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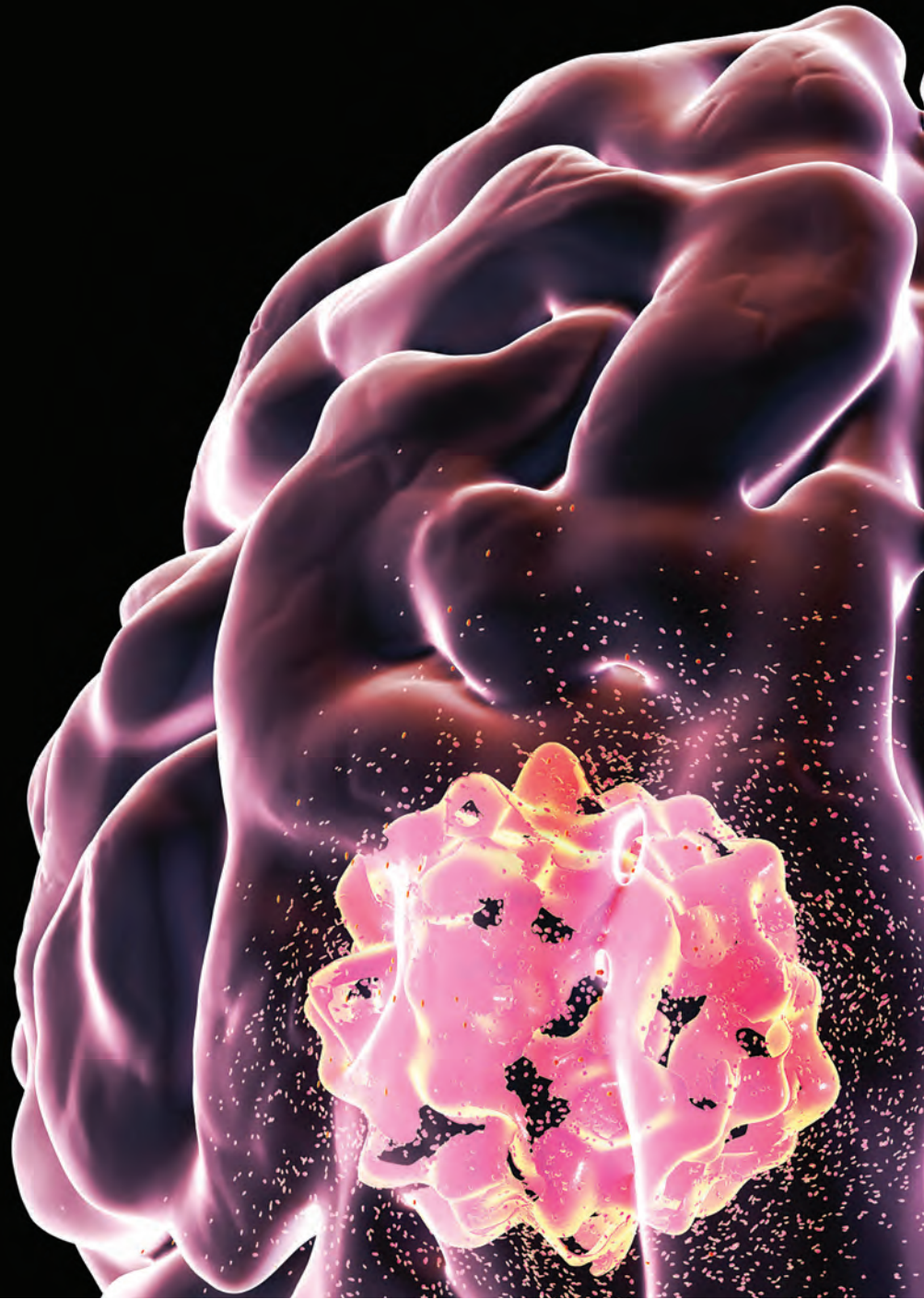


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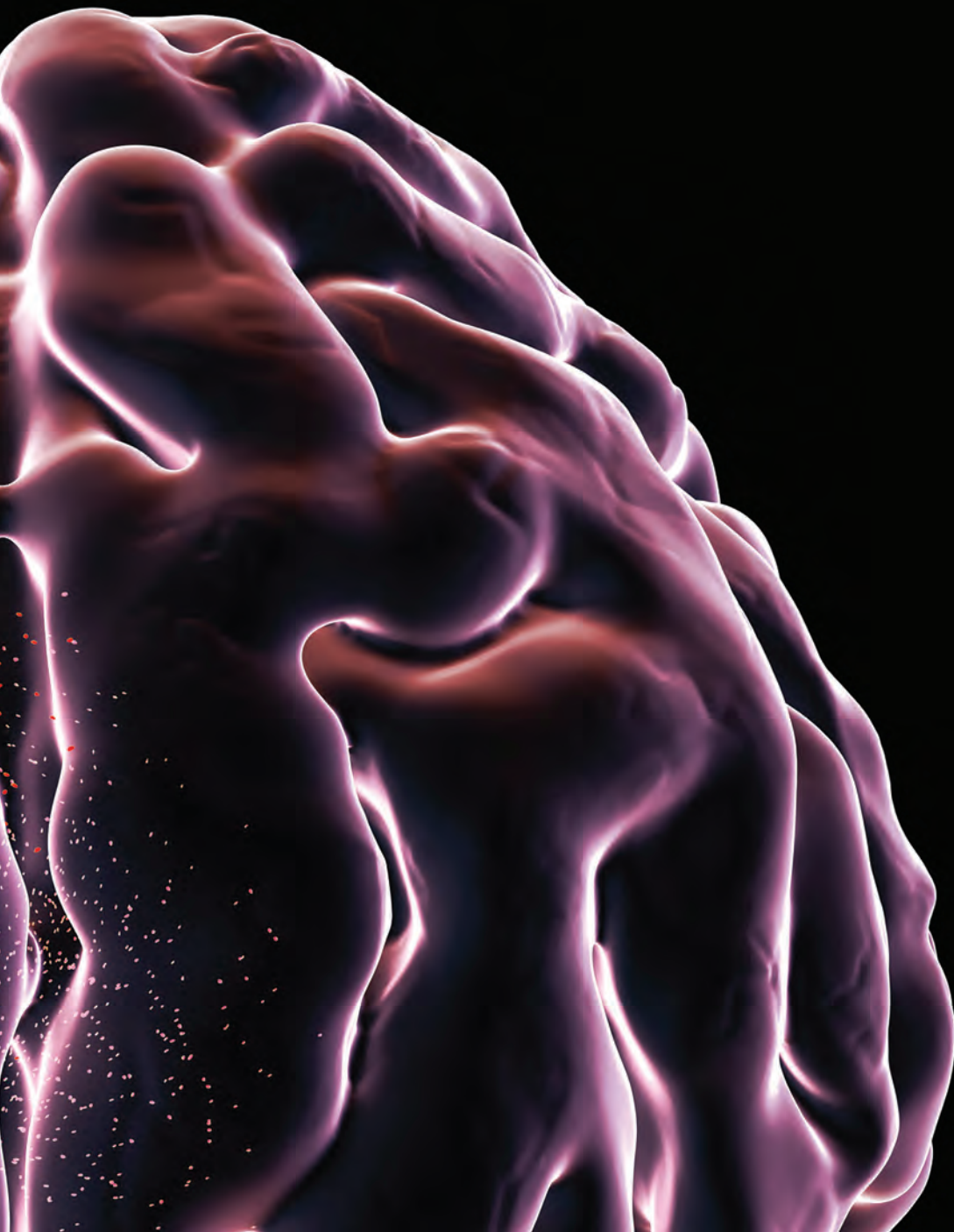
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Best News for Tough Times

In mid-to-late March, after the editors finalize our annual Best Of Westchester winners list, we give it to the marketing/events team to send letters of notification to our honorees. Year after year, we're told that receiving one of these oversized gold-colored envelopes in the mail typically elicits quite the joyous reaction. (Turn to page 62 for our feature on all the winners.)

But this March was anything but typical. Due to the COVID-19 shutdowns and restrictions that were mandated at the time, marketing director Jen D'Ambrosio, understandably, had reservations about sending the letters out.

Explains Jen: "Most of these businesses were closed and struggling to figure out what they were going to do, how they were going to survive, and laying off their employees. I was worried about coming off insensitive, like, 'Hey, sure, you've just closed your doors, but you won Best Salon. Congrats, buy a plaque, buy a booth, buy tickets to our [August 19] party!'"

Unsure how the businesses would respond, even after a careful rewrite of the customary notification letter of years past, Jen was elated (and relieved) to discover her concerns were unfounded, after a blitz of enthusiastic emails rolled in. Here are excerpts from a few:

"We never sought a perch to broadcast our achievements. Receiving recognition from *Westchester Magazine* not only reaffirms our mission but inspires us to be better, braver, and bolder each and every day. In a time of disconnection, you have done more than you can possibly know to unite our work"

—Danny Bernstein, Executive Director,
Backyard Sports, White Plains

"WOW! WOW!! WOW!!!.... I'm so grateful, and this is such a silver lining in such a tough climate we are in today."

—Carolyn Dempsey,
Carolyn Dempsey Design, Port Chester

"Very exciting and welcoming news in times of turmoil."

—Alan H. Siegel, D.C., Director,
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"Good news in a rather abysmal month!"

—Ellen Sledge, Owner, *Penny Lick Ice Cream
Company, Hastings-on-Hudson*

"Receiving word in the mail this week that we were voted Best Physical Therapy by your readers was a much-needed pick-me-up for our entire team."

—Neil Chernick, Owner/Regional Director,
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"[This] has really boosted my mood, and I'm so excited to get back to work."

—Marilena "Lena" Katechis, Owner,
Glow Up Suite, Harrison

"It was wonderful getting such good news — it made my day, my week, and my year so far!.... It is especially appreciated during these unprecedented times that you help create and foster such a strong sense of community."

—Kim Annick Mitchell,
KAM Design, Larchmont

This flood of emails from the people and businesses that make Westchester such a strong, vibrant community brought us a much-needed boost, as well. "It made me very proud to be able to deliver good news during a terrible time," Jen says.

Made me proud, too, Jen.

At press time, our Best Of Westchester party (www.bestofwestchester.com) is scheduled for August 19, having been postponed from July 22; however, a second postponement may become necessary depending on health crisis developments.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "John B. Turiano". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized 'J' and 'T'.

John Bruno Turiano
Editor

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Cookout Queen

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Phil Reisman, I don't usually read your column [Back Talk], because every time I have, it strikes me you have some trivial and pointless ax[e] to grind, and your argument, for the most part, is an obtuse collection of non sequiturs. This is glaringly apparent in your rant about Andrew Cuomo in the April issue of *Westchester Magazine*. Your whole notion boils down to Cuomo being a dictator because he changed (or wants to) the New York State flag. I agree the flag is unremarkable. *Excelsior* ("Ever Upward") — short and sweet — has been the state motto since 1778, so you can't pin that on him. It's certainly no worse than Michigan's "If you seek a pleasant peninsula look [about] you." The governor merely wanted to add *E Pluribus Unum*, the notion of which — "We're all in this together" — is especially commendable during this pandemic. If you're looking for a "tin-pot dictator," you need look no further than the White House, otherwise your point eludes me.

—Richard Mangini, Bronxville

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Regarding our digital article, "Black-Owned Restaurants in Westchester to Order From Right Now"

Pleasantville Bakery is the best. Q, the owner, keeps you coming back with his winning personality.

—Rose Gillen 

Great guide, good to know. Thank you, *Westchester Magazine*.

—Shirley Acevedo Buontempo 

This is literally the best post I have seen today. Proud to be part of this county!

—mannyrios 

We should always be celebrating diversity! This is so great to see! Looking forward to more posts like this.

—smallgirlbigbites 

Regarding our digital article, "The 5 Best Hiking Trails in Westchester":

Don't forget Breakneck Ridge. Just a hair outside of Westchester County but well worth it.

—Bob Zahm 

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Mamaroneck High School students protest at Mamaroneck's Harbor Island Park on June 5.

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VOICES

A Plea for Justice

Protestors took to the streets en masse in more than a dozen municipalities across the county — including Yonkers, Yorktown, New Rochelle, and Ossining — to express their outrage over the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, even closing down the Saw Mill River Parkway in Yonkers for a short time on May 31. ♦♦

Westchester Speaks

From Port Chester to Peekskill, protestors of virtually every age, gender, and race took to the streets to express solidarity with communities of color and advocate change in the aftermath of George Floyd's killing.



Port Chester Mondaire Jones, candidate for U.S. Congressional District NY-17, addresses a crowd of protestors on June 7.



New Rochelle A protester holds up a sign in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement in front of New Rochelle City Hall.

Peekskill

Protestors gather in the city's Depew Park on June 6.



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Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins speaks to protestors assembled at the banks of the Hudson River on June 4.



White Plains

Protestors hold a sign demanding justice for George Floyd during a vigil held on May 29 in Downtown White Plains.

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On the Frontlines

White Plains Hospital Emergency Department Nurse Manager Ertha Small-Nicolas discusses what she faced at the height of the pandemic and why she has hope for the future. **By Paul Adler**

Helping run the busiest emergency department in Westchester is taxing even on an average day, but during the coronavirus pandemic, it transformed into an exercise in heartbreaking loss, overwhelming work, and unlikely triumph. White Plains Hospital's (WPH) Emergency Department Nurse Manager Ertha Small-Nicolas, RN, has devoted her life to caring for others since joining the hospital's staff in 1998 and today cares for thousands of patients annually across the hospital's bustling ER. We asked Small-Nicolas for a look inside the maelstrom — including the sorrows and the joys — that has been her life as a frontline combatant in the war against COVID-19.

Tell us a bit about your role at WPH.

I have been at WPH for 23 years now, and I have seen the tremendous growth we have experienced, especially over the last five years, improving

services for patients. I have been the nurse manager since 2012, and it has been a great opportunity to improve emergency care for our community. When I began as a staff nurse, we saw about 100 patients a day. We are now up to 170 or 180, and on a busy day, we can hit 220.

What was it like during the early days of the pandemic?

I believe it was the first week in March when we started seeing patients who presented with flulike symptoms but were testing negative through our point-of-care testing. That's when the news started trickling in about COVID-19, and we started to learn more about it.... That is also around [the time] when we had the first [COVID-19] patient in Westchester County. Immediately, we started preparing our emergency departments to have a section where we can care for COVID patients while maintaining safety for other patients within the Emergency Department.

What was it like at WPH during the height of the pandemic?

At the height, we had everyone in his or her PPE [personal protective equipment], and you couldn't recognize who was who, so we had our names written on the outside [of the equipment]. In the beginning, you just saw doctors, nurses, and those who were transporting patients upstairs. It was so busy — I don't want to compare it to a scene in a television show in which people are running around — but that is what it was like, except it was organized.

Were there difficult moments for you and your staff?

It has been sensitive for my staff to care for patients without their caregivers and loved ones there.... As frontline staff, you try to be very stoic, but for patients, it was difficult not having a family member there and the nurse having to step up to be the one to be there for [a patient's] last breath or to hold their hand or wipe a patient's

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tears or reassure them that we are providing the best care for them. Today, that is still the hardest thing that healthcare workers and my staff have spoken about. I think that is going to be a memorable moment for a nurse, to know that she or he was helpful bridging that gap between patients and their families.

Were there some positive or uplifting moments?

What I love the most, and what the staff loves, is when someone is discharged and music is played.... Recently, there was a paramedic who was discharged from the hospital, and it was so emotional to watch. I believe he works at the FDNY, and his family, as well as several of his coworkers, showed up at White Plains Hospital. An FDNY ambulance even came to pick him up. It was so touching. For us as frontline workers to see a family member go back to their family or to rehab to continue their healing process is the most [pleasant memory] I believe we’ve had.

How do you think the virus will change your role ahead?

What this whole virus has done is really made me look at data more, and when there are discussions about something going on in the world, I ask how it could potentially impact us and how we can start preparing sooner rather than later. I think this virus has taught me that we have to start preparing now for what’s next and what’s worse. You can’t wait to hear about it. That’s really what emergency nursing and emergency medicine are: always being prepared for what may come through the door.

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1 Forget the cap and gown, **North Salem High School** seniors needed cars for their graduation ceremony this summer, which was held at Four Brothers Drive In Theater in Amenia, with commencement speeches broadcast on the 56-foot screen and diplomas distributed car to car, with plenty of pomp and social distancing.

2 Following the George Floyd killing in Minneapolis, Westchester County Executive George Latimer has assembled a "working group" of prominent county leaders to **review policies and procedures at the county police academy** to ensure officers know how to avoid "implicit racism" on the job. At press time, the group had 30 days to submit findings.

3 New York will need to fork over some serious cash to **test all its seniors for coronavirus**. According to a report from the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living, it would cost more than \$43M to administer just one COVID-19 test to each of the state's 288,354 residents and staff in nursing homes and assisted-living communities.

4 One Hastings-on-Hudson resident is finding a way to **turn pandemic waste into art** by placing decorative pails throughout the Rivertown which residents can use to dispose of gloves.

EDITORS' OBSESSIONS

We Can't Shut Up About...

Since COVID-19 hit, I've basically been living off 11th-hour takeout from **Birdsall House**. Steak, burgers, salads, Reubens... no matter what I get, I invariably order the house fries. Golden brown, crispy, and served in an old-school sack, they'd be a solid on their own, but the malt-vinegar mayo is what really makes them addictive. —*Dave Zucker, Digital Editor*



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A Return to Form

Katonah's Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts is set to kick off its innovative Summer 20/2.0 season, which will welcome back guests with both virtual and in-person programming.

Safely opening an arts institution in the age of COVID-19 is no easy task, but Caramoor is set to do just that with its flexible summer schedule. Gifted with expansive outdoor performance spaces set on arcadian grounds, Caramoor is in a unique position to offer a range of performances, both virtual and in-person, in a manner consistent with current social-distancing measures.



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Caramoor's Summer 20/2.0 programming features four live, open-air concerts available to the public on the venue's Friends Field, where small audiences spaced appropriately can enjoy a host of jazz, American roots, mariachi, and swing music. Over the summer, guests also have the opportunity to enjoy seven live-streamed performances from The Rosen House's Music Room, including the world premiere of works by musicians Anna Clyne and Christopher Cerrone. According to Jeff Haydon, Caramoor's CEO, the summer programming marks a unique moment in the institution's history. "Caramoor is excited to announce Summer 20/2.0, pivoting from our traditional summer offerings with a three-part plan to safely inspire audiences just when it's needed the most," says Haydon. "With more than 80 acres of woodland gardens, sound art, and outdoor performance spaces, we feel we are uniquely positioned to offer new ways to gather — both virtually and in person."

Haydon adds that Caramoor also hopes "to open outdoor spaces to the public in mid-July so that visitors can enjoy socially distanced picnics and walks amidst our gardens and sound art." Either way, there will be plenty of culture to soak in safely this summer on Caramoor's bucolic grounds. —*PA*

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As Westchester begins the slow and careful process of emerging from the COVID-19 crisis and reopening dental and medical offices, keeping patients and staff safe is a top priority. To ensure the safety within the office, Advanced Dentistry of Westchester is implementing changes to almost every aspect of its practice. The practice is determined to go well beyond the recommendations of the American Dental Association, the CDC, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. As Kenneth Magid, DDS, FICD, explains, "We are making this extraordinary effort because we have always believed our patients deserve not simply what is required, but the very best in safety and treatment."

Many changes the Advanced Dentistry practice has implemented involve a significant investment in technology and equipment to remove and treat the aerosols created during procedures and by the continual scrubbing of the office air to maintain "surgically clean air." Much of the new equipment was not previously necessary or available for the dental office and has been created or modified in response to the highly contagious coronavirus. Advanced Dentistry also plans to incorporate testing for the virus as testing becomes faster and more available.

TRAINING TEAM MEMBERS

According to Dr. Magid, all team members in the practice are receiving training in the additional procedures that have become necessary to ensure patient safety. Some of those steps include:

- Evaluating each team member when they arrive at the office, including completing a health questionnaire — each team member takes their temperature and pulse oxygen level, with the results documented daily, and anyone exhibiting symptoms or exposure will be sent home.
- Incorporating a revised dress code for team members — clinical team members will change into scrubs upon arrival and don personal protective equipment (PPE), including disposable treatment gowns, gloves, masks, and while treating patients, the use of face shields. A splash shield has been added to the front desk to preserve the social isolation of team members and patients.

PATIENT ARRIVAL AND SCHEDULING

Patients will also notice differences in the way they are scheduled and the procedures when they arrive at the office.

