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Hansen-Weiden Speaks Out Against Gun Violence at Scarsdale Board Meeting

BY STEPHEN E. LIPKEN

Scarsdale Mayor Justin K. Arest opened the Tuesday, June 10 Board of Trustees meeting, beginning with Mayor's Comments. "As we begin the month of June, we recognize and celebrate a number of important observances," Arest began. "June is Flag Month, a time to honor the LGBTQ+ Community and reaffirm our commitment to equality and inclusion. It is also Caribbean Heritage Month, Immigrant Heritage Month, Alzheimer's, Brain Awareness Month, Men's Health Month and PTSD Awareness Month, each offering an opportunity to raise awareness and support one another."

On Friday, June 6, the Village recognized National Gun Violence Awareness Day on the steps of Village Hall



with Moms Demand Action, "which is a non-partisan organization that I think we can all get behind." At the meeting, Leslie Hansen-Weiden, Westchester Chapter, Moms Demand Action stated,

"Every day 125 people are killed with guns in America. The gun homicide rate in the U.S. is 26 times that of other developed countries.

"Research shows that common sense public safety laws can reduce gun violence and save lives. On January 21, 2013, Hadiya Pendleton, a high school student from the South Side of Chicago, marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade. One week later, Hadiya was shot and killed on a Chicago playground. She was only 15 years old. Soon after Hadiya's death, her friends commemorated her life by wearing orange, the color hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves. In June 2015, a broad coalition asked people to join what Hadiya's friends started for the first annual Gun Violence Awareness Day.

"Hadiya would have turned 28 this

month. We honor her and all whose lives have been taken or forever changed by gun violence," Hansen-Weiden concluded.

Agenda items included a Resolution Authorizing Professional Service Agreement for Traffic Engineering Services Associated with Proposed Field Improvements along Mamaroneck Road, presented by Trustee Jeremy A. Gans, adding that the Agreement was awarded to DTS Provident Design and Engineering at a cost of \$25,000.

Other Resolutions encompassed Execution of a Corrected Municipal Snow and Ice Agreement with the NYS Department of Transportation; Amending Flag and Tackle Football Program Fees; Awarding VM Contract 1324A, Sanitary Sewer, Drainage, Excavation and Repair Project; VM Contract 1324B, On Call Services for General Site Work Road and Utilities Repair.



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Finding Relief from Peripheral Neuropathy

My toes feel like they're being pricked by needles." "Every step feels like I'm walking on crushed glass." "I can't rest at night, my feet won't stop tingling." "I'm afraid to walk without holding on to something."

These are the kinds of statements regularly heard by the team at White Plains Acupuncture. They're all symptoms of Peripheral Neuropathy (PN), a condition affecting over 20 million Americans though the actual number may be far greater, as many sufferers remain undiagnosed or misdiagnosed due to the wide variety of symptoms.

Ginnette Diaz, Licensed Acupuncturist and founder of White Plains Acupuncture, says neuropathy often goes unnoticed until it significantly impacts daily life. "In many cases, people come in without a diagnosis. They simply describe burning, numbness, or balance problems they've dealt with for months or even years. When they hear about our work and realize it matches what they're experiencing, it's often a lightbulb moment."

Donna S., a retiree from Tarrytown, had that very moment. "I was used to being active walking the dog, gardening, even playing with my grandkids. But I started feeling off-balance and my feet burned all the time. My doctor said it was just 'part of aging' and offered



medication. It didn't help. I felt like my life was getting smaller every day."

After hearing about White Plains Acupuncture from a neighbor, Donna decided to give it a try. "Honestly, I wasn't sure what to expect. But within a few sessions, I noticed a shift. I wasn't limping around the house anymore. I started sleeping better. And last week, I walked the entire park loop without having to sit down."

Stories like Donna's are common, says Jeinny, one of the clinic's patient care technicians. "Most of our patients come to us after being told nothing more can be done. They're frustrated, discouraged, and tired of just managing symptoms. That's where we come in with a different approach."

Peripheral neuropathy results from damaged nerves, often caused or worsened by restricted circulation in the limbs. When blood flow decreases, nerves are deprived of the oxygen and nutrients they need to survive, leading to symptoms ranging from uncomfortable to disabling.

"Neuropathy doesn't just go away," explains Ginnette. "Without intervention, it tends to worsen. When nerves begin to shut down, people may no longer feel pain, but that's actually a dangerous sign. It means the nerves are failing."

White Plains Acupuncture takes a two-pronged approach: time-tested acupuncture to restore blood flow and a modern therapeutic technology called Frequency Specific Microcurrent (FSM). Originally designed to

promote healing on a cellular level, FSM delivers precise microcurrents that stimulate tissue repair and nerve regeneration.

"It's the combination that works so well," says Ginnette. "Acupuncture improves circulation, while FSM directly supports the repair of damaged nerve pathways. It's not just about managing pain, it's about helping the body recover."

Donna has seen a dramatic improvement. "I'm more mobile, more confident, and most of all, I feel hopeful. I didn't think I'd feel this way again."

Ginnette's team has seen success with 9 out of 10 patients using their integrative protocol. Each new case begins with a comprehensive consultation and sensory evaluation to assess nerve damage. "If damage is extensive - more than 95%-recovery becomes less likely. But if we catch it before that, the outcomes can be amazing," she says.

If you or someone you care about is dealing with numbness, tingling, balance issues, or nerve pain, don't wait.

There is help available. There is a way forward.

Contact White Plains Acupuncture at (914) 354-0333 to schedule your consultation or visit WhitePlainsAcupuncture.com to learn more stories.

New York State Assembly and Senate Passes Medical Aid in Dying Act

The Medical Aid in Dying Act, authored by State Assemblymember Amy Paulin, has passed in both the Assembly and Senate—a historic step forward in giving New York's terminally ill adults the compassionate option to end their suffering with dignity. The legislation would allow a terminally ill patient to request medication to end their lives peacefully.

"This is about giving individuals autonomy, dignity and choice at the end of their lives," Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie said. "This legislation will give people the ability to choose to go peacefully in their sleep, and ensure there are critical safeguards in place. Thank you to Assemblymember Amy Paulin for her tireless advocacy and hard work on this legislation."

