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Harrison Police Chief, Officers Commended for Protecting Community

Harrison Mayor Richard Dionisio called the Wednesday, February 15th Town/Village Board meeting to order, commending Police Chief John Vasta for apprehending individuals associated with international theft groups, located a man wanted for murder and seized two illegal "ghost guns" with high-capacity clips.

"Your diligence, dedication and skill have protected our community time after time again," and certainly saved lives," Dionisio said. "From the bottom of my heart I would like to compliment Chief John Vasta and all of the Harrison Police Officers that put their lives online every day for us."

In addition to the South American Theft Group (SATG), Harrison Police arrested four individuals for possession of Burglar's Tools on Saturday, February 4th during a traffic stop.

Further investigation revealed that these defendants have multiple aliases and have histories of residential burglaries throughout the United States.

Then a Public Hearing regarding Local Law entitled "Solar Energy" of the Town Code was opened. Attorney Steven Wrabel, McCullough, Goldberger and Staudt, representing Old Oaks Country Club, partnering with Solar Alliance, a solar panel installer and operator.

Wrabel called attention to clarification of

Parker stressed flooding is a big issue; in re-

new screening of Tier 3 in R2, which rules that the panels must not be visible "from private or public properties or roadways, visible from the property line or someone's third story window," Wrabel asked. "We want to make sure our residents are protected from the unsightly sites if possible," Dionisio replied. "There is always room for discussion; it will come back to the Town Board before final approval. We are looking forward to this, it is going to be a good Harrison Police Chief John move for the environment." This was Vasta approved by Roll Call Vote.



The next Public Hearing concerned the Morgan Stanley Campus, Brightcore Community Solar Project, 2000 Westchester Avenue. Attorney Kristen Motel, Partner, Cuddy and Feder discussed their Community Solar Parking Canopy, saying that the Planning Board approved the Special Exception Permit. They are just seeking confirmation. The Public Hearing was closed and approved by Roll Call Vote.

The final Public Hearing addressed a Special Exception Use Permit for the Webb Avenue Residential Proj-

ect, approved by Roll Call Vote.

Re-occupation of Burned-Out Apartments Pressing Issue at Harrison Coffee and Conversation

BY STEPHEN E. LIPKEN

NYS Senator Shelley B. Mayer hosted "Harrison Coffee and Conversation" on Sunday, February 12th, at Laughing Horse Coffee and Tea Co., reputedly named for John Harrison's surveying Town land on horseback, purchasing the property from Native Americans in 1696.

Joining Ms. Mayer to answer over 50 citizens' questions were County Legislators Nancy Barr, Catherine Parker and NYS Assembly Member Chris Burdick, with a special appearance by Westchester County Executive George Latimer.

Mayer pointed to the 3 Calvert Street apart-

ment fire on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, displacing many tenants. The fire was addressed by Janet Fry, Director of Advocacy, Community Resource Center (CRC) and American Red Cross. Mayer said that she and Burdick spoke to the landlord to try to allow residents to move back in, since they were displaced for 82 days. Latimer later stated that he will sign a NYS Senator Shelley Mayer and NYS $Bill\ giving\ indigent\ tenants\ legal\ \ \textbf{Assembly}\ \textbf{Member\ Chris\ Burdick}$ representation.

tions of bills. "People are using as little energy as

sponse the Legislature passed the Flood History Disclosure Law, letting potential renters know if there was history of flooding where they plan to locate.

Concern was expressed that the 800,000 new housing units the Governor proposes did not specify Affordable Housing; Mayer acknowledged that it is a crisis in the community.

escalating ConEd utility rates, mentioning unregulated por-

Then Mayer discussed

they can and are still getting hit with unacceptably high utility bills. Everyone should complain to the Public Service Commission."

Chester B. Edwards II, Executive Director, Westchester County Veterans Alliance, Inc. mentioned that physical, mental and moral veterans' issues need to be identified, including homeless veterans. Mayer replied that Korean veterans will have a special day in Albany. Burdick mentioned that during their last Budget, Veterans Services Agency was elevated to full department level.

"On Saturday, May 20th, 75 Korean War, Viet Nam and World War II veterans will travel to Washington, DC for an Honor Flight," Edwards concluded.





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Harrison Library Celebrates Women's History Month

The Harrison Public Library will celebrate Women's History Month on Monday, March 13 at 7 pm in the library with three amazing authors - Allison Gilbert, Janice Kaplan, and Betsy Prioleau. They will be discussing their latest books and taking questions from the audience. Copies of their books will be available for purchase from The Village Bookstore of Pleasantville who will be selling books during the event. Registration is required.

