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# School Boards' legal challenge could bring millions to districts

#### By Suzanne Daycock **STAFF WRITER**

A group of state education advocates will finally get their day in court next month. If successful, the move may be worth millions to Rockland County's public school districts.

The New York State School Boards Association announced that oral arguments in a law suit alleging that the state's grab of billions of dollars in aid to close a \$10-billion budget gap in 2009 is unconstitutional have finally been schedule for November 4th in New York City. The move appears to put the case on a fast track for an initial decision as late as the end of this year or early 2016.

The plaintiffs, which include NYSSBA, will argue that the Gap Elimination Adjustment put into place during the administration of former Governor David Paterson is illegal and that state aid that continues to be held hostage by Albany lawmakers must be returned to public school districts to support the education of millions of New York kids.

"The argument in this case is the state can't use recessions as an excuse to avoid meeting its constitu-

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# Day: \$10 million buck stops here

#### By Anne Phyllis Pinzow **STAFF WRITER**

Harry Truman had a sign on his desk that read "the buck stops here." Ed Day must have read it, because while setting \$10 million aside for deficit reduction must be done by the county but not necessarily by the County Executive.

That seemed to be the final word on why Ed Day did not put that as a line item in his 2016 budget as legislators pondered how the County Executive could decide that dire consequences would befall the county if \$10 million were not put aside for the 2015 budget but that he didn't have to put the money aside in the 2016 budget because the law was invalid.

Last year the 11th hour opinion of County Attorney Thomas Humbach that the Deficit Reduction Act was valid set off a series of slashes and cuts by Day defunding all contract agencies and cutting the Rockland County Sheriff's Patrol and Mounted Patrol in order to put \$10 million away for deficit reduction which he insisted was necessary to avoid fiscal disaster.

# **County exec** voted for law as legislator, now rejects it

On October 14, the Rockland Legislature Budget and Finance Committee set forth to make sense of this turnaround, when the County Executive decided not to obey an amended version of a law he voted for as a County Legislator in 2012.

The Rockland County Deficit Reduction Act was introduced by Legislator Ilan Schoenberger on December 14 of 2012 to develop a written plan to reduce the deficit over a series of years in lieu of an \$80 million Deficit Financing Act which had passed the NYS Assembly but not the Senate. The law passed 16 to one in the

County Legislature with then Legislator Day voting for it.

The law went into effect in 2014 to give the county time to budget the money to pay down the deficit. The money could not be used for any other purpose and any withdrawal of the funds would require a resolution which would have to be approved by a two-thirds majority of the Legislature. The money would be deposited in a depository approved by the Rockland County Investment Policy.

However the following year, the Rockland County Deficit Financing Act was passed by both houses of the State Legislature and signed by the Governor allowing for \$96 million in deficit bonds to be issued. But by that time, the deficit had grown to about \$136 million.

While creating the budget, former County Executive C. Scott Vanderhoef, acting on the advice of counsel, made the prediction that the Governor would sign the Deficit Financing Act in time for the budg-

**DEFICIT REDUCTION:** Page 4, please

# A loving send-off for an exceptional teen

#### Story and photos by BJ Greco

Last Wednesday was a clear, starlight night, as over 400 family members, friends, students, teachers, and members of the Hudson Valley Chapter of the Nam Knights gathered on the Piermont Pier for a highly

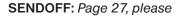




emotional and uplifting sendoff of an exceptional young man.

Softly lit by glowing candles, and wafter aloft by the warm air, scores of sky lanterns wafted aloft, released in a final memorial and farewell.

Mickey Reeves, an extraordinary teen who inspired everyone who knew him, was snatched from all who came to know and love him in February of





# Millions at stake in challenge:

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tional obligations to educate children," said NYSSBA General Counsel Jay Worona, who serves as president of New Yorkers for Educational Rights (NYSER).

"Notwithstanding whatever dismal financial shape the state may find itself in from time to time, the government has an obligation to ensure that students consistently receive educational opportunities in accordance with the dictates of the state's Constitution."

#### Hopeful of quick end to funding dispute

Hoping for a quick end to the Gap Elimination Adjustment, often referred to as the GEA, and the state cap on local property tax increases, a coalition of education groups filed a lawsuit in State Supreme Court in New York City on February 11, 2014 contending that the state's system of funding public education violates the state constitution. The defendants are the State of New York, Gov. Andrew Cuomo, the state Board of Regents and Education Commissioner John B. King Jr., who has recently been named acting U.S. Secretary of Education by President Barack Obama.

The plaintiffs are 15 parents from across the state and a litigation group called New Yorkers for Students' Educational Rights, which is comprised of more than a dozen education groups including the New York State Council of School Superintendents and the New York State Association of School Business Officials.

Listen to a preview of the stories in this week's *Our Town* every Wednesday @ 7:45 am on WRCR's 1700 AM's Steve and Meredyth Show The suit is a follow-up to the Campaign for Fiscal Equity (CFE) litigation that succeeded in obtaining court findings in 2003 and 2006 that school funding for New York City was inadequate. The court rulings prompted the state Legislature to create a four-year, statewide plan to improve school funding.

That plan was abandoned by state lawmakers two years later as the state's economy weakened. Instead, the state education budget was dramatically cut using the GEA as a tool. The scheme worked by allowing the state to claim it was holding school aid at the 2008-2009 funding level. After those funds were distributed on paper, however, the GEA was applied to the formula, subtracting billions of dollars from the equation before remaining funds were allocated to the state's public schools.

The federal government put its finger in the dyke during the initial two years of the new state funding plan, largely holding districts harmless against the cuts though state aid in and of itself was not significantly increased. When the federal dollars dried up, the full impact of the GEA, combined with a state-imposed cap on the tax levy, left school districts scrambling to find ways to stay afloat.

#### Layoffs result from funding cuts

Those efforts resulted in the layoff of tens of thousands of school teachers, administrators and staff members. Districts were also forced to eliminate music, art, athletic and academic programs and to significantly cut or eliminate services like school library, guidance, psychology, transportation and other supports. In many cases, academic programs and technology plans were also significantly impacted or eliminated.

Despite a surge in economic vitality and the cries of state education advocates, lawmakers continue to impose the GEA on state school funding claims, misleading state residents with regard to state aid totals. Although the GEA is slowly trickling downward, school leaders are

LAWSUIT CHALLENGE: Page 5, please

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# ROCKLAND COUNTY LEGISLATURE – DISTRICT 16 –

# VOTE NOVEMBER 3RD

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Pat Moroney Legislature



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**Town Council** 

# Mike Moroney Town Supervisor





# Day balks at deficit reduction act he voted for as legislator

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et to be passed and so made no provision within the 2014 budget for compliance with Local Law #10 of 2012.

It was assumed by Vanderhoef that Local Law #10 of 2012 only took effect if the Governor did not sign the Deficit Financing Act, otherwise the CE would have to come up with \$23 million in debt service each year instead of \$13 million.

At that time, Legislator Michael Grant said he wanted to amend the legislation so that the language was clear that the law had to be followed regardless of the Governor signing the act. Also he said there were some County Legislators who wanted to implement the Reduction Act in some altered way in order to pay down the remainder of the deficit not covered by the Financing Act.

That did not happen until December 4 of 2014 when Legislator Grant, along with Legislators Alden Wolfe and Ilan Schoenberger proposed an amendment to Local Law 10 of 2012 such that instead of having to set aside \$10 million over the \$13 million debt service, the county has to set aside at least \$4 million but wound up setting

aside \$5 million.

"In this way, both the deficit reduction bond and the remaining accumulated deficit will be paid off and eliminated concurrently," states the act.

#### County Exec mandated to act

The original law was also amended to state, "Unless and until this law is amended or repealed, the County Executive is mandated to include deficit reduction in the proposed annual budget in strict compliance with this local law."

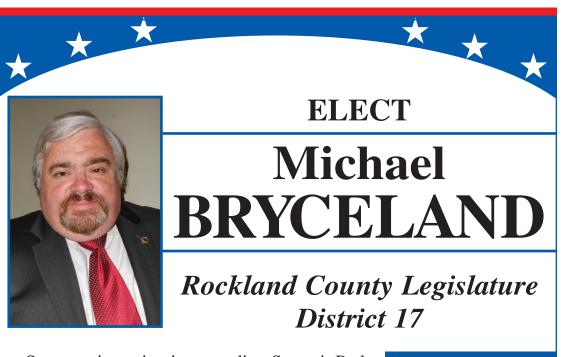
The problem seems to be that the original law, which is consid-

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**Reform Party** 



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- $\star$  Supports 2% tax cap
- ★ Supports tightening procurement procedures

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ered valid, requires a two thirds vote to withdraw funds. The amendment does not add the two thirds requirement.

Humbach said, "My opinion is that the current law as written now, not in 2012, is not valid because of the mandatory referendum issue."

CE Day, who neither vetoed or signed the law and by that act the amended law became law according to the Rockland County Charter used this same explanation.

He wrote to the Legislature in a letter dated December 26, 2014, that he is "returning here with the above-cited Local Law unsigned, due to the fact that this amended Local Law is a central piece to the 2015 budget as amended by the Legislature. I do so in recognition that a veto could create fiscal chaos by jeopardizing the 2015 Budget.'

He said the original version "shows a discipline that is needed in Rockland County government. This amendment which permits allocation of monies for purposes other than deficit reduction, changes the intent of the entire law. In addition the Rockland Deficit Reduction Act contains legal and fiscal defects which may lead to an annulment of the law and/or frustrate the fiscal restraint which is the purpose of the law."

Day went on to state that a super majority would have been needed to perform certain actions under the Local Law but this limits the power of the individual legislators and under Municipal Home Rule Law section 23, any local law that impairs the power of an elected official is subject to a mandatory referendum. "No referendum took place."

The section 23-2-f of the law reads that a mandatory referendum is necessary if a law, "Abolishes, transfers or curtails any power of an elective officer." The amended, 2014 version of the act saddles the County Executive with a mandate "to include deficit reduction in the proposed annual budget in strict compliance with this local law."

Operating under the 2012 version, Day went about cutting and slashing his 2015 budget to obtain the \$10 million he needed.

However the 2016 budget (also having to be cut and slashed because of the last minute failure of the Summit Park closing to occur) does not have anything set aside for deficit reduction because County Attorney Thomas Humbach, who helped word the amendment, said even the original the law is invalid.

Questioned by the County Legislature Humbach said that in order to challenge Day or for Day to challenge the Legislature on the law, the petitioner would have to "file an article 78 mandamus, requiring him to do something that is directed in a law."

That law read out by Legislator Alden Wolfe stated, "It is the duty of the County Executive to execute and enforce the laws of the United States as it pertains to affairs of government of the County and the duly adopted local laws of the County Legislature."

Wolfe said, that the County Executive had three choices when the law was passed, sign it, veto it or do nothing. "He did nothing which means the law was duly adopted."

#### Bah, Humbach?

Humbach agreed that it is adopted and filed with the Secretary of State (as all adopted laws must be in order to be enacted.)

However, Humbach enumerated.

"One - The law requires a two thirds majority to spend certain money in a fund that was created by this local law and in order to create a two thirds majority requirement for any kind of voting you're lessening or impairing the power, curtailing the power of other legislators to get things done therefore it requires a mandatory referendum.'

By this view, a mandatory referendum would be needed to override a veto because that requires a two thirds majority. It would also mean that the County Charter is invalid because it only requires the two thirds vote, not a mandatory referendum to override a veto on a law.



"Two – Because the County Executive is the chief budget officer the portion of the law that was enacted in the amendment in 2014 that requires the County Executive to put in his proposed budget the budget line that we're speaking of also curtails his ability to use all the expected revenue in his budget in the way he deems fit for his proposed budget. That also requires a mandatory referendum and less definitively there may be separation powers issues that could be argued on this too."

#### Referendum or no referendum?

What still remains unanswered is how, when the original law requires a two thirds vote for withdrawal of the funds, it does not need a mandatory referendum but the amendment which changes no more than the amount to \$4 million and that any transfer or allocation of funds other than deficit reduction would need a two thirds vote now needs a mandatory referendum because it limits the powers of an elected official.

Humbach said that there is a question as to if the amendment invalidates the entire integrated law but later he said that the original law, which required \$10 million be put aside for deficit reduction, is still in effect and that he made County Executive Day aware of that.

Humbach also said there's another part of the law that speaks to setting up a reserve fund and putting it in a depository. He said that is also an issue because if the money is put into a reserve fund, that's an expense. "If you have a \$4 million budget line we're not spending on the revenue side and you put the \$4 million away on the expense side it's on the minus side and you wind up at the end of the year with no deficit savings."

All and all, Humbach said "the laws are telling the County Executive how to do his job in a substantive way." Further, Humbach said that the law does not require the County Executive to put in \$10 million for deficit reduction. It requires the County to put it in.

# Millions at stake in School Boards' challenge

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fighting to hold state officials responsible for returning funds that they claim should have legally been provided to the state's public schools.

According to NYSSBA, New York City attorney Michael Rebell, who litigated the CFE case, is arguing the new case on a pro bono basis, which means that he is not charging a fee for his time. Rebell served on Cuomo's New York Education Reform Commission, and was frustrated that the panel failed to address school funding issues raised by him and another panel member, former BOCES District Superintendent Jessica Cohen.

"The governor's education reform commission, on which I sat, refused to even consider these issues," Rebell said in 2014 when he filed the suit. "We have no other recourse but to go back to court."

The action seeks a court order that the Legislature immediately discontinue use of the GEA, the cap on state aid increases and the supermajority requirements regarding increases in local property tax levies. The lawsuit contends

these all violate the state constitution.

The lawsuit asks the court to declare that:

• the state has failed to comply with the Court of Appeals' decisions and order in the CFE actions;

• the state has failed to provide students in New York City and throughout the state with the opportunity for a sound basic education as required by the state constitution; and

• the current state education finance system is inequitable, inadequate and in violation of the requirements of the state constitution.

In addition, the plaintiffs have asked the court to direct the Legislature to develop and implement a new methodology for determining the actual costs of providing all students the opportunity for a sound basic education, revise the state funding formulas to ensure that all schools receive sufficient resources, and ensure a system of accountability that measures whether every school has sufficient resources to ensure that all students are, in fact, receiving the opportunity for a sound basic education.