"For a decade, we have fought for this compassionate, commonsense legislation," said Assemblymember Paulin. "Today, we honor the brave advocates we have lost and fulfill a promise to countless New Yorkers who deserve autonomy, dignity, and peace at life's end. It's time. I'm deeply grateful to Speaker Carl Heastie for his leadership and unwavering commitment to bringing this bill to the floor—it would not have been possible without his support."

The Medical Aid in Dying Act would provide a mentally competent, terminally ill adult who has been given a prognosis of six months or less to live the ability to request medication from their treating physician for medical aid in dying. The legislation includes safeguards, which would require both an oral request and a witnessed written request for the medication, as well as requiring at least two physicians determine that the patient has the capacity to make an informed decision on this request.

Under this bill, insurers would be prohibited from recommending or providing information on medical aid in dying to patients, including alongside denial of coverage notices for other treatments. Insurers would only be permitted to provide patients with information on medical aid in dying when the patient or their physician expressly requests such information or within general coverage information. Additionally, the legislation would provide legal protections for the patients and their physicians.

Medical aid in dying is already permitted in 10 states, including California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Vermont and Washington, as well as Washington, D.C.



State Assemblymember
Amy Paulin

Scarsdale Launches Enhanced Welcome Page for New Residents

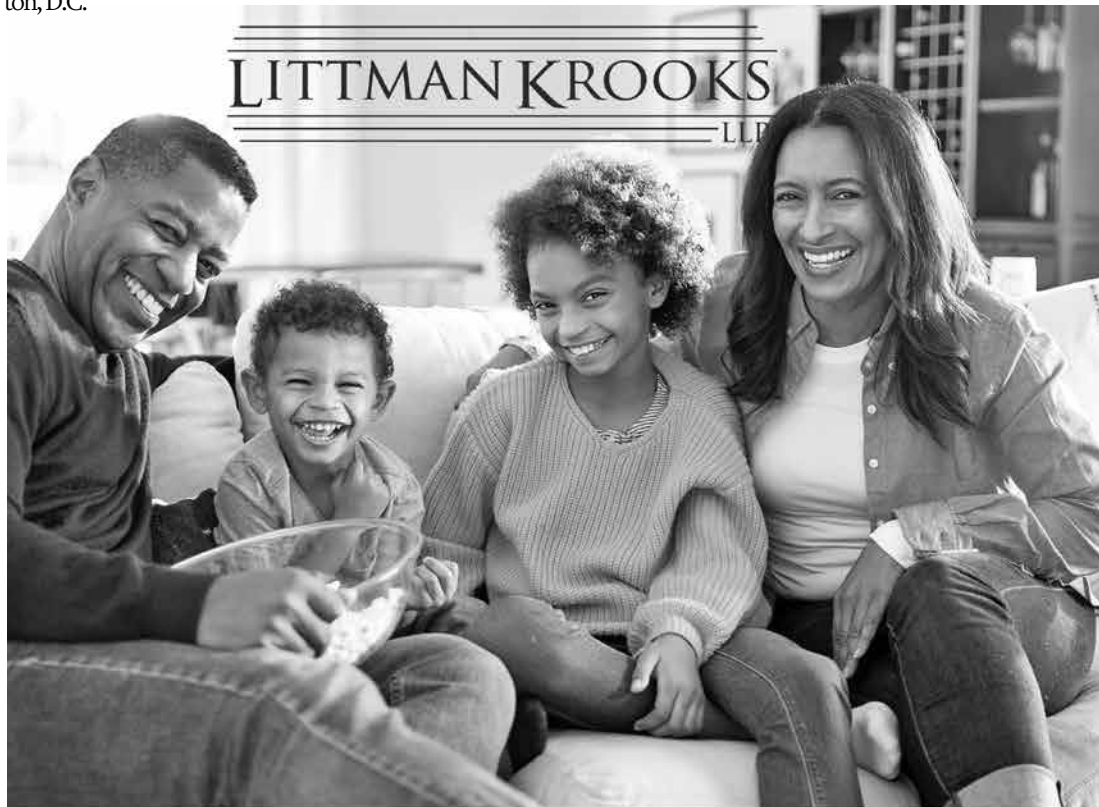
The Village of Scarsdale is pleased to announce the launch of its new Welcome Page for New Residents, a digital hub designed to help newcomers seamlessly integrate into the community. This mobile-friendly resource provides essential tools and information to make getting settled in Scarsdale easier than ever. The Welcome Page was developed as a collaborative effort between Village staff and the Advisory Council on Communications (ACC), reflecting a shared commitment to improving the resident experience through clear, accessible, and user-friendly communication.

Key Features of the Welcome Page:

- **New Resident Checklist:** A step-by-step guide covering important tasks such as signing up for emergency alerts, reviewing sanitation schedules, registering for recreation programs, and more.
- **Community & Recreation Resources:** Helpful links for obtaining library cards, purchasing pool passes, and exploring local programs.
- **Village Department Contacts:** Direct contact information for departments including Building, Clerk, Fire, Police, Public Works, Recreation, Sanitation, Treasurer, and Water.
- **Mobile-Friendly Design:** The Welcome Page is fully optimized for mobile devices, making it easy to access important information from your phone or tablet, anytime.

"We're excited to offer this streamlined, mobile-friendly tool to help new residents feel at home right away," said Deputy Mayor Dara Gruenberg. "It's part of our broader effort to improve communication and make Village services more accessible."

Residents can visit the Welcome Page at scarsdale.gov/new-resident. We encourage all residents to review this page, as it highlights a range of village services that are often overlooked yet highly beneficial. For questions or assistance, contact the Village Manager's Office at 914-722-1110 or manager@scarsdale.gov.



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Community Q&A on Public Safety Technology

In recent weeks, Scarsdale has received thoughtful inquiries from residents regarding the Village's implementation of enhancements to its existing public safety technology, including license plate readers, live-view cameras, and drone as first responder systems. Many of these questions have been addressed in prior Village communications and public work sessions; however, to remove any doubt about our responsiveness to community concerns, we are sharing this comprehensive FAQ, drawing in part directly from the questions and answers we have provided to residents in recent weeks.



