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Gurdjieff Foundation approved for re-use of former Danish Home

The Cortlandt Planning Board Tuesday night approved a special permit for the Gurdjieff Foundation of New York's planned re-use of the former Danish Home assisted living facility at 1065 Quaker Bridge Road East.

Matt Steinberg of White Plains-based DTS Provident, the Gurdjieff Foundation's engineering, planning and landscape consultant, outlined at the board's January 10 public meeting the expected conditions of approval which include regulations on vehicular trips and maximum occupancies of the property.

Traffic to and from and occupancy of the property have been major issues for residents of this and neighboring areas of southern Cortlandt, though the four adjoining private property owners have spoken in strong support of the foundation's plan.

Two-lane Quaker Bridge Road East is winding and narrow with steep inclines. The property and Route 129, which provides major access to this area via similarly narrow and winding Quaker Bridge Road, are separated by single-lane Quaker Bridge.

Based on a chart submitted by Mr. Steinberg, the information on which is expected to be incorporated into the formal resolution okayed Tuesday night, the Gurdjieff Foundation has agreed to a limit of 48 "meetings" per year having up to 20 participants and resulting in 12 vehicles at the property, and two with attendance of up to 50 people resulting in 20 vehicles. ("Meetings" are defined as 60- to 90-minute sessions scheduled between 6 and 9 p.m.)

During "day" events—between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.—two events with up to 20 attendees and 12 vehicles, three events with up to 50 attendees and 20 vehicles, and three events with up to 75 attendees and 25 vehicles per year will be allowed.

"Weekend" events are identified as events "mostly" running from 6 p.m.

Friday to noon Sunday. Two of these events with up to 50 people and generating 20 vehicles are allowed, and six with attendance of up to 75 resulting in 25 vehicles on-site will be permitted per year.

Six events per year spanning up to a full week (Saturday to Saturday, or Sunday to Sunday) will be allowed. They include one with attendance up to 50 people and 20 vehicles; three with up to 75 attendees and 25 vehicles, and two with up to 100 participants. Up to two "conferences" with up to 100 attendees will be also be permitted.

Two of the events with up to 100 attendees will be allowed up to 30 vehicles on the property; the other two will be permitted with up to 50 vehicles on-site.

"There

may be an additional one-day event... with up to 300 people occurring no more than once a year," according to Mr. Steinberg in a February 2 letter to the Planning Board. "No more than 50 vehicles will come onto the property during this event."

"During conferences and weekend or week-long events, participants will be staying overnight," he continues. "Some attendees may leave the event early or arrive late, but once they have arrived will stay on the property until their departure. A very small number may stay elsewhere overnight, involving at most five vehicles."

"To the maximum extent practicable, deliveries made to the property... shall count as part of the maximum vehicle limits..."

As well, "A log of vehicle trips and types of events, including number of attendees, will be kept and sent to the Town of Cortlandt quarterly. As part of this log, any emergency vehicle trips to the property will also be reported."

The foundation has agreed to utilize a transportation "coordinator" for overseeing car-pooling and the use of mini-buses for such cases as picking up attendees at the Croton-Harmon train station, as a means of adhering to the maximum number of vehicles permitted on-site per each event. The coordinator would generate the reports that are to be forwarded to the town.

The Gurdjieff Foundation, which first presented its plan to town officials last spring, said it might wish to construct an additional building of up to 10,000 square feet at some future time.

Tuesday night's approval includes Mr. Steinberg's affirmation that the foundation has agreed to limit the size of any new building to 6,000 square feet, and only for assembly, meeting, or conference room use. There would be no residential use of the building, and it would not be available for rental to a third party, he said at the Planning Board's January 10 meeting.

Any new construction on the property would require submission of a new site plan for Planning Board approval.

Another condition of approval allows organizations like Teatown Lake Reservation, the educational and preservation organization which oversees some 1,000 acres in the towns of Cortlandt, New Castle and Yorktown, to conduct up to two programs a month on the property. Each program will be limited to a maximum of 20 people and five vehicles.

The 69-year-old Gurdjieff Foundation is contract vendee to purchase the property—which is zoned R-80 (one single-family home per minimum two-acre lot)—from the not-for-profit Danish Home for the Aged, Inc. for \$2.95 million.

Counsel for the foundation announced at the planners' December meeting that the foundation would impose a "non-disturbance declaration" to run in perpetuity on wooded property—measuring three acres, 1,200 feet long and a minimum of 100 feet wide—along the south perimeter of the grounds to buffer the property from neighbors. As well, 19 acres—extending from south to north along the 48-acre grounds' westerly perimeter—would remain "undisturbed" by a restriction that would run as a condition of approval in the Planning Board's special permit.

Erik Andersen, longtime executive director of The Danish Home, has said that the non-profit Danish Home for the Aged, Inc. will eventually be dissolved after the sale and plans to donate 35 percent of the proceeds from the sale to the Town of Cortlandt's senior citizen program—"al-



Charlie Roberto (above, fourth from right) points out the best direction for spotting raptors at the viewing site located at the end of Veterans Plaza, Croton-on-Hudson, during Saturday's 19th annual EagleFest. Despite temperatures that remained in the lower- to mid-teens, EagleFest, headquartered at Croton Point Park, proved to be a popular attraction and, likely due to the sub-freezing temps, resulted in several viewing locations reporting a higher level of success as birds of prey traveled further down the Hudson Valley than they otherwise would.

most \$1 million"—as a demonstration of appreciation of the "meaningful support" Danish Home residents have benefitted over many years.

Mr. Andersen has said that the Gurdjieff Foundation of New York was one of three all-cash prospects that came forward when the property was marketed in 2021. He has alluded to the potential of the two offers that were not accepted likely leading to a subdivision of the property that could result in significantly greater impact on the surrounding area than the foundation's plan, and said that the Danish Home for the Aged's board of directors considered this when rejecting them.

The 25-bed Danish Home, in operation since 1954, shuttered in December



2020 in major response to pressures from the coronavirus pandemic.

"The intent of the Gurdjieff Foundation is to preserve and sustain the Danish Home property as an architectural, environmental and neighborhood asset that can serve as a location for the activities of its members" and "provide an atmosphere of quiet and contemplation," according to a project description provided by counsel for the foundation early last year.

The foundation centers its work on the study of the methods and teachings of Russian-born George Ivanovich Gurdjieff. He was anywhere from age 71 to 83 when he died in October 1949.

"He was an author, teacher and *continued on page 5*



The former Danish Home assisted living facility in southern Cortlandt

Where you are front page news!

Letters

To the editor:

The members of Croton's Quasquicentennial (125th anniversary) Commemoration Committee would like to express our sincere appreciation to the residents of Croton for your overwhelming support of our opening event, "Happy Birthday, Croton," on Friday, February 10 at Croton-Harmon High School. That performance is completely sold out and, unfortunately, there are no more seats available.

We deeply apologize to those who would like to attend, but will not be able to do so because of the limited seating in the auditorium. We respectfully ask that, unless you have a ticket, please do not come on Friday evening. We will simply not be able to accommodate you and really don't want to have to turn anyone away. There will be many more events, later this year, as part of our commemoration that you will be welcome to attend.

If you do have a ticket, please arrange to come early—the doors will open at 7 p.m.—so that you can find parking and be seated before the program begins at 7:30 p.m. We also strongly encourage everyone who's coming to please print out a hard copy of your tickets. Unfortunately, we will not have the facilities to automatically read electronic tickets, and a hard copy will speed your entry and seating.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

Joel E. Gingold, for the Croton Quasquicentennial Committee

To the editor:

With upcoming Super Bowl Sunday come Super Bowl parties. The Croton Volunteer Fire Department would like to once again share these tips from the United States Fire Administration.

Getting your Super Bowl game face on? Score more points this year by putting kitchen safety in your lineup.

Super Bowl Sunday is the U.S.A.'s second biggest day for food consumption. That means a lot of time spent planning and preparing game day snacks. Before you kick off your menu, take a look at these tips for safer cooking.