"Our goal is to end the state government's neglect of its constitutional responsibility to ensure that all New York schools have sufficient funding to meeting students' educational needs," Rebell said as he filed the suit.

The full relief that plaintiffs seek could amount to over \$5 billion. More specifically, the plaintiffs include nine New York City parents, eight parents from other urban, suburban and rural districts throughout the state, and NYSER, which is an unincorporated alliance that includes 11 of New York City's 32 community education councils, the New York State Council of School Superintendents, the New York State PTA, the New York State Association of School Business Officials, the Statewide School Finance Consortium, the Rural Schools Association and a variety of parent and educational advocacy groups in addition to NYSSBA.

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#### Passing the bucks

Wolfe said that as he did last year, the County Executive is passing the responsibility of putting aside money for deficit reduction to the Legislature.

Grant, recounted the Day's past words. "Failure to provide the \$10 million in the budget as the law proscribed would incur the wrath of the rating agencies, the credit markets and the Comptroller's office and it's an absolute must do and we would be derelict in our duties if we did not provide for it." Yet none of these things happened.

Humbach said that he was with Day at the credit agencies and the fact that there was a \$12 million plus reduction in the deficit from year to year, that was considered more important than any formality of the law. ORANGETOWN'S DEMOCRATIC TEAM Making Town Government Work For YOU! Vote--November 3 MEET THE CANDIDATES







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**TOWN SUPERVISOR** 

ANDY STEWART was elected as Orangetown Su-

pervisor in 2011 and re-elected in 2013. During his first two terms in office he has helped keep the town budget under the New York State Tax Cap and this year his

proposed budget calls for a 2.2% property tax cut. The

Executive Director of Keep Rockland Beautiful for 10 years before becoming Supervisor, he has put a priority

on protecting the environment and quality of life and has led the fight against the Anellotech facility, United Water's

Hudson River desalination plant and other threats to the

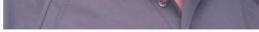
character of the community. He has given residents un-

precedented access to town documents online and put town board meetings on YouTube for the first time. He

lives in Nyack with his wife Rachel and children Jonah

and Talia. For more, visit www.stewartforsupervisor.com





#### **TOWN COUNCIL**

**CHRIS SMITH** is a businessman from Pearl River where he runs a marketing and PR firm, is active in The Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Elks Club and Rotary, and where he serves on the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce. He looks forward to partnering with local Chambers of Commerce to promote tourism and help small businesses in the downtown areas of the Orangetown villages and hamlets; to work towards a sustainable and economically beneficial redevelopment of the Rockland Psychiatric Center, and to maintain the town under the Governor's 2% tax cap while seeking new initiatives to save money. For more, visit www.electchrissmith.com

#### **TOWN COUNCIL**

JERRY BOTTARI and his wife Theresa have lived in Orangetown for over 28 years. Their grown children attended the Orangetown schools before attending Maritime College and St. Thomas Acquinas. His oldest son, daughter-in-law and grandchild live in Orangetown. After 35 years on the Orangetown police force, where he did significant work with at risk youth and with local youth sports clubs, and where he was responsible for some time for community policing in Nyack, Jerry looks forward to continuing his work with youth and with the community he loves. For more, visit www. jerrybottari.com



**NANCY LOW-HOGAN** served for years on the Orangetown Council before being elected to the County Legislature in 2011. Nancy is the chairwoman of the legislature's Economic Development Committee, Vice Chairwoman of the Environmental Committee and is a member of the Budget and Finance Committee.

And don't forget--Re-elect County Legislator Harriet Cornell (District 10), Town Clerk Charlotte Madigan, County Sheriff Lou Falco, County District Attorney Tom Zugibe.

#### **GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE**

#### State of New York, County of Rockland, Office of the Board of Elections, 11 New Hempstead Road, New City, New York 10956

TO THE VOTERS OF ROCKLAND COUNTY: PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 4-120 OF THE ELECTION LAW, STATE OF NEW YORK, notice is hereby given that the following is a true and correct list of nominations of candidates for offices to be filled at the General Election to be held, in the County of Rockland, State of New York, on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November next (November 3, 2015) certified to us and filed in our office, pursuant to the provisions of the Election Law. The hours of voting at the General Election, November 3, 2015 will be from 6:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M

#### DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Emblem – Five Pointed Star Supreme Court Justice 9th J.D. (Vote for One) Gretchen Walsh

Rockland County Family Court Judge (Vote for One) Rachel E. Tanguay-McGuane Rockland County District Attorney (Vote for One)

Thomas P. Zugibe

Rockland County Sheriff (Vote for One) Louis Falco III

## LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 2 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One)

Michael M. Grant (Election District 1, 2, 3, 11, 13, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29,30 in the Town of Haverstraw, Election District 11, in the Town of Stony Point) LEGISLATIVE District 3 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One)

**Jay Hood Jr.** (Election District 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18 in the Town of Haverstraw)

LEGISLATIVE District 4 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One)

**Ilan S. Schoenberger** (Election District 33, 37, 38, 44, 50, 54, 55, 58, 59, 62, 72, 78, 86, 95, 98, 104, 105, 106 in the Town of Ramapo)

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 5 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One)

Christopher S. Martone (Election District 1, 9, 13, 16, 22, 25, 30, 37, 40, 52, 53, 60, 68, 69, 72, 74 in the Town of Clarkstown, Election District 1, 81 in the Town of Ramapo) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 6 COUNTY LEGLISLATOR (Vote for One)

Alden H. Wolfe (Election District 2, 16, 25, 27, 30, 40, 75, 79, 83, 84, 88, 93, 103 in the Town of Ramapo) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 7 COUNTY LEGISLATOR

(Vote for One) Philip Soskin (Election District 14, 18, 20, 21 24, 28, 35, 41, 45, 56, 85, 96, 97, 99, 101, 102 in the Town of Ramapo)

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 8 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One)

Toney L. Earl Śr. (Election District 21, in the Town of Clarkstown, Election District 13, 23, 36, 42, 47, 63, 64, 80, 89, 91, 108 in the Town of Ramapo)

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 9 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One)

# Thomas Ninan (Election District 11, 18, 19, 24, 27, 29, 35, 45, 46, 48, 57, 59, 65, 66, 81 in the Town of Clarkstown, Election District 32, in the Town of Ramapo)

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 10 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One)

Harriet D. Cornell (Election District 3, 4, 6, 20, 23, 31, 34, 49, 54, 67, 71, 73, 77 in the Town of Clarkstown, Election District 2, 5, 7, 8, 15, 18, 46 in the Town of Orangetown) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 11 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One)

Richard C. Diaz Jr. (Election District 2, 8, 14, 17, 36, 38, 42, 43, 51, 55, 58, 61, 63, 64, 82 in the Town of Clarkstown) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 12 COUNTY LEGISLATOR

#### (Vote for One) Patsy Wooters (Election District 5, 7, 9, 11, 17, 31, 34, 46,

57, 60, 61, 66, 69, 73, 76, 77, 82, 90 in the Town of Ramapo) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 13 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One)

Aron B. Wieder (Election District 6, 8, 12, 26, 49, 51, 52, 65, 70, 71, 74, 100 in the Town of Ramapo)

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 14 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One)

**Aney Paul** (Election District 10, 32, 41, 44, 62, 75, 76, 79, 80 in the Town of Clarkstown, Election District 3, 10, 53, 67, 87, 92, 94, 109 in the Town of Ramapo)

## LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 17 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One)

Nancy Low-Hogan (Election District15, 28 in the Town of Clarkstown, Election District 1, 3, 11, 12, 14, 16, 32, 33, 40, 41, 42, 48, 56, 57 in the Town of Orangetown)

#### TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN

Clarkstown Town Supervisor (Vote for One) Alexander J. Gromack

Clarkstown Town Council (Vote for Two) Shirley R. Lasker Daniel Caprara Clarkstown Town Clerk (Vote for One)

Justin L. Sweet Clarkstown Town Justice (Vote for Two)

Howard Gerber David M. Ascher Clarkstown Superintendent of Highways (Vote for One) Bob Milone

#### TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW

Haverstraw Town Supervisor (Vote for One) Howard T. Phillips Jr Haverstraw Town Council (Vote for Two) Hector L. Soto John J. Gould

Haverstraw Town Clerk (Vote for One) Karen L. Bulley

Haverstraw Town Justice (Vote for One)

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Robert S. Knoebel Jr. VILLAGE OF PIERMONT

Village of Piermont Mayor (Vote for One) Christoph D. Sanders

Village of Piermont Trustee (Vote for Two) Mark W. Bloomquist John A. Gallucci Jr

VILLAGE OF SPRING VALLEY Village of Spring Valley Trustee (Vote for Two) Vilair Fonvil Sherry T. McGill

Village of Spring Valley Justice (Vote for One) David Fried

#### VILLAGE OF SUFFERN

Village of Suffern Mayor (Vote for One) Patricia J. Abato

Village of Suffern Trustee (Vote for Two) Jo Meegan-Corrigan James K. Lyons

VILLAGE OF WEST HAVERSTRAW

Village of West Haverstraw Mayor (Vote for One)

Robert R. D'Amelio

Village of West Haverstraw Trustee (Vote for Two) Frances R. Nardi Ramon Lopez

Village of West Haverstraw Trustee -Unexpired Term (Vote for One)

Ralph W. Kirschkel

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Rockland County Sheriff (Vote for One) Rich Vasquez

LEGISLATIVE DISTICT 1 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One)

**Douglas J. Jobson** (Election District 24 in the Town of Haverstraw, Election District 4, 15, 22, 39, 48, 107 in the Town of Ramapo, Election District 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13 in the Town of Stony Point.

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Kevin R. Brestolli (Election District 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18 in the Town of Haverstraw)

## LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 5 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One)

Lon M. Hofstein (Election District 1, 9, 13, 16, 22, 25, 30, 37, 40, 52, 53, 60, 68, 69, 72, 74 in the Town of Clarkstown, Election District 1, 81 in the Town of Ramapo)

#### COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One)

Betty Carmand (Election District 21, in the Town of Clarkstown, Election District 13, 23, 36, 42, 47, 63, 64, 80, 89, 91, 10 in the Town of Ramapo)

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 9 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One)

Christopher J. Carey (Election District 11, 18, 19, 24, 27, 29, 35, 45, 46, 48, 57, 59, 65, 66, 81 in the Town of

#### Clarkstown, Election District 32, in the Town of Ramapo) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 11 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One)

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Charles J. Falciglia (Election District 5, 7, 9, 11, 17, 31, 34, 46, 57, 60, 61, 66, 69, 73, 76, 77, 82, 90 in the Town of Ramapo)

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Patrick J. Moroney (Election District5, 12, 33, 47, 50, 70 in the Town of Clarkstown, Election District 10, 20,23, 24, 25, 28, 43, 45, 54 in the Town of Orangetown, Election District 19, 29, 43, 68 in the Town of Ramapo)

#### LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 16 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One)

Vince Tyer (Election District 9, 13, 17, 19, 21, 22, 26, 29, 30, 34, 36, 39, 47, 49, 50, 51, 53, 55 in the Town of Orangetown)

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(Vote for One) Douglas J. Jobson (Election District 24 in the Town of Haverstraw, Election District 4, 15, 22, 39, 48, 107 in the Town of Ramapo, Election District 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 7, 8, 9, 10,

12, 13 in the Town of Stony Point. LEGISLATIVE District 3 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One)

**Jay Hood Jr** (Election District 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18 in the Town of Haverstraw)

LEGISLATIVE District 4 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One)

**Ilan S. Schoenberger** (Election District 33, 37, 38, 44, 50, 54, 55, 58, 59, 62, 72, 78, 86, 95, 98, 104, 105, 106 in the Town of Ramapo)

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Christopher S. Martone (Election District 1, 9, 13, 16, 22, 25, 30, 37, 40, 52, 53, 60, 68, 69, 72, 74 in the Town of Clarkstown, Election District 1, 81 in the Town of Ramapo) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 6 COUNTY LEGLISLATOR

(Vote for One) Alden H. Wolfe (Election District 2, 16, 25, 27, 30, 40, 75,

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80 in the Town of Clarkstown, Election District 3, 10, 53, 67,

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 15 COUNTY LEGISLATOR

Patrick J. Moroney (Election District5, 12, 33, 47, 50, 70 in

the Town of Clarkstown, Election District 10, 20,23, 24, 25,

28, 43, 45, 54 in the Town of Orangetown, Election District

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LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 17 COUNTY LEGISLATOR

Michael J. Bryceland (Election District 15, 28 in the Town of

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87, 92, 94, 109 in the Town of Ramapo)

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(Vote for One)

(Vote for One)

(Vote for One)

Peter Branti Jr.

Haverstraw Superintendent of Highways (Vote for One) George E. Wargo Jr.

TOWN OF ORANGETOWN

Orangetown Town Supervisor (Vote for One) Andy Stewart

Orangetown Town Council (Vote for Two) Chris Smith Jerry Bottari

Orangetown Town Clerk (Vote for One) Charlotte E. Madigan

#### TOWN OF RAMAPO

Ramapo Town Supervisor (Vote for One) Christopher P. St. Lawrence Ramapo Town Council (Vote for Two) Brendel F. Logan-Charles Samuel B. Tress Ramapo Town Justice (Vote for One) Alan M. Simon Ramapo Superintendent of Highways (Vote for One) Anthony M. Sharan TOWN OF STONY POINT

Stony Point Town Supervisor (Vote for One) Luanne Konopko

Stony Point Town Council (Vote for Two) Dominick A. Posillipo Mike Ehlers

Stony Point Town Clerk (Vote for One) Joan Skinner

Stony Point Town Justice K. Jody Cucolo

VILLAGE OF HAVERSTRAW

Village of Haverstraw Mayor (Vote for One) Michael F. Kohut TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN

Clarkstown Town Supervisor (Vote for One) George A. Hoehmann

Clarkstown Town Council (Vote for Two) Frank Borelli John J. Noto Jr.