Scarsdale Mayor Justin Arest

Why does Scarsdale need this technology?

The Village is seeking to build on our existing public safety tools to not only enhance the Police Department's ability to solve crimes, but also to prevent them. In recent years, several crimes, including vehicle thefts, burglaries and home invasions, have occurred in the Village and, unfortunately, many remain unsolved. In one instance, a family awoke to criminals in their bedroom. In another, a resident had their keys taken at gunpoint. These are only two examples. While we have been fortunate that neither situation resulted in significant long term physical harm, we are very aware that even a slight difference in circumstances could have led to a tragic outcome. While these technologies do not offer guarantees, it is plausible that a system like this could have identified the stolen vehicles used in such crimes upon entry to Scarsdale.

What is the value of this technology to Scarsdale?

Over the past two years, there have been numerous cases where this technology could have been helpful. In 2023 and 2024, there were more than 50 burglaries in Scarsdale that unfortunately remain

unresolved. This technology would have assisted our department in investigating and possibly even preventing these incidents. At the June 10 work session, Chief DelBene provided examples of how similar technology has benefited crime prevention and police investigations in other communities.

Will the Village be installing this technology in residential neighborhoods?

The Village will only install fixed cameras and LPRs along major thoroughfares, commercial districts, and key entry and exits to and from the community with the focus being on the latter.

Are we only installing these cameras because other communities have them?

While the vast majority of surrounding communities employ these technologies, we do not make decisions based solely on what other communities have implemented. Our decisions are guided by the specific needs of our own community and the recommendations of our Police Department. That said, understanding what has been effective or ineffective elsewhere can offer valuable perspective.



Scarsdale Police Chief Steven DelBene

It also reflects the broader reality that our residents are already subject to these technologies in their everyday travels beyond Scarsdale. Our goal is to implement a carefully considered, limited system that respects individual privacy while providing our police with tools that have proven beneficial in other communities.

Did the Village consult with the School District about this technology?

When applying for grant funding for public safety technology, the Village reached out to the School Superintendent's office for a letter of support for the application. It is standard for such requests to go through the Superintendent's office. The Village would not contact other school staff and union members directly. We appreciate the collaborative relationship with the School District in public safety and other matters.

How did resident engagement shape this process?

One of Scarsdale's strengths is the diversity of our residents' backgrounds and expertise. The process included input from public safety professionals, some with technology backgrounds, and public comments and resident feedback have played a meaningful role in shaping policies. While no formal survey was conducted, and a public hearing is not statutorily required for vendor contracts, a public work session was held on June 10 to gather input on policies before any equipment was delivered or installed, and with the Village retaining the right to terminate the contract before year end if deemed necessary. Residents are always welcome to comment at Board meetings or submit feedback in writing.

Why didn't the Village hold a public hearing on this issue?

Public hearings are only required by law for matters such as proposed local laws or the annual budget. The initiative to purchase public safety technology, based on the Chief's recommendation, was discussed at a Police Department budget work session on January 23 and later at public meetings, with additional opportunities for public input before the finalization of policies.

Why didn't the Village include backup to the April 8 Work Session Agenda?

Chief DelBene presented to the Village Board at the April 8 Work Session. His presentation was not complete before that meeting and the Village Board saw it at the same time as the public. Therefore, it was not available prior to the meeting. Additionally, while the Village Board did have a draft copy of the Flock Safety contract before that meeting, it was still being negotiated by our Village counsel on a number of terms including measures to enhance protections for the collection, storage and access to the Village's data, and requiring strict compliance with advance notice should a third party obtain a court order or subpoena to allow the Village the ability to block release of its data, and other terms to ensure the contract included stringent protections for the Village's data.

How was Flock Safety chosen, and what due diligence was performed?

As outlined in Chief DelBene's May 8 letter to the community, several vendors, including Flock, Motorola, Midl, Hanwha, and Verdaka, were researched and asked to present demonstrations (Verdaka did not respond). Operational experience from communities using this technology were checked, and site visits were conducted. The Scarsdale Police Department made the recommendation to move forward with Flock Safety based on its robust features and service model, as Chief DelBene expanded on in his May 8 letter. The Village did not specifically review Flock's financial statements, but the solvency of the company was considered. We are not aware of anything regarding Flock's recent investors that would negatively affect its financial health. Importantly, our contract allows the Village to terminate before the end of the year, and in future years if funding is not continued. This minimizes risk to the Village.

What about data security, privacy, and use of images?

Our contract with Flock, negotiated

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Annual Scarsdale Fireworks Celebration

Wednesday, July 2, 2025, 7:30 PM
 Scarsdale Pool Complex,
 311 Mamaroneck Road

The Scarsdale Recreation Department invites you to its annual fireworks celebration. The evening begins with a performance by the Westchester Band at 7:30 PM followed by the fireworks show at approximately 9:15 PM. A \$10 admission fee will apply to all non-pool members beginning at 5 PM. Starting at 8 PM, all individuals entering the facility will be charged the \$10 fee, regardless of membership status. Picnicking is welcome, but please note that alcoholic beverages, glass containers, and smoking of any kind are strictly prohibited.

Independence Day Celebration

Wednesday, July 2, 2025, 6:30 to 10 PM
 White Plains High School,
 550 North Street

White Plains hosts one of the most exciting and enjoyable events of the



season. A fun filled evening of entertainment, giant inflatable rides, food and fireworks.

Music Fest & Fireworks

Kensico Dam Plaza,
 1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla
 Thursday, July 3, 2025, 5 PM

DJ music begins at 5 PM followed by the Naked Soul Band at 7 PM. Fireworks over the dam begin around 9 PM. Free admission and parking. Sponsored by the

Westchester Parks Foundation and Captain Lawrence Brewing Company.

Mamaroneck Fire Department's Carnival & Fireworks

Harbor Island Park, Mamaroneck
 The Firemans Carnival will be held from Thursday, June 26, 2025 to Saturday, July 5, 2025 from 6:45 PM to 11:30 PM at Harbor Island Park. Fireworks will be held on Friday, July 4, 2025 with a rain date of Saturday, July 5.

