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## HOME, SWEET HOME?

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton held a rally in front of a bevy of supporters at SUNY Purchase on March 31, just weeks ahead of the New York primary on April 19. For more, see page 6. Photo/Andrew Dapolite

## Golf club groundskeeper pleads guilty to violation

By JAMES PERO  
Staff Writer

Rye Golf Club groundskeeper, Charles “Chip” Lafferty, pleaded guilty to a violation regarding the misuse of a restricted pesticide on Tuesday, April 5 in Rye City Court after an anonymous complaint filed with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation raised flags about potential misconduct.

The charge—which resulted in a \$500 fine—was amended and reduced from an original pesticide violation classified as a misdemeanor under state Department of Environmental Conservation, DEC, law.

According to DEC records obtained by the Review through a Freedom of Information Law request, Lafferty’s charges stem from a complaint received by the department on Dec. 12, 2015 regarding what a complainant described as Lafferty’s “misuse” of a pesticide at Rye Golf Club.

This misapplication, according to the complainant, resulted in extensive damage to the club’s greens, which necessitated the club’s closure for a significant portion of its peak summer season; between Memorial Day to Labor Day weekends.

Lafferty also applied what turned out to be a tainted pesticide to the greens. That product became the subject of a recent lawsuit settlement between the

city and Tesenderlo Kerley Inc., TKI, the distributor of the contaminated pesticide called Alt-70. TKI settled out of court and awarded the city \$2.5 million for the damage to the city-owned golf course.

While the lawsuit over the club’s greens, which was concluded in December 2015, found that the damage experienced at Rye Golf Club was a result of the contaminated pesticide, DEC records also show that the same product was applied over the legal limit by Lafferty prior to the damage taking place.

“The application records that I have available at this time indicate that the Alt-70 product was applied more frequently than required on three occasions,” a DEC representative explained in a report to his superiors.

According to the representative, while the pesticide Alt-70 was supposed to have been applied once at 14-day intervals, application records show that between April 22 and May 15, less than a month’s span, the product was applied four times in total.

This information, however, contradicts what city officials have stated; that Lafferty never over-applied the contaminated pesticide.

City Manager Marcus Serrano told the Review in January that Lafferty did not exceed the label dosage.

“To clarify, Chip actually

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## City Master Plan Committee mulls place for technology

By ANGELA JORDAN  
Staff Writer

A focus of the city’s attempt to have an updated master plan may revolve around something not thought of 30 years ago: the inclusion of technology. On Tuesday, March 29, the city Master Plan Committee held its first public hearing since being

created last month, in regard to adopting a new master plan for the first time since 1985.

A guiding document that outlines a municipality’s planning policies and long-term goals, master plans are typically updated once every 15 or 20 years, making Rye’s now 30-year-old master plan, which spanned between 1985 and

2000, long overdue.

It also means that the current plan might not account for changes in issues brought on by the growth of technology.

Rye resident Garth Schultz cited technological advances like internet-connected sprinkler systems and electricity, and paying for parking via smartphone as examples of the

ways that municipal planning is changing over time.

Schultz brought up “the internet of things,” which is the concept that physical objects and the digital world are gradually intertwining over time, and the fact that this idea should be taken into account when adopting a

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# Citing perception, council passes on historic district

By JAMES PERO  
Staff Writer

While a discussion over the designation of Rye's Hidden Spring Lane has been tabled by the City Council amid reticence over a perceived conflict of interest, a larger discussion over historic preservation is underway.

According to Councilwoman Emily Hurd, a Democrat who serves as the liaison to the city Landmarks Advisory Committee, while members of the committee are disappointed that the discussion has been tabled, the focus of the new talks may be even more productive.

"As disappointing as it was, it was actually a win-win," Hurd said. "We've been asked to fast-track the process of designating historic districts in Rye and bring it to the City Council for a vote."

Hurd said that as a result of previous public hearings regarding Hidden Spring Lane, the Landmarks Advisory Committee, which oversees measures involving historic preservation, will be tasked with taking a step back and evaluating Rye holistically.

Between now and the summer, Hurd told the Review, the committee will not just look at Hidden Spring Lane, but different locations that may be in greater need of historic preservation.

"Overall the council was in favor of designating historic districts in Rye," she said. "The is-



A decision from the Rye City Council to table a discussion on designating Hidden Spring Lane as the city's first residential historic district will spark a larger and more holistic approach to the preservation of historic architecture. File photos

sue was Hidden Spring Lane as a first choice."

The concern with Hidden Spring Lane was twofold: the street is private and a member of the landmarks committee lives on it.

Councilman Terry McCartney, a Republican, said the presence of Jerome Coleman, a resident of Hidden Springs Lane and a member of the Landmarks Advisory Committee, could be problematic.

"I think there may be an issue—at least the appearance of impropriety—since one of the committee's members stands to benefit from this particular designation," McCartney said.

Coleman, who lives on 2 Hidden Spring Lane, adamantly refutes that there is any personal stake in his push to designate the street, however.

"I'm trying to be a good citizen, I'm trying to be a volunteer," Coleman said. "Any imputation that I'm in this for my own benefit is an outrageous insinuation."

Specifically, if Hidden Spring Lane were to be designated as a historic district, Coleman would benefit from tax incentives that allow owners to provide renovations to their homes without paying the reassessed property tax until 10 years later.

According to Councilman Richard Mecca, a Republican, who relayed his reticence at the March 30 Rye City Council meeting, while the idea of designating residential historic districts isn't inherently bad, there should be more thought given to just how districts are chosen.

Resident Anne McCarthy actively lobbied against the designation of a private street.

"I would rather see a more public historic neighborhood as Rye's first historic district," she said. "[Maybe] the bungalows on Forest Avenue or West Rye, among others."

According to Hurd, the committee will look to identify the most important sections of Rye to receive historical designations. Among the potential designations, she said, are the areas of Greenhaven, Loudon Woods and Indian Village.

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On the table for future discussions of possible historic districts will be areas like Loudon Woods and Indian Village, according to Councilwoman Emily Hurd.



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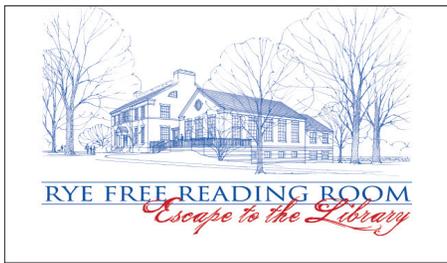
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## Rye Free Reading Room events



Visit [ryelibrary.org](http://ryelibrary.org) for more information on these and other events and programs.

