annual audit. While examining the financial records from 2020 to 2022 she grew “increasingly concerned,” leading to her consulting with Sheehan. One of the issues she cited was the Greenburgh courthouse. According to the letter, she told Sheehan it was “unconscionable to ask property owners townwide (including those in the Town’s six villages) to have ‘to pay for a courthouse they have already paid \$39.4 million to build.’”

Feiner posted a statement on the Town’s website on March 11, stating the town board approved a resolution reserving \$7,400,000 for the courthouse in 2023. He wrote this “was the only resolution ever approved by the town board restricting the use of funds for the [courthouse]. The law requires the board to approve a resolution restricting the funds. The \$7,400,000 continues to be in the budget, reserved for [courthouse] use.”

On March 25, the four councilmembers released a joint statement, where they argue Feiner’s March 11 post is “proof of no plan to fund [the] courthouse.”

They stated \$7.4 million is the amount Feiner included in the 2022 budget on the

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Barry McGoey



Paul Feiner

Supervisor candidates share perspectives in run-up to Democratic primary on June 23



Rivertowns Dispatch Podcast host Timothy Reuter conducted separate interviews recently with incumbent Paul Feiner and challenger Barry McGoey, who are both seeking the Democratic nomination for Greenburgh town supervisor. The Democratic primary will be June 23, followed by the general election on Nov. 3. To listen to the interviews, go to Apple Podcasts or Spotify or visit <https://anchor.fm/rivertownsdispatch>.

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“reserve for courthouse” line, but he “has not produced similar resolutions for the amounts the Town collected from taxpayers for the courthouse in his 2019, 2020, and 2021 budgets,” which cumulated to \$32 million. The councilmembers wrote, “Feiner’s failure to put forth these resolutions... is further reason we call what he was doing a scheme, collecting taxes explicitly stated for the courthouse with no intention of his using the taxes collected for the purpose stated in his budgets.”

In another statement by Feiner on April 14, which includes a letter to the state comptroller rebutting the board’s March 9 letter, he wrote the board must adopt resolutions to reserve funds for a designated

purpose, and that the board only passed one resolution restricting \$7.4 million for the courthouse. Without a resolution, “a surplus or unassigned fund balance remains legally available for any lawful municipal purpose.” Because the courthouse was not built, the reserve for the courthouse was used to “reduce the amount of property tax in the town” the following year, which he said the board knew about.

Feiner believes the courthouse project can be done for about \$7.4 million, not \$39 million. He said that if the board thought it needed to reserve a larger amount, it would by law have had to adopt a resolution at a public hearing to restrict that amount for that purpose, but “it never did so.”

The councilmembers March 25 statement also denies that the report’s findings are being politicized, and that McGoey declared his

candidacy six weeks before the investigation was completed and the report was issued.

Feiner’s April 14 statement reasserts his belief the councilmembers’ request was political, and that they wrote to the comptroller’s office with the “hope to replace [Feiner]... with a candidate selected by the town board.”

He argued that an indicator of “the purely political motivation” for the board’s letter is how a sentence was removed after the report was “sent for review to [Sheehan].” Page 14 of the report, Feiner said, originally stated that the review “did not identify any indication of malfeasance.” After Courtney Brock, who conducted the examination for EFPR, spoke to Sheehan and the town comptroller, “EFPR inexplicably cut the underlined sentence out of its final report,” Feiner said.

Sheehan told the Dispatch that the reason

this sentence was removed was because the Town Comptroller noticed it was inconsistent with the report’s first page, which states EFPR’s objective was not to express an opinion on the financial statements. To get opinions, Sheehan said, the Town needed to refer the Forensic Report to the NYS Comptroller. With or without the sentence, he continued, “the issues with fiscal management identified... are staggering.”

Feiner stated on April 14 that even if the comptroller concludes an examination of certain Town practices is warranted, “it would have to target the entire town board.”

“At all pertinent times, [the board] knew of those practices and adopted, approved, or acquiesced in them,” he wrote. “In pointing a finger at the town supervisor, the town board is in effect pointing four fingers back at itself.”

Hart

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she was a member of a choral group preparing to perform at St. Bartholomew’s Church in midtown Manhattan. She also sang with conductor and radio host David Randolph. A joke between the Harts was that although Allen loved music, “He was off beat. We’d say, ‘Get back to your easel!’” They would listen to classical music in the studio while Allen painted.

Music is central to many of the pieces on display. Several of the paper drawings

depict musicians in fantastical settings, like “Trumpet Player Riding on a Wild Boar” and “The Piano Trio,” which features three humanoid figures playing instruments. “Viola da Gamba” is from a series Allen made in the early 2000s called “The Orchestra of the Damned,” which compares the beauty of music to the brutality of war.

Like with his shoes and Millie’s hat, some of Allen’s art refuses to be constrained within a canvas, and instead leaps toward the viewer. In “Elephant with Long Tusks,” the paint is thick, with pieces of paper caught in the brushstrokes. A flower

made of paint protrudes from “The Trumpet Player” while “Poison Dart Frog” has a plastic toy frog swimming in a sea of blue. Colorful glass pieces are embedded in “Mosaic” which was created shortly before Allen passed away.

Allen’s personal life manifested in his art as well. The first painting viewers will encounter at village hall depicts a red light-house, based on the one he would do homework near while growing up in Washington Heights. Back at the Yonkers apartment, two portraits are hung up on either side of the kitchen table: one of Allen and the

other of Millie. In a Q&A posted on RiverArts’ blog on July 19, 2012, Allen was asked what he felt was the most positive or inspirational aspect of being an artist. He answered, “My wife.”

For Millie, this gallery serves as a way to introduce her husband and his work to a new generation.

“The people today don’t really know Allen,” she said. “I hope they’ll understand who he was, what his art meant [and] means going forward... He was a marvelous interpreter, a marvelous draftsman, and he had a lot of love in him.”

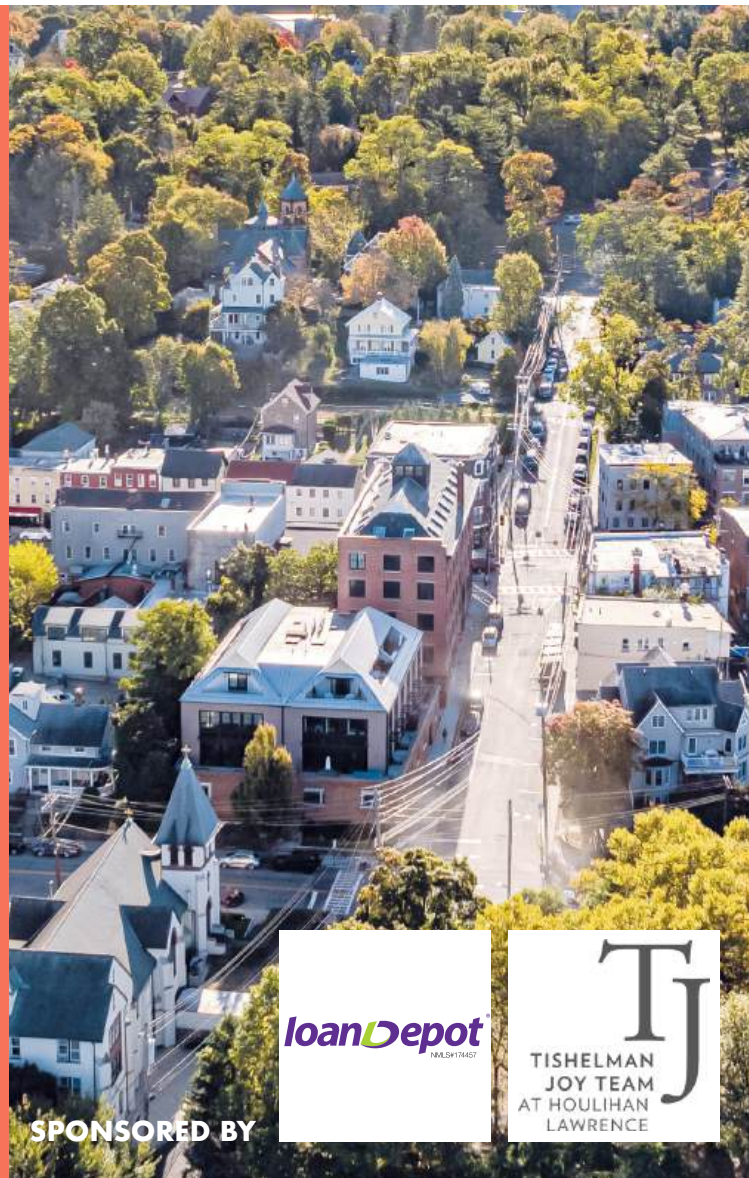
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United Nations Association to host event about food security on May 4

To the Editor:

The United Nations Association (UNA-USA) Westchester Chapter will be holding its Earth Day celebration and annual meeting at Manhattanville University in Purchase on May 4 from 2–4 p.m. (registration begins at 1:30). Residents of Westchester are cordially invited to join this inspiring event. It is free and open to the public. Please register at www.unawestchester.org.

