

Harrison Residents Celebrate “Eid Around the World” with a Family-Friendly Community Event at the Local Library



Naya, age 9, smiles with her festive face paint and intricate henna design.

On Sunday, April 6th, the Harrison Public Library hosted a vibrant “Eid Around the World” event, marking the conclusion of Ramadan with a joyous celebration of culture, community, and tradition. Ramadan, a sacred month of fasting and reflection, holds deep spiritual significance for Muslims worldwide, culminating in the celebration of Eid al-Fitr — the festival of breaking the fast, and a day of joy, unity, charity, and gratitude. The event was organized by Harrison residents Gazi Tani Azad and Z. Zahra Ali, along with a dedicated group of local volunteers, who worked tirelessly to create an inclusive, family-friendly experience for all.

“Our goal was to host an event that embraced inclusivity, inviting all members of our community to share this joyous event,” said Tani Azad.

The event kicked off with a special reading of the book *Eid Around the World* by Sarah Mahdy, which was generously donated to the library afterwards. Children had the opportunity to take turns reading a page of the book, learning about the diverse ways Eid is celebrated around the globe in an engaging and interactive way.

Approximately one hundred attendees enjoyed a variety of activities, games, and informative booths that highlighted the global traditions of Eid, representing



Zara, 5, Lilah, 5, and Parisa, 8, proudly show off their freshly applied henna.

twelve countries across Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. The event featured henna application, face painting, and a dress-up photo booth, allowing visitors to capture

special moments with family and friends. A delicious array of sweet and savory foods, as well as traditional teas and coffees from various countries, were served, offering a taste of the world’s rich culinary heritage.

The program provided an opportunity for guests to learn about the different ways Eid is celebrated, highlighting the unique cultural traditions and practices that make this holiday so special worldwide. Visitors enjoyed exploring beautiful handicrafts from various regions and were serenaded by traditional music, adding to the festive atmosphere.

“We were delighted at the positive reception and multicultural turnout from the people of Harrison. Events such as these motivate intercultural dialogue, highlighting the diversity that truly embodies the motto, ‘It’s great to live in Harrison,’” said Zahra Ali.



Zoya Jan, 19, and her mother, Nighat Jan, share the vibrant culture of Kashmir through traditional handicrafts and delicious treats at their booth.

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Children from the community line up, eagerly waiting for their turn to read a page from *Eid Around the World* by Sarah Mahdy.

The community was honored to welcome New York State Senator Shelley Mayer as a distinguished guest. Her presence at the celebration reflected her strong support for the Harrison community and added meaningful significance to the event, underscoring the importance of cultural diversity and unity across communities.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the hosts, volunteers, and attendees, the "Eid Around the World" event was a resounding success, bringing together the Harrison community in a spirit of joy, learning, and mutual respect.

For more information about future events, contact the Harrison Public Library at www.harrisonpl.org.

Dedicated volunteers, pictured left to right — Back row: Ainsley Ryan, Samar Abbas, Faiza Munir Saad, Sidra Javed. Front row: Nighat Jan, Gazi Tani Azad, Sadia Sharmin, Zahra Ali, Rubina Munir, Maha Shihadeh, Islam K., and Uzma B. (Not pictured: Alma B.).

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Harrison Public Library presents “Abstract Alchemy” by Meera Agarwal on View



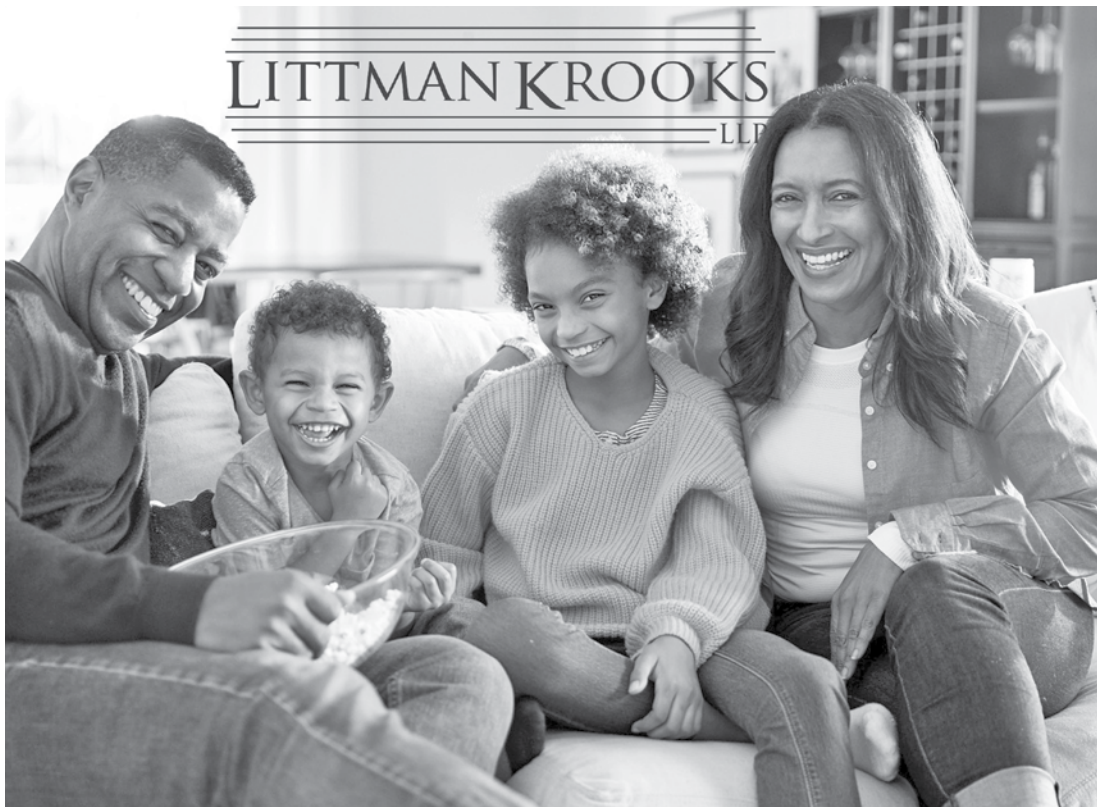
Artist’s Statement: My paintings are inspired by places, people and our collective human stories. I’m equally inspired by nature and everyday marvels of colors, textures and light effects that we experience. I paint as a response to a spontaneous feeling or sheer beauty of a subject, and that is reflected in my choice of diverse subjects, style, techniques and composition.