On Wednesday, March 15 at 7 pm, an Evening with Mary Calvi will feature the author speaking on her new book, *If a Poem Could Live and Breathe*, on Site in the Library. A Q&A and book signing will follow the presentation. The Village Bookstore of Pleasantville will be selling copies of *If a Poem Could Live and*

On Saturday, March 18 at 2 pm, Red Monkey Theater Group performs Insignificant: Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories, on site in the Library. Registration is recommended.

Breathe, during the event. Registration is required.

On March 21 at 4pm, in honor of Women's History Month, Evan Weiner will discuss "The First Ladies of Comedy." It's really a man's world according to the bookers and talent agents but some women did manage to open the door. Register at www.harrisonpl.org/events

A Live Performance with The New York Metropolitan Flute Trio, Amy Cohen, April Klavins, and Paul Kulka, will take place on Saturday, March

Celebrating Women's History Month



Allison Gilbert Janice Kaplan Betsy Prioleau

25 at 3 pm on site in the library,

An Author Talk by Jennifer Homans about *Mr. B: George Balanchine's 20th Century* can be viewed online via zoom on Monday, March 27, at 7 pm. Register at: https://uso2web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9ypzjBN6QeW8H-TYziHO-w

Personalized books will be available at info@ Scatteredbooks.com, Co-sponsored with Mamaroneck Library, New Rochelle Library, Irvington Library, Yonkers Library, Hastings on the Hudson Library, and White Plains Library

For more information on these programs, contact the Harrison Library at (914)-835-0324. For registration go to www.harrisonpl.org

ArtsWestchester Announces Arts Award Honorees

For 47 years, ArtsWestchester has recognized people and organizations that have impacted the arts and culture in Westchester, from Ruby Dee to Nelson Rockefeller. The organization has announced this year's Arts Award honorees. The list includes a singer who won one of the most coveted titles at this year's Grammy Awards and the head of one of the biggest global brands.

The honorees will be spotlighted at Arts-Westchester's annual Arts Awards Luncheon at the Brae Burn Country Club on April 19 at noon. Every year, the arts community, business community and local officials gather to celebrate these honorees.

ArtsWestchester CEO Janet Langsam says, "As audiences return to theaters, museums and film houses, there has never been a better time than now to recognize the comeback the arts have made and to celebrate our cultural stars."

The 2023 Arts Awardees are:

- Samara Joy, a rising American jazz singer and SUNY Purchase graduate who won two Grammy Awards this year: Best New Artist and Best Vocal Jazz Album:
- Carole Alexis of Ballet des Amériques in White Plains, an internationally recognized dance choreographer presenting world-class performances;
- Georgette Gouveia of White Plains, a seasoned writer covering the local cultural landscape with insight and information;
- Farooq Kathwari of New Rochelle, President and CEO of Ethan Allen, An international humanitarian and business leader who has pursued artistic excellence and social justice throughout his career;

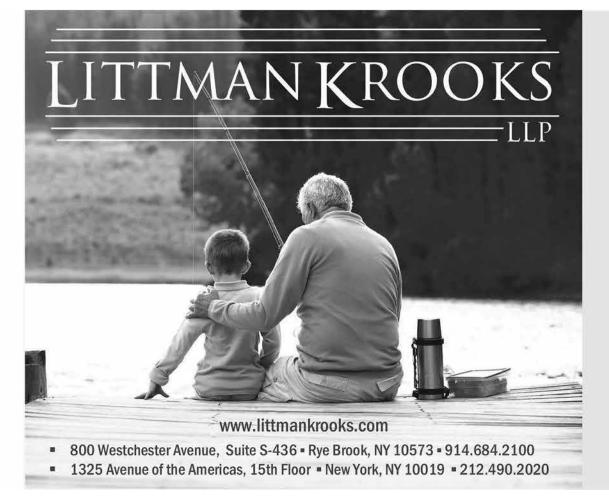


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- Westchester Children's Chorus in Larchmont, recognized for their choral education and performance opportunities for students from grades 1 to 12;
- The Picture House Regional Film Center in Pelham and Bronxville, a visionary organization bringing the best of filmmaking to the Westchester community;

Additional awardees, yet to be announced, will be given for two more categories: Advancing Equity, which is given to a person/group that demonstrates exemplary leadership in advancing social justice, equity, diversity, inclusion and accessibility through and in the arts; and the Larry Salley Photography Award, which celebrates a local Hudson Valley photographer.