The theme for the event is “Global Goals and Local Roots: Food Security in Westchester,” and will feature our keynote speaker, Shaza Moghraby, spokesperson for the U.N. World Food Program, in conversation with Hugh Locke, an expert on regenerative agriculture. The keynote will be followed by a panel of local leaders implementing food security programs: Rebecca Snyder, Feeding Westchester; Michelle Hughes, Glynwood Center for Regional Food and Farming; Michael Capers, Sweet Freedom Farm; and Millie Magraw, Westchester County Planning Department. A short annual meeting and presentation of awards will take place, followed by a networking reception.

UNA-Westchester would be delighted to welcome Rivertowns residents.

Marcia Brewster

PRESIDENT, UNA-WESTCHESTER
The writer is a resident of Hastings.

Push for a humane method of deer management in Hastings

To the Editor:

A big thank you to Amy Bochner for last week's detailed and balanced report on the deer management options Hastings is weighing, and for the clear historical account from former Trustee Dan Lemons and former Mayor Peter Swiderski documenting the history — and success — of the humane choice the Village made several years ago.

Why would we allow the killing of sentient animals that happen to share our location because their presence is inconvenient to us? How can anyone in good conscience abide the pain and suffering it would cause to the mothers killed as well as their young

fawns? When deer are shot, they don't just drop dead on the spot like in a video game. Instead, they run away to die 50–200 yards away, maybe in the playground, maybe in the Burke, maybe in my yard. Does our community want to witness bleeding, dying deer?

As Lemons and Swiderski detailed, contraception — the humane solution — has been proven to work villagewide, while the proposed method of shooting deer would not meet most of our goals. I wholeheartedly support an effort to put pressure on the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to allow us to continue contraception, and I'm sure I'm not the only resident willing to join such a lobbying campaign. Alternatively, our only charge is to find a non-lethal method with a successful track record.

Sarita Eisenstark

HASTINGS

Editor's note: The Village of Hastings is considering hiring the bowhunter employed by the villages of Irvington and Dobbs Ferry.

Hastings School Board should pause planning fields project

To the Editor:

The Hastings Board of Education's recent decision to move forward with the synthetic turf project at Burke Estate raises significant questions regarding the commitments made to our community. Before the narrow 71-vote margin in June 2025, the Board stated that the turf would be PFAS-free. However, testing results released less than 24 hours before the contract vote revealed the product is anything but clean. Even when conducted by the vendor's own consultant, testing confirmed the presence of PFOA and PFOS, with the latter appearing at concentrations 147 times the EPA's legally enforceable drinking water limit. Kayla Bennett, a national scientific expert has been unequivocal, stating this material is “the farthest thing” from being PFAS-free.

The Board's current defense that the product is compliant because PFAS were not “intentionally added” is a pivot from their original promise. Voters were never asked to approve “free of intentionally added PFAS”; they were promised a “PFAS-free” product. The Board is justifying this decision by citing a bill that remains in committee while ignoring the enacted NYS Carpet EPR Law, which bans PFAS in turf effective December 2026.

The stakes of this decision extend beyond the playing fields. The Burke Estate houses one of our Village's largest wetland and the headwaters of Factory Brook, which flows

directly into the Hudson River. Installing materials saturated with “forever chemicals” creates a permanent leaching risk into our soil and waterways, threatening the entire ecosystem. Given the thin margin of the initial vote and the evidence that the promised safety standards have not been met, we recommend the Board immediately pause this project until a truly independent review verifies compliance with all applicable health and environmental standards and the findings are presented for renewed public consideration. We deserve a solution that protects our athletes without compromising the environmental health of Hastings.

Ruth DeFord, Mary Lambert, Sabine Reichert, and Gal Yaguri

HASTINGS

Dobbs district should address impact of tech on students

To the Editor:

On March 24, administrators from the Dobbs Ferry School District gave a presentation to the board of education entitled “Using Technology to Improve Teaching and Learning.” During the presentation, they spoke about the “historical context of education technology,” describing instances from the 1970s until today when people were concerned that tech might hinder learning, but, “when used intentionally,” tech improved outcomes.

Their message was clear: We've been here before and things have turned out OK. There is some truth to this history. People have often responded with alarm to new technologies, like calculators, that ultimately turned out to be beneficial. But I would like to raise a counter example to this rosy picture: school smoking lounges.

I am old enough to remember when high schools had smoking lounges. For younger millennials and Gen Zers, these were places where students — most of whom were children — could smoke during the school day. It seems hard to believe today, but they did exist. However, by the 1990s, when the harms and addictiveness of nicotine became abundantly clear, administrators did the only sensible thing: They got rid of smoking lounges in their schools.

Technology today, especially A.I., is much closer to cigarettes than calculators in terms of its harm to children and their education, in my opinion. New research is coming out all the time showing this to be the case. For example, a 2025 study found that standardized test scores fell significantly more in countries where students spent more time

using devices for leisure purposes during the school day than in countries where they spent less time. The question is whether we will be among the first districts to tackle this critical issue — to deal with this generation's smoking lounge — or whether we will wait until we are forced to act. I sincerely hope it's the former.

Brianne Lucyk

DOBBS FERRY

Planned installation of fields would not be responsible

To the Editor:

Last June, Hastings voters approved \$8.1 million for synthetic turf fields at the Burke Estate, but only by 71 votes, with 1,369 residents opposed. Many voted “yes” based on one explicit promise: the turf would be PFAS-free. That commitment was made at community forums, board meetings, on the district bond website, and on yard signs by supporters across town.

Two weeks ago, the board of education awarded the contract fewer than 24 hours after releasing the vendor's own testing data. That data, produced by Gradient, a consultant hired and paid by FieldTurf, tells a story the district's framing does not: PFAS are present in this turf. PFOA, which the EPA says has no safe level in drinking water, was detected in every single sample. PFOS was found in turf blade material at 590 parts per trillion (ppt), far above the EPA's legally enforceable drinking water limit of 4 ppt.

Artificial turf fields also contaminate surrounding soil and surface water. The Burke Estate contains Hastings' largest wetland, and Factory Brook — a stream originating on the property — flows directly into the Hudson River. PFAS leaching from turf fields into the surrounding soil and waterways would not stay on school grounds.

PFAS are called “forever chemicals” because they accumulate in the body and environment indefinitely, and are linked to cancer, immune suppression, and developmental harm. Children are especially vulnerable. New York State recognized this, banning PFAS in turf effective Dec. 31, 2026. Racing to install a product that would be illegal to sell in six months is not responsible stewardship.

The community was promised safe PFAS-free fields. We deserve to know why those promises were not kept and what the board intends to do about it.