Through my paintings, I strive to evoke an emotional and introspective experience for viewers. My work is a reflection of the duality inherent in our existence—the interplay between the tangible and the intangible, the known and the unknown. It is an exploration of the multifaceted nature of human experience, inviting viewers to pause, reflect, and find their own narratives within the layers of each piece.

Ultimately, my goal is to create a visual language that transcends words and resonates with the viewer’s emotions, memories, and imagination. I hope my paintings serve as a medium for introspection, allowing individuals to find solace, inspiration, and a renewed sense of wonder in the interplay of abstraction and representation.

About the Artist: Meera Agarwal is a Rye based visual artist and art instructor who creates vibrant paintings in oil, acrylic, and mixed media. With a keen eye for both representational and abstract forms, her award-winning paintings draw inspiration from nature’s marvels, diverse locales, and our collective human stories. In May 2024 she became the first recipient of The Rye Arts Center’s Visionary Artist Award for her inspirational paintings as well as her commitment to uplifting the arts in the community. Meera’s art has been juried into more than 80 prominent exhibits across the tri-state area in the past decade and can be found in home collections globally. She is also a certified Art-o-Mat artist, contributing to art vending machines nationwide.

Recently, she expanded into public art with Rye Arts Center’s “Rye’s Above” butterfly installation and the Rye Poetry Path. Dedicated to community service, Meera volunteers with the Rye Arts Center, Jay Heritage Center and the India Cultural Center Greenwich. Meera holds a Bachelor’s in Management from BITS Pilani, India, and a Master’s in Corporate Communications from Seton Hall University, New Jersey.



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Westchester Playwright Tara Meddaugh Wins EVCT Annual Playwriting Competition, and Play Premieres at Mesa Arts Center



Tara Meddaugh's full-length children's play, *The Underground Adventures of a Carrot & Potato*, won the EVCT 2024 national playwriting contest, earning it a world premiere performance run at the Mesa Arts Center in Phoenix, AZ. The production, which ran from February 13–23, was presented by East Valley Children's Theatre (EVCT), a Founding Resident Company of the prestigious venue.

The EVCT competition aims to elevate both emerging and established playwrights, fostering new and diverse narratives for young audiences. "Original plays have a special power to captivate audiences in a way that's unlike anything else," said Bryanna Patrick Blanco, EVCT's artistic director. "Being part of a world premiere is truly unique—the cast creates characters no one has ever played, and the audience witnesses a story never told before. This production encourages families to come together, share a laugh and reflect on the importance of friendship."

"I love to write non-human characters," said Meddaugh. "It gives us a chance to play around in a world that is very different than ours, with different stakes and conflicts, like how dangerous it might be for a vegetable to live in soil which a dog happens to be digging up; or how it's disappointing that no one attends your turnip comedy show! But at the same time, we can relate to the ideas and feelings, in a low-pressure kind of way, having a little distance. The play is funny and action-packed, but ultimately, it's about embracing your joy and self-expression, putting aside unfounded fears and prejudices and discovering someone who is different from you may have a lot more in common with you than not. And if the rest of the world isn't ready for that, it's about working together to find a way to change that world."

The production, directed by EVCT's Taylor Stroupe, showcased a talented cast of young performers bringing Meddaugh's imaginative world to life.

"I absolutely adored EVCT's production of my play," said Meddaugh. "Every detail, large or small, was so well thought-out and specific, from the carrot-style hair, whimsical sound design and set, to the vegetable-themed to concessions, inventive choreography and costumes (and tons more!). Taylor's direction was lively and thoughtful and the cast and crew were truly amazing. I am so grateful to have such a wonderful theater and team premiere my play."

To read *The Underground Adventures of a Carrot and Potato* or inquire about performing rights, you can now find the newly released script and information here.

Tara Meddaugh is an award-winning playwright whose children's plays, dark comedies, allegories and heightened dramas have been performed in Australia, Asia, Europe, Africa, North America, and it has been published in Europe and Africa and North America. Her plays and monologues have been published by Smith & Kraus, YouthPLAYS, Oxford Press South Africa, London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts, Limelight, and Meriweather, including several appearances in "Best 10-Minute Plays" and "Best Stage Monologues" anthologies.

Purchase College 2025 Commencement to Take Place at Westchester County Center



Purchase College, SUNY will hold its 53rd annual commencement ceremony on Friday, May 16, 2025 at 12:30 p.m. at the Westchester County Center in White Plains. Degrees will be conferred upon 771 graduating scholars representing dozens of majors and several countries.

This year, acclaimed journalist Adam Nagourney '77 will receive an honorary doctor of letters degree and higher education leader Jeffrey Putman '96 will receive the President's Award for Distinguished Alumni.

Joshtinia Maynard, a psychology major from Brooklyn, will offer remarks on behalf of the senior class. Brigid Mack, a Vocal Performance major from Wynantskill, NY, will perform the National Anthem. Top Shelf Party Band, which is comprised of Purchase alumni from 2003 to 2009, will perform throughout the ceremony.

President Dr. Milagros "Milly" Peña said, "I look forward to honoring our students and welcoming their friends and families who have supported them throughout their academic careers. I am confident that the knowledge, intellectual curiosity, creativity, and skills that our students have gained during their time at Purchase will lead them to a lifetime of personal and professional fulfillment."

Adam Nagourney, a national and political reporter for the New York Times, is the author of *The Times: How the Newspaper of Record Survived Scandal, Scorn and the Transformation of Journalism*, published in September 2023 by Crown Books. He has been a journalist for over 45 years. Before joining the New York Times, he worked at USA Today, the New York Daily News, and the Gannett Westchester Newspapers in New York, covering national, state, and local news. After being hired by the Times in 1996, he served as the paper's metropolitan political correspondent, chief national political correspondent, Los Angeles bureau chief, and West Coast culture reporter, returning to cover national politics in 2023. He grew up in Larchmont, NY, where he graduated from Mamaroneck High School in 1972. He graduated from Purchase College in 1977 with an economics degree.