Clarkstown Town Justice (Vote for Two) Paul S. Chiaramonte Denise L. Weiss

Clarkstown Superintendent of Highways (Vote for One) Frank M. DiZenzo

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Orangetown Town Council (Vote for Two) Tom Morr Paul W. Valentine

Orangetown Town Justice (Vote for One) Patrick J. Loftus

Orangetown Superintendent of Highways (Vote for One)

James J. Dean

TOWN OF RAMAPO

Ramapo Town Supervisor (Vote for One) Michael I. Parietti

Ramapo Town Council (Vote for Two) William J. Weber Timothy D. Scott Ramapo Town Justice (Vote for One)

Alan M. Simon

Ramapo Superintendent of Highways (Vote for One) Robert Romanowski

TOWN OF STONY POINT

Stony Point Town Supervisor (Vote for One) Jim Monaghan Clarkstown Town Justice (Vote for Two) Howard Gerber David M. Ascher

41, 42, 48, 56, 57 in the Town of Orangetown)

Clarkstown Town Council (Vote for Two)

Clarkstown Town Clerk (Vote for One)

Shirley R. Lasker Daniel Caprara

Clarkstown Town Supervisor (Vote for One)

Clarkstown Superintendent of Highways (Vote for One) L Wayne T. Ballard

TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW

TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN

Alexander J. Gromack

Justin L. Sweet

Haverstraw Town Supervisor (Vote for One) Howard T. Phillips Jr

Haverstraw Town Council (Vote for Two) Hector L. Soto John J. Gould

Haverstraw Town Clerk (Vote for One) Karen L. Bulley

Haverstraw Town Justice (Vote for One) Peter Branti Jr.

Haverstraw Superintendent of Highways (Vote for One)

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Stony Point Town Council (Vote for Two)

Stony Point Town Clerk (Vote for One)

Stony Point Supervisor of Highways (Vote for One)

Village of Haverstraw Mayor (Vote for One)

Rafael A. Bueno Thomas L. Watson Jr.

Village of Haverstraw Trustees (Vote for Two)

Village of Haverstraw Justice (Vote for One)

Village of Spring Valley Trustee (Vote for Two)

Village of Spring Valley Justice (Vote for One)

Village of Suffern Mayor (Vote for One)

Village of Suffern Trustee (Vote for Two)

Village of West Haverstraw Mayor (Vote for One)

Village of West Haverstraw Trustee (Vote for Two)

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Clarkstown Town Justice (Vote for Two)

Orangetown Town Supervisor (Vote for One)

Orangetown Town Council (Vote for Two) Chris Smith Jerry Bottari

Ramapo Town Supervisor (Vote for One)

Timothy D. Scott

Village of Spring Valley Justice (Vote for One)

Rockland County Family Court Judge (Vote for One)

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Town of Ramapo, Election District 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,

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79, 83, 84, 88, 93, 103 in the Town of Ramapo)

Clarkstown Election District 1, 81 in the Town of Ramapo)

Rockland County Sheriff (Vote for One)

Ramapo Town Council (Vote for Two)

Ramapo Town Justice (Vote for One)

57, 60, 61, 66, 69, 73, 76, 77, 82, 90 in the Town of Ramapo)

Frank J. Hagen Moira A. Hertzman

Frances R. Nardi Ramon Lopez

Emblem – Peace Symbol

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TOWN OF ORANGETOWN

Karl C. Javenes James B. White

Stony Point Town Justice

VILLAGE OF HAVERSTRAW

VILLAGE OF SPRING VALLEY

Vilair Fonvil Yisroel Eisenbach

VILLAGE OF SUFFERN

Edward T. Markunas

Robert R. D'Amelio

**GREEN PARTY** 

(Vote for One)

Howard Gerber

Andy Stewart

TOWN OF RAMAPO

Michael I. Parietti

William J. Weber

TOWN OF STONY POINT

Stony Point Town Justice

VILLAGE OF SPRING VALLEY

WORKING FAMILIES PARTY Emblem – Letters WF

10, 12, 13 in the Town of Stony Point.

16, 18 in the Town of Haverstraw)

Rachel E. Tanguay-McGuane

Thomas P. Zugibe

Louis Falco III

(Vote for One)

the Town of Ramapo)

Alan M. Simon

K. Jody Cucolo

David Fried

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015, OUR TOWN....7

TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 10 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One) Clarkstown Town Supervisor (Vote for One) Harriet D. Cornell (Election District 3, 4, 6, 20, 23, 31, 34, 49, Alexander J. Gromack 54, 67, 71, 73, 77 in the Town of Clarkstown, Election District Clarkstown Town Council (Vote for Two) 2, 5, 7, 8, 15, 18, 46 in the Town of Orangetown) Shirley R. Lasker Daniel Caprara LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 11 COUNTY LEGISLATOR Clarkstown Town Clerk (Vote for One) (Vote for One) Justin L. Sweet Richard C. Diaz Jr. (Election District 2, 8, 14, 17, 36, 38, 42, Clarkstown Town Justice (Vote for Two) 43, 51, 55, 58, 61, 63, 64, 82 in the Town of Clarkstown) Howard Gerber David M. Ascher LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 13 COUNTY LEGISLATOR **Clarkstown Superintendent of Highways** (Vote for One) (Vote for One) Aron B. Wieder (Election District 6, 8, 12, 26, 49, 51, 52, 65, **Bob Milone** 70, 71, 74, 100 in the Town of Ramapo) TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 14 COUNTY LEGISLATOR Haverstraw Town Supervisor (Vote for One) (Vote for One) Howard T. Phillips Jr Aney Paul (Election District 10, 32, 41, 44, 62, 75, 76, 79, 80 Haverstraw Town Council (Vote for Two) Hector L. Soto John J. Gould Haverstraw Town Clerk (Vote for One) Karen L. Bulley Haverstraw Town Justice (Vote for One) Peter Branti Jr. Haverstraw Superintendent of Highways (Vote for One) George E. Wargo Jr. TOWN OF ORANGETOWN Orangetown Town Supervisor (Vote for One) Andy Stewart Orangetown Town Council (Vote for Two) Chris Smith TOWN OF RAMAPO Ramapo Town Supervisor (Vote for One) Christopher P. St. Lawrence Ramapo Town Council (Vote for Two) Brendel F. Logan-Charles Samuel B. Tress Ramapo Town Justice (Vote for One) Alan M. Simon TOWN OF STONY POINT Stony Point Town Supervisor (Vote for One) Jim Monaghan Stony Point Town Council (Vote for Two) Dominick A. Posillipo Stony Point Town Justice William F. Franks VILLAGE OF HAVERSTRAW Village of Haverstraw Mayor (Vote for One) Michael F. Kohut Village of Haverstraw Trustees (Vote for Two) Rafael A. Bueno Thomas L. Watson Jr. Village of Haverstraw Justice (Vote for One) Ronald V. DeCaprio VILLAGE OF SPRING VALLEY Village of Spring Valley Trustee (Vote for Two) Sherry T. McGill Vilair Fonvil Village of Spring Valley Justice (Vote for One) David Fried VILLAGE OF SUFFERN Village of Suffern Mayor (Vote for One) Patricia J. Abato Village of Suffern Trustee (Vote for Two) Jo Meegan-Corrigan James K. Lyons VILLAGE OF WEST HAVERSTRAW Village West Haverstraw Mayor (Vote for One ) Robert R. D'Amelio Village of West Haverstraw Trustee (Vote for Two) Frances R. Nardi Ramon Lopez **INDEPENDENCE PARTY** Emblem - Letter I with Eagle & Banner Supreme Court Justice, 9th J.D. (Vote for One) **Gretchen Walsh** Rockland County Family Court Judge (Vote for One) Rachel E. Tanguay-McGuane Rockland County District Attorney (Vote for One) Thomas P. Zugibe Rockland County Sheriff (Vote for One) Louis Falco III LEGISLATIVE DISTICT 1 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One) Douglas J. Jobson (Election District 24 in the Town of Haverstraw, Election District 4, 15, 22, 39, 48, 107 in the Town of Ramapo, Election District 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13 in the Town of Stony Point. LEGISLATIVE District 3 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One) Jay Hood Jr. (Election District 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18 in the Town of Haverstraw) LEGISLATIVE District 4 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One) Ilan S. Schoenberger (Election District 33, 37, 38, 44, 50, 54, 55, 58, 59, 62, 72, 78, 86, 95, 98, 104, 105, 106 in the Town

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Robert R. D'Amelio Village of West Haverstraw Trustee - Unexpired Term (Vote for One) Ralph W. Kirschkel

#### REFORM PARTY

Emblem - Broom Supreme Court Justice 9th J.D. (Vote for One) Montgomery J. Delanev Rockland County Sheriff (Vote for One) **Rich Vasquez** LEGISLATIVE DISTICT 1 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One) Douglas J. Jobson (Election District 24 in the Town of Haverstraw, Election District 4, 15, 22, 39, 48, 107 in the Town of Ramapo, Election District 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13

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(Vote for One) Michael J. Bryceland (Election District 15, 28 in the Town of Clarkstown, Election District 1, 3, 11, 12, 14, 16, 32, 33, 40, 41. 42. 48. 56. 57 in the Town of Orangetown)

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#### FOR THE PEOPLE PARTY

Emblem – Words "For the People" LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 2 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One) P.T. Thomas (Election District 1, 2, 3, 11, 13, 17, 19, 20, 21,

22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29,30 in the Town of Haverstraw, Election District 11, in the Town of Stony Point)

# COMMUNICATE SPRING VALLEY PARTY Emblem – COMMUNICATE SV

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 8 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One) Jean Claude A. Mehu (Election District 21, in the Town of Clarkstown, Election District 13, 23, 36, 42, 47, 63, 64, 80, 89, 91, 108 in the Town of Ramapo)

#### **ORANGETOWN FIRST PARTY**

Emblem - Logo with Orangetown FIRST in Triangular type Figure Orangetown Town Supervisor (Vote for One) Andy Stewart Orangetown Town Council (Vote for Two) Chris Smith Jerry Bottari

PRESERVE ROCKLAND PARTY Emblem - Tree

of Ramapo)

Christopher S. Martone (Election District 1, 9, 13, 16, 22, 25, 30, 37, 40, 52, 53, 60, 68, 69, 72, 74 in the Town of Clarkstown, Election District 1, 81 in the Town of Ramapo) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 6 COUNTY LEGLISLATOR (Vote for One)

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 5 COUNTY LEGISLATOR

Alden H. Wolfe (Election District 2, 16, 25, 27, 30, 40, 75, 79, 83, 84, 88, 93, 103 in the Town of Ramapo)

#### LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 7 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One)

Philip Soskin (Election District 14, 18, 20, 21 24, 28, 35, 41, 45, 56, 85, 96, 97, 99, 101, 102 in the Town of Ramapo)

#### LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 8 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One)

Toney L. Earl Sr. (Election District 21, in the Town of Clarkstown, Election District 13, 23, 36, 42, 47, 63, 64, 80, 89 91 108 in the Town of Bamapo)

#### LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 9 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One)

Thomas Ninan (Election District 11, 18, 19, 24, 27, 29, 35, 45, 46, 48, 57, 59, 65, 66, 81 in the Town of Clarkstown, Election District 32, in the Town of Ramapo)

#### WOMEN'S EQUALITY PARTY

Emblem – Blue Triangle Pointing Right **Rockland County Family Court Judge** (Vote for One)

Rachel E. Tanguay-McGuane

Rockland County District Attorney (Vote for One) Thomas P. Zugibe

Rockland County Sheriff (Vote for One) Louis Falco III

#### LEGISLATIVE District 3 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One)

Jay Hood Jr. (Election District 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18 in the Town of Haverstraw)

in the Town of Stony Point.

#### LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 2 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One)

P.T. Thomas (Election District 1, 2, 3, 11, 13, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29,30 in the Town of Haverstraw, Election District 11, in the Town of Stony Point)

#### LEGISLATIVE District 3 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One)

Kevin R. Brestolli (Election District 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18 in the Town of Haverstraw)

#### LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 5 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One)

Lon M. Hofstein (Election District 1, 9, 13, 16, 22, 25, 30, 37, 40, 52, 53, 60, 68, 69, 72, 74 in the Town of Clarkstown. Election District 1, 81 in the Town of Ramapo)

#### LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 8 COUNTY LEGISLATOR (Vote for One)

Betty Carmand (Election District 21, in the Town of Clarkstown, Election District 13, 23, 36, 42, 47, 63, 64, 80, 89, 91, 108 in the Town of Ramapo)

Ramapo Town Supervisor (Vote for One) Michael I. Parietti

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#### STONY POINT 1 ST PARTY

Emblem – Drummer w/Stony Point 1st Stony Point Town Supervisor (Vote for One) Luanne Konopko Stony Point Town Council (Vote for Two) Dominick Posillipo Mike Ehlers

STONY POINT TOWN JUSTICE K. Jody Cucolo

#### NYACK FIRST PARTY

Emblem Circle w/#1 & ST on Upper Right Village of Nyack Trustee (Vote for Two) Joe Carlin

Two Referendums for Clarkstown are also on the ballot for November 3, 2015. Copies can be obtained by contacting the Board of Elections @www.RocklandGov.com or Telephone 845-638-5172

Therefore all poll sites in the County of Rockland will be open for voting on Tuesday November 3, 2015 from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM for enrolled voters of the Democratic, Republican, Conservative, Independence, Working Families and Green Parties as set forth:

> Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky Louis C. Babcock Commissioners of Elections



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# Endorsements

т every election, Our Town interviews and endorses candidates for county and local offices.

Our editorial advisory board conducts the interviews and questions each candidate individually. In addition Our Town sponsored a candidates' night for Orangetown office-seekers on Monday. Legislature candidate endorsements will appearl next week.

Based on these events, the advisory board decides which candidates to endorse for public office. Readers are free to comment in next week's edition of Our Town. We will also publish the endorsements in our special election edition, to be delivered on Saturday prior to November 3.