Aarthi Muthukrishnan, Ariella Gastel, and Rachel Thornton

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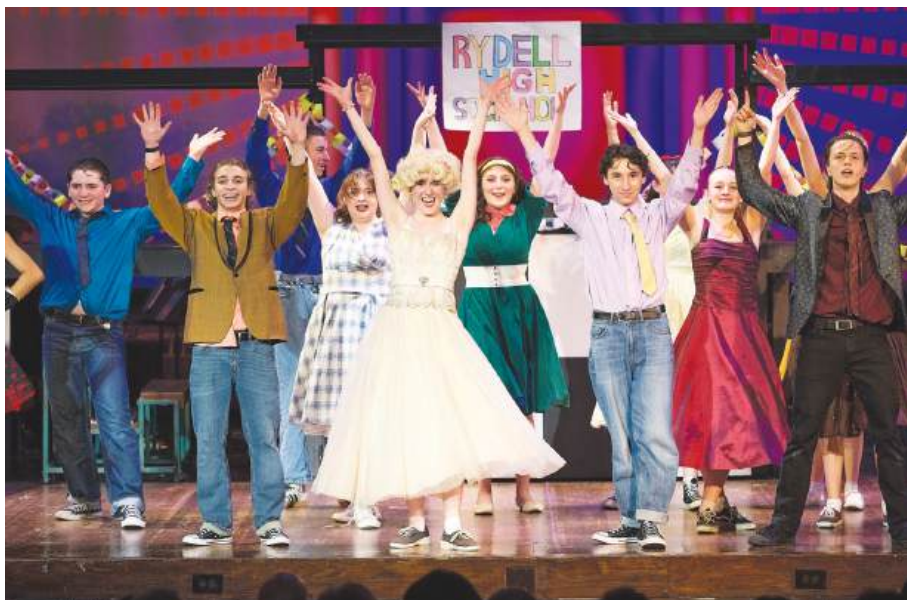
Moments from the Dobbs Ferry High School production of *Pippin*, which was staged April 17–18. The cast of 31 was led by artistic director and choreographer Bret Fox, producer and music director Georgia DeFalco, and associate and technical director James Carney.





The One That I Want

Moments from the Hastings High School production of *Grease*, which was staged April 17–19. The cast of 33 was led by director and choreographer Laurie Walton, music director Bob Walton, and technical director Gillian Husovsky.





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— BOYS' LACROSSE ROUNDUP —

BY ROB DIANTONIO

Dobbs Ferry made sure Senior Day ended the right way. Behind a fast start, balanced scoring, and steady play in goal, the Eagles rolled to a 16-6 victory over rival Hastings on April 18 in a physical, penalty-filled matchup.

The Eagles set the tone early, turning a one-goal deficit into a comfortable lead. Jackson Kearns led the offense with five goals and one assist, while Peter Kilroe added four goals and four assists. Ryan Mohl scored three times, Dylan Ravage had one goal and five assists, Jack Shemonoski scored twice, and River Rowan added a goal.

The Eagles improved their momentum heading deeper into the season, while also celebrating their seniors with a rivalry win.

"It meant a lot," said Mohl, a senior. "I've been here for four years, so it's a big day for us. And also, versus Hastings, a big rivalry, so we always look to come out here and give it our all."

Hastings struck first when Luca Chen scored with 9:44 left in the opening quarter for a 1-0 lead. Dobbs Ferry answered quickly and then took complete control of the period. After the Eagles tied it at 1-1, Kearns ripped home a goal with 7:28 remaining to put Dobbs ahead for good. He added another from long range to make it 3-1, then scored on the run for a 4-1 edge.

Ravage pushed the lead to 5-1 with 3:43 left in the quarter before Dobbs Ferry added another late tally to carry a 6-1 advantage into the second.

"We got out strong today by just bringing the energy in warm-ups," Kearns said. "Made sure we were loud, just get the juice going. Throwing a couple hits early got us going."

The Eagles kept pouring it on in the second quarter. Kearns opened the scoring with a behind-the-back finish for a 7-1 lead, but Hastings showed some response. The Yellow Jackets scored twice to cut the deficit to 7-3 and briefly slowed the pace.

Mohl scored twice in a span of 27 seconds to make it 9-3. Moments later, Rowan took the ball from midfield and charged in for a goal, extending the lead to 10-3. Kilroe added another off a feed from Ravage, and Dobbs Ferry took an 11-4 cushion into halftime.

"Our offense is gelling really well," Eagles coach Drew Maier said. "They're moving the ball really well and have a good sense for each other. When we don't make mistakes, we're going to be good."

While Dobbs Ferry's offense grabbed attention, the Eagles also got strong defensive efforts from Matt O'Leary (8GB), James Pessin (6GB), and goalie Kola Rukaj, who made 13 saves. "We've got a young defense," Mohl said. "That's probably the first thing we've got to work on in practice."



Dobbs Ferry's Samuel Bass possesses as Hastings' Paul Consorte pressures. Photos by Rob DiAntonio.



Dobbs' Dylan Ravage fires a shot.

Maier agreed there is still room for growth, particularly after a penalty-filled contest.

"The first couple games, we took almost no penalties, and then the last two or three games, we've taken almost too many," Maier said. "You knew this game was going to get a little chippy. It always happens. But it's definitely something we have to clean up."

For Hastings, Chen scored twice, Paul Consorte had two goals and one assist, William Tenthoff added one goal and one assist, Jack Reynolds had one goal and one assist, and Anthony Laboy recorded two assists. Nathan Fallon-Jablon made 11 saves.

Coach Alex Munoz said his young team can still benefit from games like this.

"We have only four seniors," Munoz said. "The rest are juniors and sophomores, so we're trying to understand the speed of the game, and the transition game is a big thing for us. We dropped a lot of balls today and made them look better than they actually are. Hopefully, we can learn from this."

As for Dobbs Ferry, the formula was clear: quick starts, crisp ball movement, and finishing opportunities.

"Our focus isn't who we're playing," Kearns said. "We have to just get one percent better every single day."

The Eagles (2-4) lost to visiting Harrison 21-7 on April 17 and fell to host Sleepy Hollow 13-2 on April 21. Against Harrison, Mohl (2G, 2A), Ravage (2G, 2A), Kearns (1G, 1A), and Shemonoski (1G) led the team.

The Yellow Jackets (1-6) lost to host Clarkstown North 9-3 on April 21.

Ardasley keeps winning

Ardasley (4-3) has won four consecutive

league games, most recently picking up home wins over Hastings (9-4, April 15) and Ossining (14-10, April 21). Against Hastings, Liam Gallante scored three goals and surpassed 100 career points. Tristen Roberts (2G, 2A), Conor Lenihan (2G), Tyler DeCosta (2A), Robbie Miele (15/16FO, 1A), Brodi Kessler (1G), and Jackson Rosenfeld (16S) contributed.

Hastings received a goal each from Anthony Laboy, Paul Consorte, Max Park, and Romeo Casano-Anonellis. Fallon-Jablon had a busy day in net with 29 saves. In Ardsley's win over Ossining, Roberts had a big game with six goals and five assists. Lenihan (1G, 3A), DeCosta (1G, 2A), Miele (2G), Kessler (2G), Gallante (1G, 1A), Wilson Donnep (1G), and Rosenfeld (23S) helped stuff the stat sheet.

Irvington rebounds, defeats Edgemont

Irvington (7-2) bounced back from a 12-6 loss to visiting Blind Brook with a 17-11 Senior Day win over visiting Edgemont on April 20. Nick Grados (3A) and Grant Malakoff netted five goals each. Liam Wade dished out five assists. D.J. Ufer (3G), Jack Klatell (2G, 3A), Conner Gredick (1G, 2A), and Soren Deyonker (1G) contributed. The Bulldogs also picked up a 4-3 road win over Rye Neck on April 15. Saxon Frank (2G), Ufer (2A), Grados (1G), and Wade (1G) led the way.

Sports

O'Brien scores 100th goal as Dobbs rolls past Hastings

— GIRLS' LACROSSE ROUNDUP —

BY ROB DIANTONIO

Dobbs Ferry celebrated Senior Day with a milestone moment and another statement victory.

Senior Molly O'Brien scored the 100th goal of her career as the Eagles stormed past rival Hastings, 21-11, on April 18. Dobbs Ferry improved to 6-1 in what has been a turnaround spring after the team won seven games last season.

"It was super exciting, especially to be able to do it with all of the seniors because we've been playing together for the last four years," O'Brien said of reaching 100 goals. "It's a big accomplishment. I'm really excited about it."

O'Brien's milestone came early as the Eagles raced in front. She buried her 100th career goal with 8:26 left in the first quarter to give Dobbs Ferry a 3-0 lead, then struck again later in the quarter as the hosts built momentum on draw controls, sharp passing, and efficient finishing.

Dobbs led 7-2 after one quarter behind a fast start that also featured goals from Megan Hartnett and Mary O'Dea.

"Our team works really well with passing the ball and no one is selfish," O'Brien said. "It's always teamwork to be able to score and it's never just one person."