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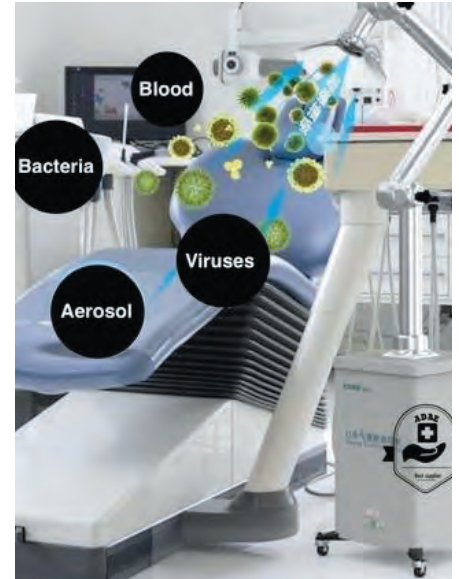
COVID-19. The practice's reception room will not be used. Instead, patients will wait in their cars in the parking lot until they are called on their cell phone. Before proceeding directly to the treatment room, each patient will have their temperature and pulse oxygen level taken. Patients will be provided with hand sanitizer and asked to wear masks or face coverings at all times while not being treated.

- To minimize the possibility of exposure to COVID-19, the practice is revising the daily patient schedule and reserving the first treatment times of the day for patients over 60 or immunocompromised. Additional time is being added to each appointment to avoid interaction among patients and for the complete sanitizing of treatment rooms and other areas.

TREATMENTS

To minimize patients' exposure, treatments will also be completed in as few visits as possible.

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Where: Scarsdale

What: What was being used as a den off the foyer was transformed into an office by Paquin. This was part of a remodel of a 1920s center-hall Colonial.

Inspiration: “Function was the design inspiration for this room,” says Paquin. “The clients wanted to preserve the ‘den’ aspect of the room.” Although they have a TV in their living room, they also enjoyed watching TV in this room, and it allows family members to watch different shows at the same time. “The problem was that the home wasn’t large enough to have this room function simply as a den. Both the husband and wife often work from home, and there was no other place to put an office. This room needed to do triple duty, by functioning as a den, her office, and his office.”

Favorite Part: The wallpaper. “I am most impressed with my client; she was fully onboard with the idea to wallpaper the entire room,” says Paquin. “It’s a big risk to take, but clearly it paid off. The happy, metallic dragonfly pattern is so cheerful. How could you not love coming to work?”

Materials: Once Paquin found the right wallpaper, she says everything else flowed from there. “We played off the turquoise and chartreuse-green colors,” she adds. “We spread the colors around the room through pillows, accessories, task lamps, and end tables. The light fixture is a delight — it’s a natural-wood color on the outside but has that acid green on the inside.”

Something Extra: “The biggest element in this room is the cabinetry that is on three of the four walls,” says Paquin. “My cabinetmaker, Henry Agudelo, is a master at making built-in designs come to life and function so perfectly and look so beautiful.” —JA



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PEOPLE

Going Once,
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Owner and auctioneer of Shapiro Auctions, Gene Shapiro, knows a thing or two about buying and selling valuable items.

With more than 20 years in the art market and appearances on *Antiques Roadshow*, Westchester local Gene Shapiro is an expert in his field. "Growing up, I was surrounded by music, art, and books. I was dragged to many auctions in my youth, looking for instruments and art. I loved going to the previews, as well as to the auctions," he says.

Shapiro, who earned a B.A. in art history at the University of Pennsylvania and started his career at the prestigious Sotheby's in New York City before going on to work as a private art dealer, founded Shapiro Auctions (now based in Mamaroneck) in 2007, on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. "As a private dealer, I had amassed a growing number of private clients who were asking me to do more for them," he explains. "I knew that owning and directing my own auction house would put me in the best position to do this. We held our first auction that year and have continued to achieve record results for our consignors over the last 13 years."

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STYLE

Stepping Into Summer

After spending the last few months barefoot inside the house, make a statement with your first steps outside by donning the trendiest footwear of the season.

By Gina Valentino

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STYLE

Stepping Into Summer

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Jewelry With a Purpose

Two local women have created elegant jewelry for protecting and commemorating loved ones' lives.

For White Plains resident Mara Perlmutter, jewelry is literally a lifesaver. After her mother became housebound, the jewelry-industry veteran designed a personal emergency-response device that her fashionable mother would consider wearing. Perlmutter's brand, called **Trelawear** (*trela* is "alert" spelled backward), offers battery-operated, water-resistant pendants that feature elegant, hand-cut faceted resin stones in various styles and colors. The line is created by the same manufacturers who produce jewelry for brands like Coach and Givenchy.

On the back of each piece, a button connects the wearer to a U.S.-based safety consultant, providing 24/7 emergency help to those even without cellphones. Trelawear is partnered with MobileHelp, a national provider of emergency-response and health-management technology. The collection is available online at www.trelawear.com

for \$148 each (the monitoring service plan is an additional monthly charge).

Crafted by fourth-generation funeral director Jennifer Graziano of Coxe and Graziano Funeral Home in Mamaroneck, **RememBar** is a jewelry line that offers timeless wearable pieces to help individuals commemorate their loved ones who have passed on. Graziano sought the help of designer Ward Kelvin (who has worked for Tiffany & Co. and David Yurman) to create fine necklaces, bracelets, and rings with a hollowed-out bar that can hold a small portion of cremated remains, a favorite perfume, or locks of hair, inscribed on the side with the word "remember" and a birthstone. Graziano was inspired to create the collection by her faith that we will be reunited with loved ones in Heaven. The collection ranges in price from \$170 to more than \$300. —GV



Mara Perlmutter (above) models her jewelry line, Trelawear. Jennifer Graziano (left) created RememBar to honor loved ones who have passed on.

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ENTERTAIN

The Host With the Most

Offering cooking inspiration and tips, chic tablescape designs and accessories, plus a catering service, Harrison native Stephanie Nass is checking all of our culinary boxes.

Dine elegantly in the comfort and safety of your own home with the help of Harrison native Stephanie Nass. Through her culinary brand, **Chefanie**, Nass offers tableware, accessories, and tips on how to create an intimate, spectacular meal at home, complete with decorative touches that elevate even the simplest of evenings.

Inspired by her interest in art and food, professionally trained chef Nass offers catering services, cooking tips and tricks, and a culinarily inspired line of merch (Think: patterned tablecloths, ceramic straws, and whimsical hand-embroidered cocktail napkins featuring prints of oysters, terms of endearment, and Yiddish phrases). Accessories for the host include bright aprons, farfalle barrettes, and caviar earrings.

On her social media channels and website (www.chefanie.com), Nass shares ideas for creating the perfect tablescape, along with refined recipes using simple, fresh ingredients. A menu might include citrus avocado salad stuffed in an edible tulip and dessert decorated with her festive Chefanie sheet — vegan, gluten-free, edible sheets to decorate cakes, cookies, and doughnuts for any occasion (an American flag version is perfect for the Fourth of July). Nass uses her knowledge and passion to create a community, as the founder of a dinner club for young professionals: Victory Club. While she is always available for culinary questions, during the quarantine, Nass offered her expertise virtually to clients internationally, giving tips on what to cook based on what was already in their pantries. —GV



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BEAUTY

Gloss Boss

Achieve this season's hottest makeup look with products from a local cosmetics line.

By Erin O'Keefe

Summer 2020 makeup looks include thick swipes of white eyeliner, an abundance of glitter, and eyeshadow in a rainbow of hues (yellow, cobalt blue, and even an entire sherbet palette). A super-wearable trend that dominated runways is high shine: glossy lips and a subtle glow.

Westchester-based cosmetics company Alexa Persico can help you achieve this coveted radiant appearance. The Lip Velour Gloss, the company's first product and consistent bestseller, is a nonsticky, high-shine lip gloss that offers a weightless feel. Scarsdale native Persico created the signature product nearly a decade ago, after struggling to find a brand that offered something similar for her clients who lamented that products on the market at the time were too sticky.

"My customers loved that they could apply my lip gloss without having the tacky feel. I'm super proud of it," explains Persico. It took her a year to find a manufacturer to create her product line, since, she says, most laboratories test their products on animals, a practice she is opposed to. To attain that overall soft glow, Persico's Brighten Me Baby highlighter palette of three colors, made for different skin tones, is a go-to. Flattering in bright light — including flash photography — it's understandably a celebrity favorite. Mario Dedivanovic (Kim Kardashian West's makeup artist) is among the palette's fans, Persico notes.

The cosmetic line, created in 2012 by then-17-year-old Persico, has since skyrocketed in fame. Starting with just nine lipsticks and nine Lip Velour glosses, the business now includes more than 40 products, including eye and lip primer, HD pigments (radiant shadows), and concealer. Country-pop superstar Jessie James Decker has partnered with the brand to offer her own oft-sold-out eponymous line, including an eye shadow palette, lip kit, bronzing palette, and a recently launched fragrance. The brand is available at Forever 21 and through its e-commerce site, www.alexapersicocosmetics.com.



Top to bottom: Alexa Persico Brighten Me Baby Highlighter palette; Alexa Persico displaying the palette; Alexa Persico Lip Velour Gloss.



PHOTOS BY JESSICA DRUMMOND (TOP, BOTTOM); COURTESY OF ALEXA PERSICO COSMETICS (CENTER)



PHOTOS BY JESSE MAYHEW (LEFT); ANNE MAYHEW (RIGHT)

Artisan bread baker Anne Mayhew's additive-free loaves are the antithesis of Wonder Bread and other mass-produced products.

Baking Good

Creator of the popular LMNOP Bakery and devoted Katonah mom, Anne Mayhew offers a peek at her tasteful life. **BY MICHELLE GILLAN LARKIN**

Like most new moms, Katonah's Anne Mayhew believed that to give her twin baby girls the best possible start in life, she would have to pay close attention to everything that went into their tiny bodies. And, as ambitious and nutrition-conscious moms often do, Mayhew chose to forgo the convenience of jarred fruit and vegetable purées in favor of homemade baby food. That, in turn, got her thinking about what may be the most fundamental building block of a person's diet: bread.

So, like any Fulbright scholar worth her salt, Mayhew got a book on the subject. It was a cookbook, so while her girls napped back then in 2015, she played in the kitchen. "It's very addictive," she says. "You take three ingredients — flour, water, and salt — and it's like magic, somewhere between science and art."

Having studied painting and drawing at Parsons Paris and in rural India, and working as a milliner and costume designer at the Metropolitan Opera and on Broadway in her late 20s,

that kind of alchemy was right up her alley. But that was before this creative and energetic artisan originally from Northern Michigan started baking 200 or so loaves per week in a home kitchen that would become the headquarters of the now popular LMNOP Bakery.

The more Mayhew tinkered with bread making, the more she read about the early beginnings of her newfound medium. She devoured a life-altering book about the importance of grain to ancient communities and local economies and acquired eye-opening information about conventional flour. "It's milled about two years prior to sale," she says, "and it's stripped of all its nutrient-dense germ, to make it shelf-stable." She became consumed with the idea of baking with the freshest and healthiest flour she could get her hands on, as the white stuff at the supermarket was no longer cutting it.

Mayhew discovered that fresh grain was available at the Union Square Greenmarket, so she started making trips to Manhattan, filling her backpack and using a small mill to grind

rye and wheat berries herself. Soon after, she signed up for fresh-flour deliveries, and her husband, Jesse, born and bred in Westchester, built an extra oven in the backyard.

Still not able to satisfy her hunger to create, with a growing desire to support local grain producers, Mayhew made a pilgrimage to Wild Hive Farm, about an hour north, in Clinton Corners, NY, where regionally grown, organic grain is milled in small batches and made into flour. She finally had enough of the resource she'd been craving at her fingertips, so her passion for the lost art of bread making really began to take shape.

"There are so many variables to the ingredients... the flour, water, and salt, and I kept messing around with time and temperature," Mayhew recalls. She also began experimenting with different varieties of bread — some with oatmeal stout, others with spent brew-house grains — but the essence of her loaves was, and still is, simple sourdough. "It's not the sourdough you buy commercially," she explains, and it doesn't taste sour either. "It just refers to the oldest way of making bread, where you rely on natural leavening present on the grain and in the air, instead of adding yeast."

Mayhew calls this "the lazy way of making bread," as it requires just a few minutes of hand mixing, followed by 12 to 36 hours of rising and fermenting. "The longer it ferments, the more flavorful it is," she notes, "and easier to digest."

With her craft continuing to refine, her young girls now in school, and word spreading about what she was doing on a serene, wooded street in Katonah, she and Jesse expanded their kitchen to accommodate two large bread-baking ovens and a walk-in refrigerator.

Visits to Wild Hive Farm increased, to the point that she now travels there every three weeks, loading up her minivan with around 600 pounds of newly milled flour per trip. This allows her to whip up an average of 50 loaves a day for farmers' markets, local gourmet shops, and individuals (some from Connecticut) who order online and pick up at a number of drop spots throughout Northern Westchester or at her doorstep.

Jesse goes the extra mile, making deliveries to loyal customers, like NYC's Patricia Rogers. "LMNOP is pure bread-joy deliciousness! I'm obsessed," says Rogers. As for Jesse, he couldn't be prouder of his wife. "It's been amazing watching this small business develop," he says.

Mayhew, who just turned 40 in June, sits on the advisory board of the Northeast Grainshed, which is committed to building a local food chain by connecting regional farms, mills, and maltheuses with craft food and beverages. She also hosts workshops at

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her home every few weeks, and there's usually a waitlist for those.

Even with everything on her plate, "I'm still a mom from 3:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.," she half jokes. Her family has grown; her girls now have a brother in preschool, and when asked what she does in her downtime, she responds like the typical mom: "I clean the house!" However, she enjoys being outdoors whenever possible, on local hiking trails or the beaches of



Anne Mayhew steals some much-needed mom time with 7-year-old daughter Elle in their Katonah home.

PHOTO BY JESSE MAYHEW

Montauk, and wishes there were more time for a vegetable garden or to try new recipes with Jesse, the way they used to.

In her solitary moments, her apron dusty with flour, she dreams about opening a bakery in Katonah or reviving the community oven of old, in which folks would bring homemade dough to the village center to be fired alongside that of their neighbors. "Perhaps a mobile oven," she considers.

Mayhew recognizes that taking LMNOP Bakery to the next level will result in less time with her kids, but she admits she's "kinda ambitious" and longs for them to be proud of her. "I want to show my kids that they can do anything they put their minds to," a fresh, wholesome goodness that should be within everyone's reach. **w**

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New Asian Restaurant

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Westchester was lucky to welcome *Top Chef* star Dale Talde's newest venture last year, but just how lucky only became apparent after diners cozied up to Goosefeather's daring and delicious creations. From an inventive Brussels sprout salad enlivened by tamarind and peanuts to virtually unimpeachable prawn toast and pot stickers, Talde's new restaurant has proved to be as creative as it is crave-worthy.

New Café (North County)

Jay Street Café

Katonah; www.jaystreetcafe.com

Just two years after opening The Whitlock (2018's Best New Restaurant, North County), Christina and Matt Safarowic debuted this casual, breakfast-and-lunch spot that ups the ante on luncheonette fare, featuring cottage fries with egg-yolk aioli and smoked paprika, breakfast corndogs, chimichurri-drizzled corned beef hash, a house-made corned beef Reuben, egg creams, Cherry Pepsi floats, and plenty of pies, cakes, and other classic American baked goods from pastry chef Tayler Kissam.



New Bread Baker

LMNOP Bakery

Katonah; www.lmnopbakery.com

The artisan breads baked by Katonah resident Anne Mayhew are the antithesis of most any preservative-laden supermarket bread. Water, salt, wild yeasts and bacteria, and fresh-milled, locally sourced flour make up a no-nonsense ingredient lineup. The results? Breads such as polenta with aged cheddar, Bedford sourdough, and oatmeal-raisin porridge, where toothsome flavors come through in each bite.

New Café (South County)

Maple & Rose

Mamaroneck; www.maplerosecafe.com

Few eateries boast an ambience that matches its great food, but Maple & Rose impresses on both fronts, with lovingly crafted savories and sweets to go along with a warm, relaxed vibe you can enjoy for hours at a time. One of the county's only all-day cafés, this Mamaroneck gem is a prime spot to score tartines atop Sullivan Street Bakery bread, superb roast chicken, or maybe just a ginger molasses cookie — or four.

Sweet Potato Fries

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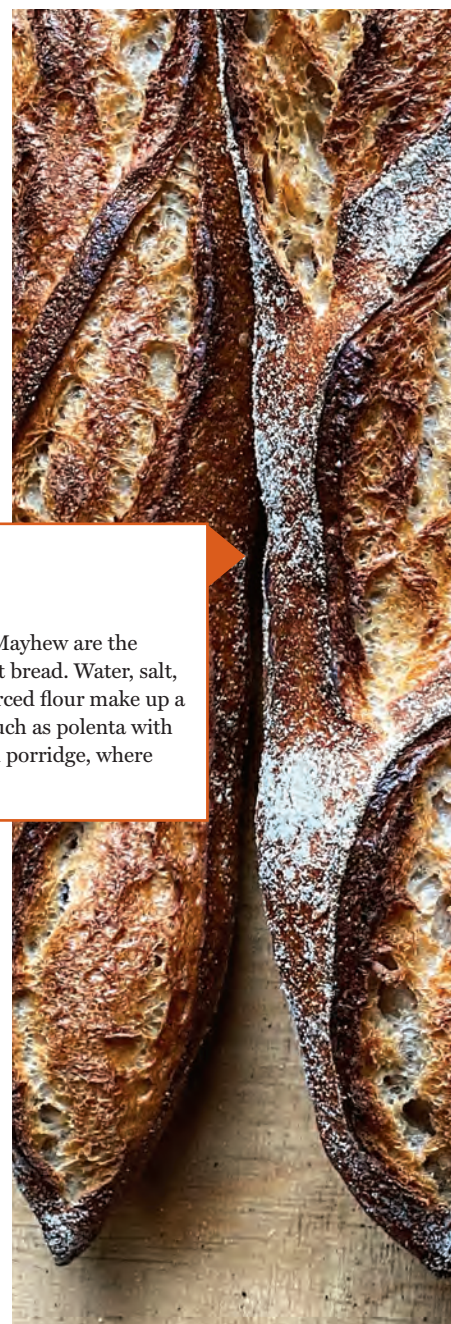
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Cortado

First Village Coffee

Ossining; www.firstvillagecoffee.com

Chill vibes, mismatched chairs, and specialty coffee from Dutchess County's Irving Farm Coffee Roasters set this coffeehouse as an excellent destination for a respite from a hectic day. Affable co-owner Luis Corena is serious about his cortados, the espresso cut with a bit of steamed — but not frothy — milk, served European-style, with a shot of Pellegrino as a palate cleanser.



Readers' Picks 2020

Approximately 38,718 ballots were submitted online in December and January, determining the winners for the 2020 Best of Westchester Readers' picks in the Shopping, Home & Garden, Kids, People & Media, Fun & Leisure, Services, and Weddings categories. Some 48,100 votes were tallied in the subsequent elimination rounds for the Food & Drink and Health & Beauty categories in February and March. The results, your choices, follow:



Readers' Picks **Food & Drink**

Appetizers

Lilly's
White Plains
www.lillyswp.com

American Restaurant

Benjamin Steakhouse
White Plains
www.benjaminsteakhouse.com

Asian Restaurant (Not Japanese/Sushi)

Sambal Thai & Malay
Irvington
www.sambalny.com

Bagels

The Bagel Emporium
Armonk (plus four
other county locations)
www.bagelemporium.com

Bakery (American)

Baked by Susan
Croton-on-Hudson
www.bakedbysusan.com

Bakery (Bread)

The Kneaded Bread
Port Chester
www.kneadedbread.com

Bakery (Italian)

Homestyle Desserts, Inc
Peekskill
www.homstyledessertsbakery.com

Bar Food

Candlelight Inn
Scarsdale
www.facebook.com/candlelightinnrestaurant

Barbecue

Smokehouse Tailgate Grill
Mamaroneck
www.shtailgate.com

Beer Selection

(Restaurant/Bar)
Bridge View Tavern
Sleepy Hollow
www.bridgeviewtavern.com

Beer Selection

(Retail Store)
Half Time
Mamaroneck
www.halftimebeverage.com

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Colombian Restaurant

Aqui Es Santa Fe

Port Chester; www.aesantafe.com

A slightly healthier version of traditional Colombian cuisine (less heavy oils and fats, and more fresh herbs) can be had at this bright café led by partner Carlos Santos, where arepas are made from house-ground corn. Don't miss one of the myriad refreshing sangrias or a selection of rainbow-colored (with natural concentrates) empanadas, like purple potato with ricotta and honey.