## The Art of Meditation

Meditation is a simple way to reduce stress and relieve the anxious, tense, and worried condition that impacts both physical and emotional well-being. This meditation class will be held on Saturday, April 9 from 11 a.m. to noon in the Meeting Room. Participants will learn how to relax their entire bodies in just a few minutes, and how to use their breath to bring themselves to a place of peace and stillness.

## Musical Monday

On Monday, April 11 from noon to 2 p.m. A musical drama based on Andrew Lloyd Webber's celebrated musical phenomenon, "The Phantom of the Opera" tells the story of a disfigured musical genius (Gerard Butler) who haunts the catacombs beneath the Paris Opera, waging a reign of terror

over its occupants. When he falls fatally in love with the lovely Christine (Emmy Rossum), the Phantom devotes himself to creating a new star for the Opera, exerting a strange sense of control over the young soprano as he nurtures her extraordinary talents.

Bring your own lunch and munch while enjoying a classic musical on the library's big screen. The library will even provide a light dessert. Rated PG-13; running time: 146 minutes.

## Teacher-in-the-Library

On Mondays through Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Children's Room. Got homework? Drop by the library. Rye teachers offer after-school homework help to students attending local public and private elementary schools in the Rye area. This is a free program sponsored by the Auxiliary Board of the Rye Free Reading Room, The Woman's Club of Rye/Children's Philanthropy Section and the PTO of Rye Schools.

## Excel computer class

On Thursday, April 14 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Raho Technology Center. Learn the basics of how to use this very popular and versatile spreadsheet program. It is widely used in business and by schools and has many applications for home use. Setting up spreadsheets, saving to computers, retrieving and printing will be covered. The class is taught by Mike Negrelli, who worked for IBM for 37 years. The computer classes are made possible by the Thomas A. Williams Memorial Fund. No

sign up required. First come, first seated.

## The Serious Side of Food

On Thursday, April 14 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Meeting Room. This is the second session in a series of discussions on the modern industrial agriculture complex by scholar Laura Inman. Discover the process for producing products for your palate, the ramifications of modern diet trends, and the sustainability of sustenance. This month's featured title in this series is Frances Moore Lappe's "Diet for a Small Planet."

Copies of the titles will be available at the library a month prior to the discussion dates. The next discussion will be on May 19, with "The Jungle" by Upton Sinclair and "Brave New Farm" by Jim Mason as the featured titles. See the reference librarian or email [reference@ryelibrary.org](mailto:reference@ryelibrary.org) for more information. These adult reading and discussion programs are made possible by a grant from The New York Council for the Humanities.

Homebuyer's workshop:  
'The Mortgage Process'

On Saturday, April 16 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Purchasing a home should be one of the happiest most rewarding moments of a lifetime. Irene Amato will navigate you through all the red tape, overwhelming paperwork and questions you have but are too afraid to ask. Learn about the home buying process from start to finish—from choosing your real estate agent to the final closing day on your new home. Register at [asapmortgageinc.com/events/](http://asapmortgageinc.com/events/).

## Rye Recreation

## Rye youth soccer registration

Online registration is open at [ryeyouthsoccer.org](http://ryeyouthsoccer.org) for spring intramural soccer for boys and girls in grades K-5. The season will begin Saturday, April 30 and ends Saturday, June 18. Complete details on dates and times of the program can be found on the website. If you have any questions, contact Patti Adimari, registrar, at [pattirys@optonline.net](mailto:pattirys@optonline.net) or 967-5273. Scholarships are available upon request. Please note that coaches should also register to coach in their online account.



## Summer camp registration

Rye Recreation summer camp registration for residents will open soon. Registrations for Kiddy Camp, Lower Camp, Upper Camp and Camp 78 are ongoing. Parents requesting financial assistance or a special payment plan must register in person. Registration for nonresidents opens on May 5 at 10 a.m. For more information, call 967-2535 or email [registration@ryeny.gov](mailto:registration@ryeny.gov).

## Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester

Young Families' Passover  
Pandemonium

On Friday, April 15 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tot-Shabbat! Music, crafts and games great for kids 6 months old through second grade (older siblings welcome). There will be a special B.Y.O.B. dinner—bring your own bread to help clean cha-

metz out of your home and the sandwich insides will be provided.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information or to RSVP, contact Jane Dubro at [jdubro@congregationemanuel.org](mailto:jdubro@congregationemanuel.org) or call 914-967-4382 ext. 21. The Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester is located at 2125 E. Westchester Ave. in Rye.

## Rye Meeting House

'Through the Eyes of  
the Photographer'

On Saturday, April 16, Nadia Valla, a French-born photographer, will present a program at the Rye Meeting House called "Through the Eyes of the Photographer" at 3 p.m. She will speak about the stories behind her exquisite photos of birds now on view at the Meeting House. Valla has captured more than 50 species of birds, often from a kayak, in 80 artistic photographs. She will tell anecdotes about her experiences photographing birds for more than 20 years. The audience will be encouraged to ask questions throughout the program.

Admission is free. Donations will be gratefully accepted. The Rye Meeting House is located at 624 Milton Road in Rye. For further information, email [birdhomestead.meetinghouse@gmail.com](mailto:birdhomestead.meetinghouse@gmail.com) or call 967-0099. The Meeting House is operated by the Bird Homestead nonprofit for environmental, historic preservation and educational purposes.



## Read Wildlife Sanctuary

The Read Wildlife Sanctuary is located at Playland Park in Rye. Call 967-8720 for more information on activities.

## Orienteering

On Saturday, April 16 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Learn how to navigate your way along a course using a map, a compass and a list of questions.

## Marshlands Conservancy

The Marshlands Conservancy is located on Route 1 (Boston Post Road) in Rye. Call 835-4466 for more information on these and other activities.

## Pitch in for Parks

On Saturday, April 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring work gloves and help beautify the conservancy for the upcoming season. Volunteer for as long as you like. Hand tools will be provided.

Opening reception for annual  
poetry exhibit

On Sunday, April 17 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Stop by to enjoy poetry that was inspired by the conservancy and meet the poets.

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# County considers Islamophobia resolution

By SIBYLLA CHIPAZIWA  
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With Islam once again thrust into the spotlight due to the recent terrorist attacks in Brussels and San Bernardino, California, the climate of fear has worsened and discrimination against Muslims has been on the rise nationwide.

This discrimination has spurred members of the Westchester Coalition against Islamophobia, WCAI—a local, grassroots organization consisting of both Muslim and non-Muslim members that focuses on public policy and civil rights—to alert county lawmakers to the hate and rhetoric that Muslims face and urge them to have something in place to ensure not just the safety of followers of Islam, but of all county residents, no matter their background.

WCAI came about in August 2012 in response, among other things, to Pamela Geller and her American Freedom Defense Initiative's Islamophobic ads that could be seen on Metro-North platforms.