Hastings answered with energy in the second quarter, trimming the deficit to 7-4. But every time Hastings made a push, Dobbs Ferry had an answer. Scarlett Kilroe responded with a goal, Hartnett converted a free-position chance, and Juliet Curanovic added another as the Eagles restored control. O'Dea scored off a Kilroe assist, O'Brien added a free-position tally, and Hartnett finished a feed from O'Brien with 0.2 seconds remaining in the half to send Dobbs Ferry into the break with a commanding 14-7 advantage.

"Getting possession was everything," Eagles coach Allison Burt said. "We slowed things down on attack and they were great with ball movement. They found the open girl."

The Eagles put the game away in the third quarter. Kilroe backed down a defender, spun, and scored early in the period, then Hollen Peet added another goal. Kilroe scored twice more in the quarter as Dobbs Ferry held Hastings scoreless over the quarter and extended the margin



Dobbs Ferry's Molly O'Brien crosses midfield as Hastings' Rory McKinnon and Alina Abrams chase. Photo by Rob DiAntonio.

to 18-7 entering the fourth.

Dobbs Ferry's balanced offense again stood out. Hartnett led the way with five goals. Kilroe finished with four goals, three assists, and 12 draw controls. O'Dea totaled four goals, one assist, and four draw controls. O'Brien had three goals, one assist, and four draw controls in her milestone game. Curanovic added two goals and four caused turnovers. Peet had one goal and one assist. Kelly contributed two goals and three ground balls. Goalie Irma Bravo made 10 saves.

Burt said the collective approach has fueled the Eagles' strong start.

"Molly got her 100th goal, but Mary O'Dea, Juliet Curanovic, Megan Hartnett, and Scarlett Kilroe were also great on attack," Burt said. "Cailiegh Doyle was key on defense and Abby Bates, too. They play together and that's what I love about this team. It's not one person's team. Everyone contributes and everyone plays together."

She continued, "If we keep going the second

half [of the season] the way it's been going, I'm really excited to see where these girls can end up."

For Hastings, Abrams and Angoff each scored three goals. Olivia Huang and Adela Mihalcescu both added two goals, while Rory McKinnon scored once and collected five draw controls.

Yellow Jackets coach Marissa Staffu saw encouraging stretches despite the result.

"I think the first half was the best half they've played this season and against a really strong team," Staffu said. "Attack was doing their plays. They were shooting, they were scoring, and honestly, that's what was working. Our midfielders — Mila, Alina, and Rory — they're our go-tos for scoring. But Olivia Wong really stood out as well on attack."

Behind five goals and an assist from Abrams, Hastings (2-5) rebounded with a 13-1 win over visiting Port Chester on April 20. Angoff (3G, 2A), Brenna Drago (3G), and Caroline Emilio (2G, 2A) contributed.

As for Dobbs Ferry, the Eagles continue to show how much they have grown since last season.

"We've definitely come a long way," O'Brien said. "Last year, we had a couple tough losses and we're coming back even better this year and stronger."

Irvington edges Westlake

Irvington (3-5) defeated visiting Westlake 9-8 on April 16. Federica Ricciardella (4G), Sophia Im (1G, 2A), Marina Foley (i2G), Leila Schneider (2A), Lillian Isom (1G), Lizzie Villa (1G), and Sadie Kilbury (7S) paced the Bulldogs.

Gowran leads Ardsley past Ossining

Behind seven goals from Mairead Gowran, Ardsley (6-2) topped host Ossining 13-8 on April 15. Lyla Vega (3G), Hazel McGourty (2G), Lily Tiernan (1G, 1A), and Sienna Kay (6S) were key contributors.

Hastings overcomes slow start with four consecutive victories

— VARSITY ROUNDUP —

BY ROB DIANTONIO

Hastings' varsity baseball team graduated a strong senior class that helped lead the team to an appearance in the Section 1 Class B semifinals last season. Plenty of talent returned for the 2026 campaign, but the Yellow Jackets got off to a slow start, losing five-straight games after winning their season opener.

Since then, the Yellow Jackets (5-5) have thrived, with their most recent victory — their

fourth in a row — coming over visiting Tucka-hoe, 6-4, on April 20.

"The team has been battling in tight games all season," Hastings coach Scott Stampfl said. "Some wins and some losses, but always in each game and never giving up. The team had learned that they can rely on each other. They have realized that they need to have a 'pass the torch mentality' and trust in their teammates to have success moving forward."

Sophomore Eli Dube pitched six innings and struck out nine to earn the win. He scattered five

hits, walked one, and let up three earned runs. Fellow sophomore Andrew DiLeo recorded the save, striking out one.

"Eli had command of all his pitches and each had movement with change of speed," Stampfl said. "He kept guys off-balanced and guessing. He was able to get ahead in counts and keep his pitch count down. Eli shows confidence and composure at the varsity level, which is very impressive being that he is only a sophomore. He is definitely earning himself more time on the mound. Andrew has gained trust and confidence of the

coaching staff to come into a high-leverage game. He also had command of his pitches, got ahead in counts, and pitched efficiently and confidently."

Aidan Curtis (3-3, 2R, 2RBIs), Andrew Rizzo (2-4, 2RBIs), and Johnny Sbrega (RBI) led the offense.

Hastings also earned a home win over Albertus Magnus (6-5, April 15) and defeated host Valhalla (11-2, April 18). Against Magnus, Theo Suniewick drove in Sbrega on a walk-off single. Avi Rothstein and Curtis both

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Sports

Rosenberg sets strikeout mark as HHS tops Rye Neck

— SOFTBALL ROUNDUP —

BY ROB DIANTONIO

The pieces are coming together again for Hastings. Last year's Section 1 Class B champion endured an early three-game losing streak, but the Yellow Jackets have steadied themselves and look more like the defending champs of late. Hastings won for the fifth time in its last six games with a 12-5 victory over visiting Rye Neck on April 20, improving to 7-4 overall while avenging a 13-6 loss to Rye Neck earlier this month.

The win also came with a milestone moment. Senior Siri Rosenberg struck out 12 batters in a complete-game effort and broke the program's career strikeout record. Rosenberg entered the game needing eight punchouts to tie the mark of 278 and ended the game with 282 career strikeouts.

"This isn't really something I ever thought would happen," Rosenberg said. "I literally had no idea I was that close until [coach Kaitlin Degnan] told me that I tied the record and I was like, 'Oh wow.' I was not expecting that, so it was definitely a nice little Monday surprise. I would really credit my family, friends, teammates, and coaches for always supporting and encouraging me."

For Hastings, the afternoon was about more than a record. It was another sign that a

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Hastings' Lola Norlander connects (left) and Siri Rosenberg pitches (right) against Rye Neck. Photos by Rob DiAntonio.

DiFalco resigns as Ardsley football coach after successful decade

BY ROB DIANTONIO

After a decade of sustained success, Dan DiFalco has stepped down as Ardsley's varsity football coach.

DiFalco announced his resignation in a letter dated April 16, citing personal responsibilities and a long commute as the main reasons for stepping away from leading the Panthers' program after 10 seasons.

"After much thought and consideration, I have made the difficult decision to step down as head varsity football coach at Ardsley High School," DiFalco wrote. "This is one of the toughest decisions I have ever had to make."

He continued, "I have always believed that the only way to truly succeed is to be all-in, all the time. With a young family and a long commute, I can no longer commit to being all-in the way this position demands. It is time for me to focus on my family and cherish the time together that I have missed over the years."

"We would like to thank coach DiFalco for his years of service and commitment to our student-athletes and the Ardsley football program," Ardsley Athletic Director Matt Pringle said. "We anticipate our search to begin shortly for a candidate to lead Ardsley football into the future."

DiFalco took over the program in 2016



Dan DiFalco (middle) speaks with the Panthers after a game last season. File photo by Rob DiAntonio.

and inherited a team with a strong foundation. In his letter, he said he was entrusted with continuing Ardsley's upward trajectory, something the Panthers did in impressive fashion over the next 10 years.

During his tenure, Ardsley did not have a losing season, won more than 60 games, captured three Section 1 championships, and reached at least the sectional semifinals

every year.

Among the program's highlights under DiFalco was the 2018 season, when Ardsley captured its first Section 1 title and followed it with an 18-game winning streak. The Panthers won another championship in 2019. More recently, Ardsley claimed a third sectional crown in 2024.