--Kitchen Huddle: Prepare your cooking area. Use back burners or turn pot handles toward the back of the stove. Move things that can burn away from the stove. Keep a timer handy and use it when you are roasting or baking.

--Penalty Flag: Frying poses the greatest risk of fire. Keep an eye on what you fry. Start with a small amount of oil and heat it slowly. If you see smoke or your grease starts to boil in your pan, turn the burner off. Even a small amount of oil on a hot burner can start a fire.

--Defense: Stay awake and alert while your cooking. Stand by your pan. If you leave the kitchen, turn the burner off. Keep a large pan lid or baking sheet nearby in case you need to smother a pan fire.

--Illegal Contact: Prevent burns when you are cooking. Wear short sleeves, or roll them up. Don't lean over the burner. Use pot holders and oven mitts to handle hot or steaming cookware.

--Defensive Linemen: Children need constant adult supervision. If you

have young children in the home, keep them three feet from anything that can get hot, including the stove. Put hot objects and liquids beyond a child's reach so they can't touch or pull them down. Never hold a child when you cook.

--Touchdown!: Keep safety in mind when serving on game day too. If you burn candles, position them out of reach of children and away from anything that can burn. Consider using flameless candles that are lit by battery power instead. Food warmers and slow cookers get hot. Place them toward the back of the serving table so they won't get knocked off. Provide hot pads to prevent burns. Light the chafing dish fuel can after placing it under the warmer. Make sure that nothing comes in contact with the flame. If young children are in your home, supervise them and keep matches and lighters locked away.

No matter which team you root for or if you're only in it for the commercials or the halftime entertainment, you can be a winner by practicing safety on Super Bowl Sunday and every other day of the year.

For more information, visit our website at www.crotonfd.org or the U.S. Fire Administration at www.usfa.fema.gov.

Thomas ("Tex") Dinkler, Deputy Chief, Croton Volunteer Fire Department

To the editor:

Our representative in Congress, Mike Lawler (R), presents himself as a moderate, but keep an eye on what actually does and ask yourself whether he is a moderate, and working on your behalf.

Consider, for example, an email I received from his office with the subject, "Hitting the ground running!" He says that the first piece of legislation he tackled would repeal the hire of 87,000 new IRS agents and employees. He claimed that "these new hires would have unleashed a torrent of audits on middle- and lower-class families and small businesses in the Hudson Valley."

In truth, thousands of the employees would *not* be auditors, and Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen has said that the agency would *not* use the IRS money to increase audit rates for taxpayers making less than \$400,000. What's more, the Congressional Budget Office estimates that the legislation would increase the deficit by \$114 billion over the next decade--at a time when Lawler and his compatriots claim to be awfully worried about saving money.

So, the very first bill that our representative voted for would increase the deficit instead of, say, attempting to solve such problems such as climate change or threats to voting rights.

You can share your views with Mr. Lawler at 202-225-6506.

Ricki Rusting, Croton-on-Hudson

More DOT work planned for 9A

The state Department of Transportation is advising motorists that one lane is expected to close along Route 9A in each direction between Route 117 in the Town of Mount Pleasant and Route 9 in the Town of Ossining weekdays through Monday, February 13, between 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., to facilitate roadway work, weather permitting.

On Monday, the DOT closed down Route 9A from the Croton River Bridge south to Stormytown Road from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for needed repairs.

Motorists are urged to slow down and drive responsibly in work zones. Fines are doubled for speeding in a work zone. Convictions of two or more speeding violations in a work zone could result in the suspension of an individual's driver license.

For up-to-date travel information, call 511, visit www.511NY.org or download the free 511NY mobile app.



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County police deploy first EV patrol SUV

The Westchester County Department of Public Safety has obtained its first all-electric marked patrol vehicle.

The 2022 Ford Mustang Mach-E SUV is the latest addition to the county's growing fleet of electric vehicles, which are utilized by multiple county government agencies, and has been designated for assignment to the county's police precinct in the Village of Mount Kisco.

"Westchester County is committed to a wide range of actions to lower carbon emissions, address climate change and promote sustainability," said County Executive George Latimer Tuesday when announcing the acquisition. "The expanding use of electric vehicles is just one of the things we are doing to ensure a healthier future for the people of Westchester."

County Public Safety Commissioner Terrance Raynor said the purchase is part of a pilot program to assess the effectiveness of the Mustang Mach-E as a patrol vehicle and determine if more should be purchased in the future. It also sends a message that the department is a partner in the county's efforts to reduce its carbon footprint, he added.

The new vehicle, which is equipped with all-wheel-drive, cost \$66,000. An additional \$20,000 was spent to "upfit" it for patrol use, including emergency lighting, dash cams, radio and computer equipment, paint and striping.

It is rated at 480 horsepower, goes from zero to 60 miles per hour in 3.5 seconds, has a range of about 270 miles before needing a charge and is estimated to save a minimum of \$2,500 in fuel costs over the

next five years.

"The electric vehicle is a great addition to our patrol fleet and will enhance our community policing initiatives in Mount Kisco," Commissioner Raynor continued. He noted that the county police force has multiple hybrid vehicles in its fleet as well.

Mount Kisco Mayor Gina D. Picinich said the vehicle is a welcome addition in the village.

"As a Bronze Certified Climate Smart Community, Mount Kisco is the perfect location for this electric vehicle pilot program by Westchester County police," he said. "The Ford Mustang Mach-E will enhance the village's existing electric fleet which includes five vehicles. We appreciate the county's partnership as we all work together to reduce carbon emissions and create a safer, cleaner environment."

"Transportation accounts for well over a third of all greenhouse gas emissions, especially here in Westchester, so electrification of our fleet, from buses to county police to our departments of Senior Programs and Social Services, has been environmental mandate one for this administration dating back to January 2018," according to County Director of Energy Conservation and Sustainability Peter McCarrt. "We are also vastly expanding the charging infrastructure needed to support our fleet vehicles but also for our employees and the general public. We will be adding more vehicles across the spectrum of our fleet classes including trucks and vans as they reach the market."

The county's commissioner of its Department of Public Works & Transportation, Hugh Greechan, said that the electric patrol vehicle will be cheaper to operate and maintain than gasoline-powered patrol cars. His department oversees the purchase, preparation and maintenance of vehicles used by all county government agencies.

"There is ample evidence that electric-powered vehicles don't experience the wear and tear that gasoline-powered vehicles do, and therefore do not need to come of the road as often for regular maintenance," he said.

The Ford Mustang Mach-E is the first all-electric vehicle to meet the rigorous road-testing standards used by the Michigan State Police, according to Commissioner Greechan.

The Michigan State Police, along with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, establish standards that are utilized by police departments nationwide when considering new Patrol vehicles for their fleets.

Sean W. Gardiner of Croton-on-Hudson has been named to the Dean's List in the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business for outstanding scholarship during the fall 2022 semester.

He is studying Accounting, Applied & Computational Mathematics/Statistics and Theology at Notre Dame.

Students who achieve Dean's List honors at Notre Dame represent the top 30 percent of students in their college.

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Members of Congregation Sons of Israel's Resettlement Committee are seen welcoming a refugee family from Afghanistan.

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CSI to host Refugee Shabbat Saturday

by Susan R. Eisenstein

Congregation Sons of Israel (CSI), Briarcliff Manor, will host "Refugee Shabbat 2023" this Saturday morning, February 11, focusing on the plight of refugees and asylum seekers.

Saturday's guest speaker will be Iryna Lahuta, a mother of two sharing her personal experience fleeing Kharkiv, Ukraine's closest city to Russia, for safety and coming to the U.S. for refuge.

HIAS (originally the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) has designated Refugee Shabbat as an annual moment for congregations, organizations and individuals to dedicate a Shabbat experience to refugees and asylum seekers.

This year the world is experiencing the highest number of displaced people ever recorded. With over 100 million uprooted from their homes due to conflict, crisis and natural disaster, this is a critical moment to come together to learn about the issues and affirm our support, according to HIAS, a non-profit which dates back to 1881 to aid Jewish refugees.