Pepperoni Slice

Spicy Pepperoni Square at Dunwoodie Pizzeria

Yonkers; www.dunwoodiepizzeria.com

Inspired by the famous spicy square from SoHo's Prince Street Pizza, Yonkers institution Dunwoodie Pizza (open since 1970) created this nearly identical, light-and-airy grandma pie with crunchy, caramelized edges, chunky fra diavolo sauce, fresh mozzarella, and tons of crispy 'roni cups. No Metro-North ride required.

Sushi Party Platters

KUMO Sushi Lounge

Scarsdale; www.kumoscarsdale.com

Among the first trays to empty at any festive function is the sushi platter; this is especially true when it's a KUMO platter. Like so many gleaming multicolored edible gemstones, the array of pristine

fish combined with playful and artistic presentations guarantee your get-together will be elevated into a memorable, crowd-pleasing sushi shindig.

Bread and Butter

Soft Milk Buns and Whipped Crustacean Butter at Bread & Brine

Hastings-on-Hudson; www.breadandbrinehoh.com

This elevated fish shack with Chef Alex Sze's East-meets-West menu highlights sustainable seafood sourced daily. Yet, what may be the most delicious dish is a bread appetizer: milk buns. Similar to a brioche or challah, but significantly lighter, these fluffy mini-rolls are paired with smooth butter that's been flavored with lobster broth. Your expectations from a bread-and-butter plate will forever be transformed!

Brisket

Revenge BBQ

Irvington; www.revengebbq.com

Irvington could pass for small-town Texas thanks to the authentic 'cue at Jacob Styburski's counter-service shop. The brisket (true aficionados know to ask for the marbled moist cut) is exactly like you'd find in the Lone Star State, seasoned aggressively with salt

and coarsely cracked Malabar pepper and slow-smoked until it's lusciously tender and rich, with plenty of stick-to-your-fingers barks.

Greek Yogurt

Route B

Irvington; www.therouteb.com

There is truth in advertising embedded in the menu notes about "nothing frozen, no preservatives" and "real Greek yogurt" at this takeout comfort-fare shop. Chef Michael Psilakis' super-rich and creamy version — which he prepared for the first time with his mother as a young boy — is made from sheep's, goat's, and cow's milk; a better rendition we dare you to discover.

Roast Chicken

Juicy Chicken

New Rochelle; www.myjuicychicken.com

Some power of Peruvian persuasion (aka 48 hours marinating in a blend of spices, soy sauce, and beer) creates the most perfect roast chicken at this casual NewRo spot. After a spin on the rotisserie, the birds — a half-chicken dinner will set you back just \$12 — emerge with deeply burnished, addictive skin and ultra-tender, moist meat that truly lives up to the restaurant's "Juicy" moniker.

Readers' Picks Food & Drink

Birthday Cake

Lulu's Cake Boutique

Scarsdale
www.everythinglulu.com

Bistro

Red Hat on the River

Irvington
www.redhatontheriver.com

Breakfast

Mt. Kisco Diner

Mount Kisco
www.mtkiscodiner.com

Brewery

Captain Lawrence Brewery

Elmsford
www.captainlawrencebrewing.com

Brunch

Iron Vine

Peekskill
www.ironvinepeekskill.com

Burger (Classic)

Piper's Kilt

Eastchester
www.piperskilt.com

Burger (Specialty)

Westchester Burger Co

White Plains (plus two other Westchester locations)
www.westchesterburger.com

Caribbean Restaurant

Ripe

Mount Vernon
www.riperestaurant.com

Classic French Restaurant

Saint George Bistro

Hastings-on-Hudson
www.saintgeorgebistro.com



Readers' Pick

Chef

David DiBari

The Cookery, The Parlor
www.thecookeryrestaurant.com;
www.theparlordf.com

Chinese Takeout

Taste of China
Tarrytown
www.toctarrytown.com

Chocolate Shop

Lil' Chocolate Shoppe
Pleasantville
www.yelp.com/biz/lil-chocolate-shoppe-pleasantville

Coffeehouse

Peekskill Coffee House
Peekskill
www.peekskillcoffee.com

Craft Beer Pub

Bridge View Tavern
Sleepy Hollow
www.bridgeviewtavern.com

Craft Cocktails

RiverMarket Bar and Kitchen
Tarrytown
www.rivermarketbarkitchen.com

Date-Night Restaurant

Red Hat on the River
Irvington
www.redhatontheriver.com

Deli

Anthony's Deli
Mamaroneck
www.anthonysdeli.com

Diner

Mt. Kisco Diner
Mount Kisco
www.mtkiscodiner.com

Farm-to-Table Restaurant

Blue Hill at Stone Barns
Pocantico Hills
www.bluehillfarm.com/dine/stone-barns

Farmers' Market

Pleasantville Farmers Market
www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org

Fast-Casual Chain*

Shake Shack
Hartsdale/Yonkers
www.shakeshack.com

Fish Market

Mt. Kisco Seafood
Mount Kisco
www.mtkiscoseafood.com

Fried Oysters

Ocean House Oyster Bar & Grill

Croton-on-Hudson; www.oceanhouseoysterbar.com

From a top county seafooder comes a top iteration of fried oysters: Bite through a crisp outer crust and into a tender middle, where your mouth is flooded with briny juices, and your nostrils fill with the aroma of a salty ocean gust. Also of note: The accompanying coleslaw is equally delicious.

New Tapas Bar

Tentempie Madrid

Mamaroneck

At this tiny, patterned-tiled jewel box (read: perfect for date night) cobbling together a meal of small plates is *muy delicioso*.

The menu reads like a trip to Madrid or Barcelona, with all the classics, like platters of imported cured meats and cheeses, garlicky *gambas al ajillo*, mini-meatballs in almond-wine sauce, torta Espanola, pimento-laced octopus, *boquerones*, and, of course, paella. Finishing the meal with churros and chocolate is practically de rigueur.

Chicken Cutlet Sandwich

Torta con Milanesa de Pollo at Café La Fondita

Mamaroneck; www.cafelafondita.com

It's a hot take for sure, but the most delicious iteration of a chicken cutlet sandwich that we've had in Westchester isn't a classic parm or wedge; it's this Mexican version. Available for takeout only, it's got more texture and flavor than what you'll get at a corner deli, thanks to a smear of chorizo refried beans, seasoned mayo, buttery avocado, and spicy jalapeños.

Cacio e Pepe Lusardi's

Larchmont; www.lusardislarchmont.com

When it's done in the U.S., cacio e pepe has the Goldilocks conundrum: Sometimes it's too bland; sometimes it's too clumpy; sometimes it's just right. At longtime Larchmont staple Lusardi's, the execution of this Roman pasta definitely falls into the "just right" category, with a smooth, emulsified sauce, chewy ropes of fresh pasta, and plenty of appropriately piquant pepper and pungent pecorino.

Place to Eat Summer Tomatoes

Boro6 Wine Bar

Hastings-on-Hudson; www.boro6winebar.com

Locally grown tomatoes are truly local at Boro6, where owners Jennifer Aaronson and Paul Molakides cultivate their own garden of more than 15 heirloom varieties for summer specials. Embodying the simple-is-better mantra, they range from thick slices of Sullivan Street Bakery bread topped with ricotta and super-sweet roasted tomatoes to platters of sliced heirlooms with imported olive oil and sea salt.

New Japanese Restaurant Oko

Rye; www.okokitchen.com

There are typical Japanese restaurants, and then there's Chef Brian Lewis' Rye 52-seat hotspot, where the menu showcases modern and sometimes playful interpretations of traditional fare. There's tempura shiso leaves served with whipped tofu and smoked trout roe, ramen egg with pickled onion and pork belly, and duck-and-foie-gras gyoza. Add in beautiful plating and numerous ingredients done in-house (e.g., miso, fermented rice, kimchi), and this becomes a must-do dining experience.



Readers' Picks Food & Drink

Food Truck

Walter's Hot Dogs
Mamaroneck/White Plains
www.waltershotdogs.com

Greek Restaurant

MP Taverna
Irvington
www.michaelpsilakis.com/mp-taverna-irvington

Health-Food Café

Green Life
Mamaroneck
www.greenlifeny.com

Ice Cream

The Blue Pig
Croton-on-Hudson
www.thebluepigicecream.com

Indian Restaurant

Chutney Masala
Irvington
www.chutneymasalatogo.com

Italian Restaurant (Other Than a Pizzeria)

Mulino's of Westchester
White Plains
www.mulinosny.com

Japanese Restaurant

Sushi Mike's
Dobbs Ferry
www.sushimikes.com

Latino Restaurant (Other Than Mexican)

Sonora Restaurant
Port Chester
www.sonorarestaurant.net

Mexican Restaurant

Guadalajara Mexican Restaurant
Briarcliff Manor
www.guadalajarany.com

New Restaurant (Opened 2019 or Later)

tredici SOCIAL
Bronxville
www.tredicisocial.com

Outdoor Dining (Waterside)

Harvest on Hudson
Hastings-on-Hudson
www.harvesthudson.com

Outdoor Dining (Non-Waterside)

Wood & Fire
Pleasantville/Scarsdale
www.woodandfirepizza.com

Wheely Good Eats

The best mobile fare the 914 has to offer.

New Food Truck Pizza Vitale

Mamaroneck; www.pizzavitale.com

If you see this silver box on wheels parked on the side of the road, pull over. Pizzaiolo Francesco Vitale learned to sling puffy-edged, crêpe-thin pies in Naples, and his slow-fermented pies are damn near perfect. The pesto pizza with charred pine nuts is one of the county's best pies — made with imported 00 flour, Italian tomatoes, *fiordilatte* mozzarella, and locally sourced toppings.

Greek Street Food The Souvlaki Truck

Yonkers; www.souvlakitruck.com

This authentic Greek street-food staple can be found parked, midday Monday through Saturday, on the southbound side of Central Avenue (before Jackson Ave). You'll be lured by the aroma from the custom charcoal-burning grill. Try the Greek salad with a grilled chicken souvlaki stick and sides of savory crispy Brussels sprouts and hand-cut oregano fries.

BEC Pizza Abeetz

White Plains; www.abeetzny.com

The cooking methods and ingredients learned from his Sicilian roots are the inspiration for David D'Amico's exemplar thin-crust pies, cooked in minutes in a gold-tiled brick oven. The Bae, a spin on everybody's favorite breakfast sandwich, is the frontrunner of the 11 or so creatively topped pies with bacon, egg, mozzarella cheese, and an everything-spice crust.



Hummus

The Nook Eatery

New Rochelle

You'll never settle for Sabra again after a stop at this strip-mall eatery, where owner Fatima Saleh whips up authentic hummus with plenty of patience and just a handful of ingredients. After cooking chickpeas (no canned beans here), Saleh blends them with lemon, garlic, and whipped tahini and ice water — an essential trick that gives The Nook's hummus an ethereally light texture — until the final product is silky smooth.

New Restaurant Concept

Eugene's Diner & Bar

Port Chester; www.eugenestdiner.com

It's a trippy sensation to step through the double doors at David DiBari's newest spot, where mustard-yellow booths, loud wallpapers, a retro lunch counter, rotating cake display, and the playlist are like falling down a rabbit hole and landing in the 1970s. The menu is largely inspired by the same era, but the execution is firmly 2020, from the dry-aged minute steak and French toast with foie gras to the house-made griddled bologna sandwich and boozy milkshakes.

Caribbean Specialties

Alvin & Friends

New Rochelle; www.alvinandfriendsrestaurant.com

A multiyear Best of Westchester winner, Alvin & Friends offers authentic Contemporary Southern and Caribbean fare, the latter representing the pinnacle of the food of the islands in the county. Some must-haves include a Trinidadian saltfish fry-bake, jerk-rubbed duck breast, tostones and camarones in a tropical mango glaze, and chicken wings doused in house-made jerk or rum-punch sauce.



New Fast-Casual Concept

Fatt Root

Pleasantville; www.fattroot.com

Chef Mogan Anthony's Malaysian upbringing puts an umami-packed spin on the light-and-healthy, quick-service concept. In place of the ubiquitous kale and quinoa, expect modern takes on Asian favorites, like Impossible plant-protein dan dan noodles; smacked papaya salad with crispy shallots, herbs, and tamarind; and make-your-own grain bowls with lemongrass, curry, Thai salmon, and more that make eating healthy feel effortless.

Japanese Street Food

My Tokyo

Tarrytown; www.mytokyo-tarrytown.com

Responsibly sourced ingredients, a CIA-trained chef with experience at Manhattan's Aureole, and interesting dishes inspired from the izakaya tradition (inexpensive Japanese pub-type fare and snacks) make this brick-and-wood BYO bistro a true foodie terminus. And most every entrée is less than \$20.

Soup Dumplings

O Mandarin

Hartsdale; www.omandarin.com

A perfect exemplar of the dim-sum standard, the soup dumplings at this strikingly designed restaurant serving Mandarin

and Sichuan classics are first-rate. Lifting the bamboo steamer lid reveals a sextet of steamy bulbous purses filled with pungent, rich pork and a robustly savory broth.

Indie Coffee Roaster

Coffee Labs Roasters

Tarrytown; www.coffeelabs.com

Snagging a seat at this ultra-cool Tarrytown coffee shop can be a daunting task nearly any time of day, a testament to the absolutely outstanding beans that they select, roast, and brew on-site. Plus, with "direct-trade" sustainable coffee that truly helps the people who grow the java, customers can also feel good about each and every cup they purchase.

Readers' Picks Food & Drink

Oysters

Saltaire Oyster Bar and Fish House

Port Chester
www.saltaireoysterbar.com

Pie (Dessert)

Baked by Susan

Croton-on-Hudson
www.bakedbysusan.com

Pizza (Counter-Service Pizzeria)

Sal's Pizzeria

Mamaroneck; www.salsmamaroneck.com

Pizza (Full-Service Restaurant)

Fortina

Armonk (plus two other county locations); www.fortinapizza.com

Poke Bowls

Exit 4 Food Hall

Mount Kisco
www.exit4foodhall.com

Private Dining Room

Crabtree's Kittle House

Chappaqua
www.crabtreeskittlehouse.com

Produce

Stew Leonard's

Yonkers; www.stewleonards.com

Ramen

RameNesque Japanese

Ramen Restaurant

Peekskill/Thornwood
www.ramenesque.com

Holiday Dining Experience

X2O Xaviars on the Hudson
Yonkers; www.xaviars.com

For some three decades, the holiday cheer has overflowed at Xaviars' annual Holiday Cabaret event in December. The glittering restaurant gets even prettier with holiday décor, and the cabaret takes it up another notch. It's a high-spirited romp of excellent (and bounteous) food and drink, plus musical numbers that include classic and comedic songs. The special menu and weekends-long performances are sure to bring a smile to even the most Grinch-like spirit.

Breakfast Sandwich

Ham It Up at G.E. Brown Fine Food & Provisions
Bedford; www.gebrown.com

Gourmet takeout store G.E. Brown's Ham It Up consists of a thick-cut ham slice with toasty, caramelized edges and a delicately cooked egg with a slightly runny yoke nestled on a Danish that's had a flurry of cheddar cheese melted into it. A sweet and savory breakfast at its finest, it just might replace the BEC as your go-to morning bite.

New Italian Deli

San Fratello's Deli
Tuckahoe; www.sanfratellosdeli.com

San Fratello's checks all the boxes of a righteous Italian deli: daily-made mozzarella, hanging dried meats, redolent aromas wafting from stovetop pots, specialty Italian grocery items, and a long list of wryly named sandwiches. We suggest The Sicilian, with fried eggplant, mozzarella, mesclun salad, tomato, roasted peppers, and balsamic glaze.

Restaurant
The Cookery
Dobbs Ferry
www.thecookeryrestaurant.com

Restaurant
Design
The Inn at Pound Ridge
by Jean-Georges
Pound Ridge
www.theinnatpoundridge.com

Student-Run Pop-Up

Culinary Arts Café at Westchester Community College
Valhalla; www.sunywcc.edu/student-services/culinary-arts-cafe

Meet what may be the next roster of Food Network stars at WCC's café, staffed by culinary/hospitality students serving four-course lunches Tuesdays and Thursdays. Expect dishes such as chateaubriand, seared duck breast with pomegranate glaze, and miso-glazed black cod. At \$12 pp (cash only), it might be the best fine-dining deal in the county.

Baguette

Maison Margaux
Mamaroneck;
www.maisonmargauxbakery.com

The baking starts early (4:30 a.m.) for Estelle Rocton-Pailhes, a Normandy native and NewRo resident whose pastry-chef mother trained under the famed Gaston Lenôtre. Rocton-Pailhes' baking pedigree is perhaps most manifest in her baguette, which sports a crispy exterior, balanced soft-chew interior, and a fresh-from-the-oven smell.

Warm Pretzel Appetizer

Emma's Ale House
White Plains; www.emmasalehouse.com

We fell hard for these fan-favorite pretzels when they came out heart-shaped on Valentine's Day — a romantic pretzel isn't that easy to come by, after all. Cleverly, they are also served in shamrock shapes for St. Patrick's Day. A staple on the menu in its regular twisty form, these house-made doughy sensations (two per order) come served with Emma's signature mustard, and hit just the right carb-load note before you start your meal.



Restaurant Host/Maitre d'
Rachel Staropoli, tredici NORTH
Purchase; www.tredicinorth.com

Just Desserts

Look no further than this septet of sweetsmongers to satisfy your sugar cravings



Doughnuts

MAD Donuts
White Plains;
www.maddonutshop.com/store

Offering the breadth of fun flavors and types that you'd find in NYC's top doughnut shops, baker Matt Moore's large, yeast ring doughnuts — made fresh daily with brioche-style dough — are not overly sweet and made with artisan, never prepackaged, ingredients. Look for seasonal specialties, such as tart cherry iced, blood orange, and piña colada.

Patisserie

La Tulipe
Mount Kisco;
www.latulipedesserts.com

One reader called this "the closest thing to a true patisserie in Westchester," and it's hard to argue, considering La Tulipe's fleet of beautifully crafted tarts, French macarons, cakes, and other sumptuous creations. With owner and head baker Maarten Steenman practically a local baking legend at this point, there's good reason this French-style patisserie is favorite among dessert lovers in the 914.

Sea-Salt Caramels

Tree of Chocolate
Larchmont;
www.treeofchocolate.com
These soft, buttery caramels come doused in dark or milk chocolate and can be purchased in beautifully

wrapped boxes, for the perfect hostess gift. Elect for the dusting of flake salt to make the flavors pop.

Coffee Cake

Seth Greenberg's Just Desserts
Larchmont;
www.sethgreenbergsjustdesserts.com

Spawned by the son of New York City cookie icon William Greenberg Jr., this bakery offers plenty of mouth-watering baked goods, like sticky buns and rich chocolate brownies. However, their picture-perfect cinnamon-crunch coffee cake made with old-fashioned sourdough batter and crowned by a crispy top is truly a must-have Westchester treat.

Carrot Cake

Something Sweet
(also available at **Rory Dolan's in Yonkers**)
Crestwood;
www.something-sweet.net

What's the secret to the moistness in Donna Marone Cohen's three-layer masterpiece, which transforms even carrot-cake foes into fanatics? To begin with, there are no nuts or raisins, which tend to dry carrot cake out, plus she cooks and purées the carrots, giving it a moistness infusion. Topping it off is a cream cheese frosting that's sweet (but not overly so), luscious, and smooth.

Plant Rant!

These vegetarian/vegan dishes are so good, even carnivores will love 'em.

Vegetarian Jamaican Patties

Sadhana Tea House and Wellness Center

Mount Vernon

This holistic center, health-food store, and herbal pharmacy emphasizing balanced living and natural ways to keep the body healthy was founded in 1991 by herbalist and Tai Chi master Rev. Dr. Mother Khoshhali. Among her many fresh-baked vegan offerings are the flakiest, most delicious Jamaican patties (lentil, kale, soy) you'll have.

Vegan/Vegetarian Options

Grass Roots Kitchen

Tarrytown; www.grassroots.kitchen

"Oh my God, they have everything I love" is a common reaction when perusing the Grass Roots Kitchen menu. No-meat options shine: vegan pancakes, "egg" sandwiches, grain and acai bowls, plus vegetarian-friendly breakfast burritos, salads, sandwiches, quesadillas, and root fries. This all-day café also serves many gluten-free items, and meat lovers can get their fix with a variety of burgers and hearty sandwiches.