DiFalco thanked the many people who

helped shape the program, including his coaching staff, players, and administrators. He credited his assistant coaches for much of the success Ardsley enjoyed during his time in charge.

"I am deeply thankful for the coaching staff I had the honor to work alongside," DiFalco wrote. "Their selflessness, dedication, and talent are the true reasons behind this program's success."

He also praised Ardsley's players for their commitment to the program and the culture they helped build. "To my players, past and present: you are the reason I gave everything I had for so many years," DiFalco wrote. "You believed in the vision, committed to the process, and competed like champions."

Though DiFalco is leaving the sidelines, he expressed assurance that Ardsley football remains in a strong position moving forward.

"I am confident that with our veteran and talented coaching staff and the strong group of players at every level, the program is in a great place and will continue to achieve incredible success," he wrote.

DiFalco, who also served as Ardsley's skiing coach, left his mark on the Panthers' football program and Section 1 athletics.

"I leave this program with a full heart and immense gratitude," he wrote.

Varsity roundup

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had solo home runs. DiLeo earned his first varsity win in three innings of relief. Andrew Ciszewski (4.1IP, 3H, 2ER, 11K, win, 3-4, RBI), Anthony Moore (2IP, 3K), Matt Corbo (HR, 2RBIs), Dube (2RBIs), and Rothstein (RBI) sparked the team against Valhalla.

Dobbs Ferry (5-4) split a pair of games, routing host Haldane (16-2, April 18) while falling to visiting Blind Brook (5-2, April 20). Against Haldane, Ian Foley (3IP, OER, 6K), Andrew Zindel (3IP, 4K, 3-5, 3R, 3RBIs), Anthony Ficarrota (4-5, 2 2B, 4R, 2RBIs), D.J. Kollar (2B, 3R, RBI), Brendan Marron (2-3, RBI), Ian Hwango (2RBIs), and Drew Kimerling (2RBIs) led the way. Ficarrota (6.2IP, 8K, RBI), Foley (2B), Jake Evan (2B), and Kollar (RBI) paced the team against Blind Brook.

Irvington (7-3) recorded 24 hits over two games and beat the Obama School twice with a 17-0 road win on April 16 and 16-2 home victory the next day. The Bulldogs fell to host Edgemont 14-4 on April 20. Emmett Eson and Connor Marron each had two hits.

Ardasley (1-9) recorded its first win of the season with an 11-5 win over visiting Tuckahoe on April 21. Justin Jaeger earned the win in relief, pitching 1.2 innings while striking out three. Jiei Tomioka pitched a scoreless final 1.1 innings, fanning one. Jonah Kleinman tossed the first four, striking out six while scattering four hits and allowing two earned runs. The offense was sparked by Nate Caldara (2-4, 3R,



Hastings' Eli Dube pitches against Tuckahoe. Photo by Rob DiAntonio.

2RBIs), Hunter Hamlet (2-3, 3R, 3RBIs), Jonah Goldberg (3-3, 2RBIs), Jesse Jaeger (2-3), and Mike Heizman (RBI).

Flag football

Ardasley (2-4-2) earned its first two wins of the season, besting host Dobbs Ferry 19-0 on April 20 and defeating visiting Hudson River 27-6 on April 18.

Against the Eagles, Elise O'Brien passed for

178 yards and two touchdowns. She also rushed for a score. Morgan Macri caught a 49-yard touchdown pass while Ella Barrocas also had a receiving touchdown. Khloe Knoesel (8T), Cayden Barrocas (5T), and Maya Lubell (4T) led the defense.

For Dobbs, Mya Ustares passed for 80 yards and rushed for 55 yards. Claire Turner had 10 carries for 90 yards.

Against Hudson River, the Panthers were paced by O'Brien (184 yards passing, 2 passing touchdowns, 1 rushing TD), Santavicca (81-yard receiving TD), Macri (receiving TD, 6T), Morgan Hamlet (INT TD return, 4T), Ella Barrocas (4 sacks, 46 yards receiving), Alexis Fitzsimmons (3S), and Knoesel (6T).

Hudson River, a merged team comprised mainly of Hastings athletes, scored its touchdown on a pass from Francesca Molakides to Grace Smith.

Dobbs (2-4-2) earned a 20-0 win over visiting Bronxville on April 18 and lost to visiting Putnam Valley 7-0 on April 16. Against Bronxville, Ustares passed for two touchdowns and rushed for a score. Jane Bolger (INT) and Brooke Perri each caught a touchdown pass. Leia Brandon rushed for 110 yards on 10 carries.

Irvington (1-7) picked up its first win of the season, defeating Hudson River 6-0 on April 21. Sara Welter scored the winning touchdown for the Bulldogs.

Track and field

At the Red Raider Relays at North Rockland

on April 17-18, Ardsley's boys won the sprint medley relay in a time of 3:50.40. Zaire Bell, Isaac Patient, Lou Baousson, and Abel Eldho made up the relay. Baousson was also second in the 400-meter hurdles (58.08).

For Ardsley's girls, Zaniya Bell placed second in the 400-meter hurdles (1:10.83), while teammate Czarina Adewunmi was second in the triple jump (34-8). Mioko Martin took fourth in the long jump (16-9 1/4). Maya Laglenne leaped to fifth in the high jump (4-6).

Hastings' girls won the 4x400-meter relay (4:28.18) with a quartet of Louise Durietz-Bourdain, Maya Ganeshanathan (1:04.53), Georgia Schmit, and Jenny Schofield (1:05.59). Danae Morgan was fourth in the discus (106-0) while Alyssa Schlacter took fifth in the javelin (79-4).

Boys' tennis

Irvington (7-1) defeated visiting Sleepy Hollow 5-0 on April 20. Hagai Frechter (6-3, 6-3) and Sawyer Stein (6-1, 6-2) won in singles action. In doubles, A.J. Sloyer and Paul Van Haetsdaele (6-1, 6-1), Krish Jain and Brandon Chirinos (6-1, 6-2), and Oliver Huang and Mike Shipman (6-1, 6-0) won their matches.

Dobbs Ferry (5-4) bested visiting Pleasantville 5-0 on April 20. Kyros Klein (6-1, 6-0) and Josh James (6-4, 5-7, 1-0) won in singles with the doubles' teams of Evan Ommen and Matt Doherty (7-5, 6-1), Zain Klein and Kyle Hung (6-3, 6-2), and Jonas Serulle and Emmett Murphy (6-2, 6-2) victorious.

Softball roundup

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talented roster is beginning to find its rhythm.

"I think we've been lacking some energy and we really brought the energy today," said Rosenberg, who also had two RBIs. "Everyone was up and cheering the whole time. I think it really was just taking it pitch by pitch, at-bat by at-bat, and just supporting each other every step of the way."

Degnan said the Yellow Jackets delivered one of their most complete offensive performances of the season.

"I just think we had a lot of people step up in a lot of different situations," Degnan said. "I think it was our best hitting game. Rye Neck is a great team. To see so many different people step up today, it was a great thing to see."

The Yellow Jackets jumped ahead early, building a 4-1 lead before Rye Neck battled back. The visitors tied the game 4-4 in the top of the fourth inning after a two-out RBI double.

But Hastings answered immediately in the bottom half. Haley Ehrlich singled to start the rally and eighth-grader Kaitlyn Constantine followed with a double. After a strikeout, eighth-grader Leni Gagliano beat out an infield single to load the bases. Then eighth-grader Catherine Rice ripped a two-run double to put Hastings back in front, 6-4. Rosenberg followed with an RBI groundout for a 7-4 cushion.

The Skidmore-bound Rosenberg opened the fifth by recording her ninth strikeout of the day — the record-breaker.

"There's not one kid that wants to compete

more than her," Degnan said. "She wants to win. She wants the ball in the circle every single game. The tireless work that she has put in over the last four years, and to see her growth, and she's only going to continue to get better. She started pitching in middle school and to see where she is now, it's a testament to her and the commitment that she's made to herself, her teammates, and the program."

