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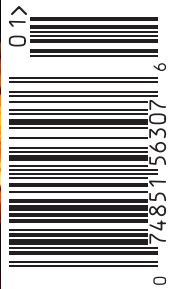
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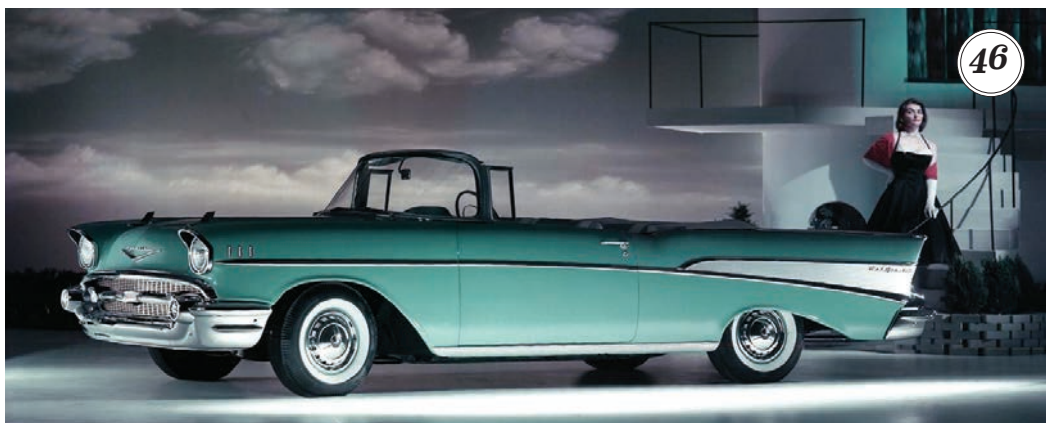
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*In my mind and in my car  
We can't rewind; we've gone too far  
Pictures came and broke your heart...*

I think of this song every time someone says to me: “Print is dead; it's a digital world we live in now.” But I don't believe it. Our printed magazine is thriving. We sell thousands of copies of *Westchester Magazine* on the newsstands each month. Subscribers and readers are engaged in our content and look forward to receiving *Westchester Magazine* in their mailboxes each month. And they keep the issues for months at a time, referring back to them as their source of living in Westchester. They read about a new restaurant and go to dinner there, attend local events after reading about them in the magazine, find physicians from our Top Doctors list, learn about the best neighborhoods, stores, and shops all over the county — and so much more.

But we continue to change as a company and continue to expand our focus beyond just print publications. Now we are a “Media 360” company, with digital and events divisions in addition to print.

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The magazine has developed through the years a series of annual events that provide additional revenue streams and increase brand

awareness. There are more than 20, including the multi-day Wine & Food Festival in early June, the Best Of Westchester party toward the end of July, and Women in Business luncheon in mid-November. Each of these events are well-attended and the feedback overwhelmingly positive; you can even meet many of our staffers who volunteer to work at them.

As this company deals with adapting to the changing media landscape, we take a look to see how other county media outlets are doing in the rapidly evolving world of media. Turn to page 48 to see the issues faced by established media, as well as some relative newcomers to the scene.

Speaking of scenes, our county actually has its own late-night scene, as you'll read in the cover story, “Westchester After Dark”, on page 52. It's a night-by-night guide for partiers and restless night owls but also those looking for where to eat, run errands, and work out. There are many places and things to check out, from trivia nights and paint bars to dancing and late-night tacos.

A must-read for any parent is our feature titled “Kids' Activities Guide”, which you'll find on page 66. This guide, featuring more than 50 kid-friendly experiences, is a boredom antidote for your little ones no matter the season. From a planetarium and a kids' racetrack to a ping-pong club and kayaking, you'll find engaging activities for your whole family.

Our final feature, “Gas Up & Gamble” on page 76, features gambling getaways up to four hours from White Plains. These six resorts and casinos are perfect for an adult winter weekend away to cozy up to a table and test your luck and skill.

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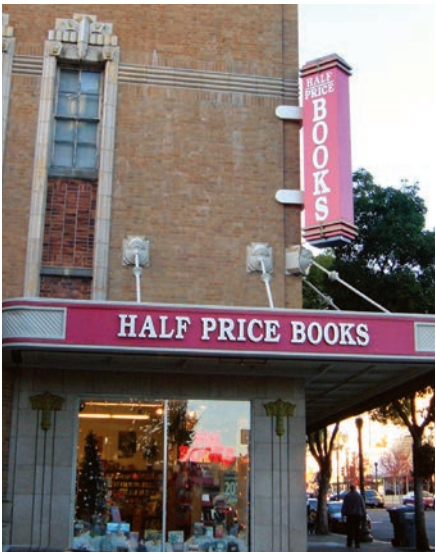


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— Dan Curtin, Yorktown Heights

**Writer's Response:** I've put in for a prize for you, Dan, even though I can't find any reference to it being called that. Your caveat "old enough to remember" is the wild card here. I guess there might be some older folks walking around confusing our youngins by saying "Goat Track," though the kids might just chalk it up to aging. Anyway, the WM Prizes Department is notoriously slow in shipping, so I recommend patience.

— Tom Schreck

**Pets Galore!**

I read your magazine cover to cover every month. I especially enjoyed your feature on pets ["Reigning Cats & Dogs," October]. It was extremely informative, and the writer's attention to detail was excellent! Your reasons to consider getting a cat or dog were very enlightening and helpful, too. I shared it with my teenage son, who has been asking since he was a little boy if we could get a dog. Thanks for such a thoughtful article.

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From WestchesterMagazine.com 

Regarding the story "Blue Hill at Stone  
Barns Named Best Restaurant in America"  
on [www.westchestermagazine.com](http://www.westchestermagazine.com):

Too expensive and no menu! What's up with that? You're at the mercy of the quirky chef and whatever he feels like pulling out of the ground that day. What if I hate snails, sea cucumber, and pig ears?

— Ellen Salomon on Facebook

Regarding the story "Peruvian Cuisine  
Swelling in White Plains" on the Eat. Drink.  
Post. blog:

I have been to Mistura. The food is delicious, fresh, and very authentic!

— Maria Alfonzetti Cocucci on Facebook

Regarding the story "This Wedding Venue  
Totally Has That Brooklyn-Meets-The-  
Hudson-Valley Feel" on the Westchester  
Weddings blog:

Wow! This is a really stunning wedding venue for couples who would love to get married in vintage style.

— Aviana Domenica on Facebook

From Twitter 

Regarding the December 2016 "Holiday  
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SPORTS

## Surfin' NYC!

Move over, Hawaii and California, there's some bitchin' ankle-busters right here on the East Coast, too. Turn the page to learn more about hanging ten in the New York area.





# What Westchester Needs

With 450 square miles of real estate, plenty of money, vast resources, and almost one million residents, Westchester pretty much has it all, right? Maybe not. We polled our staff to see what our beloved county needs to be even better.



## An aquarium

What better restorative oasis from the sensory overload of harried suburban living than an aquatic salute to the natural world?

## Poké bar

Poké is probably the most popular food right now in NYC, where there are several restaurants that focus only on this fishy dish. It's crazy that Westchester doesn't have one.

## Jazz clubs

No, not restaurants that feature occasional guest performers, but bona fide cabaret-style clubs that host music performances during all business hours. Not enough jazz fans in the county? No worries: Pair the exceptional music with great food, and all will be well in Westchester.

## Hudson River dinner cruises

Hey there, maritime entrepreneurs, how 'bout launching dinner cruises on the Hudson with seasonal views of the Valley?

## Clear road signs

Two words: Diane Schuler. Though intoxication was involved in the wrong-way Taconic crash that killed eight in 2009, unclear signage at the parkway's exit ramp didn't help. There still are numerous unmarked or poorly marked road signs in Westchester. Why?

## Cooler music clubs

Not naming any names, but there are three fabulous music clubs near Westchester — in Beacon, Pawling, and Piermont — that consistently draw big-name touring talent and charge fair prices. What is Westchester, chopped liver?

## Wawa

It's hard to explain to someone who hasn't experienced a Wawa firsthand. But ask anyone who lives within a one-hour radius of one, and they'll tell you Wawa isn't just a convenience store with great proprietary foods and cheap gas — it's a way of life.

## Half Price Books

Texas-based Half Price Books accepts book donations from customers in exchange for cash that can be used to buy discounted books at their stores. It's a must for our county.

## More public places to play golf

Unless you can pony up tens of Ks for a club membership, golf options here are limited. Competition for tee times is fierce, and there's only a few driving ranges left. Anyone with deep pockets and some land willing to build some new courses?

**What did we miss? Tell us what you think Westchester needs. Email us at [edit@westchestermagazine.com](mailto:edit@westchestermagazine.com)**

## SPORTS

# Cowabunga!

Winter surfing may sound like an oxymoron, but it's actually the best time of year to ride waves here at home.

**W**inter has always been prime-time for skating, skiing, snowboarding... and surfing? Yes, this frigid time of year actually produces the best waves in the Northeast, according to photographer Andreea Waters of Hastings-on-Hudson. "Nor'easters, hurricanes, and tropical storms have the best swell directions to hit the New York coast," says Waters, who published a book of her NY-Metro surfing photography last year. The drastic difference in temperature between the North Pole and the Equator during the wintertime also plays a role.

Winter waves can reach heights of eight feet and can stick around for as long as three days. A surfer for over 25 years, John S. Tomlin of White Plains can attest to this. "The farther offshore the storm is, the better the waves," he says. It all depends on the strength, distance, and movement of the storm creating the waves.



Alas, Westchesterites must leave their backyards to catch these gnarly rides, yet they're still close to home. "The Hudson River and the Long Island Sound are too small to capture sufficient wind to create great waves," Tomlin says. "Only large bodies of water, like the Atlantic Ocean, create these conditions."

Nonetheless, Tomlin emphasizes, Westchester possesses an enthusiastic surfing community: "Whenever a local surfer sees a car with a surfboard on the roof, we almost always introduce ourselves." Like many surfers, Tomlin, a commercial real estate attorney, is a weather geek and will fly out the door with his board in tow if he knows there are waves to ride. "One of my favorite things is driving from Westchester to Long Island in the early morning for a surf session, knowing that in a few short minutes, I will be in the ocean, catching waves."

—Patty Monaghan

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KIDS

## A Playland for the Mind

It's all systems go for Phase II of the Westchester Children's Museum.

Executive Director Tracy Kay says the WCM's "200 Founding Families," especially the Hochs and Laagers, are chiefly responsible for making the 14-year project finally come to fruition. The \$2 million Phase II is scheduled for completion this summer.

It's approaching the one-year anniversary of when the Westchester Children's Museum (WCM) at Rye Playland completed Phase I of their build-out and opened their doors to the public year-round. As a multisensory, multilingual, multicultural, and interactive learning experience, the WCM offers hours of entertainment ranging from the scientific to the theatrical and creative (build your own roller coaster, anyone?).

If that's not enough, the WCM is looking to add more exhibits dur-

ing Phase II of the project. According to Executive Director Tracy Kay, Phase II — which is scheduled for completion on or about summer 2017 — would see the museum expand 16,000 sq ft and include three new exhibits. One is slated to be an expansive climbing structure, which would run along the entirety of the museum space. There will be three additional water exhibits, where kids can learn about the role H<sub>2</sub>O plays in the natural envi-

ronment and how humans have used it as a natural power source over the ages. A performance theater and gift store are also planned.

With 75 percent of the subsidy coming from private donations, the balance from corporate support, Phase II is expected to cost approximately \$2 million. The Westchester Children's Museum is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ([www.discoverwcm.org](http://www.discoverwcm.org)) —William Dwyer

EDITORS' OBSESSIONS

### We Can't Shut Up About...



Whenever I find myself in Tarrytown, I do my very best to swing by **The Taco Project**, which is among my favorite restaurants in the entire county. The chicken taco is my go-to dish, but the shrimp and pork-belly tacos are also well worth a bite.

—Paul Adler, Assistant Editor



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## Houseplants for Dummies

We all want to have beautiful things in our homes, and that often includes natural greenery. However, many of us either have a brown thumb or simply lack the time to care for needy plants. Don't worry, though: If you are gardening-challenged, you can still have plants in your home without all of the fuss or work, according to Tovah Martin, author of *The Indestructible Houseplant*. Here, she shares her list of five idiot-proof houseplants. — Jenn Andrik

### 1. Air Plants (*Tillandsia* spp.)

- Handsome silvery leaves and jazzy flowers (but the rosette dies back after flowering)
- Requires no soil whatsoever
- Water once a week by soaking in a bowl of water
- Indirect light



### 2. Aloe spp.

- Handsome, architectural lines
- Prefers high light but will tolerate bright, indirect sun
- Doesn't mind occasional forgetfulness with watering
- Compact size for any windowsill
- Not prone to insect infestations



### 3. Haworthia spp.

(the zebra plant, *Haworthia fasciata* is the best known)

- Forms rosettes of interesting leaves
- Tolerates all manner of neglect
- Loves bright light but tolerates lower light
- Small footprint
- Not prone to diseases or insects



### 4. Norfolk Island Pine (*Araucaria heterophylla*)

- Looks like a small evergreen for a park-like ambiance indoors
- Grows very slowly, so it doesn't become a jolly green giant overnight
- Can be grown in a very small container
- Tolerates indirect light
- Tolerates forgetful watering (but don't push it, because it can drop "needles")
- Isn't prone to insects or diseases



### 5. Sansevieria spp.

- All sorts of varying forms beyond the typical mother-in-law's tongue
- Grows very slowly
- Tolerates forgetful watering
- Will grow in just about any light
- Not prone to insects or diseases

## Sister Cities

Last September, a new statue was installed at Harbor Square in Ossining, while across the Atlantic, its sister city, Alijo, Portugal, has an identical statue in its town. Commissioned by developer Martin Ginsberg and created by Portuguese artist Cesar Israel Paulo, *The Angel* commemorates firefighters on two continents. This touching display of sorority led us to find out what other Westchester towns have siblings:

### New Rochelle — La Rochelle, Poitou Charentes, France

In 1688, 33 families from La Rochelle decided to settle down in the Hudson Valley. More than 300 years later, their sisterly bonds remain strong. The names of those original settlers can be found inscribed on a statue in Hudson Park.



### Port Chester — Portchester, Hampshire, England

Like New Rochelle, Port Chester shares a namesake in Southern England. Twinned in 2010, Portchester, UK, and Port Chester, NY, are both suburbs of major shipping towns: Ports Mouth and NYC.

### Peekskill — Castlebar, County Mayo, Ireland

Established in 2000, the relationship between Castlebar and Peekskill was born out shared heritage and fostered by the Peekskill St. Patrick's Committee. The two share an artist-exchange program.

### Yonkers — Ternopil, Ukraine

Yonkers and Ternopil, Ukraine, first broke bread 1991. Initiated by the Ukrainian-American Youth Association, the pact between the two cities was originally just a student-exchange program. The relationship has become strained in recent years due to the lack of volunteers willing to assist with implementing programs.

### Ossining — Sassinoro, Italy

Ossining has another sister city, in Sassinoro, Italy. Hundreds of citizens from Sassinoro ended up in Ossining after passing through Ellis Island, looking to build a new life in Westchester. In 2009, the cities renewed their sisterly oaths and have maintained their close family ties.

### Harrison — Montgeron, Ile-de-France, France

These two sisters shared the twinning oath (an actual thing) in 1991. The vow promises to maintain permanent links between the cities, developing bonds of sibship by encouraging their citizens to visit their sister city. —William Dwyer

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PETS

# Four-Legged Foodies

A Katonah family puts a canine spin on haute cuisine.



“The farm-to-table movement for people in Westchester is a great thing to pass along to our pets,” says Katonah resident Alexa Amoriello, cofounder of Heelers Made Fresh food for dogs ([www.heelersmadefresh.com](http://www.heelersmadefresh.com)). Just 16 years old, she and her sister, Sabrina, 11, are the “brain trust” behind the company, says proud papa Alex Amoriello, who, along with wife Rosie, helped develop his kids’ idea.

Worried by their Australian heeler’s (so named because the herding breed tends to nip at the heels of reluctant cattle) refusal

to eat commercial foods, Alexa suggested cooking for him. Seeing Buster gobble up his freshly homemade meals — and gaining new vitality — prompted the Amoriellos to provide such fare to other dogs. Advice from a dog nutritionist resulted Heeler’s locally sourced, organic mix of beef or chicken, vegetables, oats and eggs available at farmers’ markets and online (with free delivery from the Amoriellos), and the market research looks promising. “Our tastings cause a frenzy,” says Alex, with Rosie adding, “The dogs try to eat the spoon!” —Gale Ritterhoff

EXPRESS LANE

*What we’ve heard, what we’re talking about, and what we’re anticipating this month*

1 CASE CLOSED

The same US Department of Justice that in 2016 found the Baltimore Police Department guilty of rampant and systematic racial bias recently cleared the **Yonkers Police Department** of similar charges, stating there is no sufficient evidence of racially biased policing in the state’s fourth-largest city. The YPD will, however, adopt new policies and procedures for use-of-force and stop-and-search practices.



2 GETTING WINEY

All-things-wine marketing company **Wine Enthusiast** recently unveiled its brand-new headquarters on Summit Lake Drive in Valhalla. The company, which also owns *Wine Enthusiast* magazine, was launched 37 years ago by Adam and Sybil Strum. The new HQ includes a café and a gym — and yes, there might be some fermented products there, too.



3 LET IT FLOW!

Speaking of the county alcohol presence, Gov. Cuomo signed a law that makes it easier for craft- and microbrewers to set up shop here and throughout the state. **Bill A1100B** allows such brewers to set up low-overhead production centers, as well as share equipment and other resources. The law, which takes effect in May, will also apply to custom cidemakers and custom winemakers.



BOOK CLUB

## Riveting Reads

The final word on good reads with county connections —Reviews by Patty Monaghan



### My Sweet Angel

By John Glatt (October 2016)

In January 2014, 5-year-old Garnett Spears passed away at Westchester Medical Center after his mother, Lacey Spears, fed him a lethal amount of salt. Lacey, who is strongly believed to suffer from Munchausen syndrome by proxy, opened up to *New York Times* bestselling true-crime author John Glatt in this brilliant book on her disturbing life. Glatt’s painstaking research and vivid narrative provide a gripping, heartbreaking exposé that will leave readers astonished at how a mother’s supposed love for her child turned deadly. 432 pgs, St. Martin’s Press, \$20.34 (hrd)



### Food for Thought: First Course

By Nancy DeRosa (January 2016)

Emma and her four best friends are single and ready to mingle. Together, they decide to team up and scope out every food establishment in the tri-state area to try to find the perfect guys. Longtime Harrison resident Nancy DeRosa uses food as the substance that intertwines love, family, and friendship in this delicious novel, the first in her *Food for Thought* trilogy. Women will be able to relate to the triumphs and hardships that DeRosa’s realistic characters experience, making this an all-around enthralling read. 270 pgs, Black Opal Books \$11.99 (pbk)

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THE BEAUTY SPOT

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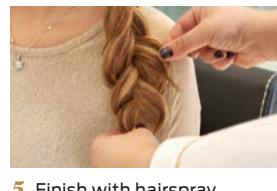
Sick of throwing your hair up in the same old topknot on not-so-nice hair days? We tapped Violeta Mrizaj, owner of the **Mode de Vie** hair studio in Eastchester, for advice on this season's coolest braid trend, the Dutch braid, for a more polished look.



1. Start by bringing your hair to one side and dividing the hair at the top of your head into three sections.
2. Feed the right section underneath the center section then repeat on the left.



3. Add hair as you repeat step 2 making sure to pull hair in from the back, as well.
4. Gently pull apart different sections to loosen the braid overall.



5. Finish with hairspray.

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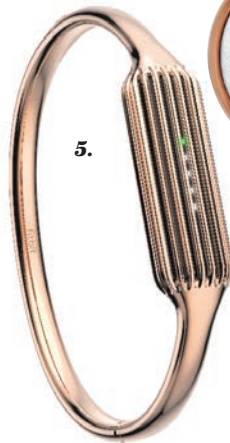
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**Bloomingdale's, White Plains**

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## Under Cover

Cuddle up with these stylish throws to get through January's long winter nights.

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**Globetrotter (3):** Zenza Home cotton throw with pom-poms. Add shape and texture to your space with this eclectic looking throw. **\$88; maisonette, Hastings-on-Hudson**  
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SPOTLIGHT

# Friends With Trends

We caught up with two stylish businesswomen to learn about their shop in White Plains.



Denise Elias (left) knew she had something special when the jewelry parties she threw in her home, featuring a specially curated selection of pieces, took off quickly. With her best friend, Dawn Pasacreata, at her side, the two opened a flagship store in White Plains in 2014. Just a stone's throw away from the impersonal chain stores that inhabit White Plains, **LOLA New York** offers a personal, fun, and honest shopping experience. Dawn and Denise only stock what they love — not whatever the label-du-jour might be. Customer happiness is important to them, and they will dispense advice as needed. They like to make sure there's something for everyone, stocking jewelry that runs from \$12-\$20, to more luxe bags that can go as high as \$500. Running out to a party with nothing to wear? The shop will always have a great clutch, fantastic jewelry, and most certainly a cute top — just the kinds of things Denise and Dawn would wear themselves.

**LOLA New York, White Plains**  
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## REVAMP

### Layer Up

"Love your layers! As the weather gets colder, don't just stop at sweaters, coats, and scarves; think about your jewelry, too. Don't be afraid to mix materials by pairing a choker with a chain necklace." —Denise Elias and Dawn Pasacreata of **LOLA New York**, White Plains; [www.lolany.com](http://www.lolany.com)



### Stick a Pin in It

Dust off your grandmother's brooches and give them new life by wearing them in unique ways. Cluster a few on a jean jacket or wear one instead of a necklace at the top of your button-down shirt.



## HOMESTYLE

### Ordinary Extraordinary

Why not add your own unique flair to even the most mundane items in your home? I store my keys, loose change, and unsightly coupons in vintage vessels. Instead of keeping my giant stack of coupons out, I store them in an old candy dish. Loose change looks beautiful in a depression glass salt cellar. A Champagne coaster from the Hotel Lord Byron was a special score and makes the perfect catch-all. I found my vintage items at Opportunity Shop in Chappaqua and ReStore in New Rochelle.

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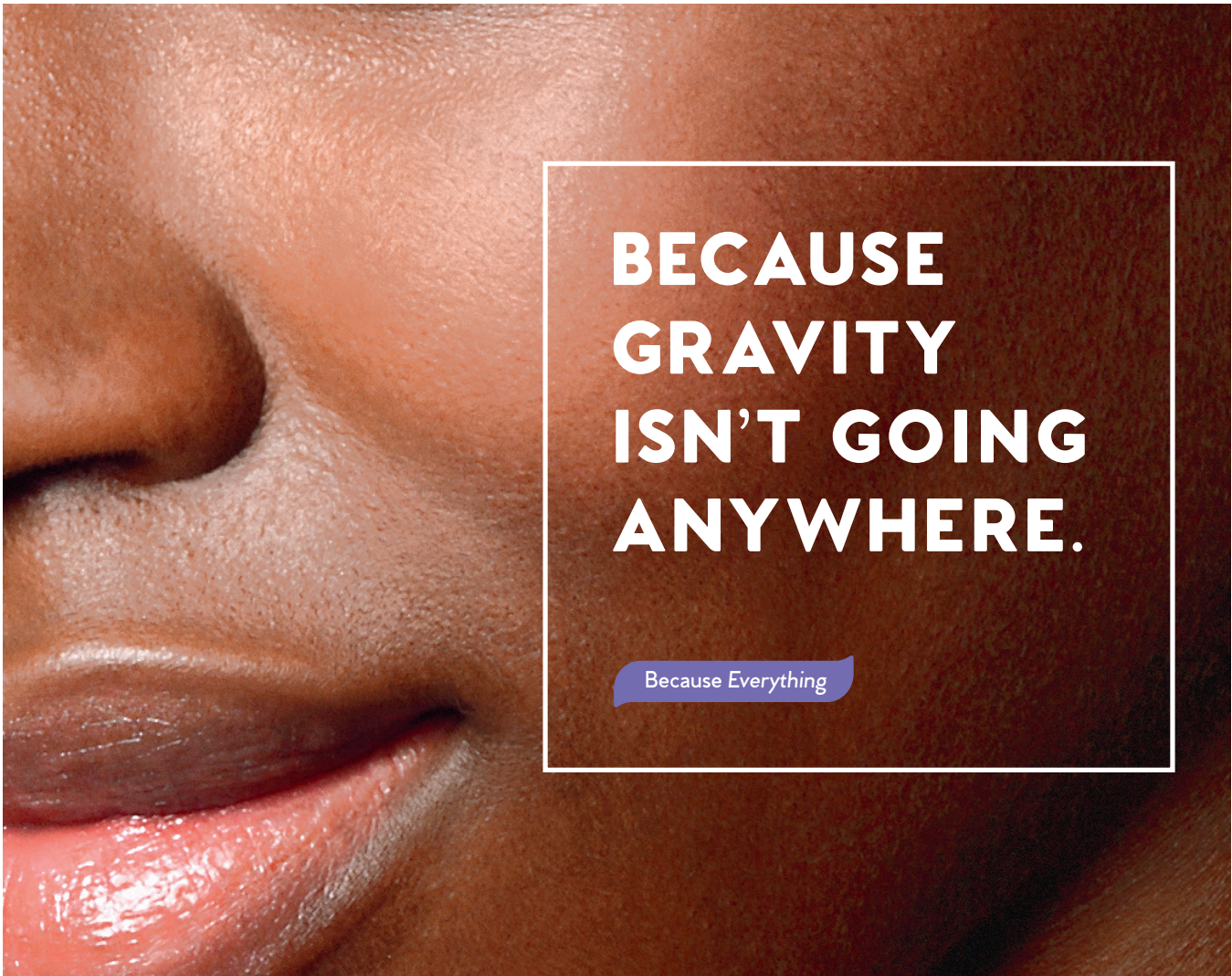
**Wash new jeans twice** before bringing them to the tailor. Jeans always shrink in length when washed, so you could save yourself the trip.

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FITNESS

## 4 Belly-Busting Exercises

**Get that tummy into tip-top shape with these four movements aimed at toning and strengthening your midsection.**

Winter is prime time for indulging, but don't let your body suffer the consequences. It will be beach season before you know it; besides, carrying a hefty amount of fat around your midsection isn't great for overall health. We asked Yorktown Heights-based certified nutritionist and personal trainer Sloane Davis (pictured) of Pancakes & Pushups to share some belly-busting workouts you can do at home. — Paul Adler



**1 Hanging Leg Raises:** Davis notes that while this is one of the hardest abdominal exercises, it is also one of the most effective. "These are among the few abdominal exercises that allow your abs to open up so that you can fully contract your stomach muscles," she explains.



**2 Russian Twist:** "This is a challenging abdominal exercise," says Davis. "I love it because it targets more than one area, and you can really do it anywhere. It not only works the obliques, but it also helps your middle and lower back as well as your lats."



**4 Crunch on Stability Ball:** This workout isolates the abs and protects your lower back, according to Davis. "Being on an unstable surface boosts the activation — or flexing — of the controlled abdominal move," she notes.



**3 Reverse Crunch:** "This challenging and very effective move targets the lower abdominal area, which is the hardest place to chisel, as most tend to carry fat in this area," says Davis.

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PREVENTION

## Handwashing 101

**Say buh-bye to antibacterial soaps: Killing germs is all in the way you wash.**

Since our hands come into contact with gazillions of germs daily, it's easy for those bad boys to spread like wildfire, making us sick in the process. Proper hand-



washing is key to helping prevent the spread of viruses and bacteria, but, since the advent of antibacterial soap in 1984, many of us have slacked off on the scrubbing, assuming the soap will do the work. Wrong. In September 2016, the FDA concluded that there is "no scientific evidence" that antibacterial soaps "are any better than plain soap and water," and companies soon will not be able to market antibacterial washes with certain ingredients. Some manufacturers have already begun phasing out the products. Donald Chen, MD, epidemiologist at Westchester Medical Center, says, "We should rub our soapy hands together for at least 15 seconds before rinsing. To make sure you're washing long enough, try singing 'Yankee Doodle Dandy' once or 'Happy Birthday' twice."  
— Patty Monaghan

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## Neuberger Museum of Art

**Benefete 2016, Purchase**

On Nov 5, the Neuberger Museum of Art held its annual gala, Benefete 2016, at SUNY Purchase. Nearly 200 people attended the event, which honored the educational and exhibition programs at the museum. *Top:* Paul Zukowsky of Pound Ridge; actor Bruce Willis; Tracy Fitzpatrick, director of the Neuberger Museum of Art; and Emma Heming Willis, model and wife of Bruce Willis. *Right:* Judith and Stanley Zabar of Manhattan.



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## The Building and Realty Institute

**Vendor Showcase, White Plains**

The Building and Realty Institute (BRI) of Westchester and the Mid-Hudson region sponsored its first vendor showcase on Oct 13 at the Crowne Plaza in White Plains with nearly 40 companies and professional firms in attendance. *Pictured:* Jeff Hanley, associate executive director at BRI; Jane Gill, controller at BRI; Margie Telesco, BRI's office manager; Margaret Collins, BRI director of membership and communications; and Albert Annunziata, executive director of BRI.



## Chappaqua Cares

**2nd Annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser, Chappaqua**

On Nov 13, Chappaqua Cares hosted its 2nd annual Empty Bowls fundraiser at the Whippoorwill Club in Chappaqua. *Pictured:* Lena Cavanna, director of communications for the Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry; Laura Desmarais, president of the board for the Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry; and Lisa Salvadorini, anchor for News 12 Westchester and event emcee.

## Pediatric Cancer Foundation

**Rock the Cure Gala, Purchase**

The Pediatric Cancer Foundation (PCF) hosted its Rock the Cure Gala on Nov 2 at the Brae Burn Country Club in Purchase, where \$225,000 was raised to support research and equipment to fight pediatric cancer. *Pictured:* Cheryl Rosen, PCF chairman, and Bonnie Shyer, PCF president.



## Westchester Parks Foundation/Westchester County Parks Department

**Winter Wonderland Opening, Valhalla**

The Westchester Parks Foundation (WPF) and Westchester County Parks Department, along with County Executive Rob Astorino, celebrated the opening of Westchester's Winter Wonderland on Nov 25 at the Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla. *Pictured:* Joanne Fernandez, board chairman of WPF; Joe Stout, executive director of WPF; and Jane Solnick, director of public affairs for Con Edison.

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## The Westchester

**New Amenities, White Plains**

On Dec 1, The Westchester, owned by the Simon Property Group, unveiled two new amenities at its White Plains location: a state-of-the-art play area named *PLAY* and an ultramodern technology lounge named *CONNECT*. The amenities are the first of their kind at any Simon mall nationwide. *Top:* White Plains Mayor Tom Roach; Robert T. Guerra, regional vice president of the Simon Property Group; Linda Hurwitz, RN, vice president of patient-care services at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital; and Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino. *Right:* Paula Kelliher, director of marketing at The Westchester, and Janet Langsam, CEO of ArtsWestchester.



