



Street Artist Fumero's Iconic Painting of Grandpa at Entrance to UNO project. Photo by Christopher St. Lawrence.

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News and Notes from Northern Westchester



By Mark Jeffers

We just got back from a wonderful family wedding; as the father of three girls I was a very nervous during the bouquet throwing. Thankfully, my daughters missed when they all dove for the flowers and then I wrote this week's "Dropped Bouquet" edition of "News & Notes."

Here's a great way to come together as a community to help raise money and awareness for the American Cancer Society. On June 20th at 2pm stop by the Bella Maiya Day Spa for their 1st Annual "Catch A Break For Cancer" Event.

The LPGA is coming to Westchester with the KPMG LPGA's PGA Championship, June 9th to the 14th at the Westchester Country Club in Harrison. See the

world's top women golfers competing in one of the majors. Our sports radio show "The Clubhouse" will broadcast live from the event on Wednesday night June 10th from 7 to 8pm on WGCH 1490AM.

The Westchester Community Foundation has named Katonah resident Laura Rossi its new Executive Director, the nonprofit agency announced.

Over at the Trailside Nature Museum in Cross River on June 13th you can join author Fred First for a talk about evolving responsibilities to nature, place and community.

Clearwater's Great Hudson River Revival, the country's oldest and largest music and environmental festival, bringing together major musical acts and Clearwater's own brand of green activism for a unique weekend, June 20th and June 21st at Croton Point Park in Croton-On-Hudson. The

2015 Clearwater performer line-up features a diverse group of established and emerging talent including David Crosby, Citizen Cope, The Mavericks, Los Lobos, The Lone Bellow, Bettye LaVette, Shelby Lynne, Tom Paxton, David Amram, Tom Chapin, The Blind Boys of Alabama and more...

This has nothing to do with *my waistline*, when on June 14th the Blue Mountain Reservation in Peekskill hosts its "Fat Tire Festival," with trail rides, games, food and entertainment.

Thanks to our friends at Grand Prix for supporting the fantastic Fox Lane High School Rock ensemble last Thursday. This rocking benefit concert helps to fund the school's music and arts programs. Lead vocalist Joelle Sandak and the ensemble members had a playlist that spanned the decades and a grand time was had by all.

The Field Library invites children

two and up to their annual Teddy Bear Tea Party on Friday June 19th. Children's entertainer Lori Cohen will lead an interactive program of music and movement. Following that will be an old-fashioned tea party with tea sandwiches and cookies. At the end of the program, every child can pick out a free book. Children are encouraged to bring their favorite teddy bear; I'll be there with mine!

Good news abounds to all of the northern Westchester's foodies, my wife tells me that I am certainly a foodie...there are four new restaurants in the works with each offering something different. Two old friends are revamping or expanding. Bonnie Saran is expanding her line of Littles once again, this time with a full bar. Little Drunken Chef will offer more of the affordable, Indian-French and Indian food locals love from Little Crepe Street, Little Mumbai and Little Kabab Station. Our old friend Izzy Albanese and crew are revamping Bellizzi pizza restaurant

to become Exit 4 Food Hall, a diverse restaurant set up with various food and drink stations throughout. Expect craft beer, wine, charcuterie, wood-fired pizza, fresh pasta, panini, ramen, barbecue, tacos, as well as a raw bar, sushi and lobster rolls by Mount Kisco Seafood. Newcomers will include The Turk in the old BGR spot which has been renovated and feature Turkish food. Opening in July in the previous Flying Pig space will be 251 Lex which plans plenty of outdoor seating and locally driven Mediterranean cuisine. I can't wait to try them all!

On June 13th the Cranberry Lake Preserve on Old Orchard Street in North White Plains will hold a hike to the rock quarry to learn about the history of the area, and then hikers can make their own rock necklace.

Please remember June 14th is Flag Day, show your patriotism by waving and respecting this great representation of our county...see you next week.

Greenburg Nature Center Fund Raiser, Sunday, June 14th

A Farm To table Spring Fundraiser and Children's Culinary Experience will take place at Farm To Table Spring Fundraiser and Children's Culinary Experience at the Greenburgh Nature Center, Sunday, June 14 from 4pm-7pm. Adults: Members--\$100 per person; Non-members--\$150 per

person (Children can attend at the per person rate, ages 12 and older only)

KID'S PORTION: \$25 per person, ages 2-12 ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT THE GNC. For further information, call (914) 723-3470 or go to: www.greenburghnaturecenter.org

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor

What kind of leadership is being displayed in New Rochelle for recent development decisions that have been made?

Why, for example is the Planning Board giving advisory decisions on projects like the change in zoning proposed for downtown businesses which exclude retail stores that sell construction-related materials?

Why should Planning

Board members who are appointed by the mayor have the power to recommend this change? Why should the city council members allow a public hearing on this proposal without discussing it openly on council?

As a taxpayer I want to know who is running the City of New Rochelle.

Sincerely,
Joseph De Rosa
New Rochelle

Michael Arterberry To Give Commencement Speech At Orchard View Alternative High School

Youth Voices Center (YVC) founder, Michael Arterberry, will be the commencement speaker for Orchard View Alternative High School (167 Myers Corners Rd, Wappinger's Falls NY 12590) on June 26, 2015 at 9:00AM.

Youth Voices Center is a New York based charity that has served over 7,000 teens since its conception in 2008. Founder and Executive Director, Michael Arterberry, created YVC's signature program, "Power of Peace," an anti-violence initiative that enables young people to become skilled at conflict resolution so that their schools and communities are safer. Through its "Power of Peace" experiential workshops, YVC is committed to helping lower the rate of violent incidents in participating schools and to reducing truancy while teaching teens to become productive members of society.

Established in 2008, Youth Voices Center, Inc. (YVC) is dedicated to promoting positive youth development among adolescents through its "Power of Peace" program offered in schools,



community centers, and youth groups across Westchester, Schenectady, and Columbia counties, and soon to be Connecticut and New York City. The "Power of Peace" program is a conflict resolution and anti-violence initiative focused on developing leadership, teamwork, collaboration, decision-making, respect for others and self, and cultural awareness.

In recent years, YVC worked with students in six New York State school districts: Schenectady, Peekskill, Ossining, Port Chester, New Rochelle, and Hudson. Half of these districts are designated by the New York State Education Department as "high-needs"

districts, struggling with poverty and low on-time graduation rates. All six school districts, like many urban school districts in our country, are challenged by interpersonal conflicts and violence among students. In total, these six high schools reported 10,331 violent and/or disruptive incidents during the 2012-2013 school year. YVC is committed to help lower the rate of violent incidents in these schools and support students in realizing their full potential. In 2013, YVC served over 1,500 teens at six high schools in Westchester, Schenectady, and Columbia counties. These schools request YVC to return year after year to deliver the "Power of Peace" workshop to new incoming classes. In 2015, YVC will be expanding to schools in New York City and Connecticut.

Michael's ability to reach out to, guide and encourage those around him has enabled at-risk teens to thrive in their communities. Recently, Michael was honored at the 100 Men of Color Black Tie Gala event in Hartford, CT. For further information, visit the website: www.YouthVoicesCenter.org