On March 29, the Public Safety and Social Services Committee of the county Board of Legislators discussed a drafted, proposed Islamophobia resolution co-sponsored by county legislators Alfreda Williams, a Greenburgh Democrat, and Ben Boykin, a White Plains Democrat. The meeting, which was jointly held with the county's Minority Affairs Task Force, heard testimony from WCAI members on the need for such a resolution.

"Ever since 9/11 actually, there have been indications that this is something that needs to be dealt with," Williams said.

The draft resolution states that threats posed by Islamophobia are threats against the "American values of religious freedom and cultural diversity" in the county and the U.S., and that a commitment to ensuring the safety and civil rights of both Muslim and non-Muslim residents should be reaffirmed. The draft also calls for the Westchester community to stand with Muslim residents against all forms of Islamophobia.

Priscilla Read, president of WCAI, mentioned recent legislation in Syracuse and Albany that stands with Muslim residents against Islamophobia, and that the recent surge in violence against Muslims—though not seen in Westchester—is a deep concern.

One such concern is how Islamophobia could affect Muslim children in the future.

Nada Khaliseh, a mother of three who teaches Islam, spoke of children in her classes telling her stories of being harassed at school. "Telling a kid that he's a terrorist constantly—because that's what they hear in the media—is really not pleasant at all and it's going to affect them somehow," she said. "I really worry about that.... It may be as a joke, but it does hurt. It does have consequences."

Dr. Yasser Alsafadi, a board member of the Upper Westchester Muslim Society, based in Thornwood, shared what his community has faced, especially over the last six months. He said that mothers and children are afraid to go out alone, even to go



Members of the Westchester Coalition against Islamophobia have contacted county lawmakers to propose a resolution to combat the discrimination of Muslim residents. Pictured is the Westchester Muslim Center in Mount Vernon, New York. Photo courtesy WestchesterMuslim.org

shopping. Children have been harassed and bullied at school, and many face verbal harassment in public and at work.

"The tragedy is that our community feels unempowered, they feel weak and discouraged... but they don't report [incidents] to the authorities," Alsafadi said.

The FBI's latest hate crime statistics show that during 2014, religious bias made up almost 19 percent of reported crimes, and while anti-Semitism bears the brunt of discrimination at

almost 57 percent, Islamophobia was just over 16 percent.

Alsafadi added that people are still afraid despite knowing how to report hate crimes, especially due to recent comments made by Republican presidential candidates Ted Cruz and Donald Trump. Khaliseh said that the media does not help decrease Islamophobia, either.

Board of Legislators Chairman Michael Kaplowitz, a Yorktown Democrat and member of the Public Safety and Social Services Committee,

said the discourse on Islam has been "disappointing, to say the least."

"We need to fight for this," he said. "This is not something that comes easy... and perhaps that when it's tougher, it's more valuable."

Ned McCormack, communications director for the county executive's office, said that the administration cannot comment on the resolution until it's been finalized.

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# Clinton visits SUNY Purchase on campaign trail



Hillary Clinton made a stop on her campaign trail at Purchase College on March 31. Clinton, a resident of nearby Chappaqua, highlighted her ties to both the state of New York and Westchester County during her speech. Photo/Andrew Dapolite

By ANGELA JORDAN  
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Hillary Clinton, former secretary of state and Democratic candidate for president, made a campaign stop at SUNY Purchase on Thursday, March 31, approximately two and a half weeks before the state's primary election.

The campaign chose to host the rally in the intimate Repertory Theatre of the school's Performing Arts Center, which seats no more than 500 people.

The bleachers were lined with Clinton supporters, eagerly waiting to hear her speak, and occasionally reciting chants led by campaign staffers.

One of those was Rebecca Liebson, of White Plains, a SUNY Stony Brook student who came home to hear Clinton speak. Liebson supports Clinton's campaign so strongly that she started an on-campus group called Stony Brook Students for Hillary.

Liebson said after "doing her research," she concluded that Clinton's policies aligned most closely with her own beliefs, and her pragmatism makes Clinton a more attractive candidate than her primary opponent, U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders, of Vermont.

"I'm also from New York and saw Hillary in action as a senator, so that definitely gave me a good opinion of her," Liebson said.

Before Clinton arrived on stage, opening remarks were given by Reggie Lafayette, chairman of the Westchester County Democratic Party.

"This is the most important election of our time," Lafayette said. "I don't know about you, but I'm ready to say 'Madame President.'"

Clinton took the stage at about 1:30 p.m., after being introduced by U.S. Rep. Nita Lowey, a Democrat.

Clinton, who has resided in

Chappaqua for the past 16 years, made sure to highlight her ties to Westchester County in her speech.

"Westchester is more than a county to me, it's more of a community," Clinton said. "[Living here] has been the most welcoming experience I can imagine."

Clinton also mentioned some of her favorite spots in Chappaqua, like Lange's Deli and Crabtree's Kittle House.

Not everyone in the theater was a Clinton supporter, however.

Konrad Wainright, a SUNY Purchase student and outspoken supporter of the Sanders campaign, remarked on a discrepancy he perceived, wherein Purchase students were told to sit or stand in spots of the theater that were out of camera shot, as opposed to older attendees, who were strategically placed directly behind Clinton's podium.

And approximately 10 min-



A group of Purchase students protest the Clinton rally just outside of the Performing Arts Center. During Clinton's speech, Bernie Sanders supporters interrupted her by shouting "If she wins, we lose" in unison and walking out of the theater. Photo/Suzy Berkowitz

utes into her speech, a number of Purchase students situated in the back of the theater, out of camera view, shouted, "If she wins, we lose," and walked out of the theater.

"Oh, I know, the Bernie people came to say that," Clinton responded, who went on to say that she had gained 9 million votes during the primaries so far, which is 1 million more votes than Republican candidate Donald Trump, and 2.5 million more than Sanders.

Clinton then continued her speech, taking the opportunity to criticize Sanders, who hosted his own campaign rally the same day in St. Mary's Park in the South Bronx, for making promises that she believes cannot be kept. Among those she mentioned were offering free college tuition at public universities and enacting single-payer universal health care, as opposed to just amending the Affordable Care Act.

"Look, you may not be supporting me, but I'm supporting you," Clinton said, in response to the students who staged a walk-out during the rally. "I just wish we could talk and listen to each other."

Just outside the Performing Arts Center, a crowd of predominantly Purchase students lined up with anti-Clinton signs, chanting "Feel the Bern," "Free Palestine" and "Black Lives Matter."

According to Wainright and several other students who participated in the disruption and subsequent walkout, they left the theater voluntarily to join the rest of the protestors outside, as opposed to being escorted out by the event organizers or security.

Madeline Moran, who was one of the protesters that disrupted

Clinton's speech, said, "I feel that it's important to show the Democratic Party that we are not going to stand for Hillary, and we're not just here to support just any Democratic president because we need real progress to be made."