Dr. Jeffrey Putman serves as the Vice President for Academic & Student Affairs for all five of the SUNY Downstate schools and colleges. In his role, he provides overall coordination of services for students and serves as the deputy Chief Academic Officer. In addition, Dr. Putman also serves as a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry. He previously served as Vice President for Student Affairs & Dean of Students (2013–2017) and as Assistant Dean for Student Affairs (2006–2013) at SUNY Downstate. Prior to coming to Downstate, Dr. Putman served from 1996–2006 in multiple Student Affairs roles at Purchase College, including as Interim Dean of Students and Assistant Dean for Student Affairs & Ombudsperson. He earned his Doctor of Education in Higher & Postsecondary Education from Teachers College, Columbia University in 2011, a Master of Education and Master of Arts in Higher Education Administration also from Teachers College, Columbia University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Purchase College, where he serves as President Emeritus of the Purchase College Alumni Association.

For more information about the College, visit www.purchase.edu.

Sacred Heart Greenwich's Commencement Speaker Announced



Samantha Saperstein, Global Head of the Office of Women's Affairs at JPMorganChase and Michael Baber, President of Sacred Heart Greenwich.

Sacred Heart Greenwich is proud to announce that Samantha Saperstein, Global Head of the Office of Women's Affairs at JPMorganChase, will deliver the 176th commencement address at the Class of 2025 graduation ceremony on June 6, 2025.

Throughout her career, Saperstein has helped enable women and communities to grow their businesses, build their financial literacy, and advance in their careers. Her work has been instrumental in empowering women to achieve their full potential across

industries.

Saperstein previously served as Chief Marketing Officer of Chase Commercial Banking, where she led the marketing, communications, and client experience functions. Prior to this, she was the Head of Credit Card Strategy for Chase Consumer & Community Banking. Her three-decade-long career spans roles in banking, consultancy, marketing and journalism.

"We are honored to welcome Samantha Saperstein as our 2025 commencement speaker," said Michael F. Baber, President of Sacred Heart Greenwich. "Her dedication to empowering women in the workforce, fostering leadership, and breaking down barriers aligns with our mission to educate and inspire the next generation of female leaders. We look forward to the invaluable insights she will share with our graduates as they embark on their own journeys."

Saperstein earned her Bachelor of Arts from Brown University and an M.B.A. from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

"I am honored to address the graduating class of 2025 at Sacred Heart Greenwich," said Saperstein. "Elevating voices and driving growth opportunities for communities has been a driving force in my career, and I look forward to sharing my experiences with these talented young women as they take their next steps toward leadership and success."



Samantha Saperstein, Global Head of the Office of Women's Affairs at JPMorganChase, Michael Baber, President of Sacred Heart Greenwich and the Sacred Heart Greenwich Class of 2025.

Saperstein is dedicated to advocacy and service. She serves on the Board of Safe Horizon, the nation's largest victims' services agency supporting individuals affected by domestic violence, child abuse, human trafficking, and youth homelessness. She is also a member of the Board of Advisors for Catalyst, a nonprofit focused on advancing women in the workplace.

Saperstein resides in Westchester, with her husband and three children.

Founded in 1848, Sacred Heart Greenwich is an all-girls, independent, Catholic school, educates and empowers students to pursue excellence, build courage and confidence, and lead lives of purpose and integrity. Sacred Heart Greenwich provides a challenging, empowering, and inclusive learning environment for girls and young women from kindergarten through twelfth grade to prepare them to become confident, intelligent, and compassionate global leaders. The School offers a coed program for young children at the Barat Center for Early Childhood Education. Sacred Heart Greenwich is one of over 150 worldwide Network of Sacred Heart schools located in 41 countries. The 24 independent Network schools located in the United States and Canada share a common heritage and vision exemplified by a set of shared Goals & Criteria focused on faith, intellect, justice, community, and wisdom.

Elected Officials Join Protect Plans to Cut Medicaid and Take Away Vital Health Care from New Yorkers

Last month, Congressman George Latimer, White Plains Mayor Thomas Roach, White Plains Common Council President Victoria Presser and Westchester County Legislator Ben Boykin joined Protect Our Care New York to highlight how Medicaid is under attack like never before. Medicaid plays a vital role in providing affordable health care coverage for 7.7 million New Yorkers, including 196,000 people in the 16th Congressional District – 27,000 of whom are seniors. Medicaid funding cuts mean tearing away health care that nearly 40% of New Yorkers rely on.

April marked the eighth annual Medicaid Awareness Month. During the event, speakers discussed what's at stake for this vital program and for the seniors who rely on Medicaid for health care. Medicaid benefits just about every household and community in the country, but the Republican health care agenda isn't about families or everyday Americans — it's about Trump's tax cuts for the wealthy, no matter who pays the price.

"Medicaid isn't just a budget line, it's a lifeline for millions of New Yorkers," said Congressman George Latimer. "In the 16th District alone, tens of thousands of seniors depend on Medicaid to stay healthy and secure. We cannot, and will not, allow Republicans to balance the budget on the backs of those who can least afford it."

"For so many seniors in our community, Medicaid plays a vital role in accessing the care they need to live with dignity and security," said White Plains Mayor Thomas Roach. "Cuts to this essential program would be devastating, not just for individuals, but for families and caregivers who rely on our safety net. We must protect Medicaid and the seniors who have contributed so much to our community."

"Medicaid benefits so many of our White Plains and Westchester County neighbors," said White Plains Common Council President Victoria Presser. "When we talk about cutting Medicaid, we're talking about stripping away the most basic protections from our family members who need them most. I'm proud to stand with leaders across our community to defend this lifeline for seniors."

"These proposed Medicaid cuts are not just bad policy — they are a direct threat to the health and wellbeing of Westchester families," said Westchester County Legislator Ben Boykin. "Every dollar taken from Medicaid is a dollar taken from a senior's cancer treatment or doctor visit. We must fight back against these cruel and short-sighted attacks."

For more information, visit www.protectourcare.org.

State of the County 2025: Anchored in Purpose, Moving Forward Together

Standing at the podium in the Board of Legislators Chambers, Westchester County Executive Kenneth W. Jenkins delivered a powerful 2025 State of the County address, his first, declaring that Westchester is grounded in hope, progress and the belief that Westchester remains a beacon of stability, civility and strength in an often uncertain world.

Quoting Westchester's Poet Laureate Phylisha Villanueva, the County Executive opened with a poetic reflection: "This is legacy covered by ancestral winds, a generational ebb and flow continuously rising like rain returning to the sky..."

With these words, he acknowledged the challenges of our time, while rejecting the notion that we are destined to repeat history. He said: "Not here. Not now. Not in Westchester County. Because it is what we choose to do in each moment that defines us."