## For Sheriff **Rockland County:** Louis Falco

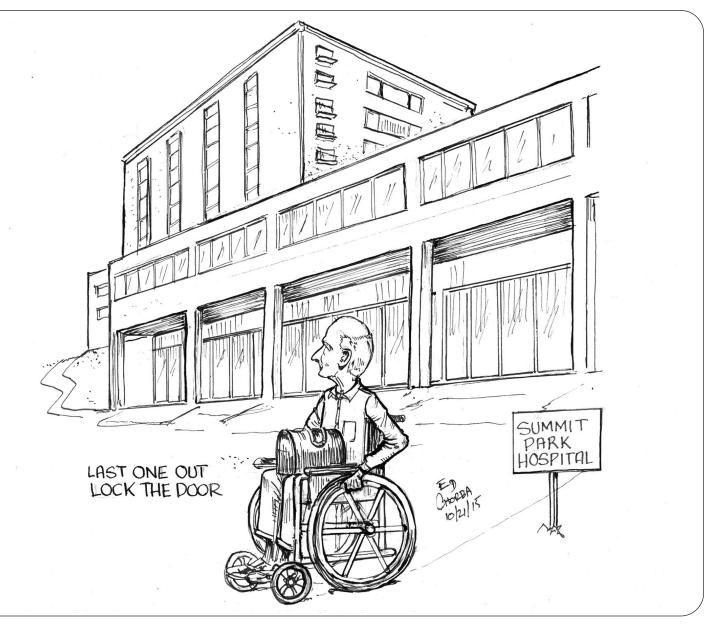
This is a contest between two wellqualified candidates, both with experience in law enforcement. Falco has spent his entire career in the Rockland County Sheriff's Dept. starting in 1978; Vasquez retired from the NYPD and has served as chief of the Woodbury Township Police Department for the past two years.

Constitutionally, a county sheriff is only required to maintain a civil department and to run the county jail. Over the years, the Rockland County Sheriff's Department has expanded its role to include a Sheriff?s Patrol which protects county property, a Bureau of Criminal Identification and other departments which provide specialized law enforcement services, including partnership in the county's helicopter operation. These services do not duplicate existing town and village police services, but expand and reinforce them. In his four years in office, Falco has proven to be a competent administrator, able to anticipate and respond to the changing challenges to law enforcement, and not reluctant to reduce costs through consolidation.

## Clarkstown referenda: Establish wards; Expand town council from 4 to 6 members

Vote Yes on both

This is a tough call, because opponents



and proponents have made equally cogent arguments.

Opponents argue that hamlets will compete with each other for town services if politically fragmented, or that council members will form coalitions to promote each other's agendas.

Supporters argue that the ward system will end the stranglehold political parties exert on the nominating process and will encourage more citizens to aspire to public office, campaigning in smaller polities rather than town-wide.

Considering the nasty battles we have witnessed in Clarkstown over primary elections, nominating petitions and frantic bargaining for ballot lines from minor parties, we believe a ward system, similar to the County's single member districts, would make the election process for accessible, fairer and more balanced. The competition for ballot lines has become ludicrous in a local election, with some candidates running on lines that philosophically contradict each other.

## Clarkstown Highway Superintendent: **Bob** Milone

The toxicity of the contest for what should be a non-political job is disgusting and reinforces voter cynicism about public office-seekers. Wayne Ballard is a good engineer who has made disastrous errors of political judgment as well as failure to engage productively with the Town Board. While his opponent, Frank DiZenzo, has a long history of service in the Highway Dept., none of it has involved management.

The job of Highway Superintendent requires management skills, technical aptitude and production competency. Milone has this combination.

# For Clarkstown

job as Clerk of the Works. This strategy seems to be standard operating procedure in Clarkstown, but has lately had the opposite effect. We discount allegations of ethics violations and note that Gromack was the first town supervisor to return disputed pay he received as a member of the Rockland County Sewer Commission. Still, after five terms under one supervisor, we believe Clarkstown needs some fresh air and fresh ideas.

Hoehmann, a town council member since 2009, would not start as a freshman, learning on the job. He would come to the office with a long background in non-profit administration, which cannot fund itself through a tax levy. He also has a background in planning, serving as president of the Rockland County Municipal Planning Federation and chair of the special board for Clarkstown's Comprehensive Plan. Hoehmann not only opposes the sale of the Middlewood Senior Housing development (now that it's fully paid for and can return income to the town) but also advocates more senior

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## Town Supervisor: George Hoehmann

Nastiness has infiltrated to all levels of this town election, from supervisor to council to highway superintendent. We sense a restlessness in Clarkstown and cynicism and dissatisfaction in the hustings with the way town business is conducted.

Recognizing this mood, the town board enacted term limits for elected officials, which would allow incumbents an additional eight years in office. We sense that Clarkstown is ready for that change now. George Hoehmann has contributed somewhat to this atmosphere, but to a far lesser degree than some of the candidates.

Incumbent Alex Gromack has served five terms as Clarkstown supervisor, maintaining tranquility and achieving consensus largely by appointing potential political opponents to well-paying positions, such as Conservative Ed Lettre to a

housing in Clarkstown.

## For Town Council: Dan Caprara and John Noto

John Noto has grown in substance since our editorial endorsement board last interviewed him. Dan Caprara brings an energy and vitality to the race. We believe they will help bring a fresh outlook to the Clarkstown Town Board. Caprara comes from a background at Verizon where he serves as a business agent for Communications Workers of America. As he puts it, his job involves bringing labor and management to work together in a spirit of agreement and harmony. Clarkstown could use more of that spirit. Noto offers a background in business, experience in property taxation and service in a county office.

# How low can they go?

#### To the editor:

I've lived in Clarkstown for 45 years, been active in community affairs, and local issues. Never have I seen a dirtier, more disgusting election as the current race in Clarkstown.

Almost weekly I receive in the mail a costly, glossy, campaign as attacking Frank Borelli and now George Hoehmann. Enough!!! What does it say about the Rockland County

Democratic Committee or their candidates? Have you no honor, no standards, no ethics, to stoop to such disgusting levels of slander. No town in Rockland offers its citizens more than Clarkstown: run on your record of achievements not calumny.

If nothing else such tactics scream of the need for term limits. Is continuing in office the only thing that counts; is a big war chest justification for such scurrilous behavior; what are the "perks" of the Clarkstown Town Council when those in power lower themselves to such Machiavellian levels to stay in office. Is this what we have come to accept from our political parties and elected officials?

We teach children "to play fair": we should hold our politicians to the same standards.

Bill Ryan Nanuet

# OPINION 98 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015

# Orangetown endorsements

## For supervisor: Andrew Stewart

This is an endorsement made with some reluctance and reservations because of Stewart's performance at the Our Town candidate night at Town Hall on Monday. To be honest, we were not terribly impressed with Michael Moroney, either. What should have been a discussion of issues on a plane worthy of supervisor candidates turned into a sandbox brawl.

Andrew Stewart, the incumbent, did not answer some of the questions raised during the debate, instead launching personal attacks on Moroney, even when ruled out of order. Moroney, on the other hand, came across with abrasiveness and belligerence that raises serious doubts about his ability to deal with the many "people" issues that routinely arise in public service at the local level. Public service is people service.

Looking past his petulant performance at the debate, we find little fault with the way Stewart has conducted town business in his second term as supervisor. The town is well-run and residents are satisfied with their services. Some of the major issues raised at the debates, such as slow progress for the RPC property, are beyond the control of any one member of the town board, or for that matter, the town board collectively. Other major issues, such as Annelotech, while controversial, are also strictly within the authority of the autonomous land use boards and beyond the jurisdiction of the Town Board.

## For Town Board Tom Morr and Paul Valentine

Both of these incumbents have grown more knowledgeable in the art and craft of public service during the terms on the Orangetown Town Board. Morr has mastered the intricacies and subtleties of public finance. Valentine has shown and openness to ideas and possibilities beyond and political party affiliation or ideology. Both men are dedicated to public service. We are impressed.

Jerry Bottari is a public-spirited citizen we believe would make a good council member at some future time. He is forthright and open, but needs to learn more about the workings of the Town Board by the time he puts himself forward again as a candidate.

#### Letters are welcome...

The Opinion Page is open for readers to comment on issues of the day or any other topic of interest or concern.

Guidelines are simple:

• Writers express their own views;

• We do not edit letters except for libel or obvious untruth;

• Avoid personal attacks; stick to the issues.

Email to: News@OurTownNew.com

### To the editor:

Tonight while attending the Our Town debates to hear the candidates for Orangetown Supervisor and Town Council, supporters of Andy Stewart like me were shocked by the behavior of the individuals who came to support Michael Moroney, the Republican candidate.

Rather than confine themselves to clapping, Moroney's fan club yelled and shouted like soccer hooligans whenever Moroney made a statement, and shouted and booed when Stewart responded.

Stewart's request that Moroney disclose the reasons why he resigned from the Police Department was eminently reasonable; those records are certainly pertinent to any consideration of Moroney's qualifications to head the government of Orangetown. Moroney's refusal to answer Supervisor Stewart's question, and the uproar from his supporters, came close to disrupting the entire debate.

We may have been shocked, but we could not have been surprised, having seen how the night before the debate, Moroney's supporters went through every village and hamlet in town, stealing Stewart's signs so there were streets where not a sign was left.

Are these the kind of bullying tactics that it takes to win elections in Orangetown? If so, heaven help us!

Stephanie Hughes Nyack

# Right and wrong

By Michael Bongiorno

# When did drug dealers become victims?

I must have missed the referendum where American voters declared drug dealers to be victims rather than victimizers. After all, every day I read an article or opinion piece about "mass incarceration" and the need to "reform" America's drug laws, with "reform" being a euphemism for supporting the greatest jailbreak in history. advocates For years for "reform/release" have deceived the public about the true nature of all those "nonviolent" drug dealers populating federal and state prison. These "reformers" cut cross the political spectrum, and include President Barack Obama, the flip-flopping Hillary Clinton, and Republican Kentucky Senator Rand Paul. These "reformers" start with the false premise that drug dealing is a nonviolent crime, and that even major players are victims of a draconian and often racist criminal justice system. Let me state for the umpteenth time what should be obvious: Drug dealing and trafficking is a violent occupation that leads to murders, shootings, assaults, robberies, burglaries, thefts and every other crime imaginable. Do not be fooled: the crime wave that scarred the nation and destroyed neighborhoods and even cities (think Detroit)

was a direct result of the drug trade and the violence inherently associated with it.

Estimates for the 1980s indicate that 70% of all homicides in New York

City were drug-related. "Mass incarceration" was a logical and sensible response to the "mass slaughter," "mass shootings" and "mass crime" on American streets.

What about the myriad recent drug overdose deaths? In each case a "nonviolent" drug dealer sold a deadly poison to a desperate addict for greed and profit. For some bizarre reason Obama does not consider selling poison to be a violent act. He also is unconcerned that the miscreants who profit from selling drugs do not pay their fair share of taxes; his vitriol on taxes is only reserved for honest people who already pay most of the taxes. No, his primary concern about narcotics is that career drug dealers spend too much time in prison. Maybe Obama is having nostalgic flashbacks to his Choom Gang days when he as his pot-smoking Hawaiian buddies spent much of their time getting stoned. Hey, they had to buy the drugs from some magnanimous drug dealer, right? Maybe President Obama should visit his hometown, Chicago, where shootings and murders have reached astronomical heights. His old pal and chief of staff, Mayor Rahm Emanuel, has proven incapable of stopping the carnage. Many of the shootings are between rival gang members in disputes over drug turf, with innocent civilians, including children, all too often caught in the crossfire.

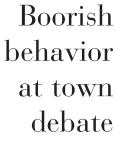
Has Obama gone to the mats over this Chicago's murder spree? Of course not, instead he has dedicated the remainder of his second term to "reforming" the criminal justice system, which means releasing as many big-time drug dealers as possible.

In July Obama granted clemency to 46 federal drug felons, but that was only the beginning. At the end of this month the Obama administration plans to dump 6,000 convicted federal felon drug dealers back onto the streets by cutting their sentences. Many of these dealers are career criminals who also had weapons related charges and/or histories of engaging in violence. Many already benefited by initially plea-bargaining their cases to

one hundred cases (of the 6,000) "identified defendants who carried semi-automatic weapons, had past convictions for robbery and other crimes, moved cocaine shipments across state lines, and participated in international heroin smuggling."

One person who will benefit from Obama's mass prison break is Willie Best, a District of Columbia drug dealer. In 2008 Best was convicted of helping manage a major crack, cocaine and marijuana organization in Washington, D.C. This "nonviolent" drug dealer also shot at someone who he believed had stolen from him, and was arrested in a stolen car containing an assault rifle (oh my!) and other guns. Best will be released prematurely, having declared himself reformed and a "lowing father"





less serious charges.

What's Next? Another 40,000 convicted federal drug dealers will be set free over the next five years in the greatest early release of felons in U.S. history. Does anyone really believe that all these 46,000 drug traffickers have seen the light and will become brain surgeons, rocket scientists, or even just salespeople at Florsheim?

We, the people, are being deceived again. Obama and the other reformers would have us believe that federal prisons are filled with low-level potheads and desperate addicts who sold a few old prescription pills from their parents' medicine cabinet.

The reality is that many of these thousands of soon-to-be-released drug sellers are career criminals who sold large amounts of cocaine, heroin and meth, and immersed themselves in guns and violence as part of the drug-dealing process.

An Associated Press analysis of nearly

and a "loving father."

Ironically, in the world of demented liberals a law-abiding person legally possessing a gun for protection is very bad; a drug-dealer possessing many guns and actually trying to kill someone with one is not so bad.

Despite the best efforts of Obama's Justice Department, federal judges, at least those with some sense, have denied some inmates' requests for early release. For example, U.S. District Judge Royce C. Lamberth denied the early release requests of two top associates of one of Washington, D.C.'s most notorious and violent drug gangs.

This "minor" drug gang imported as much as 1,700 pounds of Columbian cocaine a month into the city (from nonviolent Columbian cocaine producers, of course). Lamberth denied the request to shave two years from the sentences of

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# 2015 Loose Leaves Pick Up Program

- Pick-Up of Loose Leaves begins on Monday, November 2<sup>nd,</sup> 2015.
- Our curbside Leaf Pick-Up Program is for leaves only.

## **Dear Resident:**

Water is our greatest natural resource that we take for granted but is essential to life. Littering our streets, piling green waste and leaves on a storm drain actually pollutes our environment. The general perception is that it will go down the "sewer" and get processed at the sewer treatment plant. These "sewers" are storm drains that provide routes for rainwater to flow away from the streets and prevent flooding. Storm drains lead directly into streams, lakes and rivers. As now required by Federal, State and Local Laws, the Town is required to prevent pollution of our streams and lakes by reducing the amount of litter, debris and organic materials that wash into drainage systems.

It is for that reason that the Orangetown Highway Department developed the Clean Streets - Clean Streams Campaign. This slogan encompasses all of our efforts and is the driving force behind our Snow and Ice Control Policy, Green Waste Removal Schedule and our *Fall Leaf Pick-Up Program*.