Langsam adds, "If you love the arts, it's time to support them." The proceeds of the 2023 Arts Award Luncheon will benefit ArtsWestchester's cultural programs and services. To attend the luncheon call 914-428-4220.



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Renowned Pianist Returns to Lead the Philharmonic from the Bench

Continuing its 40th Anniversary Season, the Westchester Philharmonic returns to the Purchase Performing Arts Center on Sunday, March 12th at 3:00 pm, with pianist Jeremy Denk. Three iconic works of Mozart will be brought to stunning life by today's foremost interpreter, as Denk will lead the orchestra in this conductor-less program.

Jeremy Denk is one of America's foremost pianists, proclaimed by the New York Times as "a pianist you want to hear no matter what he performs." He is also a New York Times bestselling author, winner of both the MacArthur "Genius" Fellowship and the Avery Fisher Prize, and is a member of the American Academy

of Arts and Sciences. This engagement marks his long-awaited third appearance with the Phil, following sold-out engagements in 2013 and 2015.

The program Denk Plays All-Mozart includes Melanie Feld, oboe; Ben Baron, clarinet; Harry Searing, bassoon; Lawrence DiBello, horn; Westchester Philharmonic playing Sonata No. 8 in A Minor, K. 310 Quintet in E-Flat for piano and winds, K. 452 Piano Concerto No. 20 in D Minor, K. 466.

Now in its 40th season, the Westchester



Jeremy Denk

Philharmonic is the oldest, continuously running professional symphony orchestra and largest performing arts organization of any kind in Westchester County. The Philharmonic's main stage concert series makes its home at the Purchase Performing Arts Center, with outdoor concerts, chamber concerts, children's programs, and special events throughout the area, attracting savvy music-lovers from Rockland, Bergen, Fairfield, and Putnam counties, New York City, and beyond.

The orchestra was founded in 1983 under the

leadership of late Music Director Paul Lustig Dunkel, and is now led by Executive & Artistic Director Joshua Worby. Renowned artists who have performed with the Phil include Joshua Bell, Julia Bullock, Barbara Cook, Jeremy Denk, Branford Marsalis, Midori, Brian Stokes Mitchell, Kelly O'Hara, Garrick Ohlsson, Itzhak Perlman, Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg, Gil Shaham, Isaac Stern, and André Watts.

Online sales: https://www.artscenter.org/events/westchester-philharmonic-denk-plays-mozart/

- · Box office telephone: (914) 251-6200
- · In-person sales on the day of performance beginning at 12:00 noon at

The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Road, Purchase..

Demand Safe Water - WJWW Filtration



BY VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK MAYOR TOM MURPHY

It is imperative that the Westchester Joint Water Works (WJWW) build a water filtration plant at Rye Lake. The plant will ensure safe drinking water to a huge area of Westchester. This project should have been built years and years ago but was delayed by the opposition of real estate developers who have put profit motive over civic good.

Now those same folk, and their allies, are trying to stop the treatment plant again by applying political pressure to Westchester County to not follow through on a much-needed land swap that will benefit both WJWW and the County airport.

To not build the plant puts the health of 100,000 residents at risk. It also exposes the Towns of Mamaroneck and Harrison and the Village of Mamaroneck to potentially crippling fines from both federal and state agencies. Many of the areas that WJWW supplies water to are economically challenged, ethnically diverse and can't afford to hire lobbying groups and powerful law firms to advocate for their interests like the real estate developers who oppose the land swap. So we all have to look out for one another and fight for both ourselves, our children, our grandchildren and our neighbors health and well-being.

Please go to https://demandsafewater.org to get updates and to get more involved in ensuring safe drinking water for our area for generations to come.

Harrison Cheerleaders Win 3rd Place, DII, at National High School Cheerleading Championship

Julia Brefere, the Head Coach of the Harrison Cheerleading program at Harrison High School, is proud of the Varsity Cheerleading team, as they earned 3rd place in the Small DII Varsity Game Day division, February 10-12, at the National High School Cheerleading Championship in Orlando, FL.

The Harrison Varsity Cheerleading Program headed down to Nationals this year as reigning Regional Champions for both the Small DII Traditional and Small DII Game Day divisions. Teams competing at the championship must have qualified

at a regional competition in 2022 which makes getting to the championship no small feat. The NHSCC (National High School Cheerleading Championship) is the pinnacle of cheerleading competitions for high school cheerleaders across the country. This year's event hosted 1,125 teams across 33 states.

With these titles came heighted pressure, responsibility and dedication - as the date of the championship neared, the nights in the gym perfecting technique, execution, and presentation of their skills increased. Brefere notes that the Huskies found themselves putting everything they had into ensuring they'd be one of the nation's best teams.