July 4 Fireworks Celebration

July 4, 9:30 PM
 Hudson Park and Five Island Park,
 New Rochelle

A grand fireworks display, produced by Grucci Family of Fireworks at the New Rochelle waterfront! Sponsored by New Rochelle Parks and Recreation.

Optimum viewing locations include Hudson Park, Five Islands Park, and Municipal Marina upper parking deck.

Pops, Patriots & Fireworks

Friday, July 4, 8 PM
 Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts

The Westchester Symphonic Winds with soprano Carami Hilaire, will perform a selection of patriotic works that pay tribute to America's independence including rousing renditions of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture and Stars and Stripes Forever followed by a spectacular fireworks display over the Caramoor grounds.

In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held on Friday, July 4 and the fireworks will take place at 9 PM on Saturday, July 5.

Pamela Borgeson Montgomery Receives Silver Bowl Award

The Edgemont Community Council Silver Bowl Award for distinguished community service was presented to Cotswold resident Pamela Borgeson Montgomery for her seventeen years of dedicated service to the Edgemont community.

An Edgemont graduate herself (Edgemont High School '77), Pamela has been a tireless volunteer in our schools and neighborhood for nearly two decades. She served three years on the Board of Education, contributing to key committees and serving as liaison to the Edgemont Community Council, BOCES, and E Club. Her PTA and PTSA involvement spans nearly every role — PTSA Co-President, PTA Treasurer, Grade Parent, and Committee Co-Chair for nu-

merous committees, including the PTSA STEM, Audit, and EHS Faculty Appreciation Luncheon Committees. She also helped organize beloved events such as the Seely Place Used Book Fair, Colonial Fair, and CKCC.

Beyond the schools, Pamela served the Edgemont Community Council as Secretary for two years and First Vice President for three years. She has also served on the ECC Nominating Committee, the School Board Nominating Committee, and the Silver Bowl Committee. Pamela chaired the 2024 ECC Bylaw Review Committee and played an active role in the ECC relaunch of the Edgemont Newcomers Club. She has contributed as an editor of the ECC Annual Newsletter for several years



and is known for her sharp eye — always catching a correction in the ECC's monthly meeting minutes. In addition, she supported the Girl Scouts as Cookie Chair for five years and has served as Democratic District Leader for District #35.

Professionally, Pamela is a retired partner of Shearman & Sterling LLP. She holds degrees from Columbia Law School, NYU Stern School of Business, and Princeton University. She and her husband Malcolm raised their family in Edgemont, daughters Sasha (11 years in Edgemont schools) and Kyra (13 years in Edgemont schools, graduating from EHS in June 2024), and she continues to give back to the community that helped shape her.

Westchester Moms Unite to Raise Hundreds of Thousands for Cancer Research

Moms In Training may have started in New York City, but its Westchester chapter has become one of the program's most dynamic teams—helping to raise more than \$800,000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) since launching locally in 2022.

Now completing its fourth year, the team includes more than 120 women from across Westchester and NYC—moms, grandmas, daughters, oncologists, cancer survivors, and supporters of all kinds. And while many members trained together with coaches for a 10K in Central Park, Moms In Training has never been just a running group—it's a movement rooted in connection, purpose, and action.

A Movement with Personal Meaning

Westchester teammates trained every Sunday for two months on the Bronx River Path in Scarsdale. The team was led by three women whose personal stories drive their passion:

- **Lauren Medalie of Edgemont** joined Moms In Training in 2014 while living in NYC. After moving to Westchester years later, she was diagnosed with lymphoma while pregnant and received life-saving treatment funded by LLS. "Moms In Training is something truly special. I knew it would take off in Westchester, but the impact has been beyond anything I imagined. The teammates, the partners and the community have been incredible," says Medalie.

- **Rachel Kampfer of Scarsdale** created Team Jeffrey in honor of her brother. "I was my brother Jeffrey's bone marrow donor," Kampfer shares. "He had leukemia and is now in remission, but continues to face health challenges. Team Jeffrey is my way of turning that experience into action—and fighting for a future with better outcomes for families like ours."
- **Emily Jacobs of Dobbs Ferry** lost her mother to cancer in her 20s. "Years later, Moms In Training gave me an outlet," says Jacobs. "It's helped me take something painful and turn it into purpose. I've found community and a

way to give back."

Fueled by Local Businesses & Support

Throughout the training season April to June, the team partnered with businesses to host fitness fundraisers, shopping nights, and community events. This year's highlights include:

- A charity pop-up party hosted by 7B Design featuring 15 mom-owned brands
- Charity workouts at Barry's Scarsdale, Studio 50, and Club Pilates
- Collaborations with Manolo Blahnik, Kendra Scott, Community of Play, I AM More, Whigstock Studio, Sarah

Swanson Skincare, and many more

- Happy hours at Mamajuana Café
- These partnerships turn fundraising into fun, community-driven moments that directly support LLS's mission—funding breakthrough research and treatments for blood cancer patients, including kids.

What's Next

While the season wrapped June 30, the impact continues year-round with events and activities. The next Moms In Training season begins in April 2026.

To learn more, follow @momsintraining_lls on Instagram.



Volunteers and Village Team Up to Restore Red Maple Swamp Park



New York State Assemblymember Amy Paulin welcomed Dylan Lemberg from Scarsdale High School and Nathan Beck from White Plains High School to the State Capitol as part of the League of Women Voters' Students Inside Albany program.



This spring, the Village of Scarsdale partnered with Friends of the Scarsdale Parks, Scarsdale High School's Senior Options students, and the Rotary Interact Club to begin restoring Red Maple Swamp Park. With guidance from Parks, Recreation, and Public Works staff, students planted 60 native shrubs and two trees, cleared invasive species, and installed biodegradable weed control to support long-term ecosystem health. The hands-on project offered students a chance to learn about native and invasive plants, swamp ecology, safe outdoor practices, and teamwork—while making a visible impact on local green space.