HIAS "stands for a world in which refugees find welcome, safety and opportunity," according to the non-partisan organization. HIAS's mission is "drawing on our Jewish values and history, HIAS provides vital services to refugees and asylum seekers around the world and advocates for their fundamental rights so they can rebuild their lives."

Saturday's event, which will begin at 10:30 a.m. at CSI, 1666 Pleasantville Road, is being held in collaboration with Maryland-based HIAS and the Westchester Jewish Coalition for Immigration (WJCI).

Cortlandt Town Board to hash out MOD, projects Monday

The Cortlandt Town Board will hold an open work session Monday, February 13 for its five members to discuss the next steps regarding the board's proposed Medical-Oriented District (MOD).

The meeting, which will begin at 7 p.m. at Linda D. Puglisi Town Hall, 1 Heady Street, Cortlandt Manor, will be a follow-up to its meetings on October 24 and November 29, at which the latest plans for two separate projects in the proposed

Art of the Old Croton Aqueduct

Cornelia Cotton will offer a presentation, the "Old Croton Aqueduct in Art," on Sunday, February 12 at 4 p.m. at the Keeper's House, 15 Walnut Street, Dobbs Ferry.

Mrs. Cotton opened an art gallery in Croton-on-Hudson in 1979. One of her earliest gallery shows was called "Croton Water" – the first time that prints, maps, and ephemera of the Old Croton Aqueduct were shown as an art exhibit. Active on behalf of the aqueduct early on, and after the organization Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct was founded, she served on its board for many years.

The mother of three daughters and the grandmother of three grandsons, she has won recognition as a historian and writer, worked as a portrait photographer and is a life-long singer.

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County continues college tuition/student loan assistance for volunteer first-responders

Westchester County has renewed an innovative tuition assistance and student loan repayment program to help volunteer fire departments and emergency medical service (EMS) agencies "recruit and retain more local heroes."

County Executive George Latimer says that 132 volunteer first-responders were awarded \$500,000 in 2022 after Westchester's Higher Education Recruitment and Retention Opportunity (HERRO) program was launched. Based on that success, Mr. Latimer and the Board of Legislators approved funding the same amount for 2023.

"Our county is committed to doing what we can to support our local volunteer fire and EMS agencies to recruit and retain members. These volunteer agencies are critical to ensuring the safety of so many communities across our County," the county executive explained.

Mr. Latimer said he is hoping to bolster depleted volunteer ranks by providing active volunteer emergency services personnel with tuition reimbursement or student loan repayment assistance up to \$6,000 per year.

To be eligible, a HERRO applicant must be an active member of a volunteer fire department, fire company, fire district or EMS agency for one year. An applicant's department or agency will have to verify that these training and service requirements have been met.

"County Executive Latimer's leadership during this national crisis in the shortage of volunteer first-responders is making a real difference in recruiting and retaining members of our local fire and EMS agencies," commented Richard

G. Wishnie, commissioner of the county's Department of Emergency Services. "The HERRO program is not only changing the lives of volunteers but helping to save the lives of Westchester residents during their time of need."

The HERRO program is administered by the Department of Emergency Services. Application forms and more detailed information about the program's requirements and approval process can be found at: www.westchestergov.com/herro.

HERRO recipient Madelyn Contreras, who volunteers with the Mount Kisco Fire Department, said, "The HERRO program has enabled me to pursue my educational aspirations while being a present member of my department. I am so appreciative of the program, not only for what it has provided me with, but simply for the recognition that Westchester County is giving back to us as we serve our communities."

Said HERRO recipient Max Yang, who volunteers with the Ardsley-Secor Volunteer Ambulance Corps, "I am so appreciative of the generous support from the Department of Emergency Services. I am honored to be recognized for my service with Ardsley-Secor Volunteer Ambulance Corps (ASVAC), and I believe that the HERRO program is a great way for the county to support the work of young fire and EMS volunteers. Joining ASVAC was one of the best choices I have made, and I hope that HERRO is able to attract more volunteers to fire and EMS agencies around the county."

Questions can be emailed to: HERRO@westchestergov.com.

Pace re-use issue before Briarcliff ZBA adjourned to March 6

The Briarcliff Manor Zoning Board of Appeals has adjourned to Monday, March 6 its public hearing on Yeshivath Viznitz Dkhal Torah Chaim's request for an interpretation of, or variance from, the Village Code in regard to its planned re-use of the former Pace University campus at 235 Elm Road.

The decision to adjourn was announced at Monday night's ZBA meeting, at which the second session of the hearing was scheduled but no discussion of the yeshiva's application took place. The ZBA has reportedly decided it needs "more time to review new materials."

The Rockland County-based yeshiva is seeking an interpretation of a section of the Village Code which would override the determination of Village Engineer David Turiano in November that to operate a yeshiva at the 37.17-acre property the site requires frontage "along a state, county, arterial or collector road, as defined by the (New York State) Department of Transportation," and that "Elm Road is classified by the New York State Department of Transportation as a local road and not a state, county or collector road."

If the ZBA should opine that the village engineer is correct, Yeshiva Viznitz's application seeks a variance from that board.

Daniel Patrick of the White Plains law firm Cuddy & Feder, counsel for the applicant, maintains that the village's Elm Road is a "collector" road—because, in part, it connects different neighborhoods—and not a "local" road, one which tends to serve properties that adjoin it.

The action before the ZBA is an offshoot of Yeshiva Viznitz's application to the village's Board of Trustees for a special use permit to allow use of the property, zoned for single-family residential, as a yeshiva for up to 350 young men, ages 17 to 20, 85 to 90 percent of whom would reportedly reside at the campus.

Meanwhile, the Board of Trustees is next scheduled to discuss Yeshiva Viznitz's application for a special use permit at its February 21 public meeting even though a public hearing on the matter which began last June is on hold. Special counsel for the village maintains that the application is currently inactive as a result of Village Engineer Turiano's determination that, essentially, the property does not qualify for the permit. If the ZBA offers a code interpretation or variance favorable to the applicant, it can then be "reinstated," special counsel Steven Barshov said at the board's January 17 public meeting.

--Ed. note: The Gazette's article in the issue of January 19/26 incorrectly stated that the public hearing on the special permit application was opened by the Board of Trustees in June 2021. The hearing opened on June 21, 2022.

Yeshiva Viznitz's application was first received in June 2021, though it was deemed deficient and returned to the applicant.

We regret the error and confusion it may have caused.

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**VILLAGE OF CROTON-ON-HUDSON, N.Y.
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Ella 1, LLC** has applied to the Planning Board for site plan approval for an existing detached building located at **193-195 Grand Street** in the RB Two-Family District and is designated on the Tax Map of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson as Section 68.17 Block 4 Lot 58.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 9th, 2023, the Village Board held a public hearing and thereby issued a special permit to convert the existing mixed-use building, a nonconforming use, to an all-residential building with five apartments, another nonconforming use, and.

A PUBLIC HEARING on the merits of this application will be held before the Planning Board at 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 21st, 2023 at the Municipal Building at 1 Van Wyck Street. Comments prior to the meeting can be emailed to kstapleton@crotononhudson-ny.gov

Dated: January 31st, 2023

Karen Stapleton
Secretary to the Planning Board

VILLAGE OF CROTON-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP NO. 02-2023**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY, is accepting proposals for stenographic work in the Village Justice Court (RFP 02-2023). Proposals will be accepted in the Office of the Village Manager, Room 24, Municipal Building, 1 Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, NY, until **10:00 a.m. prevailing time on Thursday, March 9, 2023**, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. No proposals will be accepted after said time and date.

All proposals received after the deadline date and time stated above will not be considered and will be returned to the proposer unopened. The proposer assumes the risk of any delay in the mail or in the handling of the mail by employees in the Village of Croton-on-Hudson. Whether sent by mail or by means of personal delivery, the proposer assumes all responsibility for having the proposal deposited on time at the place specified.