## Business Council of Westchester

**Presentation, Tarrytown**

New York Yankees legend Derek Jeter gave a presentation to the Business Council of Westchester (BCW) at the Marriott in Tarrytown on Dec 6. He spoke of his iconic baseball career, as well as his current career as an entrepreneur. *Pictured:* Anthony Justic, BCW chairman of the board; John Ravitz, executive vice president and COO of BCW; Derek Jeter; Marsha Gordon, president and CEO of BCW; Sara James, BCW vice president of membership and programs; and Amanda DePalma, BCW director of special events.



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## Abbott House

**Loving Arms Award Dinner, Tarrytown**

Abbott House, an Irvington-based nonprofit, hosted the Loving Arms Award Dinner on Nov 15 at the Tappan Hill Mansion in Tarrytown. The award was presented to Doris and Eliot Minsker for their longtime support of the organization. *Pictured:* Eliot Minsker, award recipient; Meredith Vieira, event emcee; and Doris Minsker, award recipient.

## Greenwich Historical Society

**An Evening with Lesley Stahl, Greenwich**

On Oct 5, the Greenwich Historical Society presented a lecture by television reporter and bestselling author Lesley Stahl at the Greenwich Country Club. *Pictured:* Adam Rohdie, headmaster of Greenwich Country Day School; Haley Elminger, board member; and Mark Feiner, associate head of Greenwich Academy.



## Westchester County Association

**Luncheon, Tarrytown**

The Westchester County Association held a luncheon at Tappan Hill Mansion in Tarrytown on Nov 10, featuring a lecture by consultant Blair Levin. *Pictured:* Keith Safian of Safian Associates, and Dan Ahouse of Altice USA.



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## From Mastheads to Menus

After more than a decade working with Martha Stewart, Jennifer Aaronson has opened a new Hastings-on-Hudson wine bar. BY MEREDITH PHILLIPS

**J**ennifer Aaronson, a willowy gal with a big smile and auburn hair, is often pictured alongside fellow Westchester foodie Martha Stewart. Until 2015, Aaronson was editorial director of food and entertaining at Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, where she worked for 14 years. Now, she's bringing her own brand of living to Hastings-on-Hudson, where she recently opened a wine bar with husband Paul Molakides. They intend Boro6 to be a neighborhood joint, but with Molakides' deep well of warmth and Aaronson's honed ability to craft and execute a simply lovely menu,

odds are good that it will become a destination.

"My mom *always* made home-cooked meals," says Aaronson, who in addition to running Boro6, works as cofounder and culinary director of the meal-kit service Martha & Marley Spoon, which helps tons of busy modern families do just the same thing. "She could make a casserole out of anything! She'd stretch two chicken breasts for four nights — she really was quite crafty, and it was *good*."

Aaronson cites her mom's deft home economics and her dad's enthusiasm at the table as core inspirations. "[My father] would be moaning over how good dinner was every night, and I saw how powerful that was. My mother was this sorceress with food," she explains. Aaronson is arguably a sort of sorceress herself — a warm, local sorceress, likely to dole out milky coffee and excellent homemade marmalade while passing hugs to her kids, Gio and Frannie, at the family's cozy Hastings-on-Hudson Tudor.

After graduating from Cornell in 1992, Jennifer worked for a bank and was then hired to write for a "dry as a bone" economics trade journal. She quickly ditched the job, however, to enroll in the Cambridge School of Culinary Arts, where she became well versed in kitchen fundamentals and the fresh, local aspects of Italian cooking. Perhaps most important, she fell in love with cooking.

At a women's restaurateur event in 1994, Aaronson approached famed Los Angeles chef Suzanne Goin. After inquiring whether Goin needed any help in her kitchen, the award-winning chef — whom Aaronson describes as the greatest mentor of her life — asked Aaronson to begin that very night. Aaronson soon found herself struggling to physically and mentally adapt to the intensity of restaurant life. Goin would taste a simple mesclun-and-balsamic salad Aaronson had put together and say: "If we can't get *this* right, we might as well not be open." Others would crumble under this scrutiny; but for Aaronson, it resonated.

While Aaronson cites meeting Goin as one moment of great luck, she mentions a baby shower in San Francisco as another. There, she met a West Coast editor for the magazine *Martha Stewart Living* who insisted that she interview. Aaronson, who had decided to apply her knowledge and passion to food writing rather than restaurant work, was delighted to comply. After a few meetings and a food test, where she made Stewart a beer-braised brisket, as well as a shortbread with blueberries and maple caramel ("It was a big tart, and she ate the whole thing!"), Aaronson was hired in 2001.

She credits her time at the magazine with putting her in touch with her creative side and forcing her to "take an idea and push it to the outer limits. And now," she explains, "I just think in those layers."

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Fourteen years after joining *Martha Stewart Living*, Aaronson was surfing around online for a new job for her husband, a front-of-house guy who has worked with Danny Meyer at Eleven Madison Park and ran the private restaurant at 15 Central Park West, once called “the world’s most powerful address.” (As a couple, Aaronson and Molakides are the minimalist and the maximalist, the gourmet and the gourmand, and high and high-low in their tastes and approaches.) During her Web search, Aaronson spotted a job as culinary director at Marley Spoon, a German company starting up in the US that was perfectly tailored to her skill set, not his.



Culinary whiz Jennifer Aaronson and husband Paul Molakides, at home with their children in Hastings-on-Hudson.

Aaronson took stock: “If I was going to make a change, and I kind of wanted to make a change, what was I going to do?” She’d heard of meal-kit pioneer Blue Apron; Marley Spoon was an analog that had seen great success in Germany and was ready to expand globally. The idea of a startup culture, rather than corporate culture, was intriguing.

As head of the US office, Aaronson has been exercising her well-learned precepts of good food, simply cooked (which she learned from Mom); cooking school; Goin; and, of course, Martha.

When Marley Spoon’s founder asked Aaronson whether Martha might be interested in partnering, Aaronson found herself once again working with her old boss — and once again, luck played a role. “One day I’m walking to Grand Central, and the phone rings,” Aaronson recalls. “It’s Martha. I answer, and she says ‘Who is this?’ Clearly, she had mistakenly dialed me. I said ‘Martha, it’s Jennifer! Now that I have you on the phone, I really want to tell you about Marley Spoon!’” Soon after, Stewart decided to partner with the meal-kit space; the brand is now known as Martha & Marley Spoon.

Aaronson won’t leave Martha & Marley Spoon for Boro6, where she is co-owner and has developed the menu with input from Molakides, who first rented the corner space in Hastings. The couple moved to the town six years ago. “I feel like we found our little Shangri-La; it’s perfect for us. We are surrounded by really smart, like-minded people interested in the same things,” she says. “Every year we gain a few more friends, and it keeps reaffirming our decision to be here.” Through their business, they are eager to give back to the community.

Life seems to revolve around activities for the kids — soccer and birthday parties were on the agenda the weekend we met up — and

*“My father would be moaning over how good dinner was every night, and I saw how powerful that was. My mother was this sorceress with food.”*

lots of dinner parties. Like many transplanted New Yorkers, they revel in Westchester’s more meditative lifestyle, and the natural landscape, including a colossal yet picturesque boulder positioned directly outside of their kitchen window.

As for Boro6 — whose name alludes to Hastings as New York City’s sixth borough — the concept grew out of slow, relaxed evenings they’ve spent at enotecas in Italy. Karen King, who designed wine menus at Gramercy Tavern and The Modern, is consulting on wine selections. The space won’t have a full kitchen. Instead, look for Dobbs Ferry-sourced charcuterie from Campbell Meats, sliced “as thin as lady’s lingerie,” as they like to say, and composed salads starring elements such as fennel and cheese. All desserts will be based on fresh whipped cream. Like Aaronson’s cooking approach, her reasons for launching Boro6 are similarly pared down: “We’re opening it for ourselves,” she says. “And, of course, our neighbors.” **w**

*Meredith Phillips is a freelance writer and editor recently relocated from Brooklyn to Croton-on-Hudson, where she has a fig tree with which she hopes to have a fruitful relationship.*

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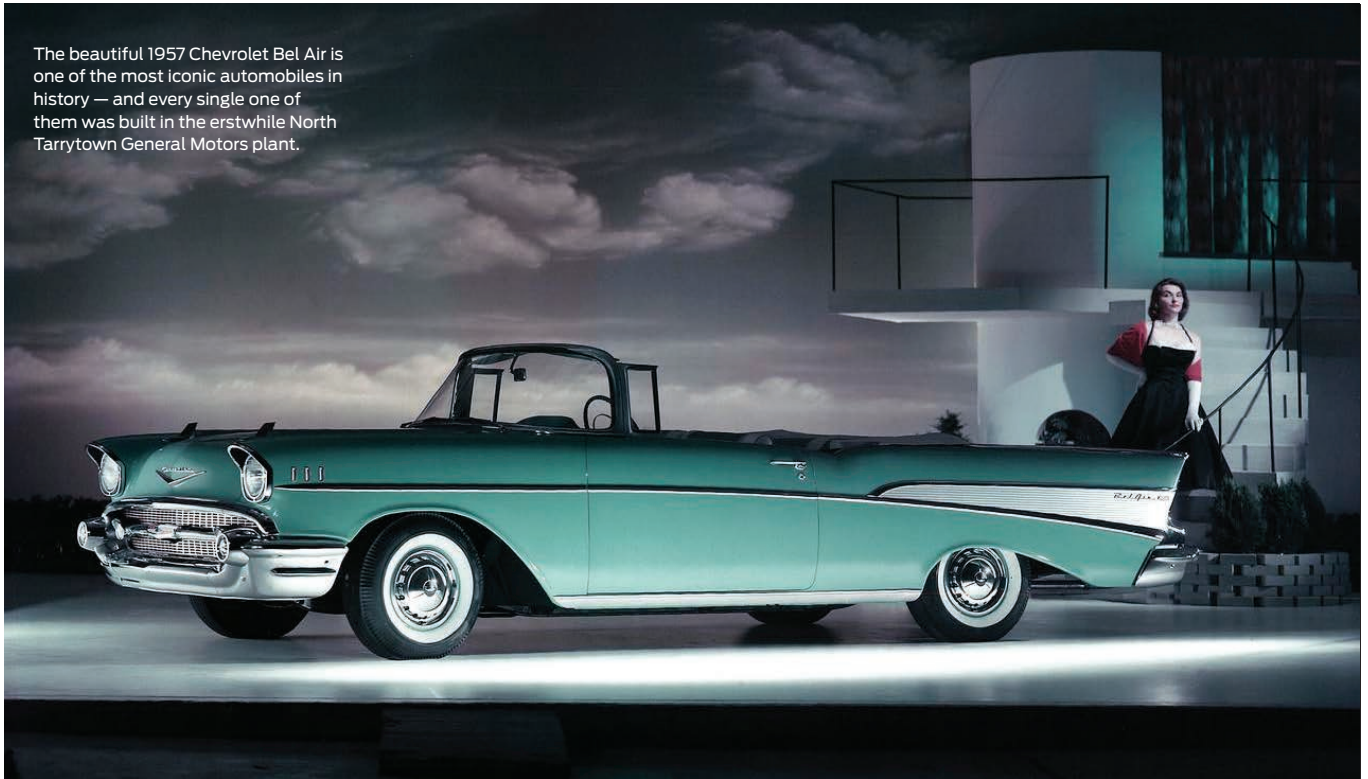
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The beautiful 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air is one of the most iconic automobiles in history — and every single one of them was built in the erstwhile North Tarrytown General Motors plant.



## Chevy Chase

Plus, *found* in Yonkers, and where's Jimmer? BY TOM SCHRECK

Q:

### A North Tarrytown Classic

My future father-in-law is a classic-car nerd from Pennsylvania. I'm trying to impress him with my knowledge of cars and my hometown. Was the classic 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air, commonly referred to as a '57 Chevy, made in the North Tarrytown General Motors plant?

—Rich Keegan, Tarrytown

A: Trying to seduce the old man with your knowledge of hot rods, huh? Well, what could be more American? Just be careful around his daughter, son — you've gotta know when to pump the brakes when it comes to Daddy's Little Girl.

There is no more iconic a vehicle than the 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air, especially in the convertible model. People like to reference the '57 in what is many people's favorite George Lucas flick, *American Graffiti*, yet the two Chevys featured in that classic were a '55 Bel Air and a '58 Impala. The iconic '57 Bel Air didn't actually appear in the movie.

The assembly plant in North Tarrytown (now Sleepy Hollow) opened in 1896 and produced a staggering 12 million automobiles until it closed in 1996. Sadly, of all the storied models built at that plant, it was the dreary minivan trio of the Chevy Lumina APV, the Pontiac TransSport, and the Oldsmobile

Silhouette that will go down in history as the last models to have rolled off that factory floor.

Now, to your question. According to Jim Vehko of the General Motors Heritage Center, the North Tarrytown plant made all of the Bel Air models and body styles, as well as the 150 and 210, which were sister models to the Bel Air.

There you go. Now you can impress Big Daddy. I'd also recommend a good bottle of scotch (ideally single malt) and a quality cigar to go along with your knowledge.

### 'Hustling' in Yonkers

Q: Please settle a bet. My friend Eddie says the Paul Newman classic *The Hustler* was made in New York City. I know for a fact that it was made in Yonkers, and I even know where in Yonkers they shot it. Settle this, please, so I can collect.

—Andy Carl, Yonkers

A: I'm assuming your friend doesn't go by "Fast Eddie." Fast Eddie Felson was Newman's iconic character for the movie and its sequel with Tom Cruise, *The Color of Money*.

Speaking of money, I know there's some on the line, and I can see you're a Yonkers guy, so I want to be careful how I answer this.



Er, uh, you're *both* right. Yeah, that's it; that's the ticket!

Now, why don't you go tell your own Fast Eddie that your bet is a push and call it a day. The fact of the matter of is, the vast majority of the movie was shot in New York City. Yonkers did serve as the location for the the Homestead Bar & Grill scene, down on Wells Avenue, between Warburton Avenue and North Broadway.

### Jimmer Gets Shanghaied

**Q:** What happened to Jimmer Fredette, the BYU basketball star who played for the Westchester Knicks. Will he be back?  
—Kathy Diamantopoulos, Peekskill

**A:** Probably not this year. After a successful season in Westchester, where James "Jimmer" Fredette averaged 21 points a game, made the All-Star team and was its MVP, he got what every D-League player dreams of: a call to the NBA.



Jimmer got his chance in Madison Square Garden with a 10-day Big League contract last season. The fans chanted "Jimmer! Jimmer!" in his first game, and Knicks coach Kurt Rambis put the pride of Glens Falls, NY, in the game with just two minutes to play. Jimmer hit a three-pointer, but he remained mostly on the bench for his stay; the parent Knicks let him go after his 10-day contract was fulfilled.

Rather than return to the D-League and our Westchester Knicks, Jimmer signed with the Shanghai Sharks of the Chinese Basketball Association. Fredette is an outstanding shooter, but roundball experts say his defensive skills and ability to bring his offensive game to the NBA level are dubious.

Don't feel too bad for this shooting guard. Though the Sharks have not published his salary, it is believed to be more than \$1 million for this year. **W**

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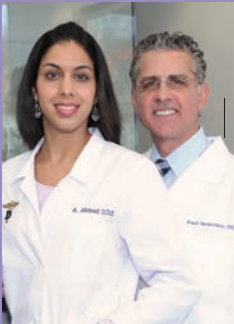
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# Westchester's Shrinking Media Landscape

With layoffs and consolidations striking our local media outlets, county residents stand to lose their “watchdog” **BY KATE STONE LOMBARDI**

**W**hen longtime *Journal News* columnist Phil Reisman wrote the headline “Heads are rolling at News 12” to describe layoffs at Westchester’s local cable-news network in October 2016, he had no idea it would be one of his last columns. Reisman himself would be let go a few weeks later, as part of an overall cost-cutting measure by Gannett, the owner of *Lohud.com* and *The Journal News*.

Westchester’s media landscape is shrinking. The production studios of News 12 Westchester are relocating from Yonkers to Long Island, a

move that may result in the loss of well-known local anchors and meteorologists. Gannett, the largest US newspaper company, recently cut 2 percent of its staff nationally; locally, the axe fell on Reisman and four other journalists at *The Journal News*. Those were only the latest rounds of cuts and early buyouts over the last eight years at Gannett, where hundreds of jobs have been shed.

New York’s largest newspapers have also slashed their suburban coverage. The *New York Times* recently folded its freestanding Westchester Section and cut out the remaining zoned local arts and dining coverage last summer. Meanwhile, the *Wall Street Journal* ceased the print edition of its standalone “Greater New York” section in November.

What’s happening in Westchester reflects a national trend. News organizations are looking to stay afloat amid declining revenues by cutting staff, consolidating services, investing in digital platforms and using terms like “content” in place of “journalism.” For residents, it’s not only a loss of familiar faces and bylines but also the disappearance of a good chunk of the Fourth Estate — the press that provides oversight on public institutions and officials.

“The fizzling of the media in Westchester will be a disaster, perhaps on wheels,” says Marek Fuchs, who teaches media studies at Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville. “On the most basic level, our local watchdog has officially been put to sleep.”

Phil Reisman notes that in its heyday, Gannett had as many as eight reporters covering Yonkers alone. Now there is one. “There is a potential for local politicians to get away with so much more now,” he says. “There are still good reporters left at the *Journal News*, but they are spread out too thin. They can find stories that need to be reported, but they can’t be in 15 places at once.”

It’s not as if media companies enjoy shedding employees. Newspapers, in particular, have been hit hard by declines in advertising. Nationally, newspaper advertising is expected to fall 11 percent this year, according to the Interpublic Group’s Magna, and digital revenue is not making up the slack. When Gannett announced its latest round of layoffs, the company reported that while digital-ad revenue rose 6 percent compared with the same period a year earlier, print-ad revenue declined 35 percent. The *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal* face the same pressures. At the *Times*, roughly 70 employees took buyouts last year, and more layoffs are expected early this year as management continues to reshape the newsroom. The *Wall Street Journal* also offered buyouts to a “substantial number of employees.” In an email to staff in the fall, management said it hoped “to limit the number of involuntary layoffs.”

News 12 Westchester is owned by Cablevision, which is itself owned by Altice USA, a sub-



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Former *Journal News* columnist Phil Reisman has taken to the air on William O'Shaughnessy's community radio station WVOX

sidiary of the Altice Group, a multinational telecommunications company based in the Netherlands. The company is restructuring studio operations. Anchor jobs are moving to Long Island. According to Reisman's article, the Westchester County Board of Legislators' communications director Matt Richter, husband of 10 p.m. news anchor Suzanne Colucci-Richter, posted on his Facebook page that both his wife and Emmy Award-winning anchor Janine Rose have been let go by the company. (Multiple attempts to confirm this with News 12 were unsuccessful as of press time). Other positions, such as station meteorologists, were also up in the air.

Deborah Koller-Feeney, VP of marketing and promotion at News 12 Networks, said the company would not comment on individual personnel matters. Current on-air talent were also keeping mum during negotiations. Koller-Feeney noted that the Yonkers site, while no longer a production studio, would remain open as a satellite facility used by reporters, photographers, and video editors. According to Koller-Feeney, the reporting staff for News 12 Westchester and Hudson Valley will remain in the region.

The changes to studio operations "will enable us to more effectively and consistently deliver high-quality hyper-local news for viewers in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut," she says.

But as Reisman points out, "The feisty motto 'as local as local news gets' will soon be put to the test." Many on the News 12 Westchester team are visible in the community, as well as on TV, appearing at charity events and giving a sense of intimacy and connection with viewers. As production is consolidated in Long Island (News 12 Connecticut, New Jersey, and Westchester are moving to the hub), Cablevision's challenge will be to prevent coverage from feeling regional and generic.

Cablevision also faces competition. In 2014, Verizon moved into the local television news market, launching FiOS1 News Lower Hudson Valley, a direct competitor to News 12. Currently available to residents of 11 Westchester towns, it is produced in partnership with the Regional News Network, based in Rye Brook, New York. The rival local television stations are part of a larger contest between the two communications companies to provide Internet service to the region.

Not all local media is suffering. Publications like this one, *Westchester Magazine*, owned by Today Media, are doing well, in part by cross-marketing — creating events and moving into digital without abandoning what print can do best, says publisher Ralph A. Martinelli.

"People say print is dead, but we're not buying it," insists Martinelli, vice president of Today Media, which publishes *Hudson Valley*, *Westchester*, *Westchester Home*, *Westchester/*

## Making Waves

Radio is a smaller player in Westchester journalism. Both major terrestrial stations (stations broadcasting from the ground and not a satellite) 107.1 The Peak and 100.7 WHUD are music stations. Community radio does exist at WVOX and WVIP, owned by Whitney Media out of New Rochelle. William O'Shaughnessy, former president of the New York State Broadcasters Association, has been holding forth on-air for more than 50 years, making it his business to know every key figure in Westchester. Phil Reisman also hosts a radio show on WVOX, and O'Shaughnessy was distraught about his colleague's layoff from the *Journal News*.

"By excising Reisman, the corporate elders of the Gannett empire have attacked not only the sinew; they went right to the very heart of our regional paper, as part of an effort to clean up their balance sheet," O'Shaughnessy says. He likened Reisman's departure to "a death in the family for readers."



A new player on the radio scene is Westchester Talk Radio, an Internet radio station launched by Andrew Castellano, owner and CEO of Sharc Creative. The station covers local events and creates podcasts. Castellano says the new venture gives a voice to nonprofits and charities, and "shines a light on all the great things happening in the community." The station sees itself as promotional, not as a traditional news organization.

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Hudson Valley Weddings, and 914INC. (Today Media, a family-owned business, also publishes *Delaware Today*, *Main Line Today* and has a custom-publishing division.) “Regional magazines serve a unique audience,” Martinelli says. “People still like to read magazines. We’re just packaging it with our digital and event business. We get out to see our customers and find out what they want and how we can serve their needs.” While *Westchester* is primarily a lifestyle magazine, Martinelli says the publication tries to fill in the news void by covering issues important in the county.

Another player holding its own is the *Westchester County Business Journal*, owned by Westfair Communications, a privately held company based in White Plains that has been covering the county’s business community for more than 50 years.

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“We are a niche publication with devoted readers who look for our news coverage and information each week,” says Dee DelBello, owner and publisher. “Therefore, we have not been impacted as heavily as other more general-information media in the region during this digital age.”

DelBello adds that Westfair is not ignoring digital and, in fact, has invested in improving their digital platform. The company also hosts events and publishes *HV Biz* (Hudson Valley Business), the *Fairfield County Business Journal*, and WAG, a monthly magazine focusing on fashion, home décor, and food.

A relatively recent addition to the local journalism scene is Examiner Media, which launched in 2007, just as others were retrenching.

“I had confidence that we could produce a product that would be immediately popular, even if the broader industry, especially larger daily papers, were facing a real crisis,” explains Adam Stone, publisher of four weekly local newspapers: *The Examiner*, *The Northern Westchester Examiner*, *The Putnam Examiner*, and *The White Plains Examiner*. “There’s a deep thirst in any community for professionally reported local news.”

The *Examiner* papers are free — roughly 25,000 copies are distributed to about 1,000 locations. Stone says the business is sustained by display advertising and low overhead, as the papers have no brick-and-mortar editorial offices. The content is also available digitally.

As newspaper journalism began its decline


years ago, several online startups tried to fill the void. In 2009, Hale Global and AOL Inc. formed a partnership to launch Patch Media, which focused on community-specific news. But over the years, Patch has shed employees, too, and much of its content comes not from journalists but from “community contributors” and press releases. The *Daily Voice*, with the tagline “Your Town. Your News.” has a similar approach of focusing on individual localities. Both *Patch.com* and *DailyVoice.com* employ reporters, but often just one person covers an entire town.

Online news and social media have transformed the journalism paradigm, says Elizabeth Bracken-Thompson, a partner at the public-relations and marketing firm Thompson & Bender who has watched Westchester’s news coverage change over

several decades. “The agenda used to be set by the media in terms of what was news,” she says. “Now, it’s determined by the readers, and it’s all based on what stories they are clicking on.”

Geoff Thompson, her business partner, husband, and a former journalist at Gannett for 17 years, agrees. “What the *Daily Voice* and the *Patch* have figured out is that people are most likely to click on a weather forecast if it’s a dire worst-case scenario,” he says. “Second is a car accident with traffic tie-ups. They know these have huge click-through rates, and they’re hoping people will then stay on the site.”

The articles with the most clicks “trend,” pushing other news stories down the page. Reisman says that at Gannett, success is increasingly measured by clicks, no matter how trivial the story. An intensive, investigative piece about political malfeasance may be less valued than a story on Westchester’s top-five ice cream shops.

Who are the winners and losers in this media shakeup? The winners are likely the corporate balance sheets, which hope to stem the bleeding via continued consolidation. The losers are not only seasoned journalists facing unemployment but also county residents. Local press acts as a watchdog on corruption while creating a sense of community, says Fuchs. “Local news breeds a sense of place and belonging. People won’t die without it, but they won’t feel the visceral ties that a vibrant local press maintains.” 

*Kate Stone Lombardi is a journalist who covered Westchester for the New York Times for 20 years.*



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# WESTCHESTER AFTER DARK

A guide for night owls, insomniacs, and night-shift workers

By **Barbara Basbanes Richter**



Late-night must-do: Check out live music at Garcia's at The Capitol Theatre in Port Chester.



## WHAT TO DO

## A Night-By-Night Guide

While it may be a stretch to compete for the after-hours crowd when your neighbor is the City That Never Sleeps, our county offers more nocturnal adventures than meet the eye. There's something for everyone — barflies, creatives, and thrill-seekers alike — from Peekskill to Port Chester. Here, we present a nightly rundown of the best bars, clubs, lounges, and dance halls.

## SATURDAY NIGHTS

## MUSIC

## ALVIN &amp; FRIENDS RESTAURANT

14 Memorial Hwy, New Rochelle  
914.654.6549

[www.alvinandfriendsrestaurant.com](http://www.alvinandfriendsrestaurant.com)

Enjoy mouthwatering Southern and Caribbean cuisine, then linger and listen to live jazz. Performers have included the Leslie Pintchik Trio and pianists Jon Weiss and Dinah Vero. Call or visit the restaurant's website for a complete list of performers. Complete the evening with a tumbler of rum punch — a heavenly, secret concoction brewed by Alvin in the basement. Once available by request only, it's now on the menu.



## THE GNARLY VINE

501 Main St, New Rochelle  
914.355.2541

[www.thegnarlyvine.com](http://www.thegnarlyvine.com)

New Rochelle's cozy wine hideaway hosts live music every Saturday night from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Enjoy ceviche, tuna tartare, or a charcuterie plate alongside a carefully curated wine list while listening to some of the area's hottest bands.



## ENTERTAINMENT

## TARRYTOWN MUSIC HALL

13 Main St, Tarrytown, 914.631.3390; [www.tarrytownmusicall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusicall.org)

This 2016 Best of Westchester winner earns its accolades by offering quality theater, music, and dance programs to more than 85,000 patrons annually, and as a cultural landmark it is one of a handful of American theaters built before 1900 that's still in existence. Saturday nights welcome acts like 10,000 Maniacs, world-renowned guitarist John Pizzarelli, and David Crosby. Visit the website for a complete list of performances and tickets.

## GARCIA'S AT THE CAPITOL THEATRE

145 Westchester Ave, Port Chester  
914.937.4126

[www.thecapitoltheatre.com/garcias-list](http://www.thecapitoltheatre.com/garcias-list)

Christened for the Grateful Dead's late lead singer, this bar and music space inside The Capitol Theatre regularly hosts local and national acts, exploring uncharted musical territory while embracing longtime favorites. Saturday nights are always jammed here; check out the website for a list of upcoming performers. Open until the band says they've had it.

## LGBT

## THE LOFT

252 Bryant Ave, White Plains  
914.948.2932; [www.loftgaycenter.org](http://www.loftgaycenter.org)

Enjoy a movie every second and fourth Saturday of the month at 8 p.m. at The LOFT, Westchester's LGBT community center. Recent screenings have included *The Wizard of Oz*, *Cloudburst*, and *To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar*. On select Saturdays, The LOFT hosts board-game night, starting at 7 p.m., and comedians, singers, and dancers perform regularly at the community center (The LOFT's Facebook Events page is updated with dates and performances). For bookworms, The LOFT's book club is held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

## COMEDY

## ROCKWELLS

105 Wolfs Ln, Pelham  
914.738.5881; [www.rockwellsusa.net](http://www.rockwellsusa.net)

This casual burger joint turns into a comedy club on Saturday nights at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each, and comics have appeared on national television shows like *Last Comic Standing* and *The Late Show*. Call or visit Rockwell's website for a list of upcoming acts.

## DANCING

## COLISEUM NIGHT CLUB

15 S Broadway, White Plains  
914.285.0900

Shake all night at White Plains' only dedicated night club. Saturday nights usually highlight salsa and meringue acts like Willie Gonzalez, DJ Johnny Rocks, and Sonora Santanera. Call the Coliseum to find out about upcoming events and ticket prices.

## TROPICANA NIGHT CLUB

444 North Ave, New Rochelle  
914.623.2253

Fridays and Saturdays are *muy caliente* at the Tropicana, with music and dancing from 10 p.m. until 4 a.m. Iona College students get in for \$5 with ID card on Thursdays.

## COPACABANA STEAKHOUSE

29 N Main St, Port Chester  
914.939.6894

[www.copacabanasteakhouse.com](http://www.copacabanasteakhouse.com)

This massive Brazilian steakhouse turns into a dance hall on Saturday nights from 11:30 p.m. until 4 a.m. DJs and live music are part of the regular rotation. The crowds are well known for getting into the music — it's a slice of Rio in Port Chester.

### ENTERTAINMENT

## PJ'S RESTAURANT

85 Route 6, Baldwin Place  
914.628.3131; [www.pjsrestaurantny.com](http://www.pjsrestaurantny.com)

This laid-back pub hub in Northern Westchester knows how to rock: A rotating list of hot local bands from Snappahead, The Great Shakes, and Big Band Theory light the place up every Saturday night from 8 p.m. until midnight. Cover charges range from \$5 to \$10.

## EMPIRE CITY CASINO AT YONKERS RACEWAY

810 Yonkers Ave, Yonkers  
914.968.4200

[www.empirecitycasino.com](http://www.empirecitycasino.com)

Consider this one-stop shopping for all your entertainment needs: Open until 6 a.m. daily, the casino offers varied dining options, electronic gambling, and dancing. While there's something happening every night here (view the casino's monthly online calendar for details), Saturday is by far the busiest, with DJs and comedy acts on regular rotation. For those who enjoy betting on the ponies, the attached Yonkers Raceway hosts live Standardbred harness racing five nights a week on a half-mile dirt track with post times generally starting at 7:10 p.m.

## SUNDAY NIGHTS

### BAR SCENE

## ARDSLEY POUR HOUSE

468 Ashford Ave, Ardsley  
914.693.9707

[www.ardsleypourhouse.com](http://www.ardsleypourhouse.com)

A great spot for American comfort food, Ardsley Pour House is a cozy spot open until 4 a.m. daily. Sometimes, the best preparation for the week ahead is a cold brew and a dartboard, which you'll find at Westchester's version of *Cheers*.