Vegan Ice Cream

Penny Lick Ice Cream Co.

Hastings-on-Hudson

www.pennylickicecream.com

Dark chocolate coconut (the favorite flavor of owner Ellen Sledge) is this inky-black scoop that manages to be every bit as delicious (dare we say even better?) than most cream-and-egg-based ice creams. It took Sledge 30 tries to nail the balance of dark onyx cocoa and coconut milk, and the result is an addictive Mounds-like sorbet with a luscious, creamy texture. You'll never even miss the dairy.

Liqueurs

Fruit Liqueurs at Heimat New York

Mamaroneck; www.heimatny.com

These seasonally bottled, handcrafted liqueurs are prepared with techniques and recipes passed down by owner Ute Londrigan's German grandmother. Flavors made using whole New York State fruits (not fruit juice), such as rhubarb, white peach, blackberry, raspberry, cranberry, and Bosc pear, enliven whiskey, Prosecco, gin, cider, seltzer, sangria, and more.

New Cocktail Bar

The Blind Pig of Westchester

White Plains

The location may be White Plains, but the vibes at this speakeasy-style bar, which opened in December, are distinctly downtown NYC cool, from the leather couches and flowery wallpaper to the faded photos on the walls. But it's not just atmosphere that's angling to make The Blind Pig a hotspot: Owners James Brennan and Daniel Cahill know how to craft a serious cocktail, like a bourbon Old Fashioned served in a cedar-smoked glass or a saffron-infused Tibetan Mule.

Gin-Based Cocktail

Pink Panther at Little Drunken Chef

White Plains and Mount Kisco

Pair this pretty cocktail, made with gin and pink peppercorn syrup, house-made lemonade, and St Germain, with LDC's unique selection of tapas, and it's a party. It is sweet but not saccharine. By your last sip, you might be swooning to Henry Mancini's musical score for a particular bubble-gum-colored cartoon cat.

Sangria

White Mango Sangria at Sonora Restaurant

Port Chester; www.sonorarestaurant.net

You can't lose if you go to Sonora for its modern Latin cuisine, but don't leave without sampling one of its hidden treasures — the white mango sangria. Savor the signature drink that's full of flavor with an impeccable balance of elements (a secret recipe) from sweetness to fruitiness and is never overpowering or watered down, even when topped off with ice.

Spicy Cocktail

Diablo at VEGA

Mexican Cuisine

Hartsdale; www.vegamexican.com

If you've never tried a spicy cocktail, your time has come. Don't let its unassuming appearance throw you: This memorable cocktail delivers a surprising, but not overwhelming, spicy kick. Featuring jalapeño-infused tequila, passion fruit, and fresh lime with a chili-salt-dipped rim, the Diablo is so good, you'll have to pace yourself.

Distillery

Current Spirits

Elmsford; www.currentspirits.com

From the fertile and fermented minds at Captain Lawrence Brewery comes this brand-new speakeasy-style distillery situated right next door. Armed with a barrel-rested gin and oh-so-smooth vodka, as well as a core gin, core bourbon, and single-malt whiskey, the products on tap at this Elmsford offshoot have our spirits running particularly high.



Beer Cheer

Sudsters and hopheads can rejoice over three of the county's top beer destinations.

New Craft Brewery

Wolf & Warrior

White Plains; www.wolfandwarrior.com

A standout among a sea of party bars in Downtown White Plains, Wolf & Warrior focuses on beer as an art form. Owner Mike Chiltern takes his inspiration from visits to breweries around the world, to create a roster of carefully crafted ales at his NYS-Certified Farm Brewery, the first in White Plains. The spacious location is excellent for small or large groups to pick up a board game from the bar while enjoying lunch or dinner from its inventive food menu.

Beer Bar

Beer Noggin

Bronxville/Mount Kisco; www.beernoggin.com

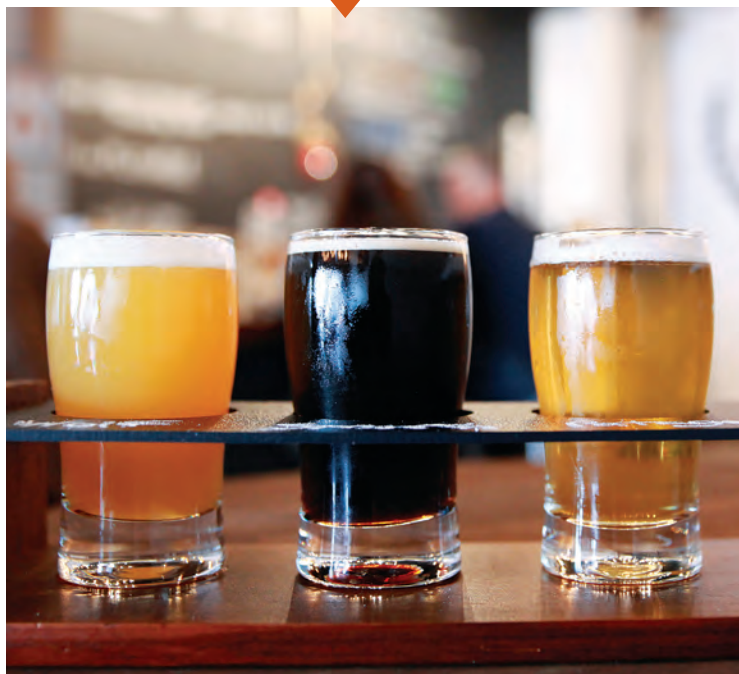
Featuring a copious selection of mostly local craft brews, the roster of IPAs and double IPAs is especially generous. Try the fruity Down Under Bomb, aromatic Fiddlehead, or the Citra-Mosaic Equilibrium. Northern-lager aficionados should experience the Oxbow, while Tools of the Trade will appease the pale-aler. Noshes are typically available, and your takeout is welcome.

Brewery Food

HAPA at Decadent Ales

Mamaroneck; www.decadentales.com

Don't expect a boring pretzel or brat here. Just like its creative beers (Toasted Marshmallow IPA, anyone?) the bar-food menu is a little extra. The key to beer-snack success: enlisting the chef of cultish Stamford-based food truck Hapa to create a Filipino-influenced menu of umami-bomb dishes like bulgogi fries with shredded brisket, Manchego, and sesame-soy sauce; furikake fries; and the grass-fed Hapa burger, served on a purple ube bun.



Readers' Picks Food & Drink

Restaurant Service

Blue Hill at Stone Barns

Pocantico Hills
www.bluehillfarm.com/dine/stone-barns

Romantic Restaurant

Mulino's of Westchester

White Plains; www.mulinosny.com

Salads

DeCicco & Sons

Armonk (plus six other county locations)
www.deciccoandsons.com

Sandwiches

Mason Sandwich Co.

Eastchester; www.masonsandwiches.com

Seafood Restaurant

Eastchester Fish Gourmet

Scarsdale; www.eastchesterfish.com

Smoothies

Playa Bowls

Bronxville/Pleasantville
www.playabowls.com

Southern Restaurant

Southern Table

Pleasantville; www.southern-table.com

Special-Occasion Restaurant

X2O Xaviars on the Hudson

Yonkers; www.xaviars.com

Steakhouse

Benjamin Steakhouse

White Plains;
www.benjaminsteakhouse.com

Sushi

Sushi Mike's

Dobbs Ferry
www.sushimikes.com

Thai Restaurant

Little Thai Kitchen

Chappaqua (plus two other county locations)
www.orderltk.com

Readers' Pick

Tacos

Taco Dive Bar

Peekskill; www.tacodivebar.com

Vegetarian-Friendly Restaurant

Sweet Grass Grill

Tarrytown
www.sweetgrassgrill.com

Wine Menu

Crabtree's Kittle House

Chappaqua
www.crabtreeskittlehouse.com

Wine Store

Westchester Wine Warehouse

White Plains
www.westchesterwine.com

BoW 2020 Health & Beauty

Redesigned Hair Salon

Vision of Tomorrow

Larchmont; www.visionoftomorrow.com

The gorgeous new interiors of this longtime salon are a major wow! Now as stunning as its talented stylists make their clients look, the sleek monochrome design gives the space a facelift, with all-new modern furniture and bright lighting, offering an upmarket, airy vibe.

Eyebrow Specialist

Mehmet Koray at Meg-a-Lashes

Rye/White Plains; www.megalashesny.com

Perfectly coiffed eyebrows make a world of a difference when it comes to framing your face. Not convinced? Pay a weekend visit to internationally in-demand brow specialist Mehmet Koray at Meg-a-Lashes for threading (he is in White Plains on Fridays and Rye on Saturdays), and within 15 minutes, he'll artfully transform your bushy brows into a well-groomed shape that complements your best facial features.



Aesthetician

Diana Rainsford at POSH Beauty Boutique

Bronxville; www.poshbronxville.com

At her pristine, serene Bronxville spa POSH Beauty Boutique, aesthetician Diana Rainsford offers her extensive skincare knowledge to clients with customized facials (our favorite is the HydraFacial), massages, reflexology, and body scrubs.

Eyelash Technician

Sandra Guarriello at Iconic Lash Lounge

Yorktown Heights

www.iconiclashlounge.com

Dial up the drama with the latest beauty trend: long, luscious eyelashes. This ultra-chic, tranquil North County spa lives up to the hype, with owner Sandra Guarriello having garnered a cult-like following for her gentle, skillful application of showstopping semi-permanent lash extensions. The high-quality adhesive and lashes (cashmere, faux mink, silk) she uses make for extravagant, lightweight face-framing fans that will have you looking glam 24/7.

Nail Salon

Tiffany Nail & Spa

Rye

A traditional manicure-pedicure here may feel more indulgent than what you might expect from a standard nail salon — especially when paired with a 10-minute massage during your service. The friendly staff, clean environment, and airy space filled with natural light serve as a welcoming hour-long respite from your afternoon errands.

Pro tip: The spa boasts a few convenient, complimentary parking spots (a gem in Rye).

Pre-Vacay Pampering

GLOW

Armonk, Scarsdale, and Rye Brook; www.glow-tone.com

Before a vacation (and after quarantine), you might want to give your appearance some TLC. Stop by GLOW for a full makeover: custom airbrush tanning for a natural bronze; body-sculpting services, like cryo T-Shock for fat freezing, skin tightening to tone loose skin, and wood therapy (a wooden tool stimulates the lymphatic system to remove pockets of fat and cellulite); anti-aging and rejuvenating facials; and brow shaping/tinting and eyelash tinting.

Natural Bath Products

Sacred Seeds

Yonkers; www.sacredseeds4u.com

What you put on your body is just as important



as what you put in it. You eat organic, so why not use organic skincare products? Jennifer Perry travels the globe for organic ingredients for her plant-based, handmade skincare line, which includes artisan soaps, scrubs, and bath salts. Our favorites: the cherry-almond sugar scrub and lemongrass body polish.

New Hair Salon

Igor M Salon

White Plains; www.igormsalon.com

Have your tresses tamed by celebrity stylist Igor Musayev, known for his work at the famed Louis Licari salon in Manhattan and for transforming many on the "Ambush Makeover" segment on NBC's *Today*. At his year-old, 2,500 sq. ft. sleek salon in White Plains, Musayev's team of five offers killer blowouts, color, and his signature hot-scissors cut, which seals the cuticle while cutting it.



Readers' Pick

Fitness Classes

PhatBurn

White Plains

www.phatburn.com

Readers' Picks Health & Beauty

Barber Shop

Royalty Chop Shop

White Plains

www.royaltychopshop.com

Blowout

PLUSHBLOW

White Plains (plus three other county locations)

www.plushblow.bar

Boxing Workout

Contenders New York

Armonk

www.contendersny.com

Chiropractic Center

ProClinix Sports Physical Therapy & Chiropractic Wellness

Ardsey (plus two other county locations)

www.proclinix.com

Colorist

Gina Primavera, Josef Mikel Salon

Pleasantville

www.josefmikelsalon.com

Cosmetic Procedures

re:fresh beauty bar

Elmsford; www.refreshbb.com

Day Spa

Tranquility Spa

Scarsdale

www.tranquilityspa.com

Eyelash Extensions

Iconic Lash Lounge

Yorktown Heights

www.iconiclashlounge.com

Facial

Euro Laser Services

Rye

www.eurolaserservices.com

Hairstylist

Staci Barton, Slate Hair Studio

Cortlandt Manor

www.slatehairny.com

Health Club

Club Fit

Briarcliff Manor/Jefferson Valley

www.clubfit.com

Independent Pharmacy

Rye Beach Pharmacy

Rye

www.ryerx.com



Health & Beauty

Obstacle-Course Fitness

Grit Ninja

Pleasantville; www.thegritninja.com

Ever marvel at how the superhuman contestants on *American Ninja Warrior* conquer the show's impossible obstacles? The staff at this Pleasantville gym will show you how. Highly skilled ninjas who have competed on the NBC show will help you

(or your child) tackle the salmon ladder, warped wall, ropes, and rings — a dynamic and difficult workout that develops strength, agility, and killer confidence.

CrossFit Gym

CrossFit Valkyrie

Elmsford; www.crossfitvalkyrie.com

Several members of our staff have dropped by this outstanding Elmsford gym, so trust us when we say that this is one of the best places to go for a high-intensity sweat session. With top-notch coaching, courtesy of former Best of Westchester winner Zoey Utoko, as well as a host of other knowledgeable trainers, this is

an excellent spot to safely discover what the popular workout regimen is all about.

Place to Learn to Chill Out

TM Westchester

Katonah; www.tm.org/transcendental-meditation-westchester-county

Yes, TM is still a thing and actually on a huge upswing with recent medical research espousing its benefits. Headed by veterans Sam and Melody Katz, this is the place to learn to meditate your anxiety, insomnia, and other worries away while increasing concentration (used for students with ADD) and overall well-being.



Female-Centric Fitness Center

HealthyFit For Women

Mamaroneck; www.myhealthyfit.com

Billing themselves as “so much more than a gym,” this fitness community for females offers a personalized, supportive, and fun environment for women at all stages of their fitness journeys. With a goal of female empowerment, HealthyFit’s programs include personal training, group training, and Pilates and reformer classes, as well as its FitGirl program for girls ages 10-14. Bonus: A healthy-living coach is available

for nutrition and weight-loss consultations.

Spin-Class Instructor

Nadine Friedman at Ripped Ride
Eastchester; www.rippedride.com

For an invigorating sweat sesh, pedal away at this boutique spin studio alongside firecracker instructor Nadine Friedman. She is lauded for her infectious energy and ability to make all feel welcome in class — ensuring that beginners don’t feel intimidated and advanced riders feel challenged by her exhilarating and entertaining sessions.

Readers’ Picks Health & Beauty

Laser Hair Removal Bare Skin and Laser

Pleasantville
www.bareskinandlaser.com

Makeup Artist Jackie Fraioli

Larchmont
www.instagram.com/jackiefmua

Mani/Pedi Nail Spa

Elmsford
www.nailspaelsford.com

Massage Oasis Day Spa

Dobbs Ferry
www.oasisdayspanyc.com

Mind/Body Programs The Well Center

Armonk
www.thewellcenter.com

Physical Therapy Access Physical Therapy & Wellness

Armonk (plus three other county locations)
www.accessphysicaltherapywellness.com

New Salon (Opened 2019 or Later)

**Dryluxe
Beauty Bar**
Dobbs Ferry
www.dryluxe.com

New Spa (Opened 2019 or Later)

Glow Up Suite
Harrison
www.glowupsuite.com

Pressed Juices Green Life

Mamaroneck
www.greenlifeny.com

Salon

Josef Mikel Salon
Pleasantville
www.josefmikelsalon.com

Spray Tanning Eclipse Hair Body Nails

Tarrytown
www.eclipsehairbodynails.com

Workout PhatBurn

White Plains
www.phatburn.com

Yoga Studio Sweat Central

Scarsdale
www.sweatcentralny.com

Readers’ Pick

Yoga Teacher

Karen Young, Karen Young Yoga
(at Breaking Ground Dance Center)
Pleasantville; www.karenyoungyoga.com

Pilates Studio Rei Pilates

Harrison
www.reipilates.com

Personal Trainer

Sarah Pope, LifeTime
Harrison
www.lifetime.life



BoW 2020 Home & Garden

New Home Store

Fleur & Nest

Port Chester; www.fleurandnestbycarolyndempsey.com

The inaugural retail foray by longtime and well-regarded florist and event planner Carolyn Dempsey offers a thoughtfully curated, special selection of vases, vessels, candles, napkins, tabletop trinkets, and assorted giftware for the home. Dempsey has a terrific eye and stocks lovely hostess gifts.

Landscape Lighting

Design Lighting by Marks

Bedford; www.designlightingbymarks.com

Elegant lighting systems are the mainstay at Design Lighting by Marks, a 45-year-old business that offers landscape lighting design, installation, and maintenance services across Westchester. Known for its one-day, no-mess, no-hassle landscape lighting installation, the company also sells and installs home generators and can serve interior lighting needs, as well.

Budget-Friendly Cool Furnishings

The Loft at CW

Bedford Hills; www.countrywillow.com/the-loft

The Loft at CW features a bevy of reasonably priced merch in a variety of concepts that include Industrial and Urban Loft, Midcentury Modern, and Nordic for different areas of the home. Clean lines and design are the watchwords here, with value-added touches like white-glove delivery, 0% financing, and complimentary design services.

Mobile Car Wash

Birdie's Auto Spa

Rye; www.birdiesautospa.com

This auto spa takes "car wash" to another level, offering personalized and thorough care at the most convenient location imaginable — your home! Using an environmentally friendly low-pressure steam method, Birdie's also avoids waste-water run-off. Select from a menu of high-end services, make your appointment, and enjoy your white-glove clean and polished ride long past the ordinary car wash.

Custom Closets

California Closets

Hawthorne; www.californiaclosets.com

Making your walk-in HGTV-worthy is easy with a custom setup from California Closets, a decades-long leader in customized space management. The Hawthorne showroom offers an up-close look at the company's high-quality systems, unique finishes, and available accessories, as well as consultation services. Solutions for bedrooms, living rooms, home offices, garages, media rooms, and other functional spaces mean homeowners can divest themselves of domestic clutter and mess for good.

Exotic Botanicals

Mossy Fern

Hastings-on-Hudson; www.mossyfern.com

Houseplants are hot again, and finding exotic and unusual types to show off on Instagram got a lot easier in Westchester when Mossy Fern launched in August 2019. Rare plants, like Monstera Constellation and Baginda Silver Dragon, live alongside such standbys as ferns, palms, and fiddle-leaf figs at the cute Hastings shop. You'll also find outdoor plants, herbs, and garden supplies.



DIY Garden Kits

Plant Me a Rainbow

Edgemont; www.plantmearainbow.com

Look no further than Plant Me a Rainbow for the consummate DIY garden experience. Not only do cofounders Sandra Nam Cioffi and Meg Herndon offer phone consultations, they'll send you a Welcome Kit and Garden Kit that provide bed-prep and planting tools, step-by-step instructions, two standard layout and spacing options, and 100 sustainably sourced perennials.



Readers' Picks

Home & Garden

Antiques Store

Chatsworth
Antiques &
Consignments

www.chatsworthfurniture.com

Apartment Building

River Tides

Yonkers
www.gdc rentals.com/river-tides

Apartment Developer

Ginsburg Development
Companies

Valhalla
www.gdcllc.com

Architect

McC Architecture
Irvington

www.mcc-architecture.com



Closet Organizer

Haven

Yonkers
www.haven-ny.com

Condo/Co-op Tower Club

Tuckahoe
www.towerclubcondo.com

Fabric Shop

Pins & Needles

Mount Kisco
www.pinsandneedlesny.com

Flooring Shop

Carpet Trends

Rye
www.carpetrends.com

Frame Shop

Larchmont Art

Larchmont

Furniture Store

Country Willow

Bedford Hills
www.countrywillow.com

Garden Center

Rosedale Nurseries Inc.

Hawthorne
www.rosedalenurseries.com

General Contractor

M.A.K Construction Company

New Rochelle
www.makconstructioncompany.com

Hardware Store

Cornell's True Value Hardware

Eastchester
www.cornells.com

Home Accessories

Sarza

Rye
www.sarzastore.com

Home Stager

The Refreshed Home

White Plains
www.therefreshedhome.com

Interior Designer

KAM Design

Larchmont
www.kaminteriordesign.com

Kitchen/Bath Design

East Hill Cabinetry LLC

White Plains
www.easthillcabinetry.com

Kitchen/Bath Fixtures

Best Plumbing Tile & Stone

Scarsdale (plus four other county locations)
www.bestplg.com

Landscape Designer

Zavaglia Associates

Larchmont
www.zavaglia-associates.com

Light-Fixture Store

Hi-Light Lighting and Vanities

Yonkers
www.hilight.com

Moving Company

Collins Brothers Moving Corporation

Larchmont
www.collinsbros.com

Roofer

Franzoso Contracting

Croton-on-Hudson
www.franzoso.com

Swimming Pool Company

Coral Sea Pools

Briarcliff Manor
www.coralseapools.com

Tile Selection

Terra Tile & Marble

Briarcliff Manor
www.terratileandmarble.com

Tree Care

Westchester Tree Life Inc.