Please be aware of the following requirements, which are set forth in further detail in this document:

- Proposers must print, bind, and submit the entire proposal document. The Village of Croton-on-Hudson reserves the right to reject any proposals not submitted as specified.
- A Non-Collusive Certification must be attached to the proposal.

The Village of Croton-on-Hudson reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informalities, or to accept the proposal which in its judgment will be in the best interests of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson.

OBTAINING DOCUMENTS:

The Village of Croton-on-Hudson has partnered with BidNet as part of the Empire State Purchasing Group and will post our bid/proposal opportunities to this site. As a vendor, you can register with Empire State Purchasing Group and be sure that you see all of the Village's available bids/proposals and opportunities. Detailed specifications for said bids/proposals may be obtained through the Empire State Purchasing Group at the following link:

<https://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov/home/pages/proposals-rfps-rfqs-and-addenda>

Ms. Pauline DiSanto
Village Clerk

Dated: February 9, 2023
RFP 02-2023

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bids will be received and publicly opened at the Office of the Purchasing Director of the Town of Cortlandt, Town Hall, One Heady Street, Cortlandt Manor, New York at **2:00 PM, February 21, 2023**, for the bidding of **COACH BUS TRANSPORTATION #23-02**. Those interested in submitting bids may secure copies of the specifications at the above address during business hours weekdays.

Anyone who wishes to attend a bid opening should make an appointment. If you are a reporting agency, kindly email the Town of Cortlandt and we will forward you a copy of the bid results.

Jennifer Glasheen
Purchasing Director

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bids will be received and publicly opened at the Office of the Purchasing Director of the Town of Cortlandt, Town Hall, One Heady Street, Cortlandt Manor, New York at **2:00 PM, February 22, 2023**, for the bidding of **Heating and Air Conditioning Servicing #23-04**. Those interested in submitting bids may secure copies of the specifications at the above address during business hours weekdays.

Anyone who wishes to attend a bid opening should make an appointment. If you are a reporting agency, kindly email the Town of Cortlandt and we will forward you a copy of the bid results.

Jennifer Glasheen
Purchasing Director

PUBLIC NOTICE

In conformance with all applicable statutes, rules, and regulations, the **Town of Cortlandt** will be re-levying all **2022 unpaid water balances** as of February 28, 2023 on upcoming property tax bills.

Electronic payment of bills can be made via credit card or electronic check through the water billing website portal. A convenience fee for these transactions apply.

Visit the Town of Cortlandt website at www.townofcortlandt.com/waterbill and choose "CCWD Water Bill Online Payment".

Dated: Cortlandt Manor, New York,
February 2, 2023

**TOWN OF CORTLANDT
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** of the Town of Cortlandt will conduct a Public Hearing to consider the application of **Bilal Ahmad** for area variances under the following Sections of the Town of Cortlandt Zoning Code: Section 307-17, Attachment 5 Table of Dimensional Regulations, Nonresidential district and 307-22 parking lot landscaping requirements for a proposed hotel.

Said property is located at **2054 East Main St.**, is zoned CD, Designed Commercial, and is designated on the Town of Cortlandt Tax Maps as Section 23.20, Block 1, Lots 2 & 3.

The drawings and application materials are available for review at Town Hall, 1 Heady Street, Cortlandt Manor, NY. Please call the Planning Office at 914-734-1080 to schedule an appointment. In addition, the drawing and application materials will be posted to the Town's website approximately one-week prior to the meeting.

SAID HEARING to be conducted at the Cortlandt Town Hall, 1 Heady Street, Cortlandt Manor, New York, on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as is possible at which time all interested persons shall be heard. The Zoning Board meeting will be a hybrid meeting. The required log-in information to attend the meeting via Zoom will be placed on the agenda for the meeting. The agenda will be posted to the Town's website approximately one-week in advance of the meeting.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
TOWN OF CORTLANDT
David Douglas
Chairman**

Dated: 1/30/23
Cortlandt Manor, New York
Case No.: 2023-1

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
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Said property is located on **East Hill Rd.**, is zoned R-40, single-family residential and is designated on the Town of Cortlandt Tax Maps as Section 13.10, Block 1, Lot 10.

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**LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN that the **Board of Trustees of the Village of Ossining** calls for a Public Hearing to take place at 7:30 pm on February 15, 2023 at the Municipal Building, 16 Croton Avenue, First Floor Boardroom, Ossining, New York to consider proposed Local Law -2023, titled, "A Local Law amending Chapter 250 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Village of Ossining Code".

Comments regarding the proposed local law will be accepted by the Board of Trustees at BOT@villageofossining.org

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Susanne Donnelly
Village Clerk

DATED: February 2, 2023
Ossining, NY

Legal Notice

Notice of Formation of SONIA HAYNES, LCSW, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 07/29/2022. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Sonia Haynes, LCSW, 71 Westminster Drive, Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of Itz In Your Hands, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/28/22. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 318 Garden Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY 10553. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Legal Notice

Notice of Formation of LINK Jewelry LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/26/2023. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 19 Colby Avenue, Rye, NY 10580. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Legal Notice

Notice of formation of Studio 1 Westchester LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 11/03/22. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: David Lowell, 52 Farrington Road, Croton On Hudson, NY, 10520. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of Think New York Wellness LCSW, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/15/2021. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 18 Gramercy Avenue Yonkers, NY 10701 c/o La'Shonta Thomas. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS–SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER – REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING LLC., Plaintiff, -against- LISA FERRARO, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF DORIS L. FERRARO; MICHAEL FERRARO, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF DORIS L. FERRARO; RONALD FERRARO, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF DORIS L. FERRARO; ANY AND ALL HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DORIS L. FERRARO, DECEASED; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC; "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #10," said names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, intended to be possible tenants or occupants of the premises, or corporations, persons, or other entities having or claiming a lien upon the mortgaged premises,

Defendants - Index No. 55731/2022 Plaintiff Designates Westchester County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that the subject action is situated in Westchester County. To the above named Defendants–YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. That this Supplemental Summons is being filed pursuant to an order of the court dated December 16, 2022. NOTICE–YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME – If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING LLC) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Damaris R. Torrent, A.J.S.C. Dated: December 16, 2022 Filed: December 19, 2022. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 724 Locksley Road, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598. Dated: December 21, 2022 Filed: December 21, 2022 Greenspoon Marder LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Meir Weiss, Esq., 590 Madison Avenue, Suite 1800, New York, NY 10022 P: (212) 524-5000 F: (212) 524-5050 No Service by fax) E: meir.weiss@gmlaw.com Service purposes only: Trade Centre South 100 W. Cypress Creek Road, Suite 700, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309 P: (888) 491-1120 F: (954) 343-6982.

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Re-use/Danish Home

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musician, whose ideas were influenced by various ancient cultural and religious sources," wrote Jessica Glass, an attorney with Stenger, Diamond & Glass, in a February 16, 2022 description of the proposal to the Planning Board. "Central to this philosophy is a focus on the individual human being in relation to others and all the influences of life. The foundation's membership consists primarily of adults between the ages of 45 through 70 years old, generally from professional backgrounds such as doctors, lawyers, engineers, architects, educators and artists.

"The program undertaken by the foundation includes workshops on the study of these ideas and practical application, along with the study of movement, creative arts and crafts. The activities are based on the concepts of self-help and self-awareness to promote a more humane manner of interacting with oneself and the world.

"The activities, programs and workshops that the Gurdjieff Foundation anticipate taking place on the property will mostly be several days in duration. Most weekends would begin on Friday evening and end mid-day Sunday. Weeklong programs are generally from Saturday to Saturday, or Sunday to Sunday. There may also be some single day activities, typically from 9 in the morning to 5 in the afternoon. These activities would generally have between 20 and 100 participants. That number includes people taking care of cooking, housekeeping and other necessities. We don't anticipate having more than 75 people sleeping at the property, exclusive of residents in the caretaker's house. We may also have weekday meetings, typically twenty people or less, generally in the evening.