At Nationals - the girls had an electric per-



formance in prelims - putting them in 2nd place going into Semi-finals. With another strong performance came constructive feedback from the judges. The Huskies made some last-minute adjustments to the routine the morning of to ensure they put on the performance they needed for the top spot.

The girls took the mat at 11:37am on Sunday, and never looked back to think "what if." They left their hearts and souls on those mats and embodied what it meant to have "HUSKY PRIDE" through and through. Now, they can proudly say they are 3rd in the entire United States in the Small Varsity DII Game Day division—the programs first of many medals to come and a mark left in Harrison High School History!

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White Plains Hospital Physician Associates Bolsters Neurosurgery

White Plains Hospital Physician Associates recently announced that Dr. Kaushik Das has been appointed Director of Neurosurgery and Dr. Virany Hillard as Director of Minimally Invasive Neurosurgery. Located in White Plains Hospital's Center for Advanced Medicine & Surgery, Drs. Das and Hillard work in partnership with experts in pain management and spinal surgery to offer patients comprehensive treatment for complex spine, cranial, and neurological conditions.

The Neurosurgery team evaluates and treats conditions such as cerebral aneurysms, subdural hematomas, spinal stenosis, epilepsy, and brain and spine tumors. Using innovative surgical and nonsurgical therapies, each patient is evaluated by an interdisciplinary team to determine the most effective treatment option, reserving surgery for when alternative treatments are not effective.

Dr. Kaushik Das and Dr. Virany Hillard are well-respected across the region, having both recently joined White Plains Hospital Physician Associates from Brain and Spine Surgeons of New York. Both have been affiliated with White Plains Hospital for many years. Dr. Das earned his medical degree cum laude from the State University of New York Health Science Center at Brooklyn. This was followed by an internship in general surgery at the Westchester County Medical Center's New York Medical College, after which he completed his residency in neurosurgery at the same institution. He then went on to complete a fellowship in spinal surgery at Barrow Neurological Institute at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Phoe-

nix, Arizona. After completing his fellowship, he joined the faculty at New York Medical College, where he was the Director of Spine Section for Neurosurgery for 10 years before coming to White Plains Hospital in 2015.

Dr. Hillard earned her medical degree cum laude from New York University, followed by an internship in general surgery at the New York Medical College Westchester Medical Center and a neurosurgery residency at the same institution. Dr. Hillard then completed a spine surgery fellowship in the Department of Neurological and Orthopedic Surgery at the University of Utah. She has also served as associate clinical professor of neurological surgery at New York Medical College and as assistant professor of neurological surgery at the University of Washington.

To schedule an appointment with the Neurosurgery team at 122 Maple Avenue in White Plains, call 914-849-7593.

White Plains Hospital is a proud member of the Montefiore Health System, serving as its tertiary hub of advanced care in the Hudson Valley. The Hospital is a 292-bed not-for-profit health care organization with the primary mission of providing exceptional acute and preventive medical care to all people who live in, work in or visit Westchester County and its surrounding areas. White Plains Hospital has outpatient medical facilities across Westchester, including multispecialty practices in Armonk, Larchmont, New Rochelle, Rye Brook, Somers and Yorktown Heights; and Scarsdale Medical Group locations in Harrison and Scarsdale. https://www.wphospital.org/





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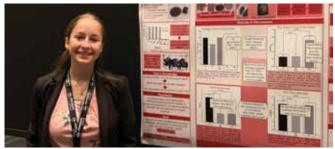
Harrison High School Senior Ariella Blackman Named Regeneron Science Talent Search Finalist

Harrison High School senior Ariella Blackman was named a Regeneron Science Talent Search Finalist, one of only 40 seniors in the country to receive this honor. She will compete in the Finals Week competition in Washington DC in March. This is the first time a Harrison High School student has advanced to the finalist round.

High school science teacher and Science Research Program Coordinator Allison Blunt

shared, "I'm so excited that all of Ariella's dedication and hard work is being rewarded. As an aspiring astronaut, her project could potentially help humans inhabit Mars. She has an incredible passion for learning and for innovation. She leads by example and helps to inspire our next generation of young scientists in our program."

Ariella also placed among the top 300 of



High school science teach- Harrison High School Senior Ariella Blackman is a Regeneron Science Talent

the Regeneron Science Talent Search earlier this year. Last year she was awarded 2nd place in the Regeneron International Science & Engineering Fair, where she also was awarded the Air Force Research Laboratory Award.