### ENTERTAINMENT

## HOMEFIELD BOWL

938 Saw Mill River Rd, Yonkers  
914.969.5592; [www.homefieldbowl.com](http://www.homefieldbowl.com)

Old-school is hip at this Yonkers standby — so hip, in fact, that producers and crew for the hit TV series *Orange Is the New Black* selected the bowling alley as the backdrop for an upcoming episode. Star-sighting aside, expect league regulars and late-night revelers looking to score. Open every night until 1 a.m.

## MUSE PAINT BAR

84 Mamaroneck Ave, White Plains  
914.506.5900; [www.musepaintbar.com](http://www.musepaintbar.com)

Would you rather watch paint dry than *Sunday Night Football*? Consider Muse Paint Bar's evening paint class



as your NFL alternative. Most Sunday classes start at 5:30 p.m., but call to confirm and arrive 30 minutes early to order food. Then, tie on a smock and follow the instructor's impeccable guidelines to create your masterpiece. Call ahead for availability, scheduling, and the painting of the evening. (They also offer a rotating "free drink" night!)

## GRAND PRIX NEW YORK

333 N Bedford Rd, Mount Kisco  
914.241.3131; [www.gpny.com](http://www.gpny.com)

For many, Sundays are sacred football nights, and Grand Prix invites fans to watch their favorite NFL teams during the regular season in-between taking a lap around the track. A self-pour draft-beer wall, HD projection screens, and \$15 for unlimited wings makes this a man-cave in paradise. Open until 9 p.m. Sundays, 10 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and midnight Fridays and Saturdays.

## NIGHT OWLS

### Grant Nishanian

Grant Nishanian, 34, is an 11-year veteran and lieutenant at the Larchmont Volunteer Ambulance Corps (LVAC). Here, he shares what a typical night for him and his crew is like.

#### When does the night shift start for volunteers?

Evening crews go from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. and stay overnight in the building dormitories. We have a two-person minimum staff and max out at four. There's always an EMT/driver and paramedic. The night shift rotates in a counter-clockwise fashion — that way, no one gets stuck with the same Friday-night shift.

#### What happens when someone calls 911? How does LVAC respond?

We are dispatched by the Westchester County Department of Emergency Services via a radio system that activates our in-house alert system. We also receive a text message of the call location. By the time a call is placed with 911, it's only a few minutes before first responders arrive on the scene.

#### What kind of calls do you get at night?

At night, it's mostly older

people who fall out of bed while heading to the bathroom. Heart attacks, intoxicated parties, and auto accidents are other regular evening calls.

#### When do calls come in the most?

When the crew sits down to eat or is going to bed — it always seems to turn out that way.

#### What do night crews like to eat?

We cook a lot in-house, but when it's 3 a.m. and we're starving, we usually head to the 24/7 places, like the Nautilus Diner and the Mamaroneck Diner. Nicky's, Leonardo's, and New China are also decent stand-ins.

#### When you need to stay awake, what's your preferred caffeine source?

LVAC has a K-cup machine, and Costco is our source.

#### Are you a night owl by nature?

No. But I do my duty when called. It's a very rewarding job.





## MONDAY NIGHTS

### BAR SCENE

#### BIRDSALL HOUSE

970 Main St, Peekskill  
914.930.1880; [www.birdsallhouse.net](http://www.birdsallhouse.net)

Happy Hours run long at this up-county gastropub; barflies can sample various draughts for \$5 each from noon to 7 p.m. Plus, the bar stays open until “whenever the patrons head out,” which, on Monday nights, can be as late as 2 a.m. Call ahead for special events, like live music.

#### LILLY’S OYSTER BAR

169 Mamaroneck Ave, White Plains  
914.997.5600; [www.lillyswp.com](http://www.lillyswp.com)

Monday nights are dedicated to the goddess of love at Lilly’s, where suitors looking to hedge their bets can sample four types of oysters (a purported aphrodisiac) and a glass of wine for \$12, from 4 p.m. until closing.

### ENTERTAINMENT

#### BOWLMOR WHITE PLAINS

47 Tarrytown Rd, White Plains, 914.948.2677; [www.bowlmor.com](http://www.bowlmor.com)

Enjoy unlimited bowling every Monday night for \$17.19 at Bowlmor White Plains, which includes a pair of shoes and a lane (first come, first served) from 8 p.m. until midnight closing. Indulge in drink and appetizer specials, and start your workweek off with a strike.

## TUESDAY NIGHTS

### CULTURE/ENTERTAINMENT

#### ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE

31 Mamaroneck Ave #600, White Plains  
914.681.8735; [www.afwestchesterny.org](http://www.afwestchesterny.org)

Hidden six stories up from the hustle of Mamaroneck Avenue is a bastion of *la belle France*. By day, the Alliance Française hosts language classes, book clubs, and workshops. By night, discover author discussions, wine tastings, and other programs. For example, the Alliance hosts a monthly Tuesday-night cooking workshop at Estelle Gourmet in Larchmont. Sixty dollars includes a

two-hour, hands-on class followed by lunch or dinner and wine, plus recipes to try at home. Monthly proposed menus are found at the Alliance’s website.

### KARAOKE

#### BLACK BEAR SPORTS BAR

166 Mamaroneck Ave, White Plains  
914.422.3270; [www.blackbearsportsbarwp.com](http://www.blackbearsportsbarwp.com)

Belt out your favorite tunes at the Black Bear Sports Bar every Tuesday night from 8:30 until 4 a.m. closing. Draft beers for \$3 a glass will help power you through each and every ballad. And yes, the bar still hosts “Karaoke Idol” when regulars request it.

## TRIVIA

### GROWLERS BEER BISTRO

25 Main St, Tuckahoe  
914.793.0608; [www.growlersbeerbistro.com](http://www.growlersbeerbistro.com)

Billed as a cross between a pub and a meeting ground, Growlers also hosts a free “Geeks Who Drink” trivia night on Tuesdays. First place earns a \$50 gift certificate; second place gets \$25; third place is rewarded with a beer growler. Local bands regularly rock onstage as well, so turn that growl upside-down and head on over.

### PEEKSKILL BREWERY (UPSTAIRS)

47-53 S Water St, Peekskill  
914.734.2337; [www.peakskillbrewery.com](http://www.peakskillbrewery.com)

Every Tuesday is trivia night at Peekskill Brewery. Host Garry Leavy engages and entertains with a rotating list of questions and prizes for winning teams. Impress your friends and enjoy locally brewed beer from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

## ENTERTAINMENT

### BLUELINE TACTICAL SUPPLY & SHOOTING SPORTS

444 Saw Mill River Rd, Elmsford  
914.740.8140; [www.bluelinetactical.com](http://www.bluelinetactical.com)

Blueline's indoor shooting range hosts friendly competition rifle and pistol leagues on alternating Thursday nights. Competition starts at 6 p.m., and rounds cost \$5 each (four



rounds max). Winners earn bragging rights and a gift certificate to Blueline's shop. Shooters must be members of Blueline and possess a valid New York State pistol permit. Take aim at the range every night until 9 p.m.

### WESTCHESTER GAMING GROUP

3<sup>rd</sup> Universe Comics  
35 North Riverside Ave, Croton-on-Hudson;  
[www.westchestergaming.org](http://www.westchestergaming.org)  
Saturday session: Modern Myths, 822 Mamaroneck Ave,  
Mamaroneck, 914.630.4246

If you love games like *The Oracle of Delphi*, *Settlers of Catan*, and *Great Western Trail*, head over to 3<sup>rd</sup> Universe Comics every Tuesday for an evening of fun and board games. Novice gamers are welcome, as are seasoned players. Sessions run from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Can't get enough? The WGG hosts a Saturday night session, as well, at Modern Myths in Mamaroneck. The \$5 entry fee can be applied to drinks and snacks or toward an in-store purchase.

PHOTOGRAPH: STEFAN RÄDTKE (DARDANO)

## NIGHT OWLS

### Mike Dardano

Mike Dardano, 57, lives and breathes Westchester — as founder and owner of PR firm Buzz Potential, the Tuckahoe resident knows just about every small-business owner in the county. A natural-born night owl, Dardano walked us through his favorite local spots and how he juggles long work days and longer nights.

#### Where do you like to hang your hat at night?

A lot of businesses in the county aren't nocturnal, but some business owners are, and Jam Bash Networking created a networking event called “Rock the Connection.” Basically, it's a nighttime networking event with beer and live music instead of coffee and pastries. They recently held an event at Garcia's in Port Chester. The business part goes by quickly, then people hang out as long as they want, and that's when the real networking begins. Garcia's was a logical choice because it's hip and close to the train, so people could get there and go home easily.

#### Have you always been a night owl?

Yes, I'm a night owl by nature. Ever since I was a teenager, I've preferred the night. Don't get me wrong, I like the sun, but the night is more tranquil, even if you're heading to a party. I live in Tuckahoe, and I can walk to bars and restaurants, and I love being able to do that. Even if I'm in White Plains, I can take the train home. I'm also in a band [Wireless Mike and the Analogs], so I get to a lot of bars around the county — Growler's in Tuckahoe and JC Fogerty's in Bronxville are a couple spots that host bands. Mickey Spillane's in Eastchester and PJ's Restaurant in Baldwin Place also have a great after-hours scene.

#### How do you reconcile being a night owl with a high-octane day job?

My wife isn't always thrilled that I'm up

until 4 a.m., and most clients do not do what I do; they're early risers. I do my best work at night. The downside is that I don't have set hours, so sometimes I'll pull 12- or 16-hour days. In PR, there's a crisis every second, and you have to focus. On the upside, my cat is always awake when I'm ready to turn in for the night. Rather than have the cat wake me up an hour after I go to bed, I feed it, and then it conks out.

#### What's changed in Westchester nightlife over the past three decades?

The nightlife has evolved from existing in pockets throughout the county to blossoming everywhere. White Plains, for example, is booming. Personally, I think White Plains caters to the younger crowds, with DJs and rave music at all hours, and the old-time bars have been pushed out. After 10 p.m., I find the trance beat to be too much.

#### What is the biggest challenge to further growth in nocturnal activities?

Transportation. In Manhattan, it's easy to get anywhere. Transportation is problematic here unless you're right on a train line, or you're the evening's designated driver.

#### What makes a great nightspot?

I don't drink, so I need great food. Mickey Spillane's in Eastchester has a good menu, and so does its sister restaurant [Maggie Spillane's] in Mount Vernon. Plus, they're open late.



## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

### DANCING

#### SOFRITO

175 Main St, White Plains

914.428.5500; [www.sofritowhiteplains.com](http://www.sofritowhiteplains.com)

This glittering, boisterous enclave in the heart of White Plains offers dinner and dancing with a decidedly Latin flair. A Puerto Rican menu adds spice to the basement nightclub, which features an ever-changing schedule of themed events each night (most recently salsa dancing lessons and sangria on Wednesdays; check their website for the latest offerings). Open nightly for dinner until at 11 p.m., with bar service on Fridays and Saturdays until 4 a.m.

### BAR SCENE

#### RYE HOUSE

126 N Main St, Port Chester

914.481.8771; [www.ryehousepc.com](http://www.ryehousepc.com)

This Westchester outpost of a Union Square favorite hosts Wine Wednesdays, where select bottles of Bordeaux and other wines are half off. While sipping, savor reinterpreted Southern-inspired treats, like fried pickles, truffle popcorn, and shrimp and grits. Open until midnight.

### TRIVIA

#### PETE'S SALOON & RESTAURANT

8 W Main St, Elmsford

914.592.9849; [www.petessaloon.com](http://www.petessaloon.com)

This longtime Westchester favorite hosts trivia nights every Wednesday. Come be a part of history from 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Thursday nights are dedicated to karaoke, where songbirds enjoy crooning onstage under the spotlight.

#### YONKERS BREWING CO.

92 Main St, Yonkers

914.226.8327; [www.yonkersbrewing.com](http://www.yonkersbrewing.com)

If you haven't made a pilgrimage to this trendy brewhall/community center yet, stop by on Wednesday nights at 7:30 for a friendly round or two of trivia. If answering questions isn't your bag, Yonkers Brewing Company has giant Jenga and Connect Four sets sure to appeal to your inner gamer.



### ENTERTAINMENT

#### YONKERS POTTERY STUDIO

379 McLean Ave, Yonkers, 646.316.0554; [www.yonkerspottery.com](http://www.yonkerspottery.com)

Yonkers Pottery Studio is one of a handful of new establishments in Westchester that caters to adults who like to get messy. Monday and Wednesday nights from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. are reserved for an eight-week course where apprehensive adults learn the basics of pottery making and sitting at a wheel. The studio also hosts an introductory, adults-only clay soirée on the third Friday of each month for those not ready to commit to an eight-week intensive.

## THURSDAY NIGHTS

### BAR SCENE

#### THE HORSE AND HOUND INN

94 Spring St, South Salem

914.763.3108; [www.thehorseandhoundinn.com](http://www.thehorseandhoundinn.com)

Come to the Horse and Hound Inn the last Thursday of every month to enjoy old-fashioned, traditional Irish and Scottish-inspired jam sessions. Though kilts and bagpipes are not required, the jam is open to all skill levels. The Inn hosts

a rotating list of rock 'n' roll bands on a monthly basis.

### ENTERTAINMENT

#### PINOT'S PALETTE

108 Mamaroneck Ave, Mamaroneck

914.835.1045; [www.pinotpalette.com/](http://www.pinotpalette.com/)

Mamaroneck

Painting while quaffing is simple at Pinot's Palette, providing a twist on date night or a get-together with friends. Though sessions are offered Thursday through Saturday



### BAR SCENE

#### SALTAIRE OYSTER BAR

55 Abendroth Ave, Port Chester, 914.939.2425; [www.saltaireoysterbar.com](http://www.saltaireoysterbar.com)

Enjoy plump, juicy bivalves and a convivial atmosphere at Saltaire's lively oyster-bar lounge. This chic fish restaurant hosts buck-a-shuck oyster night every Thursday evening at the bar until closing. Cherrystones are 50 cents each, while crisp pours of Sauvignon Blanc and Muscadet will only set you back about \$7 a glass.

nights, Thursdays attract a classy crowd. Call ahead to register and reserve a seat at an easel. Classes start at 7 p.m.

#### KARAOKE

### BARNEY MCNABBS

600 Tuckahoe Rd, Yonkers  
914.961.8960

[www.barneymcnabbs.com](http://www.barneymcnabbs.com)

Feel the urge to belt out your favorite tunes in a public setting? Look no further than Barney McNabbs, where video karaoke — organized by Nightstars Video Entertainment — lights up the stage every Thursday night. Let your inner diva break free at this Yonkers favorite. Billiards and darts are always a hit with the silent crowd, too.

#### TRIVIA

### THE OATH CRAFT BEER SANCTUARY

5 Main St, Tarrytown  
914.909.5148; [www.theoathny.com](http://www.theoathny.com)

The Oath Craft Beer Sanctuary hosts a robust trivia night every Thursday, regularly welcoming between 12 to 15 teams of competitors. Test your intellect and win beer-related prizes, like limited-edition brews, glassware, and other paraphernalia.

#### CULTURE/ENTERTAINMENT

### EMELIN THEATRE

153 Library Lane, Mamaroneck  
914.698.0098; [www.emelin.org](http://www.emelin.org)

The Emelin Theatre's mission is to bring world-class arts and culture to Westchester, and this year, the theater hosts a monthly French-movie night on Thursdays through June 2017. Films start at 8 p.m.; stick around after the screening to sip a glass of wine among fellow Francophiles. \$18 per ticket.



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## NIGHT OWLS

### Brooke Christian

Lifelong Westchester resident Brooke Christian currently calls the northern hamlet of Waccabuc home. In a prior life, Christian worked as a Manhattan-based marketing director at magazines like *Real Simple* and *Harper's Bazaar*. After her two children arrived, the 38-year-old entrepreneur decided to bring some of that chic lifestyle up-county by creating Flirty Girl, a Best of Westchester-winning company dedicated to helping women “unlock their sexiest selves.” Most of her job happens under cover of darkness, and she shared a couple of her secrets to feeling glamorous day and night.

#### Where are your favorite places to go at night?

I love Little Drunken Chef in Mount Kisco, Purdy's Farmer and the Fish in North Salem, and seeing clients' homes during a trunk show!

#### What are your secrets to staying awake during a night out?

Espresso martinis.

#### Are you a natural night owl? If so, how do you reconcile being a mom to young, daylight-loving kids?

I'm not a natural night owl, but I feel like I reclaim my adulthood when enjoying a night without my kids... I don't have to wear my mommy hat. Coffee fuels me during the day, but I think moms are trained to function well on little sleep! I believe that being a mom means you can adequately survive on 4 to 5 hours of sleep a night.

#### Does your work require you to be a night owl?

Yes. I host private trunk shows and events through Flirty Girl. It's fantastic to work at night: It's a time

when everyone is relaxed and in a “lets have some fun” mindset. Groups of women gather for cocktails and girl-chat, while I showcase a curated collection of bedroom playthings and award-winning lingerie. It's not work; it's more like I get to spend my evenings with fantastic women.

#### How do you prepare for a night on the job?

Coffee! Eating an early dinner with my kids means I don't get hungry at an event, plus I get quality time with the munchkins, too.

#### You've lived in Westchester most of your life. Do you have any insider tips on how to best enjoy nightlife in the county?

Traveling [between destinations at night] can be tricky sometimes, but I think the growing popularity of Uber really helps.

#### What do you think is missing from Westchester nightlife?

Better in-restaurant bars.





## FRIDAY NIGHTS

### ENTERTAINMENT

#### SET BACK INN

33 Main St, Tarrytown  
914.631.9740

[www.setbackinn.com](http://www.setbackinn.com) (cash only)

Open nightly starting at 5 p.m., Fridays are especially exciting at the Set Back Inn, when there's always music in the air at Tarrytown's wood-paneled peacen to classic dive-bar entertainment. The weekly musical lineup includes regular local performers, like Jimmy Tate and the Laura Merrill Duo. Cap off the evening with a game of darts or billiards.

#### DON COQUI WHITE PLAINS

105 Mamaroneck Ave, White Plains  
914.576.7676; [www.doncoqui.nyc](http://www.doncoqui.nyc)

Kick up your heels at Don Coqui's Latin Mix Fridays, when a trio of DJs spin the latest beats until 4 a.m. After dancing up a sweat, enjoy Puerto Rican delicacies like oxtail stew and braised pork with pigeon pea rice.

#### COPPER FACE JACKS

166B Mamaroneck Ave, White Plains  
914.422.3983

[www.copperfacejackswhiteplains.com](http://www.copperfacejackswhiteplains.com)

Though this White Plains hotspot is open every day from 11 a.m. to 4 a.m., stop by on Fridays after 10 p.m. to take a ride on Copper

the Mechanical Bull. The bar hosts monthly bull-riding competitions (with cash prizes, so come and practice often. (Thursday nights are bull-riding nights, too.)

#### MCSHANE'S PUBLIC HOUSE

123 Main St, Port Chester  
914.934.7800

[www.mcshanesportchester.com](http://www.mcshanesportchester.com)

This wood-paneled Irish pub pours local brews and serves bar food, like fish-and-chips and cottage pie. Open until 4 a.m., McShane's is usually hopping. If the Friday crowd is too intense, check out Ladies' Night every Wednesday from 5 p.m. until midnight.



## THE BRAZEN FOX

175 Mamaroneck Ave, White Plains  
914.358.5911; [www.thebrazenfox.com](http://www.thebrazenfox.com)

The Brazen Fox hosts specials every night, but “Detention Fridays” are a salute to teachers: Appetizers are half price for educators with identification. Let the weekend begin!

## NOMA SOCIAL

One Radisson Plz, New Rochelle  
914.576.4141; [www.nomasocial.com](http://www.nomasocial.com)

Tucked inside the lobby of the Radisson Hotel is a swinging tapas bar and nightclub. Sample scrumptious tapas and cocktails, and then hit the dancefloor on Fridays and Saturdays, when DJs spin heart-pumping tunes for happy-go-lucky regulars. Open until 2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

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## NIGHT OWLS

### Lauren D’Alessandro

Mamaroneck native Lauren D’Alessandro is a 35-year-old kindergarten teacher in Westchester. When she’s not teaching children their ABCs, she heads out for dancing and dining in the county. “I’m definitely a natural night owl; it’s in my DNA!” she says. “I believe that morning people will always be morning people and night owls will always be night owls, no matter how hard we try to change ourselves!” Though nightlife never gets in the way of her profession, D’Alessandro does need a night off at least once a week. “I do not know what it is about Friday nights, but I think my body is saying, ‘Rest up. Rejuvenate!’ However, Monday through Thursday and Saturdays, I am certainly a night owl.” Below, D’Alessandro offers her favorite places to dance, relax and meet up with friends.

#### What are some of your favorite spots?

They vary depending upon a few factors. If it is a nice summer evening, I enjoy a night out at the Pier Restaurant & Tiki Bar on the Rye pier. It is a great spot for dinner and drinks and overlooks Long Island Sound. I feel like I’m in South Florida when I’m there.

#### What is the most important factor in deciding where to go at night?

The entertainment! I absolutely love to dance. And sometimes, all you need is good guacamole and good friends — for which bartaco in Port Chester is great year-round.

#### What’s it like teaching kindergarten by day and heading out into the county at night?

No matter the season, teachers enjoy Happy Hours and weekend-nights out. Generally, we end up at the restaurants and bars of White Plains — plenty of options in a relatively condensed area. It’s nice to either dress up or dress down and meet up outside the classroom.

Our group of teachers usually starts the evening with dinner. After, we go to a bar for drinks and then enjoy music and dancing after the DJ arrives. Our regular places include the Hudson Grille and the Brazen Fox, both in White Plains.

Empire City Casino has a little bit of everything. Eat, drink, mix a frozen-yogurt sundae, dance, play casino games, sing karaoke, watch a comedy show, go bowling or see a live band, and it’s open until 6 a.m.

#### What’s your favorite late-night food?

I love good Italian food. Modern Restaurant in New Rochelle has a city vibe, with a lounge-type atmosphere. I especially love their salads, soups, pastas, and

vegetables. I can spend hours there, catching up with friends.

#### What’s a new hotspot you’re excited about?

Sedona Taphouse in Mamaroneck is new and offers specials for teachers on Thursday nights. [Free flatbread to teachers, plus \$5 drafts and wines by the glass.] I think Sedona has the best sangria, and the menu has a surprising number of vegetarian items, as well, like their squash couscous and a delicious flatbread pizza. A bonus is their outside patio, complete with heaters and a firepit.

#### What do you think is missing from Westchester nightlife?

I would like to see more rooftop bars and larger venues that have multiple-level dance floors, like bars and clubs in Manhattan. The dance scene is lacking compared to the city, where a club may have multiple levels with different types of dance music, all in one place.

#### What are your secrets for staying awake during a night out?

A good protein bar, a Starbucks latte, or a Dunkin’ Dark Roast coffee with a turbo shot of espresso — but dancing is the best way for me to stay awake. If I am dancing, I could last for hours. If I sit too long, the yawning begins!

#### Do you have any insider tips for people interested in enjoying Westchester nightlife but don’t know where to start?

When parking at the White Plains bars, try to get a metered spot on the street, because you usually do not have to pay after 9 p.m! Enjoy good company; meet new friends; and dance the night away. After all, you don’t have to travel far to get home!



## WHERE TO EAT

## Late-Night &amp; All-Night Options

The following spots are open late every night and cater to ravenous revelers.

**CITY LIMITS DINER-GRILL-BAR-BAKERY**

200 Central Ave, White Plains  
914.686.9000; [www.citylimitsdiner.com](http://www.citylimitsdiner.com)  
(7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; open until 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays)

Comfort food meets class at this White Plains outpost. All-day breakfast and burgers made with artisanal beef make City Limits a cut above other late-night dining. Expect homeward-bound commuters, regulars, and other professional types.

**BARTACO**

1 Willett Ave, Port Chester  
914.937.8226; [www.bartaco.com](http://www.bartaco.com)  
This riverside taqueria offers up tasty tacos and libations until 1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and until 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Expect a loud crowd no matter when you belly up to the bar.

**CANDLELIGHT INN**

519 Central Park Ave, Scarsdale  
914.472.9706 (cash only)

When the yearn for buffalo wings strikes, Manhattan transplants have been known to take Metro-North back to Westchester to visit this unassuming longtime local favorite. The restaurant is open until 3 a.m., and the bar closes at 4 a.m. — plenty of time to indulge in wings and waffle fries until MTA reopens.

**LUCY'S BAR AND KITCHEN**

446 Bedford Rd, Pleasantville  
914.747.4740; [www.lucyspleasantville.com](http://www.lucyspleasantville.com)  
(4 p.m.-12 a.m.; open until 1 a.m. Saturdays; closes at 6 p.m. on Sundays)

Whether hosting a nightly Happy Hour or live music five nights a week, this Pleasantville

**LITTLE DRUNKEN CHEF**

36 Main St, Mount Kisco; 914.242.8800; [www.littledrunkenchef.com](http://www.littledrunkenchef.com)

This eclectic Mount Kisco hotspot offers a whimsical rotating menu with craft cocktails, lively bar scene, and music until 2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. (Open until 10 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.) A three-minute walk from the Metro-North train stop makes this a no-brainer for homeward-bound commuters.

gem is also an up-county beacon of inspired comfort food — panko-breaded chicken fingers, bouillabaisse, and artisanal pizzas and burgers make this a local late-night favorite.

**MULINO'S OF WESTCHESTER**

99 Court St, White Plains  
914.761.1818; [www.mulinosny.com](http://www.mulinosny.com)  
(Open until 10:30 p.m. weeknights; 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays)

Got a late-night craving for classy Italian food like spiedino or veal scallopini? Mulino's has you covered — this elegant Italian landmark in the heart of White Plains serves dinner on crisp linens and fine china.

**THE TAVERN AT CROTON LANDING**

41 North Riverside Ave, Croton-on-Hudson  
914.271.8020; [www.thetavernatcroton.com](http://www.thetavernatcroton.com)

This Best of Westchester winner serves up buffalo macaroni and cheese, lobster rolls, and beer-battered onion rings until 10 p.m. six nights a week. Expect to find a mix of regulars and folks from across the county making the trek to enjoy late-night burgers and brews.

**THE SOMERS PUB**

152 US-202, Somers  
914.248.8400; [www.somerspub.com](http://www.somerspub.com)

If you're up past midnight in Northern Westchester, head on over to Somers Pub. This casual burger-and-wings joint is open until 3 a.m. seven days a week. Expect many nocturnal locals hanging around here. Friday-night karaoke, unfortunately, is a thing of the past.

**YARD HOUSE**

237 Market St, Yonkers  
914.375.2973; [www.yardhouse.com](http://www.yardhouse.com)  
(Open until midnight Sunday through Thursday; 2:00 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays)

More than 100 locally brewed beers, ales, and lagers await thirsty patrons of the Yard House, but the dining options are equally extensive: The menu rotates regularly, so expect to find everything from crispy Brussels sprouts and deviled eggs to truffle fries, eggrolls, and fish-and-chips. Late-night Happy Hour dining Sundays through Wednesdays from 10 p.m. until closing.

**RYE ROADHOUSE**

12 High St, Rye  
914.925.2668; [www.ryeroadhouse.com](http://www.ryeroadhouse.com)

A corner of the bayou turns up the heat on late-night dining at the Rye Roadhouse, where the kitchen serves up gator nuggets, crawfish, macaroni and cheese, and Po' Boys until 11 p.m. daily. Order from the late-night menu on Fridays and Saturdays until 1 a.m.

## Runnin' on Dunkin'

Need a hot cup of joe, stat?

The following Dunkin' Donuts are open 24 hours:

### LARCHMONT

1311 Boston Post Rd

### MOUNT VERNON

759 S Columbus Ave

### NEW ROCHELLE

96 E Main St

### YONKERS

850 Bronx River Rd

### MAMARONECK

427 E Boston Post Rd

## Have It Your Way on the Thruway

Travelers, beware: Only Burger King is open 24 hours at the Ardsley travel plaza, so if you're driving by at 2 a.m., don't expect much other than a Whopper with fries.

### ARDSLEY TRAVEL PLAZA

Mile Post 6 North-NY State Thruway

## All-Night Arches

The following McDonald's locations are open 24 hours a day, where you can order an Egg McMuffin anytime:

### MAMARONECK

1205 Boston Post Rd

### PORT CHESTER

321 Boston Post Rd

### NEW ROCHELLE

720 North Ave

### YONKERS

1200 Nepperhan Ave

### PEEKSKILL

20 Welcher Ave, Ste 1

## Dine Around The Clock

Looking for a large late-night menu? The following diners are open around the clock, attracting late-night merry-makers, long-haul truckers, and run-of-the-mill insomniacs:

### BLD DINER

2399 Boston Post Rd,  
Larchmont

### EL DORADO DINER

55 W Main St, Elmsford

### EL DORADO WEST DINER

460 S Broadway  
Tarrytown

### EL DORADO III DINER

784 Central Park Ave  
Scarsdale

### NAUTILUS DINER

1240 W Boston Post Rd  
Mamaroneck

### MAMARONECK DINER AND PIZZA

405 E Boston Post Rd  
Mamaroneck

### KISCO COACH DINER

252 E Main St  
Mount Kisco

### PORT CHESTER COACH DINER

317 Boston Post Rd  
Port Chester

### RACEWAY DINER

833 Yonkers Ave  
Yonkers

## NIGHT OWLS

### Michael A. Rivers

Michael A. Rivers, 55, leads a musical double life: sanitation worker by day, R&B recording artist by night. The longtime Mamaroneck local has seen his fair share of oddities in the wee hours, too. When he's not keeping the curbs clean, he's recording music in a Mount Vernon studio. In fact, Rivers released his first album in 2014, *Trying to Work It Out*, and is laying down his second. We caught him between gigs to see how he keeps everything in harmony.

#### What time do you get up in the morning?

I'm on the truck by 6:40 a.m., so I'm usually up by 5 a.m. to make breakfast and prepare for the day. I cook two or three eggs and wash it down with a glass of milk. That powers me through my shift.

#### How long have you been a sanitation worker?

This is my 17th season working with the Larchmont-Mamaroneck Joint Sanitation Commission. I've been with my crew for a long time, and we're like family now.

#### Any strange sightings early in the morning?

I've seen the usual suspects — foxes, raccoons, deer — but I see a lot of coyotes, too. Once I saw a bear. It looked small, but a bear's a bear. They're common in Northern Westchester, but more of these creatures live in lower

Westchester than we realize!

#### How long have you lived in Mamaroneck?

I'm from North Carolina, but I spent my summers up here with relatives. My family moved here in 1978, and I finished high school here. I've been in Mamaroneck ever since.

#### What do you do when your shift ends?

Anytime I'm not at work, I'm at the recording studio. I rent recording space in Mount Vernon and sing. Day, night, anytime. I grew up singing in church, and I moved into R&B and soul. I released my first album in 2014, and I'm working on the follow-up. I love singing. I sing on my route, and the folks on my route know I'm on-shift because they can hear me coming from down the block! I've performed in Manhattan and Brooklyn but not in Westchester — yet!



**AFTER-HOURS RESOURCES**

**From Working Out to Fixing Flats Between Sunset and Sunrise**

What's open all the time in Westchester? More than you may think. (Note: some businesses on this list aren't open 24 hours, but we've included establishments with the latest closing times.)