The County Executive highlighted the achievements of his administration's first 100+ days, marked by action, advocacy and accountability:

After pushing back on Con Edison's proposed rate hikes, he secured a local public hearing and signed legislation reinforcing Westchester's opposition.

He condemned the Trump Administration's decision to close the White

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Calendar of Events



Author Talk with Susan Shapiro Barash in Conversation with Diane Parrish

Tuesday, May 14 at 7 Pm

Harrison Public Library, Community Room
Registration is recommended at www.Harrisonpl.Org

"Estranged" is a work of non-fiction by bestselling author Susan Shapiro Barash. Susan will be in conversation with Diane Parrish, author of Something Better. A book signing will follow the event. Books will be available for purchase from The Village Bookstore of Pleasantville.



Exhibition at The Met Illuminates the Early History of American Photography

The New Art: American Photography, 1839–1910
MET, 1000 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY
On view through July 20

Featuring more than 250 photographs drawn from the Museum's William L. Schaeffer Collection, explores the nation's shifting sense of self, driven by the immediate success of photography as a cultural, commercial, artistic, and psychological preoccupation. The exhibition is made possible by the Diane W. and James E. Burke Fund and the Diane Carol Brandt Fund. Additional support is provided by The Horace W. Goldsmith Foundation. Visit <https://www.metmuseum.org/exhibitions/the-new-art-american-photography-1839-1910>



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Paintings inspired by places, people and collective human stories. The artist is equally inspired by nature and everyday marvels of colors, textures and light effects that we experience.
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Rye Arts Center's Studio 51 Spring Benefit

May 15 at The Capitol Theatre

The Spring Benefit will take over The Capitol Theatre's main hall, transforming the iconic venue into a glittering homage to Studio 54, kicking off at 6pm with a cocktail hour featuring a DJ set, beverages, and tempting gourmet bites. Then, hit the dance floor! The evening culminates in a high-energy, two-hour performance by Rubix Kube. A live auction and special fundraising moments will offer unique opportunities throughout the night to support The Rye Arts Center. The Rye Arts Center will present the 2025 Honoree Awards, recognizing Adam Levi—The Rye Arts Center's Executive Director who is celebrating his 25th year, and longtime supporters Laurie & Rob Platek, and Rob & Nicole Weber for their outstanding contributions to the community. The Rye Arts Center will also present its second-ever 2025 Visionary Artist Award to Jill Parry. For more details, visit ryeartscenter.org

23rd Annual Golf Invitational Hospice of Westchester

June 3, 10am: Registration and brunch/lunch, 12:30pm: Shotgun start with scramble format and 4:30pm: Cocktail reception, dinner and awards
Westchester Hills Golf Club, 401 Ridgeway, White Plains

Proceeds from the event will benefit HOW's mission and commitment to providing compassionate end-of-life care. This year's Golf Invitational will honor Joseph Pepe and Pepe Auto Group for their many years of philanthropic support of Hospice of Westchester. Pepe Cadillac has served as the Hole-in-One Sponsor of the Golf Invitational for many years, adding to the overall success of the event. Individual and foursome registrations, journal ads, and sponsorships are now available. For more information, contact Holly Benedict, 914-682-1484, ext. 122 or hbenedict@hospiceofwestchester.org. For additional information, visit www.hospiceofwestchester.org. For the latest news and updates, find HOW on Facebook.

Adventures by the Book Author Talk with Jennifer Coburn - The Girls of the Glimmer Factory

May 7 at 7 pm
Harrison Public Library, 2 Bruce Avenue, Community Room

Registration recommended at www.harrisonpl.org. Author Jennifer Coburn will be discussing her novel The Girls of the Glimmer Factory with Adventures By the Book ambassador librarian Giovanna Fiorino-Iannace. From the author of Cradles of the Reich comes a poignant and inspiring tale for fans of The Forest of Vanishing Stars and The German Wife about resistance, friendship, and the dangers of propaganda, based on the real story of the Nazi "show camp" Theresienstadt. This program is offered in part-

nership with Adventures by the Book. Registration is required to receive the Zoom link if you plan on joining online.

LWVS Annual Meeting and Luncheon Featured Speaker: Congressman George Latimer

May 9 from 10:30 am to 2 pm
(luncheon and speaker portion of event begins at noon)

Scarsdale Golf Club, 1 Club Way, Hartsdale
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Link to purchase tickets: <https://lwvs.org/events-and-speakers/>

The Osborn Presents Fiona Davis, Acclaimed Author of The Stolen Queen

May 8, from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

The Osborn's Auditorium at 101 Theall Road, Rye
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The hunt takes them from New York City's glamorous "Party of the Year" to the desolate Valley of the Kings in Egypt. Part of the book also takes place in Egypt in the 1930s, when the curator was a young archeologist.

For more information, visit www.theosborn.org/events. RSVP to 914-925-8372 or RSVP@theosborn.org.

Third Annual Rochambeau Festival

May 17 & 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Rochambeau Park, also known as Yorktown Grange Fair Grounds, in Yorktown Heights
The Rochambeau Festival is an immersive experience that educates attendees about pivotal Revolutionary War and Franco American Alliance

events in our nation's history. Visitors can meet Generals Rochambeau and Washington, and learn about the locations of the encampments in New York State and what happened right here in Westchester and Rockland Counties. Families can join an encampment setup, drill with model muskets, greet animals of the day, including oxen, who will demonstrate heavy hauling. Kids can enjoy colonial crafts and participate in butter, cheese, bread, milk and candle making. A bus from Rochambeau Park will take visitors on a guided tour of Yorktown's historic French army encampment sites. Families can join the History Hunt and win a prize. Guests can wander the spacious grounds, visiting exhibits and enjoy French and American food and beverages. Guests are asked to pay \$15 per carload for all day parking. Visit <https://w3r-us.org/event/two-day-rochambeau-festival/>

2025 Cultural Heritage Celebrations

The festivals will be held rain or shine. Seating is informal; bring blankets or folding chairs for sitting on the lawn. No coolers will be allowed. Admission and parking are free.* This year's schedule of cultural heritage celebrations are:

- Polish Heritage Festival, Sunday, May 18, noon to 6p.m., Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla
- Asian-American, Saturday, May 31, noon to 6 p.m., Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla
- Albanian, Sunday, June 1, noon to 6 p.m., Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla
- African-American, Sunday, June 22, noon to 6 p.m., Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla
- Hispanic, Sunday, July 13, noon to 6 p.m., Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla
- Irish, Sunday, July 13, noon to 6 p.m., Ridge Road Park, Hartsdale
- *Admission: \$5 adults; free for ages 14 and under
- Italian, Sunday, July 20, noon to 6 p.m., Kensico

Dam Plaza, Valhalla

- Arab-American, Sunday, July 20, noon to 6 p.m., Ridge Road Park, Hartsdale
 - Heritage of India, Sunday, Aug. 3, noon to 6 p.m., Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla
 - Jewish, Sunday, Aug. 17, noon to 6 p.m., Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla
 - Muslim Heritage, Sunday, Aug. 24, noon to 6 p.m., Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla
- For more information, call (914) 231-4500.