Mae Williams, a 71-year-old Yonkers resident and a Westchester Black Women's Political Caucus member, said that, despite her support for Clinton, she thinks the passionate response to the rally is a sign of positive political change.

"It's awesome to see the interest of all the people coming out here today, and that they're taking [the election] seriously," Williams said. "People have realized that they got to vote, no matter if it's Hillary or Bernie."

A representative from the Clinton campaign said that they believe the event went well.

"We're thrilled with the turnout today, and with the support for Hillary Clinton all across New York," said Harrell Kirstein, the communications director for the Clinton campaign. "She has a lot of friends here, and they've been coming out to welcome her back to campaigning ahead of the primary."

Kirstein declined to comment on the disruption by Sanders supporters.

It's not expected that any other campaign will host a rally at the college, but SUNY Purchase President Tom Schwarz said in an email issued to the student body and faculty prior to Clinton's rally that it should not be construed as an endorsement by the school, and that if any other candidate had approached them and asked to rent space for an event, the school would afford them the same opportunity.

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Zionism and Nazism are both based on the notion of a master race, declared Syrian Ambassador Marwa Daoudy in his impeccable French. He said this several times while I was occupying the U.S. seat at the U.N. Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights meeting alongside the East River. The main U.S. member, Dean Clyde Ferguson of Howard Law School, was away on Department of State business. I was his alternate.

Many countries were represented, as well as numerous nongovernmental organizations, NGOs, but no one was protesting. It was clearly up to me. I was not an old U.N. hand, and there were few who even knew my name.

This was not the kind of U.N. body where country representatives are under strict instructions

from their national capitals on what to say and how to behave. This was a so-called expert body where supposedly members spoke only from their own expertise. The U.S. state department honored this rule, while some others apparently did not. I was on my own.

I had to say something, and quickly. So I raised my hand and watched as the Polish chairman wrote my name on a list of members wishing to be heard. If he had called on me then, right away, I have no idea what I might have blurted out, unprepared as I was. I needed some time to reflect and plan. This could well be one of the most important public statements I would ever make.

I found a pay phone (that's all we had in those days, no cell-phones) and reached my wife Pat at work. She had in-depth experience dealing with people from all over the world. Her previous job had been helping run International House in Philadelphia, which assisted foreign students attending the University of Pennsylvania and other local

schools.

Since the U.N. meeting I was attending normally adjourned for the day by 6 p.m., I felt fairly sure that I would be heard the following day. But to my surprise, the chairman announced that there would be an evening meeting in order to keep on schedule. So my turn to speak would certainly be after dinner. I contacted Pat and asked her to meet me at a tiny restaurant on a side street off First Avenue. This was to be our chance, our only chance, to prepare an answer to Ambassador Daoudy.

Pat and I worked out a plan, and I answered Daoudy soon after dinner, having got consent to be heard before others on the list. I took my time and set forth my thoughts calmly and deliberately.

I will look forward to re-creating those thoughts in a future issue of this newspaper. I'm glad to say that Daoudy never returned to his "Zionism = Nazism" theme, at least not in my presence.

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## Final chamber concert set to take stage

All are welcome to attend the final chamber concert of the season, to be held on Sunday, April 24 at 2:30 p.m. at Rye Presbyterian Church, located at 882 Boston Post Road in Rye. The program is completely devoted to the wonderful theatrical work *L'histoire du soldat* (The Soldier's Tale) by Igor Stravinsky and Swiss writer C.F. Ramuz, to be read, played and danced. The piece was originally written for three actors, one dancer and accompanied by seven instrumentalists. The parts of the three actors will be done solely by the English baritone Benjamin Luxon and danced by Anni Crofut Maliki. The ensemble is comprised of musicians from the MET, NY Philharmonic, Lincoln Center Chamber Society, players from Orpheus and St. Lukes.

Benjamin Luxon was one

of Great Britain's major international singers. His career of some 30 years displays an unusual versatility and he was equally renowned as a recitalist and concert and opera singer.

Luxon's career began as a member of the English Opera Group, the company formed by Benjamin Britten for the performance of his own and other contemporary operas. He quickly became one of Britten's key singers culminating with Britten composing the role of "Owen Wyngrave" (his television opera) specifically for Luxon's voice. Then came many years as a regular guest artist at the Royal Opera House Covent Garden and Glyndebourne, from there to European opera houses in Amsterdam, Paris, Brussels, Frankfurt and on to Prague, the Metropolitan, Vienna State Opera and La Scala Milan.

Luxon, now a resident of the Berkshires, has been recording speaking roles instead of singing roles since becoming partially deaf in the 1990s. He has continued to conduct master classes, direct operas, and perform and record the spoken word. His captivating presence, extraordinary theatrical talent, refined artistry, and the powerful instrument of his voice continue to arrest audiences.

His latest, and highly praised, recording is "Enoch Arden," a recitation of the epic poem by Alfred Lord Tennyson with music by Richard Strauss on JRI Recordings.

Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased at the door. For more information, contact Artistic Director Ronald Arron at [ronarron@optonline.net](mailto:ronarron@optonline.net) or call 523-4646. (Submitted)

## Tread Lightly! to be named Association of the Month

USALLIANCE Financial is enthusiastic to announce that Tread Lightly! will be their Association of the Month in April.

Members and the general public are invited to the USALLIANCE branch located at 555 Boston Post Road in Port Chester to see some of Tread Lightly!'s photography and learn more about the positive change the organization makes in outdoor recreation.

Tread Lightly! became one of USALLIANCE's partner associations in late 2015. This means that Tread Lightly! members are now a part of the USALLIANCE field of membership. The organizations are working together to develop a cohesive member onboarding experience

to support this new endeavor.

"We're thrilled to have Tread Lightly! on board," said Kris VanBeek, president and CEO of USALLIANCE. "We're looking forward to providing Tread Lightly! members with the banking services they need to live life fully, whether they're in a city or on a trail."

"As we explore this new partnership, we're excited about the new opportunities that will be made available to both Tread Lightly! and USALLIANCE members," added Jerrica Archibald, communications manager at Tread Lightly!

Tread Lightly! is a national nonprofit organization with a mission to promote responsible recreation through ethics educa-

tion and stewardship programs. Tread Lightly!'s educational message, along with its unique training and restoration initiatives, are strategically designed to instill an ethic of responsibility in outdoor enthusiasts and the industries that serve them. The program is long-term in scope with a goal to balance the needs of the people who enjoy outdoor recreation with the need to maintain a healthy environment. Tread Lightly!'s award-winning materials, programs and services are solutions to some of the nation's most pressing recreation issues. Individuals and businesses can commit to Tread Lightly! and protect outdoor access by becoming a member at [treadlightly.org](http://treadlightly.org). (Submitted)

"Living in the city is too expensive."  
Jimmy Zhang, 49,  
of Queens

"It's fearful the way the country's being run and what we have to look forward to on both ends."  
Jeannie Milo, 62,  
of Garrison

"A pipe burst in our building. We had to close down for two weeks."  
Victor Darario, 50,  
of Westport, Conn.