To report an Illicit Discharge, please call the "Illicit Discharge Hotline" at 845-359-6502. An Illicit Discharge is an unlawful act of disposing, dumping, spilling, emitting, or other discharge of any substance other than storm water into the storm drain system; such as catch basins, yard inlet, or lakes and streams.

### PLEASE BE ADVISED, LEAVES SET OUT BY YOU AND/OR YOUR LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR ARE TO BE PLACED BEHIND THE CURB, NOT ON THE PAVED ROAD SURFACE.



Complies with State Laws, Town Code and Guidelines. Provides safer roads by:

- Preventing slippery conditions
- Reducing risk of fire by vehicles parking over leaf piles
- Preventing narrow roadways
- Not hampering vacuum removal
- Preventing runoff into drains
- Avoiding leaves being plowed into driveways



Violates State Laws, Town Code and Guidelines. Creates Hazardous Road Conditions.

 Slippery Roads
 Encourages children to play in leaf piles in the street.
 Causes flooding by blocking drainage structures.

Narrow Roads

Sight Obstructions



Hampers snow/ice control and may cause piles to be plowed into driveways



Causes litter, debris and organic materials to enter drainage systems

The final round of loose leaves removal begins on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Once our vacuum equipment has cleared your street after the November 30<sup>th</sup> deadline, we will not return, so please do not create any new piles. If you have more leaves for pick up, they must be in biodegradable bags and placed curbside on the shoulder of the road and <u>not on the paved road surface</u>. Bags are available during regular business hours at the Highway Department, 119 Route 303 and at Town Hall, 26 Orangeburg Road, Orangeburg.

If you need assistance with the best way to put out material for pick up, please give our office a call at 359-6500, we'll be happy to work with you.



Be a Highway Helper – Join our Green Team Adopt-A-Spot •Adopt-A-Road •Litter Marshals Thank you for your cooperation Jim Dean, Superintendent of Highways

# Cherry Brook: When it rains, it pours misery

#### By Anne Phyllis Pinzow **STAFF WRITER**

It was about 10 years ago during an evening rain event when four inches of rain fell in one hour and one Pearl River resident was killed by electrocution when he attempted to start his sump pump to stop the flooding of his home.

# Uncompleted drainage remediation leaves residents up the creek

and now Pfizer campus) and the construction of a berm and retention basin which alleviated some of the problem. However phase two was never completed.

Ten years later residents of

the original study for the town Public comment and it was handed to the engineering department at the time. There were multiple phases and for some reason that middle phase did not get done. Dean said



This retention basin was supposed to alleviate flooding along the Cherry Brook that had caused death, injury and property damage for years. But Phase Two was never completed, leaving residents again contending with inundation.

Another resident came into a Town Board meeting with his wife, both in soaked clothing because, despite haveing all their possessions and utilities on lifters over their finished basement floor, it also flooded, leaving everything there destroyed for the third time. He asked for something to be done to stop the flooding. As it happened, there was a resolution on that evenings agenda to approve \$12,000 for a feasibility study on how to stop the recurring flooding.

Two phases were proposed; the first was to purchase a parcel of land on Crooked Hill Road from then Wythe (the Lederle campus

Brightwood Avenue and Bogart Avenue in Pearl River are requesting relief from the flooding of the Cherry Brook each time it rains.

Photographs presented to the Town Board showed high water streaming through the yards of several of the residents concerned about safety of their children because of the quick and swift rising stream flooding their driveways, lawns and homes. Their second concern is the continuous damage to their property. They are asking for the brook to be enclosed in a pipe.

Jim Dean, Superintendent of Highways said HDR/LMS did

he saw the email that said they thought the detention basin would solve the problem. Dean said there are serious restrictions in the system and further engineering and design has to be done. He shared the original plans with HDR because none of the same people remain at the firm and they are working to develop a scope of work. "In three weeks we should have a scope."

Golfers presented a petition signed by 200 residents against outsourcing to run any part of Blue Hill Golf course and to keep things as they are now with Brett Watska running the pro shop. Presently the pro shop is outsourced to Brett Watska as an independent contractor.

He has also made a proposal to manage all of Blue Hill (pro shop, golf course and restaurant)

and, if his proposal is accepted, will be contracting with outside companies to manage the course and restaurant. Aside from Watska, the restaurant is also presently operated by outside companies.

One resident

argued that appliedgolf has not improved the fiscal state of Broadacres but Jeff Bencik, Director of the Financial Department said that in 2013, the last year before appliedgolf took over Broadacres there was a loss of \$162,546.

Appliedgolf took over in 2014 and while the course lost \$170,366 this higher loss was attributed to the \$60,000 of late start-up charges because the company did not begin management until March 15.

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Your SMILE can say a lot about YOU!

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Melvin D. Butler and James Antonio Jones stating: "This court struggles to understand how the government could condone the release of Butler and Jones, each convicted of high-level, sophisticated and violent drug trafficking

"Early Release Prisoner Slaughters Family of Four" or "Former Federal Prisoner Arrested For Massive Heroin Operation." Then watch the excuses fly: Reformers will claim only a few early releasees murdered others or sold drugs that caused overdose deaths. Of course that sophistry will be of little comfort to the parents and children of the murder/overdose victims. And mark my words, unless suppressed by a dishonest, left-leaning media, those horror stories will occur with regularity over the next decade. Let me conclude by stating that I am a firm believer in substance abuse treatment programs and alternatives to incarceration for true low-level, nonviolent offenders. The reality is that the vast majority of low-level drug offenders do not end up in prison, certainly not federal prison that is reserved for the worst of the worst drug traffickers. Unfortunately, the proponents of the Great American Jailbreak view gun-toting, gang-banging traffickers of kilos of hard drugs-even 1,700 pounds of cocaine a month as low-level, nonviolent victims deserving of sympathy and a home in your neighborhood.



offenses."

Judge Lamberth, let me explain. The government "reformers" have lied so often and so loudly about "low-level, nonviolent" drug dealers that they have begun to believe their own lies. For them to admit otherwise would undermine their objective of releasing as many drug dealers as possible.

What bothers me most about this massive jailbreak is that these drug dealers are going right back to the poor and working-class communities they did so much to terrorize and destroy. They are not going to end up living next to the Clinton in Chappaqua or the Kennedys on Cape Cod, or sharing a dorm room at Brown with one of Obama's daughter. Political elites always protect themselves and their families; they advance their utopian ideological agenda on the backs of the rest of us. I can see the headlines now:



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In 2015 it's estimated that the course will lose \$22,691 and in 2016 it is estimated the course will lose \$12,691. It is estimated that after four years the Town will have saved \$468,773 which is slightly better than the Town predicted.

Orangetown Supervisor Andrew Stewart said that with the management of appliedgolf, Broadacres has increased their revenues by about five percent for 2014 and that it looks like another five percent for 2015. This is split 50/50 with the town per their contract.

Mike Mandel of Pearl River expressed his support for privatizing the golf course. (Privatization is not the present plan. The Requests for Proposals were for outsourcing management of the facilities). He also is in support of finishing the work on Cherry Brook.

Esta Baitler of the Cathy Lukens Living Center in Sparkill asked the Town Board to initiate a para-transit system such as exists in Clarkstown which transports senior citizens from several senior apartment complexes to centralized bus stations as well as the Shops at Nanuet and the Palisades Center Mall as well as local supermarkets with carry-in service.

Eileen Larkin of Palisades asked about the base proportion shift and if it would be possible to eliminate the homestead/non-homestead system since there is no longer a house-building boom. She said it had benefited the homeowners before but now not only does it benefit commercial properties but commercial properties are the ones that keep claiming over-assessment and getting relief in tax certiorari hearings.

Ronnie Cummings, president of the Orangetown CSEA and Supervisor Stewart disagreed about the content of conversations between them concerning the RFP and Blue Hill Golf Course

One of the town employees has asked for days off from the employee sick day bank. At present there is ongoing discussion between the CSEA and the Town Board on how this would work.

Amy Wertheim," stated that the Town Code already forbids the process by which Anellotech would be producing BTX.

Heather Hurley had questions about the remediation of land on

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the Pfizer campus when buildings are demolished. She also questioned the reliability of IRG, the proposed purchaser of the Pfizer site and their ethics concerning clean up of the property before demolition. She alleges that one of four landfills on the Pfizer campus is open and active and that toxins are leaking into the groundwater.

Jim Waters, a resident of the Hollows at Blue Hill community asked the Town Board to act on the affordable housing initiative as soon as possible. He said that once the present affordable units are occupied the residents can have their own condominium organization.

#### Moroney: Clarification needed

Michael Moroney, running against Andrew Stewart for the position of Town Supervisor, said he felt clarification was needed about the costs of the golf courses to the residents and the benefits or lack that has been brought by appliedgolf to Broadacres.

Kimberly Oates asked that a town residency requirement be established for town parks as a whole with the issuing of permits, including the Town Soccer Complex.

In response to questions raised, Supervisor Stewart said that the town's finances, including those of the golf courses are the subject of independent financial audits each year. "There are some facts that are known and some that are projections and that information is available...The proposals by companies interested in managing the golf course won't be fully disclosed until the Town Board has the chance to look at them and negotiate with them."

He said further information about the golf course would be available later in the evening from the finance director.

He said that while Blue Hill is a public golf course, the pro shop and the restaurant have been operated by private businesses for many years. He said there is no ideological position about private versus public, only what is the best mix. The reason this has come up now is that the contracts have to be renewed every three years.

Part of the RFP included the maintenance of the course and

that involved the eight town employees who presently do that work. "If we can maintain public ownership and control, maintain public access and tee times and traditions and customer base that exists and we can save the taxpayers over half a million dollars then I think with we would be running against our duty as town board members to just walk out of that and say, let's just leave it the way it is."

He said that while there seems to be some ambiguity for some people more than others concerning the numbers, they speak loud and clear as to the deficits, operational expenses, bond interests, interfund transfer costs and capital investments. "They're all part of running a golf course and they're all accounted for."

Supervisor Stewart said it would have been ridiculous to promise no jobs lost when looking at a contract to maintain the golf course. He said every one of the employees working at the golf course has seniority and bumping rights in the Town of Orangetown.

As to the sickbank policy, "it is extremely frustrating to have worked with the town attorneys almost overnight to produce a sickbank policy that is legal, consistent and have it reviewed by a CSEA committee and not even get a written response from the CSEA. We need to have a response to the policy itself."

Stewart said he made two proposals to address the sports fields issue, one to maintain the 85% residency standards in terms of prioritizing access to fields but recognize that not everybody can comply with those and figure out a way to accommodate them to the best of the town's ability. The other proposal is to reserve some hours for the Parks Department and give it more control.

Councilman Tom Diviny said he's spoken to Jim Dean, Highway Superintendent, about the Cherry Brook project. He said he wants to get the original consultant in. "I don't think we need a feasibility study. I think we should get it done." He said they have to look at what easements are needed and how putting a pipe in there would affect other parts of the town.

As far as IRG, Diviny said he doesn't think there should be any housing on the property.

Councilman Paul Valentine also agrees that action has to be taken with Cherry Brook.

As to Blue Hill, Councilman Valentine said right now he's leaning toward one of the options. "It will always be town-owned. We are looking at a short term maintenance contract." He reinitiated that both the pro shop and the restaurant are already operated by outside vendors. He said that the numbers show that almost \$2 million can be saved over three years by contracting to outsource. "I was elected to make the hard decisions. If I don't get re-elected at least I know when I go to bed at night I did the best I could for my community."

Councilman Tom Morr said the idea of a para-transit in Orangetown is interesting but it will take study to see if there is a need, the cost and if there is funding.

Blauvelt Library made its 2016 budget presentation. Representatives said they expect to spend about \$818,000 and of that \$793,000 are operating expenses and \$25,000 is for one-time capital improvements. Funding of \$693,000 comes from the town with \$45,000 coming from the School District and \$75,000 from the library's reserves. However the Library Board of Trustees has requested that town funding be increased by 2%.

For 2016, their spending plan is for \$1.65 million. This includes the installation of an elevator for the senior population and the children. They will also close in an outdoor area for a reading room.

#### Agenda

The Town Board approved a supplemental agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation for federal funding for the construction of sidewalks, curbs and drainage on Route 340 from Route 303 to King's Highway with the apportionment of cost to be born in the ratio of 80% federal funds, 20% non-federal funds with the town to pay 100% of additional costs. \$125,000 (\$1,217,000 minus the previous \$1,092,000) is appropriated to cover the cost of participation this phase of the project.

Advanced Blauvelt LLC received a tax certiorari settlement of \$1,673 from the County, \$5,365 from the Town and \$15,861 from the School District.

#### Personnel

Kimberly Allan is appointed administrative secretary

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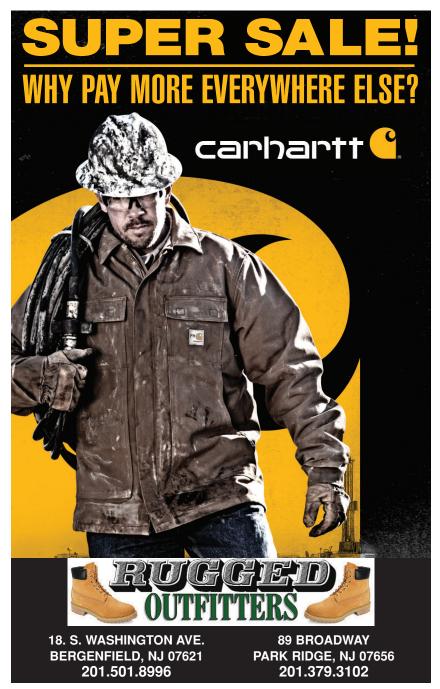


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# A piece of his mind...

# **Decorated WWII Jewish veteran** gives East Ramapo school board Lesson in history and decency

#### By Mark Judelson

#### SPECIAL TO OUR TOWN

East Ramapo School District is unique. 9,000 public school students (almost all of whom are African-Americans and immi-

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grants) and 24,000 private school students (almost all of whom are ultra-Orthodox or Hasidic Jews) are governed by a School Board that is composed primarily of ultra-Orthodox or Hasidic Jewish men. For years, the District has

been embroiled in controversy and tension. The ultra-Orthodox accuse the public school communiof ty anti-Semitism. Advocates for the

public schools

accuse and docu-

ment the Board

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dering of taxpayer money at the expense of the public school children. Lawsuits, investigations by government agencies, protests and a sense of despair dominate the community.