**SUPERMARKETS**

**SHOPRITE**

278 Tuckahoe Rd, Yonkers  
914.793-2214; www.shoprite.com

**Open until 2 a.m.:**

Shoprite 8 Joyce Rd and Palmer Ave, New Rochelle, 914.740.9764

**Open until 1 a.m.:**

Shoprite 2094 Main St, Cortlandt Manor, 914.737.4335

**CONVENIENCE STORES**

**7-ELEVEN**

**Locations at:**

- 230 N Highland Ave, Ossining, 914.941.9495
- 488 Bedford Rd, Pleasantville, 914.769.2999
- 610 Garth Rd, Scarsdale, 914.472.8228
- 763 Central Ave Scarsdale, 914.723.2584
- 112 Route 100, Somers, 914.232.8486
- 1949 Commerce St Yorktown Heights, 914.245.0640
- 307 Central Ave, White Plains, 914.683.2520
- 167 Martine Ave, White Plains, 914.761.7138

**GAS STATIONS**

**SUNOCO GAS STATION**

540 Mamaroneck Ave, Mamaroneck  
914.381.4940

**MOBIL WHITE PLAINS SERVICE STATION**

(24-hour Pay at the Pump)  
417 Mamaroneck Ave, White Plains  
914.684.8123

**MOBIL SCARSDALE**

(24-hour Pay at the Pump)  
826 White Plains Rd, Scarsdale  
914.725.5253

**MOBIL HUTCHINSON RIVER PARKWAY**

Hutchinson River Pkwy, White Plains  
914.681.0809

**SHELL**

**Locations:**

- 235 Halstead Ave, Harrison, 914.630.2400
- 361 Bradhurst Ave, Hawthorne
- 635 Marble Ave, Thornwood, 914.495.3937

**BP**

**Locations:**

- 381 North Ave, New Rochelle  
914.636.6303
- 152 King St, Port Chester  
914.939.6860
- 1 Boston Post Rd, Rye  
914.777.3840
- 186 Westchester Ave, White Plains  
914.358.1889
- 944 Central Ave, Yonkers  
914.965.9826
- 594 Nepperhan Ave, Yonkers  
914.294.0469

**CHAPULINOS AUTO REPAIR**

30 Mount Vernon Ave, Mount Vernon  
914.667.9500

**LAUNDROMATS**

**CLEANCITY SUPER LAUNDROMAT DRY CLEANING AND LAUNDRY**  
www.cleancity.com

**Locations at:**

- 763 Main St, New Rochelle  
914.633.4090
- 310 S Broadway, Yonkers  
914.423.5800

**MEGAMAT SUPER LAUNDROMAT**

121 E 3rd St, Mount Vernon  
914.664.0664

**DOUBLE BUBBLE LAUNDROMAT & DRY CLEANER**

147 Gramatan Ave, Mount Vernon  
914.699.7331

**24-HOUR LOCKSMITH:**

**ALL CITY LOCKSMITH**

13 E Hartsdale Ave, Hartsdale  
914.966.8000; www.allcitylocksmithinc.com

**GYMS**

**ANYTIME FITNESS**

www.anytimefitness.com **Locations at:**

- 60 Washington Ave, Pleasantville  
914.606.1368
- 720 Bedford Rd, Bedford Hills  
914.648.0055

**24-HOUR PLUMBERS**

**WESTCHESTER CUSTOM PLUMBING**

914.827.5241

**BRUNI & CAMPISI**

199 Ridgewood Dr, Elmsford, 914.269.6760

**DRAIN DOCTOR**

914.576.0123

**PHARMACIES (WITH 24-HOUR PRESCRIPTIONS)**

**CVS**

www.cvs.com

**Locations at:**

- 309 Main St, New Rochelle  
914.654.8603
- 2290 Central Ave, Yonkers 914.793.3933
- 325 Mamaroneck Ave, White Plains  
914.287.7650

**WALGREENS**

**Locations at:**

- 1230 Nepperhan Ave, Yonkers  
914.969.7944
- 75 Main St, Danbury, CT  
203.791.0405

**VETERINARIAN ERS**

**ANIMAL SPECIALTY CENTER**

9 Odell Plz, Yonkers, 914.457.4000

**VETERINARY EMERGENCY GROUP**

(Open nights, weekends, and holidays Monday–Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. and Friday, 6 p.m., through Monday, 8 a.m.)  
193 Tarrytown Rd, White Plains  
914.949.8779  
www.veterinaryemergencygroup.com

## NON-ER URGENT CARE

(There are no 24-hour non-emergency urgent-care facilities in Westchester. In an emergency, dial 911.)

### MD EXPRESS URGENT CARE

(Two locations, open until 8 p.m. on weeknights, 5 p.m. weekends)  
1030 W Boston Post Rd, Mamaroneck, 914.777.2273  
338 Tarrytown Rd, White Plains, 914.997.2273

### PM PEDIATRICS

(Two locations, open until midnight):  
620 E Boston Post Rd, Mamaroneck 914.777.5437  
2290 Central Ave, Yonkers, 914.337.5437

### PLUSHCARE TELE-MEDICINE

(open until 11:45) 888.792.0416

## WESTERN UNION AGENTS

### CENTER FOOD MART

210 Webster Ave, New Rochelle, 914.632.2364

### CFCS CHECK CASHING

44 N Saw Mill River Rd, Elmsford, 914.347.2915

The 7-ELEVEN convenience stores listed on previous page are also 24-hour Western Union agents.

## PIZZA DELIVERY

### DOMINO'S [www.dominos.com](http://www.dominos.com)

Locations at:  
471 McLean Ave, Yonkers, 914.375.5900 (until 3 a.m.)  
328 N Central Ave, Hartsdale, 914.683.0400 (until 2 a.m.; 3 a.m. Fri-Sat)  
262 Boston Post Rd, Port Chester, 914.967.5070 (until 2 a.m. Fri-Sat)

## 24-HOUR COPIER CENTER

### FEDEX

137 E Boston Post Rd, White Plains  
914.684.2679; [www.fedex.com](http://www.fedex.com)

## 24-HOUR COWORKING SPACE

(WITH EXISTING CONTRACT ONLY)

### STARK OFFICE SUITES

(locations in Harrison, White Plains, Scarsdale, Mount Kisco)  
914.220.8300; [www.starkofficesuites.com](http://www.starkofficesuites.com)

### KOI CREATIVE SPACE

169 Mamaroneck Ave, White Plains  
914.428.3195; [www.koicreativespace.com](http://www.koicreativespace.com)

## AUTO-BODY SHOP

### BRENDAN'S AUTO BODY

(24-hour towing) 85 S Saw Mill River Rd, Elmsford, 914.592.6767

## 24-HOUR FIX-A-FLAT/TIRE SHOP

### PRESTIGE FLAT FIX

3031 Bailey Ave, Bronx, 914.919.9891

## HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING/FURNACE:

### NU-WAY AIR CONDITIONING AND HEATING

60 Fayette Ave, Mamaroneck  
914.777.6030; [www.nuwayservice.com](http://www.nuwayservice.com)

### BURKE ENERGY

475 Commerce St, Hawthorne  
914.769.5050; [www.burkeenergy.com](http://www.burkeenergy.com)

## NIGHT OWLS

### Christopher Eberhart

Twenty-five-year old Christopher Eberhart is the nighttime breaking-news reporter for the Journal News. Though he's usually on the other end of the interviewing process, the New Rochelle resident kindly answered our questions about covering late-breaking news in Westchester after dark.

**Explain what it's like working at night.**

**What are your shift hours?**

I work 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Depending on what's going on, the night shift can be hectic, with multiple stories happening at once, which makes it exciting for me. There have been times when I'm on assignment somewhere while working emails, texts, and phone calls on different stories. And they're usually two very different stories.

For example, one night I was covering a story about a surprise engagement involving the Headless Horseman at an event in Sleepy Hollow while getting information I needed about a car fire. Not all the nights are like that, but I prefer the ones that are.

**Are you a natural night owl?**

**If not, how do you stay awake?**

I'm naturally more awake at night, so this shift works out perfectly for me. I still drink lots of coffee or energy drinks, especially if I know ahead of time it's going to be a busy night.

**How do you prepare for a night on the job?**

I sleep until 10-ish in the morning and laze around for a couple hours. I perk up before 3 p.m. If I'm given an assignment, I read and research ahead of time and maybe make some calls. Much of what I cover are breaking news stories, like fires or major accidents, and there's no way to

prepare for that, except to expect something is going to happen.


**What's the most interesting story you've covered as nighttime breaking-news reporter?**

There was a terrible fire in July in which someone died. I finished my shift and had been home for a few minutes before I got a text from someone in New Rochelle, saying there was a raging fire by City Hall and someone was trapped inside. I stayed at the scene until about 3 a.m., talking to witnesses and fire officials, taking pictures and videos, and tweeting updates. It was a tragic story.

**How is the county different in the nocturnal hours, in your opinion?**

I've only been working the night shift since early summer, but from what I've seen, nighttime is a little quieter, but sometimes the stories are more tragic. There are fewer people on the road, fewer people working, fewer people calling you, but I've covered a lot of stories about fatalities at night, like fires and drunk-driving accidents.

**What's the biggest misconception about working the night shift, in your opinion?**

If people think the night shift is a bad shift, then I would say that's a misconception. Things tend to happen at night, which makes the job interesting. 



**2017**

**Kids'**

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**Four Seasons of Fun!**

We know it's inevitable that the kids are going to say, "Mom, I'm boooored!" at least a few times a season. But with this list of 56 fun things to experience in and around the county, you may rest assured you'll always have the antidote to their whining — at any time of the year.

**By Ali Jackson-Jolley** *Illustration by Bob Daly*





# Winter

Who says cold is no fun? From sledding to skiing to cozy indoor fun, Westchester is a winter wonderland!

## Get Your Maple Sugar Fix

The Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River

Maple sugaring is one of the oldest industries in America, and beginning in mid-February, opportunities abound at the Trailside Nature



Museum. Families can register to tap their own trees at the beginning of the sugaring season or drop in for the inside scoop on maple sugaring (aka the Sugar House Chat), offered on select Saturdays in February and March. And don't miss the Sugaring-Off Party on Saturday, March 12, where kids tap the trees, learn to sugar, and celebrate with pancakes and homemade maple syrup.

914.864.7322; [www.friendsoftrailside.org](http://www.friendsoftrailside.org)

## Drop-in Art Classes

Katonah Art Center, Katonah

If you've got a budding artist on your hands, nurture their creative genius with drop-in art classes this winter (and all year long) at the Katonah Art Center. The classes run daily for kids ages 6-11. Come prepared to get your creativity flowing, have fun and get messy!

914.232.4843; [www.katonahartcenter.com](http://www.katonahartcenter.com)



Katonah Museum of Art

## Take Cover From the Cold: Museum Tour

It's the age-old wintertime dilemma: It's bitter cold outside, but the kids have a bad case of cabin fever. The solution: Take them out, but take cover at any one of these Westchester-based museums.

### Westchester Children's Museum **Rye**

With 4,000 sq ft of interactive, hands-on exhibits, museum educators are always on hand to lead your kids through science, art, and cultural programs. It's entertaining enrichment at its best.

914.421.5050; [www.discoverwcm.org](http://www.discoverwcm.org)

### Hudson River Museum & Planetarium **Yonkers**

Get out of the cold and into this museum, which includes Glenview Mansion (a historic 1870s structure overlooking the Hudson River), multiple art galleries, and the planetarium, which offers star shows on Saturdays and Sundays.

914.963.4550; [www.hrm.org](http://www.hrm.org)

### Katonah Museum of Art **Katonah**

This local gem is perfectly sized for kids, with only two galleries of selections, so kids can take in some art without getting overwhelmed. In addition, KMA's Learning Center is an interactive art space, where kids are invited daily to explore and create art.

914.232.9555; [www.katonahmuseum.org](http://www.katonahmuseum.org)

### Neuberger Museum of Art **Purchase**

Housed on the campus of SUNY Purchase College, Neuberger boasts more than 7,000 works of contemporary, modern, Latin American, and African art, plus plenty of hands-on activities for kids to explore.

914.251.6100; [www.neuberger.org](http://www.neuberger.org)



## Bring on the Snow

With so many ways to revel in snow-day fun, Westchester's kids don't fear the white stuff — they embrace it! Here are some top snowy activities:

### Cross-Country Ski & Snowshoe Trails

**Teatown Lake Reservation, Ossining**

Grab your skis or snowshoes and explore the nearly 15 miles of Teatown's trails, which cover fields, mixed hardwood forests, laurel groves, and farmlands.

914.762.2912; [www.teatown.org](http://www.teatown.org)

### Sled Down Dead Man's Hill Lake Isle Golf Course, Eastchester

The name says it all. Located on the 17th fairway, Dead Man's Hill's adrenaline-inducing slope has become a local favorite.

914.961.3453  
[www.lakeislecountryclub.com](http://www.lakeislecountryclub.com)

### Downhill Skiing and Snowboarding

**Thunder Ridge Ski Area, Patterson**

Don't have time to make it to Vermont? Don't worry, this convenient ski area has 22 trails, three chairlifts, and four magic carpets and it's right in our own backyard. Hills are great for novices or experienced skiers and snowboarders looking for a quick excursion.

845.878.4100  
[www.thunderridgeski.com](http://www.thunderridgeski.com)

### Outdoor Ice Skating

Bundle up and spend a day practicing your figure eights at any one of the Westchester County public ice skating rinks, lakes and ponds. Visit [parks.westchestergov.com](http://parks.westchestergov.com) for more information.

**Blue Mountain Reservation, Peekskill**

**Mountain Lakes Park, North Salem**

**Tibbetts Brook Park, Yonkers**

**Ebersole Ice Rink, White Plains**

**Wampus Pond, Armonk**

**Wilson's Woods, Mount Vernon**





Stone Barns Center For Food & Agriculture

## White Plains Outdoor Arts Festival

(June 3 & 4) Tibbetts Park, White Plains

Do good while having fun at the 55th Annual White Plains Outdoor Arts Festival, which features artwork, one-of-a-kind jewelry, crafts, home décor, and an exhibition of student art. And all proceeds from the show provide scholarships to White Plains High School seniors pursuing a college degree in fine arts.

866.210.7137

[www.whiteplainsoutdoorartsfestival.com](http://www.whiteplainsoutdoorartsfestival.com)

## Clearwater's Great Hudson River Revival Festival

(June 17 & 18) Croton Point Park Croton-on-Hudson

Folk singer and environmental activist Pete Seeger dreamed, "One day music will save this rainbow-colored race." What better way to show support for Seeger's aspiration of harmony and environmental responsibility than to grab the kids and head to Croton Point Park for the country's oldest music-and-environmental-awareness festival? Started in 1968 by Seeger and his wife, Toshi, it's two days of fun promising beautiful scenery, fantastic folk music, an array of vendors, kids' activities, and other attractions in keeping with Clearwater's mission to promote environmental responsibility.

845.265.8080; [www.clearwaterfestival.org](http://www.clearwaterfestival.org)

# Spring



See baby animals, bike on the Bronx River, romp around at playgrounds — spring is all about that breath of fresh air!

## Meet the Baby Lambs

Stone Barns Center for Food & Agriculture  
Pocantico Hills

Beginning in late March, kids can *oooh* and *aah* over the latest additions to the farm at Stone Barns: newborn lambs. Lambs will spend their first few weeks in the barnyard, nursing from their mothers. At the end of April, the lambs and ewes will make their way out to graze on fresh grass. Then, check out the pastures, where the sheep are watched over by Maremma Sheepdogs, which protect the flock from predators.

914.366.6200; [www.stonebarnscenter.org](http://www.stonebarnscenter.org)

## Lyndhurst Design and Build Family Weekend

(April 29 & 30) Tarrytown

You've weathered a difficult winter, and now it's time for a hands-on family-fun activity:

try Lyndhurst's annual Design and Build Family Weekend. Activities are located throughout the carriage house and include the build-your-own castle workshop, 3-D printing and digital animation, as well as life-size LEGO creations.

914.631.4481; [www.lyndhurst.org](http://www.lyndhurst.org)

## Bicycle Sundays on the Bronx River Parkway

(May 7, 14, 21; June 4, 11, 18, 25; Sept 10, 17, 24) White Plains to Yonkers

Grab your bikes and helmets and ride the parkway during select Sundays in May, June, and September. This 6.5-mile stretch of the Bronx River Parkway is closed to all cars and opened for bicyclists, joggers, scooters, and strollers. Park your car at the County Center lot and bike to Scarsdale Road in Yonkers.



Bicycle Sundays



Rockin' Jump



iFly Westchester

## Playground Roundup

Turn off the tablets, computers, and game consoles and grab your kids for some quality outdoor time at any one of these top-notch playgrounds.

### The Discovery Playground at the Greenburgh Nature Center

Scarsdale

Tree houses abound at this woody, nature-themed park on the grounds of the Greenburgh Nature Center, which incorporates giant bird's nests, plank bridges, lookout points, and swings galore.

914.723.3470

[www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org)

### Harbor Island Park

Mamaroneck

Nestled on Mamaroneck's waterfront and designed to blend in with the aquatic surroundings, Harbor Island Park is nautically themed, with playground equipment designed to look like lighthouses and pirate ships. Visitors can also take a stroll along the harbor and enjoy the gorgeous view of the water as the boats sail in.

914.777.7784

[www.harborislandconservancy.org](http://www.harborislandconservancy.org)

### Gedney Park

Millwood

Set on 126 acres, this park is fully loaded with multiple playgrounds and beautiful new playground equipment, basketball courts, soccer fields, picnic areas, and wooded trails that are perfect for a leisurely hike.

914.238.4771; [www.mynewcastle.org](http://www.mynewcastle.org)

### Jack's Friendship Garden at Huguenot Park

New Rochelle

This wheelchair-accessible playground gets high marks for its inclusivity, as well as its proximity to the Huguenot Children's Library. But the kids love it because of the huge swinging ship, awesome climbing walls, and sandbox crane.

914.654.2000; [www.newrochelleny.com](http://www.newrochelleny.com)

### FDR State Park

Yorktown

This extensive multi-age playground is brimming with slides, tunnels, bridges, and climbing equipment. The park is surrounded by acres of green space, picnic pavilions, hiking trails, a disk-golf course, and basketball courts. The family will stay busy for hours!

914.245.4434

[www.yorktownny.org/community/fdr](http://www.yorktownny.org/community/fdr)

## Spring Break Staycation

It's spring break, and everyone is off to their favorite vacation destination except you. Why not make it a staycation with these Westchester-based attractions?

### Rockin' Jump Trampoline Park

Mount Kisco, Yonkers

If spring break is turning your kids into couch potatoes, drop into Rockin' Jump for the day. You'll find open jump space, dodgeball courts, basketball hoops, and a brand-new climbing wall. It's heart-healthy fun for all!

914.743.5730; 914.510.9119

[www.mtkisco.rockinjump.com](http://www.mtkisco.rockinjump.com)

### iFly Westchester Yonkers

Have some junior adrenaline junkies on your hands? Then iFly indoor skydiving at Ridge Hill may be just what you are looking for. The adventure begins when you slip on a flight suit and enter a vertical wind tunnel, simulating a true free-fall experience. Appropriate for ages 3 and up.

914.449.4359

[www.iflyworld.com/westchester](http://www.iflyworld.com/westchester)

### Grand Prix New York Mount Kisco

Grab your driving gloves and head over to Grand Prix New York for a day of race-car driving with the family. There is a kid-friendly race track, so even the littlest ones can join in. There is also bowling, an arcade, and a casual café that make spending a day at Grand Prix feel like the perfect staycation.

914.241.3131; [www.gpony.com](http://www.gpony.com)

### Westchester Table Tennis Center Pleasantville

You and the kids can get your Forrest Gump on at this massive club that has 14,000 sq ft of table-tennis fun. With one-on-one and group lessons available for kids and adults, even novices are welcomed.

914.741.0738

[www.westchestertabletennis.com](http://www.westchestertabletennis.com)

### Bounce U Elmsford

Nothing beats a day at Bounce U, where kids can drop in and get access to two warehouse-sized rooms filled to the brim with inflatables; it's a day full of sliding, climbing, and, of course, bouncing!

914.874.5200; [www.bounceu.com](http://www.bounceu.com)

### FunFuzion New Rochelle

This indoor amusement park at New Roc City offers bowling, lazer tag, mini-golf, ping-pong, billiards, and an arcade — what's not to love? Plus, it's open seven days a week and on many holidays.

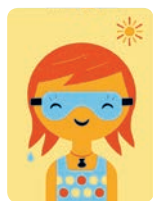
914.637.7575

[www.funfuziononline.com](http://www.funfuziononline.com)

### Sportime USA Elmsford

From tots to tweens, there is something for everyone here: 150 arcade games, laser tag, a rock-climbing wall, four-dimensional motion theater, bumper cars, rides, batting cages, pool tables, an indoor playground, and a restaurant.

914.592.2111; [www.sportimeusa.com](http://www.sportimeusa.com)



# Summer

So many cool ways to enjoy the long, hot days!

## Family Kayaking

**(Memorial Day to Columbus Day) Hudson River Recreation, Croton-on-Hudson**

An excursion down the Hudson is the perfect water adventure for those dog days of summer. They also have moonlight paddles available, for some unique nighttime fun. Kayaks can be rented out of Croton Point Park, Croton River, or Tarrytown Lake. And lack of experience should never hold you back, since these locations are perfect for beginners.

**914.682.5135; [www.kayakhudson.com](http://www.kayakhudson.com)**

## U-Pick Veggies & Berries

**(June to November) Hopewell Junction, Yorktown Heights**

Is there anything sweeter than picking a bushel of sun-ripened berries on a warm summer's day? Stop into Fishkill Farms in Hopewell Junction for u-pick organic strawberries (June), cherries (July), and raspberries and blackberries (August). Or, if you'd prefer a day picking garden-fresh vegetables, Hilltop Hanover Farm offers pick-your-own Saturdays from June through November, during which visitors are welcomed into the Yorktown

Heights-based teaching farm to pick their own vegetables, herbs, and flowers in the public organic gardens.

**Fishkill Farms: 845.897.4377**

**[www.fishkillfarms.com](http://www.fishkillfarms.com)**

**Hilltop Hanover Farm: 914.962.2368**

**[www.hilltophanoverfarm.org](http://www.hilltophanoverfarm.org)**

## Fireworks Fridays

**(July 1 - Sept 1) Rye Playland, Rye**

Could anything make your kids happier than spending a day at Westchester's favorite amusement park, followed by an evening of pyrotechnics? Fireworks displays are choreographed to music, beginning around 9 p.m. on Fridays, all summer long. (Who says fireworks are only for the Fourth of July?)

**914.813.7010; [www.ryeplayland.org](http://www.ryeplayland.org)**

## Pleasantville Music Festival

**(July 8) Pleasantville**

Get your groove on with your kids and take in some top-notch rock, blues, and folk music performed by national acts, up-and-coming artists, and well-loved local bands. The Pleasantville Music Festival is a three-stage,

open-air venue, complete with food, beverages, shopping, and a day full of outdoorsy fun for the family with an ear for good music.

**[www.pleasantvillemusicfestival.com](http://www.pleasantvillemusicfestival.com)**

## Dutchess County Fair

**(Aug 22-27) Rhinebeck**

This August marks the 172nd straight summer that the Dutchess County Fair will open its gates to entertain throngs of families. Perfect for those with an urge to eat their weight in fried dough and cotton candy, you can also thrill on the rides, take in some live music and see the prize-winning pigs. It's classic summertime fun.

**845.876.4000; [www.dutchessfair.com](http://www.dutchessfair.com)**

## Golf

**The First Tee of Metropolitan New York, White Plains**

What if you could teach your kids to play golf while helping build character and life skills? That's the goal of The First Tee, a national golf-instruction program for kids ages 7 through high school with a location at the Westchester Golf Range in White Plains. There's a spot at the end of the driving range just for The First Tee, where PGA Instructor Paul Giordano instructs, motivates, and mentors the kids he coaches. The program accommodates all skill levels.

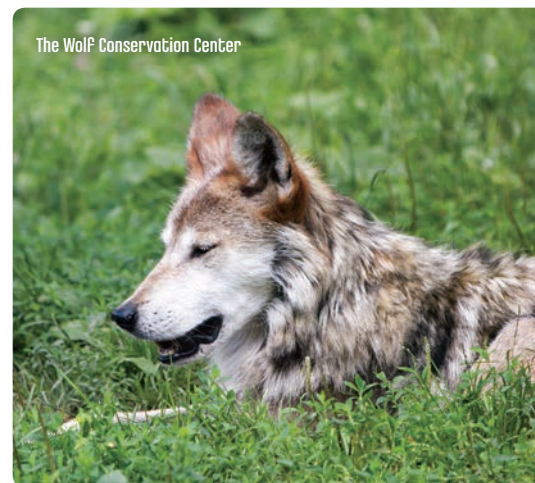
**718.655.9164; [www.thefirstteemetny.org](http://www.thefirstteemetny.org)**

## Sleep With the Wolves

**The Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem**

If you've got an adventurous brood, take them on a nocturnal outing to sleep with the wolves at the Wolf Conservation Center. Overnight guests camp out with the more than 20 endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves that live there — so you're guaranteed to fall asleep to a sky full of stars and a serenade of lupine ululations! Overnights run April through October and cost \$299 for a four-person tent, which includes pizza, movie under the stars, fireside snack, and light breakfast.

**914.763.2373; [www.nywolf.org](http://www.nywolf.org)**





## Farmers' Market Roundup

It's never too early to turn your kids into fresh-produce foodies. That's why we love these kid-friendly venues that transform a day of exploring healthy foods into a day of family fun.

### Muscoot Farmers' Market

(Sundays, May to November) Katonah

A tantalizing variety of consumable goods, including fresh pasta, local produce, fresh herbs, and lots and lots of fresh dairy items. After you're done shopping, check out Muscoot's farm animals, nature center, hiking trails, and picnicking areas.

914.864.7282; [www.muscootfarm.org](http://www.muscootfarm.org)

### Chappaqua Farmers' Market

(Saturdays, May to November) Chappaqua

Chappaqua oozes charm, so it should come as no surprise that the Chappaqua Farmers' Market is among the most picturesque of all the markets around. Vendor tents are arranged in a semicircle in the train-station parking lot, with kids' activities at the center.

[www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org](http://www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org)

### John Jay Homestead Farmers' Market

(Saturdays, June to October) Katonah

Offers all of the local fresh produce you would expect from a top-notch farmer's market, plus you also get the opportunity to explore the expansive flower, herb, and vegetable gardens. Try your hand at churning butter at one of five interactive exhibits.

914.232.5651; [www.johnjayhomestead.org](http://www.johnjayhomestead.org)

### Pleasantville Farmers' Market

(Saturdays, year-round)

Pleasantville

Voted the number-one farmers' market in New York State by Farmland Trust (a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit), the market — set up each weekend from April through November in the MetroNorth train-station parking lot and indoors at Pleasantville Middle School for the rest of the year — delivers an abundance of fresh produce and high-end artisan products second to none.

914.205.4545

[www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org](http://www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org)

### Down to Earth Farmers' Market

(Saturdays, year-round)

Larchmont & Mamaroneck

From April through December, it's an open-air market located at the village of Larchmont's MetroNorth train-station parking area, featuring fresh produce and foods at "down-to-earth" prices. Then, in January (when the weather turns arctic), Down to Earth transforms into an indoor market located at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Mamaroneck.

914.923.4837; [www.downtoearthmarkets.com](http://www.downtoearthmarkets.com)

## Beat the Heat at Westchester's Watering Holes

Don't have your own backyard pool? Don't worry, because when the summer begins to sizzle, you can cool off at any of Westchester's public pools and beaches, which open for business in June. Visit [parks.westchester.gov.com](http://parks.westchester.gov.com) for more information.

### Croton Point Park Beach

Croton-on-Hudson

Despite being a small, sandy beach tucked into the sprawling Croton Point Park, Croton Point Beach is a favorite watering hole among swimmers, sunbathers, and kayakers. It also offers breathtaking views at sunset.

### Glen Island Beach

New Rochelle

Watersports are big at this expansive crescent-shaped beach, with swimming, canoeing, waterskiing, fishing, kayaking, and motor-boating among the most popular pastimes. It's for Westchester residents only, so be sure to bring a New York State driver's license with a valid Westchester County address.

### Saxon Woods Pool

White Plains

This is the largest swimming pool in Westchester County, with a nearby aquatic park and mini-golf course.

### Harbor Island Park

Mamaroneck

Beyond expansive beach-access swimming, the park's 700-foot-long beach boasts a marina, launching area, fishing docks, showers, bathrooms, and a playground and sprinkler park.

### Wilson's Waves Park

Mount Vernon

More than just a wave pool, this water complex also includes a water playground, spray deck, and two water slides.

### Tibbetts Brook Park

Yonkers

A welcome patch of green space in the middle of the city of Yonkers, this pool complex includes a lazy river, lap lanes, spray-park, and in-pool volleyball.



The Great Jack O' Lantern Blaze



# Fall

Westchester really shines in autumn — so get out there and enjoy!



Horseman's Hollow

## Things That Go Bump in the Night

During the month of October, Westchester's dark-and-spooky side comes out to play. If you've got a kid who loves to be scared, it's frightfully fun. **WARNING:** some of these harrowing (big-kid) happenings are not for the meek!

### The Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze

(Sept to mid-Nov) Croton-on-Hudson

Meander the grounds of Van Cortlandt Manor, and you'll be mesmerized by the 7,000 illuminated jack-o-lanterns sculpted into monsters, dinosaurs, underwater creatures, and so much more — accompanied by sound effects and synchronized lighting. Perfect fall fun for the whole family.

914.366.6900

[www.hudsonvalley.org/events/blaze](http://www.hudsonvalley.org/events/blaze)

### Horseman's Hollow

Sleepy Hollow

For the month of October, the idyllic Philipsburg Manor is transformed into a chilling landscape ruled by the undead.

Featuring haunted trails, ghostly figures lurking in the shadows, a town full of people driven mad by the Headless Horseman, a twisted maze of horror, and the Headless Horseman's lair. (Open on weekends; not recommended for children under 10.)

914.366.6900; [www.hudsonvalley.org/historic-sites/philipsburg-manor](http://www.hudsonvalley.org/historic-sites/philipsburg-manor)

### Scared by the Sound

Rye Playland, Rye

Every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in October, Rye Playland is transformed into a 12,000 sq ft haunted house and cemetery. It's an interactive experience with a creepy cast of characters waiting to jump out and scare unsuspecting guests. (Not suitable for children under 10.)

[www.scaredbythesound.com](http://www.scaredbythesound.com)

# Fall Favorites!

## Chappaqua Children's Book Festival

(October 14) Chappaqua

If the secret to raising avid readers is making reading fun, then the Chappaqua Book Festival at Chappaqua's Robert E. Bell Middle School is key. There are more than 90 popular authors expected to participate this year, with many of them reading and signing excerpts. It's a day of literary fun with food, entertainment, kids' activities, and, of course, books.

914.263.5566; [www.ccbfestival.org](http://www.ccbfestival.org)

## Westchester Knicks Games

(season starts in mid-November)

Westchester County Center, White Plains

Head on down to the County Center and check out the Knicks farm team, which is part of the NBA's developmental league. Get up close and personal watching some serious basketball without leaving the county.