Bicycle Sundays

On May 18, the Bronx River Parkway will be closed for Bicycle Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. between Scarsdale Road in Yonkers and the Westchester County Center in White Plains. On June 1 and 22, and July 13 and 20, the parkway will be closed from 8 a.m. to noon. The park can be accessed via Route 22, from the north or south.

Authors in Conversation: Ross Halperin and David Grann - Bear Witness

Tuesday, May 13, 7 pm

Harrison Public Library, 2 Bruce Avenue
Join in for a special conversation as author Ross Halperin discusses his powerful new book, Bear Witness, with bestselling author and journalist David Grann. A remarkable and dangerous feat of reportage, Bear Witness shows what happens when altruism, faith, and an obsession with justice are pushed to the extreme. A Q&A and Book Signing will follow their discussion. Books will be available for purchase. Refreshments will be served. Registration is recommended at www.harrisonpl.org

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● **NYU Langone Orthopedics—Westchester**
NYU Langone Radiology
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● **NYU Langone Pediatric Urology Associates—Tarrytown**
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● **NYU Langone Medical Associates—Bronxville**
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Bruce Museum Selects Moses Ros as 2025 Artist-in-Residence



The Bruce Museum announced the selection of Moses Ros as its second Artist-in-Residence (AIR). With generous support provided by Art Bridges, this residency program furthers the Museum's commitment to fostering creativity, supporting emerging talent and engaging the community in meaningful artistic dialogues.

The Museum will host Moses Ros as Artist-in-Residence through Aug. 15. During this time Ros will interact with work featured in "Blanche Lazzell: Becoming an American Modernist" through in-person gallery activations and his studio practice. The artist will also participate in audience building programs including open houses, family days, community partner programs and speaking engagements. After the residency, Ros will have an exhibition of work created during the residency in the Museum's Susan and Bill Mahoney Gallery Lobby.

Stephanie Rice, the director of public programs and a member of the selection committee for the AIR noted, "After reviewing the large number of applications for this year's artist in residency program, Moses Ros was chosen as our 2025 Artist-in-Residence because we felt his commitment and experience working within communities perfectly complements the mission of the Bruce. We also felt his use of vibrant color and abstract shapes in his work dovetailed nicely with our "Blanche Lazzell: Becoming an American Modernist" exhibition which he will use as inspiration during his residency."

The Museum invites the public to follow his journey on Instagram (@moses_ros) and participate in the upcoming events and programs associated with the residency.

For more information about the Artist-in-Residence program at the Bruce Museum, or to view workshops and lectures facilitated by Moses Ros, visit brucemuseum.org.

About the Artist-in-Residence:

Moses Ros is a sculptor, painter and printmaker of Dominican descent who lives and works in New York City. He creates artworks to lift the human spirit, using luminous colors, dynamic shapes and interactive elements.

Ros has had solo exhibitions at the Sugar Hill Museum, the Bronx Museum of the Arts and the Yeshiva University Museum in New York, as well as the Paterson Museum in New Jersey. He has also exhibited in the Yoryi Morel Gallery of the Institute of Culture and Art in Santiago, Dominican Republic.

Ros began printmaking at The Bronx Printmakers and has worked at some of the top printmaking workshops in New York, including The Robert Blackburn Printmaking Workshop, Lower East Side Printshop and The Manhattan Graphics Center. He is a founding member of Dominican York Proyecto GRAFICA and the ArteLatAm artist collectives.

Ros has received several public sculpture commissions from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, the Bronx Council on the Arts and the New York City Metropolitan Transportation Authority. His artwork is part of public and corporate collections, including the Smithsonian American Art Museum, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, El Museo del Barrio and the AT&T Collection.

Ros is a registered architect in New York and earned his bachelor's degree in architecture from Pratt Institute.

County's Women Legislators Unite to Support Domestic Violence Survivors



Westchester's women legislators delivered essential supplies for women experiencing homelessness and domestic violence to the Community Resource Center (CRC) in Mamaroneck today. The eight female members of the 17-person Board of Legislators organized the donation drive collecting personal hygiene products, clothing, transportation cards, and pharmacy gift cards in honor of Women's History Month.

Legislator Nancy E. Barr (D- Harrison, Port Chester, Rye Brook) said, "During Women's History Month, we recognize that women still earn less than men for comparable work and often carry a larger burden managing households and providing care for family members. Their focus on meeting others' needs means women don't always prioritize their own well-being. When challenges arise, the most vulnerable lack resources for basic essentials like medicine, hygiene items and transportation. We are grateful to organizations like the Community Resource Center, which provide much-needed support to women and families, and we are pleased to supply these donated items to those in need."

The Community Resource Center, formerly known as the Hispanic Resource Center, is a nonprofit organization providing advocacy and resources to help immigrant and low-income women and families become self-reliant. The donated items will help the center's case management team assist women seeking services during difficult life transitions.

Angelica Carvajal, Case Management Supervisor at the Community Resource Center, said "The items received from this donation drive will be of great help. Our case managers can now provide community members with healthcare, hygiene, and transportation resources during difficult times. The support of the Westchester County Board of Legislators is essential to upholding the dignity of every person in our community. Together, we will ensure that no one is left behind."

This donation drive builds on other recent Board actions supporting vulnerable women throughout Westchester. The 2025 County Budget included a \$101,500 appropriation for the CRC's crisis intervention program assisting domestic violence survivors. Last year, the Board unanimously passed the Safety Measures for Survivors of Domestic Violence Act, ensuring survivors can access new locks when perpetrators reside in the same dwelling.