#### Situation disastrous

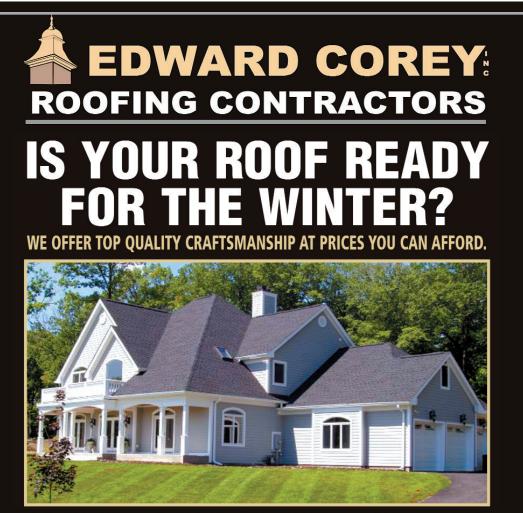
The situation for public school students is disastrous. Typically, high school students are assigned four study halls a day – out of an eight period day.

Many will not be able to graduate in four years because they will not be able to obtain enough credits due to the reduced available classes. This is because of staggering layoffs of teachers mandated by the Board.

After-school programs, clubs, athletic teams, custodial services, art and music for elementary school students and full-day kindergarten have been eliminated or decimated because of other budget cuts inflicted by the Board.

Meetings of the Board of Education are tense. Board members, their lawyers and administrators appear, at times, totally disinterested; at times engage in verbal combat with audience members who overwhelmingly represent the public school students.

The audience is strident, visible and audible in their outrage directed at the Board. District security staff and often police are present.





Corporal David Lipman and Captain Everett Lipman in this long WW II era photo.

#### A voice in the wilderness

Enter David Lipman. 94 years old. Suffering from congestive obstructive pulmonary disease and the after-effects of being struck by a Hasidic-driven car two years ago, Lipman was born in Spring Valley (located within the East Ramapo School District) and a graduate of Spring Valley High School (class of 1939).

He is also Jewish and was awarded the Bronze Star for his service in the United States Army during World War II. On September 9, 2015, he spoke to the Board during the public session. Following are excerpts of his speech:

"My name is David Lipman, Spring Valley High School, Class of 1939. Like many of my classmates, I went on to college; I became a professional engineer. Others became doctors, lawyers, teachers, police officers, artists, musicians. One became an actor, with an engineering degree to fall back on. Why? Because we were well educated. We were given solid foundations in all subjects.

"During World War II, we set aside our studies and our lives to go and fight for the freedom of other people. I came home with a Bronze Star and permanently damaged shoulders from the tender care of the Gestapo. One of my brothers, Walter, sacrificed himself in the Pacific Theater to save his air crew. There's a local religious education; one, that we

Jewish War Veterans post named after him. You can look him up. As part of my service I was present at Concentration Camp Dora. There, I saw horrible, unimaginable things; things that do not belong in this room with children.

"Then I came home, finished college, raised my family and sent my children to Spring Valley High School - my son, Walter is Class of 1972, and my daughter Ruth, 1976. Again, the Lipman family was well served by their excellent public school education. Both my children are professionals, and have a love of learning and reading, with inquisitive minds. Many of their classmates are likewise.

#### Schools appalling

"Now, I see what has become of this once fine school system, and I am appalled. I see that the perpetrators of this are largely my own people; people who were the subject of those unspeakable horrors at Dora and places like Dora. Is this how you repay the community to which vou came?

"Is this why the people of this community fought and died- so that 70 years later, you could grind under your heel their grandchildren, as well as the next group of downtrodden immigrants?

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are enjoined to make the world a better place, not just our world; and two, that we were strangers once, enslaved in Egypt.

"The Torah tells us that we have an obligation to the stranger- the Gentile- at least three times: 22:21, Leviticus 19:34 Exodus and Deuteronomy 10:19. And yet, this is not what I see. Instead of honey, we have poured bitter herbs on the books of these children, if they have books at all! This defames the memory of both the people of this community who died fighting against the enslavement and horrors of the Holocaust, and those who were its victims. You who are its survivors have a great obligation which you are failing to uphold.

"It will take far more than 10 days of repentance to expiate (to atone for) this sin.

"I thought that some of the Board members had no interest in the education of the (public) school population," Mr. Lipman said, "but only what they could get out of for their own group and possibly for their own personal use. Their only function on the Board is to see how much money they can get for their particular group."

#### Discrimination in another form

Discrimination perpetrated by one group of people taking advantage of another is something Lipman knows firsthand. "I was in Officers Candidate School," he recalled.

"On Palm Sunday, a guy by the name of Horowitz - who was also in OCS - was instruct-

ed not to allow any of the men to leave the company area for any reason before scrubbing down the mess was completed. The work was to be done using toothbrushes!

was assigned to be in charge of cleaning the mess hall. The Tactical Officer came by at noon and said to me, 'I saw some of the men at church.' I said, 'Yes sir.' He said, 'Weren't your orders not to let men leave the company area until the job is complete?' I said, 'Yes sir.' He said, 'You dis-obeyed orders. You're out!'"

Lipman was promptly booted out of Officers Candidate School. He believes this demonstrates the deliberate discrimination directed at him and Horowitz because they were Jewish. He became a corporal and served in Europe where he was assigned to "Special Troops" (the fore-runner of today's Special Forces).

"During the Battle of the Bulge, I was ordered to go behind German lines by myself to find out troop locations, unit numbers, location of supply depots and how bad their food was (chuckles). It was mostly beans and potatoes. It's amazing how small their potatoes were! The most dangerous part of the job was to get back. If you're coming back to your own lines, you don't know what unit is there and there is no one to identify you as one of them. I got back to my lines on my stomach. I crawled back."

During another mission, he was pushed out of a C-47 airplane. "It had a very low landing speed," he explained. "Instead of using a parachute, you'd be pushed out of the plane four feet off the ground. If the head wind was strong enough, you wouldn't be hurt. That's what they told us. I believed them ... the first time. It was scary as hell. I was carrying a pack and weapon and a radio. My instructions were, 'Take care of the radio!' They had lots of guys to carry radios but not that many radios to be carried."

During his service, he was awarded the Bronze Star. He said, "In most cases, it was given out for stupidity (laughs). And in my case, it was given out for stupidity. I was given a job that was impossible and I did it.'

#### Grew up as farm boy

Lipman grew up in a Spring Valley very different from the urban setting it is today. "It was rural," he said. "Where we lived, there were a few houses and a dairy farm. I remember hunting with a friend. We had 22 caliber rifles and we shot two deer.

"They ran away. We found blood spots. It was terrible that they hadn't died. We followed the deer for the entire morning and shot them frequently until we killed them. We brought them to the farmer which was a massive job. The deer are extremely heavy. The farmer butchered them."

Lipman was raised with a Jewish identity. His home was kosher (following religious laws gov-

erning what can be eaten and how it must be prepared). His two older brothers both served in the US Army during World War II. "When my brother Walter died in the Pacific," he said, "my mother became a Gold Star Mother. She was afraid that me and my

surviving brother would die, too. I wrote to her that I was safe."

While his claim of safety might have comforted his mother, it was far from the truth.

"I was driving a Lt. Colonel, an idiot, who couldn't read a map. He wouldn't let me look at the map. The road got narrower and narrower until it was a wagon track. I saw trouble ahead and hit the brakes. The Colonel yelled, 'Keep going!' but by that time there were German soldiers next to the jeep pointing LIPMAN: Page 18, please

tommy guns at us. This idiot Colonel was carrying documents that said he had Top Secret clearance. I was cleared for Top Secret, too, but I didn't carry any documents because if you got captured with that, you'd get special treatment during interrogation by the enemy.

"A lot of time, they'd ask you questions about stuff you don't know and if you told them that,



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"Some of the Catholic boys got upset because they couldn't go to church because the guy in charge was following orders. After the church service was over, the Tactical Officer came back to inspect the work. The officer demanded to know why Horowitz had not let the Catholic men go to church on Palm Sunday.

"He said, 'I was told not to let any of the men be excused until the job was done.' Within a half hour, Horowitz was thrown out of the school for 'not taking initiative.' The following Sunday – which was Easter – I



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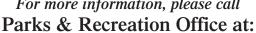
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# What lessons can we learn from ALDS Game 5?

#### By John Thompson SPORTS REPORTER

Last Wednesday afternoon in the American League Division series game 5 between the Texas Rangers and the Toronto Blue Jays, a disturbing chain of events took place in the top of the seventh inning.

Home plate umpire Dale Scott made a questionable "dead ball call" (which means nothing else can happen on the play and therefore the play is over) just as a Ranger player sprinted from third base and scored a run. Texas Ranger manager Jeff Bannister came out and pleaded his case with Dale Scott and implored Scott to consult with his fellow umpires to determine if the ball was wrongly called a "dead ball." Scott obliged and ultimately escalated the issue to the replay center (based in New York) via

headset. The ruling issued by New York was that Scott's call was wrong. Therefore, the run scored by the Texas Ranger player was considered good.

Immediately Toronto Blue Jays fans began hurling objects onto the field, presumably trying to hit Dale Scott. I can only imagine what it was like to be in the mist of 50,000 plus "fans", standing, yelling and some throwing objects that appeared to range from dirty napkins to beer bottles.

It was a "mob" mentality in action. Fox Sports play-by-play man Kenny Albert and his colleagues, Harold Reynolds and Tom Verducci watched in horror as players stood out on the field dodging these flying objects. Harold Reynolds even yelled "they should get the players off the field. It is not safe to play baseball in this kind of environment.'

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#### later learned that the child was hit in the head with a flying bottle. The image is haunting. There are certainly risks involved for everyone when

they attend a baseball game (i.e. getting hit by a foul ball or loose bat), but must our safety now be in jeopardy because of acts such as this? I am also reminded of images of fans caught in the deluge of court rushing.

When mobs of socalled fans ban together and compromise the safety of others under a pretense of being "passionate fans", no one wins. Any act that jeopardizes the safety of others immediately takes the focus off of the

game, as was the case in the game between the Rangers and the Blue Jays which incurred a delay of more than 45 minutes. It distracts the players and causes potential harm and/or distress to fans who don't want to be caught up in the fray.

I don't think the answer is to stop serving alcohol or hire more security. I think the answer has to start with us as fans. Does our passion and the

as see cradled her young child. We extent we display it ultimately support and elevate our team or is it less about the team and more about our own experience? The other question that has to be answered is how far is too far

for a fan to go? Clearly, those hurled who objects aimlessly went too far.

Those who push past others in the desperate need to be the first at center court during a court rushing go too far. How does one justify these actions in the name of being a support-THOMPSON ive fan when in fact, they put

their beloved players at risk and sometimes hinder the integrity of the game?

Regardless of how long it's been since a team made it to a play-offs or wins over a long-standing rival, sports are supposed to be enjoyable to all those who attend, no fan has the right to infringe upon another's safety or good time, especially under a pretense of "passion".

## **Mighty Midget Soccer Standings**

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#### **TYKES Blinkers vs Codlings**

The Codlings had the most outstanding performance of the year by Michael Feerick and Sarah Guerra both scoring goals and passing perfectly. Daniel Proctor-Dooley and Logan Hamm were the defensive rock and on offense Casey McCauley and Kyle Dixon were on fire.

#### **BOYS U8** Avengers 6 - Lazers 2

Excellent defensive and overall play from Jacob Carney, Liam Keene, and Jonas Leader, helped propel the Avengers win. Colin Donadio got his first goal of the season.

#### Devils 6 - Jets 2

The Jets played another fine match with Nickolas Gonzalez generating lots of scoring opportunities for his teammates, and Max Radziemski playing great defense breaking up many potential scoring attacks by the Devils.

Great offensive effort by the Devils. Goals by Gabriel Borden, Avery Roimisher, Aris Mouzakis and Matthew Kryger.

#### **BOYS U10**

Apaches 5 - Invaders 1 Dardan Gashi scored the only goal for the Invaders

> League to meet

and played strong on both offense and defense. Theo Ankrah, the first half goalie, had multiple saves in goal. Alexander Delo and Jonathan Diaz powered the defense for the under-manned Invaders.

#### **GIRLS U11** Eagles 4 - Seahawks 0

Great game by the Eagles with two goals from Olivia Supaswud, Jessica Loch assisting on the second, Lauren Michel assisted by Kayla Fitzpatrick, and Isabelle Conway assisted by Lauren Michel. Outstanding game played by Lauren Murphy, Logan Barbato, Olivia Temple and Jillian Schlag. GIRLS U13

#### Montreal 1 - Rapids 0

Katelyn Lange scored the game's only goal for Montreal. Mackayla Skywark, Hallie Goodman-Weinbaum, Grace Jackson, Zoe Howard, Jessie Owens and Lisa Clarke provided defense and hustle.

#### **BOYS U13** United 8 - Raiders 5

Another great performance by the United team. Michael Dalisera led the team with 5 goals, Joseph Blanchet with 2 and Nicolas Alvarado with 1. Nicholas Deitrich and James Doyle stopped many shots on goal. Excellent defense by the 5 defenders and many attempts by the 2 forwards.

An organizational meeting will be held for the upcoming Men's Slo-Break Basketball season Slo-Break on Thursday, October 22, at 7 p.m. in the Greenbush office complex in Orangeburg.

> Agenda will include: league organization; playing sates and times; rule sand regulations; league fee and waivers. A representative from each team will be present to reserve a space and have a voice in the league.







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# Just for kicks!

Orangetown Mighty Midgets were thanking Coach Colin Hodge and the Dominican College Mens Soccer Team for helping host the annual Middle School Soccer Skills Clinic at the Orangetown Soccer Complex Sunday, Oct. 18.

Open to all area middle School students, each participant got a free soccer ball and some enthusiastic coaching from the Dominican College Chargers. All eyes are on the Chargers as they look to extend their four-game winning streak at home against Concordia College today, Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 3:30 p.m.

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# Area fencers hone their edge in national competition

Malcolm Jackson, who goes to Nyack High School, recently beat over 250 fencers to become top three Cadet fencer at a national tournament in Richmond Virginia.