914.559-6889; [www.westchesterknicks.com](http://www.westchesterknicks.com)

## Indoor Tennis

(Year-round) Elmsford

Whether you think you have the next Serena Williams on your hands or just want to expose your kids to tennis as a lifelong sport, head to The Play Place for their kids' tennis program. There are permanent "red ball" courts (which is the first level in the USA's 10-and-Under Tennis program) and classes geared for kids aged 1.5 to 10 years old. Sign up for a semester-long program (Sept to Jan) or drop in midseason.

914.347.5291; [www.theplayplace.net](http://www.theplayplace.net)

## Skateboarding Lessons

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Think outside the box with these group lessons aimed at developing young skaters. Group lessons run every Saturday morning, from 9 to 11 a.m.; appropriate for kids ages 6 and up.

914.402.4624; [www.2ndnatureskate.com](http://www.2ndnatureskate.com)

## Winter Wonderland

(Nov 25 – Jan 2) Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla

As fall gives way to winter, there is no better way to get into the holiday spirit than to visit the Winter Wonderland festival. Skate against the backdrop of beautiful Kensico Dam Plaza, hop on the winter-themed rides, all while enjoying Christmas lights choreographed to holiday favorites. Then, buy a snack or a hot beverage at a selection of food trucks and vendors. When it gets too cold, warm up in the Holiday Spirits warming tent.

914.231.4600; [www.winterwonderland.com](http://www.winterwonderland.com)

## Frosty Day

(November 26) Armonk

Think of this as the kickoff to winter: It starts with horse-and-wagon rides; giant, automated polar bear rides; and train rides. There's also a plethora of kids' activities, including face painting, music, and crafts. The culmination is an authentic hometown parade (along Main St and Maple Ave) welcoming Frosty the Snowman. Frosty brings up the rear of the parade and invites parade-goers to gather around the town gazebo for the lighting of the menorah and Christmas tree.

914.273.4242; [www.armonkfrosty.com](http://www.armonkfrosty.com)

## Orchard Roundup: Pick Your Own Apples & More

Delightful aromas, tantalizing tastes, and apple picking — nothing says autumn like an annual trip to the orchards, which are in full swing from about mid-September to mid-November. Here's a roundup of our favorites in and around Westchester:

### Fall Festivals at Harvest Moon Orchards

North Salem

Beyond pick-your-own apples, these festivals (held every weekend from Labor Day to Halloween) include apple-shooting cannons, pony rides, mazes, face painting, music, and a smorgasbord of seasonal treats, like pumpkin cheesecake, kettle corn, maple candy, cider donuts, and smoked turkey legs.

914.485.1210

[www.harvestmoonfarmandorchard.com](http://www.harvestmoonfarmandorchard.com)

### Outhouse Orchards

North Salem

Located directly across the street from Harvest Moon, Outhouse is a smaller, quieter venue offering a corn maze, hayrides, and lots and lots of apples ripe for picking. Perfect for kids and families who prefer to skip the festival atmosphere for a quieter day among the apple trees.

914.277.3188

[www.outhouseorchardsny.com](http://www.outhouseorchardsny.com)

### Barton Orchards

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914.245.5111

[www.wilkensfarm.com](http://www.wilkensfarm.com)



Winter Wonderland

*Ali Jackson-Jolley frequently writes about family and parenting. As a mother of two, she is always on the lookout for enriching, entertaining activities around Westchester to keep the whole family amused.*



# Gas-Up & Gamble!

Don't let cabin fever keep you home — winter is the perfect time to hit the road and enjoy a weekend gambling getaway.

By Amy R. Partridge & Robert Schork  
Edited by Samantha Garbarini





Mohegan Sun's three casinos include designated non-smoking gaming areas.







## Mohegan Sun

UNCASVILLE, CT

**GETTING HERE:** 2 hours 25 minutes from White Plains

**RATES:** Starting at \$279/night

**WEBSITE:** [www.mohegansun.com](http://www.mohegansun.com)

**VIBE & CROWD:** Featuring a stunning Chihuly glass sculpture and raging waterfall in its lobby, Mohegan Sun places high emphasis on presentation and décor. The resort's striking, elegant, terrestrially oriented aesthetics complement the festive spirit felt among the crowds on its gaming floors and provide a pleasing backdrop to (hopefully!) win big. Accommodations in the casino's Sky Tower and brand-new Earth Tower are plush and spacious, offering breathtaking views of the surrounding Thames River Valley.

**PLACE YOUR BETS:** With three casinos (Earth, Wind, and Sky) comprising more than 5,000 slots and 300 table games, Mohegan has something for nearly every type of gambler. Poker aficionados will likely breeze into the Casino of the Wind, which features 42 tables of various poker iterations, including Texas Hold 'Em, Omaha, and seven-card stud.

**BEYOND GAMING:** Mohegan pulls in top-level acts for its eponymous arena, its more intimate Wolf Den, and its separate, dedicated comedy club, COMIX. The casino's shopping concourse is populated with upscale retailers including Kiehl's, Swarovski, and Coach. Those seeking a little (or a lot of) pampering can avail themselves of Mohegan's 22,000 sq ft Elemis Spa, which features a full-service hair and nail salon, and a 24-hour fitness center for hotel guests.

**ACE THE EXPERIENCE:** Nonsmokers, rejoice: Mohegan maintains completely smoke-free gaming areas in all three of its casinos, including slots in the Casino of the Earth, poker in the Casino of the Wind, and blackjack and roulette in Casino of the Sky. — RS

The Center Bar at Valley Forge Casino Resort keeps you close to the gaming action.



## Valley Forge Casino Resort

KING OF PRUSSIA, PA

**GETTING HERE:** 2 hours 20 minutes from White Plains

**RATES:** Starting at \$152/night for an executive King room.

**WEBSITE:** [www.vfcasino.com](http://www.vfcasino.com)

**VIBE & CROWD:** Locally, Valley Forge draws a mixed-age clientele from both Philadelphia and the Main Line, who seek it out as a welcome alternative to Atlantic City. Out-of-towners of all ages revel in the casino's proximity to the City of Brotherly Love and other prime attractions. Guests can choose to stay in one of 485 rooms and suites spanning two hotels on the premises: the Casino Tower or the adjoining Radisson Hotel Valley Forge.

**PLACE YOUR BETS:** The casino boasts 40,000 sq ft of gaming space, furnished with 600 slots and 50 table games.

**BEYOND GAMING:** For something completely different, head to Expedition Escape ([www.expeditionscape.com](http://www.expeditionscape.com)), also

located in King of Prussia, where you and other teammates are forced to interpret a series of clues and solve a succession of puzzles in 60 minutes to "escape" and win the challenge. History lovers (and those seeking some fresh air) should check out the Valley Forge National Historical Park ([www.nps.gov/vafo](http://www.nps.gov/vafo)), site of the winter encampment and headquarters of George Washington and his Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. Don't want to wander away from the resort? The complex includes nine restaurants and four bars/nightclubs, including Valley Beach, a seasonal 20,000 sq ft poolside club with a sandy beach and plenty of cabanas. Guests can pamper themselves at the on-site spa or workout at the fitness center, then catch a concert or show at one of Valley Forge's two performance spaces. — RS



### Ace the Experience:

King of Prussia is also a shopper's mecca — the town's eponymous mall ([www.kingofprussiamall.com](http://www.kingofprussiamall.com)) is the second-largest shopping mall in the US, just two miles from the casino.

## Turning Stone Resort & Casino

VERNON, NY

**GETTING HERE:** 3 hours 45 minutes from White Plains

**RATES:** Starting at \$133/night

**WEBSITE:** [www.turningstone.com](http://www.turningstone.com)

**VIBE & CROWD:** If you like the smoky, constantly bleeping and flickering vibe of casino gaming floors, you'll love Turning Stone. If you don't... you'll still love Turning Stone. With a massive, multilevel gaming floor surrounded by bright, clean retail, dining, and entertainment options galore, the resort draws visitors of all types, from families, couples, and seniors to European tourists.

**PLACE YOUR BETS:** Turning Stone won 16 *Casino Player Magazine* Best of Gaming Awards in 2016, and in November debuted Casino Blu, its contemporary, smoker-friendly gaming floor, as part of a \$20-million resort upgrade. Expect new, high-limit gaming areas, plus Midi Baccarat, Pai Gow Poker, and Blackjack.

**BEYOND GAMING:** The resort is a golfer's paradise, complete with three championship courses and two 9-hole courses, as well as an on-premises golf superstore and 40-station indoor driving range. The Atunyote course will ruin you for golfing anywhere else in New York State, with stunning vistas and impeccable conditions on every hole. TS Steakhouse, on the 21st floor of The Tower, offers panoramic views and locally sourced steakhouse fare, plus a penthouse bar and stogies in the smoking parlor. The Gig (rock club), The Turquoise Tiger (cocktail lounge, *below*), and Lava (nightclub) are just a few of the entertainment possibilities. Or opt for a treatment at the contemporary Skana spa, which honors Native American healing traditions.

**ACE THE EXPERIENCE:** Book a room at The Lodge for the best of both worlds: private, luxurious suites (with pampering touches like dreamcatchers on your pillow at turndown) connected to all the casino action via the covered Sky Bridge — so you don't even have to step outside to get your gaming on when it's freezing or sweltering. — ARP



## Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa ATLANTIC CITY, NJ

**GETTING HERE:** 2 hours 50 minutes from White Plains

**RATES:** Starting at \$309/night for the Water Club

**WEBSITE:** [www.theborgata.com](http://www.theborgata.com)

**VIBE & CROWD:** While Atlantic City gets a bad rap, the Water Club at Borgata is all about luxury with ornate glass chandeliers illuminating (just barely) the casino floor, flanked by a phalanx of glowing slot machines, merrily buzzing, beeping, chirping, and whirring.

**PLACE YOUR BETS:** The gaming floor features more than 3,000 slots and 180 table games, including baccarat, roulette, craps, Texas Hold 'Em, and Pai Gow.



**BEYOND GAMING:** They don't call it the Water Club for nothing: Just off the lobby two pool areas — one an indoor tropical oasis with a 42-foot glass canopy and palm trees — draw guests away from the tables. Even if you don't book a treatment at the 36,000 sq ft Immersion Spa, pay the \$15 fee to have access to everything else: a 25-yard infinity lap pool, whirlpool baths, steam room, cold-plunge pool, and rain-head showers. There's no lack of dining either. Try the exceptional lobster and bacon omelette and sip mimosas and Bloody Marys in the Sunroom Lounge at the Water Club, grab lunch at the casual food court, then cash in your winnings for dinner at the modern Japanese spot Izakaya or one of the restaurants from celebrity chefs Wolfgang Puck (New American) and Bobby Flay (steakhouse). For those full on food and relaxation, there are concerts, comedy and burlesque shows, and nightclubs.

**ACE THE EXPERIENCE:** For the ultimate in luxury, book a seat on Fly Borgata ([www.flyborgata.com](http://www.flyborgata.com)), the resort's private-jet service, with several flights per week from Westchester County Airport. No security lines, roomy leather seats, and liftoff to wheels-down in less than 30 minutes? Talk about sweetening the pot! — RS

## Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway YONKERS

**GETTING HERE:** 22 minutes from White Plains

**WEBSITE:** [www.empirecitycasino.com](http://www.empirecitycasino.com)

**VIBE & CROWD:** One of the newest jewels in the crown of a resurgent Yonkers, the continually expanding Empire City draws a young (and young-at-heart) urban crowd from New York City and beyond.

**PLACE YOUR BETS:** Empire City's mainstay remains its gleaming banks of themed slots and progressives (including its uber-popular Wheel of Fortune) and electronic table games, including blackjack, three-card poker, craps, roulette, baccarat, and sic bo. The casino's new state-of-the-art virtual dealers for blackjack and poker give gamers who may be hesitant to participate in a live game the experience of a "human" dealer without the added pressure. And a visit to Empire City would not be complete without the thrill of

betting on and watching live harness racing (five days a week).

**BEYOND GAMING:** Empire City maintains a robust schedule of programs and events, giving you lots of options to take a break from gaming — from DJs and salsa dancing to comedy acts, bands, and bowling. After you've worked up an appetite from gaming and dancing, you can take some of your newfound winnings and indulge in one of several on-site dining options, including the international food court, Dan Rooney's Sports Pub, or Italian fare at Nonno's Trattoria.

**ACE THE EXPERIENCE:** While there are no on-site accommodations (yet), Empire City has partnered with the new Hampton Inn & Suites on Tuckahoe Road (914.963.3200) and Residence Inn Marriott in Yonkers (914.476.4600), to provide shuttle service between the casino and the hotels. — RS





Enjoy a day at the races, followed by a night at the slots at Empire City.



Tanger Outlets at Foxwoods (left) is the latest addition to the resort's varied attractions.



### Ace the Experience:

You needn't be a high roller to have fun at Foxwoods; the casino proudly maintains its vintage dollar blackjack tables.

## Foxwoods Resort Casino

MASHANTUCKET, CT

**GETTING HERE:** 2 hours 15 minutes from White Plains


**RATES:** Starting at \$299/night

**WEBSITE:** [www.foxwoods.com](http://www.foxwoods.com)

**VIBE & CROWD:** The granddaddy of them all! Founded in 1986 as a bingo hall, Foxwoods has grown from its humble free space-and-marker beginnings to become the largest resort casino in North America, spanning four hotels, six casinos, two spas — and, yes, still that massive bingo parlor. Under current CEO Felix Rappaport's keen stewardship, Foxwoods is putting a strong focus on customer service and hospitality as it earns increasing recognition for its non-gaming offerings.

**PLACE YOUR BETS:** Foxwoods' slots range from a penny to \$100 and include a variety of trending, pop-culture-themed machines (Walking Dead, anyone?). Its wide range of table games includes Caribbean Stud Poker, Casino War, Let It Ride, and Crazy 4

Poker. And Foxwoods' Bingo Hall, which accommodates 3,600 players, offers high-stakes games.

**BEYOND GAMING:** Opened in 2015, the \$125 million Tanger Outlets at Foxwoods brings some serious retail to the resort. Anchored by a 20,000 sq ft H&M outpost, the 80-store outlet complex provides gamers plenty of opportunities to spend their newfound winnings. Those looking to be entertained will not be disappointed by Foxwoods' roster of A-list acts at its performance venues. And, in season, enjoy golfing at Lake of Isles, Foxwoods' Rees Jones-designed course. Foodies can indulge at Foxwoods' myriad fine-dining options, including Vue 24, which offers a fresh take on continental cuisine perched atop the 24th floor of the Grand Pequot Tower. Its Sunday "Sky Brunch," with its house-cured bacon and house-baked croissants, is not to be missed. — RS 





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REVIEW

## Bowled Over

Vietnamese cuisine, characterized by a balance of aromatics, heat, sweet, and sour, has come to Bedford Hills at the 12-seat Pho Corner Bistro. Reviewer Dina Cheney suggests the *bún* or vermicelli noodle bowls, pictured above with crispy egg rolls, charcoal-grilled shrimp, and pork, as a main course. See what else she liked in the full review on page 98.

PHOTOGRAPH BY MICHAEL POLITO

**W**ith upscale commercial/residential developments throughout the city either completed or in progress,

White Plains has slowly moved toward a certain level of urban refinement in recent years. Z Hospitality Group's new 120-seat Mediterraneo, housed in a showy three-story marine-colored-glass-and-crisscrossed-beam building at the center of downtown, is the latest entry down the renaissance road.

Z Hospitality, which recently celebrated 25 years in business with its first restaurant, Terra, in Greenwich, enlisted Manhattan-based Riscala Agnese Design Group to transform the space (vacant since 2010). A floor-to-ceiling ombre mural by Deb Ryan Designs is the visual centerpiece; warm walnut woods, white Calacatta marble, steel and glass-orb lighting fixtures, and modern Italian furniture in natural woods and wool fabrics round out the interior design. A glass elevator takes diners from the ground floor to either the mezzanine or the 30-seat private room below.

Aurora in Rye, Mediterraneo and East End in Greenwich, Sole in New Canaan, Mediterraneo in Norwalk, and a second Terra in Danbury, are also in Z Hospitality's portfolio.

From the open kitchen comes seasonal plates of Mediterranean fare (with an emphasis on seafood), including starters such as charred Spanish octopus and portobello mushroom fries; wood-fired pizzas, branzino, and chicken, plus mains of Parmesan-crust halibut and lobster and butternut squash ravioli.

Armonk resident Albert DeAngelis is executive chef for Z Hospitality Group's roster of eight restaurants; Paul Grandetti, previously sous chef at East End, is Mediterraneo's (White Plains) chef. Pastry Chef Patrice Lovell, formerly at The Inn at Pound Ridge by Jean-Georges, creates desserts such as a chocolate-peanut-butter bar and pistachio cake with vanilla buttercream.

The wine list is primarily American, Italian, and French bottles, with some Argentinian, Spanish, and other New World wines (most \$36 to \$80); Craft Mixologist Juan Meyer, previously GM at The Spread in South Norwalk, offers cocktails such as the Sangria de Madrid with white apricot and strawberry, and a Murray Hill Martini with St. Germain, Champagne, and Grey Goose La Poire.

"The location is exciting," says Chef DeAngelis. "With the farmers' market close, the Ritz across the street, all the nice residences and the courthouse nearby, we're in the middle of everything."

—John Bruno Turiano

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**Mediterraneo**  
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*Top to bottom:* Charred Spanish octopus with sliced potatoes is one of many seafood-based apps; the splashy interior, with steel-and-glass-orb lighting fixtures and modern Italian furniture, has views of the city's center; 12 oz. Certified Angus beef steak with roasted potatoes and broccoli rabe pesto

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SPIRITED

## Dram Slam

Using Adirondack crops, an upstate distillery produces artisan whiskeys sold in Westchester.

**T**he idea of starting Gristmill Distillers began like many great ideas before it — with a few libations. After a day of climbing the Adirondacks, founder Keith Van Sise and his friends were hanging out at his house, which his fiancée jokingly calls “a frat house of rock and ice climbers.”

“We always talked about possibly starting a distillery, but it was just drunk guys talking,” says Van Sise, with a laugh. “I guess I took it a little too serious.”

Gristmill Distillers is a farm distillery located in Keene, NY, founded July 2013. “Our climate and ingredients play a big role in how our spirits age and their flavor profiles,” says Van Sise. The water they use courses from a spring within steps of the distillery’s front door, the corn and rye are grown by nearby Adirondack Organic Grains, and the brandy apples are picked and pressed from an orchard less than 35 miles down the road. “The area that a spirit is produced in creates a different flavor, and I think that’s what makes us different.”

**Gristmill Distillers**  
Keene, NY  
[www.gristmilldistillers.com](http://www.gristmilldistillers.com)



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The offerings include Black Fly bourbon whiskey aged in American oak barrels, Rusty Piton corn whiskey, and 1892 Forever Wild apple brandy. Van Sise’s fave is the seasonal maple-flavored Black Fly whiskey, which has the characteristics of bourbon with a subtle maple finish. “It’s at a higher proof, so you get the sweetness of the corn and the heat of the alcohol, and it finishes with a hint of maple syrup.”

Lucky for county whiskey lovers, Gristmill spirits are sold at Varmax Liquor Pantry in Port Chester, as well as the farmers’ markets in Rye and Larchmont, and served at BarLees Wine & Whisky Bar (Mamaroneck), The Craftsman Ale House (Harrison), and The Oath Craft Beer Sanctuary (Tarrytown). —*Georgette Yacoub*

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## Beer Gear

Whether you’ve always wanted the know-how on brewing your own suds or just want to hang with people who grasp the term ‘aiming fluid,’ the Westchester Homebrewers Organization is a club for you.

**P**erhaps you received a home-brewing kit this past Christmas. Maybe learning to brew is your New Year’s Resolution for 2017. Either way, you’ve gathered buckets, tubing, and hops. Along with one question: What to do next?

For many beginning home-brewers, first batches are nerve-racking. No matter how carefully you follow directions, who knows how that first bottle will taste? Fortunately, there’s an excellent club that wants to help guide your way: the **Westchester Homebrewers Organization** ([groupsplaces.com/westchesterhomebrewers](http://groupsplaces.com/westchesterhomebrewers)).

W.H.O. President Chris Kulk (*below*) explains the reason he brews. “I homebrew for the pride of creating my own beer...and sharing the fruits of my labor with friends and family.”

Born in January 2008, the W.H.O. began with a dozen members (and now has about 80), from brewing novices to seasoned veterans interested in sharing suds and advice. And yes, friendships are also made.

The W.H.O.’s VP, Bobby Slanzi, describes the environment best: “Hearing honest and educated opinions about your beer makes us all better brewers.”

What to expect when you join the W.H.O.? Meetings consist of discussions of beer styles and all the aspects of brewing. Afterward, homebrews are shared and critiqued as plans for picnics, group-brewing sessions, and brewery tours are made. The club has visited numerous area breweries, including Peekskill Brewery, Yonkers Brewing Company, Broken Bow Brewery, Sloop Brewing Company, Defiant Brewing Company, and Gun Hill Brewing Company. Dues are \$25 per year.

Ultimately, the W.H.O. is not a place people go to get drunk. Its mission: the creation of a supportive, educational, and responsible environment where brewers can share their latest creations — and discuss their newest ideas.

Interested? The W.H.O. meets at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of every month at the Captain Lawrence Brewing Company in Elmsford. New members are encouraged to attend. —*Phil Clarke*



FARE WELL

## Oil Up

From olive groves in the Messinia region of Greece to the Sound Shore of Westchester, a Larchmont couple keeps a family tradition alive.

**I**n 2006, Demetra Kontoulis inherited a grove of olive trees in her native village of Strefi, nestled in a corner of Greece. “My grandfather planted 300 koroneiki olive trees a century ago, and

I wanted to keep the farm functioning,” Kontoulis says. She and husband Athanasios, who live

in Larchmont, traveled to Greece and oversaw the first harvest, which they sold to family and friends. Word of the “liquid gold” spread, and now Kontoulis Family Olive Oil produces as much as 4,000 lbs of extra virgin olive oil (EVOO) annually, or approximately 1,500 one-liter bottles.

**Kontoulis Family Olive Oil**  
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Unlike larger companies, Kontoulis Olive Oil is a scratch operation. “My husband and I go to Greece every year to oversee the harvest,” Kontoulis adds. “After we harvest the olives, they’re cold-pressed at the local mill.” (Heat increases oil production but degrades the flavor, thus the premium on cold-press olive oil.) The oil is returned to Kontoulis, who ships the EVOO back to Larchmont, where it is bottled and then sold at farmers’ markets throughout Westchester and at [www.kontoulisfamily.com](http://www.kontoulisfamily.com).

Kontoulis Olive Oil is a deep-green color and lightly fragrant with a peppery kick and a fruity, grassy flavor, lending nuance to all sorts of dishes. But, a caveat: The oil loses its heart-healthy benefits when heated above 400° F. —*Barbara Basbanes Richter*

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10 INGREDIENTS OR LESS

## Garlicky Tomato Soup with Parmigiano Croutons

**W**ith a modest list of ingredients, this soup hits the spot on a cold winter's day. The roasted garlic lends a sweet and slightly smoky depth of flavor to a perennial classic that is rich-

tasting and healthy. No cream here! Instead, a piece of bread adds body and weight. Truth be told, it's really about dunking delectable homemade croutons into the soup, soaking up all that goodness.

**Soup:**

- 1 head of garlic
- ¼ cup, plus 1 tsp olive oil
- 2 cups diced (2 medium) onions
- 1 28-oz can of whole peeled tomatoes
- 2 cups vegetable broth (Rapunzel bouillon cubes recommended)
- 1 Tbsp sugar
- ¾ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp freshly ground pepper
- 1 cup sourdough or country bread, cut or torn into 1" pieces

**Croutons:**

- 2 cups sourdough or country bread, cut or torn into 1" pieces
- 1-2 Tbsp olive oil
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground pepper

**For the Soup:**

1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
2. Slice off the very top of the garlic head so that the tops of the cloves are exposed. Drizzle with 1 tsp olive oil, wrap tightly with foil, and bake for about 40 minutes until tender, caramelized, and fragrant.
3. Remove from the oven, carefully unwrap the foil (it will be hot and steamy) and when cool enough to handle, gently squeeze all of the cloves out of their skin. Set aside in a small bowl.
4. While the garlic is roasting, heat ¼ cup olive oil in a medium pot over medium-high heat. Add the onion and sauté for about 5 minutes, stirring often, until translucent. Add canned tomatoes with their juices, vegetable broth, sugar, salt, and pepper. Bring the soup to a gentle simmer, cover and

cook for 20 minutes, adding 1 cup of torn bread halfway through cooking.

5. Uncover the soup, add the roasted garlic cloves and stir to combine. Remove pot from the heat, and, using a blender, pulse the soup until it is puréed but slightly chunky. Add more salt and pepper to taste.

**For the Croutons:**

1. Combine 2 cups of bread with olive oil and Parmesan cheese.
2. Spread on a baking tray, and bake at 400°F for about 10 minutes, turning croutons once halfway through cooking, until toasted.

**To Serve:**

Ladle hot soup into bowls and serve with croutons. Serves 4-6.


— Jennifer Rossano



**PRO TIP**

**Roasted garlic**

adds a wonderful depth of flavor to many dishes, from mashed potatoes to dips, as well as soups and stews. It's creamy, sweet and more mellow than fresh garlic, and is equally tasty spread on a toasted baguette, sprinkled with some crumbled cheese or a drizzle of balsamic vinegar.



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TABLE MATTERS

## Dining Scene News and Notes

Joseph Smith has been named executive chef at **Captain Lawrence Brewery** (444 Saw Mill River Rd, Elmsford, 914.741.2337; [www.captainlawrencebrewing.com](http://www.captainlawrencebrewing.com)). He was previously executive chef at The Ram's Head Inn on Shelter Island. Having spent summers growing up on Long Island's East End with his father and stepmother (who was an avid gardener with a local farmstand), Smith says, "I was spoiled by the produce and great local proteins from my childhood, and I'm just as excited to have the rich bounty of the Hudson Valley available to our kitchen." The menu includes fried cheddar-grits sticks, roasted cauliflower and broccoli in a cheddar-beer sauce, a Hudson Valley duck Reuben, and a beer-braised beef brisket hoagie, plus weekly specials, like burgers, tacos, and barbecue. The brewery also hosts monthly beer dinners, for which Smith creates an original pairing menu.

Retail bookseller Barnes & Noble has opened their first bookstore-restaurant-hybrid concept store, called **Barnes & Noble Eastchester** at Vernon Hills Shopping Center (680 White Plains Rd, Scarsdale, 914.472.0689; [stores.barnesandnoble.com/store/3304](http://stores.barnesandnoble.com/store/3304)). The 22,000 sq ft store includes the 2,600 sq ft **Barnes & Noble Kitchen**, serving salads, soups, and shareable starters including guacamole and hummus, and mains such as slow-cooked beef short ribs and brick-cooked chicken with potato purée (entrées range from \$14 to \$24). Wine and beer is served as well, including Hermann J. Wiemer Kabinett Riesling and Red Hook Seneca Lake Cabernet Franc from the Finger Lakes, and New York State craft brews. A 3,000 sq ft patio

with a stone firepit and a bocce ball court are features of note.

Longtime (26 years) pizza-and-pasta Port Chester restaurant **T&J Italian Restaurant** (10 Pearl St, 914.939.4134; [www.tandjs.net](http://www.tandjs.net)) has moved from 227 Westchester Avenue to a larger space, with a patio and second-floor private-party room.

**Red Zebra** (31 Beekman Ave, Sleepy Hollow), serving modern takes on Italian fare with a focus on locally sourced ingredients, was scheduled to have opened by this month in the space that once housed Finalmente Italian Wine Bar & Restaurant. Expect hand-cut pastas, Italian small-batch wines, and craft cocktails.

Texas-style dry rub is coming to the Rivertowns when **Revenge BBQ** (48 Main St, Irvington; [www.revengebbq.com](http://www.revengebbq.com)) opens sometime this month in the space that previously held Uncle Silvio's Pizza and Pasta.

**Argana Restaurant and Bar** (325 Main St, Port Chester) will be the first Moroccan restaurant in the county since 2013, when Mamaroneck's Zitoune closed. It takes the space that formerly housed nessa.

The owners of West Harrison's Lago Ristorante & Wine Bar are planning to open Latin takeout eatery **Café La Fondita** (406 Center Ave, Mamaroneck [www.cafelafondita.com](http://www.cafelafondita.com)) this winter.

The hearty fare of Cajun country (seafood boils, gumbo, etc.) is coming to White Plains this winter at **Holy Crab** (32 Mamaroneck Ave) in the space that once housed Impulse Hibachi. —JBT



Top to bottom: Duck-confit-herb gravy and Monterey Jack cheese smother the Hudson Valley Harvest Duck fries at Captain Lawrence Brewery; At Barnes & Noble Kitchen at Vernon Hills Shopping Center, you can enjoy hummus and Merlot with your book; Café La Fondita in Mamaroneck will open this winter.





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# Mashup Cuisine

Combining flavors of different ethnic traditions is thriving around the county. **BY MEREDITH PHILLIPS**

Left: Little Mumbai's chicken tikka masala crêpe is a French-Indian fusion; right: a chili chicken Indo-Chinese stir-fry at Chutney Masala in Irvington

Colonization, military occupation, marriage, whim — cultural mashups are born of all sorts of hardships and joys. They can result in beautiful offspring, fun dialects, and delicious food. With Westchester's proximity to one of the great cultural gateways of the world, Queens, we benefit, belly-wise, from so many cultures, as well as the personal desires of restaurateurs. What are some fun ways to experience cultural fusion in Westchester?

The silver lining of the French occupation of Vietnam (then, Indochina) is the *bánh mì*. The term refers to Vietnamese bread but has been coopted to refer to one of the world's most balanced sandwiches: Take a baguette made lighter with the substitution of rice flour or wheat flour, stuff it with some form of pork (often *pâté*, thank you, France) or sometimes sausage, or ham, or a combination of the two. Usually, mayonnaise is the moisturizing condiment. The richness is perfectly tempered by the addition of bright, sweet, clean-tasting pickled carrots and daikon with sprigs of cilantro and jalapenos. Sweet, crunch, heat, heartiness... it's everything anyone could ever ask for

in a sandwich, and it's usually pretty inexpensive. You can eat up this match made in heaven at Pho Corner in Bedford Hills (see review on page 98) or The *Bánh Mì* Shop on Mamaroneck Avenue in White Plains (scheduled to have opened by press time).

While we're on the topic of delicious Asian mashups, check out the chili chicken starter at Irvington's **Chutney Masala**, an Indian bistro with a focus on homemade, free-range, antibiotic-free, farm-fresh food. While most offerings cleave to the Indian fare familiar to Westerners, this Indo-Chinese-style spicy chicken in a ginger soy sauce is actually an extremely popular street food in India, and appeals because of a sweet and savory spicy mix, popular in both Indian and Chinese cooking but carried out in such different ways. (It's still not the most interesting thing on the menu: that award goes to *bheja fry*, aka scrambled goat brain on nan toast.)