Legislator Jewel Williams Johnson (D- Elmsford, Greenburgh, Tarrytown, White Plains) said, "On behalf of the Women of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, we are proud to have led this Women's History Month donation drive supporting the Community Resource Center. With its reach across Westchester County, the Center provides essential services to women impacted by domestic violence and is a beacon of hope for survivors. We are especially grateful to our colleagues and staff who generously donated hygiene products, clothing, and gift cards. Their compassion reflects the spirit of community that defines public service. With eight women among the 17 legislators who serve on the Board — myself along with Erika Pierce, Margaret Cunzio, Nancy Barr, Catherine Parker, Emiljana Ulaj, Terry Clements, and Shanae Williams — we remain committed to uplifting women and families throughout our county. We extend our thanks to Executive Director Jirandy Martinez and her team for all they do to help women reclaim their strength, voice, and future. It is an honor to stand alongside them in this important work."

Minority Leader Margaret A. Cunzio (C- North Castle, Mount Pleasant, Pleasantville, Sleepy Hollow, Harrison) said, "As we celebrate Women's History Month, it's important to focus on women helping women as we build each other up. This donation collection sponsored by women for women is a way to exemplify how we help each other, especially for those in times of need. We will continue to help others and focus on the needs of women throughout Westchester County."

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Kenneth W. Jenkins Sworn In as Westchester County Executive in Historic Ceremony



Westchester County witnessed a historic moment last month as Kenneth W. Jenkins was officially sworn in as County Executive, making history as the first Black County Executive in Westchester. The ceremony, held at Westchester Community College, was attended by dignitaries, elected officials and community leaders, all gathered to celebrate Jenkins' commitment to service, equity, and the future of the County.

The event commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Belinda Miles, President of Westchester Community College, who highlighted the institution's alignment with Jenkins' vision for education and opportunity. The Emerald Society Pipes and Drums then delivered a stirring performance to set the tone for the momentous occasion.

New York State Senator Shelley Mayer, serving as Mistress of Ceremonies, led the formal proceedings, which included the Presentation of Colors by the Westchester County Police Department Color Guard and the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Westchester County Clerk Tim Itoni. Faith leaders Bishop Troy P. DeCohen and Imam Shaffieq Chace offered invocations to bless the event.

U.S. Senate Democratic Leader Charles E. Schumer spoke at the event and commended Jenkins for his lifelong dedication to public service and his commitment to the people of Westchester County. Additional remarks were delivered by U.S. Congressman George Latimer, New York State Governor Kathy Hochul, New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli, and Westchester County Democratic Committee Chair Suzanne Berger. The program also included a video message of congratulations from U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, New York State Attorney General Letitia James and New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins.

The event also featured a special poetry reading by Westchester County Poet Laureate Phylisha Villanueva, as well as a performance by the Calvary Baptist Church Youth Choir. A video presentation titled "Kenneth W. Jenkins – Strength in Public Service that Benefits the Most People" offered a reflection on his accomplishments and aspirations for the County.

The swearing-in ceremony was administered by The Honorable Kathie E. Davidson, Dean of the NYS Judicial Institute. During his remarks after the swearing-in ceremony Jenkins reaffirmed his commitment to Westchester County, emphasizing competency, civility and stability in his administration.

Jenkins: "You voted for stability, competency, and civility. You voted to chart a course that reflects our highest ideals. Here in Westchester, we don't fly the airplane on the left wing, and we don't fly it on the right wing – we fly it right down the middle. And, we are on the journey, but the journey will be long. The work is just beginning. But we will not falter. We will rise to the challenge because, here in Westchester, we vote with our hearts, we vote with our heads, and we vote to enact laws that protect, defend, and uplift one another—always—regardless of skin color, gender, religion, or anything else that some try to use as weapons to divide

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Plains Social Security Hearing Office, vowing to continue the fight for local access and equity.

Westchester is the only county in New York State to hold a AAA bond rating from S&P, Fitch, and a positive outlook from Moody's—a testament to the County's sound budgeting and economic planning.

A major announcement in the speech was a groundbreaking partnership with Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI)—one of the nation's most prestigious engineering institutions—to deliver top-tier engineering education right here in our region.

Jenkins said: "This is more than just a partnership. It's a multi-year commitment to creating new opportunities for our local talent pool—especially young people and working professionals—to access cutting-edge STEM education, meet the demands of today's workforce, and fuel the growth of our economy."

Additionally, Jenkins highlighted that the County continues to invest boldly in housing and infrastructure:

A \$10 million land acquisition for affordable homeownership in White Plains

\$7 million in funding to Public Housing Authorities for vital improvements
A new HomeSeeker web platform to connect residents with affordable housing

\$90 million in ARPA funds creating 2,000 new affordable housing units
Launch of the \$15 million Complete Streets Program to support municipal roadway improvements

Focusing on public safety, Jenkins highlighted:

Violent crime is down, civil service exams for police are back, and efforts are underway to diversify law enforcement.

A new task force is establishing a data-driven approach to understanding and preventing gun violence.

The Free Client Phone Access Program at the County Jail ensures all incarcerated individuals have free legal phone access.

The Probation Department returned over \$266,000 in restitution to 163 victims in the past year.

On mental health, Jenkins announced the groundbreaking for the Mental Health Safety Net Clinic in White Plains, now licensed and under construction slated to open this summer.

Jenkins also took the time to recognize the dedication of the County workforce, praising long-serving public employees and emphasizing his commitment to defending and celebrating government workers.

Jenkins also highlighted various environmental programs:

The Westchester County Department of Environmental Facilities (DEF) launched a Waste Reduction Study to gather public input and develop long-term sustainability solutions. The County also earned over \$212,000 by participating in NYISO and ConEdison Demand Response programs—reducing energy use and preventing blackouts.

Additionally, 25 new EV chargers were installed at the County Center's South Lot, offering free charging for up to 50 vehicles, advancing the County's Climate Action Plan.

On Westchester County Airport, Jenkins announced that in early May, Westchester County will issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to modernize the Westchester County Airport terminal. This is not an expansion project, but a commitment to improving the airport experience for travelers.

Jenkins said: "This is an exciting step forward. To offer a seat, a cup of coffee, and a bathroom—we are putting people first."

Jenkins reaffirmed his commitment to reopening Playland for the 2025 season, despite legal challenges tied to a previous administration's contract with Standard Amusements.