"Foundation events, whether week-long events in the summer or shorter weekend events, usually follow a similar schedule. Several members will plan the event, decide on a program and determine who will attend. Participants typically arrive in the late afternoon or early evening. Some come earlier to help with preparations for the event, which might include cooking and receiving deliveries from local vendors. Once everyone arrives they will typically share a meal and a period of

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approved by the Town Board to establish the MOD--would be of particular interest to employees of the hospital and medical offices and services--something residents have discounted.

Though Supervisor Dr. Richard Becker told Taylor Palmer, counsel for Gydroyne, LLC, at the October 24 meeting his board would not favor an all-medical office project greater than 100,000 square feet on the firm's 13.8-acre property, on November 29 Mr. Palmer outlined a 150,000 square foot project. He said less than that amount of floor space would not make all-medical development economically viable.

That 150,000 square feet, he noted, is down from an earlier 184,000 square-foot version. It continues to include razing the existing 33,000 square feet of medical offices after the first 100,000 square feet are built, and the 50,000 square feet that would follow would be in a two-story versus three-story building, a concession to area residents who said three stories would be too tall. Other concessions, Mr. Palmer said, were the removal of parking adjacent to Buttonwood Avenue, eliminating an access to Buttonwood, increased screening and buffer areas and a height reduction of a proposed parking structure.

V.S. Construction is continuing to offer two options on its 28-acre property, located eastly adjacent to Gyrodyne's, commonly known as Evergreen Manor, and also fronting Route 202 (Crompond Road).

The first consists of 120 assisted and independent living units, 90 town homes, 100 rental units and 7,000 square feet of retail space. The second calls for 120 assisted and independent living units, 130 town homes and 7,000 square feet of retail.

Earlier, V.S. principal Val Santucci had been proposing 15,000 square feet of medical/dental offices; 120 assisted living units; 166 multi-family apartments (152 of them studios); a 100-room hotel; and 22,000 square feet of commercial/retail space.

meditation before retiring for the night.

"Each day usually begins with meditation and breakfast for everyone. After eating, participants divide into different groups, taking care of practical necessities, caring for the grounds, or working together on crafts or other activities, such as mind-body exercise, gardening, philosophical study, or similar activities. Lunch together may be followed by a rest period, and then a continuation of the group work of the morning. The evening meal is often followed by an activity for all participants, which could be listening to music, listening to readings, or a meeting. During some events, there may be classes in dance movement during the day."

Though what is formally incorporated as The Danish Homes for the Aged, Inc. dates back to 1906, when its first residents were accommodated in what grew

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in its early years to three adjacent "town houses" off 41st Street in Brooklyn, the facility had been located in Cortlandt since it was acquired in 1954 for \$180,000.

The former residence rooms as well as common areas including the wood-paneled communal dining room and offices are located in four attached stone and timber buildings facing into a central cobblestone courtyard. They were built in the mid-1930s, initially for agricultural purposes, by the Kaplan family. Designed by Alfred Gray in the style of chateaus in Normandy, France, they housed horses, cows, sheep, pigs and chickens, a "manure shed," as well as farm machinery, according to the Danish Home's historical records.

The site also includes a nine-bay garage (commonly referred to as "the barn") that has been rented out much of the

year for storage of classic cars.

In 1938 Jacob Merrill Kaplan (1891-1987), philanthropist and owner of controlling interest in the Welch Grape Juice Co. (for whom the Village of Croton-on-Hudson's Kaplan's Pond off Lounsbury Road is named), had the buildings converted into a residence.

The Danish Home for the Aged's ties to Denmark date back to March 1900 when Fritz Schumann, a member of the society, De Danske Vaabenbrødre, founded in Denmark by veterans in 1859, "proposed the establishment of an institution for Danes in the New York area," according to the Danish Home's records.

The property was sold by the Kaplan family in 1942 and was known as the Ramble Hill Resort Club prior to its purchase by the Danish Home for the Aged a dozen years later.

Sports

Briarcliff's Carafielo scores her 1,000th career point

by Rob Caluori

The regular season is winding down and the time has come for teams to step up for the best position in the post season seeding. At Briarcliff High School, the girls basketball team is putting its best foot forward with some tense efforts that led to a double overtime win and a milestone moment for one player.

The Bears played a drama-filled contest against the Pleasantville Panthers on Feb. 1, where the game went to two overtimes before Briarcliff emerged a 65-59 winner.



While that was the most exciting event of the week in terms of a win for the Bears, there was more for the fans to cheer about when Briarcliff took on Westlake on Feb. 3.

In the Westlake game, Briarcliff's leading scorer, Cat Carafielo (above) posted her 1,000th career point against the Wildcats. The achievement ranks Carafielo as the 13th girl player to reach the milestone in the school's history.

The celebration of the day was clouded a bit because the Wildcats came away with the 62-54 victory despite the fact that Carafielo scored a game-high 20 points in the losing effort. What hurt the Bears in this game was inability to slow down the Westlake offense, where three different players scored in double figures.

The winning effort was fueled by the scoring of Allie Castellone who finished the game with a team-high 19 points. Castellone was joined in double figures in scoring by ToniAnn Mastracchio and Maggie Plotkin who each had 10 points.

Two days before the Westlake contest, the Bears were embroiled in a barnburner that saw the game go to two overtime sessions. This was a contest where there was a lot of scoring on both sides and it would take a burst on offense on one side or the other before a victor could be crowned.

Briarcliff was that team, with the Bears going in a 10-4 scoring spree in the second overtime to secure the win. Three Bears players finished in double figures in scoring, with Carafielo leading all players in the game with 25 points. The win was supported by the scoring of Adrianna Scanga who had 16 points, while Caroline Barbalato was the other player in double



The Briarcliff High School girls basketball team marks Cat Carafielo's 1,000th career point.

figures with 14.

Pleasantville also had three players score in double figures, with one player earning double-double honors. Kayla Collins, collected the double-double honor with 15 points and 12 rebounds. Ruby Donohue scored 15 points as well and having seven rebounds, while Meghan Raefski scored a team-high 18 points. Zoe Kress added eight points to the total for the Panthers.

Boys drop two of three

The Briarcliff boys basketball team experienced some mixed play of late, dropping two of its last three games, with the only win coming against Blind Brook on Jan. 31 where the Bears took a 55-47 victory.

One day after beating Blind Brook, the Bears fell 53-31 to the Pleasantville Panthers. This was a close game until the fourth period where the Panthers pulled away with a 20-point scoring burst.

Pleasantville was leading 33-29 at that point and held the Bears to just two points for the balance of the game.

Caleb Bronkema was the scoring leader for the Panthers with a game-high 18 points, while Dermot McSpedon was also in double figures in scoring and finished the game with 12 points. Aidan Picart added five points and four assists to the total, while Ian Miller led the Bears in scoring with seven points.

On Feb. 3 the Bears went up against the Westlake Wildcats and there was not much difference in the final score as they dropped a 62-52 decision. Alex Vorcam was the only Briarcliff player to score in double figures with a team-high 12 points.

Westlake picked up its 11th victory of the season, with Nick Castellano scoring a game-high 21 points. Christian Occhipinti also scored in double figures, amassing 12 points. Jack Neglia scored seven.

Ossining girls basketball wins back-to-back games

by Rob Caluori

After some erratic play, the Ossining High School girls basketball team found some consistency in back-to-back victories over Horace Greeley and Saunders Technical and Trade of Yonkers.

Before enjoying an 80-45 laugher over Saunders on Feb. 3, the Pride engaged in an exciting come-from-behind game against the Greeley Quakers, where Sophia Torrieri, who had five assists and five steals, showed some ice in her veins as she stepped to the foul line with 10 seconds left to play to sink two shots that cemented the win for the Pride.

In the Feb. 1 road game against the Quakers, Ossining trailed for the three quarters of the contest. The Pride fell behind 14-9 in the first quarter and then went into the halftime break down eight points 25-17. Bella Schulman fueled the Greeley charge and finished the game in double figures with a team-high 15 points. Alicia Mosca was involved in the offense as well and scored 11 points.