While we're on the Indian tip and still talking about street food, consider Pleasantville's **Little Mumbai Market**, where "the streets of Paris meet the streets of Mumbai." This is a marriage made of whim: Owner Bonnie Saran has been growing a "Little" empire in Westchester, with Little Crepe Street, Little Kabab


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Station, Little Drunken Chef, and Little Spice Bazaar. Most food is either French or Indian, and you get to choose... but then there is the chicken tikka masala crêpe, which sounds rather like two buttery indulgences snuggled up tight on a plate. Also keep an eye out for the chana masala crêpe, with chickpeas, mango powder, and roasted garlic salt.

Speaking of French, when the owners of Croton-on-Hudson's **Tagine** were coming up with the theme for their new restaurant, they knew they wanted French but initially considered whether to serve both French and Lebanese food, as co-owner Craig Purdy was familiar with the wonders of both. But instead, Moroccan and its attendant stews — lamb tagines, cod tagine, short-rib tagines — won out, and now share the menu with roast duck, steak frites, and escargot. Tagine's cassoulet dances along the border of both cuisines. Classically, cassoulet is French casserole with pork sausage, and either duck or goose, thickened by white beans in two varieties. This one has a base of beans and duck confit, but is informed and enriched by merguez sausage and its burn of harissa and blast of cumin.

Those same owners take fusion to a new level at another of their restaurants: **Umami Café**. In fact, they jokingly refer to it as "confusion." Peking duck quesadilla, anyone? How about mini-wonton tacos with seared ahi tuna and Asian guacamole, including wakami, ginger, and wasabi sour cream, in some sort of Mexican Chinese Japanese situation? In my extensive experience, tacos generally bring joy no matter what's inside of them.

And so, too, burritos and, as an extension, the sushi burrito. What does sushi have in common with burritos? Well, being loved by eaters and especially Americans everywhere, being cylindrical, and containing rice. Sushi burritos are trending in lots of areas, and **Exit 4 Food Hall** in Mount Kisco is on-trend. Their classic sushi burrito includes tuna, salmon, avocado, veggies, caviar, and seaweed with a mango sauce.

Last but *absolutely* not least, ramen. The Japanese term *ramen* refers to Chinese wheat noodles cooked in a Japanese style — typically in a soup with very rich broth flavored with soy and miso and mushrooms, seaweed, green onion, and if you are very lucky, a bounty of roast pork and a whole halved boiled egg with a bright yellow but somewhat soft and swirlable yolk. Go ramen crazy at **Dumpling + Noodle** in Bronxville; **RameNesque** in Peekskill and Thornwood, and **Roc-N-Ramen** in New Rochelle. 

Meredith Phillips is a freelance writer and editor recently relocated from Brooklyn to Croton-on-Hudson, where she has a fig tree with which she hopes to have a fruitful relationship.

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Clockwise from left: A big flavorful bowl of pho with accompaniments, including lime, jalapenos, fresh basil, and *tuong den* (bean sauce); a requisite Vietnamese fare item is the *bánh mì* sandwich; a sampler app platter, with grilled beef, sugarcane shrimp, and egg rolls

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# Pho-nomenal

Many more hits than misses at one of the county's rare Vietnamese restaurants. BY DINA CHENEY

Outside, a *bánh mì* (or Vietnamese) sandwich looks pedestrian and colorless. Yet once you bite into it, you'll experience a variety of flavors and colors. Fresh cilantro adds herbaceous punch; jalapeno slices bring the heat; mayonnaise and meat provide richness; and crunchy, tart, pickled carrots and daikon supply the crunch. Pho Corner, the County's second (full-service) and newest Vietnamese restaurant, is just like a *bánh mì*: modest in appearance but big on taste and authenticity.

True to its name, the Bedford Hills spot is located on the corner of a strip mall. Inside, it contains a mere handful of tables and simple decorations: a television screen displaying evocative images of Vietnam, chili plants, white-paper lantern lights, and colorful baskets on the wall. Yellow cans of Café du Monde chicory coffee line a shelf behind the wood-clad counter. Although more of a takeout or

delivery place, Pho Corner *does* take reservations, as it can, due to its small size, get crowded at peak times.

If you must wait, you'll feel those minutes were justified once you try the food. The menu is small, but most of the items impress. Appetizers include refreshing rice-paper rolls with a shrimp or barbecue pork filling, and pork egg rolls with a textbook-perfect crust that shatters when you bite into it, with an appealingly funky shrimp filling. Or, order a sampler with crispy-edged grilled beef, egg rolls, and sugarcane shrimp.

The crave-worthy *bánh mì* sandwiches come in four varieties: the House Special Sandwich (with bacon, pork roll, and crunchy ham), grilled pork, grilled chicken, and sautéed meatball. The two I tried (the House Special and the grilled chicken) both made me swoon. All are served on the traditional baguette (which was introduced to the country by the French), with cilantro, jalapeno, mayonnaise, and pickled vegetables.

## Pho Corner Bistro

740 North Bedford Rd, Bedford Hills

914.242.1668;

[www.phocornerbistro.com](http://www.phocornerbistro.com)

Food ★★★★★

Service ★★★★★

Atmosphere ★★★★★

Cost \$\$\$\$

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For the restaurant's namesake dish, try the pho, or rice-noodle soup. All four varieties (with beef) star rice noodles and a gelatin-rich beef broth complex with base notes of star anise and cinnamon, served with a plate of fresh jalapeno slices and fresh basil leaves to stir in for contrast. Although both types of pho I tried were rich in flavor, some of the meat was slightly tough and overcooked.


Other than the bánh mi sandwiches, the *bún*, or rice vermicelli dishes, also wowed my group. Served in a large bowl, the five options all feature super-thin, white, tender vermicelli noodles and shredded lettuce, with various toppings of shrimp, pork, or egg rolls. Most gild the lily with fresh mint and crushed peanuts.

For maximum flavor, douse the bowl's contents with the tart-sweet *nuoc cham* sauce, a combination of lime juice, fish sauce, sugar, and water. We also loved the meltingly tender, lemongrass-infused grilled chicken, with jasmine rice, vegetables, and lime-chili sauce. Consider ordering a grilled chicken dish to-go, to devour for lunch the next day.

When I asked our waiter if the restaurant offered dessert, he brought over small square bites of cassava cake for each guest in my party, telling us they were complimentary. The treats were moist and tender, with a subtle coconut flavor.

For a sweet alternative, opt for a Vietnamese iced coffee, featuring Café du Monde chicory coffee. With an intense coffee-chocolate flavor and hint of sweetened condensed milk, it's sophisticated rather than too sweet. Although Pho Corner offers black milk, Thai iced, rose milk, green, and taro bubble tea, I wasn't impressed with the taro version I tasted. The tapioca balls were overly soft, not holding their shape. Meanwhile, the tea, a pretty shade of lilac from the purplish root vegetable, was watery instead of creamy.

Other drinks include Vietnamese hot-drip coffee, hot tea, and coconut water (alcohol isn't served). The restaurant accompanies its hot jasmine tea with a lime slice — a transcendental combination.

Overall, Pho Corner offers an impressive, fresh, light take on Vietnamese fare, with friendly service and extremely reasonable prices. Come to this unassuming spot for a quick lunch or to pick up takeout. Perhaps, as Pho Corner becomes established, the restaurant will add more items to the menu (such as salads and desserts) and procure a liquor license. Regardless, I'll be back for more delicious bánh mi sandwiches. 

**Cos Cob-based writer Dina Cheney is the author of The New Milks; 100-Plus Dairy-Free Recipes for Making and Cooking with Soy, Nut, Seed, Grain, and Coconut Milks (Atria/Simon & Schuster).**

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BY SAMANTHA GARBARINI

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### CANTINA LOBOS *Mexican* \$\$

A small menu of mostly appetizers and tacos encompasses traditional dishes (house-made guacamole, tequila-lime shrimp, pork asado) and international flavors, such as beef bulgogi tacos. Closed Mon. 217 Wolfs Lane, Pelham, 914.380.8644; www.cantinalobos.com

### KOKU *Japanese* \$\$\$\$

The sleek sushi bar at Koku offers an extensive selection of sashimi and rolls, including weekly specials from Tokyo's famous Tsukiji Fish Market. 454 Main St, Armonk, 914.730.0077; www.kokujapanese.com

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Mark Mazzarulli, formerly of Opus 465 and Marc Charles Steakhouse in Armonk, is the chef of this 'cue joint serving dry-rubbed meats and classic sides. Mazzarulli also runs catering company Westchester Wild BBQ. Closed Sun. 481 Commerce St, Hawthorne, 914.747.2480; www.threelittlepigsbbqofhawthorne.com

## Ardasley

### **BOW** LA CATENA *Italian* \$\$\$

The menu at this white-tablecloth Italian restaurant features classic Italian antipasti, pastas and entrées, plus homemade desserts. 871 Saw Mill River Rd, Ardsley, 914.231.9260; www.lacatenaardsley.com

### **BOW** L'INIZIO *Italian* \$\$\$\$

Food ★★½ Service ★★½ Atmosphere ★★★ (08/14)

Husband-wife team Scott and Heather Fratangelo run the kitchen at this modern-Italian restaurant serving creative appetizers and some of the county's best pastas. Desserts, including a seasonal selection of semifreddo are a must. 698 Saw Mill River Rd, Ardsley, 914.693.5400; www.linizio.com

## Armonk

### AMORE PIZZERIA & ITALIAN KITCHEN *Italian* \$\$

This Italian-tavern-style eatery offers artfully prepared Italian fare — brick-oven-style pizza and traditional pasta dishes — in a casual, family-

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### **BOW** BEEHIVE RESTAURANT *Continental* \$\$\$

Set in a modern country house with an open kitchen, this restaurant offers comfort fare along with Greek and Continental specialties, and a popular Sunday brunch. Outdoor seating available. Open daily for breakfast. 30 Old Rte 22, Armonk, 914.765.0688; www.beehive-restaurant.com

### **BOW** FORTINA *Italian/Pizza* \$\$\$

Chef Christian Petroni, John Nealon, and Rob Krauss are the guys behind this group of buzzy wood-fired restaurants (with an additional location in Stamford). 17 Maple Ave, Armonk, 914.273.0900; 136 S Ridge St, Rye Brook, 914.937.0900; www.fortinapizza.com

★★★ (10/13)

### **BOW** MODERNE BARN *New American* \$\$\$

Chef Ethan Kostbar uses natural, local ingredients at this New American restaurant with Mediterranean touches from the Livanos Restaurant Group (City Limits Diner, Molyvos). Private dining available. \$20 two-course express lunch. Serves Sunday brunch. 430 Bedford Rd, Armonk, 914.730.0001; www.modernebarn.com ★★ (12/10)

### **BOW** RESTAURANT NORTH *New American* \$\$\$

The seasonal menu changes daily at this elegant farm-to-table eatery. Stephen Mancini, previously

wine director at Union Square Cafe, is co-owner. Brunch Sat and Sun. 386 Main St, Armonk, 914.273.8686; www.restaurantnorth.com

★★★ (11/10)

## Bedford

### **BOW** CAMPAGNA *Italian* \$\$\$\$

Food ★★★½ Service ★★ Atmosphere ★★ (02/15)

Under the guidance of acclaimed Manhattan Chef Michael White, the kitchen at the Bedford Post Inn's flagship dining option serves exceptional crudo, handmade pasta (never dried), and artistically crafted desserts. A warm-weather patio features an outdoor grill. 945 Old Post Rd, Bedford, 914.234.6386; www.campagna-bedford.com

### **BOW** LA CRÉMAILLÈRE *French* \$\$\$\$

Dinner at this Bedford stalwart features elegant French fare and spectacular soufflés. Visit at lunch (Thurs to Sun) to take advantage of the \$32 prix-fixe menu. Closed Mon. 46 Bedford-Banksville Rd, Bedford, 914.234.9647; www.cremaillere.com

### PHO CORNER BISTRO *Vietnamese* \$\$

Food ★★ Service ★★½ Atmosphere ★★

(See review on page 98.)

This 12-seat, family-run restaurant proffers traditional Vietnamese dishes, such as rice-paper

## TASTINGS

# Doubled Up

“New Year. New You. New Ladle.” That’s the motto for the soon-to-open

Bronxville location of **Ladle of Love** (18 Palmer Ave, Bronxville; www.ladleoflove.com), the second soup shop from Chef Leslie Lampert. “I wanted to have a representation in Southern Westchester,” says Lampert, who launched her Mount Kisco location 12 years ago. “I fell in love with Bronxville, and [the town] has been reaching out to me for years to open there.” Slated to open across from NewYork-Presbyterian/Lawrence Hospital in early January, Lampert will offer health-conscious, local, seasonally driven food.

To keep quality consistent across both locations, all soups and stews will be made in Mount Kisco, while other items will be made on-site. “We’re packaging things so that they fill a variety of obligations,” she says, “whether it’s an afternoon snack, a full dinner, or mini-cookies, so you don’t have to order a whole one.”



Alongside to-go yogurt parfaits, wraps, and salads, both Ladle of Love locations will offer an expanded menu of light-on-sugar baked goods, such as whole wheat cookies and pumpkin whoopie pies.

Ladle of Love isn't the only company that's expanding. In September, Rye Brook's **Lenny's Bagels** (4662 Boston Post Rd, 914.355.5445; www.lennysbagels.com) opened a second location, at Four Corners in Pelham Manor. “We were looking around different towns, and this seemed to be a good spot,” says owner Steve Damato. “We have a huge grill here, so we’re doing cheese-steaks and a big variety of egg sandwiches. The griddle is kind of the focus.” Prefer a bagel? Try Lenny’s new egg bagel studded with cheddar and bacon. —Samantha Garbarini

rolls, noodle bowls, and its eponymous soup.  
740 N Bedford Rd, Bedford Hills, 914.242.1668;  
www.phocornerbistro.com

## Briarcliff Manor

### 105-TEN BAR & GRILL *New American \$\$\$*

Tucked away in a shopping center in Briarcliff, Chef Eddie Martinez cooks up hearty New American dishes, plus a selection of burgers and indulgent small plates. 127 Woodside Ave, Briarcliff Manor, 914.236.3651; www.105ten.com

## Bronxville

### **[BOW]** PARK 143 BISTRO & FISH *Seafood \$\$\$*

Andrew Hopkins is executive chef at this 65-seat seafood-centric bistro, specializing in seafood classics like fried oysters and a variety of mussel pots. Sat and Sun brunch. 143 Parkway Rd, Bronxville, 914.337.5100; www.143parkbistroandfish.com

## Chappaqua

### CHAPPAQUA STATION *American \$\$*

Housed in a 1902 New York Central Railroad depot, this restaurant specializing in home-made breakfast items also serves affordable sandwiches and salads, charcuterie, comforting desserts, and craft cocktails. Closed Sun. 1 Station Plz, Chappaqua, 914.861.8001; www.chappaquastation.com

### **[BOW]** CRABTREE'S KITTLE HOUSE

*New American \$\$\$\$*

Executive Chef Jay Lippin uses locally sourced ingredients both in the formal dining room and on the elevated bar-food menu at the Old World Tap Room. The Grand Award-winning wine cellar houses 60,000 bottles. Call ahead to reserve Sun brunch. 11 Kittle Rd (off Rte 117), Chappaqua, 914.666.8044; www.kittlehouse.com

### **[BOW]** LE JARDIN DU ROI *French \$\$\$*

A casual spot serving authentic French bistro fare, this Chappaqua eatery is also famous for its barbecue and 5x5 chili. Serves breakfast, Sun brunch. Alfresco dining available. 95 King St, Chappaqua, 914.238.1368; www.lejardinchappaqua.com

### MARIO'S RESTAURANT *Italian \$\$\$*

Open for more than 50 years, look for Italian fare with some modern interpretations. A selection of wood-fired pizzas features traditional and creative combos, such as smoked Gouda, caramelized onion, and honey. Serves Sun brunch. 13 King St, Chappaqua, 914.238.3858; www.mariosofchappaqua.com

## Croton-on-Hudson

### OCEAN HOUSE *Seafood \$\$\$*

Previously a small diner, self-taught-chef Brian Galvin transformed the space into a tiny (20 seat) dinner-only oyster bar and grill with an emphasis on New England-style seafood dishes. No reservations accepted. BYOB. Closed Sun and Mon. 49 N Riverside Ave, Croton-on-Hudson, 914.271.0702; www.oceanhouseoysterbar.com

## Dobbs Ferry

### **[BOW]** THE COOKERY *Italian \$\$*

This progressive Italian restaurant from Chef David DiBari serves some of the county's most creative fare with an emphasis on pork, fresh pasta, and unique specials. Small-plates brunch Sat and Sun; closed Mon. 39 Chestnut St, Dobbs Ferry, 914.305.2336; www.thecookeryrestaurant.com



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## dining out

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### **BOW** THE PARLOR *Pizza* \$\$

Food ★★½ Service ★★★ Atmosphere ★★★  
(03/14)

The brick-and-mortar incarnation of the popular DoughNation pizza truck, look for a selection of unique pizzas featuring housemade ingredients, plus wood-fired appetizers, wine on tap, and “bottled” cocktails. Closed Mon. Reservations not accepted. 14 Cedar St, Dobbs Ferry, 914.478.8200; www.theparlordf.com

### **BOW** SUSHI MIKE'S JAPANESE RESTAURANT

*Japanese* \$\$\$

Hugely popular for its special sushi rolls (the “Out of Control” is a favorite), this neighborhood Japanese restaurant is often packed. A jazz vocalist entertains every Monday evening. 146 Main St, Dobbs Ferry, 914.591.0054; www.sushimikes.com  
★★½ (10/13)

## Eastchester

### **MASON SANDWICH CO.** *Sandwiches*

Almost everything is made in-house at this craft-sandwich shop, including a crispy fried chicken sandwich with spicy maple syrup and their gourmet riff on a Big Mac. 33 Mill Rd, Eastchester, 914.776.2766; www.masonsandwiches.com

### **BOW** PIPER'S KILT *Pub* \$\$

A county institution, this classic pub serves cold pints, ethereal onion rings, and pretty-near-perfect burgers. Kitchen hours everyday until midnight. 433 White Plains Rd, Eastchester, 914.779.5772; www.piperskilt.com

### **YEFSI ESTIATORIO** *Greek* \$\$\$

Food ★★½ Service ★★★ Atmosphere ★★  
(12/16)

This upscale, 160-seat Greek restaurant (with a second location in Manhattan) serves refined takes on “homestyle Greek cuisine” in a stylish atmosphere. Many ingredients — olive oil, cheeses, herbs — are sourced from Crete, and expect an extensive selection of Greek wines and beers. 219 Main St, Eastchester, 914.779.8988; www.yefsiny.com

## Harrison

### **273 KITCHEN** *Mediterranean* \$\$\$

Food ★★★½ Service ★★★★★ Atmosphere ★★★½  
(10/15)

Chef Constantine Kalandranis' (8 North Broadway in Nyack) first Westchester restaurant is this 30-seat, seafood-heavy, small-plates Mediterranean bistro with an often-changing menu. Serves Sunday brunch. 273 Halstead Ave, Harrison, 914.732.3333; www.273kitchen.com

### **DELFINO'S** *Italian* \$\$\$

Look for the classics like eggplant rollatini, cavatelli rustica, and veal-chop martini at this traditional Italian eatery. Outdoor dining available in warmer weather. Closed Mon. 60 Halstead Ave, Harrison, 914.835.2535; www.dineatdelfinosny.com

### **LAGO RISTORANTE & WINE BAR** *Italian* \$\$\$

Chef Salvatore Esposito puts an emphasis on fresh ingredients and the flavors of Italy's Campania region at this Harrison spot. Sidewalk tables in warm weather. 97 Lake St, West Harrison, 914.358.9180; www.lagoristorante.com

### **BOW** PORTA NAPOLI *Italian/Pizza* \$\$

This Southern Italian eatery features Neapolitan-style pizza from the owners of Kesté Pizza & Vino in Manhattan's West Village. More than 20 thin-crust pies from its Stefano Ferrara wood-burning oven



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are offered including a number of gluten-free selections. 261 Halstead Ave, Harrison, 914.732.3232; www.portanapoliny.com

## Hartsdale

### **COPPER KETTLE CAFÉ** *Café* \$

Chef Joey D'Angelo of Manhattan's Spigolo and The Gilroy has partnered with Chef Gino Gabriel to bring gourmet, seasonal, and affordable comfort food to central Westchester. 201 E Hartsdale Ave, Hartsdale, 914.723.1065; www.copperkettlecafe.com

### **KISHUYA** *Ramen* \$\$

Food ★★★ Service ★★½ Atmosphere ★★½  
(12/15)

This traditional ramen shop tucked into a shopping center on Central Avenue serves well-executed noodle bowls, including a fiery Tantanmen ramen with ground pork. A unique selection of Japanese beers is available. 163 S Central Ave, Hartsdale, 914.949.0600; www.kishuya.com

## Hastings-on-Hudson

### **BOW** SAINT GEORGE *French* \$\$\$\$

In the space that was formerly Buffet de la Gare comes this contemporary French bistro from Chef Chris Vergara (Harper's in Dobbs Ferry, Meritage in Scarsdale). Don't miss the all-French wine list and absinthe fountain. Brunch Sat and Sun; closed Monday. 155 Southside Ave, Hastings-on-Hudson, 914.478.1671; www.saintgeorgebistro.com

## Irvington

### **BOW** CHUTNEY MASALA *Indian* \$\$\$

The popular Indian bistro from Chef Navjot Arora may have moved into a new location, but expect the menu to still feature tried-and-true options like a myriad of curries. An Indian-inspired Sunday brunch (\$14.95) is also available. 76 Main St, Irvington, 914.591.5500; www.chutneymasala.com

### **BOW** MIMA VINOTECA *Italian* \$\$\$

The owners of Zuppa in Yonkers run this trattoria serving Italian “home-cooking” and some of the

county's best salumi. A 25-plus wine-by-the-glass menu is offered. 63 Main St, Irvington, 914.591.1300; www.mimarestaurant.com ★★★ (02/13)

### **BOW** RED HAT ON THE RIVER *French Bistro* \$\$\$

There are stunning Hudson River views — and simple French fare — to be enjoyed at this stylish bistro. Live jazz on Wed nights. Serves Sun brunch. 1 Bridge St, Irvington, 914.591.5888; www.redhatbistro.com

### **SAMBAL** *Thai/Malay* \$\$

In the space that was Chutney Masala, chef/owner Navjot Arora opened a Southeast Asian restaurant with a handful of Malaysian plates and unobstructed Hudson River views. 4 W Main St, Irvington, 914.478.2700; www.sambalny.com

## Katonah

### **PEPPINO'S RISTORANTE** *Northern Italian* \$\$\$

Lots of regulars come to this family-owned (since 1991) restaurant to sit at candlelit tables and dine on dishes like veal Sorrentino and eggplant parmigiana. Outdoor dining is available in warmer temps. 116 Katonah Ave, Katonah, 914.232.3212; www.peppinosristorante.com

## Larchmont

### **BOW** ENCORE BISTRO FRANÇAIS *French* \$\$\$

Enjoy savory French cuisine in a charming bistro setting, including homemade pâté, escargot, breast of duck, and sweetbreads. Sidewalk dining available. 22 Chatsworth Ave, Larchmont, 914.833.1661; www.encore-bistro.com

### **LENNY'S SEAFOOD AND STEAKHOUSE**

*Steakhouse* \$\$\$\$

Food ★★★½ Service ★★★½ Atmosphere ★★★  
(04/16)

At Lenny's, all steaks — from the 46-oz porterhouse for four to the 6-oz petit filet — are dry-aged for 21 days. Reservations recommended. 2047 Boston Post Rd, Larchmont, 914.630.7800; www.lennyssteakhouse.com

### **MADISON KITCHEN** *Small Plates* \$\$\$

Nick DiBona's menu features funky small plates and select number of large dishes, mostly pastas,

meant for sharing. For dessert, don't miss his signature Bona Bona ice cream in flavors like rainbow cookie and backyard mint. Brunch Sat; Closed Sun. 7 Madison Ave, Larchmont 914.732.3024; www.mklarchmont.com

## Mamaroneck

### IL CASTELLO Mediterranean/Italian \$\$\$

Expect homemade pastas and elaborate table presentations at this Italian restaurant, located a stone's throw from the Mamaroneck Metro-North Station. Prix-fixe \$20.95 lunch. Closed Mon. 576 Mamaroneck Ave, Mamaroneck, 914.777.2200

### MODERN ON THE RAILS Italian \$\$\$

The owners of Modern in New Rochelle put their own spin on Italian stalwarts (Kobe beef meatballs, chipotle calamari) at this 140-seat restaurant in the space that was formerly Club Car. Serves Sunday brunch. One Station Plz, Mamaroneck, 914.777.9300; www.modernontherails.com

## Mohegan Lake

### AWGIE'S PRIME CUT Steakhouse \$\$\$\$

This 135-seat steakhouse and bar serves dry-aged steaks, seafood entrées, and creatively flavored martinis. Live music on Thurs. Serves Sunday brunch. 3436 Lexington Ave, Mohegan Lake, 914.743.1357; www.augiesprimecut.com

## Mount Kisco

### 251 LEX Mediterranean \$\$\$

Constantine Kalandranis (Harrison's 273 Kitchen and 8 North Broadway in Nyack) owns this 135-seat restaurant in an 100-year-old Victorian with an ever-changing menu. Three-course prix-fixe menu for \$45 and a selection of small-production wines and craft beers. 251 Lexington Ave, Mount Kisco, 914.218.8156; www.251lex.com

### CAFÉ OF LOVE New American \$\$\$

Leslie Lampert, owner of gourmet shop Ladle of Love, owns this 55-seat restaurant showcasing local ingredients. Don't miss the truffled chickpeas. Closed Mon. 38 E Main St, Mount Kisco, 914.242.1002; www.cafeofloveny.com

### EXIT 4 FOOD HALL Eclectic \$\$

Food ★★ Service ★★½ Atmosphere ★★ (10/16)

The food-hall trend comes to Mount Kisco with nine stations, serving everything from wood-fired pizzas to barbecue to sushi (plus craft beers and nitro coffee at X4 on Tap). Rustic communal tables made of salvaged and reclaimed wood constitute the majority of the seating. 153 Main St, Mount Kisco, 914.241.1200; www.exit4foodhall.com

### LEXINGTON SQUARE CAFE New American \$\$\$

Casual New American eatery with an emphasis on seafood dishes, such as braised fish-of-the-day in a green Thai curry. A 60-seat private-party room is popular for showers and christenings. Elaborate birthday cakes are available. 510 Lexington Ave, Mount Kisco, 914.244.3663; www.lexingtonsquarecafe.com

### LITTLE DRUNKEN CHEF Global Tapas \$\$\$

This fifth and largest venture from chef-owner Bonnie Saran serves globally inspired tapas in an eclectic, 84-seat space in Mount Kisco. Expect a popular nightlife scene at the bar, which is open late Thurs to Sat. 36 E Main St, Mount Kisco, 914.242.8800



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### **PATIO 3** Mexican \$\$\$

From the same family as Patio and Maya Riviera in Briarcliff Manor, this casual Mount Kisco spot serves regional Mexican cuisine. Closed Mon. 222 E Main St, Mount Kisco, 914.864.2600

### **WINSTON** New American \$\$\$\$

It took three years to design and build this 81-seat, three-story warehouse-style eatery where Executive Chef Michael Williams proffers New American dishes and decadent desserts. Rooftop lounge open in warmer weather. Wine Library features rare bottles. Closed Mon. 130 E Main St, Mount Kisco, 914.244.9780; www.winstonrestaurant.com

## Mount Vernon

### **JOHNNY'S PIZZERIA** Pizza \$\$

Open since the '40s, Johnny's old-school, thin-crust pies are some of the best pizza north of NYC. No slices; cash only. Closed Sun and Mon. 30 W Lincoln Ave, Mount Vernon, 914.668.1957; www.johnnys1942.com

### **RIPE** Caribbean \$\$

Chef Nigel Spence curates a menu of authentic Caribbean flavors — curried goat, plantains, and the "Big-Ass" jerk rib-eye — in this funky space with live music and an outdoor courtyard perfect for sipping potent rum cocktails. Late-night dining; Closed Mon. 151 W Sandford Blvd, Mount Vernon, 914.665.7689; www.riperestaurant.com

## New Rochelle

### **ALVIN & FRIENDS** Southern/Caribbean \$\$\$

This contemporary spot in downtown New Rochelle serves Southern dishes with a Caribbean flair, including a Best of Westchester-winning fried chicken. Live entertainment several nights a week. Brunch Sun; closed Mon. 14 Memorial Hwy, New Rochelle, 914.654.6549; www.alvinandfriendsrestaurant.com ★★½ (01/12)

### **MODERN RESTAURANT & LOUNGE**

Italian \$\$\$

Old-school Italian fare in a contemporary setting. Dishes to order are the chicken parmigiana, pork-chop contadina, and whole-wheat spaghetti putanesca. A selection of brick-oven pizzas are also offered. 310 Huguenot St, New Rochelle, 914.633.9479; www.modernrestaurant.com

### **NOMA SOCIAL** Tapas \$\$\$

Chef Bill Rosenberg, formerly of F.I.S.H. and Barcelona, serves a menu of mostly small plates at this 125-seat spot in the lobby of the Radisson Hotel. Late-night dining until 2 am Fri and Sat. 1 Radisson Pl, New Rochelle, 914.576.4141; www.nomasocial.com

### **ROC-N-RAMEN** Ramen \$\$

Food ★★★ Service ★★½ Atmosphere ★½ (12/15)

This small ramen shop across from New Roc City features classic appetizers and ramen bowls, plus unique fusion flavors (Don't miss a special oxtail-curry ramen when offered). 19 Anderson St, New Rochelle, 914.365.1166; www.rocnramen914.com

## North Salem

### **ONE TWENTY ONE** New American \$\$\$\$

Having undergone a full redesign in 2014, Chef Beck Bolender brings a little contemporary flair to the area's verdant farmland with a menu of locally sourced (many ingredients come from the county) dishes. 2 Dingle Rd, North Salem, 914.669.0121; www.121restaurant.com

### **PURDY'S FARMER & THE FISH** Seafood

\$\$\$\$

Housed in a historic 18th-century farmhouse and surrounded by three acres of terraced farmland that supply the restaurant, Farmer & the Fish serves a seafood-and-produce-heavy menu. Serves Sunday brunch. 100 Titicus Rd, North Salem, 914.617.8380; www.farmerandthefish.com

### **IRON VINE** Tapas \$\$\$

Food ★★ Service ★★½ Atmosphere ★★★½ (08/15)

Owner Gabriel Arango restored this 1863 building using only materials found in Peekskill and the Hudson Valley. The result is a warm, 52-seat restaurant and wine bar serving tapas, a small selection of entrées,



Roc-N-Ramen

### **VOX BAR & RESTAURANT** French/Eclectic \$\$\$

With an outdoor patio overlooking the green landscape of North Salem, this unpretentious restaurant serves French classics and a handful of Asian-inspired dishes. Closed Mon and Tues. 721 Titicus Rd, North Salem, 914.669.5450; www.voxnorthsalem.com ★★½ (02/12)