Malcolm decided at the age of 10 years old, "I want to make fencing my life!" He is rapidly rising as a star in the sport of fencing and has potential to one day make the Olympic team. He is a straight A student who works six days a week to be the best in a very difficult sport, which

takes years to master.

Epee coach is Alen Hadzic, and he just won his second national title and is well on his way to fence in Brazil in 2016. Alen trains the Tappan Zee High School Varsity team and one of his students, Caroline Kleiner was accepted early to Cornell, a division 1 fencing team. Caroline is the captain of the TZ High team and ranked one of the top epee fencers in the country.



LEFT: Malcolm Jackson, one of top three fencers in a recent national tournament, with his teacher, John Scarpino.

BELOW LEFT: Caroline Kleiner, captain of the Tappan Zee Fencing Team, on her way to Cornell, and one of the top epee fencers in the country

BELOW RIGHT: TZ coach Alen Hadzic, who just won his second national title.



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# LIPMAN:

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they'd break your arm and ask you again. So, I didn't carry the document but the idiot did and my name was on his 'cleared for Top Secret'. It meant I should know stuff they wanted to know.

"The colonel tells the Nazis that he doesn't read the stuff, that his job is to make sure only those cleared on the list could read the secret records. Then he tells the Nazis, 'I reckon that Jew - referring to me - reads them.""

The Nazi interrogators placed Lipman in a special chair. "There were separate straps around each of my elbows and wrists," he said.

"The arms of the chair were on hinges that could rotate. It doesn't take much to pop your shoulders out of joint. It hurts like hell. Worse than the hurt was looking at where your shoulder used to be and now it's in an entirely new – and bad – place. They popped the joints and decided afterwards that I really didn't know anything of value. So, they threw me into a cell with the Colonel who had told the Nazis that I was Jewish. The cell was in the basement.

"Then a British plane dropped a bomb that totally destroyed the upstairs of the building. We were shaken up, dirty and dusty but otherwise okay. We get outside and the Colonel asks me, 'Which way should we go?' Fortunately, the sun was out and I knew that west was the United States and east was Germany so we went west (laughs)."

#### Victims of discrimination now practice it

Lipman earned unique credentials to criticize the Board. He said, "It's amazing that the people who suffered the greatest discrimination at the hands of the Nazis have now learned and refined discrimination against the blacks and Hispanics in East Ramapo and use this refined system to enhance their own situation."

He didn't feel that he was heard and recognized by the Board after taking them to task in his speech. "The members of the School Board are only concerned with getting what they can from taxpayer money without running into trouble with the laws," he said. His review of the audience response was the opposite of the Board's non-reaction. "They approved of what I said."

Edmund Burke (an Irish-born philosopher of the 1700s) said, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."

David Lipman has paid his dues with interest. He could have quietly stayed at home the evening of the meeting of East Ramapo School Board. But the 94 year old showed up, overcame his shortness of breath, and spoke truth to power.



#### Volunteer firefighters, police and first responders were honored by the Orangetown Town Board for their efforts in extinguishing the blaze that destroyed apartments at Cortwood Village.

**LEFT:** Volunteer firefighters:

BELOW: Police officers commended: BOTTOM: Flames engulf the senior citizen unit.

# Ordeal by fire: First responders hailed for Cortwood battle

#### Story and photos by Anne Phyllis Pinzow First responders were recognized by

Orangetown Town Supervisor Andrew Stewart, the members of the Orangetown Town Board and Chief of the Orangetown Police Department, Kevin Nulty on October 13 for their part in rescuing tenants and putting out the fire at Cortwood Village Senior Citizen complex on July 25.

The fire, started by a cigarette thrown into the mulch surrounding the buildings, completely destroyed eight apartments which have since been demolished. Water and smoke also damaged eight other apartments.

Supervisor Stewart said, speaking of the first responders, "It was quite an impressive sight to see, to see all the lights, hoses, the charred smoking remains, the odor of that and to see these people who had been displaced, who were sitting on folded chairs in front of their community room and the fact that they barely had the clothes on their backs."

Stewart commented that this was just a couple of days after the county wide drill related to the possibility of an accident involving the tankers filled with Bakken crude oil which travel on the tracks just a block away from the complex and across the street from other apartment complex-



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"The incident that occurred at Cortwood Village really tested t h a t organization...they are funded, they're trained, but most importantly, their hearts are in the right place.

Chief Kevin Nulty said that when he approached the groups about the recognition he was told, "We always work well together."

Incident Commander, Fire Chief Neil Lynady's composure was broken as he commended members of the Orangetown Police Department, who accepted a plaque on behalf of the OPD, Sgt. Michael Boisa, police Brandon officers Myers, Chris Conolly and Tyron McNeill who got people out of the rear apartments below those already ablaze, and for going door to door to insure people who had not heard the alarms were out of the danger zone and that others were aware of the fire. Those departments recognized for their





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Rockland County Legislator John Murphy, Orangetown Supervisor Andrew Stewart, Orangetown Councilmen Paul Valentine and Tom Morr, Orangetown Superintendent of Highways Jim Dean, Orangetown Deputy Supervisor Allan Ryff and President of the Board of Directors of Hi-Tor Animal Shelter Sharon Needleman.

# New home for Hi-Tor on Tappan surplus land

#### Story and photo by Anne Phyllis Pinzow

Three problems are being solved with the use of one piece of property that in Tappan that has long been unused.

The 15 acres of land in Tappan, once used as barracks for 1.3 million soldiers on their "last stop USA" in the United States before going off to European theaters of war has already been made a home for "Homes for Heroes," houses for disabled and otherwise homeless veterans.

Another part of the land is being landscaped into a green drainage infrastructure to provide flood control for Sparkill Creek.

But most recently it was announced on October 15 that about three acres of the property will be used for the Hi-Tor Animal Shelter's new

# **CORTWOOD FIRST RESPONDERS:**

Continued from Page 18 participation on July 25 were:

• The Orangeburg Fire Department

- The Nyack Fire Department
- The Blauvelt Fire Department
- The Tappan Fire Department
- The Sparkill/Palisades Fire Department
- The Piermont Fire Department
- The Pearl River Fire Department
- The Central Nyack Fire Department
- The West Nyack Fire Department
- The Nanuet Fire Department
- The South Orangetown Ambulance Corps
- The Pearl River Ambulance Corps

- The Rockland Paramedics Services
- Rockland County BCI Unit

Chief Nulty commended the emergency radio dispatcher Veronica Cummings for her coordination the response of first responders.

Robert Tompkins, speaking as a member of Board of Directors of the Orangetown Housing Authority said he spoke to the board, the residents and the people who had their doors broken into who had their hearing aides off and didn't hear the alarms.

He said they all expressed their appreciation for what was done by the first responders. "I thank you and I thank you and I thank you."

home.

On the porch of the welcome building for Homes for Heroes it was a sunny warm day when Rockland County Legislator John Murphy, Orangetown Supervisor Andrew Stewart, Orangetown Councilmen Paul Valentine and Orangetown Tom Morr, Superintendent of Highways Jim Orangetown Dean, Deputy Supervisor Allan Ryff and President of the Board of Directors of Hi-Tor Animal Shelter Sharon Needleman told reporters their plans for the property.

Stewart said, "The town, with the blessing of the veterans group, has applied to the federal Health and Human Services agency for ownership of the area near the CSX rail lines, running behind Homes for Heroes, for a drainage, flood control and water quality improvement project, or "green infrastructure". The town has also applied for several grants to fund the project, which may cost up to \$800,000.

"Currently, a drainage ditch carries storm water runoff from the neighborhoods to the west, under Western Highway, and around the parcel to the Sparkill Creek. By shifting this storm water runoff from its existing ditch to a series of

vegetated basins, the town project will decrease the volume, speed and contamination of water entering the Sparkill Creek. This will reduce flooding and improve water quality in this highly impacted and flood prone stream. Additional benefits include a possible walking path around the drainage area, the preservation of open space, and wildlife habitat. While the site is not contaminated, the removal of abandoned pavement and restoration to a natural state further reduces storm water runoff and benefits local ecology and scenic values. As the project develops, the veterans are invited to take an active role in planning, maintaining and monitoring the water quality project.

Legislator John Murphy said he and Jerry Levi from the Rockland Housing Action Coalition, and Thomas Zimmerman, CEO of Loeb House applied for a lease on the federally owned property under the "Homeless Law" and build 52 units on 15 acres. So far only eight units have been built. However because of the proximity to the CSX rail line they decided to cut back on the number to 32 units and became

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# 10 Seasonal tips: Simple ways to save time and enjoy the holidays



In order to accomplish your holiday goals it may be necessary to utilize shortcuts whenever possible.

It may be the most wonderful time of year, but at times, it can also feel like the most stressful. This holiday season, take a fresh approach to your "to-do's list" to save time and energy so you can be merry and bright. These 10 tips and tricks will help you relax, unwind and enjoy all the best parts of the holidays.

#### Wrap while shopping

It's a given that shopping early avoids the last-minute frenzy, but you can save even more time and stress by getting gifts wrapped while out and about. Many department stores offer gift wrap services, all you need to do is ask.

#### **Streamline holiday cards**

Sending cards is a holiday tradition, but it shouldn't cause unneeded stress. No need to worry about a dated address book - an easy trick is to cut return address labels from each card you receive and place in an envelope. Now it's easy to send cards to loved ones and update your address book without hassle.

#### **Use baking hacks**

Using premade foods is one of the simplest (yet yummy) ways to create holiday bakery delights. Check out www.facebook.com/entenmanns for simple, amazing recipes like Entenmann's Dreamy Chocolate Bars that feature crumbled Rich Frosted Donuts as the secret ingredient. While you're baking, double the batch to have an extra on hand for a hostess gift.

#### Go tech free

Smartphones ringing, emails beeping, texts buzzing - technology is time consuming. Avoid feeling overwhelmed by designating tech-free times for your family each day. Use this time (1-2 hours) to relax and focus on each other, perhaps with a hot cup of cocoa - the emails and messages will still be there later.

#### Schedule a salon visit

With a long holiday to-do list, it's hard to find time for you. That's why treating yourself to a haircut or manicure can do wonders for your fantastic when you attend all those festive get-togethers.

#### Opt for an open house

Having a holiday gathering adds to the season's merriment, but where will everyone fit and how will you feed them? Instead of a formal dinner, opt for an open house with hors d'oeuvres. You'll

holiday spirit. Plus, you'll look and feel have less work and more time to spend with love ones as they come and go.

#### **Embrace holiday breakfasts**

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# Beyond trick-or-treating: Fun family activities for Halloween season

(StatePoint) Trick-or-treating family? may be the standard Halloween tradition for most American families, but the holiday has branched out extensively over the last decade.

Today, Americans spend over one billion dollars visiting Halloween-themed attractions. Where are they going, and what are the best activities for your

The experts at Hauntworld.com are offering some spooky answers in this ultimate fall to-do list.

#### **Farm Fun**

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Many farms offer tons of fall activities ideal for families with young children, including picking the perfect carving pumpkin, finding your way out of a corn

maze and drinking homemade apple cider. Other fun activities include pony rides, hay mazes, non-spooky hayrides, petting zoos and even shooting pumpkin cannons.

#### **Ghost Tours**

Ghost hunting television shows have really increased the popularity in finding haunts and eerie tours. Learn

more about your local area spooky history by taking family or out of town guests to haunted mansions, cemeteries, prisons and more.

#### **Zombie Runs**

What could be scarier than a 5K run? One with zombies of course! Zombie runs are a good time for the whole family, providing a fun reason to get kids and teens moving, using obstacle courses, contests, prizes and more incentives.

#### **Haunted Hayrides**

Hayrides can be as sophisticated as a Hollywood movie, complete with fog

Americans are now decorating their yards and homes into spooky graveyards with high tech lights, animations and more. Some homeowners take it further by also decorating their home, interiors and creating mazes in the garage or backyard. Finding a spooky home haunt or neighborhood near you can be a great Halloween activity to do if you, are on a budget. For tips and tricks on haunting your own house, visit www.hauntedhousesupplies.com.

#### Escape Rooms

Escape rooms offer an immersive and interactive experience like none other. The se Halloweenthemed attractions involve working together to solve puzzles and riddles in order to escape a room in under an hour.

Billions of dollars are spent scaring people for fun on Halloween.

#### machines and lights.

Some have even adopted new twists. For example, on a zombie paintball hayride, guests go on a high adrenaline adventure, hunting and shooting zombies with paintballs. Haunted hayrides make guests and especially smaller kids feel safe as they ride in groups.

#### **Home Haunts**

very different from visit to visit.

Today, most haunted attractions don't rely as much on blood and guts as they do on interactive special effects, sophisticated costumes, story lines and computergenerated imagery.

To celebrate the scary side of Halloween, get the family together for an unforgettable night filled with fun and screams.

To find America,s scariest haunted houses, trickiest corn mazes, spookiest zombie runs and every pumpkin patch, ghost tour and escape room near you, you can review a comprehensive directory of these attractions at www.Hauntworld.com.

While tradition never gets old, novel Halloween activities provide different thrills than a standard trick-or-treat trip around the block.



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Holiday seasons are a very good time to consider volunteering to help out at a soup kitchen or visiting lonely seniors in a nearby nursing home.



# Ways to give back this holiday season

(StatePoint) When making this year's holiday gift list, consider how you might also give back to your local community. The holiday season is the perfect time of year to do this, when volunteer and donation opportunities increase.

Here are a few ideas to give back in your community:

#### The Gift of Literacy

Only one-third of all students entering high school are proficient in reading, according to a National Assessment of Education Progress report. Brighten children's smiles this holiday season while also giving them an opportunity to succeed at school and beyond. The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation has given new toys to children in need for more than 60 years.

The organization also extends its reach through a partnership with The UPS Store through the Toys for Tots Literacy Program, which provides economically disadvantaged children an opportunity to succeed in school and beyond. Donations can be made at The UPS Store locations nationwide or online at toysfortots.org/literacy.

One-hundred percent of all proceeds go to support local children and literacy programs. Your donations go even further thanks to the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, which is able to purchase books at a deep discount. To find a participating location near you and make a donation that will help ensure families everywhere have access to books, visit theupsstore.com.