While it was a rough first half for the Pride, the second half of the game proved a different story altogether, with Ossining playing Greeley even in the third quarter at 18 points apiece. But the real difference in the game came in the fourth quarter, where the Pride held the Quakers to just four points and roared back to win with a 17-point scoring explosion.

In addition to the heroics by Torrieri, Ossining received a huge performance from Zoey Jowers, who stepped up to score a game-high 21 points along with making five steals. Jowers also notched double-double honors by pulling down 12 rebounds.

Ossining freshman Ty'Asia Carver also

had a big day as she finished in double figures in scoring with 12 points. Carver, who sunk two 3-point baskets, added five assists and two steals to her effort on the day. Nicole Perriott, who had six rebounds, scored six points and Angelica Rios scored five points while grabbing 10 rebounds. The totals for Ossining included a foul shot by Saniya Bell.

After the rally for beating Greeley, the Pride was able to put a game on cruise control when they took on Saunders on Feb. 3. The game was sort of a clinic on long range shooting, with the Pride draining 13 3-point baskets for 39 of their 80 points from beyond the arc.

Playing on the road, Ossining opened with a 29-9 first quarter lead and never looked back from there. The halftime score was 51-15, leaving Ossining to play all 11 players for the balance of the game, where each one of them put points on the board.

Ossining had two players log double digits, with Jowers posting a game-high 17 points. Perriott, who had nine rebounds, was the other player in double figures with 13 points. Ella Castrillon showed off her long range shooting skills by draining three 3-point baskets for her nine points in the game.

Michelle See Torrieri and Carver each had eight points in the game and hit two 3-point baskets apiece. Bell pulled down nine rebounds and made three steals in addition to scoring three points. Ossining

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Obituaries

Marjorie E. Hatzmann

Marjorie E. ("Midge") Hatzmann, 95, of Ossining, passed away at the New York State Veterans Home in Montrose on Thursday, February 2, 2023. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

Midge was born in Valhalla to Beatrice and George R. Harbort, Sr. She graduated from Pleasantville High School in 1945 and married Alfred Hatzmann in 1948.

She worked as a secretary, first in the law office of Malcolm Wilson, who went on to become the lieutenant governor of New York, then in the public relations department of the Ford Motor Company. She left her job to raise her family in Ossining and was a devoted mother to her two daughters. When they were young, she was a class mom, a Girl Scout leader and a Sunday School teacher.

Throughout her life she enjoyed a variety of activities, from bridge to tennis and golf. She was a member of the Torview Swim Club and Club Fit even into her 80s. She served as a volunteer at Phelps Memorial Hospital for many years and was active in her church, All Saints' Episcopal, Briarcliff Manor. Her greatest joy was being with her family and doting on her grandchildren.

Midge was predeceased by her loving husband of 67 years, Alfred, and her brother George ("Bob").

She is survived by her daughters Wendy Tarricone (Paul) and Marjorie R. Hatzmann, her grandsons Michael and Peter and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held Tuesday morning at All Saints' Episcopal Church. Interment followed at Kensico Cemetery, Valhalla. Memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America would be appreciated by the family.

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Rosemarie Miller

Rosemarie Miller of Briarcliff Manor passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 5, 2023 at Westchester Medical Center, Valhalla. She was 72 years of age.

She was born on April 11, 1950 in the Bronx to Michael DiNapoli and Josephine Leone.

Rosemarie is survived by her husband of 50 years, Bill, her brother Michael DiNapoli and sister-in-law Melinda DiNapoli, daughter Jennifer Mulligan and husband James Mulligan and son William Miller and son-in-law Peter Wong. Rosemarie is also survived by two grandchildren, James and Joseph.

Most people would know Rosemarie as the manager of Prescription Plus but she is well known as James and Joe's grandma. Her connection to the community lasted longer as she retired when Joseph was born so she could help out with his childcare.

Her strong personality was legendary in her family. If Rosie didn't pick a restaurant, she would undoubtedly choose the absolute wrong meal to order and "refused to go there" again. She loved her video games and spent many hours playing Colecovision and Atari. She loved playing on-line games in more recent times.

Her attention to current events and politics kept her sharp and she loved to engage in a friendly discussion with her family members. Her love for her family knew no bounds as she found joy in family gatherings and time with her grandchildren.

She was famous for knowing people no matter where she was. Her warm personality and contagious laugh will always be cherished by her family and friends.

As Rosemarie would say, "Oh Bill," whenever she was not in agreement with him on any matter.

"Keeping her in our memory and the love we have for her will last forever, but the sadness will pass and be replaced by joy from all of the great times we had with her. 'Like the sands through the hourglass, so are the days of our lives.'"

A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. today (Thursday, February 9) at St. Theresa's Church, 1394 Pleasantville Road, Briarcliff Manor. Entombment will follow at Ferncliff Cemetery, Hartsdale.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to The EHE Foundation (FightEHE.org) in the name of Rosemarie's grandson, Joseph Mulligan.

Margaret Lilian Daly

Margaret Lilian Daly of Waquoit, Mass., formerly of Ossining, died on Tuesday, February 7, 2023.



She was born on October 22, 1931, in Wheatley, England to Thomas M. and Amy (Ashton) Kelly.

The family eventually moved to London where she met and married John Daly, of County Roscommon, Ireland. Together they emigrated to the United States in 1956 and settled down in Ossining.

Margaret enjoyed working as a homemaker until her youngest child started school, then she returned to school herself. She graduated from the College of New Rochelle and worked for many years at the Burke Rehabilitation Center and as a radiology department head at New York-Presbyterian Hospital in White Plains. In between these jobs, she served from 1987 to 1989 as a Peace Corps volunteer at Victoria Hospital in Castries, St. Lucia.

Retiring in 1996, Margaret moved to Cape Cod, Mass. where she bought an original Cape-style home (circa. 1750). There she opened the Bourne Fisher Tea Room, which she operated from 1998 until 2006.

Margaret was predeceased by her husband John, her brother Brian Kelly and his wife Anne.

She is survived by her children Moya Hobson of Graham, Wash., Andrew Daly (Peggy) of Sandwich, Mass., Monica Maxwell (John) of Galway, N.Y., Theresa Daly of Merchantville, N.J., John Daly (Nancy Lanctot) of Asheville, N.C. and Margaret Daly Johnston of Bedford Hills. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, several nieces and nephews, many cherished cousins and countless friends. "The light of her love will shine in our hearts forever."

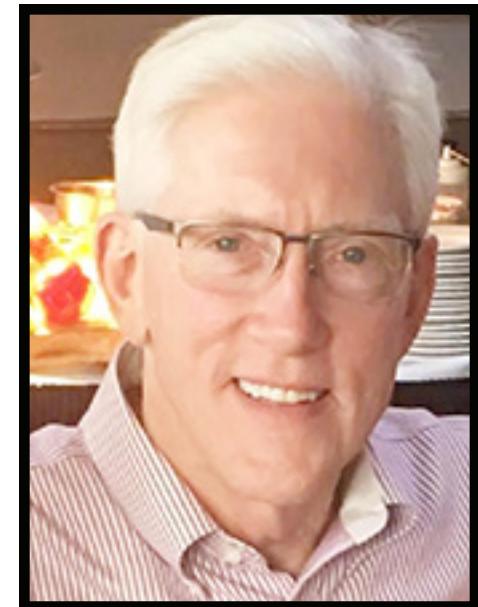
A funeral mass will be celebrated on Saturday, February 11 at St. Augustine's Church, 381 North Highland Avenue, Ossining. The interment will follow at St. Augustine's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks consideration for making a memorial donation to St. Christopher's Inn at Graymoor, Garrison.

Arrangements were handled by the Dorsey Funeral Home, Inc., Ossining.

Paul Gerard Hanigan

Paul Gerard Hanigan, 67, of Delaware, Ohio and formerly of Croton-on-Hudson, passed away peacefully at his residence in the early morning hours of Friday, December 30, 2022 with his loving wife by his side.