As a Regeneron finalist, Ariella joins the ranks of 13 Nobel prize winners, 22 MacArthur Foundation Fellows and many other distinguished alumni of the Science Talent Search.

Harrison High School Students Earn Awards at Science Symposium

Harrison Science Research students earned multiple awards at the Westchester Junior Science & Humanities Symposium. The symposium is an opportunity for high school juniors and seniors to present original research in science, technology, engineering or mathematics as they pursue a chance to compete at the regional, state and national level. The following Harrison High School Students earned awards: Ariella Blackman - 1st Place, Plant / Earth & Environmental Sciences, Lauren Davidson - 1st Place, Medicine Symposium



& Environmental Sciences, Lau-HHS students who earned awards at Westchester Junior Science & Humanities rep Davidson, 1st Place Medicine Symposium

& Health, Lauren Schnapp - 3rd Place, Medicine & Health, Zaynab Faisal - 5th Place, Animal Science. Ariella Blackman and Lauren Davidson earned the opportunity to compete in the Upstate Speaker Competition and Lauren Schnapp will compete in the Upstate Poster Competition.

Harrison's 5th Grade Students Visit NY Philharmonic at Lincoln Center

Fifth grade students from all four Harrison elementary schools traveled to Lincoln Center for the NY Philharmonic's "Young People's Concert." Students learned about how the orchestra works. listened to classic works from famous composers as well as modern pieces from contemporary composers. The district's music teachers ar-



All fifth grade students from Parsons, Preston, Purchase and Harrison Avenue Elementary Schools attended a special concert by the New York Philharmonic at Lincoln Center in NYC

ranged for students to meet with members of the orchestra, ask questions, and learn what it takes to be a performer with one of the world's premiere orchestras.

Open Call for Artists

Artists who are interested in exhibiting at the Harrison Public Library, Bruce Avenue, Harrison, for approximately one month during 2024, are invited to submit samples of their artwork for review by a Juried Art Committee sponsored by the Harrison Council for the Arts.

Twelve artists will be awarded one person shows by their jury, with three alternate artists chosen as well, should unexpected circumstances prevent artists from exhibiting according to schedule. Group shows (2, 3 or 4 persons) will also be considered provided these artists register and submit work together. For group shows, all entrants must be chosen.

If you are interested in competing for one of these shows, bring samples to the Community Room, Harrison Public Library, 2 Bruce Avenue, Harrison, on Friday, May 12, 2023, between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. All artists must pick up their samples on Saturday, May 13, 2023, between 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. See harrisonpl.org/art for more information.

What to Do When Your Child Turns Eighteen



BY: BERNARD A. KROOKS, CERTIFIED ELDER LAW

You could write an entire book (many already have) on what you should do when your child turns eighteen. Your child has now reached the age of majority and along with that comes all the privileges and responsibilities appurtenant thereto. In fact, the law presumes that when you achieve your eighteenth birthday that you are capable of making your own financial and health care decisions. This means parents no longer have authority to make those decisions on behalf of their child or even be involved in the decisions without the child's (now adult) consent. What happens, though, if your child who is about to turn eighteen has disabilities and may not be able to make their own decisions?

First and foremost, just because an individual has a disability does not mean that they are not capable of making their own decisions. In fact, there is a strong preference in the law to allow individuals with disabilities to make their own decisions with the least amount of court intervention. If the individual has sufficient capacity to execute a durable power of attorney and a health care proxy, that usually is the recommended course of action. Moreover, a recently enacted Supported Decision-Making law in New York promotes self-determination and inclusion for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and allows them to make their own decisions with the support of trusted persons in their lives. Supported decision making is widely recognized as an alternative to guardianship. In order to obtain guardianship, a court proceeding must be instituted. This can be time consuming and expensive, depending on the family circumstances. If the court determines that a guardian is necessary, then the guardian will have the power to make certain decisions on behalf of the individual, instead of the individual making those decisions themselves. Guardianship is a last resort.

Turning age 18 means that your child may now be eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). SSI is a means-tested federal benefit program that provides a monthly income amount to individuals who qualify. To qualify, the individual must be disabled and have less than \$2,000 in resources. Prior to turning age 18, the parents' assets are deemed to be available to the child for purposes of the \$2,000 resource test. Thus, it is extremely difficult for most children under age 18 to qualify for SSI since their parents' resources are attributable to them. However, once the child turns eighteen, the parents' assets are no longer deemed available to the child and SSI benefits can be obtained.