## Ossining

### **BASTA** Pasta/Pizza \$\$

If you seek out this hidden gem, you're likely to be rewarded with classic Italian appetizers, pastas, pizzas, and mains, expertly executed with an eye toward simplicity and fresh ingredients. The restaurant does not have a liquor license. Closed Mon. 27 Campwoods Rd, Ossining, 914.236.3400; www.basta27.com

## Peekskill

### **BUNS-N-BOURBON** American \$

Billed as "a celebration of bun food and brown spirits," this bar and eatery, from the owners of Taco Dive Bar and Hudson Room, features more than 90 American whiskeys. Closed Sun to Tues. 55 Hudson Ave, Peekskill, 914.788.2867; www.bunsnbourbon.com

### **GLEASON'S** Eclectic \$\$

Chef Krista Espinal of Birdsall House runs the kitchen at this 60-seat restaurant named for the comic and former Peekskill resident, specializing in artisan flatbread pizzas and specialty cocktails. 911 South St, Peekskill, 914.402.1950; gleasonspeekskill.com. ★★★ (04/13)

and exceptional craft cocktails. Serves Sunday brunch. 992 Main St, Peekskill, 914.930.8506; www.ironvinepeekskill.com

### **RAMENESQUE** Japanese \$\$

This Japanese restaurant (with a second location in Thornwood) is known for its ramen bowls but also serves appetizers, udon, a vast selection of sushi, and several mains. All dishes are made without MSG. Closed Sun and Mon; Peekskill closed Tues. 1008 Main St, Peekskill, 914.930.1788; 14 Marble St, Thornwood, 914.741.5100; www.ramenesque.net

## Pleasantville

### **DAI SUSHI** Japanese \$\$\$

Food ★★★½ Service ★★★ Atmosphere ★★½ (06/16)

This hidden gem serves superlative sushi and Japanese dishes such as vegetarian udon bowls, buttery rib-eye with teriyaki sauce, and miso soup. Closed Mon. 8 Pleasantville Rd, Pleasantville, 914.769.0638; www.daisushirestaurant.com

### **WOOD & FIRE** Italian \$\$ (pizza); \$\$\$ (entrées)

Food ★★★ Service ★★★ Atmosphere ★★½ (11/15)

Neapolitan cuisine is the name of the game at this family-run establishment with a menu spanning salads, pizzas, small plates, pastas, and mains. Half-off wine Wednesdays. 59 Marble Ave, Pleasantville, 914.747.2611; www.woodandfirepizza.com

## Pocantico Hills

### **BOW** BLUE HILL AT STONE BARNs

New American \$\$\$\$

Among the World's 50 Best Restaurants, the Barber family runs this groundbreaking farm-to-table fine-dining restaurant. The menu changes daily with many of the ingredients grown or raised on-site. The Stone Barns Center hosts agricultural and culinary educational initiatives. Closed Mon and Tue. 630 Bedford Rd, Pocantico Hills, 914.366.9600; www.bluehillfarm.com

## Port Chester

### **BOW** CAFÉ MIRAGE Eclectic \$\$\$

Food ★★★★★ Service ★★★★★ Atmosphere ★★★★★ (05/16)

In its new, larger location, Café Mirage serves up an array of international dishes ranging from authentic Louisiana shrimp and andouille-sausage gumbo to mussels in a Thai-inspired coconut-milk broth. Serves Sunday brunch. 223 Westchester Ave, Port Chester, 914.481.5581; www.cafemirageny.com

### **BOW** COALS Pizza \$\$

Hand-stretched pies made with imported Italian ingredients are grilled at this pizzeria and craft-beer restaurant. The hand-formed beef burger won Best Burger at our 2015 Burger & Beer Blast. 35 N Main St, Port Chester, 914.305.3220; 131 Parkway Rd, Bronxville, 914.337.1901; www.coalspizza.com

★★★★ (11/12)

### PANKA PERUVIAN BISTRO Peruvian \$\$\$

Among Port Chester's multitude of Latin restaurants is Panka, a family-owned Peruvian bistro serving traditional dishes, including five kinds of fresh ceviche bathed in lime juice. 167 Westchester Ave, Port Chester, 914.481.5424; www.pankabistro.com

### PICCOLO Italian \$\$\$

The space that formerly held zeppoleme is now home to this eatery helmed by Roman Chef Stefano Gentile (formerly of Le Sirene in Larchmont) serving regional Italian pastas and entrées. The lunch menu features a wide range of panini. Closed Mon. 321 N Main St, Port Chester, 914.481.5678; www.piccoloitagliangourmet.com

### **BOW** RYE HOUSE American \$\$\$

An offshoot of the Union Square restaurant of the same name, this gastropub serves American fare with a Southern tilt including a can't-miss Carolina shrimp and grits. The whiskey-centric bar features more than 100 bottles from around the world. \$15 lunch special includes an appetizer and sandwich. Serves Sunday brunch. 126 N Main St, Port Chester, 914.481.8771; www.ryehousepc.com

### **BOW** SONORA Nuevo Latino \$\$\$

Fans flock to Chef Rafael Palomino's only Westchester spot for his pan-Latino cuisine. The bar area serves tacos and a vast selection of craft tequila. Outdoor patio in the summer. Serves Sunday brunch. 179 Rectory St, Port Chester, 914.933.0200; www.sonorarestaurant.net



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## Pound Ridge

**BOW** **THE INN AT POUND RIDGE** *New American* \$\$\$\$  
Food ★★★★★ Service ★★★★★ Atmosphere ★★★★★ (06/14)

Expect seasonal ingredients (and the occasional Asian flare) from the kitchen at this 250-seat, special-occasion restaurant from Jean-Georges Vongerichten, featuring two dining spaces, an in-kitchen chef's table, and wine cellar available

shrimp, and filet mignon with lobster mashed potatoes. Serves Sunday brunch. 22 Elm Pl, Rye, 914.921.8190; [www.morgansfishhouse.net](http://www.morgansfishhouse.net)

**ROSEMARY AND VINE** *Mediterranean* \$\$

Food ★★ ½ Service ★★ ½ Atmosphere ★★ ½ (11/16)

On Rye's main drag, this casual-chic vegetarian spot serves Mediterranean dishes with Middle Eastern touches, including smokey baba

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**BOW** **WUJI** *Chinese* \$\$\$

This Chinese-American restaurant with 3 locations aims to improve the classics with high-quality ingredients (heritage pork, organic vegetables) and stylish plating. 2 Chase Rd, Scarsdale, 914.713.8811; 26 Purchase St, Rye, 914.481.4758; 68 E Putnam Ave, Greenwich, 844.985.4669; [www.wujirestaurant.com](http://www.wujirestaurant.com)



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for private dining. Serves Sunday brunch. 258 Westchester Ave, Pound Ridge, 914.764.1400; [www.theinnatpoundridge.com](http://www.theinnatpoundridge.com)

## Purchase

**BOW** **TREDICI NORTH** *Italian* \$\$\$

Food ★★★★★ Service ★★★★★ Atmosphere ★★ (07/16)  
Chef Giuseppe Fanelli runs the kitchen at this stylish 68-seat Italian eatery. Expect indulgent dishes like mozzarella-stuffed meatballs and smoked short ribs with balsamic onions and stoneground polenta. Closed Mon. 578 Anderson Hill Rd, Purchase, 914.997.4113; [www.tredicinorth.com](http://www.tredicinorth.com)

## Purdys

**BOW** **BLAZER PUB** *American* \$

Totally untouched by modern restaurant trends, this no-pretense pub is rightly famous for its classic, ground-beef chili, juicy burgers served with thick-cut fries, and old-school, perfect-for-beer-drinking vibe. Cash only. 440 Rte 22, Purdys, 914.277.4424; [www.theblazerpub.com](http://www.theblazerpub.com)

## Rye

**BOW** **FRANKIE & JOHNNIE'S** *Steakhouse* \$\$\$\$

Upscale steakhouse with a posh bar and lounge area. Specialties include porterhouse steak for two, Chilean sea bass, and lobster ravioli. 77 Purchase St, Rye, 914.925.3900; [www.frankieandjohnnies.com](http://www.frankieandjohnnies.com)

**BOW** **MORGANS FISH HOUSE** *Seafood* \$\$\$

This casual seafood restaurant proffers Portuguese fisherman's stew, sautéed Gulf

ganoush, avocado crostini, and roasted beets with pomegranate molasses and labneh. Closed Sun. 29 Purchase St, Rye, 914.481.8660; [www.rosemaryandvine.com](http://www.rosemaryandvine.com)

**BOW** **RUBY'S OYSTER BAR & BISTRO**

*Seafood Bistro* \$\$\$\$

The dark-wood dining room of this bistro with open windows on Rye's main drag, serves fresh seafood with decidedly French flair. Breakfast daily; brunch on Sun. 45 Purchase St, Rye, 914.921.4166; [www.rubysoysterbar.com](http://www.rubysoysterbar.com)

**BOW** **RYE GRILL & BAR**

*Traditional American* \$\$\$\$

Expect unpretentious American fare — burgers, pan-seared scallops, grilled cowboy steak — at this bi-level eatery in Rye's Metro-North parking lot. Serves Sunday brunch. 1 Station Plz, Rye, 914.967.0332; [www.ryegrill.com](http://www.ryegrill.com)

**BOW** **RYE ROADHOUSE** *Cajun/Southern* \$\$\$

Tucked in a residential area of Rye, The Roadhouse is a local institution known for its sweet-potato fries and Cajun flavors, like the grilled or blackened meatloaf. Discounted specials include half-price burger Tuesdays and a \$12.95 fried chicken on Wednesdays. Late-night dining Fri and Sat until 1 am; brunch on Sun. 12 High St, Rye, 914.925.2668; [www.ryeroadhouse.com](http://www.ryeroadhouse.com)

## Scarsdale

**BOW** **EASTCHESTER FISH GOURMET**

*Seafood* \$\$\$

Owner Rick Ross sources the freshest seafood daily from the Fulton Fish Market for this Westchester seafood institution and his adjoining market. \$29.95 lobster dinners on Mon; raw-bar deals on

## Tarrytown

**PIK NIK** *Barbecue* \$\$

Hassan and Alberta Jarane, proprietors of nearby Mint Premium Foods, also own this counter-service barbecue joint serving smoked meats (with mango-quince barbecue sauce), down-home sides, and vintage sodas. Closed Mon. 45 Main St, Tarrytown, 914.631.5600

**BOW** **RIVERMARKET BAR AND KITCHEN**

*New American* \$\$\$\$

Food ★★★★★ Service ★★★★★ Atmosphere ★★★★★ (04/14)  
This New American restaurant (with Mediterranean influences) and on-premise farm market from the owners of Crabtree's Kittle House in Chappaqua sources primarily local, sustainable ingredients for its menu, cocktails, and homemade desserts. 127 W Main St, Tarrytown, 914.631.3100; [www.rivermarketbarandkitchen.com](http://www.rivermarketbarandkitchen.com)

## Tuckahoe

**THE OLDE STONE MILL** *Italian American* \$\$\$

Housed in a 200-year-old stone mill, this 160-seat restaurant serves all the classics. Live piano on Saturday evenings; outdoor dining on the patio or in the picturesque garden during warmer months. Closed Mon. 2 Scarsdale Rd, Tuckahoe, 914.771.7661; [www.theoldestonemill.com](http://www.theoldestonemill.com)

**BOW** **THE TAP HOUSE** *Gastropub* \$\$\$

Gastropub offering dishes like pan-roasted chicken in a lemon white wine sauce; truffle gnocchi; and grilled bratwurst, plus salads and small plates. Serves Sunday brunch. 16 Depot Sq, Tuckahoe, 914.337.6941; [www.thetaphouse.com](http://www.thetaphouse.com)  
★★ ½ (05/10)

## White Plains

**BOW** **BENJAMIN STEAKHOUSE**

*Steakhouse* \$\$\$\$

This 200-seat restaurant owned by ex-Peter Luger staffers specializes in dry-aged steaks and chops. (A second outpost is located in Midtown Manhattan.) Closed Mon; brunch on Sun. 610 W Hartsdale Ave, White Plains, 914.428.6868; [www.benjaminsteakhouse.com](http://www.benjaminsteakhouse.com) ★★ ½ (05/11)

**CORIANDER MODERN INDIAN** *Indian* \$\$\$

These stylish restaurants feature locally sourced ingredients and bold Indian flavors, plus craft beer and organic wines. In White Plains, the 15-seat bar showcases an assortment of Indian-style tapas. Closed Mon. 154 Larchmont Ave, Larchmont, 914.235.1306; 74 Mamaroneck Ave, White Plains, 914.358.4500; [www.coriandermy.com](http://www.coriandermy.com)

**BOW** **CITY LIMITS DINER** *American* \$\$

These upscale diners feature traditional American dishes, internationally inspired plates and an array of homemade desserts. The White Plains location also has a bar and lounge area with cocktails and craft beer. Breakfast daily. 200 Central Ave, White Plains, 914.686.9000; 135 Harvard Ave, Stamford, 203.348.7000; [www.citylimitsdiner.com](http://www.citylimitsdiner.com)



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**KEE OYSTER HOUSE** Seafood \$\$\$\$

Food ★★½ Service ★★★ Atmosphere ★★★★★ (09/16)

Lulzim Rexhepi (formerly of Le Bernadin) is executive chef at this New York-style oyster bar serving seafood and a handful of surf-and-turf options. The bar stocks 40 bourbons and single-malt Scotches.

126-128 E Post Rd, White Plains, 914.437.8535; [www.keeoysterhouse.com](http://www.keeoysterhouse.com)

**MEDITERRANEO** Mediterranean \$\$\$\$

With two other locations in Fairfield County, this eatery boasts an open kitchen and a wood-burning oven turning out a handful pizzas and other wood-kissed dishes. Serves Sunday Brunch. 189 Main St, White Plains, 914.448.8800; [www.zhospitalitygroup.com/mediterraneowhiteplains](http://www.zhospitalitygroup.com/mediterraneowhiteplains)

**BOW** **PAX ROMANA** Italian \$\$

Food ★★★ Service ★★½ Atmosphere ★★★ (08/16)

Chef Cristian Petitta, formerly of La Bocca in White Plains, serves up a pasta-centric menu (all made fresh on-site) highlighting the flavors of Rome. Late-night dining Friday and Saturday until 1 a.m. 189 E Post Rd, White Plains, 914.437.5791; [www.paxromanany.com](http://www.paxromanany.com)

**BOW** **SAPORI** Italian \$\$\$

Indoor and outdoor seating—including partially enclosed booths tucked in brick-lined outcoves—are available at this 160-seat Italian eatery in White Plains. 324 Central Ave, White Plains, 914.684.8855; [www.saporiofwhiteplains.com](http://www.saporiofwhiteplains.com)

**BOW** **SUSHI NANASE** Sushi \$\$\$\$

Sushi master Yoshimichi Takeda (Nobu, Masa) and his pristine cuts of fish are the star at this 18-seat spot that feels like a little slice of Japan hidden away in White Plains. The omakase (from \$80 to \$200) is a must-order. Closed Wed. 522 Mamaroneck Ave, White Plains, 914.285.5351

**TRE ANGELINA** Northern Italian \$\$\$

This cozy, white-tablecloth Italian joint proffers the flavors of Northern Italy. Closed Sun (except for private parties). 478 Mamaroneck Ave, White Plains, 914.686.0617; [www.treangelina.com](http://www.treangelina.com)

## Yonkers

**DOLPHIN RESTAURANT BAR LOUNGE**

Seafood \$\$\$

The Rugova family runs this bi-level restaurant serving up seafood, pasta, steaks, and big salads. A 100-seat patio lends views of the Hudson River. Late-night menu Thurs to Sat until 1 a.m. 1 Van Der Donck St, Yonkers, 914.751.8170; [www.dolphinrbl.com](http://www.dolphinrbl.com) ★★ (09/11)

**BOW** **X20 XAVIARS ON THE HUDSON**

New American \$\$\$\$

Venerated chef Peter Kelly's fourth restaurant sits on the historic Yonkers Pier offering breathtaking views of the Hudson River and his famous cowboy rib-eye for two. The casual Dylan Lounge boasts its own menu. Prix-fixe brunch on Sun. Closed Mon. 71 Water Grant St, Yonkers, 914.965.1111; [www.xaviars.com](http://www.xaviars.com)

**BOW** **ZUPPA** Italian \$\$\$

Paskual Dedi is the executive chef at this urbane Italian restaurant serving creative homemade pastas and top-notch entrées. Three private rooms are available for parties. Prix-fixe lunch (\$24) Mon to Fri. 59 Main St, Yonkers, 914.376.6500; [www.zupparestaurant.com](http://www.zupparestaurant.com)

## Nearby

**ELM STREET OYSTER HOUSE** Seafood \$\$\$\$

A high-energy seafood restaurant serving such specialties as pan-fried oysters and wasabi-crusted tuna. Serves Sun brunch. Reservations lunch only. 11 W Elm St, Greenwich, 203.629.5795; [www.elmstreetoysterhouse.com](http://www.elmstreetoysterhouse.com)

**MOLYVOS** Greek \$\$\$\$

The Livianos Restaurant Group (City Limits, Moderne Barn) also operates this Manhattan restaurant serving authentic Greek cuisine. 871 Seventh Ave, New York, 212.582.7500; [www.molyvos.com](http://www.molyvos.com)

**THE NATIONAL** New American \$\$\$

Food ★★★ Service ★★★ Atmosphere ★★★ (03/16)

Food Network celebrity chef Geoffrey Zakarian's first restaurant outside of NYC, The National specializes in wood-grilled fare and exceptional cocktails from Michelin-starred bartender Brian Van Flandern. Late-night menu Thu to Sat; brunch on Sun. 376 Greenwich Ave, Greenwich, 203.861.6851; [www.thenational-ct.com](http://www.thenational-ct.com)

**OCEANA** Seafood \$\$\$\$

Chef Ben Pollinger heads up the kitchen at this innovative, highly touted restaurant in Midtown owned by the Livanos family. Don't miss world-class desserts from Pastry Chef Colleen Grapes. Breakfast Mon to Fri. 120 W 49th St, New York, 212.759.5941; [www.oceanarestaurant.com](http://www.oceanarestaurant.com)

**PIER 701 RESTAURANT AND BAR**

Mediterranean \$\$\$\$

Executive Chef Denis Whitton pairs water views with seasonal small and large plates at this Piermont restaurant and catering hall. Outdoor seating on a large deck (or on the beach!) is a main attraction. Live music Fri and Sat nights. 701 Piermont Ave, Piermont, 845.848.2550; [www.pier701ny.com](http://www.pier701ny.com) 

### KEY TO SYMBOLS

**UPDATE** We note any significant changes.

**BOW** Best of Westchester winner

- \$ Average entrée \$10 or less
- \$\$ Average entrée between \$11 and \$17
- \$\$\$ Average entrée between \$18 and \$24
- \$\$\$\$ Average entrée above \$25

### RESTAURANTS REVIEWED STARTING JANUARY 2014

Reviewers judge restaurants in three categories: Food, Service, and Atmosphere. Reviewers dine anonymously and make at least two visits.

- ★★★★ Excellent
- ★★★ Good
- ★★ Average
- ★ Poor

### RESTAURANTS REVIEWED BEFORE JANUARY 2014

- ★★★★ Excellent
- ★★★ Good
- ★★ Average
- ★ Poor

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## HEAR THIS

### ***String's the Thing***

The nine-time Grammy Award-winning **Emerson String Quartet** has quickly become one of the country's biggest classical acts. The lauded quartet will take the stage at Stamford's Palace Theatre on January 14, where they will present a selection of Beethoven, Shostakovich, and Tchaikovsky in their truly singular style.

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# Best Bets

Our favorite reasons to get out of the house this month BY PAUL ADLER



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## West World

Two movies that define the evolving spirit of the modern Western will be shown back to back this month at the Jacob Burns Film Center. Akira Kurosawa's monumental samurai flick **Yojimbo**, in which a sword master pits two warring businessmen against each other, will run alongside the Clint Eastwood epic **For a Few Dollars More**, a film directly influenced by Kurosawa's masterpiece. This 1965 spaghetti western helmed by Sergio Leone follows Eastwood's "Man in Black" as he hunts for a ruthless fugitive. Both films offer varied perspectives on this enduring cinematic genre, detailing the incredible ways in which international directors sought to reinvent the Western.

## Hyde and Seek

Top-notch theater doesn't have to be tame. Exhibit A: The Elmwood Playhouse's new adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's groundbreaking novella **Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde**. Telling the tale of a scientist who unlocks a monster lurking within him, this forward-thinking play directed by Debra Lee Failla presents an innovative take on the celebrated story. The Nyack-based Playhouse will present this production set in Victorian England with multiple actors assuming the role of Hyde, each embodying a different facet of the deeply troubled scientist. Buckle up, and get ready for an utterly singular view of one not-so-singular protagonist.

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## A Wail of a Good Time

Bob Marley's beloved band is just as vibrant and vivacious as it was when the legendary reggae great was still taking the stage. Originally founded by Marley, Peter Tosh, and Bunny Livingston, The Wailers' current lineup boasts such reggae greats as Aston "Family Man" Barrett, Junior Marvin, and Donald Kinsey. This month, **The Wailers** will be lighting up the Tarrytown Music Hall on the heels of their 2016 reformation. Watch as one of the world's most famous reggae bands demonstrates just why they have been a force to be reckoned with for more than 40 years.

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## Storm Kings

With more than 3,000 live shows under their belts, **Gaelic Storm** must be doing something right. The multinational, award-winning, Irish-inspired group has been playing together for nearly 20 years to worldwide acclaim. Their latest release, *Matching Sweaters*, adds a modern twist to the group's signature blend of traditional Irish tunes. The group will be taking the stage at the Paramount Hudson Valley Theater in Peekskill with a rare performance that fuses bluegrass, country, jam, and rock music with the traditional sounds of the Emerald Isle.

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## A Room of One's Own

This month, The Edward Hopper house in Nyack presents a truly unique look at a celebrated artist with their new show, **Edward Hopper's Bedroom Reimagined**. This inventive restaging transforms the artist's bedroom into a showcase designed in period style by the architect Walter Cain, and Ernest de La Tore, a renowned designer featured in *Architectural Digest*. Based on paintings and historical documents, the room in which the renowned artist spent his evenings until age 28 is given a new look that typifies Hopper's artistic development and aesthetic, as well as his appreciation for the "Hudson River light" of Nyack. Both the beauty and inspiration of Hopper's early life are vividly presented in this distinctive experience.

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## Ryme Time

Believe it or not, a musician that once played alongside artists such as Bob Dylan, Dave Matthews, and members of the Grateful Dead now produces some of the country's finest children's music. The two-time Grammy-nominated **Brady Rymer and the Little Band That Could** are bringing their signature songs to Mamaroneck's Emelin Theatre. Now on his seventh full-length album, Rymer is beloved for his fun and funky songs bearing influences ranging from Americana to zydeco. Having been featured on NPR's *All Things Considered* and on the pages of the *New York Times*, this big-name children's musician is worth a watch by any curious kid.



## Chamber Made

Sometimes an evening of classical music should mean more than just a choice between Beethoven and Bach. That's where **The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center** comes in, with a varied catalogue of compositions ranging from legendary icons to contemporary innovators. This month, the Society will be taking the stage at the Performing Arts Center at Purchase College with a selection of works by Brahms and Fauré. Widely known as the nation's premier repertory company, the Chamber Music Society is led by acclaimed directors David Finkel and Wu Han — two of the biggest names in contemporary classical.

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For more information on these events, plus more listings this month, see *Book It!* on page 114



PHOTO BY PAUL B. GOODE

## A Step Above

Some of the nation's most revered dancers arrive in Westchester this month as the Paul Taylor Dance Company takes the stage at The Performing Arts Center. **BY PAUL ADLER**

**F**or internationally acclaimed dancer Michael Trusnovec, Paul Taylor's choreography can only be described as life-changing. "I always thought I was going to be in theater, but I turned a corner when I saw Paul's work," he shares. "It changed my mind about what I wanted to do, and I think that's because of the theatricality of his pieces and the way he captures emotions and brings them to the stage in a way that is starkly different than anybody else."

While Trusnovec — who has danced with the

company for two decades — has high praise for the choreographer, it is undoubtedly earned. Taylor is the recipient of an Emmy Award, a Kennedy Center Honor, and three Guggenheim Fellowships. His dance company, founded in 1954, has performed in more than 62 countries and has been featured on PBS nine times — positioning Taylor among the world's greatest living choreographers in the eyes of many.

On the heels of the 2015 documentary *Paul Taylor: Creative Domain*, which provides an inside look into Taylor's method, the company will be performing three masterworks on January 28 at the Performing Arts

Center in Purchase. A Long Island native, Trusnovac holds the Center in particular esteem. "I love coming to PAC; it just feels like home," he says. "We spend at least a week or two there each year, filming dances for repertory preservation, and that's often coupled with a performance of some sort. Plus, many of the dancers who have come through the company have been students of the school."

John Tomlinson, the company's executive director, offers similarly kind words. "We've had a long relationship with the concert hall at Purchase," he notes. "We have performed there for 20 or 30 years



*"[Taylor] captures emotions and brings them to the stage in a way that is starkly different than anybody else."*

now, and we have found the audience to be one of our most appreciative, because they are so familiar with Paul's work."

Tomlinson also has positive things to say about the company's star dancer. "Michael [Trusnovac] has been with us for many, many years and is a remarkable dancer. I just read an article that said he is one of the greatest male dancers of any generation, and I would not argue with that statement one bit."

Along with the rest of the talented company, Trusnovac will be presenting the pieces *Danbury Mix* (1988), *Ab Ovo Usque Ad Mala* (1986), and *Black Tuesday* (2001) during their stint at Purchase College. "In *Danbury Mix*, Paul actually steals from himself," explains Trusnovac. "He takes passages from his other great dances and joins them all together so that it becomes this collage, which is interesting, considering many of the artists he was friends with when he was first starting out were collagists, like [Robert] Rauschenberg."


"*Danbury Mix* features the music of Charles Ives," adds Tomlinson. Trusnovac explains that within the Ives music, one hears "hints of Americana mixed in with these dissonant sounds that make it all very modern and quite stark."

An exceedingly rare performance of Taylor's classic *Ab Ovo Usque Ad Mala* ("From Soup to Nuts") will follow *Danbury Mix*. An elaborate set and complex choreography caused the company to shelve the dance for decades. Only recently did Taylor rediscover the piece and select it for the company's upcoming Westchester performance.

Trusnovac calls *Ab Ovo* "one of Paul's zany dances," adding that, "It is really humorous, and he is again almost parodying himself by pulling steps from his work — but not whole passages, as in *Danbury*. If you know Paul's work well, it

will be particularly appealing. But even if you don't, the dance is just hysterical, and the costumes and sets are outrageous."

A more somber peace, referencing the Great Depression, *Black Tuesday* will close out the evening. "If you go back and look at the music produced during the Depression, you'll find that the entertainment world was pumping out the most joyful, cheerful, up-tempo songs, trying to keep people happy when they had no money, no food, and no jobs," says Tomlinson. "Paul delves into that and takes the songs and the subtext and weaves an amazing image of that era that is quite brilliant."

As for the work's connection to current events, Tomlinson suggests Taylor has a kind of natural foresight. "Paul does have a strange sense of what's going to happen around him, and he seems to get it right frequently," notes Tomlinson, who says this prescience extends even to the members of the company. "Paul has a very special way of seeing what a dancer is going to become. Often, he will choose those who on the surface don't look like the best dancers in the room, but over the years they blossom into these amazing performers who are just untouchable." 

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## art

### Ongoing through January 8

**SMALL MATTERS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE: PAPER+ART.** This annual exhibition — juried this year by Michelle Donnelly, Curatorial Fellow at the Whitney Museum of American Art — focuses on various artists' ways of expressing themselves through paper. *Edward Hopper House, Nyack (845.358.0774; www.edwardhopperhouse.org)*

### Ongoing through January 8

**smallWORKS.** The Garrison Arts Center presents its fourth biannual international juried show, which features art created in 2D, 3D, and even 4D media. Tues–Sun 10 a.m.–5 p.m. *Garrison Art Center, Garrison (845.424.3960; www.garrisonartcenter.org)*

### Ongoing through January 13

**PEEKSKILL EXTENSION CENTER FACULTY SHOW.** Faculty members of the Peekskill Extension Center — which include artists, designers, and musicians — present a show that includes painting, drawing, digital prints, multimedia digital works, website design, and more. *Westchester Community College, Valhalla (914.606.6600; www.sunywcc.edu)*

### Ongoing through January 17

**RED GROOMS: THE BLUE AND THE GRAY.** Drawing on both the Civil War history of Tennessee and the Hudson River, artist Red Grooms presents compelling scenes from Civil War history, key players in the conflict, as well as under-recognized characters like soldiers and women. *Hudson River Museum, Yonkers (914.963.4550; www.hrm.org)*

### Ongoing through January 22

**DESTINATION: LATIN AMERICA.** A simultaneously provocative and informative display, this exhibition explores the cultural and artistic scene of Latin America during the last century, beginning with the Mexican Revolution (1910-1920) and culminating with contemporary artists who address issues like violence and social criticism. *Neuberger Museum of Art at Purchase College, Purchase (914.251.6100; www.neuberger.org)*

### Ongoing through January 29

**MATISSE DRAWINGS.** Curated by Ellsworth Kelly, one of America's premier abstract artists, this exhibit explores French master Henri Matisse's work. *Katonah Museum of Art, Katonah (914.232.9555; www.katonahmuseum.org)*

### Ongoing through February 5

**FOUR SOLO EXHIBITIONS ENGAGING PLACE.** This series of exhibitions features site-specific commissions ranging from sculpture and drawing to performance-based works by

David Brooks, Kim Jones, Peter Liversidge, and Virginia Overton. *The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, Ridgefield (203.438.4519; www.aldrichart.org)*

### Ongoing through February 12

**TOM BURCKHARDT: FULL STOP.** This large-scale, 3D imagining of an artist's studio allows guests to walk through and immerse themselves in an imaginary artist's workspace. Delightful Easter eggs from art history — like Jackson Pollock's shoes and Jasper Johns' Savarin coffee

## FOUR QUESTIONS FOR...

# Lawrence Dutton

**N**ow celebrating its 40th year producing some of the world's premier classical music, it's difficult to imagine an honor that the Emerson String Quartet has not yet earned. The influential foursome has racked up a whopping nine Grammy Awards, an Avery Fisher Prize, three Gramophone Awards and been named *Musical America's* "Ensemble of the Year." Violist Lawrence Dutton, violinists Eugene Drucker and Philip Setzer, and cellist Paul Watkins will be performing at Stamford's Palace Theatre on January 14. We caught up with Dutton, a Westchester local, to get a sense of the quartet's connection to the county and what makes them such an enduring presence.



**What can audiences expect from the quartet's upcoming performance at the Palace Theatre?** We will be doing works by Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, and Shostakovich. Shostakovich is really amazing stuff. I think chamber music audiences have really gotten to know his music and have grown to appreciate it. For a long time, people only really knew Shostakovich's 8th quartet, but now all of his works are accepted as masterpieces.

**Why have you remained in Westchester?** Half the Emerson actually live in Westchester. Paul Watkins lives in Irvington, and I live in Bronxville. My wife and I were in New York City until 1992. It was then that we had our first child and

decided to move out of the city. First we lived in Larchmont for about six years and then moved to Bronxville, where we have been for 18 years. A lot of the choice had to do with the quality of the school system.