Hastings broke the game open with a five-run sixth inning. Gagliano singled and Rice hit a hard shot to right that was misplayed, allowing another run to score for an 8-4 lead. Rosenberg followed with an RBI single, then Lola Norlander lined a two-run triple to make it 10-4. Ella Rizzo added an RBI groundout, and Constantine later reached on an infield single that brought home another run for the final 12-4 margin before Rye Neck scored once in the seventh.

Norlander finished with two RBIs, while Sophia Pereira had three hits. But the story of the day may have been Hastings' youth movement. The trio of eighth-graders — Gagliano, Rice, and Constantine — combined to go 6 for 13 with five RBIs.

"I've coached them for years and to see what they're doing at this level as eighth-graders is great," Degnan said. "They are ready for the moment. They are hungry."

Rosenberg said the blend of veterans and young talent has helped fuel the turnaround.

"It's hard because we have such an age spread, but I think the upperclassmen just being role models for the underclassmen and really supporting each other has helped,"

Rosenberg said. "Even if we mess up, we always try to find the bright side."

Hastings split a pair of games at the Mudville Tournament in Herkimer on April 18. In a 7-6 victory over Lewiston-Porter, Hazel Sabella (win, OBB, 2B, RBI), Izzy Doherty (3-4, RBI), Rosenberg (RBI 2B), and Norlander (2RBIs) paced the squad. Rosenberg tripled in an 8-1 loss to Marcellus.

In a 13-2 win over visiting Valhalla, Sofia Gagliano (first varsity win, 10K, 3H, 2ER), Pereira (3B, 2RBIs), Doherty (2-3, RBI), Rosenberg (3RBIs), Rice (RBI), and Sabella (RBI) sparked the team.

Ardasley goes 2-0 at Mudville

Ardasley (7-1) also traveled to the Mudville Tournament in Herkimer and went 2-0 on April 18. Senior Sofia Haber was named MVP of the Panthers' bracket.

In Ardsley's 5-2 win over Lewiston-Porter, Haber earned the win, pitching eight innings while striking out 12. Noemi Ippolito (2-5, 2RBIs), Bella Feldman (3-5, 2B), and Haley Albano (2-5, 2B) paced the offense. Ardsley blanked Lansburgh 1-0 as Feldman tossed a complete-game three-hitter with seven strikeouts. Tessa Guernah drove in the winning run with a fifth-inning double.

Haber (win, 3IP, 8K, OH) and Feldman (3IP, 7K, OH) threw a combined no-hitter as Ardsley shutout visiting Westlake 12-0 in six innings on April 21. Ippolito (2-2, 3R, 2SB), Albano (3-5, 4RBIs), Mia King (2B, 2R, RBI), and Summer Lopez (2-3, RBI) paced the offense.

Ardasley cruised past visiting Sleepy Hollow

21-0 in five innings on April 17. Feldman (4IP, win, 2H, 6K), Ippolito (3-3, 3 2B, 3RBIs), King (3-3, 2 2B, 3RBIs), and Albano (2-4, HR, 4RBIs) led the team. The Panthers lost to host Hendrick Hudson 12-5 on April 15. Ippolito (3-4, 2B, 3R, 2SB), Albano (2-4, 2R), Guernah (2-4, RBI), and Feldman (2B, 3RBI) sparked the offense.

Eagles roll to pair of wins

Dobbs Ferry (7-1) cruised to two five-inning wins, defeating host Byram Hills (19-7, April 16) and visiting Valhalla (19-4, April 20). Against Byram, Ella Rizzo (win, 5K, 1ER, 2RBIs), Victoria Baron (2-2, 2B, 2RBIs), Bela Abraham (2-3, 3B, RBI), Brianna Cherico (2-3, 3RBIs), Emma DeFilippis (2-4), Lucy Logan (RBI, 2B), Kamryn Addis (RBI), Nicolette Giorgio (RBI), and Emily Marron (RBI) helped stuff the stat sheet. Against Valhalla, Baron (win, 9K, OER), Giorgio (3-3, 2B, 5RBIs), Marron (3-4, 3RBIs), Gianna Stone (2-3, 3RBIs), Addis (2-3, 3RBIs), Logan (RBI), and DeFilippis (RBI) led the way.

Irvington bounces back vs. Sleepy

Irvington (5-3) rebounded from losses to host Pleasantville (9-7, April 15) and visiting Hen Hud (12-0, April 17) with a 21-5 five-inning win over Sleepy Hollow on April 21. Nia Kilbury earned the win, striking out six while allowing three earned runs. Cassidy Reichgott went two for five with a stolen base. Samara Luftwig doubled and drove in two runs. Against Pleasantville, Kilbury (2-4, 2R, HR, RBI) and Kayla Clinton (RBI) led the way.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

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

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

Voting will be by ballot on voting machines and the polls will remain open from 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M., prevailing time, and as much longer as may be necessary to enable voters then present to cast ballots.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Board of Education has prepared a detailed statement of the amount of money which will be required for the year 2026-2027 for school purposes, specifying the several purposes and the amount of each, and that copies of this statement may be obtained by a qualified voter of the district at the Office of the Board of Education, 27 Farragut Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, and at each other school building in the district beginning April 22, 2026, except Saturday and Sunday, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., prevail-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Board of Regis-

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

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

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

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that Military Voters who are not currently registered to vote may apply to register as a qualified voter of the District by contacting the office of the District Clerk at 27 Farragut Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York 10706. Telephone (914) 478-6402 or email delabarreram@hohschools.org to receive an application to register as a qualified voter of the District for the Annual Meeting on May 19, 2026. The Military Voter may indicate their preference for receiving the registration application by mail, facsimile or electronic mail (email). The application to register must be received by the office of the District Clerk

no later than 5:00 P.M. on April 21, 2026. The register of voters prepared and filed in the office of the District Clerk shall include the names of all military voters who submit a valid military voter registration. A military voter means a qualified voter of New York State who is in actual military service and will, therefore, be absent from the District in which he or she is qualified to vote on the day of registration or election or is discharged from military service within 30 days of an election or a spouse, parent, child or dependent of the military voter if a qualified voter of New York State and a resident of the same school district as the military voter or military personnel residing on a military base within a school district in New York State for a period of 30 days immediately preceding the election.

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

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

By order of the Board of Ed-

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Melissa DeLaBarrera
Clerk of the District

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

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

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


TOME NOTA ADEMÁS de que el Registro de votantes se archivarán en la oficina del Secretario del Distrito una vez completado y estará abierto para su inspección por cual-

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quier votante calificado del distrito durante los cinco días, excepto el domingo, previos a la Elección Anual, entre las 8:00 a. m. y las 4:00 p. m., hora vigente, excepto el sábado 1 de mayo, 2026, el horario será de 9:00 a. m. a 12:00 p. m., hora local.

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

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

TOME NOTA ADEMÁS de que las solicitudes de boletas de voto ausente y correo anticipado pueden ser obtenidas

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

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

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6402 o correo electrónico delabarreram@hohschools.org para recibir una solicitud para registrarse como votante calificado del Distrito para la Reunión Anual del 19 de mayo de 2026. El votante militar puede indicar su preferencia por recibir la solicitud de registro por correo postal, fax o correo electrónico. La solicitud de registro debe ser recibida por la oficina del Secretario del Distrito a más tardar a las 5:00 p. m. del Abril 21, 2026. El registro de votantes preparado y archivado en la oficina del secretario del distrito deberá incluir los nombres de todos los votantes militares que presenten un registro válido de votante militar. Un votante militar es un votante calificado del estado de New York que se encuentra en servicio militar activo y, por lo tanto, estará ausente del distrito en el que está calificado para votar el día del registro o de la elección, o será dado de baja del servicio militar dentro de los 30 días posteriores a una elección, o un cónyuge, padre, hijo o dependiente del votante militar si es un votante calificado del estado de New York y reside en el mismo distrito escolar que el votante militar o personal militar que reside en una base militar dentro de un distrito escolar en el estado de New York durante un período de 30 días inmediatamente anteriores a la elección.

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

cada uno de los cinco días anteriores a la elección anual, excepto el domingo, entre las horas de las 8:00 a. m. hasta las 4:00 p. m., hora local, excepto que el sábado 16 de mayo de 2026, el horario será de 9:00 a. m. a 12:00 p. m., hora local.

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

Por orden de la Junta de Educación

Melissa DeLaBarrera
Secretario del Distrito

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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 no later than 5:00 P.M. (prevailing time) on the day of the election.