Providing long-term financial security for your child with disabilities can be a daunting task. What if something were to happen to you tomorrow, who would care for your child and how would you pay? Many clients address this concern by purchasing life insurance. If the parents are young, this can be an affordable option. The older you get, the more expensive it is to buy life insurance. You also need to think about who the beneficiary of your life insurance and other assets should be. If your child with disabilities is not able to manage their own financial affairs or is on a government benefit program like SSI that is means-tested, then leaving money to them outright can be a big mistake. The money left to them will disqualify them from SSI if it is more than \$2,000. Best to create a supplemental needs trust for their benefit. This way, the money will not count as a resource for SSI and the trustee of the trust can hold and invest the money for your child's benefit. Another option for individuals who have a disability but are able to manage their own money is an ABLE account. These accounts offer tax-free growth and the amounts in ABLE accounts do not count as resources for SSI and other means-tested government benefit programs.

You can find an attorney who can assist you in this process by going to www.specialneedsal-liance.org.

Bernard A. Krooks, Esq., is a founding partner of Littman Krooks LLP. He was named 2021 "Lawyer of the Year" by Best Lawyers in America® for excellence in Elder Law and has been honored as one of the "Best Lawyers" in America since 2008. He was elected to the Estate Planning Hall of Fame by the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils (NAEPC). Krooks is past Chair of the Elder Law Committee of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC). Mr. Krooks may be reached at (914-684-2100) or by visiting the firm's website at www.littmankrooks.com.

White Plains Hospital President and CEO Susan Fox Named to The Joint Commission's Board of Commissioners

White Plains Hospital President and CEO Susan Fox has been appointed to the Board of Commissioners of The Joint Commission, the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care.

The Board of Commissioners is The Joint Commission's governing body, providing policy leadership and oversight. As an independent, nonprofit organization, The Joint Commission accredits and certifies more than 22,000 healthcare organizations and programs in the United States. Susan Fox

"I am honored to have been appointed to the Board of Commissioners for The Joint Commission and was grateful to be nominated by the American Hospital Association as one of their representatives," Fox said. "It is very special to represent White Plains Hospital and our commitment to quality on the national stage."

Fox is one of three new board members, whose appointments were effective January 1. Also named to the board were Andrew Dreyfus, former president and chief executive officer, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Boston, and Eric (Rick) Schlesinger, an advisor to several transformative healthcare organizations; most recently he was a senior partner at global management consulting firm McKinsey & Company.

The Joint Commission Board of Commissioners consists of 21 voting members, including physicians, administrators, nurses, employers, quality and innovation



experts, and educators.

"We are thrilled to welcome Andrew, Susan and Rick to The Joint Commission's Board of Commissioners," said Jonathan B. Perlin, MD, PhD, MSHA, MACP, FAC-MI, president and chief executive officer, The Joint Commission in a press release. "I am confident their unique leadership experience in healthcare will bring fresh perspectives and skills to the board. I look forward to working with the new board members as The Joint Commission continues to make strides in addressing our

strategic priority areas - health equity, environmental sustainability and workforce. Together, we can help improve health, care and value."

Beginning her career as a pediatric intensive care nurse, Susan Fox has held various strategic and operational positions throughout her career including as a healthcare consultant for Ernst & Young and managing the physician enterprise for a large health system, before joining White Plains Hospital. After serving in several executive leadership roles at the Hospital, Fox was named chief executive officer in 2015. She has more than 35 years of progressive and diverse accomplishments in health system management and holds leadership roles in several professional organizations, including as the Chair of the Board of the Westchester County Assoc.

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An Evening with Tony Award Winner Laura Benanti

The White Plains Performing Arts Center (WP-PAC) has announced An Evening with Tony Award Winner Laura Benanti on Saturday, March 4.

Tony® Award-winner and five-time Tony Award® nominee Laura Benanti is a highly celebrated stage and screen actress. Benanti can currently be seen in Netflix's Worth starring opposite Michael Keaton, Stanley Tucci, and Amy Ryan, as well as in Lin-Manuel Miranda's film Tick, Tick... Boom! Since making her Broadway debut at the age of 18 in The Sound of Music, Benanti has gone on to star in numerous musicals and stage plays,

March Events at The Purchase Free Library

Register for the following events at www,purchasefreelibrary.org or call (914) 948-0550. All library programs are free.