-Photos and reporting by Corey Stockton

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The Master Plan Committee held its first public hearing last week in hopes of updating the city's current development plan, which was drafted in 1985. A discussion was had about how emerging technology might change the way Rye plans for its future. Photo courtesy city of Rye

future plan. "There are interesting technological solutions out there," he said. "I would incorporate some forms of technology into our 400-year-old community."

Councilman Terry McCartney, a Republican and member of the committee, suggested during the meeting that it might be necessary to create a new section of the master plan dedicated specifically to technology.

Andy Ball, also a member of the Master Plan Committee and the city Planning Commission, told the Review that while he does not agree that a new section is necessary, he believes that technology should be incorporated into other sections of the master plan.

Ball, a former city councilman, cited things like advanced residential security systems and drone usage as examples of futuristic topics that should be discussed when drafting a new plan. He said that the document should account for not only unexpected opportunities, but also unexpected threats that could be brought on by technology.

Ball said that while it's too early to say what some of these new opportunities and threats might be, he believes that the "collective intellect of the community" is essential to figuring it out.

"We need to make sure that what we're doing is going to help preserve the character of community and make sure those things are resilient in that face of change and adverse events," he said.

It seems that some of these new threats may arise sooner than expected.

Recently, the city of Rye was in the national spotlight after it was disclosed to the public that the Bowman Avenue Dam, which is located in the village of Rye Brook but operated by the city, had its computer system hacked in 2013 by seven Iranian nationals who had access to it for approximately three weeks. The hacked computer remotely operates the dam's sluice gate, which controls the flow of water and is used by the city as a flood mitigation tool. However, the dam had been manually disconnected for maintenance at the time, preventing the hackers from taking control of the gate.

City Manager Marcus Serrano said that an issue like the Bowman Avenue Dam hack is too specific to be addressed by a document with a scope as wide as a master plan. He said that since the nature of master plans are to be overarching and non-specific, and that technology changes so rapidly, it might be counterpro-

ductive to incorporate specific technologies into a document that is supposed to last decades.

"It might be better to include something like, 'The city promises to use the most current functions and technologies available at the time,'" Serrano suggested.

Ball also said that he thought that the meeting was a good place to have the chance to explain the broad-based nature of master plans to Rye residents.

"It's not going to be about what street gets paved when, or specific noise ordinances," Ball said. "So it gave us an opportunity to explain what is and what isn't a master plan."

Ball said that the committee has not had any further conversations about the master plan since the public hearing, but that getting feedback from the community is their current objective.

"[Mayor Joe Sack's] commitment from the beginning was to conduct a public segment before we gave this plan any structure and to get the project off the ground," Ball said.

When reached by phone, McCartney declined to comment and said the Master Plan Committee will make comments during its regular public meetings.

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## Mamaroneck allows building moratorium to lapse

By JAMES PERO  
Staff Writer

Officials in the town of Mamaroneck will exceed the deadline to revamp their residential site plan laws after the clock runs out on a three-month moratorium barring tear downs.

According to Supervisor Nancy Seligson, a Democrat, although the Town Council initially planned to have a revamped site plan law in place before the moratorium lapsed, the process turned out to be more complex than expected.

"We thought initially that we could change the law and pass a new law within the timeframe," Seligson said. "But we recognized some of the requirements from the site plan law put too much of a burden on the single-family home."

The process, she said, may continue into late April or early May.

According to the supervisor,

the council will continue to tinker with the law, tailoring it to affect only developments that they claim are endangering the character of their community; namely ones that regrade land, tear down trees, and add multiple homes to lots where there was previously only one.

And while the current moratorium prevented such occurrences in theory, according to Town Administrator Steve Altieri, there were no projects actually being prevented by the ban. As a result, Seligson said that she doesn't expect any influx of projects now that the moratorium has ended.

Going forward, Seligson said, part of the discussion will center on making the revamped law less burdensome on renovations to single-family homes.

Therefore, she said, as part of its review process, the town will examine what threshold will trigger more stringent site plan laws.

"We have to capture the community interest," she said, "and not saddle them with too many requirements that wouldn't have an impact."

The moratorium, which was passed on Dec. 22, 2015, was instituted as a response to what residents and town board members considered a concerning trend of residential development in the town of Mamaroneck. According to Altieri, the town has seen 23 tear downs of residential homes in the past three years.

Since then, the trend has also spread to the village of Larchmont, which passed a village-wide six-month moratorium on residential subdivisions and demolitions after experiencing similar trends in development. The village is currently facing a lawsuit after denying an appeal from a developer looking to tear down a historic property on 40 Ocean Ave.

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didn't 'over-apply' or 'double the amount,' he actually used a lower than labeled rate at a lower interval," Serrano said at that time via email. "Chip was issued a summons for applying the product Alt-70 outside of labeled instructions only once."

When reached by phone this week, Serrano said, "I heard it was one time, I really don't know. That's something the DEC has to deal with."

Serrano added that he had not seen the DEC's report.

City Attorney Kristen Wilson represented Lafferty during his multiple appearances in Rye City Court, and told the Review that she was representing Lafferty in her private capacity as a lawyer and not on behalf of the city. Wilson also declined to comment on the case when reached by phone on Wednesday, April 6.

City officials have adamantly defended Lafferty through this process and although the groundskeeper pleaded guilty this week there is no indication that the city plans to reprimand him.

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On Tuesday, April 5, in Rye City Court, Rye Golf Club groundskeeper Charles "Chip" Lafferty, far left, pleaded guilty to the misuse of a pesticide, amid evidence that a contaminated pesticide was inadvertently over-applied. Lafferty is pictured leaving court back in January. File photo

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Public Hearing, Annual Budget Vote & Election of Board of Education Members of the Rye City School District

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing on the Rye City School District 2016-2017 proposed budget will be held Tuesday, May 10, 2016 in the Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room, located at the corner of the Boston Post Road and Parsons Street, Rye, NY beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Further notice is hereby given that the Annual Budget Vote and Election of the Rye City School District will be held on May 17, 2016, and that the polls of such election will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. to vote by voting machine upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the district.