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

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

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

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

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

Junta de Educación
Distrito Escolar Libre de la Unión de Irvington
Irvington, Nueva York 10533-1328

Por: Brittany Comstock, Secretaria del Distrito

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the vote upon the appropriation of necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of the District for the 2026-2027 school year and the election of two (2) trustees of the Board of Education, for the period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029 (currently held by Mitchell Kleinman and Viktoriya Paroder), will be held in the Ardsley High School Building in said District situated on Farm Road in the Village of Ardsley, Westchester County, New York, on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. local time.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a public hearing for the purpose of presenting the proposed school budget for the 2026-2027 school year will be held in the Ardsley High School Library, in said District, on May 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. A copy of the statement of the amount of monies which will be required for the 2026-2027 school year for school purposes may be obtained upon request by the residents at 500 Farm Road commencing April 28, 2026, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and

4:00 p.m.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of monies which will be required for the 2026-2027 school year for school purposes may be obtained by any resident in the District during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the Annual Election except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, at each of the following school houses, in which school is maintained between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.:

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

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

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

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

PROPOSITION – USE OF CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

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

PROPOSITION – ESTABLISHMENT OF CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Shall the Board of Education of the Ardsley Union Free School District, Westchester County,

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New York, be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund in accordance with the provisions of Education Law section 3651, to be designated "Capital Reserve Fund-2026", for the purpose of financing all or a portion of the costs of District-wide capital improvements including site work, construction, reconstruction, renovation and equipping of school buildings and facilities, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, planning costs, and incidental improvements in connection therewith, and for the purchase of buses, including necessary equipment and infrastructure, and incidental work and expenses in connection therewith; the maximum term will not exceed ten (10) years from the date of its establishment; the maximum principal amount of the fund to total \$10,000,000, plus accrued interest and investment earnings thereon; the source of the funding to be budgetary appropriations from time to time, unappropriated unassigned fund balance in the general fund at the end of each fiscal year, transfers from other available reserves in accordance with existing law, and/or other funds legally available to the District.

The following condensed form of the Proposition to Establish Capital Reserve Fund will appear on the ballot at the Annual District Meeting, as follows:

Shall the Ardsley Union Free School District be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund, to be designated as the "Capital Reserve Fund-2026" for District-wide improvements, construction, reconstruction, renovation and equipping of school buildings and facilities, and for the purchase of buses, necessary equipment and infrastructure, including incidental improvements and expenses related to the above purposes, at a maximum amount of \$10,000,000 and a maximum term of 10 years, to be funded by budget appropriations, unappropriated unassigned fund balances at the end of each fiscal year, funds transferred from other existing reserves and other funds legally available to the District?

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the School District not later than Monday, April 20, 2026, by 5:00pm. Each petition shall be directed to the District Clerk, shall state the name and residence address of the candidate, shall state the residence address of each signer, and shall require at least 25 signatures of qualified voters.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for

Early Mail Ballots and Absentee Ballots for election of Board Members and the school budget vote may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk. An application for an Early Mail Ballot or Absentee Ballot must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than thirty days (30) days and no later than seven (7) days before the Annual Election (by May 12, 2026), if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter and no later than May 18, 2026, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter or his/her agent designated in the application at the District Office. Upon receiving a timely application for a mailed Early Mail Ballot or Absentee Ballot, the District Clerk will mail the ballot to the address designated on the application by no later than six (6) days before the Annual Election. Separate lists of all persons to whom Early Mail Ballots, Absentee Ballots, and Military Ballots have been issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District at the Office of the District Clerk during regular office hours, until the day of the election and vote. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on any such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all proposals by qualified voters of this District to place propositions, except such as are required by law to be stated in the published notice of the election, shall be made by petition, subscribed by not less than fifty-five (55) qualified voters of the District. Each signer must state his/her residence address on the petition, and each petition must be filed with the Board of Education of this District no later than March 20, 2026.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Ardsley Union Free School District, pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law has provided for the personal registration of voters at school district meetings in such District and that in connection with the annual budget vote, and election of members of the Board of Education of said District to be held on May 19, 2026, the said Board of Education has fixed any weekday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., and on May 14, 2026, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., as the dates and hours for registration at the Office of the District Clerk, 500 Farm Road, in said School District. The last date to register for the Annual Election to be held on May 19, 2026, is May 14, 2026.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that registration of voters shall take place during the election at the place of such election and such registrants

will be qualified to vote at a district meeting or election subsequent to the date of such registration.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that in order to vote at the budget vote and election of members of the Board of Education, a person must be a registered voter. All persons who shall have been previously registered for and voted at any annual or special meeting or election held or conducted during the four calendar years prior to the year in which such register is being prepared are not required to re-register for the election. Any qualified voter of the School District whose name appears on the county registration lists is also entitled to vote. Any other qualified voter must register to vote either with the School District or the County. The register of voters, including the names of military voters who submitted valid military voter registrations, will be filed in the District Clerk's Office, and such register will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District at the District Clerk's Office from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on each of the five days prior to the day set for the meeting or election, except Sunday, and by appointment on Saturday.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Military Voters who are not currently registered to vote may apply to register as a qualified voter of the School District and military voters who are registered to vote may obtain an application for a military ballot, for the Annual Meeting on May 19, 2026, by contacting the District Clerk at 500 Farm Road, Ardsley, NY 10502, Telephone (914) 295-5515 or email: daccurso@ardsleyschools.org. The Military Voter may indicate their preference for receiving the registration application and/or application for military ballot by mail, facsimile or email. The completed application to register and/or the application for a military ballot must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M. on April 23, 2026. Military ballots will be mailed or otherwise distributed no later than 25 days before the election. Military ballots must be returned by mail or in person and received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M. on May 19, 2026.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, ARDSLEY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, TOWN OF GREENBURGH, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, DONNA ACCURSO, DISTRICT CLERK.

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**DISTRITO ESCOLAR
LIBRE DE ARDSLEY
AVISO LEGAL
DE AUDIENCIA
PRESUPUESTARIA,
ELECCIÓN ANUAL**

Y VOTACIÓN DEL PRESUPUESTO

POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA que la votación sobre la asignación de fondos necesarios para cubrir los gastos estimados del Distrito para el año escolar 2026-2027 y la elección de dos (2) miembros de la Junta de Educación, para el período del 1 de julio de 2026 al 30 de junio de 2029 (actualmente ocupados por Mitchell Kleinman y Viktoriya Paroder), se llevará a cabo en el Edificio de la Escuela Secundaria Ardsley, ubicado en Farm Road en el Pueblo de Ardsley, Condado de Westchester, Nueva York, el martes 19 de mayo de 2026, entre las 6:00 a.m. y las 10:00 a.m. y entre las 2:00 p.m. y las 9:00 p.m., hora local.

SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que se realizará una audiencia pública con el propósito de presentar el presupuesto escolar propuesto para el año escolar 2026-2027 en la Biblioteca de la Escuela Secundaria Ardsley, en dicho Distrito, el 5 de mayo de 2026 a las 7:00 p.m. Una copia del estado del monto de dinero que se requerirá para el año escolar 2026-2027 para fines escolares podrá ser obtenida a solicitud de los residentes en 500 Farm Road a partir del 28 de abril de 2026, excepto sábados, domingos o días festivos, entre las 9:00 a.m. y las 4:00 p.m.

Y SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que una copia del estado del monto de dinero que se requerirá para el año escolar 2026-2027 para fines escolares podrá ser obtenida por cualquier residente del Distrito durante los catorce (14) días inmediatamente anteriores a la Elección Anual, excepto sábados, domingos o días festivos, en cada una de las siguientes escuelas, donde se mantiene la enseñanza, entre las 9:00 a.m. y las 4:00 p.m.:

Escuela Primaria Concord Road, Concord Road
Escuela Intermedia Ardsley, Ashford Avenue
Escuela Secundaria Ardsley, Farm Road
Oficina Central de Ardsley, Farm Road

Una copia del Presupuesto también estará disponible en cualquier biblioteca pública o de asociación gratuita en el Distrito y en el sitio web del Distrito.