Irish Heritage: A Musical Celebration. Saturday, March 4, 12:00 pm. Tap your feet to the melodic sounds of the bodhran, the uilleann pipes, the fiddle, and the tin whistle. Lyrics to "The Rattlin' Bog" will be provided for singalong. When the concert is over, try to find the leprechaun's bags of gold! The location for this program will be the historic Friends Meeting House at 4455 Purchase Street. In Person / Children, Teens, Adults

Knitting Circle. Second and fourth Thursday of every month, March 9 & 23, 12:00 pm. The knitting circle would like to get together with some new members! Beginners and experienced knitters are welcome. Possible spring project might include knitting for charity. In Person / Adults

The Real Book Club. Thursday, March 30, 6:00 pm. The selection for March is The Bandit Queens by Parini Shroff. "A young Indian woman

finds the false rumors that she killed her husband surprisingly useful -- until other women in the village start asking for her help getting rid of their own husbands -- in this razor-sharp debut." (Ballantine Books, 2023) Zoom & In Person / Adults.

Join the Friends of the Library. The library is looking for folks to join the Friends of the Library (formerly PFL Foundation). Help with fundraising, procuring

donations, and securing endowments to enrich print resources, programs, services, and technology. For Adults

Hot Spots. Do you use a laptop but find yourself with no access to WiFi once you leave home? Give the library a call and ask about our new hot spots available for check-out. Also available: laptops.



Center's production of My Fair Lady, Steve Martin's hit Broadway play Meteor Shower, She Loves Me, Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown, The Wedding Singer, Nine, Swing! and Into the Woods. Benanti earned the

Lincoln

2008 Tony® Award for Outstanding Featured Actress in a Musical, a Drama Desk Award, and an Outer Critics Circle Award for her revelatory portrayal of Louise in Gypsy opposite Patti LuPone.

The evening's performance will feature songs from many Broadway musicals, jazz influenced torch songs and comedic takes on beloved favorites and standards with a liberal dose of her charming wit and humor.

Tony Award Winner Laura Benanti will play the White Plains Performing Arts Center for one night only on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at 8:00 PM.

The White Plains Performing Arts Center is located on the third level of City Center off Mamaroneck Avenue in downtown White Plains, minutes from the White Plains Metro North Station. For tickets visit the theatre box office Monday-Friday (11am-6pm), purchase the tickets online at wppac.com or call 914-328-1600. For Group Sales, contact boxoffice@wp-

New Art Exhibit at The Harrison Public Library

brary, Bruce Avenue, presents "The Process," by Cécile Roberfroid and "Beirut Remains," by May Elian, on view March 5-31.

Cécile Roberfroid is a French American abstract artist who trained at the School of Visual Arts in New York. After attending art school, she studied psychology and combined these two passions by

becoming an Art Therapist, using the process of art-making to heal and process trauma. She has experience working in multiple media including ceramics, photography, fiber arts and oil paints,



but has always felt most connected to oil paints.

May Elian is an interdisciplinary artist, an experienced Librarian and Media practitioner with over 10 years of experience in the field. She is a fully trilingual journalist in English, French and Arabic. She is a producer with strong online content skills and media crisis management expertise. She has a

wide multimedia experience in data evaluation. social media, and cultural affairs.

A Meet the Artists reception will be held March 12 from 2:30 to 4:30PM.





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Color Trends for Your Home

This Spring is the perfect opportunity to give your home a refreshing new look with the best of color schemes...and what better way to start it off by choosing the Color of the Year, Raspberry Blush. Your walls will shout vivacious optimism and undeniable charisma.

A great way to find inspiration is searching Pinterest and of course your local paint store. They have the expertise to guide your journey along. They know the latest trends and the various hues that work together providing a cohesive look that works.

One of the best parts about visiting your local paint store is taking home "sample" paint colors. You'll be able to paint large swatches on key spots to determine the right hue for your space.

It's a rewarding journey, watching your vision come to life.

Some of the best color trends to contemplate come straight from Benjamin Moore and include names like Wenge, Cinnamon, Conch Shell and North Sea Green. They are both robust and soothing color schemes that complement the whole palette beautifully. They suggest positivity and life.

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7 Garden Growing Basics for Beginners

(Family Features) Growing your own produce is an allaround smart practice, from the money you'll save at the grocery store to the contributions you can make toward a cleaner planet.

Maintaining a garden takes some effort, but it's a project even a beginner can tackle with ease. Consider these tips to start growing your at-home garden:

1. Select a perfect spot. You'll want to place your garden in an area where you see it often so you're reminded to weed and care for it regularly. Find a flat area you can access easily, where

erosion and other pitfalls (including hungry wildlife) won't be a problem.