2. To elect two members of the Board of Education, for three-year terms commencing July 1, 2016.

Further notice is hereby given that a copy of the detailed statement in writing of the amount of money which will be required for the school year 2016-2017 for school purposes, exclusive of public moneys, specifying the several purposes and the amount of each, and specifying separately the total amount estimated necessary for payment to the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Second Supervisory District of Westchester County, as provided by Section 1716 of the Education Law, as well as the Real Property Tax Exemption Report in accordance with Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law will be posted on the District's web site and also may be obtained by any resident in the District during business hours beginning May 3, 2016 at the administrative office and all school buildings within the district.

Further notice is hereby given that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the District Clerk, at 411 Theodore Fremd Avenue, Suite 100S, Rye, New York no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 27, 2016. Each candidate shall submit petitions signed by at least 100 qualified voters of the District and shall state the name and residence of the candidate.

Further notice is hereby given that the Board of Registration will meet for the purpose of registering voters on April 19, 2016 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Central Administration Office, 411 Theodore Fremd Avenue, Suite 100S, Rye, New York. Qualified voters who are not registered with the Westchester County Board of Elections may register at that time. Any persons known or proven to the satisfaction of the Board of Registration to be entitled to vote shall be entitled to have their names placed upon such register, provided they have proven to the satisfaction of said Board of Registration to be entitled to vote at such election. The register will be filed in the District Clerk's office and open for inspection to any qualified voter of the District school days beginning on April 20, 2016 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America; (2) 18 years of age or older; and (3) a resident of the District for 30 days preceding the annual vote and election. A qualified voter must become a registered voter in order to vote. If a voter has registered and has voted at a Board of Education election within the last four calendar years, he/she is eligible to vote at this election. If a voter is registered and able to vote at general elections, he/she is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register.

Further notice is hereby given that applications for absentee ballots may be obtained between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. any working day, at the office of the District Clerk, or by calling that office (967-6100, ext. 6278), or by printing an application from the District's web site, [www.ryeschools.org](http://www.ryeschools.org), District, Election and Budget Information. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5 p.m. on the date of the election.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection in the office of the district clerk during business hours. Any qualified voter present in the polling place may object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds by making his/her challenge and the reasons therefor known to the inspector of election before the close of the polls.

Further notice is hereby given that any referenda or propositions to amend the budget or otherwise to be submitted for voting on May 17, 2016 must have been filed with the Board of Education, 411 Theodore Fremd Avenue, on or before April 18, 2016, must have been typed or printed in the English language, must have been directed to the Clerk of the School District, must have been signed by at least five (5) percent of the number who voted at the previous election; and must state the name and residence of each signer. The Board of Education will not entertain any petition to place before the voters any proposition the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditure of monies is required by the proposition.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at said Annual Meeting and Election to be held on May 17, 2016, the following proposition will be submitted:

OSBORN SCHOOL FURNACE BOND PROPOSITION

Shall the bond resolution duly adopted by the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Rye, Westchester County, New York, on April 5, 2016, authorizing the replacement of the furnace at the Osborn Elementary School, including incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$1,800,000; and authorizing the issuance of not exceeding \$1,800,000 bonds of said School District to pay the cost thereof; providing the levy of a tax upon the taxable real property of said School District and collection in annual installments as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law therefor and in anticipation of such tax, the issuance of said obligations; pledging the faith and credit of said School District for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds; delegating powers to the chief fiscal officer with respect to the issuance and sale of bond anticipation notes and such bonds; containing an estoppel clause and providing for the publication of an estoppel notice, be approved? If necessary, due to space constraints on the voting machines, said proposition may be presented in substantially the following abbreviated form:

OSBORN SCHOOL FURNACE BOND PROPOSITION

Shall the Rye City School District bond resolution adopted April 5, 2016, authorizing the replacement of the furnace at the Osborn Elementary School, including incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$1,800,000; and authorizing the issuance of not exceeding \$1,800,000 bonds of said School District to pay the cost thereof, and providing for the levy of a tax in annual installments therefor and in anticipation thereof to issue said obligations, be approved? If presented in abbreviated form, the full text of said proposition will be posted at each polling place.

A copy of the bond resolution referred to in said proposition is on file in the office of the School District Clerk, located at 411 Theodore Fremd Avenue, in Rye, New York, where same is available for inspection by any interested person during regular business hours.

State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") DETERMINATION: The School District, acting as Lead Agency under the SEQRA Regulations of the State of New York, has determined that the purpose authorized by the aforesaid bond resolution is a Type II Action, which, as defined therein, will not have a significant adverse impact upon the environment. A copy of the Board of Education's SEQRA determination is available in the Office of the School District Clerk where it may be inspected during regular office hours.

Elaine Cuglietto, District Clerk

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# State cuts gap elimination, boosts school coffers

With the termination of the 2009 Gap Elimination Adjustment, GEA, school districts statewide will now receive the full percentage of state aid. The GEA was imposed as a measure

to help the state close a 2010 budget gap. It diverted a percentage of state aid away from school districts and into state coffers. But it was only supposed to be a temporary fix for

the state, yet it continued to reduced funding to school districts for years. The restoration of aid previously lost due to the GEA, however, is not retroactive.

-Reporting by Sarah Varney

<b>Bronxville Union Free School District</b>
• 2015-2016 state aid: \$2.3M
• 2016-2017 state aid: \$2.4M*
<b>Total aid withheld since 2009: \$1.1M</b>

<b>Eastchester Union Free School District</b>
• 2015-2016 state aid: \$5.8M
• 2016-2017 state aid: \$6.6M*
<b>Total aid withheld since 2009: \$3.2M</b>

<b>Harrison Central School District</b>
• 2015-2016 state aid: \$3.7M
• 2016-2017 state aid: \$4.2M*
<b>Total aid withheld since 2009: \$4.1M</b>

<b>Mamaroneck Union Free District</b>
• 2015-2016 state aid: \$7.06M
• 2016-2017 state aid: \$7.1M*
<b>Total aid withheld since 2009: \$3.8M</b>

<b>City School District of New Rochelle</b>
• 2015-2016 state aid: \$39.8M
• 2016-2017 state aid: \$42.9M*
<b>Total aid withheld since 2009: \$25.4M</b>

<b>Rye City School District</b>
• 2015-2016 state aid: \$3.4M
• 2016-2017 state aid: \$3.5M*
<b>Total aid withheld since 2009: \$3.3M</b>

<b>Tuckahoe Union Free School District</b>
• 2015-2016 state aid: \$2.6M
• 2016-2017 state aid: \$2.9M*
<b>Total aid withheld since 2009: \$1.5M</b>

<b>Edgemont Union Free School District</b>
• 2015-2016 state aid: \$3.6M
• 2016-2017 state aid: \$4.0M*
<b>Total aid withheld since 2009: \$2.4M</b>

\*Totals are approximate

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RYE SCHOOLS

## Hello, it's Adele... again

**RHYMES  
WITH CRAZY**  
Lenore Skenazy



Walk into the grocery and there she is. Shop for shoes, she's shopping by your side. Need to cross a lobby? Drive to Jersey? Drink yourself into a stupor? My God—she's there, too. In the hotel, the car, the seedy bar's seedy bathroom, seeping through the pipes. She's everywhere, always ready to start a conversation: "Hello. It's me."