Chappaqua
www.westchestertreelife.com

Window Treatment Shop

Country Willow

Bedford Hills; www.countrywillow.com

BoW 2020 Shopping



Affordable Fashions

Whim Boutique

Bronxville/Mount Kisco; www.whimlove.com

In a sea of luxury shopping experiences, Whim Boutique is a breath of fresh air for shoppers who enjoy trend-driven looks without having to empty their pockets. Owner Vivian Hoffman curates the store's offerings to give shoppers Insta-worthy clothing, jewelry, handbags, and shoes. It's easy to shop the store's casual-yet-stylish items through their website, from their Instagram feed, or at either of their two Westchester locations.

New Women's Fashion Boutique

Love Bella

Rye

Located on Rye's main drag, this new entry has Westchester fashionistas buzzing. The second Love Bella location in the county (the other is in Larchmont; there's also a Charleston, SC, outpost) — offers the same fun mix of casual styles: flowy, brightly colored tops and dresses, along with perfect-for-summer accessories. With an always-on-point storefront display, Love Bella served its fans smartly during

lockdown, with appointment-only sessions, curbside pickup, free delivery, and even FaceTime shopping.

Handcrafted Jewelry/Accessories

Blue & May

Scarsdale; www.blueandmay.com

It can be hard to find something unique in the crowded jewelry market. Enter Blue & May's handcrafted designs and accessories, which showcase natural fibers, silver, stones, and raw leather, for a chic yet earthy look. The online shop also features textile art, including shawls, scarves, and wraps.



Contemporary Brands Selection

Fado

Katonah; www.shopfado.com

Seeking stylish, contemporary brands that are on-trend but don't want to make it look like you're trying too hard? Then chill-vibe Fado is your go-to spot. You'll find a to-die-for denim bar (AGOLDE, Citizens of Humanity, Jbrand, Levi's), plus a wide selection of relaxed and well-priced separates, including dresses, tees, sweaters, outerwear, intimates, and loungewear from cultish lines like James Perse, Sanctuary, and Free People, among others.

NYC-Style Wedding Dresses

Jessica Haley Bridal

Rye; www.jessicahaleybridal.com

Trendy brands that brides typically head to Manhattan for — including Reem Acra, Adam Zohar, and Alon Livne — would be reason enough to shop at this Rye newbie. But sisters Jessica Ulrich (who's also a wedding photographer) and Haley Visk aren't just obsessed with weddings and fashion; they're also gurus of providing personalized attention, whether you're shopping in-store or social distancing with a virtual-styling service.

Foodie Gifts

Phat Olive

Katonah; www.phatoliveoil.com

If you're looking to impress a foodie, this is the place to select your gift. At this chef-inspired shop/taproom, you can choose from a variety of ultra-premium extra-virgin olive oils and imported-from-Modena balsamics, as well as Hudson Valley-made goodies, like artisan jams, syrups, granolas, and organic doggie treats. Phat Olive also offers fun experiences, like food demos, nutritional lectures, and knife-skills workshops.

Party Favors

Cake Pops at The Poppery

Mount Kisco; www.the-poppery.com

The Poppery really puts the *pop* in cake pops. Lots of places trot out run-of-the-mill sticks sporting multicolored sprinkles and icings, but founder Alexa Esposito produces outside-the-box custom designs, including everything from Star Wars-themed, mermaid, and SpongeBob pops to taco pops, tuxedo pops (great for weddings), and even Trinidadian cigar pops.

Luxury Car-Buying Experience

Pepe Auto Group

White Plains; www.pepeautogroup.com

When it's time to turn heads with a new Porsche, Audi, or Mercedes-Benz, this trusted auto dealer with seven regional locations is widely regarded as the local standard-bearer. With a knowledgeable sales staff who easily walk buyers through the ins and outs of marquee brands, Pepe continues to earn its spot as the local go-to for luxury rides.

Readers' Picks Shopping

Athletic Shoes

Sneaker Lounge

Scarsdale

www.shopnyny.com

Auto Dealership

Maserati & Alfa Romeo of White Plains

www.maseratiusa.com

Consignment Shop

LUXE Luxury Labels

Armonk

www.facebook.com/luxeluxurylabels

Department Store*

Bloomingdale's

White Plains

locations.bloomingdales.com/white-plains

Evening Wear

Elephant's Trunk

Mount Kisco

www.elephantstrunk.com

Gift Shop

The Silk Road

Bronxville

www.thesilkroadny.com

Independent Bookstore

Village Bookstore

Pleasantville

www.thevillagebookstore.net

Jewelry Store

D'Errico Jewelry

Scarsdale and Mount Kisco

www.facebook.com/derricojewelry

Men's Shoe Store

Direct Kicks

Mamaroneck

www.directkicks.com



BoW 2020 Shopping

Customer Service

Landsberg Jewelers

Rye Brook; www.landsbergjewelers.com

Serving the community since 1948, Landsberg Jewelers purveys superior service to patrons at every budget level, proffering a carefully curated product line, which includes such illustrious designers as Gurhan, Mattoli, Jane Taylor, and Roberto Demeglio. Swiss expert watch repair, too.

Personalized Gift

Custom Sneakers at Skinz Time

West Harrison; www.skinztime.com

Upgrade this year's hottest footwear trend — sneakers in all forms (dad sneaker, anyone?) — with a custom design. Give West Harrison IT specialist John Visconti a pair of blank sneaks, and he'll return them intricately hand-painted with any design of your choosing (think floral, pop-culture, or local landmark). From bachelorette-party gift to a Valentine's Day surprise, these bespoke kicks are one-of-a-kind.



Urban-Chic Attire

Siren Boutique

Mamaroneck; www.sirenboutique.net

Looking for a trendy (yet reasonably priced) outfit that you don't have to worry about seeing on your neighbor at the next gathering? Siren is your destination for one-of-a-kind urban-chic clothing, jewelry, and accessories. Warning: This cozy shop is hard to leave, but when you do, you'll be giddy with your unique find.

Pearl Selection

R&M Woodrow Jewelers

Rye; www.woodrowjewelers.com

Diamonds may be a girl's best friend, but pearls are a woman's. This Rye mainstay of 35 years boasts a refined selection of pearls for its ever-

Cashmere

Palmer & Purchase

Larchmont and Rye; www.palmerandpurchase.com

This apparel-and-accessories shop offers a luxe yet affordable cashmere collection, including everything from boxy pullovers, simple dusters, and sweatshirts to travel-friendly toppers, wraps, and scarfs — available in both earth tones and rich hues. Buttery soft and warm, every piece is 100% cashmere, in 3-7-gauge knits, serving as a thoughtful and lavish gift for another or yourself.

elegant Westchester clientele: everything from simple stud earrings to single strand necklaces and multicolored freshwater pearl bracelets to white South Sea pearl rings, from an impressive roster of designers, including the legendary Mikimoto, Honora, and Buccellati.

Leggings

J'aime

Scarsdale; www.jaime.store

This Scarsdale-founded activewear brand from sister and brother Jamie and Vijay Karia boasts leggings for adults and children in colorful, creative patterns and handcrafted designs inspired by street and contemporary art. Plus, the socially conscious brand partners with foundations like Books for Kids and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, and creates custom collections, so customers can show their support in style.

Special-Occasion Dress Shopping

Lord & Taylor

Scarsdale; www.lordandtaylor.com

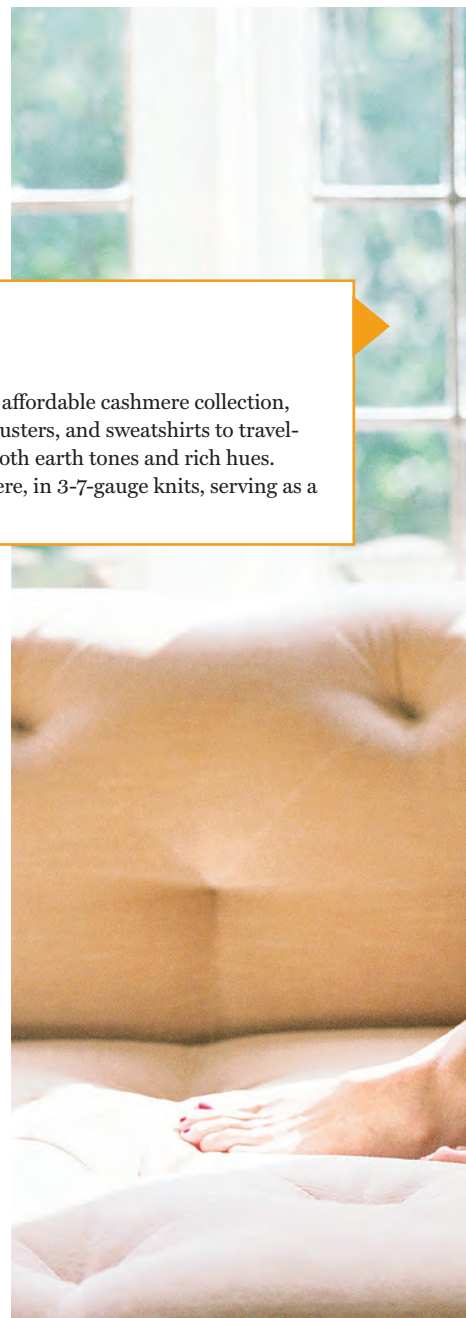
For a gala, wedding, or any event in between, this major retailer offers a robust and elegant selection of eveningwear, from brands like Vince Camuto, Betsy & Adam, and Basix. Designs including fit-for-a-princess organza ball gowns, sexy sequined dresses, conservative illusion A-line gowns, and slim-fit suits and sportcoats will affordably outfit anyone from the prom-bound high schooler to the mother-of-the-bride.

Classic Wine Shop

Rochambeau Wines & Liquors

Dobbs Ferry; www.rochambeauwines.com

What exactly makes Rochambeau a classic? Maybe it's the pedigree that comes with having been in business for more than 85 years. It could be the shelves full of famous French Bordeaux and Italian Brunello, as well as New World bottles of South African Chenin Blanc and dry Riesling from the Finger Lakes region. But likely, it's due in great part to the expertise of Jeff Woody, who provides thoughtful pairings and recommendations to help you ace Wine Wednesday (and any other day of the week).



Readers' Picks Shopping

Lingerie

Suzette's

Yonkers

www.suzettelingerie.com

Men's Boutique

Beginnings Bleus

Armonk

www.beginningsbleus.com

Music Store

Mike Risko Music School

Ossining

www.mikeriskomusicschool.com



**New Store
(Opened 2019 or Later)**
**Second Mouse
Cheese Shop**
Pleasantville
www.secondmousecheese.com

Optical Store
**Terri Optics
Eyewear Gallery**
Dobbs Ferry
www.terrioptics.com

Pet Supplies
Croton Pet Station
Croton-on-Hudson
www.crotonpetstation.com

Place to Buy Motorcycles
**Hudson Valley
Motorcycles**
Ossining
www.hudsonvalleymotorcycles.com

Shopping Center/Mall
The Westchester
White Plains
www.simon.com/mall/the-westchester

Ski Shop
Pedigree Ski Shop
White Plains/Bedford Hills
www.pedigreeskishop.com

Specialty Store (Non-Food)
The Observatory Shop
Hastings-on-Hudson
www.theobservatory.shop

Vintage Clothing Store
Trilogy Consignment
Tarrytown; www.consigntrilogy.com

Women's Boutique
Beginnings Boutique
Scarsdale
www.beginningbleus.com

Women's Shoe Store
Shoe-Inn
Scarsdale/Rye Brook
www.shoeinn.com

BoW 2020 Fun & Leisure

Refuel Spot for Cyclists

Tazza Café

www.tazzacafenyc.com

Each weekend, this welcoming coffee spot attracts more than its fair share of cyclists, with a location directly off a popular public bike path. Boasting superb brews, yummy snacks, a friendly staff, and an ample amount of outdoor seating, this café is also known for attracting a ton of cuddly dogs that accompany their java-drinking human companions.

Public Murals

Street Art for Mankind

www.streetartmankind.org

From multistory murals in downtown New Rochelle to colorful displays splashed across the wall of a Larchmont parking lot, Westchester has seen a Brooklyn-esque boom in street art recently. The most prolific curator of the medium in the county is Street Art for Mankind, a not-for-profit organization that's brought 22 murals to New Rochelle, Larchmont, Pelham, Mamaroneck, and Harrison, with handy maps and suggestions for stringing together an open-air walking tour available online.



Wine-Tasting Experience

Wine Geeks

Armonk; www.winegeeksarmonk.com

On select Saturdays, owners Derek and Carol Todd transform their gas station-turned-wine shop into an intimate classroom for a variety of tasting experiences dedicated to blind tasting, Spanish grapes, all kinds of bubbly, and more. With generous pours of

several wines, cheese pairings, and plenty of wisdom (that never feels stuffy), it's also a steal at just \$38 per person.

Night out for a Good Cause

An Evening in Good Taste at Feeding Westchester

White Plains; www.feedingwestchester.org/event/aegt

Each October, Feeding Westchester hosts this highly anticipated event, bringing together a couple of dozen of the county's top chefs, bakeries, and purveyors for a foodie fundraiser. And while the drinks, delicious bites, and desserts can be downright indulgent, guests can feel good about a little dietary splurge: Last year's event raised more than \$300,000 to provide 1.2 million meals for the 1 in 5 Westchesterites who are food insecure.

Earth-Day Event

Ossining Earth Day Festival

Ossining; www.greenossining.org

This year's event was postponed until September because of the COVID-19 outbreak, but the Ossining Earth Day Festival has been a signature April event for the past 10 years. Held at Louis Engel Waterfront Park, this large festival includes food, hands-on activities, eco-demonstrations, and live music — all in celebration of Mother Earth. While the fun factor is high, it also has a serious mission: exploring, prioritizing, and sharing green methods and practices for everyday life.

Luxury Fleet

Armonk Limo

Armonk; www.armonklimo.com

Sure, we all love the convenience of Uber, but sometimes you need to up your transportation game — and that's where Armonk Limo comes in. With a 23-year reputation of excellence, many Westchesterites trust the company with all their corporate- and executive-transportation needs. A fleet of amenity-



laden, luxurious vehicles, top-notch drivers, and convenient services (including an easy-to-use booking app) keep customers coming back.

Underground Music & Booze

The Speakeasy at Post Wine & Spirits

Larchmont; www.postwineandspirits.com

Westchester boasts an outstanding speakeasy in this elegant nook tucked away in a Larchmont basement below Post Wine & Spirits. The proprietors have been known to book music groups of varying genres whom patrons can watch for a small donation while sipping top-tier liquor and truly creative cocktails, some of which can be sampled for free.



Readers' Pick

Annual Festival
Pleasantville Music Festival
 Pleasantville
www.pleasantvillemusicfestival.com

Readers' Picks Fun & Leisure

Adult Dance Classes

Rivertown Dance Company
 Tarrytown
www.rivertowndanceacademy.org

Art Gallery

ArtsWestchester
 White Plains
www.artswestchester.org

Cigar Shop

Doc James Cigar Lounge
 Mamaroneck
www.docjames2.com

Comedy Night

White Plains Comedy Club
 White Plains
www.whiteplainscomedy.com

Place for a Date Night

Zwilling Cooking Studio
 Pleasantville
www.zwillingcookingstudio.com

Event Space

The Capitol Theatre
 Port Chester
www.thecapitoltheatre.com

Girls' Night Out

Cladies Night, Clay Art Center
 Port Chester
www.clayartcenter.org

Happy Hour

The Brazen Fox
 White Plains
www.thebrazenfox.com

Hike/Bike Trail

Rockefeller State Park Preserve
 Pleasantville; www.parks.ny.gov

Historic Site

Glenview at the Hudson River Museum
 Yonkers
www.hrm.org

Hotel*

The Ritz-Carlton New York, Westchester
 White Plains
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Kayaking & Paddleboarding

**Hudson River Riders Program
at Yonkers Paddling & Rowing Club**

Yonkers; www.hudsonriverriders.org

Helping underserved and disadvantaged local communities enjoy some well-deserved fun on the water, this Yonkers organization with a good heart offers free kayaking and paddleboarding, as well as environmental education and recreational access through a host of programs, ranging from sea kayaking to race training, June through September.

Innovative Programming

Hudson Stage Company

Croton-on-Hudson; www.hudsonstage.org

Whether it's staging groundbreaking, Pulitzer Prize-winning plays, like David Auburn's *Proof*, or impactful world premieres, like Juilliard-trained playwright Joshua Allen's work *The October Storm*, the Hudson Stage Company has been bringing innovative, top-tier drama to Westchester since 1999, all while working conscientiously to feature regionally based actors, directors, writers, and designers.

Scenic Stroll

Lasdon Park Arboretum

Katonah; www.lasdonpark.org

Unwind and renew at one of the most scenic environs Westchester has to offer. The 235-acre park comprises an arboretum, formal gardens, and the Westchester County Veterans Museum — though the best reason to wander Lasdon may just be the elegant glass conservatory, in which explorers will find a host of eye-catching tropical plants.

Event Florist

Damselfly Designs

White Plains; www.damselflydesigns.net

The team at Damselfly are known not only for their creativity but also for their cheerful friendliness, lovingly curating the most eye-popping arrangements for any affair. *Perk alert:* We especially love how they utilize common, found, or seasonal items in their arrangements in very unique ways.

Coffee Subscription

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Port Chester; www.pathcoffee.com

Choice is the defining quality of owner Jason Richter's subscription service, which comes in five freshly roasted options: Roaster's Choice, Synchronic Decaf, Feather In Cap Blend espresso, Crosshatch Drip Blend, and Nocturnal Dark Roast. In addition to customizing frequency, subscribers can select just the right grind for pour-over, French press, cold brew, and more (or go for whole beans), while receiving discounts and points for future purchases.



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BoW 2020 Kids



Indoor Play Space

Tig & Peach

Pelham; www.tigandpeach.com

Chicly styled Tig & Peach offers an aesthetically pleasing respite from the typical loud and overstimulated kids' play space. Whether choosing the membership or open-play option, parents and their littles will enjoy the STEAM-friendly magnet wall, custom-designed indoor playground, art room, and wooden tent, as well as parent-child classes that include sign language, English/Spanish music, art and movement, and yoga. The center also hosts parenting seminars and other community-building events.

Micro-Boutique

Trendmat

Millwood; www.shoptrendmat.com

This defunct Fotomat-turned-accessories-haven gives a whole new meaning to the phrase "shop small." In the 30 sq. ft. space (not a typo), shoppers can find trendy costume jewelry, handmade bracelets, printed headbands, and purses for women — especially teens and girls. Owner Sarah Stocker Shapiro hand-selects all products for her trendy collection.

Designer Kids' Clothing

little rags & riches

Armonk; www.littleragsandriches.com

When mass-market kids' clothes just won't do, it's Little Rags & Riches to the rescue. This Armonk boutique (and e-commerce site) offering pint-size high fashion from international designers, including Monnalisa, Sonia Rykiel, and Junior Gaultier, as well as upcoming labels, like Fun&Fun and Mummymoon, for infants through teens. A beautiful shoe line, plus some toys and gifts, round out the offerings.

Tennis Instructor

Martin Byrne at Yonkers Tennis Center

Yonkers; www.yonkerstennis.com

With more than 20 years' experience, Martin Byrne shares with newbies and pros at YTC his impressive knowledge of the sport (he is also USTA Net Generation certified and was a NJCAA National singles champion and doubles finalist). Through private and semi-private lessons, he helps improve technique and skill, and players enjoy his enthusiastic nature and goal-oriented approach.

Performing-Arts Program

Sandbox Theatre

Mamaroneck; www.wstshows.com

Inspiring creativity in kids is no easy task, but don't tell that to the drama maestros over at Mamaroneck's Sandbox Theatre, who make it seem simple. Founded in 2008, the theater has long been known for bringing out kids' inner stars, thanks to a year-round program of inventive productions, fun camps, and fascinating classes, all tailored to the needs of budding performers.