Y SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que, conforme a la Ley de Impuestos sobre la Propiedad Inmobiliaria, Sección 495, un informe de exenciones detallando las exenciones del impuesto sobre la propiedad inmobiliaria estará disponible y se adjuntará a cualquier presupuesto tentativo/preliminar o final, y estará disponible en el sitio web del Distrito.

SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que

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

PROPOSICIÓN – USO DE FONDOS DE RESERVA DE CAPITAL

¿Se autoriza a la Junta de Educación (la "Junta") del Distrito Escolar Libre de Ardsley (el "Distrito"), Condado de Westchester, Nueva York, a reemplazar las calderas, reemplazar o mejorar los sistemas HVAC, actualizar los sistemas de gestión de edificios y los pisos, según sea necesario, en algunos o todos los tres edificios escolares; reemplazar el deshumidificador de la piscina en la Escuela Intermedia Ardsley y el marcador en el campo de la Escuela Secundaria Ardsley, incluyendo trabajos asociados relacionados, a un costo máximo estimado de \$5,000,000, con la cantidad de \$5,000,000 del Fondo de Reserva de Capital 2017, autorizados para ser gastados para cubrir el costo de los Proyectos, aprobándose dicho gasto y la transferencia de dichos fondos; siempre que los costos de los componentes del Proyecto puedan ser reasignados entre dichos componentes si la Junta determina que dicha reasignación es en el mejor interés del Distrito?

PROPOSICIÓN – ESTABLECIMIENTO DE FONDO DE RESERVA DE CAPITAL

¿Se autoriza a la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar Libre de Ardsley, Condado de Westchester, Nueva York, a establecer un fondo de reserva de capital conforme a las disposiciones de la sección 3651 de la Ley de Educación, que se denominará "Fondo de Reserva de Capital-2026", con el propósito de financiar todos o parte de los costos de mejoras de capital en todo el Distrito, incluyendo trabajos en el sitio, construcción, reconstrucción, renovación y equipamiento de edificios y facilidades escolares, incluyendo mobiliario original, equipo, maquinaria, aparatos, costos de planificación y mejoras incidentales relacionadas, y para la compra de autobuses, incluyendo equipo e infraestructura necesarios, y trabajos y gastos incidentales relacionados; el plazo máximo no excederá de diez (10) años desde la fecha de su establecimiento; el monto principal máximo del fondo será de \$10,000,000, más intereses acumulados y ganancias de inversión; la fuente de financiamiento serán asignaciones presupuestarias periódicas, saldo no asignado no apropiado en el fondo general al final de cada año fiscal, transferencias de otras reservas disponibles conforme a la ley vigente y/o otros fondos legalmente disponibles para el Distrito.

La siguiente forma condensada de la Proposición para Establecer el Fondo de Reserva de Capital aparecerá en la boleta en la Reunión Anual del Distrito, como sigue:

¿Se autoriza al Distrito Escolar Libre de Ardsley a establecer un fondo de reserva de capital, que se denominará "Fondo de Reserva de Capital-2026" para mejoras en todo el Distrito, construcción, reconstrucción, renovación y equipamiento de edificios y facilidades escolares, y para la compra de autobuses, equipo necesario e infraestructura, incluyendo mejoras y gastos incidentales relacionados con los propósitos anteriores, por un monto máximo de \$10,000,000 y un plazo máximo de 10 años, financiado por asignaciones presupuestarias, saldos no asignados no apropiados al final de cada año fiscal, fondos transferidos de otras reservas existentes y otros fondos legalmente disponibles para el Distrito?

Y SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que las peticiones para nominar candidatos a la Junta de Educación deben presentarse ante el Secretario del Distrito Escolar a más tardar el lunes 20 de abril de 2026, antes de las 5:00 p.m. Cada petición deberá dirigirse al Secretario del Distrito, indicar el nombre y dirección de residencia del candidato, la dirección de residencia de cada firmante y requerirá al menos 25 firmas de votantes calificados.

Y SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que las solicitudes para Boletas por Correo Anticipadas y Boletas de Ausente para la elección de miembros de la Junta y la votación del presupuesto escolar pueden obtenerse en la Oficina del Secretario del Distrito. Una solicitud para una Boleta por Correo Anticipada o Boleta de Ausente debe ser recibida por el Secretario del Distrito no antes de treinta (30) días y no después de siete (7) días antes de la Elección Anual (antes del 12 de mayo de 2026), si la boleta debe enviarse por correo al votante, y no después del 18 de mayo de 2026, si la boleta debe entregarse personalmente al votante o a su agente designado en la solicitud en la Oficina del Distrito. Al recibir una solicitud oportuna para una Boleta por Correo Anticipada o Boleta de Ausente enviada por correo, el Secretario del Distrito enviará la boleta a la dirección designada en la solicitud a más tardar seis (6) días antes de la Elección Anual. Listas separadas de todas las personas a quienes se les hayan emitido Boletas por Correo Anticipadas, Boletas de Ausente y Boletas Militares estarán disponibles para inspección de los votantes calificados del Distrito en la Oficina del Secretario del Distrito durante el horario

regular de oficina, hasta el día de la elección y votación. Cualquier votante calificado puede presentar un desafío por escrito a las calificaciones de un votante cuyo nombre aparezca en cualquiera de dichas listas, indicando las razones del desafío.

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

Y SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar Libre de Ardsley, conforme a la Sección 2014 de la Ley de Educación, ha dispuesto el registro personal de votantes en las reuniones del distrito escolar en dicho Distrito y que, en relación con la votación anual del presupuesto y la elección de miembros de la Junta de Educación de dicho Distrito que se celebrará el 19 de mayo de 2026, dicha Junta de Educación ha fijado cualquier día laborable entre las 8:00 a.m. y las 4:00 p.m., y el 14 de mayo de 2026, entre las 8:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m., como fechas y horas para el registro en la Oficina del Secretario del Distrito, 500 Farm Road, en dicho Distrito Escolar. La última fecha para registrar para la Elección Anual que se celebrará el 19 de mayo de 2026 es el 14 de mayo de 2026.

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

Y SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que para votar en la votación del presupuesto y elección de miembros de la Junta de Educación, una persona debe estar registrada como votante. Todas las personas que hayan estado previamente registradas y hayan votado en cualquier reunión o elección anual o especial celebrada o conducida durante los cuatro años calendario anteriores al año en que se prepara dicho registro no están obligadas a volver a registrarse para la elección. Cualquier votante calificado del Distrito Escolar cuyo nombre aparezca en las listas de registro del condado también tiene derecho a votar. Cualquier otro votante calificado debe registrarse para votar

ya sea con el Distrito Escolar o con el Condado. El registro de votantes, incluyendo los nombres de votantes militares que hayan presentado registros válidos de votantes militares, se archivará en la Oficina del Secretario del Distrito, y dicho registro estará abierto para inspección de cualquier votante calificado del Distrito en la Oficina del Secretario del Distrito de 9:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m. en cada uno de los cinco días previos al día fijado para la reunión o elección, excepto domingos, y con cita previa los sábados.

Y SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que los Votantes Militares que no estén actualmente registrados para votar pueden solicitar registrarse como votantes calificados del Distrito Escolar y los votantes militares que estén registrados pueden obtener una solicitud para una boleta militar para la Reunión Anual del 19 de mayo de 2026, contactando al Secretario del Distrito en 500 Farm Road, Ardsley, NY 10502, Teléfono (914) 295-5515 o correo electrónico: daccurso@ardsleyschools.org. El Votante Militar puede indicar su preferencia para recibir la solicitud de registro y/o la solicitud de boleta militar por correo, fax o correo electrónico. La solicitud completada para registrarse y/o la solicitud para una boleta militar debe ser recibida por el Secretario del Distrito a más tardar a las 5:00 p.m. del 23 de abril de 2026. Las boletas militares serán enviadas por correo o distribuidas de otra manera a más tardar 25 días antes de la elección. Las boletas militares deben ser devueltas por correo o en persona y recibidas por el Secretario del Distrito a más tardar a las 5:00 p.m. del 19 de mayo de 2026.

POR ORDEN DE LA JUNTA DE EDUCACIÓN, DISTRITO ESCOLAR LIBRE DE ARDSLEY, MUNICIPIO DE GREENBURGH, CONDADO DE WESTCHESTER, NUEVA YORK, DONNA ACCURSO, SECRETARIA DEL DISTRITO.



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