Born on January 22, 1955 in Brooklyn, the only son to the late John L. and Mary C. Hanigan, Paul graduated from Croton-Harmon High School and went on to attend the University of Bridgeport where he earned his bachelor's degree in Business.

Paul met Diana Caserta at the Westchester County Airport, where they were both working, in August of 1982. They began dating and married on November 26, 1983.

Paul worked for GTE/Verizon as an Aviation Manager. He was with them for 31 years before retiring in 2019.

Once Paul retired, he and Diana moved to Delaware, Ohio. Paul volunteered at the Humane Society of Delaware County and drove a school bus for the 2021-2022 school year.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents and his brother-in-law, Jack Kennedy.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 39 years, Diana; daughters Candice Rode (Chuck) and Brittany Hanigan (Stephanie); grandchildren Norah and Brennan Rode; sisters Patrice Hanigan-Grilli (Steve) and Kathryn Kennedy; golden retriever companion Quinn; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Paul and Diana enjoyed traveling stateside and internationally. They also enjoyed hiking and walking the trails in Ohio. They visited many of the local breweries and wineries that central Ohio had to offer. Paul was a loving and caring husband, father, grandfather, and brother.

Paul made everyone feel welcomed and brought a smile to everyone's face. If you were to visit Paul, you could be assured that he would have a fun day planned for you which included things to see and great places to eat and drink. He loved to be your tour guide and give you the background or history of all the sights of the day.

Services were held for Paul in Delaware on January 4 where a Mass of Christian Burial was officiated by Fr. Brett Garland at St. Mary Catholic Church. Paul's burial will take place in the spring in Croton.

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Sports

Croton-Harmon girls basketball earns 11th win

by Rob Caluori

It was an exciting week of basketball at Croton-Harmon High School where the girls team notched their 11th victory of the season after beating North Salem and Haldane.

Along with the excitement of getting into double digits in the win column, the Tigers competed in the annual Gazette Cup event, which was not as fruitful as the win over North Salem, with the Hendrick Hudson team retaining possession of the trophy.

While the loss in the Gazette Cup proved disappointing, the Tigers girls basketball team celebrated another event in Senior Day, which was held on Feb. 1. Croton-Harmon recognized three seniors in Cassidy Croce, Maddie Sena and Emma Windrum, who all enjoyed the spotlight the day offered for the graduating players.

Along with the Senior Day highlights, the game against North Salem produced a positive outcome for Croton-Harmon, with the team soaring to a 55-37 victory for their 10th win of the season.

Windrum made the day more memorable by scoring a team-high 12 points as the only Croton-Harmon player to score in double figures. The win was supported by the play of Lucia Thoreson, who scored eight points, while Alana Walsh contributed nine points.

For North Salem, Emma Zoubok and Fina DiPaola shared game-high scoring honors with 14 points apiece. Dana Connolly scored five points.

After putting away North Salem, Croton-Harmon continued its winning ways with a 45-30 victory over the Haldane Blue Devils. In the Feb. 3 game, Croton-Harmon was led on offense by all three seniors who combined to score 24 of the team's 45 points.

Croce, Sena and Windrum posted eight points apiece, while Haldane's Amanda Johnson picked up game-high scoring honors with 13 points. Mairead O'Hara also finished the game in double figures, scoring 11 points for the Blue Devils.

Boys lose to North Salem and Haldane

While the girls team enjoyed victories over North Salem and Haldane, the Croton-Harmon boys team was not as fortunate,



Croton-Harmon's Lucia Thoreson and Hen Hud's Madison Porter were Players of the Game in this year's Gazette Cup match up. Porter was also recognized as the lone senior on the girls team.

absorbing a 56-42 defeat. North Salem had three players score in double figures as their offense provided a steady output of points throughout the contest. Aidan Callahan was the sole Croton-Harmon player to score in double figures. Callahan scored a team-high 13 points.

Sincere Andrews, who had six rebounds, led all scorers with 14 points for North Salem. Jack Litchfield, who also had six rebounds, was in double figures with 12 points while Matt Moia earned double-double honors with 11 points and 20 rebounds for the winners.

Two days after the loss to North Salem, Croton-Harmon fell victim to the Haldane Blue Devils, who scored a 63-53 victory.

This was a high scoring affair for both



Croton-Harmon girls basketball seniors Cassidy Croce, Maddie Sena and Emma Windrum.

teams, with the Blue Devils seeing three players score in double figures, while Croton-Harmon's Orlando Gomez led all scorers with 23 points. Ben Reed was also in double figures for Croton-Harmon, amassing 18 points.

Croton-Harmon actually opened the game with an early lead before Haldane rallied with a strong offensive effort that was led by Matteo Cervone, who scored a team-high 21 points. Matt Nachamkin also contributed to the win with an 18-point performance, while Will Bradley rounded out the trio of Blue Devils in double figures in scoring with 10 points. Ben Bozsik also supported the win with seven points, while Ryan Eng-Wong rounded out the total with five points.

Vinny Flynn scored three points for Croton-Harmon, while Gavin Dugan and Colin Davenport had two points apiece.



Croton-Harmon's Orlando Gomez and Hen Hud's Dean Hiltsley were Players of the Game in this year's Gazette Cup competition.

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Hen Hud basketball teams retain Gazette Cup

by Rob Caluori

It was an event that was cause for a double celebration as the Hendrick Hudson High School basketball teams not only retained possession of the Gazette Cup, but also enjoyed the pomp and circumstance of Senior Day.

In the annual event against neighboring Croton-Harmon, the boys team came away with a 75-47 victory for their half of the Cup, while the girls slipped by the Tigers 53-41.

This year the game was played at Hen Hud, where Madison Porter was honored as the lone senior on the Sailors team, in addition to picking up Player of the Game honors along with Croton-Harmon's Lucia Thoreson.

In the Saturday game, Kaitlyn Raguso led the offense for the Sailors sharing game-high scoring honors with Croton-Harmon's Emma Windrum. Both players added 14 points apiece to the final score, while Hen Hud's Kayla McCarthy was one point off the pace as she also finished in double figures in scoring with 13.

Before embarking on the defense of the Gazette Cup, the Sailors girls basketball team scored a huge win on Jan. 31, where they broke a three-game losing streak after beating the Lakeland Hornets, 59-46, for their 11th victory of the season.

This was a solid win for Hen Hud, with eight different players putting points in the scorebook as the Sailors opened the home game with an 11-8 first quarter run for the early lead. The Sailors added one point to their halftime lead of four points, 23-19, before going in a huge spurt in the third quarter where they outscored the Hornets, 18-8, to put the game away.

Hen Hud's leading scorer, Raguso, amassed a game-high 27 points, which included nine rebounds, two assists and two steals. Porter, who scored nine points, dominated the boards with 10 rebounds and Lexi Robinson hit two 3-point baskets as part of her seven points in the game.

In the fourth quarter of the game, Lakeland was energized by the play of Ave Lugo and Nichole Ljiljic who both scored in double figures as the Hornets outpaced the Sailors 19-18. Lugo scored a team-high 19 points, while Ljiljic added 14 points to the total.

For the Sailors, McCarthy, who had three assists and two steals, contributed six points and Hailey Pearson, who had four rebounds, scored four points. Carmine Marino, Elyse Smith and Kate Stratton scored two points apiece.

Boys keep the Cup too

Like the girls team, the Hen Hud boys



Above: At this year's Gazette Cup competition, held on Senior Day, seniors (l.-r.) Michael Gagliardi, Thomas Popolizio, Stephen Raguso, Dean Hiltsley and Ryan Olstrom.

On the Beat

Thomas Staudter

Los Lobos: Back in Peekskill

The big news out of this year's Grammy Awards, of course, was Beyoncé winning her 32nd statuette, breaking the record held by Sir Georg Solti, and also Bonnie Raitt winning her 13th Grammy (she also has a Lifetime Achievement Award), this time for "Song of the Year." She was competing with her song "Just Like That" against the likes of Beyoncé, Taylor Swift, Adele and Harry Styles—a big upset, in other words.