Pottery-Painting Classes

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Rainy-Day Fun

D.I.Y. Slime

Larchmont; www.diyslimeshopny.com

Skip the trashed kitchen and let the kids go nuts on a rainy day at the new D.I.Y. Slime shop in Larchmont. This genius idea comes courtesy of local mompreneurs Stacey Sarver and Nicole Fiftal, who wanted to create "a fun place for kids to be creative" while scoring points with parents. At D.I.Y. Slime, you get the instructions and ingredients to make slime, including more than 40 varieties with 75 add-ins — everything from gold leaf to cotton-candy scented to glow-in-the-dark pigment.

Party Time!

Sweet Birthday Party

**Birthday Baking Party at
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Pelham; www.flowerbake.com

Parents won't need to clean sprinkles off the floor, thanks to Angela Scalamogna, who hosts kid-friendly baking parties in a private room at her pretty-as-a-picture Pelham bakery. A variety of customizable experiences for ages 5+, include cake, cookie, or cupcake decorating, with hands-on instruction on frosting, working with fondant (unicorn cake, anyone?), and plenty of sprinkles, as well as themed party décor and pizza, so parents won't have to worry about a thing.

Beauty Bash

Sparklicious

Mount Kisco; www.sparklicious.com

Indulge your mini-beauty mogul with a party from Sparklicious that allows them to create from scratch their own lipglosses, sugar scrubs, body butters, and soaps. Parties vary based on age range: 3- to 5-year-olds can enjoy sparkle manicures, hair glam, like feathers or jewels, and making their own lotions, while cosmetic queens in their teens can revel in a makeup lesson and application from a professional makeup artist.



Sleepover Party

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Backyard Sports Cares

White Plains; www.backyardsportscare.org

Pairing special-needs kids with youth of varying socioeconomic backgrounds, Backyard Sports Cares offers programs for ages 5-15 at Purchase College in addition to after-school programs in communities across the county. The professionally designed curriculum pairs each special-needs student with a student/coach or high school peer mentor to create a physically active one-on-one environment where students and mentors can learn about each other.

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Nestled between a beauty spa and furniture store at the Eastchester Mall, KUMO is arguably one of Westchester County's best sushi spots for five years and counting. The restaurant seats about 150 people and offers meticulously assembled omakase platters made with fresh fish from the famous Toyko fish market in Japan. Another key element to KUMO's allure is the restaurant's substantial bar area that bustles with an energetic happy hour crew enjoying phenomenal cocktails and tasty small bites every day of the week.

"We created an ambiance with decor and design that would compliment our stylist food", said Dong. He continued, "We're working now to translate that to outdoor and at-home dining and recently came out with a line of signature "KUMO Cocktails ToGo" in elevated takeout packaging. Our catering business has taken a hit so we're working to develop new partnerships that will allow us to continue to reach new customers in more areas."

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Tony Takeout

A silver lining of the pandemic restrictions is that takeout and delivery options have broadened beyond pizza, wings, and Chinese. Such fine restaurants as White Plains' Kanopi (www.kanopievents.com/kanopiathome) have special takeout/delivery menus, proffering handmade pastas and sauces as well as artisan cocktails (e.g., the pink pineapple margarita shown above).

Thanks to Kanopi's Chef Anthony Goncalves for enabling some very classy home dining!

PHOTOS BY ANDREA GONCALVES

A stylish jewel box on Warburton Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson's Boro6 Wine Bar has a lot going for it, from the roughly 40 by-the-glass wines to the shareable menu of salads, sandwiches, toasts, and cheese-and-charcuterie boards assembled behind the long, U-shaped marble bar.

"[Before opening] we traveled to Tuscany and Liguria with another family," recalls Paul Molakides, who opened Boro6 with his wife, Jennifer Aaronson, in 2016. "Handcrafted cheeses, meats, simple wines, negroni, wine o'clock — Jenn and [our friend] Nicole cooked so much that we rarely ate out. Boro6 was born in those Italian hills. We never entertained the idea of hot food."

Many customers fell hard for the wine bar's simple-is-better menu and high-design digs, but others "saw us as a 'not real food' kind of place," says Molakides. "Maybe you start or finish your evening here, but you can't make a meal out of meat and cheese." So, in early 2019, when the adjacent real estate office became vacant, Molakides and Aaronson decided to expand and open B6 Kitchen, a takeout-only shop with a full kitchen to serve the restaurant (Boro6 has only a hot plate and toaster oven) and retail space for the antique dishware, glasses, and other items Aaronson has a knack for collecting.

Slated to debut in September, the opening was accelerated by COVID-19. "As the pandemic started, we reacted the best we knew how. We closed [Boro6], then we reopened, then we closed [again]," says Molakides. Ultimately, Aaronson pushed for the wine bar to remain open, with a takeout-oriented menu that would help the business survive shelter-in-place while serving the community and providing wages to employees.

"But how many prosciutto sandwiches can you eat? We needed hot food," says Molakides. B6 Kitchen was close to opening but hadn't yet had inspections. Surprisingly, the health department was still scheduling appointments, and Molakides and Aaronson were able to open in April.

Takeout offerings launched with family-style comfort foods, like harissa-rubbed roast chicken, red-wine-braised short ribs, Yukon Gold-parsnip purée, panko-topped mac 'n' cheese, and a trio of burgers, including a special, beefy blend of ground brisket, chuck, and 18-month-aged prosciutto.

Also planned is a wide variety of pantry items, many of which are ingredients on the Boro6 menu, including pole-caught American tuna, Gotham Coffee Roasters beans, olives, and bread from NYC's Sullivan Street Bakery. House-made offerings will include jams, preserves, and nut butters; soups and salads; fresh pasta; and gin-cured gravlax. —Samantha Garbarini

PREVIEW
B6 Kitchen

547 Warburton Ave
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Clockwise: roasted half-chickens are antibiotic free and prepared with a different spice rub each week; the burger is made with house-ground brisket and chuck plus 10% ground 18-month prosciutto; fideuà with sautéed shrimp, chorizo, and peas in a tomato broth; grilled DemKota Ranch prime hanger steak nestled in chimichurri



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Soul Man

Inspired by small European village breweries in Belgium and Germany, a home brewer opens a craft tap house in Pleasantville.

By Abbe Wichman

When Allan Wallace opened Soul Brewing Company in March, the snug place represented “an intentionally different business model than other breweries,” he says. The beers he brews are made to be enjoyed in the taproom, and while people can buy 32-ounce cans and growlers to go, Soul Brewing is the only place right now to find the beer.

“When I decided to move from being a home brewer into opening a business, this is what I gravitated toward,” he explains. “I wanted to open something simple and close to home.”

Wallace's goal is to have approximately a half-dozen beers available at all times, maxing out at 10. His three “regulars” are a Belgian Blonde Ale made with honey from Hudson River Apiaries in Cortlandt; a British-style Empire Pale Ale, brewed with New York hops and malt; and the El Tropical IPA, which Wallace describes as “hazy and creamy.” There are seasonal and “experimental” beers in the rotation, as well. Wallace recently offered an oatmeal stout infused with cold-brewed coffee made from beans from neighboring Black Cow. In summer months, there are fruity goses (a sour wheat beer) to quaff. The tasting room provides an opportunity for customers to enjoy flights of beer to sample different styles.

There are a number of snacks being served along with the beer — Bavarian pretzels from Katonah's LMNOP Bakery, empanadas from Croton's Baked by Susan, and charcuterie and cheese from neighbor Second Mouse Cheese. “I love having a mom-and-pop-type of brewery here,” says Wallace. “And I'm glad to have the chance to pair with local, small production and artisanal shops that are doing the same types of things I'm doing here.”

Beer is available for pickup in 64-oz growlers and 32-oz cans Wednesday and Thursday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Orders can be placed ahead by phone (914.800.7685) or e-mail (info@soulbrewingco.com) and will be ready for pickup at the front door, curbside. Delivery within Pleasantville is also offered.

At press time, the taproom remained closed to sit-down business, as mandated by the state.

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TABLE MATTERS

Dining Scene News & Notes

Kanopi Restaurant's perch high atop the Ritz-Carlton in White Plains may be temporarily closed, but you can still enjoy Chef Anthony Goncalves top-rated dishes via **Kanopi at Home** (1 Renaissance Sq, White Plains; 914.761.4242; www.kanopievents.com/kanopiathome). The menu includes in-house-butchered organic meats, handmade pastas (e.g., semolina thick spaghetti, whole-wheat garganelli) and sauces (e.g., Marcona-almond pesto, mushroom Bolognese), focaccia garlic bread, veggie kebabs, a superlative Portuguese rice pudding, and even artisan cocktails. Orders are filled Thursdays and Fridays, require an \$85 minimum, and curbside pickup or delivery (to much of Westchester and Fairfield) is available.

Kudos to those souls so bold as to debut a restaurant during a pandemic:

—The city of Peekskill has two: **Whiskey River** (38 N Division St; 914.293.7550; www.whiskeyriverny.com), a craft-cocktail-and-whiskey specialist that opened in the space formerly occupied by McDonald & Peacock Cider House, and **Apropos Restaurant & Bar** (Abbey Inn & Spa, 900 Fort Hill Rd; 914.739.3546; www.aproposrestaurant.com), a farm-to-table restaurant located within a 42-room hotel and spa.

—Also launching during COVID-19 was **Jack's Bar & Restaurant** (219 Main St, Eastchester; 914.652.7650; www.jackseastchester.com), in the location that previously held Casa Brusco. The menu is British-pub-inspired, with a pork-and-leek sausage roll, Scotch egg, Irish lamb stew, chicken tikka masala, wood-fired Irish pizza (white Irish cheddar, hash browns, Irish sausage, Irish blood pudding, and Irish bacon on a Heinz baked beans base), and sticky toffee pudding.

—Finally, inside a garden center is a new coffee shop and market selling local foodstuffs, **The Farmer's Grind** (Copia Home & Garden, 475 Smith Ridge Rd, South Salem; 914.533.7139; www.facebook.com/farmersgrind).

Founded in 1996, the top-rated **Pie Lady & Son** (125 Main St, Nyack) closed permanently in April.

Wegmans Food Market (106-110 Corporate Drive Park, Harrison; www.wegmans.com) has moved its opening date to sometime in the fall. The original opening was scheduled for June 7.

Also rescheduled from June is this magazine's annual **Wine & Food Festival** (www.winefood.westchestermagazine.com). The new dates are September 22 to 27.

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NOTE: As of press time, all county restaurants were closed to interior sit-down dining and outdoor dining had just been announced (contact specific restaurants to check outdoor dining status). Some, however, remained open for delivery and/or pickup, which we have indicated at the end of each listing.

KEY TO SYMBOLS

UPDATE We note any significant changes.
\$ Average entrée \$14 or less
\$\$ Average entrée between \$15 and \$21
\$\$\$ Average entrée between \$22 and \$27
\$\$\$\$ Average entrée \$28 or more

TOP 36 Top Restaurant from our December 2017 cover feature

RESTAURANT REVIEWS

Reviewers judge restaurants in three categories: Food, Service, and Atmosphere. Reviewers dine anonymously and make at least two visits.

★★★★ Excellent ★★★ Good ★★ Average ★ Poor
Prices, hours, and specialties are provided by the restaurants and are subject to change. Calling to confirm days and hours is recommended. Restaurants accept major credit cards unless otherwise noted. Some of the restaurants in this guide are *Westchester Magazine* advertisers.

Ardasley

LA CATENA Italian \$\$\$

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

TOP 36 L'INIZIO Italian \$\$\$\$

Husband-wife team Scott and Heather Fratangelo run the kitchen at this Modern Italian restaurant serving creative appetizers and some of the county's best pastas. 698 Saw Mill River Rd, Ardsley; 914.693.5400; www.linizio.com
Pickup/Delivery

Armonk

AMORE Italian \$\$

The Mazzotta family creates simple Italian dishes — brick-oven-style pizza, traditional pastas — in downtown Armonk. The outdoor terrace, with its nearby stream and working garden, is one of the county's most scenic dining spots. 1 Kent Pl, Armonk; 914.273.3535; www.amorearmonk.com **Pickup/Delivery**

BEEHIVE RESTAURANT Continental \$\$\$

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

TOP 36 FORTINA Italian/Pizza \$\$

Homegrown celebrity chef Christian Petroni runs this mini-empire of buzzy wood-fired restaurants (with an additional location in Stamford) serving expertly roasted vegetables, fresh pastas, and thin-crust pizzas (try the truffle-topped Luigi Bianco). 17 Maple Ave, Armonk; 914.273.0900; 136 S Ridge St, Rye Brook; 914.937.0900; 1086 N Broadway, Yonkers; 914.358.3595; www.fortinapizza.com **Pickup/Delivery**

KITCHEN 273 New American \$\$\$

The menu at this Armonk spot boasts Mediterranean and American influences while focusing on locally sourced ingredients. Dishes include shrimp and polenta, chicken Milanese, and rib-eye entrecôte. Closed Mon. 11 Bedford Rd, Armonk; 914.273.7909; www.kitchen273.com **Temporarily Closed**



KOKU Japanese \$\$\$

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

TOP 36 MODERNE BARN

New American \$\$\$\$
Chef Ethan Kostbar uses natural, local ingredients at this New American restaurant with Mediterranean touches from the Livanos Restaurant Group (City Limits Diner). \$20 two-course express lunch. 430 Bedford Rd, Armonk; 914.730.0001; www.modernebarn.com **Pickup/Delivery**

Bedford

BEDFORD 234 New American \$\$\$

Food ★★★★★ Service ★★★★★ Atmosphere ★★★★★ (09/15)
More than 20 local farms and purveyors supply the ingredients for the globally inspired seasonal comfort food served at this chic Bedford restaurant. Reservations are not accepted. 635 Old Post Rd, Bedford; 914.234.5656; www.bedford234.com **Pickup**

Briarcliff Manor

SQUIRE'S Pub \$\$

Burgers and classic steaks are the thing to order at this tavern, serving the local community since 1967. Amex credit cards only. 94 N State Rd, Briarcliff Manor; 914.762.3376; www.squiresofbriarcliff.com **Pickup**

Bronxville

GORDY'S BURGER HOUSE American \$\$

Family-owned for more than 50 years, this intimate burger joint serves up char-grilled Angus beef, strip steaks, Buffalo wings, and broiled salmon, among other dishes. 502 New Rochelle Rd, Bronxville; 914.664.8974; www.gordysburgerhouse.com
Pickup/Delivery

Chappaqua

TOP 36 CRABTREE'S KITTLE HOUSE

New American \$\$\$\$
Chef Beau Widener uses locally sourced ingredients to create seasonal dishes in the formal dining room and elevated bar food at the Old World Tap Room. The Grand Award-winning wine cellar houses 40,000+ bottles. 11 Kittle Rd, Chappaqua; 914.666.8044; www.crabtreeskittlehouse.com **Pickup**

IBIZA KITCHEN Spanish \$ (tapas)/\$\$ (entrées)

Food ★★★★★ Service ★★★★★ Atmosphere ★★ (07/19)
At this tapas-centric Chappaqua spot from the owners of Ibiza Tapas in Danbury, the shareable small plates include plenty of clearly designated vegan and vegetarian options. Closed Mon. 76 King St, Chappaqua; 914.458.5044; www.izidakitchen.net
Pickup/Delivery

Croton-on-Hudson

TOP 36 OCEAN HOUSE Seafood \$\$\$\$

Self-taught chef Brian Galvin transformed a tiny diner into this 30-seat, dinner-only oyster bar and grill with an emphasis on New England-style seafood dishes. Call after 4:30 p.m. for same-day reservations. Closed Sun and Mon. 49 N Riverside Ave, Croton-on-Hudson; 914.271.0702; www.oceanhouseoysterbar.com **Temporarily Closed**

Dobbs Ferry

SUSHI MIKE'S Japanese \$\$

Hugely popular for its special sushi rolls (the Out of Control is a favorite), this neighborhood Japanese restaurant is often packed. 146 Main St, Dobbs Ferry; 914.591.0054; www.sushimikes.com **Pickup**

TOP 36 THE COOKERY Italian \$\$\$

This progressive Italian restaurant from Chef David DiBari serves some of the county's most creative fare, with an emphasis on pork, fresh pasta, and offal. Closed Mon. 39 Chestnut St, Dobbs Ferry; 914.305.2336; www.thecookeryrestaurant.com
Pickup/Delivery

TOP 36 THE PARLOR Pizza \$\$

The brick-and-mortar incarnation of the popular DoughNation pizza truck, here is where you look for a selection of unique pizzas, featuring housemade ingredients, plus wood-fired appetizers, wine on tap, and house-bottled cocktails. Closed Mon. 14 Cedar St, Dobbs Ferry; 914.478.8200; www.theparlordf.com **Pickup/Delivery**

THE RARE BIT Gastropub \$\$\$

Chef Evan Kalogiannis offers comfort food and a handful of British-inspired offerings. Vegan and gluten-free options available. Closed Mon. 23 Cedar St, Dobbs Ferry; 914.693.8000; www.therarebitdf.com
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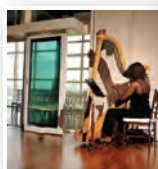
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TOP 36 BURRATA *Pizza* \$\$
Some of the county's best Neapolitan pies come from this Eastchester pizzeria that's also home to excellent pasta and well-crafted cocktails. 425 White Plains Rd, Eastchester; 914.337.3700; www.burratapizza.com **Pickup/Delivery**

GIGANTE RESTAURANT & BAR
New American \$\$\$\$
From the same group that brought us Mulino's of Westchester, Gigante serves up Italian-influenced, New American cuisine. Closed Mon. 660 White Plains Rd, Eastchester; 914.961.1001; www.giganterestaurant.com **Pickup/Delivery**

PIPER'S KILT *Pub* \$
A county institution, this classic pub serves cold pints, ethereal onion rings, and pretty-near-perfect burgers. Kitchen hours every day until midnight. 433 White Plains Rd, Eastchester; 914.779.5772; www.piperskilt.com **Pickup**

TOP 36 POLPETTINA *Italian* \$\$
On the menu: eggplant chips with wildflower honey, thin-crust and grandma-style pizza, and pasta in truffle carbonara or white Bolognese. 102 Fisher Ave, Eastchester; 914.961.0061; 147 Larchmont Ave, Larchmont; 914.341.1460; www.polpettina.com **Pickup/Delivery (Eastchester location only)**

Elmsford

RAASA *Indian* \$\$
Translating to the "essence of life," RaaSa offers Indian cuisine from New Delhi native Chef Peter Beck. Dishes include tandoori shrimp, *korma lazeez* (grilled chicken simmered in saffron cashew sauce), and *murgh anarkali* (ground chicken patties in green masala sauce). 145 E Main St, Elmsford; 914.347.7890; www.raasany.com **Pickup/Delivery**

SHIRAZ KITCHEN *Persian* \$\$\$
Named for the Iranian city, Shiraz serves dishes representative of the region, including saffron chicken kebab and rainbow trout with dill-and-fava-bean basmati rice. Closed Mon. 83 E Main St, Elmsford; 914.345.6111; www.shirazkitchen.com **Pickup**

Harrison

TOP 36 273 KITCHEN *Mediterranean* \$\$\$
Food ★★★★★ Service ★★★★★
Atmosphere ★★★★★ (10/15)
Chef Constantine Kalandranis (8 North Broadway in Nyack) runs this 35-seat, seafood-heavy, small-plates Mediterranean bistro. \$48 prix fixe includes three courses and dessert. 273 Halstead Ave, Harrison; 914.732.3333; www.273kitchen.com **Pickup/Delivery**

WELLINGTON'S GRILL *American* \$\$\$
Three cuts of prime rib are among the specialties at this Harrison stalwart. Expect other American standards, too, like burgers, dry-rubbed ribs, and fresh lobster rolls. 110 Halstead Ave, Harrison; 914.315.1532; www.wellingtonsgrill.com **Pickup/Delivery**

Hartsdale

GRANITA CUCINA & BAR *Italian* \$\$\$
In the space where Frankie & Fanucci's used to be, this new restaurant from Eight Ten Hospitality Group offers Modern Italian fare, including fresh pasta, wood-fired pizza, and entrées like branzino and pork Milanese. 202 E Hartsdale Ave, Hartsdale; 914.725.8420; www.granitany.com **Pickup/Delivery**

O MANDARIN *Chinese* \$\$
Food ★★ Service ★★ Atmosphere ★★★★★ (03/18)
Crispy-skinned Peking duck, scallion bubble pancakes, and thousand layer tofu, are among the menu highlights at this 2019 Best of Westchester-winning Mandarin restaurant with transporting interior design. 361 N Central Ave, Hartsdale; 914.437.9168; www.omandarin.com **Pickup/Delivery**