Of course it is. It always is. It's Adele.

Now I know there must be some people—okay, several—who can't get enough of Adele. Her "Hello" video on YouTube has, well, lemme check—more than 1.3 billion views so far. Not bad.

But I was relieved to learn that it's not just me who is on the other side (as it were) of Adele-mania.

"The only reason she's popular is because Amy Winehouse is dead," is how lifestyle blogger Amanda Lauren put it, rather bluntly, in a phone interview. "I hate Adele."

Google those three little words and you will find a tsunami of similar sentiments, some laced with the kind of venom usually reserved for presidential frontrunners. "On behalf of the British nation, I apologize," wrote one guy. "I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!" wrote another.

A bit more thoughtfully, one blogger wrote, "Every Adele

song... is so damn formulaic, it's unbelievable. I can't imagine any kind of emotional process that went on during the recording of any Adele song other than, 'Hey, remember that one song I wrote with the four sad piano chords and I belted the song title in the chorus? Let's try that again.'"

He's anti-Adele for artistic reasons. But others are simply staggering under Adele Overload.

"Today I heard it"—we know what song "it" is—"in four different places," Yvonne Lederer, a marketing director in Westport, sighed. "She's an entertaining singer, but enough! I just feel like everywhere I'm going she wants me to be really upset about a past lover, and I'm not going to go there."

Ah, but where else can you go? Adele is harder to escape than Mister Softee, and shares a certain stickiness. In a desperate attempt to pare the Adele quotient down in her life, Lederer and her friends have actually stopped using the word "hello." Now, instead, they say, "Sup?" Explains Lederer: "We're protesting."

This can be an act of psychological self-preservation. When poet Erica Gerald Mason took her Toyota to the dealership for some warranty-required work, she had just settled into the waiting room, when you-know-who started singing in the background. The mechanic walked in and she

practically burst into tears.

"This can't be good news!" she cried. "You're going to tell me you have to rebuild my engine, right?" He looked at her quizzically. Uh, no. He'd just come out to say... hello. "He asked me why I had that reaction and I said, 'Someone Like You' is playing right now. This is not a song for good times. This is the song you hear when you need a new transmission. Play something else."

The problem is that that "something else" is likely to be another song by Adele. She's not just popular, she has redefined popularity. "Hello" was played almost 5 million times in just its first 24 hours on Spotify. (Take that, Taylor.) Her album "25" sold 8 million units last year—more than any other album since 2011.

And I think you know whose album *that* was.

So now I'm taking my cue from my pal Hannah Pazderka, whose family has turned Adelemania into a game: "Whenever we're out shopping and Adele starts playing, it means we've probably been there long enough, so someone invokes the 'Adele rule' and we have to leave."

That one trick means spending less, eating less and actually heading out into the day, where it's probably not nearly as gray and rainy as you thought it was.

Hello to the outside.

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## Astorino announces county park boat launch

Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino recently announced that the county's three public boat launch areas, located at George's Island Park in Montrose, Croton Point Park in Croton-on-Hudson and Glen Island Park in New Rochelle, opened for the season on Friday, April 1.

"With warmer temperatures finally here, boaters will be eager to hit the water in the coming weeks," Astorino said. "And, in Westchester, we are so fortunate to have access to two great bodies of water, with the picturesque Long Island Sound on our eastern border and the majestic Hudson River on the west."

George's Island Park in Montrose, which provides access to the Hudson River, is available for boats up to 21 feet in length. A Westchester County Park Pass is not required. Launching fees for car-top-carried boats are \$5 with a park pass and \$15 without the pass. Fees for trailer-carried boats are \$15 with a park pass and \$25 without the pass. Season permits are available to park



Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino

pass holders only for \$100, plus a \$5 daily parking fee from May through September. The ramp is open 8 a.m. to dusk, seven days a week. For more information, call 737-7530.

Croton Point Park also provides access to the Hudson River via the beach, which can accommodate canoes, kayaks, paddleboards and sailboards. No motorized vehicles may be launched at the park. The daily fee is \$5 with a county park pass, and \$10 without the pass. Boats may be launched from 8 a.m. to dusk, seven days a week. For more information, call 862-5290.

Glen Island provides access to Long Island Sound and can accommodate boats up to 21 feet in length. A county park pass is required to use this ramp. Car-top-carried boats pay \$5, and trailer-carried boats pay \$15. Season permits are available to park pass holders only for \$100, plus a \$5 daily parking fee from May through September. The ramp is open from 6 a.m. to dusk, seven days a week. For more information, call 813-6720.

Playland Park in Rye also provides access to Long Island Sound. Beginning Saturday, May 7, car-top-carried boats may be launched through September. For more information, call 813-7010.

Inflatable boats or similar apparatus may not be launched at any county park area. Call the park ahead of your visit with any questions about boat launching.

For information about how to obtain a Westchester County resident Park Pass, visit parks.westchestergov.com or call 864-PARK. (Submitted)

## BCW announces Business Hall of Fame winners

The Business Council of Westchester recently announced the winners of its prestigious Business Hall of Fame Awards.

The winners will be honored at the 2016 Business Hall of Fame Awards Dinner on Tuesday, April 19 at the Glen Island Harbour Club in New Rochelle. The winners in their respective categories are:

- Corporate Citizenship: Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla. Michael Israel, president and CEO, to accept the award.
- Entrepreneurial Success: Steiner Sports in New Rochelle. Brandon Steiner, founder and CEO, to accept the award.
- Small Business Success: The Westchester Bank in White Plains. John Tolomer, president and CEO, to accept the award.
- Women in Business Success: Wendy Wollner, founder and president, Balancing Life's Issues Inc.,



to accept the award.

- Family-Owned Business: The College of Westchester in White Plains. Mary Beth Del Balzo, president, to accept the award.

- Chairman's Recognition Award: N. Dain's Sons Co. Inc. in Peekskill. Jeffrey Dain, president, to accept the award.

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There's been no shortage of surprising sports stories over the last few weeks. Between the thrilling finish to Monday night's NCAA Men's Basketball Championship Game, the damp, freezing weather that postponed several games on MLB's Opening Day, and the collective media freakout over Matt Harvey's BladderGate; let's just say it's been an interesting time to be following sports.

But about as shocking as death, paying taxes or the fact that another Marvel movie is (probably) hitting theaters near you this Friday, is the New York Yankees' ongoing quest to make baseball inaccessible to the average fan.