**Why do you feel the quartet has made an impact for such a long time?** We've been very lucky and very fortunate. We had a run of about 34 years without a change in Emerson. When David [Finckel] left, we had to decide if we were going to keep doing this. We got so lucky and found one of the greatest musicians I've ever played with — and that is Paul Watkins. So, I think a lot of things just occurred at the right time, and I think a lot of our impact lies in our coaching several young quartets, such as the St. Lawrence String Quartet and Pacifica Quartet.

**How does the Emerson go about selecting its performance pieces?** We base our programs on what we will be doing in New York and London in a given year and trying to mirror those two performances. Inevitably, it involves a kind of special project or programming idea. For instance, for our 40th-anniversary program this year, we did a special two-concert program at Lincoln Center with our former cellist, David Finckel, who is the artistic director there now, and it was kind of an overview of our work. That was a lot of fun. —Paul Adler

can — make for extra-fun viewing. *Hudson River Museum, Yonkers (914.963.4550; www.hrm.org)*

**Ongoing through February 26**

**AN EYE TO THE EAST: AN INSPIRATION OF JAPAN.** This exhibit of prints, paintings, photographs, textiles, and ceramics looks at how Japanese artwork has influenced the West and how the West has influenced Japanese art from the time of Commodore Matthew Perry's historic treaty, which opened trade between the US and the great Asian nation. *Greenwich Historical Society, Cos Cob (203.869.6899; www.greenwichhistory.org)*

**Ongoing through May 31**

**EDWARD HOPPER'S BEDROOM REIMAGINED.** Edward Hopper's Nyack home — where he spent the first 28 years of his life and returned to often to visit family — played an integral role in his artistic career, particularly his bedroom. Said bedroom has been faithfully restaged to be both period appropriate and as true as possible to how it looked when Hopper lived there. *Edward Hopper House, Nyack (845.358.0774; www.edwardhopperhouse.org)*

**Ongoing through Fall 2017**

**MARK DI SUVERO'S MONUMENTAL SCULPTURES.** Mark di Suvero's pioneering stainless-steel 1991 sculpture *Yoga* calls the Katonah Museum home for the upcoming year. *Katonah Museum of Art, Katonah (914.232.9555; www.katonahmuseum.org)*

**January 8–21**

**RISING STARS.** This annual exhibit at the Clay Art Center shines a spotlight on works created by the center's students. Both adults and children have the opportunity to display creations that are both decorative and functional. An opening reception takes place on January 8. *The Clay Art Center, Port Chester (914.937.2047; www.clayartcenter.org)*

**January 21–March 4**

**NENNE SANGUINETI POGGI: AN ARTIST WITHOUT BORDERS.** This exhibition explores the works of painter, mosaicist, writer, and journalist Nenne Sanguineti Poggi, whose work draws influences from locations ranging from Northern Italy to East Africa. *Rye Arts Center, Rye (914.967.0700; www.ryeartscenter.org)*

**January 28–March 25**

**REWIND.** The first installment of the Clay Art Center's 60th anniversary exhibition series entitled *Re/Clay, Rewind* features a bevy of national artists who have had studios within the center over the last six decades. *The Clay Art Center, Port Chester (914.937.2047; www.clayartcenter.org)*

**film**

**Ongoing through March 15**

**WINTER FILM CLUB.** For this series, subscribers meet to view and then discuss independent films prior to their release. *The Emelin Theatre, Mamaroneck (914.698.0098; www.emelin.org)*

**Ongoing through June 8**

**FRENCH MOVIE NIGHTS.** It is quite rare for French-produced films to be screened in Westchester, but the Emelin Theatre delivers one new 2016 French release each month, covering all genres from comedy to drama to thriller. *The Emelin Theatre, Mamaroneck (914.698.0098; www.emelin.org)*



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**January 31**  
**CULT CLASSICS: TRAINSPOTTING**  
at The Avon Theatre, Stamford

## January 7

**COLORADO TERRITORY.** This 1949 remake of the 1941 High Sierra (the film that made Humphrey Bogart a name to know) stars Joel McCrea as an outlaw embarking on one final heist and Virginia Mayo who is after his heart. *Jacob Burns Film Center, Pleasantville (914.773.7663; www.burnsfilmcenter.org)*

## January 8

**TEMPETE.** French fisher/sailor Dom is used to living on the open seas for weeks at a time, but soon has to choose between life at sea and life on land when his teenage daughter falls pregnant. A Q&A session with the producer and screenwriter follows the screening. *Jacob Burns Film Center, Pleasantville (914.773.7663; www.burnsfilmcenter.org)*

## January 14

**RUN OF THE ARROW.** This 1957 flick stars Rod Steiger, Brian Keith, Ralph Meeker, and a young Charles Bronson. Steiger plays a Confederate soldier who refuses to accept the South's defeat in the Civil War, heads west, and eventually joins the Sioux tribe; soon he once again faces divided loyalties when a U.S. fort goes up near his new home and fighting among the two peoples breaks out. *Jacob Burns Film Center, Pleasantville (914.773.7663; www.burnsfilmcenter.org)*

## January 21

**RIO BRAVO.** The Duke and Dean Martin team up in this Western as they try to keep a well-connected criminal from escaping prison. *Jacob Burns Film Center, Pleasantville (914.773.7663; www.burnsfilmcenter.org)*

## January 21, 22, 26

**BELLE AND SEBASTIAN.** Set in the Alps during World War II, six-year-old Sebastian tames an enormous sheepdog Belle that at first makes the other villagers nervous. But when the Nazis arrive and start rooting out Jewish families and resistance members, Belle and Sebastian prove their loyalty and courage to the rest of the town. *Jacob Burns Film Center, Pleasantville (914.773.7663; www.burnsfilmcenter.org)*

## January 21–22

**THE GREENWICH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.** The Greenwich Symphony Orchestra plays a repertoire consisting of Schubert's Alfonso and Estrella Overture and Mass in G Major, as well as Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 1. *The Greenwich High School Performing Arts Center, Greenwich (203.869.2664; www.greenwichsymphony.org)*

## January 28

**YOJIMBO AND FOR A FEW DOLLARS MORE.** This double feature pairs two films produced in

the spirit of "Westerns." In Yojimbo, a wandering samurai warrior stumbles into a village in havoc because of clan wars. For a Few Dollars More, the second installment of the Dollars trilogy that made Clint Eastwood a star, features the Man with No Name who tries to capture the bandit El Indio. *Jacob Burns Film Center, Pleasantville (914.773.7663; www.burnsfilmcenter.org)*

## January 31

**CULT CLASSICS: TRAINSPOTTING.** This 1996 film stars a young Ewan McGregor before he became a big name. His character, Mark Renton, starts off the movie as a junkie living in Edinburgh with a few likeminded friends. He finally decides to get his act together and moves to London — where everything seems like it's going according to plan until his Edinburgh pals show up at his doorstep and lure him back into a life of drugs and crime. *The Avon Theatre, Stamford (203.967.3660; www.avontheatre.org)*

## music Classical, Jazz & Opera

### January 7

**NABUCCO.** Verdi's opera is screened as part of the Met Live in HD series. This production stars the legendary baritone Plácido Domingo alongside Liudmyla Monastyrskya, Jamie Barton, Russell Thomas, and Dmitri Belosselskiy. One of Verdi's earliest operatic works, the story is based off the Book of Jeremiah and chronicles the Babylonian exile of the Israelites under the Babylonian King Nabucco — in English Nebuchadnezzar. *The Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts at Fairfield University, Fairfield (203.254.4010; www.quickcenter.fairfield.edu)*

### January 8, 29

**THE YOUNG ARTISTS SERIES.** Rising pianists of all backgrounds perform in this series, put on in collaboration with the New York International Piano Competition and the Stecher and Horowitz Foundation. *The Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts at Fairfield University, Fairfield (203.254.4010; www.quickcenter.fairfield.edu)*

### January 14

**EMERSON STRING QUARTET.** Celebrating 40 years, this group has accumulated more than 30 acclaimed recordings, nine Grammy Awards, and a host of other accolades. *The Palace Theatre, Stamford (203.325.1407; www.stamfordsymphony.org)*

### January 20

**SAMMY MILLER AND THE CONGREGATION.** A Los Angeles native, Sammy Miller has built up a well-earned reputation for creating "feel good" music and delivering lively concerts. *The Emelin Theatre, Mamaroneck (914.698.0098; www.emelin.org)*

### January 20

**ALESSIO BAX.** The renowned classical pianist returns to the Quick Center for an evening of Ravel and Scriabin. *The Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts at Fairfield University, Fairfield (203.254.4010; www.quickcenter.fairfield.edu)*

### January 21

**GRANDE ROMANZA — SCENES OF LOVE AND PASSION FROM OPERA, OPERETTA, AND BROADWAY.** Renowned operatic duo Stefano and Nina Tanchietti take audiences on a musical journey of love and love lost through various fully-staged scenes from some of the world's most popular operas and musicals. *Westchester Community College, Valhalla (914.606.6600; www.sunywcc.edu)*

## January 21

**ROMEO ET JULIETTE.** French composer Charles Gounod adapted Shakespeare's stage play for operatic audiences in 1867, and now the Metropolitan Opera stages it for modern audiences. Streaming live as part of the Met Live in HD series, the show features Vittorio Grigolo and Diana Damrau as the star-crossed lovers, as well as by Elliot Madore as Mercutio and Mikhail Petrenko as Frère Laurent. *The Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts at Fairfield University, Fairfield (203.254.4010; www.quickcenter.fairfield.edu)*

## January 28

**THE CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF LINCOLN CENTER.** The second of four concerts at SUNY Purchase from the nation's premier repertory company, the musicians deliver an evening of Brahms and Fauré. *The Performing Arts Center at Purchase College, Purchase (914.251.6200; www.artscenter.org)*

## January 29

**WESTCHESTER SYMPHONIC WINDS "DETERMINATION AND GRIT."** This concert — which includes a repertoire of work by David Maslanka, Jack Stamp and Aspen Jubilee, Ron Nelson, and Carl Holmquist among others — explores the tenacity of the human spirit. *Tarrytown Music Hall, Tarrytown (914.631.3390; www.tarrytownmusichall.org)*



**January 20**  
**ALESSIO BAX**  
at The Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts at Fairfield University

## music Folk, Rock, and Pop

### January 1

**BUFFALO STACK.** The members of this band — which combines slide blues guitar, gospel organ chords, New Orleans-style horns, group harmonies, and bluesy roots-rock — originally met at one of Levon Helm's Woodstock barn jam sessions. *The Towne Crier Café, Beacon (845.855.1300; www.townecrier.com)*

### January 5

**ARI HEST.** Born to two musical parents, this pop rocker grew his fan base touring college campuses across the country and now has recorded 10 albums. *The Turning Point Cafe, Piermont (845.359.1089; www.turningpointcafe.com)*

**January 6**

**MIKE FOX AND TOM HAMMER.** This dynamic duo is making waves with their "Bruce Unplugged" show, which is an acoustic tribute to the great Bruce Springsteen. *The Turning Point Cafe, Piermont (845.359.1089; www.turningpointcafe.com)*

**January 6**

**GRATEFULLY YOURS.** This dynamic band has very firmly established itself as the premiere Grateful Dead cover bands in the Northeast. *The Towne Crier Café, Beacon (845.855.1300; www.townecrier.com)*

**January 7**

**RICK DANKO TRIBUTE.** Professor Louie and The Crowmatix, Kingston's Rock Of Ages Horns, and Dan Shaut perform a concert honoring the late Rick Danko, who made a splash in the music industry as lead singer, bassist, and acoustic guitar player for The Band. *The Towne Crier Café, Beacon (845.855.1300; www.townecrier.com)*

**January 8**

**OPEN MIC.** This perennially popular contest (it began in 1988 and has been a highly anticipated event ever since) that lets local talent shine enters its final rounds. *The Towne Crier Café, Beacon (845.855.1300; www.townecrier.com)*

**January 12**

**CHRIS AYER.** A solo guitarist, Ayer has recently signed with Sony Records, has recorded two albums, and was the recipient of the 2006 John Lennon Songwriting Contest for his original composition "Evaporate." *The Turning Point Cafe, Piermont (845.359.1089; www.turningpointcafe.com)*

**January 13**

**THE WAILERS.** Featuring original members of the legendary band Bob Marley and the Wailers, these beloved musicians play a set list full of their all-time hits like "One Love." *Tarrytown Music Hall, Tarrytown (914.631.3390; www.tarrytownmusichall.org)*

**January 13**

**THE KENNEDYS.** A husband and wife team, Pete and Maura Kennedy have been performing folk rock music together since 1994. *The Turning Point Cafe, Piermont (845.359.1089; www.turningpointcafe.com)*

**January 13**

**GREG BROWN.** You know you've made it as a songwriter when the likes of Willie Nelson, Carlos Santana, Shawn Colvin, Mary Chapin Carpenter, and even Jeff Bridges cover your tunes — which is the case for Greg Brown. *The Towne Crier Café, Beacon (845.855.1300; www.townecrier.com)*

**January 14**

**SATISFACTION — THE INTERNATIONAL ROLLING STONES SHOW.** This touring cover band has performed upwards of 2,000 tribute concerts over the past 15 years. *Tarrytown Music Hall, Tarrytown (914.631.3390; www.tarrytownmusichall.org)*

**January 15**

**M.E. LIVE.** One of the Valley's favorite songbirds, Melissa Etheridge has several awards under her belt, including an Oscar. *Tarrytown Music Hall, Tarrytown (914.631.3390; www.tarrytownmusichall.org)*

**January 15**

**BROTHER SUN.** This trio of singer/songwriters not only has unique songs and lyrics to offer audiences, but also awe-inspiring harmonies. *The Towne Crier Café, Beacon (845.855.1300; www.townecrier.com)*



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### January 15

**RITA HARVEY.** A former Broadway performer, Rita Harvey pays homage to the music of Linda Ronstadt. *The Turning Point Cafe, Piermont* (845.359.1089; [www.turningpointcafe.com](http://www.turningpointcafe.com))

### January 20

**ELLIS PAUL.** An acclaimed folk artist hailing from Maine, Paul helped spark the folk music revival movement of the 1990s. *The Turning Point Cafe, Piermont* (845.359.1089; [www.turningpointcafe.com](http://www.turningpointcafe.com))

### January 21

**THE MACCABEATS.** Formed at Yeshiva University in 2007, this all-male a cappella group has recorded four albums, amassed 20 million views on YouTube, and traveled the world showing off its seamless songs — and throwing in a little Jewish humor. *White Plains Performing Arts Center, White Plains* (914.328.1600; [www.wppac.com](http://www.wppac.com))

### January 21

**LIVINGSTON TAYLOR.** When this now-iconic folk artist picked up his first guitar at age 13, he had no idea it would be the start of a 40-year musical career. *The Towne Crier Café, Beacon* (845.855.1300; [www.townecrier.com](http://www.townecrier.com))

### January 22

**GAELIC STORM.** This multi-national group has been playing together for nearly two decades — performing more than 3,000 live shows in that time. Their latest release, *Matching Sweaters*, features the group's unique blend of traditional Irish tunes with a modern twist. *Paramount Hudson Valley, Peekskill* (914.739.0039; [www.paramounthudsonvalley.com](http://www.paramounthudsonvalley.com))

### January 26

**KRIS KRISTOFFERSON.** This musician is best known for his hits "Me and Bobby McGee," "Help Me Make It Through the Night," "Sunday Morning Coming Down," and "For the Good Times." *Tarrytown Music Hall, Tarrytown* (914.631.3390; [www.tarrytownmusicall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusicall.org))

### January 28

**ROOMFUL OF BLUES.** The eight-piece group is known as one of the most joyful blues bands in the country. *The Towne Crier Café, Beacon* (845.855.1300; [www.townecrier.com](http://www.townecrier.com))

### January 28

**DEB DE LUCA AND ANNIE MASCIANDARO.** These two songstresses pay tribute to the music of Carole King and Karen Carpenter. *The Turning Point Cafe, Piermont* (845.359.1089; [www.turningpointcafe.com](http://www.turningpointcafe.com))

## dance

### January 28

**PAUL TAYLOR DANCE COMPANY.** Established in 1954, the Paul Taylor Dance Company is one of the most highly respected ensembles in the world, and is known for tackling the world's complex issues like war and mortality. *The Performing Arts Center at Purchase College, Purchase* (914.251.6200; [www.artscenter.org](http://www.artscenter.org))

## theater

### Ongoing through January 1

**THE GIFT OF THE MAGI.** O. Henry's heartwarming and classic short story about love and sacrifice is newly adapted for the musical stage. *The Schoolhouse Theater, Croton Falls* (914.277.8477; [www.schoolhousetheater.org](http://www.schoolhousetheater.org))

**Ongoing through January 29**

**SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER.** Based on the 1977 blockbuster film of the same name, this musical features songs from the Bee Gees like "Stayin' Alive," "You Should Be Dancing," and "How Deep Is Your Love." *Westchester Broadway Theatre, Elmsford* (914.592.2222; [www.broadwaytheatre.org](http://www.broadwaytheatre.org))

**January 7**

**BROADWAY TRAINING CENTER GALA.** This one-night only, fully staged musical benefits the Irvington Theater's Broadway Training Center program and stars both alumni and current members of the program. *The Irvington Town Hall Theater, Irvington* (914.591.6602; [www.irvingtontheater.com](http://www.irvingtontheater.com))

**January 20–February 11**

**DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE.** This new, and at times shocking, adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's novella is set in Victorian London and follows Dr. Jekyll and his experiments to unleash the other side of himself. When things start getting out of hand, he vows to cease the experiments, but Mr. Hyde has different ideas. *Elmwood Playhouse, Nyack* (845.353.1313; [www.elmwoodplayhouse.com](http://www.elmwoodplayhouse.com))

**family****January 1**

**HOWL IN THE NEW YEAR FOR KIDS.** Young children start off the new year by receiving an excellent introduction to the lives and mythology surrounding North American wolves while visiting some of the conservation center's own furry friends. *Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem* (914.763.2373; [www.nywolf.org](http://www.nywolf.org))

**January 1**

**HUGO.** Directed by Martin Scorsese and starring Ben Kingsley, Sacha Baron Cohen, Asa Butterfield, Jude Law, and Ray Winstone, this film — which took home a host of Academy Awards, is based off the children's book series of the same name and follows a young orphan boy who tries to unlock a secret left to him by his father. 10 a.m. *The Alamo Drafthouse, Yonkers* (914.226.3082; [www.drafthouse.com/yonkers](http://www.drafthouse.com/yonkers))

**January 1**

**FIRST FAMILY FUN DAY.** Families bundle up for a short hike along the grounds of the John Jay Homestead and then warm up by a bonfire and sip hot cocoa. *John Jay Homestead, Katonah* (914.232.5651; [www.johnjayhomestead.org](http://www.johnjayhomestead.org))

**January 2–8**

**HAPPY FEET.** Misfit Mumble the penguin can't sing — and that's a problem in his community, where singing is everything. But he can dance though, and now he just has to convince everyone else that it's okay to be a little different sometimes. *The Alamo Drafthouse, Yonkers* (914.226.3082; [www.drafthouse.com/yonkers](http://www.drafthouse.com/yonkers))

**January 14**

**BRADY RYMER AND THE LITTLE BAND THAT COULD.** It might be surprising to learn that a musician who has shared the stage with the likes of Bob Dylan, Bob Weir of the Grateful Dead, and Dave Matthews now produces children's music. But Rymer does, and does it well. Over the years, he's assembled a rad band, and now has seven albums under his belt, two of which have snagged Grammy nominations. *The Emelin Theatre, Mamaroneck* (914.698.0098; [www.emelin.org](http://www.emelin.org))



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**January 12**  
**FULL MOON WOLF WALK** at Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem

## special events

### January 7

**WINTER HOWL FOR ADULTS.** Adults 21 and over observe and learn about North American Wolves during their favorite time of year — winter — and favorite time of day — dusk — while enjoying a scrumptious wine and cheese spread. *Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem (914.763.2373; www.nywolf.org)*

### January 12

**FULL MOON WOLF WALK.** While enjoying scrumptious drinks and snacks around a fire pit, guests also learn about the history of wolves in the United States, the importance of wolves in a healthy ecosystem and the efforts to save these magnificent creatures for future generations. It is also highly likely that the wolves will be heard howling at this time. Preregistration is required; guests should bring their own flashlights. *Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem (914.763.2373; www.nywolf.org)*

### January 13

**DATE AND CREATE.** Valentine's Day might not be until next month, but at Date and Create, couples not only get to spend the day together, but they create their own works of art that they can take home and remember the special day. During the two-hour session, an instructor teaches lovebirds how to create bookends from wood and stone, while light refreshments and wine are served. Participants must be 21 or older and must pre-register. *Rockland Center for the Arts, West Nyack (845.358.0877; www.rocklandartcenter.org)*

### January 28

**PAVESINI FATTI IN CASA.** This two-hour family cooking class teaches all members of the family — young and old — how to make the traditional Pavesini cookies. *Westchester Italian Cultural Center, Tuckahoe (914.771.8700; www.wiccn.org)*

## comedy

### January 13

**LAUGHING OUT LOUD.** Westchester's own funniest men and women come out for an open mic-style night of standup comedy. *The Emelin Theatre, Mamaroneck (914.698.0098; www.emelin.org)*

### January 24

**COMEDY NIGHT.** Comedians Peter Bales, Joey Callahan, Buddy Fitzpatrick, Andrew Kennedy, Motts Pelazza, and Jeff Pirami put audiences in stitches all night. *Westchester Broadway Theatre, Elmsford (914.592.2222; www.broadwaytheatre.org)*

### January 28

**#IMOMSOHARD LIVE.** Kristin Hensley and Jen Smedley are the hilarious moms behind the wildly popular #IMomSoHard web series — which has amassed 400,000 Facebook followers — that drops truth bombs on all things mothering, the good, the bad, and the messy. *Tarrytown Music Hall, Tarrytown (914.631.3390; www.tarrytownmusicall.org)*

### January 14

**SATURDAY STORIES: ALL ABOUT THE CIVIL WAR.** In conjunction with the Hudson River Museum's current exhibition, *Red Grooms: The Blue and the Gray*, this weekend kid's educational program focuses on the history of the American Civil War. A museum expert reads stories from the time period and then guides families on an interactive tour through the exhibition. *The Hudson River Museum, Yonkers (914.963.4550; www.hrm.org)*

### January 20-21

**SINGIN' IN THE RAIN, JR.** Based on the hilarious and cheerful MGM classic film, this abridged version of the story is performed by teenage rising stars. *The Irvington Town Hall Theater, Irvington (914.591.6602; www.irvingtontheater.com)*

### January 22

**FAMILY FUN SERIES: ROCK THE PRESIDENTS.** Just in time for the presidential inauguration, this multi-media musical takes young audience members through 223 years of American history and highlights the 44 men who have risen to the highest office of our government. *The Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts at Fairfield University, Fairfield (203.254.4010; www.quickcenter.fairfield.edu)*

### January 27

**THE POPOVICH PET THEATER.** Moscow Circus veteran Gregory Popovich combines his juggling and acrobatic talents with more-than-adorable animals — all of whom are rescue animals. *Tarrytown Music Hall, Tarrytown (914.631.3390; www.tarrytownmusicall.org)*

### January 28

**CINDERELLA.** Ballet for Young Audiences presents a fully narrated version of the classic fairy tale that, of course, features beautiful dancers and scenery. *White Plains Performing Arts Center, White Plains (914.328.1600; www.wppac.com)*

### January 29

**DANCE WORKS FOR CHILDREN.** Tiny dancers get the chance to experience what it's like to be a professional through watching performances and participating in workshops. *Westchester Community College, Valhalla (914.606.6600; www.sunywcc.edu)*



# Beyond Garth Road

BY SAMANTHA GARBARINI

When non-Westchesterites imagine our county, they probably envision stepping off Metro-North into Scarsdale's charming downtown, with Tudor façades showcasing high-end boutiques and restaurants. In reality, the town stretches for more than six square miles, encompassing a swath of Central Ave, the Greenburgh Nature Center, and Vernon Hills Shopping Center. This Saturday, don't just go home after making a loop through the village; hop in your car and explore what else Scarsdale has to offer.



10 a.m.



12 p.m.

**10 a.m.:** Kick off your day with something sweet and old fashioned from **Galloway's Bakery** (69 Harney Rd, 914.725.4074; [www.gallowaysbakery.com](http://www.gallowaysbakery.com)). Only open Thursday through Sunday, nothing beats the doughnuts – jelly-filled and dusted with powdered sugar, or round and coated in sticky glaze – for an AM sugar fix.

**10:30 a.m.:** Make the short drive to **Vernon Hills Shopping Center**. If you can resist taking advantage of post-holiday sales at big-name retailers like Lord & Taylor, West Elm, and Athleta, spend the next hour or so browsing books at the new **Barnes & Noble** (680 White Plains Rd, 914.472.0689; [stores.barnesandnoble.com/store/3304](http://stores.barnesandnoble.com/store/3304)) concept store — one of only four prototypes in the country. Grab a cappuccino from the on-site restaurant, and take advantage of new features including the 600 sq ft word-search section and cozy, community seating.

**12 p.m.:** Make your way into the village. Before lunch, swing by **Zachys** (16 E Pkwy, 914.874.8000; [www.zachys.com](http://www.zachys.com)) to brush up on your wine-geek speak at one of the store's free winemaker-led tastings (held every Saturday from noon to 4 pm), or try some of the 16 staff selections open for tasting in the Enomatic Tasting Center.

**12:45 p.m.:** Head over to **Garth Road** for lunch. Nab a table under the exposed beams and wrought-iron chandeliers at **Petra** (66 Garth Rd, 914.874.5674; [www.petragreekrestaurant.com](http://www.petragreekrestaurant.com)) for cold-weather-appropriate Greek comfort food, such as moussaka and pastitsio. Or keep things light, with a salad and sandwich at **Cooked & Co** (128 Garth Rd, 914.205.3939; [www.cookedandco.com](http://www.cookedandco.com)).

**1:45 p.m.:** Time to hit some of Scarsdale's boutiques. En route, make a stop at **Madelyn Jordon Fine Art** (37 Popham Rd, 914.723.8738; [www.madelynjordonfineart.com](http://www.madelynjordonfineart.com)) and survey the current exhibit of contemporary pieces.

**2:15 p.m.:** Within a block of the gallery you'll find shops for every taste. Pamper yourself with new beauty products at **Merle Norman Cosmetics** (41 Popham Rd, 914.725.7130; [www.merlenormanstudio.com](http://www.merlenormanstudio.com)). Shop the latest trends in men's fashion at **Rothmans** (1 Boniface Cir, 914.713.0300; [www.rothmansny.com](http://www.rothmansny.com)). Or up your kids' street style with graphic tanks and chic jackets

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**2:45 p.m.:** Before you leave town be sure to hit two of our favorite jewelers. Drop some cash on intricately designed cuffs and earrings at **Daniele Trissi** (14 Spencer Pl, 914.723.4500; [www.danieletrissi.com](http://www.danieletrissi.com)). Then, make your way around the corner and down the block to **Wilson & Son Jewelers** (18 Chase Rd, 914.723.0327; [www.wilsonandsonjewelers.com](http://www.wilsonandsonjewelers.com)), for a timeless selection of Rolex watches.



**3:30 p.m.:** Just a 10-minute drive transforms Scarsdale into something completely different. Escape the hustle and bustle of Central Ave and bundle up for a winter trail walk at **Greenburgh Nature Center** (99 Dromore Rd, 914.723.3470; [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org)). The 33-acre nature preserve welcomes visitors until dusk.



**5:00 p.m.:** Before you head home, warm up from your outdoor excursion with a pint and wings, arguably Westchester's best, at **Candlelight Inn** (519 Central Ave, 914.472.9706). 

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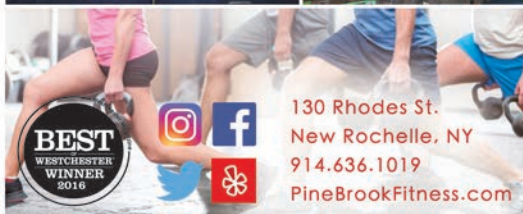
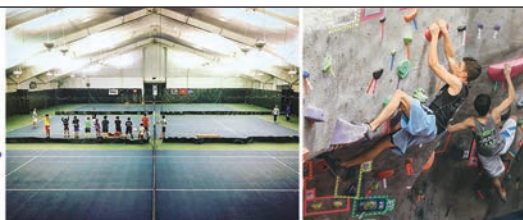
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# Sound Shore TV Pundit

Larchmont resident Lis Wiehl gives opinions on Fox News for a living, so we asked her for some opinions about Westchester.

**A**nimals, especially dogs and cats, are what the Humane Society of New Rochelle is all about.

**B**eaches are the best place for stress-reducing walks, which is why I love Manor Park in Larchmont.

**C**ocktails at Blue Hill at Stone Barns in Pocantico Hills are revelatory.

**D**eCicco & Sons Larchmont is my favorite food emporium. They stock everything from necessities to divine indulgences.

**E**quinox in Mamaroneck and I have a love/hate relationship. It works — except when it doesn't.

**F**ishcakes from Daido's Japanese Market in White Plains are a delicious way to break an all-pizza diet.

**G**joko's Salon & Spa in Larchmont did my daughter's hair for her prom, and she looked sensational (I get my hair done at work).

**H**ommocks Middle School gave my kids a great education. Best teachers evah!

**I**ndie flicks at the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville. Housed in a cool, old Mission-style theater; this nonprofit is a true gem.

**J**&F Chatsworth Autobody in Larchmont. Tony is my go-to guy.

**K**ykuitt in Tarrytown is a great place to bring out-of-town visitors, especially royalists.



**L**uscardi's in Larchmont has terrific food and a great staff. Perfect place for family celebrations.

**M**amaroneck High School helped both my kids get into MIT. Let's hear it for our terrific public schools!

**N**ew Rochelle Cinema [Regal New Roc Stadium] has a modest 18 screens, stadium seating, and IMAX. A real, new-fashion, immersive movie experience.

**O**ld Dutch Church in Sleepy Hollow. A visit to this sparse little church and spooky boneyard is best on a windy autumn afternoon.

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**S**heldrake Environmental Center in Larchmont is my favorite place for walks.

It has a pond, streams, a waterfall, and it always revives me. It also runs great hands-on educational programs for kids and adults.

**T**arrytown is a charming Hudson River village that also happens to be home to Sunnyside, the riverside home of author Washington Irving of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* fame. The house is an enchanting mishmash of Colonial, Gothic, and Tudor architectural styles.

**U**ntermyer Gardens Conservatory in Yonkers is an absolute must-see, from the Temple of Love to the Sundial Gardens.

**T**he Voracious Reader in Larchmont is practically my second home. Let's hear it for great indie bookstores!

**W**estchester has made me feel at home since the day I arrived, and I'm very grateful.

**X**tra sprinkles on my cone at The Ice Cream Parlour in Larchmont is one of my favorite guilty pleasures.

**Y**onkers Riverfest on the Waterfront is held every August, and it's a great jolt of urban energy, wonderful for the kids.

**Z**agat-rated cuisine at Mulino's in White Plains.

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