VEGA MEXICAN *Mexican* \$
In this modern space, expect traditional Mexican dishes, like tacos, chimichangas, fajitas, and burritos. Signature meals include shrimp diablo, chili rellenos, and carnitas. 189 E Hartsdale Ave, Hartsdale; 914.723.0010; www.vegamexican.com **Pickup/Delivery**

Hastings-on-Hudson

BORO6 Wine Bar \$\$
Food ★★★★★ Service ★★★★★ Atmosphere ★★★★★ (05/17)
Inspired by trips to Italy, restaurant vet Paul Molakides and Jennifer Aaronson (formerly an editor for Martha Stewart) opened this *enoteca*, with more than 30 wines by the glass and light, simple plates. Closed Mon. 549 Warburton Ave, Hastings-on-Hudson; 914.231.9200; www.boro6winebar.com **Pickup/Delivery**

HARVEST ON HUDSON
Italian \$\$\$\$
Boasting stellar Hudson River views, this elegant restaurant offers traditional Italian fare. The menu includes seafood towers, Hudson Valley rabbit scarpriello, and risotto made with spicy sausage, shrimp, and caciocavallo. 1 River St, Hastings-on-Hudson; 914.478.2800; www.harvesthudson.com **Pickup**

TOP 36 SAINT GEORGE *French* \$\$\$\$
At this contemporary French bistro from Chef Chris Vergara (Harper's in Dobbs Ferry), don't miss the all-French wine list and absinthe fountain. Closed Mon. 155 Southside Ave, Hastings-on-Hudson; 914.478.1671; www.saintgeorgebistro.com **Pickup/Delivery**

SAKURA GARDEN JAPANESE *Japanese* \$\$
Find authentic Japanese at this Rivertown gem, offering high-quality hibachi, sushi, sashimi, and more. 531 Warburton Ave, Hastings-on-Hudson; 914.478.1978; www.sakurahastings.com **Pickup/Delivery**

Hawthorne

THREE LITTLE PIGS BBQ *Barbecue* \$
Marc Mazzarulli, formerly of Opus 465 and Marc Charles Steakhouse in Armonk, is the chef of this 'cue joint serving dry-rubbed meats and classic sides. Mazzarulli also runs catering company Wild Westchester BBQ. Closed Sun and Mon. 481 Commerce St, Hawthorne; 914.747.2480; www.threelittlepigsbbqofhawthorne.com **Pickup/Delivery**

TRAMONTO *Italian* \$\$\$
This Hawthorne mainstay located right off the Saw Mill River Parkway offers a selection of pasta, pizza, salad, and dinners like short ribs braised in pomegranate juice, veal marsala, and brick pressed roasted chicken. 27 Saw Mill River Rd, Hawthorne; 914.347.8220; www.tramontos.com **Pickup/Delivery**

Irvington

TOP 36 CHUTNEY MASALA *Indian* \$\$
The popular Indian bistro from Chef Navjot Arora boasts a menu that features tried-and-true options, like a myriad of curries. 76 Main St, Irvington; 914.591.5500; www.chutneymasala.com **Pickup/Delivery**

TOP 36 MIMA VINOTECA *Italian* \$\$\$\$
The owners of Zuppa in Yonkers run this trattoria serving Italian "home-cooking" and some of the county's best salumi. 20 wines offered by the glass. 63 Main St, Irvington; 914.591.1300; www.mimarestaurant.com **Pickup/Delivery**

TOP 36 MP TAVERNA *Greek* \$\$\$
Michael Psilakis is the award-winning executive chef at this Modern Greek restaurant in Irvington. Traditional roasted whole lamb, goat, suckling pig, and more available with five-days' notice. 1 Bridge St, Irvington; 914.231.7854; www.michaelpsilakis.com **Pickup/Delivery**

SAMBAL *Thai/Malay* \$\$
In the space that was Chutney Masala, chef-owner Navjot Arora operates this Southeast Asian restaurant with a handful of Malaysian plates and unobstructed Hudson River views. 4 W Main St, Irvington; 914.478.2700; www.sambalny.com **Temporarily Closed**

Katonah

JAY STREET CAFÉ *All-Day Café* \$\$
From the owners of The Whitlock comes this casual café, with offerings like challah French toast and grapefruit brûlée for breakfast and flattop patty burgers for lunch. Dinner Thurs-Sat. Closed Mon. 63 Katonah Ave, Katonah; 914.488.9700; www.jaystreetcafe.com **Temporarily Closed**

PEPPINO'S RISTORANTE *Northern Italian* \$\$\$
Lots of regulars come to this family-owned (since 1991) restaurant to sit at candlelit tables and dine on dishes like veal Sorrentino and steak pizzaiola. 116 Katonah Ave, Katonah; 914.232.3212; www.peppinosristorante.com **Pickup**

TENGDA ASIAN BISTRO *Pan-Asian* \$\$\$
Sushi, poke, and sashimi share menu space with seafood-curry hot pots, crispy duck, and stir-fried noodles at this bistro. Closed Mon. 286 Katonah Ave, Katonah; 914.232.3900; www.tengdakatonah.com **Pickup**



THE WHITLOCK, KATONAH

THE WHITLOCK

New American \$\$\$

Food ★★ Service ★★ Atmosphere ★★½ (02/18)

The Cookery alums Matt and Christina Safarowicz serve seasonal, locally sourced fare, including silky pastas, bone-marrow-laced French onion soup, and crispy pork belly at this neighborhood restaurant. Closed Mon. 17 Katonah Ave, Katonah; 914.232.8030; www.thewhitlockny.com **Pickup**

Larchmont

TOP 36

CORIANDER MODERN INDIAN

Indian \$\$\$

This stylish restaurant features locally sourced ingredients and bold Indian flavors, plus craft beer and organic wines. Closed Mon. 154 Larchmont Ave, Larchmont; 914.235.1306; www.corilanderny.com **Pickup**

TOP 36

DURIAN Thai \$\$\$

Named for the pungent Asian fruit, Durian serves authentic Thai cuisine (less sticky sugar, more bright acidity) featuring lesser-known ingredients, such as sweet sticky rice with its namesake fruit. Closed Mon. 147 Chatsworth Ave, Larchmont; 914.833.1900; www.durianthaifood.com **Pickup/Delivery**

LA LA TAQUERIA Taqueria \$

Enjoy tacos, quesadillas, and margs at this Los Angeles-style taqueria, which features communal picnic tables and a chill ambience. Closed Mon. 150 Larchmont Ave, Larchmont; 914.834.2244; www.lalataqueria.com **Pickup/Delivery**

Mamaroneck

IL CASTELLO Mediterranean/Italian \$\$\$

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

LE PROVENÇAL BISTRO French \$\$\$

This bistro seating 80 serves French classics like duck confit, beef Bourguignon, and venison medallions. Save room for the crème brûlée and tarte Tatin. 436 Mamaroneck Ave, Mamaroneck; 914.777.2324; www.provençalbistro.com **Pickup/Delivery**

MAPLE & ROSE All-Day Café \$\$

Food ★★ Service ★★½ Atmosphere ★★ (03/20)
Previously an upscale catering company, Maple & Rose serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner at its new café, open daily. The menus reflect seasonal dishes and include local ingredients. 690 Mamaroneck Ave, Mamaroneck; 914.222.4151; www.maplerosecafe.com **Temporarily Closed**

MODERN ON THE RAILS Italian \$\$\$

The owners of Modern in New Rochelle put their own spin on Italian stalwarts (Wagyu beef meatballs, chipotle calamari) at this 140-seat restaurant in the space that was formerly Club Car. 1 Station Plz, Mamaroneck; 914.777.9300; www.modernontherails.com **Pickup/Delivery**

NONNA CAROLA Italian \$\$\$\$

Food ★★ Service ★★½ Atmosphere ★★½ (02/20)
Chef-owner Gustavo Galvao, formerly of Trattoria Dell'Arte in Manhattan, heads up this high-class Italian restaurant, which boasts exemplary service and flavorful dishes, like pappardelle Bolognese and cauliflower arrostato. Closed Mon. 211 Mamaroneck Ave, Mamaroneck; 914.899.3130; www.nonnacarola.com **Temporarily Closed**



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Mount Kisco

BADAGEONI GEORGIAN KITCHEN *Georgian* \$\$\$

Food ★★½ Service ★★★ Atmosphere ★★½
For flavorful cuisine typical of a country that straddles the border between Europe and Asia, check out this Mount Kisco eatery. Try the *adjaruli*, a traditional open-faced cheese boat, and the stewed lamb dish, *chakapuli*. 26-28 Main St, Mount Kisco; 914.864.1666; www.badageonigeorgiankitchen.com
Pickup/Delivery

EXIT 4 FOOD HALL *Eclectic* \$\$

Food ★★★ Service ★★½ Atmosphere ★★★ (10/16)
The food-hall trend thrives in Mount Kisco, with 11 stations, serving everything from wood-fired pizzas to barbecue to sushi (plus craft beers and nitro coffee at X4 on Tap). 153 E Main St, Mount Kisco; 914.241.1200; www.exit4foodhall.com
Pickup/Delivery

LOCALI *Italian* \$\$

From the Village Social Restaurant Group (Pubstreet, Village Social) comes this Italo-centric spot. Try the *fusilli à la vodka* or *Snake Oil* pizza (San Marzano tomatoes, capicola, *fior di latte*). Closed Mon. 2 Kirby Plz, Mount Kisco; 914.242.0100; www.localipizzabar.com **Pickup/Delivery**

VILLAGE SOCIAL *New American* \$\$\$

Chef Mogan Anthony serves wood-fired pizzas, Asian-inflected appetizers, pasta, and sandwiches at these buzzed-about eateries with popular bar scenes. The Mount Kisco location has an outdoor patio. Rye location closed Mon. 251 E Main St, Mount Kisco; 914.864.1255; 67 Purchase St, Rye; 914.612.4267; www.villagesocialkb.com **Pickup/Delivery**

WINSTON *New American* \$\$\$

It took three years to design and build this 81-seat, three-story warehouse-style eatery, where Executive Chef Michael Williams proffers New American dishes and decadent desserts. The wine library features rare bottles. Closed Mon. 130 E Main St, Mount Kisco; 914.244.9780; www.winstonrestaurant.com
Pickup/Delivery

Mount Vernon

TOP 36 **JOHNNY'S PIZZERIA** *Pizza* \$\$

Open since the '40s, Johnny's old-school, thin-crust pies are some of the best pizza north of NYC. No slices; cash only. Closed Sun and Mon. 30 W Lincoln Ave, Mount Vernon; 914.668.1957; www.johnnys1942.com **Pickup**

RIPE *Caribbean* \$\$

Chef Nigel Spence curates a menu of authentic Caribbean flavors — curried goat, plantains, and the "Big-Ass" jerk rib-eye — in this funky space with live music and an outdoor courtyard perfect for sipping potent rum cocktails. Closed Mon. 151 W Sandford Blvd, Mount Vernon; 914.665.7689; www.riperestaurant.com **Temporarily Closed**

New Rochelle

ALVIN & FRIENDS *Southern/Caribbean* \$\$\$

This contemporary spot in downtown New Rochelle serves Southern soul food with a Caribbean flair, including a Best of Westchester-winning fried chicken with braised collards. Live entertainment several nights a week. Closed Mon. 14 Memorial Hwy, New Rochelle; 914.654.6549; www.alvinandfriendsrestaurant.com
Pickup

MARIA RESTAURANT *Italian* \$\$\$

Food ★★★ Service ★★½ Atmosphere ★★★ (06/19)
From the owners of Fratelli and Pop's Espresso Bar, Maria offers Modern Italian fare, like *gnocchi* with oxtail ragù and seared scallops in *porcini agrodolce*. Closed Sun. 11 Huguenot St, New Rochelle; 914.636.0006; www.marianewrochelle.com **Pickup/Delivery**

NOMA SOCIAL *Tapas* \$\$\$

In the lobby of the Radisson Hotel, this 125-seat hotspot serves a menu of mostly small plates. Late-night dining until 2 a.m. Fri and Sat. 1 Radisson Plz, New Rochelle; 914.576.4141; www.nomasocial.com
Pickup/Delivery

THE DINING LAB AT MONROE COLLEGE

American \$\$\$
Students from the Culinary Institute of New York run this New American eatery, where the prix-fixe dinner is just \$25. Requires reservations. Closed Sat to Mon. 434 Main St, New Rochelle; 914.740.6421; www.thedininglab.com **Temporarily Closed**

North Salem

TOP 36 **ONE TWENTY ONE** *New American* \$\$\$
This Beck Bolender venue brings a little contemporary flair to the area's verdant farmland, with a menu of locally sourced (many ingredients come from the county) dishes. 2 Dingle Ridge Rd, North Salem; 914.669.0121; www.121restaurant.com
Pickup/Delivery

PRIMAVERA ITALIAN \$\$\$

Located in what was known as the 1864 House, this white-tablecloth restaurant serves up fare like spinach ravioli, *gnocchi* Bolognese, chicken scarp, and Australian rack of lamb. 592 Rte 22, Croton Falls; 914.277.4580; www.primaveraitalian.squarespace.com
Pickup/Delivery

TOP 36 **PURDY'S FARMER & THE FISH** *Seafood* \$\$\$

Housed in a historic 18th-century farmhouse and surrounded by four acres of terraced farmland that supply the restaurant, Farmer & the Fish serves a seafood-and-produce-heavy menu. 100 Titicus Rd, North Salem; 914.617.8380; www.farmerandthefish.com **Pickup/Delivery**

Ossining

CRAVIN JAMAICAN CUISINE *Jamaican* \$

Offering breakfast, lunch, and dinner, Cravin serves up authentic Jamaican cuisine. Dishes include escovitch fish, curry goat, oxtail, fried chicken, various jerk offerings, and Rasta Pasta. 109 Main St, Ossining; 914.432.7776; www.cravinjc.com **Pickup/Delivery**

MELIKE TURKISH CUISINE *Turkish* \$\$

Expect fresh Turkish cuisine here, with locally sourced ingredients. Mains include eggplant moussaka, sautéed lamb, and chicken with curry. Closed Mon. 121 Main St, Ossining; 914.502.0651; www.melikeossining.com **Pickup/Delivery**

Peekskill

APROPOS *Mediterranean* \$\$\$

Located at The Abbey Inn in the former St. Mary's Convent, this

new restaurant overlooking the Hudson offers Mediterranean-inspired dishes, utilizing local ingredients, such as crispy chicken with warm heirloom beans and Hudson Valley rib-eye in anchovy butter. 900 Fort Hill Rd, Peekskill; 914.739.3546; www.aproposrestaurant.com **Pickup**

FIN & BREW *New American* \$\$\$

Food ★★½ Service ★★½ Atmosphere ★½ (03/19)
Captain Lawrence brewer Scott Vaccaro and Peekskill restaurateurs John Sharp and Louie Lanza co-own this riverfront restaurant serving a seafood-heavy menu at the Charles Point entertainment complex. Closed Mon to Wed. 5 John Walsh Blvd, Peekskill; 914.788.4555; www.finandbrew.com **Pickup**

Pleasantville

TOP 36 **LITTLE MUMBAI MARKET** *Indian* \$
With décor as exciting as the food, Little Mumbai serves up *crêpes* and Indian food in the heart of Pleasantville. Try their *pav bhaji* and pair a smoothie with a caramelized banana *crêpe*. 475 Bedford Rd, Pleasantville; 914.773.0500
Temporarily Closed

MISSION TAQUERIA *Mexican* \$\$\$

Food ★★★ Service ★★★ Atmosphere ★★ (10/18)
From the owners of 105-Ten Bar & Grill in Briarcliff comes the taco-heavy menu which mixes a tequila-and-mezcal-focused bar program with Mexican-inspired food. 472 Bedford Rd, Pleasantville; 914.741.5285; www.missionpleasantville.com
Pickup/Delivery

SOUTHERN TABLE KITCHEN & BAR *Southern* \$\$

Get a taste of the down-home cooking you'd find south of the Mason-Dixon line at this spot from the owners of neighboring restaurant Wood & Fire. 39 Marble Ave, Pleasantville; 914.618.3355; www.southern-table.com **Pickup/Delivery**

WOOD & FIRE *Italian* \$\$

Food ★★★ Service ★★★ Atmosphere ★★½ (11/15)
Neapolitan cuisine is the name of the game at this family-run establishment, with a menu spanning salads, pizzas, small plates, pastas, and mains. 59 Marble Ave, Pleasantville; 914.747.2611; 118 Brook St, Scarsdale; 914.722.4854; www.woodandfirepizza.com
Pickup/Delivery

Pocantico Hills

TOP 36 **BLUE HILL AT STONE BARN** *New American* \$\$\$

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MARIA RESTAURANT,
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restaurant, courtesy of the Barber family, was awarded two stars in the 2020 Michelin Guide. The menu changes daily, with many of the ingredients grown or raised on-site. The Stone Barns Center hosts agricultural and educational initiatives. Closed Mon and Tue. 630 Bedford Rd, Pocantico Hills; 914.366.9600; www.bluehillfarm.com
Temporarily Closed

Port Chester

TOP 36 ACUARIO Peruvian \$\$\$
Enjoy a taste of Peru at Port Chester's Acuario. Offered are ceviche, beef heart, steamed mussels, fish soup, and paellas, as well as other Peruvian specialties. 163 N Main St, Port Chester; 914.937.2338; www.acuariorestaurant.com
Pickup/Delivery

ALBA'S RISTORANTE Italian \$\$\$
Named after the town in Piedmont, Italy, this Port Chester spot serves Italian American classics, like chicken scarpafello, ravioli stuffed with spinach and portobello mushrooms, and shrimp fra diavolo. Closed Sun, except for private parties for 40 or more guests. 400 N Main St, Port Chester; 914.937.2236; www.albasrestaurant.com **Pickup/Delivery**

CAPERS Mediterranean \$\$\$\$
Chef Edi Rivera (Port Chester's Appetit Bistro) takes inspiration from Italian, Greek, Moroccan, and Basque cuisines at this 50-seat restaurant in the space that was formerly Café Mirage. 531 N Main St, Port Chester; 914.481.8833; www.caperspc.com **Pickup**

EUGENE'S DINER & BAR Diner \$\$
Food ★★ Service ★★★★★ Atmosphere ★★★★★ (01/20)
This new spot from David DiBari (The Cookery, The Parlor) serves classic diner fare with a twist — like custardy yolks and caviar on toast, waffles with bone marrow, fried-bologna sandwiches, and open-faced confit turkey-leg sandwiches. Closed Mon. 112 N Main St, Port Chester; 914.481.5529; www.eugenesdiner.com **Pickup/Delivery**

TOP 36 SALTAIRE OYSTER BAR AND FISH HOUSE Seafood \$\$\$\$
Food ★★ Service ★★★★★ Atmosphere ★★★★★ (01/16)
Housed in a historic grain house and owned by the Barnes family, this modern restaurant sources its seafood daily for its refined plates and extensive raw bar. 55 Abendroth Ave, Port Chester; 914.939.2425; www.saltairoysterbar.com **Pickup/Delivery**

TOP 36 SONORA Nuevo Latino \$\$\$
Fans flock to Chef Rafael Palomino's only Westchester spot for his pan-Latino cuisine. The bar area serves tacos and a vast selection of craft tequila. Outdoor patio in the summer. Closed Mon. 179 Rectory St, Port Chester; 914.933.0200; www.sonorarestaurant.net **Pickup/Delivery**

TELLY'S TAVERNA Greek \$\$\$
Food ★★ Service ★★½ Atmosphere ★★½ (11/19)
Westchester's sister restaurant to the Astoria mainstay, the nautically decorated Telly's Taverna offers Greek specialties, including numerous seafood items. Try the calamari, swordfish kebabs, lamb chops, and spanakopita. 108 Abendroth Ave, Port Chester; 914.939.3333; www.tellystaverna.com **Temporarily Closed**



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Pound Ridge

TOP 36 THE INN AT POUND RIDGE
BY JEAN-GEORGES
New American \$\$\$\$

Expect seasonal ingredients (and the occasional Asian flavor) from the kitchen at this 250-seat, special-occasion restaurant from Jean-Georges Vongerichten. 258 Westchester Ave, Pound Ridge; 914.764.1400; www.theinnatpoundridge.com **Pickup**