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with Village counsel, ensures that Village data cannot be sold to third parties. All collected data will be deleted on a rolling 30-day basis (unless required by SPD for a case) and SPD will not allow its data to be accessed by other agencies nor shared through the system. The only data that can be shared would have to come directly from SPD specific to an active case and only if authorized in accordance with SPD's stringent policies. The system must maintain audit trails for all data queries. Any potential misuse of data by Flock would be a material breach of contract. Regular audits are part of the oversight. Importantly, the technology does not include facial recognition or any biometric identification. Village policy explicitly prohibits such use, and this is reinforced in the contract and operational procedures. Use of the technology to identify any personal characteristic is prohibited unless directly related to a specific crime, in which case such use would be automatically documented. Additionally, the Village negotiated that Flock will only respond to judicial subpoenas (not administrative) after advance notification

to the Village to allow objections.

Flock is a CJIS compliant company, which means it meets strict security standards set by the FBI, not to provide data to federal law enforcement, but to keep sensitive data confidential and secure. CJIS standards have been developed over many years under multiple federal administrations to ensure data protection. Flock also complies with several security frameworks, including the National Institute of Standards and Technology Cyber Security Framework (NIST CSF), NIST 800-53 Rev 5, which is the main framework for compliance with the Federal Information Security Modernization Act (FISMA). This framework provides a list of controls that support the development of secure and resilient federal information systems. These controls are the operational, technical, and management standards and guidelines information systems used to maintain data confidentiality, integrity, and availability. They also comply with ISO 27001 to ensure comprehensive risk management. ISO 27001 is the international standard for information security management systems (ISMS). It specifies the require-

ments for establishing, implementing, maintaining, and continually improving an Information Security Management System (ISMS) within an organization. Essentially, it provides a framework for organizations to protect their information assets and manage associated risks. Flock has obtained an ISO 27001 certification of compliance demonstrating their commitment to complying with internationally recognized safeguards for security and data protection.

How will the technology be funded?

The Village submitted a grant application on April 2, 2025, after learning about the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Program and its deadline from Senator Gillibrand's office. The contract with Flock is contingent on receiving the grant funding. If the grant is not awarded or does not cover the full cost, there will be additional public discussion about funding and the scope of the project. Servicing and maintenance costs are included in the contract. The FY 25-26 Budget does include \$200,000 for public safety technology as per the request made by the Police De-

partment in the January 23 budget work session. This money would be part of the public discussion by the Village Board should the grant funding not be successful.

What happens if there is a problem or lawsuit?

As with all vendors, if there is a breach of contract, the Village has the option to terminate as well as additional legal recourse.

Can the Village seek grants for other projects, such as schools or infrastructure?

Yes, and we actively pursue grant opportunities for water, stormwater, sewers, vehicles, and other critical infrastructure as opportunities arise. The grant discussed here, however, is specific to public safety technology.

How can residents stay involved and informed?

Residents are encouraged to participate in Village Board meetings, work sessions, and communicate via village-board@scarsdale.gov or publiccomments@scarsdale.gov.

Scarsdale Police Blotter

May 20, 2025, 7:03 PM: A 59-year-old Mamaroneck man was ticketed for a parking violation, aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and driving without a license after police saw his Acura sedan parked in a no parking/fire lane zone on Spencer Place.

May 21, 2025, 4:42 PM: Police issued summonses for an uninspected motor vehicle and driving with a suspended registration to a Tarrytown man after they saw an expired inspection sticker on the windshield of his Toyota SUV as he drove on Mamaroneck Road.

May 23, 2025, 1:06 PM: A Crest Lane resident reported that someone took seven bags of clothing donations she left at the end of her driveway and the charitable organization that was supposed to receive the donations did not get them.

May 24, 2025, 12:14 PM: The driver of a Mercedes Benz reported that a baseball cracked his windshield as he drove on Mamaroneck Road during a

Scarsdale Little League game.

May 26, 2025, 2:49 PM: A Scarsdale resident reported that people at the Fox Meadow Tennis Club, 14 Wayside Lane, were playing pickle ball without a permit and making excessive noise. Police responded to the club and determined that it does have a permit for pickle ball.

May 27, 2025, 8:50 AM: Police observed a 48-year-old Scarsdale man drive through a red traffic light on Palmer Avenue. He was ticketed for failing to stop at a red signal, aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and driving a motor vehicle without a proper license.

May 27, 3:24 PM: A resident reported that while her son was walking home from the bus stop at the corner of Sprague and Lyons Roads, a man in a black Chevrolet SUV stopped, rolled down his window and shouted, "Hey youngster!" Her son kept walking and the man drove away.

May 29, 5:35 PM: A Scarsdale business owner reported a man using a key to scratch a Hummer parked on Chase Road. Police confirmed the man was the owner of the vehicle and was using a touch-up paint pen to repair scratches on the vehicle.

May 30, 2025, 3:54 PM: A Lee Road resident reported that Fed Ex delivered a package to the front door of his home at 11:50 AM and five minutes later, the package was gone.

May 30, 2025, 6:31 PM: A Connecticut woman reported that the windshield of her Toyota Corolla was smashed by a baseball as she was driving on Mamaroneck Road near the Crossway baseball field, during a Scarsdale Little League team practice.

June 2, 2025, 12:36 PM: A Heathcote Road resident reported that the Internal Revenue Service did not receive two checks he mailed on April 11, 2025, and later found that the checks had been stolen and altered.

June 7, 2025, 8:02 PM: After observing a Bronx man drive through a red traffic light on Post Road, police issued several tickets, including passing a red stoplight, aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and driving a vehicle without brake lights.

June 8, 2025, 10:50 PM: Police stopped a four-door sedan driving over the speed limit on Post Road and issued tickets to the 20-year-old driver for speeding, aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and operating a motor vehicle without a license.

June 9, 2025, 6:04 PM: Police stopped a 26-year-old Yonkers driver after he allegedly drove through a red traffic light on Popham Road and then cut off several drivers. Police issued several tickets, including passing a red light, unsafe lane change, operating an unregistered motor vehicle and operating a motor vehicle without insurance. His Kia SUV was towed.

Calendar of Events



Van Gogh's Flowers
Through October 26, 2025, 10 AM to 6 PM
New York Botanical Garden, 2900 Southern Blvd., Bronx
NYBG becomes the canvas for one of the world's most revered artists, where you'll revel in the beauty of the flowers that inspired his iconic paintings. Find yourself immersed in botanical displays and large-scale art as you wander through a breathtaking lawn of monumental sunflowers, and see the expressive masterpieces bloom in recreations made of living flowers. For tickets, go to nybg.org.