2. Choose between ground and containers. There are pros and cons to gardening in containers vs. the ground, and there's no universal right choice. Rather, the best garden depends on your goals and preferences. A ground garden usually offers more space and may provide a better growth environment for roots. However, a container garden is often easier to maintain and

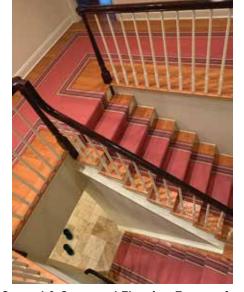


may be all you need if you wish to grow just a few

Understand the importance of quality soil. You may think any dirt will do, but keep in mind the soil you plant in will be the primary source of nutrients for your produce. Not only that, but quality soil provides stability so plants can root firmly and grow healthy and sturdy to support their bounty. Quality soil also allows for

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Home Chores to Get Ready for Spring





(Family Features) After months spent largely indoors while harsh elements battered your home's exterior, many homeowners are throwing open the windows and embracing spring's arrival.

Every home requires ongoing maintenance to ensure it's living up to its aesthetic and functional best. This checklist can help you create a comfortable home setting for enjoying the warmer months.

Check gutters. During the colder months, debris can accumulate in the gutters, which can be problematic when spring rains arrive. Clogged gutters prevent water from flowing efficiently away from the roof and house. When they're backed up, they can cause

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ample drainage. Organic matter like compost, leaf mold or aged manure all help improve soil quality.

- 4. Keep water close. Lugging water can quickly eliminate the pleasure of tending your garden, so be sure you're situated near a hose. You'll know it's time to water when the soil is dry about an inch below the surface.
- 5. Plan for plenty of sun. A bright, sunny spot is a must, since most vegetables, herbs and fruits depend on six or more hours of sun every day. Remember the sun's path changes throughout the year, and as trees and foliage grow, they may produce more shade with each growing season.
- 6. Consider what you'll grow. Starting with veggies you know you like is a smart starting point since you'll be pouring sweat equity into making them grow. Over time, you might add new varieties, but early on, keep your focus on foods you know you like so you can see a meaningful return and avoid waste. You'll also need to consider what you can grow to maturity within your area's growing season. If necessary, you might want to start transplants you can nurture indoors before moving them outside when the temperatures allow.
- 7. Plant according to a calendar. Knowing how long it takes different foods to mature will help you create a planting calendar. You don't want to harvest everything at once, and if you stagger planting and replant what you can, you'll have a garden that produces food for your family for a longer period of time.

Find more helpful tips for managing your home and garden at eLivingtoday.com. Photo courtesy of Unsplash

water damage in a short amount of time. Faulty guttering can also cause slow leaks that lead to damage you may not discover until major repair work is needed. Properly functioning gutters are clear of debris, flow freely and are securely attached to the home.

Inspect the roof. Your roof takes a real beating in all kinds of weather conditions. Making it a common practice to carefully inspect the roof with the change of seasons can help you identicate the roof with the change of seasons can help you identicate the roof with the change of seasons can help you identicate the roof with the change of seasons can help you identicate the roof with the change of seasons can help you identicate the roof with the change of seasons can help you identicate the roof with the change of seasons can help you identicate the roof with the change of seasons can help you identicate the roof with the change of seasons can help you identicate the roof with the change of seasons can help you identicate the roof with the change of seasons can help you identicate the roof with the change of seasons can help you identicate the roof with the change of seasons can help you identicate the roof with the change of seasons can help you identicate the roof with the change of seasons can help you identicate the roof with the change of seasons can help you identicate the roof with the change of seasons can help you identicate the roof with the change of seasons can help you identicate the roof with the change of seasons can help you identicate the roof with th





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fy potential problems while they're still in early stages, before a big storm hits and major damage occurs. Some roof issues can be addressed with simple repairs you can do yourself while others may require a professional. A roofing expert can help you determine whether any trouble areas can be patched or if a more complete restoration

Replace the dryer vent. Upgrading your dryer vent is an opportunity to conserve energy and prevent flammable lint build-up in your dryers. One option for updating the exhaust system is a paintable version of InoVate's Prime DryerWallVent. Engineered for both vent replacement and new construction, the vent includes features such as a gravity-assist damper, integrated magnets and a drip edge to provide extra protection from the elements as well as pests. A large, clean opening and lightweight angled damper promote exceptional airflow efficiency.

Service air conditioning units. Your heat-

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Repair window screens. Throughout the winter, your home's window screens can accumulate a layer of dirt and grime that isn't just unsightly; it blows indoors when you open the windows to welcome a fresh breeze. What's more, if your screens have rips and tears, pesky bugs and other critters can make their way into your home more easily. Cleaning and repairing your screens can make your home more secure and help protect your indoor air quality.

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