Purchase

TREDICI NORTH Italian \$\$\$

Food ★★★★★ Service ★★★★★ Atmosphere ★★★★★ (07/16)
Chef Giuseppe Fanelli runs the kitchen at this stylish 68-seat Italian eatery. Expect indulgent dishes like mozzarella-stuffed meatballs and Kobe-beef ravioli with truffles and brown butter. Closed Mon. 578 Anderson Hill Rd, Purchase; 914.997.4113; www.tredicinorth.com **Pickup/Delivery**

Rye

FRANKIE & JOHNNIE'S Steakhouse \$\$\$\$

Upscale steakhouse with a posh bar and lounge area (with two NYC locations). Specialties include porterhouse steak for two, dry-aged beef Bolognese, and lobster ravioli. 77 Purchase St, Rye; 914.925.3900; www.frankieandjohnnies.com **Pickup**

TOP 36 LA PANETIÈRE French \$\$\$\$

This elegant restaurant boasts top-level service and contemporary French fare — hot and cold foie gras, Dover sole, cheese soufflé, and lobster casserole — in a Provençal setting. 530 Milton Rd, Rye; 914.967.8140; www.lapanetiere.com **Pickup/Delivery**

OKO Japanese \$\$\$

Ingredients are sourced from local farms and Tokyo's Tsukiji fish market for Chef Brian Lewis' menu. Hand rolls, sashimi, bento boxes, and entrées like sticky ribs and Madeira-miso glazed black cod are offered. Closed Sun and Mon. 29 Purchase St, Rye; 914.481.8660; www.okokitchen.com **Pickup**

RAFELE RYE Italian \$\$\$

Food ★★★★★ Service ★★★★★ Atmosphere ★★★★★ (12/18)
Naples-born chef Raffaele Ronca debuted this sister restaurant of his West Village spot, offering Italian cuisine like house-made pasta, grilled branzino, and marinated lamb skewers. 26 Purchase St, Rye; 914.481.8417; www.rafele.com/rafele-rye **Pickup/Delivery**

RYE ROADHOUSE Cajun/Southern \$\$\$

Tucked in a residential area of Rye, the Roadhouse is a local institution known for its sweet-potato fries and Cajun flavors, like the grilled or blackened meatloaf. Late-night dining Fri and Sat until 1 a.m. 12 High St, Rye; 914.925.2668; www.ryeroadhouse.com **Pickup/Delivery**

THE GRANOLA BAR Café \$

"Healthy food that tastes good" — avocado grilled cheese, almond-butter-banana parfait, smoothies — is the mantra at this breakfast-and-lunch spot. 96 Purchase St, Rye; 914.709.4229; www.thegranolabarct.com **Temporarily Closed**

Scarsdale

CAFÉ ALAIA Italian \$\$

Food ★★★★★ Service ★★★★★ Atmosphere ★★★★★ (06/18)
Vincenzo Alaia offers Southern Italian cuisine — eggplant soufflé, branzino, and house-made pasta — in a cozy space. Gluten-free pasta available upon request. Closed Mon. 66 Garth Rd, Scarsdale; 914.725.3000; www.cafealaia.com **Pickup**

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Seafood \$\$\$\$

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VIETNAM'S CENTRAL Vietnamese \$\$

Food ★★ Service ★★ Atmosphere ★★ (01/18)
Inspired by his native Vietnam, Chef Tuong Bui strikes just the right balance of sweet, salty, bitter, sour, and spicy at this hidden gem. 694 Central Ave, Scarsdale; 914.723.7222; www.vietnamscentral.com

Pickup/Delivery**Shrub Oak****NOVECENTO WOOD BURNING**

KITCHEN & BAR Italian \$\$

Expect wood-burning pizza and mains of steak, pasta, and fish at this new Italian restaurant. Closed Mon. 1410 E Main St, Shrub Oak; 914.743.1930; www.novecento900.com **Pickup/Delivery**

Sleepy Hollow**HUDSON FARMER & THE FISH** Seafood \$\$\$\$

The owners of Purdy's Farmer & the Fish also operate this 45-seat riverfront location serving steamers, pizzas (try the white clam), and favorite dishes from the North Salem original. 11 River St, Sleepy Hollow; 914.631.8380; www.farmerandthefish.com **Temporarily Closed**

Somers**UNWINED BAR & KITCHEN** Wine Bar \$\$

Food ★★ Service ★★½ Atmosphere ★★ (01/19)
From the owners of next door's UnCorked Wines & Spirits, UnWined Bar & Kitchen brings an urban vibe to Somers, featuring small plates and more than 30 wines by the glass. 80 Rte 6, Somers; 914.519.6190; www.unwinednewyork.com **Pickup**

Tarrytown**GOOSEFEATHER** Chinese \$\$\$

From Chef Dale Talde comes this spot focusing on the flavors of Hong Kong, offering dishes like scallion pancakes, dry-aged beef potstickers, and char siu Berkshire pork. 49 E Sunnyside Ln, Tarrytown; 914.829.5454; www.goosefeatherny.com

Pickup/Delivery**MINT PREMIUM FOODS**

International \$\$

Owner Hassan Jarane's global foods emporium is part gourmet food shop (the front, including a superior cheese selection) and part eclectic world-cuisine restaurant (the back). Closed Mon. 19 Main St, Tarrytown; 914.703.6511

Temporarily Closed**RIVERMARKET BAR AND KITCHEN**

New American \$\$\$\$

This Rivertown favorite sources primarily local, sustainable ingredients for its menu, cocktails, and on-premises market. 127 W Main St, Tarrytown; 914.631.3100; www.rivermarketbarandkitchen.com

Pickup/Delivery**THE TWISTED OAK**

New American \$\$\$\$

Danny Meyer alum Chef Michael Cutney blends Italian traditions and New American farm-to-table sensibilities to create signature dishes like his Fazio Farms duck lasagna. Closed Mon. 61 Main St, Tarrytown; 914.332.1992; www.thetwistedoakny.com

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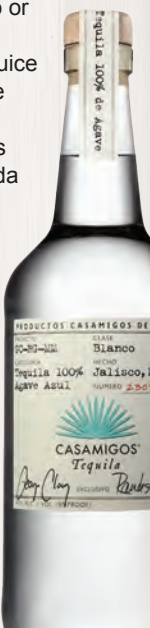
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Tuckahoe

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White Plains

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This 200-seat restaurant owned by ex-Peter Luger staffers specializes in dry-aged steaks and chops. (A second outpost is located in Midtown Manhattan.) Closed Mon. 610 W Hartsdale Ave, White Plains; 914.428.6868; www.benjaminsteakhouse.com **Pickup/Delivery**

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The White Plains location of this international steakhouse is located in The Ritz-Carlton New York, Westchester. Several different cuts of steak are on the menu, including 28-day dry-aged Kansas City Prime bone-in strip and filet mignon Prime bone-in filet, alongside an extensive wine list. 221 Main St, White Plains; 914.467.5500; www.blrestaurants.com/blt-steak **Temporarily Closed**

CITY LIMITS DINER American \$\$

The upscale diner features traditional American dishes, internationally inspired plates, and an array of homemade desserts, plus a bar area with cocktails

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Southern comfort food — fried green tomatoes with hot-mustard remoulade, hot chicken, and pimento cheeseburgers — is on the menu, plus signature smoked cocktails. 161 Mamaroneck Ave, White Plains; 914.607.2476; www.freebirdkitchenandbar.com **Temporarily Closed**

LA BOCCA RISTORANTE Italian \$\$\$

Regional Italian specialties (spaghetti alla chitarra, sliced steak with balsamic and arugula) are the foundations of the menu at this downtown spot. Gluten-free options available. 8 Church St, White Plains; 914.948.3281; www.laboccaristorante.com **Pickup/Delivery**

TOP 36 MEDITERRANEO Mediterranean \$\$\$\$

Food ★★★★★ Service ★★★½ Atmosphere ★★★½ (07/17)

A White Plains location is the third outpost (Greenwich, Norwalk) of this high-design restaurant, serving Mediterranean fare with an emphasis on seafood. 189 Main St, White Plains; 914.448.8800; www.zhospitalitygroup.com **Temporarily Closed**

TOP 36 MULINO'S OF WESTCHESTER

Italian \$\$\$\$
Classic Italian fare at this white-tablecloth restaurant with stellar service, includes mushroom risotto, tagliatelle alla Bolognese, Florida red snapper, and thinly breaded veal. Save room for the cheesecake and tiramisu. Closed Sun. 99 Court St, White Plains; 914.761.1818; www.mulinosny.com **Temporarily Closed**

TOP 36 NANASE Sushi \$\$\$\$

Sushi master Yoshimichi Takeda (Nobu, Masa) and his pristine cuts of fish are the star at this 18-seat spot that feels like a little slice of Japan hidden away in White Plains. The omakase (from \$85) is a must-order. Closed Wed. 522 Mamaroneck Ave, White Plains; 914.285.5351 **Temporarily Closed**

ROYAL PALACE Indian \$\$

Expect all the standards like tandoori chicken, biryani, and fragrant curries from this restaurant and caterer. Lunch buffet offered every day; dinner buffet Mon to Thurs. 77 Knollwood Rd, White Plains; 914.289.1988; www.royalpalacecuisines.net **Pickup/Delivery**

SAM'S OF GEDNEY WAY American \$\$\$

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From the owners of KOKU in Armonk, this Boyce Thompson Center restaurant offers signature sushi rolls, poke, and mains like organic basil chicken and sesame tuna. 1086 N Broadway, Yonkers; 914.963.0777; www.isoyonkers.com

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LE MOULIN EATERY & WINE BAR *French* \$\$\$\$

Food ★★★★★½ Service ★★★★★ Atmosphere ★★★★★ (07/18) At this 35-seat waterfront restaurant, the menu is made up of elegant French fare, like *poulet farci*, filet mignon flamed with Armagnac, and mussels Provençale. Closed Sun to Wed. 1 Pierpointe St, Yonkers; 914.469.6762; www.lemoulineateryandwinebar.com **Pickup**

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THE GRAMERCY *Brasserie* \$\$\$

Food ★★★★★½ Service ★★★★★ Atmosphere ★★½ (09/19)
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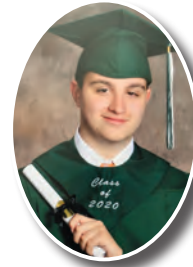


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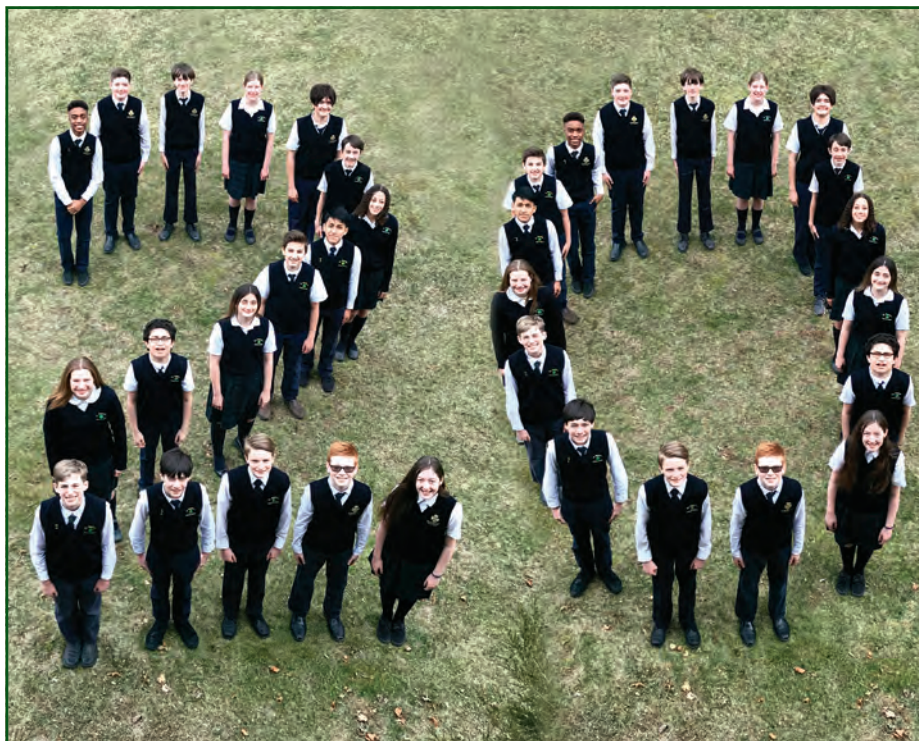


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Got Your Back

Scarsdale's Tranquility Spa has been relaxing and restoring Westchesterites for more than two decades.

BY JOHN BRUNO TURIANO



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Equally impressive to winning 14 Best Of awards in the 20 years this magazine has been handing them out is the fact Tranquility Spa is among but a few Westchester businesses that won both this year and in 2001, the inaugural year of the publication (for Best Day Spa in both instances).

To glean more about a business that has consistently operated at the highest level for such a long time, we spoke with Stephanie Hershkowitz (her mother, Billie Adelson, and uncle Andrew Schwartz launched Tranquility in 1991), general manager of Tranquility Spa.

What is a key element to succeeding for as long as Tranquility has?

We've always stressed and practiced innovation, to offer clients whatever the latest technologies and services are, such as HydraFacials, laser technology for skincare and hair removal, and, most recently, CBD massages. Also, the deep experience of our staff makes clients feel comfortable, assured by the knowledge and trust that they will be there when needed and know exactly what to do.

Since 2001, was there any period that was especially challenging?

Being part of the community for as long as we have, we've been through it all. We were here during 9/11, the 2008 financial crisis, and the H1N1 flu epidemic. Our philosophy of treating each client like you would a family member enabled people to trust they would leave feeling safe and better than

when they came in. This philosophy starts with who I hire. When potential new staffers are performing during the interview process, I look not just for technical skill but also for a sense of energy, a natural feel they have, or don't, for the business. Those intangibles are hard to teach but are important to imparting that family-member feel.

What is the biggest change in your industry since 2001?

The amount of men who have become comfortable with self-care. We currently



serve almost as many men as women. Men used to be ambivalent about visiting a spa but now see the benefits. Another principal change is the prevalence of computers and how their use in society affects the body. There is no "off button" to escape this.

Are there many long-term employees?

We have been at our current location, in

Scarsdale, for almost 16 years. Much of our staff remained with us from our previous location, in Hartsdale. It is these friendly faces at the front desk, of the massage therapists, aestheticians, and cleaning staff, that keep clients coming back. We have 12 employees who have been with us for at least 17 years, including massage therapists Dawn Freal [since 1995] and Natasha Vaz [since 2003].

Any special reopening plans when the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted?

We are planning to conduct curbside check-ins, and, when the treatment time is ready, clients will be called in their cars to enter and proceed directly to a treatment room. Hand sanitizing will be required for all clients upon entering the spa, and all staff will wear masks and gloves at the front desk. A clean apron and a new mask will be worn by the staff member for each new client. Turnaround time for a room is going to significantly increase (from 5 minutes to 25 minutes, as clients will change in the room, plus the boosted sanitation efforts). My overhead hasn't changed, of course, so operating at reduced capacity will be a challenge.

What does winning 14 Best Of awards mean to the business?

It is a confirmation that our hard work and care are recognized. Tranquility Spa has grown and expanded over the years [from four treatment rooms in 1991 to 21 rooms today] because our clients wanted more from us. Winning year after year tells us we are doing it right. **W**

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Frosty the Knuckleman

This is a baseball story, told purposely in a summer of pandemic, when the lethal capriciousness of COVID-19 has all but shuttered the Great American Pastime. It's about Forrest "Frosty" Thomas, a right-handed pitcher who played in exactly two games for the Detroit Tigers in 1905 — and was knocked out of the box in each of them. His lifetime Major League record is no wins, one loss.

Chances are better than even that you never heard of him, though he deserves (albeit long-overdue) credit for inventing the knuckleball, a notoriously bewildering pitch that is devoid of spin and flutters like a butterfly.

Frosty also happened to be an uncle of my late mother-in-law, who resided for many years in Larchmont and figures in this story. More about that later.

Frosty was born in 1881 in rural Missouri. At the age of 22, the six-foot, 185-pounder signed up with the Minneapolis Millers, a storied Minor League franchise in the American Association.

Frosty made his mark early on. Pitching for the Millers in 1904, he logged 329 innings and won 21 games. He was so good that a Minneapolis sportswriter dubbed him the "candy doll of the club and invincible." His success earned him a shot with Detroit in 1905 — the same year, as it happened, the Tigers brought up a surly 18-year-old kid named Ty Cobb, who would go on to become the most prolific hitter of all time.

The Tigers were a decent team in 1905, no thanks to Frosty, whose second, and last, pitching appearance was on May 6, when he was bombed in a 9-4 loss to the St. Louis Browns. The Tigers dumped him not long after that — an unfair demotion, according to a brief item in the *Minneapolis Journal*. "There is a feeling abroad that [*sic*] in Minneapolis that Detroit has not given Thomas a chance to show his worth," the newspaper wrote.

Frosty never got another shot at the big time — though he continued on with the Millers and a few other Minor League teams until he retired, in 1916. I doubt he made more than \$1,500 in any one season, probably a lot less.

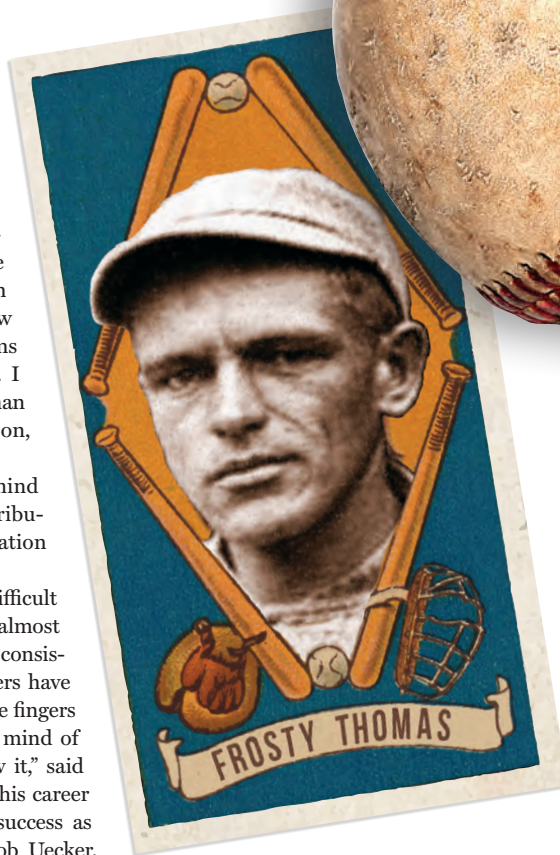
However, he left behind one very important contribution to baseball: the creation of the knuckleball.

The knuckleball is difficult to hit, hard to catch, and almost impossible to throw with consistent accuracy. Few pitchers have mastered it. "You need the fingers of a safecracker and the mind of a Zen Buddhist to throw it," said Jim Bouton, who late in his career had varying degrees of success as a knuckleball pitcher. Bob Uecker, the former catcher, said, "The way to catch a knuckleball is to wait until it stops rolling and pick it up."

The man reputed to be the first successful knuckleball pitcher is Eddie Cicotte, whose prowess earned him the nickname "Knuckles." He achieved lasting infamy as one of eight members of the Chicago White Sox who threw the 1919 World Series.

But Cicotte did not invent the knuckleball. Frosty did — and at least three newspaper articles published in the early part of the 20th century give him the credit. Cicotte either learned the pitch directly from Frosty, or Frosty taught the knuckleball to another pitcher, Ed Summers, who then passed it on to Cicotte. A piece in the March 24, 1908 edition of the *Detroit Free Press* reported that "a former Tiger...is the really truly inventor of the style of slingshotting that the baseballists are most discussing at the present time. This man is Frosty Thomas."

Unfortunately, Thomas never gained command of the knuckleball himself. "The delivery has brought no great fame or advancement to its inventor," the



"He was so good that a Minneapolis sportswriter dubbed him the 'candy doll of the club and invincible.'"

Detroit paper wrote. "He lasted only a few minutes with Detroit."

Eventually, Frosty went home to Missouri. He went to college, studied medicine, and developed an interest in psychiatry. Now, he was called "Doc."

In the early 1920s, my future mother-in-law contracted polio and became paralyzed on her left side. The crafty creator of the knuckleball drew on his studies of mind over matter and personally treated her with a form of tough love.

Not believing in braces or crutches, he prescribed a vigorous exercise regimen. Tying the little girl's right hand behind her back, he would taunt her mercilessly, angering her to the point where she would try to kick him or strike at him with her paralyzed left hand.

Amazingly, it worked. Eventually she was able to walk again.

And there was joy in Mudville. **w**

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