Un Ballo in Maschera (The Masked Ball)
Wednesday, July 9 and Friday, July 11, 7 PM
Sunday, July 13, 3 PM
The Croton Free Library, 171 Cleveland Drive
The New York Opera Conservatory performs Giuseppe Verdi's masterpiece *The Masked Ball*. It is the story of King Riccardo who is secretly in love with his best friend's wife. In spite of the seemingly serious story, the opera is a festival of dance music, light-heartedness, and toe-tapping fun. It is one of Verdi's most popular operas of all time. Free admission. For more information, go to taconicoopera.org.



Full Moon Wolf Walk
Thursday, July 10, 6 PM
Wolf Conservation Center, 7 Buck Run, South Salem
Learn about the history of wolves in the United States, the importance of wolves in a healthy ecosystem and the efforts to save these magnificent creatures for future generations. Guests will also take a short walk to visit Ambassador Wolves Nikai and Silas, and will hopefully enjoy a symphony of howls from the 30+ wolves that call the WCC home! Fee is \$20. To register, go to nywolf.org.



Film Screening: Oppenheimer 2023
Friday, July 11, 2025, 1:30 PM
Scarsdale Public Library, 54 Olmsted Road
Christopher Nolan's keenly observed biopic *Oppenheimer* following the scientist's life and service during the Manhattan Project and the later revocation of his security clearance during the second Red Scare on suspicion of his communist sympathies and postwar opposition to further nuclear weapons testing. The next day, Saturday, July 12, at 10 AM a presentation and lecture from local historian Brian Brown will discuss the brains behind the atomic bomb and showcase the many other scientists and fascinating individuals playing a role during this complex moment in history. To register for these programs, go to scarsdalelibrary.org.

Backyard Sports Mini Camp
June 30 to July 2 (Raindate July 3)
9 AM to 12 Noon (Half-Day)
Crossway Field 3, 312 Mamaroneck Road, Scarsdale
Fee: \$270
Boys and Girls ages 6 to 12 This program includes age-appropriate summer camp favorites like soccer, flag football, hockey, pickle ball, GaGa, capture the flag, yoga and arts and crafts! Staffed by experienced local teachers and coaches, this program is welcome to campers of all ability levels. Children should bring a snack and plenty to drink. For more information, contact the Scarsdale Recreation Department at recreation@scarsdale.com or 914-722-1160.

Old Movie Matinee: Jaws
Wednesday, July 2, 11 AM
Mamaroneck Public Library, 136 Prospect Avenue
Celebrate the 50th anniversary of *Jaws*, the greatest shark movie of all time. Snacks will be provided. For more information, go to mamaronecklibrary.org.

Webinar: Helping Youth Heal: Support Through Family Addiction, Trauma & Stress
Tuesday, July 8, 1:30 PM
In this webinar, author Trish Luna shares how the children's book *Lambi Learns About Addiction* uses evidence-based practices to help children build emotional awareness, resilience, and self-regulation skills. Sponsored by Scarsdale Action for Youth. To register, go to https://share.hsforms.com/2_FAAgKN2TdOZ_2ioSdF7ZQrs9fo

Birdland
Friday, July 18, 8 PM
Emelin Theatre, 153 Library Lane, Mamaroneck
Grammy Award-winning jazz and blues singer Catherine Russell performs songs from the 1920s through today with prodigious pianist Sean Mason. Their collaboration spans a broad spectrum

of African-American and American popular music. Ticket prices range from \$50 to \$68. For more information, go to emelin.org.

Scarsdale Summer Sidewalk Sale
Thursday, July 24 to Saturday, July 26, 10 AM to 6 PM
Members of the Scarsdale Business Alliance (SBA) can sign up now to participate in this year's Sidewalk Sale. In addition to our Village center brick and mortar store members, we welcome other SBA members to participate, with designated spaces provided on Boniface Circle, which will be closed to vehicular traffic. Vendor participation is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Participation of home-based business members and SBA members located outside of 10583 will be available by lottery. For more information, go to scarsdalebusinessalliance.com

Summer Opera Movie Series: Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro
Friday, July 25, 1 PM
Larchmont Public Library, 121 Larchmont Avenue
Composed in 1786, the quintessential comic opera *Le Nozze di Figaro* (The Marriage of Figaro) follows the (mis)adventures of the lascivious Count Almaviva (Thomas Dolié) as he tries to pull one over on his wife Rosina (Ana Maria Labin), his valet Figaro (Robert Gleadow) and Figaro's fiancée Susanna (Angela Brower), object of the Count's unwanted advances. Learn more at LarchmontLibrary.org.

Blood Drive
Wednesday, July 30, 1 PM to 6 PM
Mamaroneck Public Library, 136 Prospect Avenue
To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org. Use sponsor code MamaroneckNY. Donors who give blood between July 15 and 31 are

eligible for a free movie pass from Fandango. For more information, go to rcblood.org/July.

Upcoming Events at the Scarsdale Public Library

Big Truck Day 2025!
Tuesday, July 8, 10 AM to 11:30 AM
Scarsdale Police, Fire and Public Works Departments are each bringing a vehicle for kids to see up close and personal! No registration required! All Ages Family Program. Note: As this program will take place in our parking lot, parking in the lot will be limited. Learn more here: bit.ly/409OzdU

Film Screening: Oppenheimer (2023) Friday, July 11, 1:30 PM
Join us in the Scott Room for a film screening of Christopher Nolan's keenly observed biopic *Oppenheimer* following the scientist's life and service during the Manhattan Project and the later revocation of his security clearance during the second Red Scare on suspicion of his communist sympathies and postwar opposition to further nuclear weapons testing. Interested in the film? Don't miss the program taking place the next day, Saturday, July 12 for a presentation and lecture from local historian Brian Brown discussing the brains behind the atomic bomb and showcasing the many other scientists and fascinating individuals playing a role during this complex moment in history. bit.ly/4452cwo