#### **Bake Sale**

When you're busy making trays of cookies for your big holiday party, consider making an extra batch or two, and encouraging friends and neighbors to do the same. With your combined efforts, you can host a bake sale, which can be a lucrative and enjoyable way to raise money for your favorite charity.

If you don't have time to organize an event like this, you can still give back through your baking. Wrap packs of cookies or other goodies in bags as thank you gifts to your children's teachers, coaches and others in your community who have served or been kind to your family all year.

#### **Volunteer Your Time**

One of the best ways to give back is by donating your valuable time. Make a trip to a local nursing home and spend time with residents who may not have family

or anyone else to visit them this season. Additionally, soup kitchens are often in need of extra hands during the holidays. Ask your local organizations about volunteer opportunities.

While holiday wish lists are often full of fun gadgets, clothes and toys, there are still many in your community lacking more basic necessities. This season, think beyond your personal wants and do your best to give back.



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The IRIS string quartet was formed in 2000 when four friends got together to kick back from their

The Nyack Library will present day jobs with the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra and the Broadway show "Wicked" and have some fun playing music.

> The Nyack Library asks patrons to support the effort to continue to bring music to the library by making a \$10 donation to the Friends of the Nyack Library at the door.

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# Community Calendar

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■ TZ Thrift Shop, 454 Piermont Ave., Piermont will feature Halloween items including costumes, shoes, glassware, fine jewelry, china, household items, hard cover books for adults and children, etc. The shop is open Tue, Thu, Fri. and Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wed. and Sun 1 to 4 p.m., closed on Mon; volunteers are needed.

#### Every Mon

Movin' with Music, an exercise program to music, is set at 1 p.m. at McGuire Senior Center, 116 Paris Ave, Northvale NJ. The program uses music, light equipment and may help improve eye contact, hand, arm dexterity, flexibility of legs and feet may improve joints and muscles stiffness. No contracts, no sign ups; \$2 per session; call 201.767.6299 for more information.

#### **Every Tue**

A separation and divorce group meets every week at Montvale, NJ Evangelical Free Church, cor. of Grand and Akers Ave. from 7:30 to 9 p.m. No fees; facilitated by a professional, call Brian Cistola at 845.353.1433



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#### Every 3rd Tue

■ The St. Catharine's breast cancer support group meets in the Parish House on Western Hwy. in Blauvelt at 7 p.m. Join them in discussions that range from health issues to family time. Survivors are always welcome. For more information call 845.359.0542.

#### **Every Thu**

Line dancing is set at McGuire Senior Center, 116 Paris Ave., Northvale, NJ at 1 p.m. Learn beginner dances to country, pop and oldies music from instructor Janet. New members welcome; no commitment, no sign-up. No experience necessary and no residency requirement; fee \$2. Call 201.767.6299 to learn more.

#### **During Oct**

■ The 2015 fall session of Rockland Rock Band Camp engages children and adults with learning to play music in a band setting. Bands

meet weekly and perform their songs in Piermont in December. For more information call Brian at 845.709.5930.

#### Thru Sun, Oct 25

An annual winter coat and clothing sponsored by drive Christ's Ambassadors of Charity in partnership with Palisades Community Center is set at 675 Oak Tree Rd. Gently used clothes, coats for all ages and seasons, non-perishable foods, and pet supplies are needed and may be dropped off all week between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Proceeds benefit People to People, distributed free of charge. Call Chris evenings at info@caocinc.org. 914.661.7923 or

#### Thu, Oct 22

■ A rummage sale is set at Saint Aedan's Church on Ehrhardt Rd. in Pearl River from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; there will not be an evening sale.

#### Fri, Oct 23

Rockland Community College Senior Citizens Club meets at noon at the Tech Center Ellipse on the campus. Candidates for Rockland County Sheriff Lou Falco and opponent Richard Vasquez will be there. Also, flu shots will be available with Medicare cards: election of new officers is set before the meeting at noon. Ph. 845.356.3482.

Pearl River Public Library presents the Friday Films Series at 2 p.m. with A River Runs Through It (1992) with Brad Pitt, Tom Skerritt and Craig Sheffer.

#### Oct 23 and Nov 20

Pearl River Public Library presents 3rd and 4th Grade Book Club with Mrs. Amabile. Register starting Oct 23; club also meets Fri, Nov 20 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

#### Sat, Oct 24

A Peace Ensemble, A Faith Initiative Concert featuring: Hazzan Michael Kasper, Pastor Everett Newton and Rabbi Zoe B. Zak is set at Sons of Israel, 300 N. Broadway in Upper Nyack at 7 p.m. An ensemble of Christian and Jewish clergy will try to bridge a religious divide through music: traditional and original. CSI members: \$20; non-members: \$25.

Tappan Library presents PacMan to Minecraft: Videogames Then and Now at 1 p.m. Learn how the game industry was founded, how Japan made it big, and how it is at the present time. Space is limited, pre-register at www.taplib.org or call 359-3877

#### Sun, Oct 25

Dennis P. McHugh Piermont Public Library, 25 Flywheel Park West, presents winter container gardening by Vivienne Dieckmann, master gardener, Cornell Univ. Coop. Ext. at 1 p.m. highlighting techniques for growing ornamental, miniature evergreens in fall and winter demonstrating methods of decorating them. Containers provide long-lasting color. Free, registration encouraged. Visit piermontlibrary.org

Pearl River Public Library will present the band Nina Etc at 3 p.m. playing the songs of country artists such as the Carter Family and Johnny Cash

#### Mon, Oct 26

Pearl River Public Library presents Teen Book Club for grades 7 through 12 and welcomes them to discuss what they've been reading. Learn about some new titles; make choices about books for the next few meetings. No reading is required for this meeting from 4 to 5 p.m.

#### Tue, Oct 27 and Tue, Nov 3

Orangeburg Library presents Tai Chi with Philip Cross from 1 to 2 p.m. Learn 12 classical tendon exchange exercises (Yi Gun Gin) to develop and strengthen tendons and bones. Register by calling 845.359. 2244, ext. 10.

#### Tue, Oct 27

Tappan Library presents the movie, *Chicago* at 1 p.m. Two murderous women strive for the spotlight in 1920s; 113 min. Pre-register online at taplib.org or call 359-3877.

#### Thu, Oct 29 and Fri, Oct 30

Defensive Driving Course (Part 1 and Part 2) is set at 1 p.m. at Tappan Library and is open

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#### Thu, Oct 29

Piermont Historical Society presents Mark Walle in a lecture on Piermont Paintings Throughout History at 7 p.m. presented by Mark Walle discussing Charles Hernandez, William Fisher, J. F. Cropsey, F.A. Sival, Frederick Rondel, Hal Robinson and others at Piermont Village Hall, 478 Piermont Ave. Suggested \$5 donation is payable at the door

#### Sat, Oct 31

Tappan Library presents the movie *The King* of Kong: Fistful of Quarters (PG-13) at 1 p.m. This documentary is about two die-hard gamers competing to break world records on classic arcade games; 79 min. Pre-register at http://www.taplib.org or call 359-3877.tape, scissors and bucket bags for ticket stubs. Tickets are \$1; there will also be 50/50 raffles with prizes.

The Greater Nanuet Chamber of Commerce will host their free 3rd annual Halloween Spooktacular from noon to 2 p.m. at the Shops at Nanuet. Includes pumpkin decorating, face painting, games, and make your own mask craft project. There will also be music goodie bags and prizes.

A Halloween pancake breakfast is set at Tappan Fire House, 123 Washington St. from 9 to 11 a.m. Adults: \$7, children and seniors: \$5; children age two and under enter free. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of volunteer Fire Association of Tappan.

#### Sat, Nov 7

Ladies Auxiliary of Pearl River Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, Inc. will host their annual penny sale at 7 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Anne #866 are sponsoring a holiday boutique from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Parish Hall, 895 Piermont Ave., Piermont. There will be hand made craft items, new gifts, home baked foods, a white elephant table, snacks and lunch at Anna's Kitchen, children's corner, and a visit with Santa from noon to 2 p.m.

#### Sat, Nov 7

Greenbush Presbyterian Church, 614 Western Hwy, Blauvelt, will host a soup supper from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$12 for adults; \$10 for seniors and includes salad, rolls, butter, many varieties of soups; dessert and beverages. Ph.359-8595 for more information.

#### Sat, Nov 7 and Sun, Nov 8

The Parents' Guild of Saint Joseph Regional HS, Montvale, NJ will sponsor a 2-day Christmas Craft Spectacular with 100 craft men and women from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. filling the 1st floor of the school including the cafeteria, gymnasium, lounge, lobbies and hallways. All crafts are hand made; Mother's Guild will market food; Admission: \$2; children and seniors 65+ will be admitted free; no strollers will be permitted at the event.

#### Sun, Nov 8

Raymond W. DeMeola VFW Post 1615 will host their annual Veteran's Day ceremony at 10 a.m. at the Walkway of American Heroes at Lester Dr and Lowe La., Orangeburg.

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#### Tue, Nov 9

■ Tappan Library presents Wendy Gordon, Sherrill Wilson for Thanksgiving food for the mind and belly exploring history of the holiday. Citing Godfrey Hodgson's book, A Great and Godly Adventure, they will discusses myths and truth of the first event. Gordon will prepare side dishes inspired by the original feast; attendees will create a seasonal craft to take home.

#### Tue, Nov 10

Morning Music Club presents Duo Cellissimo at Nauraushaun Presbyterian Church, 51 Sickletown Rd., Pearl River at 10:30 a.m. featuring Maxine Neuman and Mark Humburg; open to the public; donations will be appreciated.

Email calendar notices to news@ourtownnews.com by Friday before the requested free publication date. Please keep these notices down to one paragraph.



# New Tappan site for Hi-Tor

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partners with the Town to deal with Sparkill Creek, "which I hoped would dry up because we've had so many challenges with it."

Because not all the property along the rail road tracks could be used for either program, Murphy said the approached Hi Tor because one of the few other uses allowed on the property according to the lease agreement was animal control.

The building to be constructed will be sound proof to protect the residents from the sounds of the animals and to protect the animals from the sounds of the trains.

Now, Murphy said, they are applying for ownership of the property. Once they have the property they will have to apply to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Due to Supreme Court Decisions, all of this type of housing must be mainstreamed as they don't want the single person units to be isolated.

Murphy said with the animal shelter the Homes for Heroes will meet the federal requirements for mixed use development. Another plus, said Murphy is that the highest priority will be to hiring veterans and there will be a service dog training center as companion animals for veterans who suffer from post traumatic stress disorder.

The property will eventually be owned under a collaborative of the Rockland County Action Coalition and Joseph's Home, "Homes for Heroes," and give Hi-Tor (whose name will be changed) a hundred year lease.

Needleman said they have \$850,000 in grants as well as donations secured to be used for building a new facility. "I think that once the news gets out that we will be moving and what we will be doing for the veterans as well as for the animals, I think a lot of people will eventually step forward with additional monetary donations."

She said there will no longer be any association through land or facilities with the County.

The Hi-Tor Animal Care Shelter property and building, both owned by the County of Rockland has long been neglected with nothing but promises to keep them going, with the shelter having to depend on the county for maintenance which has been neglected. Once they separate from the County they will be on their own.

"We deserve a state of the art of facility for our animals and our staff and volunteers.

Construction can probably start next year on the build out for drainage however as far as the rest of the project some of the applications are being considered and some are yet to be filed but everyone is united in their support of this project.

She said surrounding counties "all have state of the art facilities and Rockland is the only one in the area that has a dilapidated shelter and it's time that

we caught up with everyone around us."

While the property will basically be free, Hi-Tor will have to make all its own capital improvements.

Murphy said it will probably take about a year to secure ownership of the property and Needleman is aiming for

#### Morning Music Club concert

The Morning Music Club will present Dup Cellissimo in concert on Thursday, Nov 10, at 10:30 a.m.

Maxine Neusman and Mark Humburg (shown at left) will perform. The concert is free and open to the public; donations will be accepted. Food items are also sought for People to People. The church is located at 51 Sickletown Road, Pearl River.

#### Anxiety and depression Parent University topic

Pearl River School District Parent University, which provides education and information to support parenting, will present "Anxiety & Depression - How it Affects Teenagers, presented by Dr. Randi Newman, Psy.D and Norma Canals, LMSW - School Social Worker, Pearl River School District

This presentation is a guide on what to do if a child is sad or anxious. It will review how to talk to a teenager about their emotional well-being and when to know a child needs professional help.

It will be presented Thursday, October 29, at 7 p.m. Pearl River School District Offices - Board Room 135 West Crooked Hill Road.

Parent University is a program co-sponsored by the Pearl River School District Continuing Adult Education Department and district PTA groups.



# Skyward tribute to Mickey Reeves

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2015 after a six year battle with what became his archenemy.

Mickey spent almost his entire life fighting brain tumors but never once did he allow that fight to win. He was a smart young man and an avid sports fan who counted the Yankees and Jets among his favorites. Even at the end he still came to school as much as he could in a wheelchair with his baseball hat on his head and that beautiful huge smile on his face.

When Mickey finally succumbed to his nemesis, heartbroken family members and friends created Team Mickey to keep his memory alive. His Sky Lantern Memorial proved Team Mickey will live on and was everyone's opportunity to honor Mickey's memory. Mark Stanford, a member of the HS Faculty as well as the father of one of Mickey's close friends, his two best friends, Jack Maloney and Joseph Haughey, and his cousin Meaghan McKiernan spoke poignantly and in between the speeches TZHS Concert Choir voices wafted through the evening air.

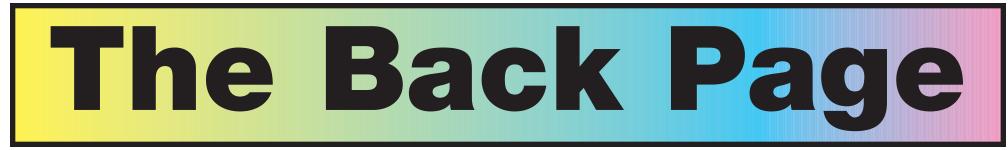
After the words were spoken and the songs were sung over the darkening skies, TZHS students came forward to assist with the lighting of 300 Sky Lanterns which magically lifted themselves over the Hudson on the clearest night as if on a mission through the sky...just as Mickey would have wanted it. Goodbye sweet Mickey. Sunday Brunch • Dinner with Friends Birthdays • Anniversaries

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