The Old Guard just won't be denied—and perhaps still has a few lessons for the young 'uns to learn.

With this in mind, in-the-know music fans and tuneful artists wanting to see the Old Guard in action probably have their tickets in hand to see Los Lobos on Friday, Feb. 17 at the Paramount Hudson Valley Theater in Peekskill.

Los Lobos, undoubtedly still one of the premier rootsy rock bands working today, won a Grammy last year for "Best Americana Album," presented for *Native Sons*, which was released in 2021. This was a baker's dozen collection, all covers save the title track penned by band members David Hidalgo and Louie Pérez, celebrating the 1960s (and thereabouts) sounds of Los Angeles that influenced the band so greatly. It was the band's fourth Grammy Award.

I would say *Native Son* grew on me, but I have my reservations, the biggest being that too many of the covers, like War's "The World is a Ghetto," the Beach Boys' "Sail On, Sailor" and Buffalo Springfield's "Bluebird / For What It's Worth," hew too close to the originals and break no new ground.

(Driving home from New Jersey this weekend—late, Turnpike—I was reacquainted with jazz flutist Herbie Mann's long take on the Sam & Dave hit "Hold On, I'm Comin'" from his 1969 masterpiece *Memphis Underground*, with Larry Coryell and Ossining native Sonny Sharrock trading guitar solos, and quickly understood that covers should be like springboards... to somewhere, anywhere else.)

Elsewhere on *Native Sons*, Los Lobos prove that their archival efforts are worth it all. Cuts like the 1965 Chicano soul instrumental "Where Lovers Go" and Willie Bobo's "Dichoso" (the famed

percussionist and *boogaloo* progenitor from Spanish Harlem moved to L.A. in 1969 and later worked with Santana) find the band at its best.

However...

For many fans of Los Lobos, the highlight of the band's musical career so far has been its 1992 album, *Kiko*. Recorded with the renowned production team of Mitchell Froom and Tchad Blake, *Kiko* had a sound unlike any other Los Lobos work—much of the percussion seems to emanate from a strange subterranean realm, guitars alternately ricochet around the mix or provide steady, folky accompaniment and the masterful songwriting is matched by the band's expressive, soulful singing.

Like many great albums, each track on *Kiko* exists as a separate universe of thought and experience, and many critics regard it to be one of the top popular music albums of the 1990s. By the way, it was nominated for two Grammy Awards.

"When we were making *Kiko*, none of us had any idea that it would be this tremendous accomplishment," said the band's saxophonist-keyboardist and production whiz Steve Berlin a few years ago when I talked to him.

Berlin, as the story goes, was playing with The Blasters, Phil and Dave Alvin's hardrocking roots band in L.A., when Hidalgo gave him a tape of some Los Lobos demos. The Alvins invited Los Lobos to open for them at a Sunset Strip show that was attended by Warner Records execs, and they signed the band later that night.

"Over time, we've always assumed that our audience would want to go where we went in terms of experimentation, and that informs a lot of our creative choices," Berlin added. "So, we knew we were making a creative departure with *Kiko*, though, and after the last listening session with the record company, right after the order of the tracks had been finalized, everyone left with this stunned look. That made us wonder."

It certainly should have.

Opening with the shuffling rocker "Dream in Blue" which features David Hidalgo's spiky guitar in an arrangement filled with curious sound effects, *Kiko* finds Los Lobos stomping and punching up the sound often enough in bluesy numbers like



Los Lobos

"That Train Don't Stop Here," "Reva's House," "Whiskey Train" and "Wicked Rain"—the kind of crowd pleasers you'd expect from a band that knows how to get audience members on their feet.

But what really sets *Kiko* apart from other roots-rock albums are the songs that appear in a more languid texture of sound. For example: "Saint Behind the Glass," a Mexican-flavored acoustic number sung by Pérez, the band's drummer and multi-instrumentalist, is an open-hearted welcome to a newborn; the loping "Kiko and the Lavender Moon," complete with a killer mellotron hook, comes across like a fable; and "Two Janes" reminds listeners that the band is capable of mashing country music with a new wave sensibility.

By the time listeners reach the album's final three tunes—the smoldering "Just a Man," the funky valediction "Peace" and a triumphant blast of ethnic pride called "Rio de Tenampa," it is hard to pinpoint an emotion or musical style that has not been touched on in the hour-long performance.

There is a telling piece of information in the liner notes of *The Town and the City*, the 2006 CD from Los Lobos, and certainly one of the band's finer efforts. Quite simply, when listing the members of the band alphabetically, the line begins: "Los Lobos still are..."

As in, now 50 years after the quartet of David Hidalgo, Cesar Rosas, Louie Pérez and Conrad Lozano began playing music together in high school, and 39 years after the band cut their breakthrough album *How Will the Wolf Survive?* with the album's producer and guest on baritone saxophone (Berlin) then added to the band as an official fifth member, Los Lobos continues to prove nightly that a bunch of friends can stick together over the long haul and rock the rafters with intense, creative musicianship.

"One of our strengths is the ability to 'hang in there' and carry on, even when the urge to change things around comes," said Berlin. "The way we play music—working together, close-knit, listening to each other—is the way we are as people. All of us, with the exception of Cesar, of course, are married to our first wives, no divorces, and some of us have grandchildren. You hear that commitment in our music."

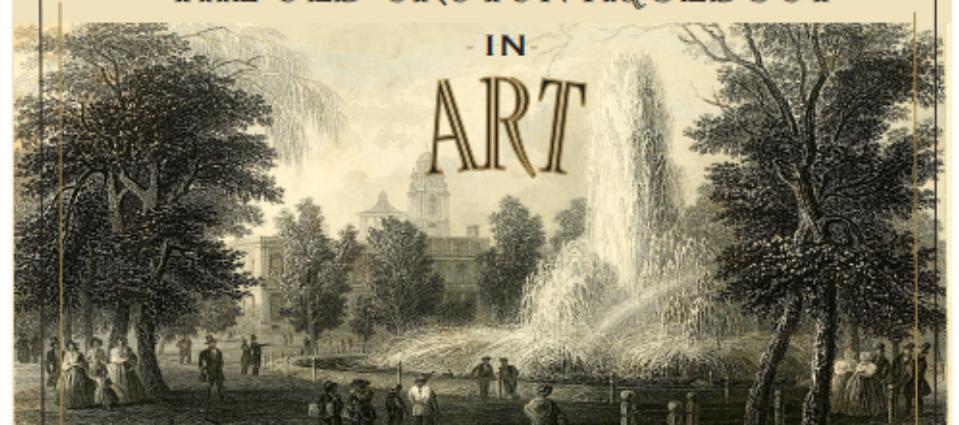
Berlin mentioned that the members of Los Lobos "leave when they need to" by indulging in side projects from time to time. But the fame of Los Lobos emanates from their cohesive actions, though, not from their separate pursuits. From the start, the band was recognized for its powerful two lead guitar / lead vocal approach, courtesy of Hidalgo and Rosas, and a rhythm section that could turn on a dime. Interestingly, when the band formed, the initial quartet focused on Mexican dance music, with Pérez playing rhythm guitar, and it was only later that he moved over to drum kit as the band's sound became more rock'n'roll oriented.

"We stopped thinking of ourselves as a roots music band over a decade ago," said Berlin, and for good reason: their songwriting, crafted by the duo of Hidalgo and Pérez (music and lyrics) or by Rosas, is both original and compelling. Sure, various identifiable musical forms are utilized, Berlin said, but the band refuses to adhere to a strict parochialism with those forms.

Which is how a band like Los Lobos is able to create a timeless gem like *Kiko*.

Los Lobos will perform on Friday, Feb. 17 at the Paramount Hudson Valley Theater, 1008 Brown Street, Peekskill. The concert begins at 8 p.m. For more info, call (914) 739-0039 or visit paramounthudsonvalley.com.

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