The Brains Behind The Atomic Bomb Saturday, July 12, 10 AM
Join local historian Brian Brown for a look at some of these scientific figures, every bit as crucial as Oppenheimer (and some arguably more so!), as well as the politicians who launched the Manhattan Project in the first place. There will be time for questions after the lecture. bit.ly/45ZzMX0

Thursdays Together - Accessible Games and Activities
Thursday, July 10, 1 PM

Come to the library for some welcoming, focused time meant to give adult day habilitation groups, people living in congregate housing, and all people age 18 and older who might receive special care at home an opportunity for social interaction and fun games and activities. This will be a relaxed space set aside for people to visit the library and enjoy themselves. bit.ly/3G1GC3C

Bling's the Thing Saturday, July 12, 10 AM
Brighten someone's day with a pair of handmade earrings! Or treat yourself to some pretty baubles to wear out for your next special occasion. For every pair of earrings you make, make another pair to donate to a domestic violence shelter. bit.ly/412yOhD

Movie Screening & Discussion: The Lieutenant Wore Skirts Friday, July 18, 2 PM
Join Marcus Renna in the Scott Room for a screening and discussion of the 1956 comedy *The Lieutenant Wore Skirts*. Directed by Frank Tashlin, written by Tashlin and Albert Beich, and starring Tom Ewell, Sheree North, and Rita Moreno, *The Lieutenant Wore Skirts* tells the screwball story of a man whose marriage begins to fail when his wife enlists in the military. bit.ly/4efDJcf

Museums with Marisa: Discovering Ancient Egypt Monday, July 21, 6 PM
Explore the history, culture, and daily life in the land of the pharaohs along the Nile River in this insightful and engaging presentation with a professional museum educator and curator, enhanced along the way with archaeological artifacts you can scrutinize up close. bit.ly/310upwE

Blood Drive Friday, July 25, 10 AM
Save a life this year! Stop by the Scott Room to donate blood with the New York Blood Center. One in three people will need a blood transfusion during their lives. Blood can only be stored for 42 days, so there is a continuous need for the generosity of you and your community. bit.ly/4kDFH8E

Table Hopping with Morris Gut: Tasty Summer Drives

The summer season has officially started. Time to plan some road trips with good food in mind. Here are some suggestions...

Decadent Souffle at Bia

Cited this past year by Forbes Magazine, Simi and Miranda Poloza and their team have been showing off their skills at flashy Bia American Kitchen & Bar at Chappaqua Crossing. Chef William Deluca's global menu has been surprising all comers. Our recent indulgences here included their signature Burrata Burger with baby arugula, roasted peppers, crispy burrata and balsamic, a big bowl of Southwest Chicken Salad with Cajun chicken, mixed greens, corn, red onions, avocado, black beans, roasted peppers, tortilla chips, cheddar and boom boom dressing, and Harissa

Steamed Mussels. Delicious and satisfying. I admit I was especially smitten with their classic Grand Marnier Souffle for dessert. Every spoonful fluffy, decadent and delightful. The dramatically designed 220-seat space has two dining rooms, a party/catering area and sweeping contemporary bar and lounge. Bia, 480 North Bedford Road, at Chappaqua Crossing, Chappaqua. Open daily from noon to 10 PM Brunch. 914-855-0123 www.biaamericankitchen.com

Colorful Global at 512 Bistro

Marking their first anniversary, partners Abel and Karla Magana and Jose Arteaga are ready to serve you culinary love from around the world. Their bustling restaurant offers such multi-cultural specialties as Tempura Fish Taquitos, Alaskan Crab Cakes, loaded Vegan Bowl,

Broiled Chilean Sea Bass, Tuna Steak and a hefty T-Bone Steak with all the trimmings. Big juicy Burgers too. Colorful art and ceiling fixtures highlight the dining room. Bright and airy. Romantic fireplace room behind dramatic glass doors. Long sparkling bar/lounge area. Friendly staff. Daily happy hours. Weekend brunch. Open 7 days. The same team own Terra Rustica up the road. 512 Bistro, 512 North State Road, Briarcliff Manor. Free parking. 914-236-3130 www.512bistro.com

Antipasti Platter for Two at La Bocca

A meal here usually begins with platters from chef/proprietor Tony Spiritoso's signature antipasti bar loaded daily with tempting cured imported meats, cheeses and appetizing house made salads. Tony has brought his vintage bright red slicing machine along wherever he

has been, and it sits here ready to roll at the antipasto counter. Some consider La Bocca the most authentic Italian kitchen in the area. Seasonal pastas, meats, fish and game. The wine selection is among the best in the county. The dining room is strewn with artistic columns, imported goods and seasonal artifacts. There is a wine room for private events. Open 7 days. Happy Bites Monday through Friday, 3 PM to 6 PM. La Bocca, 8 Church St., White Plains. 914-948-3281 www.laboccaristorante.com

Southern Comfort at Freebird Kitchen & Bar

The rooftop is open. Seasoned proprietor Nick Fusco serves tasty versions of Fried Calamari, meaty Baby Back Ribs, Cobb Salad, spicy Chicken Wings, crispy Brussels Sprouts, Shrimp & Grits, Braised Short Ribs, and a great Pimento Cheeseburger. The cooking here is very satisfying, and all done with a friendly Southern theme. Portions are ample and shareable. The lighting and those artsy birds hanging from the ceiling in the dining room give it a magical atmosphere. There is a seasonal rooftop lounge for drinks and dining. Sprawling bar. Craft beers. Happy hours: Tuesday through Thursday 4 PM to 6 PM; Friday 2 PM to 6 PM. Weekend Brunch. Closed Mondays. Live music jams on Friday and Sunday evenings. Freebird Kitchen, 161 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains. 914-607-2476 www.freebirdkitchenandbar.com

Latin Spirits and Cuisine at El Primo

Dynamic host and co-owner Daniel Cahill along with partners Rory Dolan and Declan Rainsford have created a hotspot focusing on elevated Latin American cuisine. There's a long sparkling Agave bar and curved banquets and high tops that lead to a semi-private dining room in the rear. Soft inviting colors throughout. Enjoy a curated Agave cocktail flight. Extraordinary flavors coming out of this kitchen include beautifully plated Mole Enchiladas, Al Pastor Tacos, Vegan Sabina Quesadilla, and Grilled Shrimp Tostada. New al fresco Tiki Bar. Open 7 days from noon to 2 AM. Happy hours. El Primo, 166B Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains. 914-861-0400 www.elprimowp.com

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Protecting Older Adults from Fraud, Abuse, and Scams

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As people live longer and often more independently into their later years, older adults have become increasingly vulnerable to fraud, abuse, and scams. These threats can come from strangers, caregivers, service providers, or even trusted family members. Unfortunately, criminals often target seniors because they may have savings, home equity, or retirement income—and because they are seen as more trusting or less tech-savvy. According to the National Council on Aging, older Americans lose billions of dollars annually to scams and financial exploitation. What's even more troubling is that many cases go unreported due to embarrassment, fear, or the involvement of someone close to the victim.