Closing with a reflection on community, leadership and shared values, Jenkins said: "The State of our County—our Westchester County—is anchored in who we are, yet evolving in who we become. We're not repeating history—we're making it."

He ended with a quote from poet Villanueva: "Hope for us is a deep current. Leadership that sounds like care and feels like courage."

Finding the Right Elder Law Attorney



BY BERNARD A. KROOKS,
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As we age, the legal challenges we face often become more complex and specialized. Matters like long-term care planning, Medicaid eligibility, estate planning, guardianship, and elder abuse aren't always within the wheelhouse of a general practice attorney. That's where elder law attorneys come in. Elder law attorneys focus on the unique legal needs of older adults and their families. If you're beginning the search for one, it helps to approach the process thoughtfully and systematically.

The first step is understanding what elder law attorneys actually do. Our work encompasses a wide range of services, from drafting wills and trusts to navigating the intricacies of Medicaid planning and long-term care. We also handle guardianship proceedings, advocate for elder rights, address elder abuse, and help clients manage healthcare and end-of-life decision-making. Because the

field is so broad, not all elder law attorneys handle every aspect. Identifying the specific issues you're dealing with will help you find an attorney with the right experience.

Once you know what you need, start asking for referrals. Word-of-mouth is one of the most reliable ways to find a trustworthy professional. Family, friends, or neighbors who have worked with an elder law attorney can often recommend someone they found helpful. Financial advisors, social workers, or your family attorney might also have solid leads. Local senior centers and nonprofit aging organizations can be another source of referrals.

Beyond personal recommendations, online directories are a useful tool. The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) maintains a searchable database of qualified attorneys, making it easier to find someone who specializes in your area of concern. General legal directories such as Avvo or Martindale-Hubbell provide client reviews, peer ratings, and background information, which can help you narrow down your options.

One helpful credential to look for is Certified Elder Law Attorney (CELA), a designation awarded by the National Elder Law Foundation (NELF). CELA certification is a mark of excellence in the field. Attorneys must meet rigorous standards to earn this credential, including significant experience in elder

law, continuing legal education, a peer review process, and passing a comprehensive exam. Choosing a CELA gives you added assurance that the attorney has a deep understanding of the legal needs of older adults and is recognized by their peers for their expertise.

Once you've identified a few potential attorneys, take a closer look at their qualifications and experience. Ideally, you want someone who has practiced elder law for several years and dedicates a significant portion of their work to it. Membership in professional organizations like NAELA and credentials like CELA can indicate a commitment to continuing education and ethical practice. It's also a good idea to verify that the attorney is licensed and in good standing with your state's bar association.

Many elder law attorneys offer an initial consultation, often for a fee, which provides the opportunity to review the details of your case and determine whether the attorney is a good fit for your needs. During this meeting, you should feel free to ask about the attorney's experience with cases like yours, their approach to planning, and their fee structure. Some attorneys charge a flat rate, while others bill hourly or work on retainer. Make sure the billing process is transparent and that you understand exactly what services are included.

Don't be afraid to ask detailed questions. You might ask how long the

attorney has practiced elder law, what percentage of their work is focused on it, whether they've handled similar cases, and how they communicate with clients. The answers will help you assess whether they have the expertise and approach that suits your needs. Just as important as credentials is how comfortable you feel working with them. Elder law issues are often deeply personal, involving health, finances, and family dynamics, so trust and rapport are key. The elder law attorney you choose should be someone who not only understands the legal landscape but is also sensitive to the emotional and practical aspects of aging.

Finding the right elder law attorney may take a little time and research, but it's worth the effort. With the right legal guidance, you can navigate aging-related legal challenges with greater confidence and peace of mind.

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Table Hopping with Morris Gut: Soft Shell Crab Season Has Arrived

The season for fresh soft-shell crab runs through September and there are legions who crave this delicacy simply sautéed or deep fried with some lemon and butter. Nothing like a crispy soft-shell crab sandwich with the proper condiments. They first show up from Florida and the Gulf Coast at area markets followed by the popular bounty from Chesapeake. As the season wears on more venues will be serving them. Here's where to seek them out locally.

Artie's Steak & Seafood, 394 City Island Ave., City Island, Bronx (718-885-9885) Jumbo soft shell crabs are on the blackboard as a special. Great with one of their craft beers. www.artiescityisland.com Sea Shore, 591 City Island Ave., City Island, Bronx (718-885-0300) Jeffrey Weiner and his veteran crew serve soft shells in a variety of styles. Check out all the dining areas. Daily happy hours. www.seashorerestaurant.com

Dubrovnik, 721 Main Street, New Rochelle (914-637-3777) This restaurant, the first to specialize in Croatian/Adriatic cuisine in the metro area, excels in fish and seafood so you won't go wrong here. Indoor, al fresco, takeout & delivery. www.dubrovnikny.com

Trattoria Vivolo, 301 Halstead Ave., Harrison (914-835-6199) Chef/proprietor Dean Vivolo will be serving soft shell crabs out of his vintage diner any style in addition to this popular regional Italian dishes. www.trattoriavivolo.com

Eastchester Fish Gourmet, 837 White Plains Road, Scarsdale (914-725-3450) A



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Cosenza's Fish Market, 2354 Arthur Ave., Bronx (718-364-8510) It's right in the heart of Little Italy, a full-fledged fish market with counters set up as an Oyster Bar & Clam Bar. Take your pick.

Randazzo's Seafood, 2327 Arthur Ave., Bronx (718-367-4139) Started three generations ago by a Sicilian family of fisherman, this market has soft shells in stock all season. Current hours: 7 AM to 6 PM www.randazzo seafood.com

Bread & Brine, 119 Main Street, Hastings-On-Hudson (914-479-5243) The place bustles inside and out, and 'summers in Maine' is the theme. Soft shells are a seasonal treat. www.breadandbrinehoh.com

Kee Oyster House, 128 E. Post Road, White Plains (914-437-8535), Owner Ekren & Elvi offer a daily raw bar. The blackboard lists the daily catch and will soon include Soft Shell Crab. And they are pristine. www.keeoysterhouse.com

Dive Oyster House, 1201 Pleasantville Road, Briarcliff Manor (914-236-3911) In the coming weeks, owner Kenny Neziraj will offer Soft Shell Crab as a daily specialty. Happy Hours. www.diveoysterhouse.com

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us. We will not be divided. In Westchester, we respond and not react. Together, we will build a future that reflects the values we hold dear. The road ahead is long, but the strength and determination of this community will guide us every step of the way. And I stand here, humbly, to serve you and this great County. Our Westchester County.”