In February, the Yankees unveiled a new ticket policy that dealt a major blow to bargain shoppers and baseball fans alike. Those hoping to catch a

game in the Bronx are no longer allowed to print tickets at home, the Yanks have decreed, in a move that's as much about protecting the bottom line as it is about reaffirming the class structure currently in place at the new stadium.

Basically, what the new policy ensures is that folks who buy their tickets on the resale market are forced to jump through extra hoops to get their hands on physical tickets they've purchased through StubHub, or eschew the popular online vendor altogether and buy their tickets directly from the Yankees in-house reseller.

Rest assured, the Yankees will not be selling those bourgie box seats to Joe Schmoe for \$25. In late February, Yankees COO Lonny Trost summed up the Yankees' feelings on the common man with a telling quote.

"It's not that we don't want that fan to sell it, but that fan is sitting there having paid a substantial amount of money for a

ticket and [another] fan picks it up for a buck-and-a-half and sits there, and it's frustrating to the purchaser of the full amount," Trost said. "And quite frankly, the fan may be someone who has never sat in a premium location. So that's a frustration to our existing fan base."

And there you have it. Some people, Trost argued, just aren't "good" enough to sit near the city's movers and shakers.

Since its opening in 2009, I've pulled no punches on my thoughts about the new Yankee Stadium. The sterile mall-like atmosphere, the moat that separates the Yankees' "Legends Seats" from the common rabble, all of it flies in the face of our national pastime, which was once supposed to be a place where the people of high society could mingle with the unwashed masses, eat a hot dog dripping with mustard, down a few suds and hurl coarse insults at Baltimore's cleanup hitter.

The Yanks' latest move, it



Earlier this year, the New York Yankees unveiled a new ticket policy aimed at cornering the resale market. Sports Editor Mike Smith hopes that you rich people enjoy your half-empty stadium. Photo courtesy Groupe Canam

seems, is more in line with turning the stadium into a place where the best and brightest can peck at foie gras and discuss oil futures while offering polite applause when something on the field of play catches their eye.

The baseball season kicked off on April 3, and while that fills me with the same joy and optimism I feel every spring, I don't think I'll be headed down to 161st Street to see the Bombers play any time soon.

Don't get me wrong though, I'm not protesting anything. On a sports editors' salary, I just probably couldn't afford it.

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## Rye Athlete of the Week

### Ryan Kirkpatrick

By LAUREN DEMPSEY  
Contributor

Utilizing his superior quickness and excellent hand control, combined with a solid understanding of the intricacies of the game, Ryan Kirkpatrick led the lacrosse team to an overtime victory in the season opener, thus garnering the first Athlete of the Week award of the spring season.

Kirkpatrick, a junior attacker, scored four goals and had an assist in the overtime period to give the Garnets a hard-fought 10-9 win over Pelham at Nugent Field.

This year's lacrosse team's motto is "This Moment Is Ours." The Garnets are ranked

No. 3 in Section I behind other perennial powerhouses Yorktown and John Jay. To make it to the sectional championship again, they will be relying on the scoring of Kirkpatrick and other players. He was named All-League last year as a sophomore.

Kirkpatrick's ability has impressed head coach Brian Dooley. "Ryan has a tremendous work ethic and this is translating on the field," he said. "He is an excellent player but more importantly, an excellent person. We have high expectations for Ryan this year."

Teammate Will Hynson agreed. "Ryan is one of the hardest workers I know, he's always trying to get better," Hynson said. "He's a team player [and] he's always trying to get

everyone involved."

Kirkpatrick started playing lacrosse in the fourth grade under the tutelage of his uncle Jim Kirkpatrick, a standout at Mamaroneck High School, and hopes to continue to play in college. In the classroom, he is a member of the Honor Roll. During the winter, Kirkpatrick plays ice hockey for the Garnets and during the summer he is a member of the Westchester Predators summer lacrosse team.

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**Game Notes:**

- Christian Cefaloni racked up six strikeouts in four innings
- Rye Neck returns seven starters in 2016
- The Panthers will rely on senior captains in the infield

By **MIKE SMITH**  
*Sports Editor*

On Thursday, March 31, the Rye Neck Panthers began their 2016 campaign on a positive note, drubbing Woodlands 16-0 in the season opener. With a solid crew of returning players and

an experienced pitching staff, the Panthers are hoping to make big strides this year, as they look to make a playoff push.

Christian Cefaloni led the way for Rye Neck against the Falcons, firing four innings of one-hit baseball and notching 6 Ks in a four-inning, mercy-rule shortened game. According to head coach Joe Carlucci, although the Panthers' one-sided opener wasn't terribly revealing, it did showcase some of Rye Neck's strengths.

"Christian threw a lot of good strikes for us and looked a lot better than he did in our preseason scrimmage," Carlucci said. "Defensively, we made the plays, and at the plate, we put the ball in play."

The Panthers, who underwent a major rebuild in 2015, now have plenty of experience at the varsity level, returning seven starters from last year's squad. Carlucci said early in the season,

that comfort level manifested itself in both game and practice scenarios.

"It's been a big help so far, especially in the first couple weeks of practice, because these guys know what to expect," he said. "We're not starting from scratch this year, so that definitely makes life a lot easier."

Cefaloni and Connor Liguori, who both logged innings last season, are slated to lead the pitching staff, and Carlucci has been impressed with the strides that both have made.

"They were our two best pitchers last year, and they've both gotten bigger and stronger," he said. "They're throwing with more velocity this year, and I think they'll make a big difference."

The pitching staff should also benefit from the play of the Panthers' three senior captains in the infield. Shortstop Ben Weinstock, second baseman Chris Colangelo and first baseman Frank Capparelli should provide Rye Neck with a veteran presence in the middle of the lineup and also make life easier for the pitching staff with their defensive play.

"It allows our pitchers to go out and attack the hitters, they don't have to worry about striking everyone out," Carlucci said. "And that's going to help them go deep in games."

After their second game of the season was rained out on April 2, the Panthers are back in action this week with games against non-league foes Pleasantville, Solomon Schechter and Yonkers Montessori Academy, after press time.

Christian Cefaloni throws a pitch against Woodlands on March 31. Cefaloni allowed just one hit in four innings of work.



Leftfielder Corey Parker connects with the ball against Woodlands. Photos/Bobby Begun



Corey Parker crosses the plate for one of Rye Neck's 16 runs against Woodlands. The Panthers opened up their 2016 campaign with a decisive win.

Although initial returns have been positive, Carlucci said the Panthers need to keep focused if they hope to make a deep post-season push.

"The two biggest things we talked about in the offseason are catching the ball, not giving teams extra outs and putting it in play," he said. "It's going to take 21 outs to beat us and we want to make them make the plays."

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Owen Nahelsky swings the bat on March 31.



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