Fraud aimed at seniors takes many forms, with financial scams being the most common. These include impersonation scams where a caller claims to be from the IRS, Social Security Administration, or Medicare and demands payment or personal information. Romance scams are also prevalent, where fraudsters pose as interested partners on social media or dating websites and slowly build trust before asking for money. Tech support scams involve a fake pop-up or phone call claiming the victim's computer has a virus, tricking them into giving remote access or paying for unnecessary services. Lottery or prize scams tell the victim they've won a big prize but must pay fees

to claim it. In another variation, known as the "grandparent scam," someone pretends to be a grandchild in distress, urgently asking for money to be sent.

Abuse and neglect are also serious concerns. Elder abuse can be physical, emotional, or financial. It can take the form of a caregiver failing to meet a senior's basic needs or using intimidation, threats, or manipulation to control or exploit the older person. Financial exploitation may involve misuse of a power of attorney, forging checks, stealing cash or valuables, or coercing a senior into changing legal documents like wills or deeds. Sometimes the perpetrator is a family member, which can make the victim reluctant to speak out or seek help.

There are practical steps older adults and their families can take to reduce the risk of becoming victims. First, staying informed is crucial. Learning to recognize red flags, such as high-pressure tactics, demands for secrecy, or promises of huge reward. It's important to be skeptical of unsolicited calls, emails, or visitors asking for money or personal information. Caller ID can be faked, and government agencies never demand payment over the phone or ask for gift cards.

Second, safeguarding financial information is essential. Seniors should use strong passwords and enable two-factor authentication on bank and credit accounts. It's also a good idea to review account statements regularly and consider placing a credit freeze if no new credit is needed. Limiting access to financial accounts is another protective measure—trusted family members or professionals can help,

but authority should only be given through properly executed legal documents like a power of attorney, ideally drafted with guidance from an attorney.

Another important step is staying socially connected. Isolation is a major risk factor for abuse and fraud. Regular communication with family, friends, and community groups helps keep older adults engaged and provides opportunities to spot trouble early. Family members should watch for warning signs such as sudden financial changes, unexplained injuries, withdrawal from usual activities, or unusual behavior.

Finally, if something doesn't feel right, speak up. Suspicious activity should be reported to local Adult Protective Services, law enforcement, or your local county District Attorney's Office Elder Abuse Unit.

Protecting older adults from fraud, abuse, and scams is a shared responsibility. With awareness, vigilance, and open communication, we can help ensure that our elders remain safe, respected, and financially secure in their later years.

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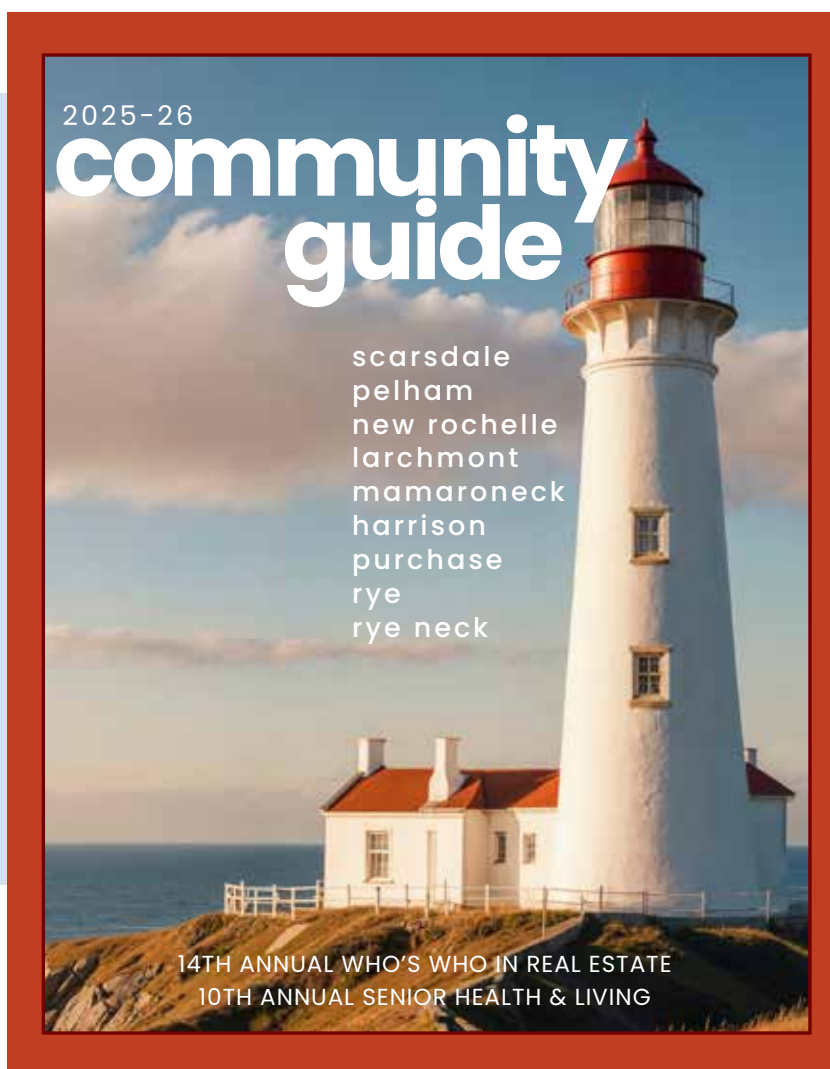
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