Benedictions were delivered by Arun Bhagirath from the Hindu Temple of Tri-State and Rabbi Leora Frankel of Larchmont Temple, closing the ceremony with blessings for Jenkins' tenure ahead.

The event concluded with a celebratory reception at the David Swope Student Center, where attendees gathered to honor the new County Executive and look forward to a promising future under his leadership.

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Students and Teachers From 31 Area Schools Attend Human Rights Educational Event



Over 300 students and teachers from 31 schools in Westchester, Dutchess, Putnam, Orange County and Fairfield County, Connecticut attended the 23rd annual Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center (HHREC) Human Rights Institute for High School Student Leaders on March 20th at Iona University in New Rochelle.

The program began with welcoming remarks by Millie Jasper, HHREC Executive Director and Dr. Tricia Mulligan, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at Iona University. Following opening remarks, Pierre Van Cortlandt Middle School Teacher Brett Bowden presented and spoke about the importance of students being an “Upstander” and taking a stand in their communities against hate.

Following Brett, HHREC Board Member and New Rochelle resident Leah Sills presented the story of her parents and grandparents who lived in Lodz in Poland and survived the invasion by Nazis during the Holocaust due to the heroic efforts of Upstanders including Sousa Mendez.

The program was organized and led by HHREC Program Coordinator Jeanne Claire Cotnoir and included student workshops hosted by HHREC Director of Education Steve Goldberg, Bowden, and students who encouraged their peers to engage as activists or “Upstanders” in response to human rights violations.

A group of students were recognized for their work in promoting human rights in their schools and communities. These honorees included:

The Richard A. Berman Leadership Award for Human Rights was awarded to Ashley Stangel - Byram Hills High School. This award is in honor of the longstanding commitment and dedication of Richard Berman to the Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center, and his commitment to community service and the education of ethically and socially responsible leaders for the global community.

The Andy Cahn “Community Service” Award was presented to Owen Brennen, Ossining High School, and Selena Nezaj, Pelham Memorial High School. This award is given in memory of the contributions and commitments made by Andy Cahn, former Assistant Director of Education for HHREC who was instrumental in the creation of the High School Human Rights Institute.

The Neil Ginsberg Student “Upstander” Award was presented to Kaymbri Wells, Ossining High School; Thaddeus Kromelis II, Sleepy Hollow High School; and Abigail Rondeau, Byram Hills High School. This award recognizes the contributions and commitment made by Neil Ginsberg to the Human Rights Institute for High School Student Leaders, and his dedication to the HHREC Educators Program Committee for over 20 years.

Area High School Participation

Participating schools included: Archbishop Stepinac High School, Ardsley High School, Blind Brook High School, Byram Hills High School, Croton-Harmon High School, Denzel Washington School of The Arts, Dobbs Ferry High School, Eastchester High School, Edgemont High School, German International School New York, Hastings High School, John Jay High School, Mahopac High School, Mamaroneck High School, New Rochelle High School, Newburgh Academy Main, Newburgh Academy North, Newburgh Academy West, North Salem High School, Ossining High School, Peekskill High School, Pelham Memorial High School, Pleasantville High School, Ridgefield High School, Rye Neck High School, Scarsdale High School, Sleepy Hollow High School, Somers High School, The Ursuline School, Westchester Youth Alliance, and White Plains High School.

The Osborn Presents Fiona Davis, Acclaimed Author of *The Stolen Queen*



The Osborn will host the New York Times bestselling author Fiona Davis discussing her latest book, *The Stolen Queen*, on May 8, from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. Free and open to the public, this WellSpring Series event will take place in The Osborn’s Auditorium at 101 Theall Road, Rye.

Fiona Davis’ newly released novel *The Stolen Queen* is set in 1978 at the Met Museum, and tells the story of a curator in the Egyptian Art Collection who unwillingly teams up with a Met Gala assistant to track down a stolen artifact. The hunt takes them from New York City’s glamorous “Party of the Year” to the desolate Valley of the Kings in Egypt. Part of the book also takes place in Egypt in the 1930s, when the curator was a young archeologist.

For more information, visit www.theosborn.org/events. RSVP to 914-925-8372 or RSVP@theosborn.org.

The Osborn’s WellSpring program engages seven dimensions that enrich our lives: intellectual, social, physical, environmental, occupational, emotional, and spiritual. With the WellSpring Series, The Osborn opens its doors to the wider community to share engaging cultural events.

The Osborn has received many accolades, including being chosen by readers of Westchester Magazine as “Best of Westchester” in the Senior Residence category in 2023 and again in 2024. The Osborn Pasciuti Pavilion skilled nursing center was once again named as a “Best Nursing Home” for 2022-2023, 2024 and again in 2025 by U.S. News & World Report. The Osborn was also recognized as one of the nation’s “Best Continuing Care Retirement Communities” by Newsweek. It was awarded its fifth consecutive five-year accreditation by CARF International, which is widely regarded as the highest standard in senior living excellence.

The Osborn is a private, non-profit, continuum of care community, founded in 1908 and based in Rye. It offers Independent Living, Assisted Living, Memory Care, and Skilled Nursing, as well as Inpatient and Outpatient Rehabilitation. In addition to residential and health care services on its 56-acre campus, the organization provides home care and companion services in Westchester and Fairfield Counties through Osborn Home Care. The Osborn is accredited by CARF and has an “A” rating from Fitch. Individuals and families interested in learning more about The Osborn are invited to call 888-9-OSBORN or visit www.theosborn.org.

“We were very pleased at the response from area teachers and students who joined us for our program this year” said Steve Goldberg, HHREC Director of Education. He added “It is very encouraging to see so many students and teachers turn out for a full day of learning about human rights, the history of the Holocaust, and lessons learned. We believe the powerful messages they heard today from our guest speakers and their peers will resonate with them for years to come and hope they will remain active ‘Upstanders’ who protect and preserve human rights.”

The HHREC Human Rights Institute for High School Student Leaders was developed to further their mission by promoting student awareness of human rights issues on a local and global level, and to empower students to be “Upstanders” by creating and implementing action plans in their schools and communities. HHREC has organized and offered this event to area students and teachers since 2002. For more information visit HHRECNY.org or contact Steve Goldberg at sgoldberg@hhrecny.org.



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