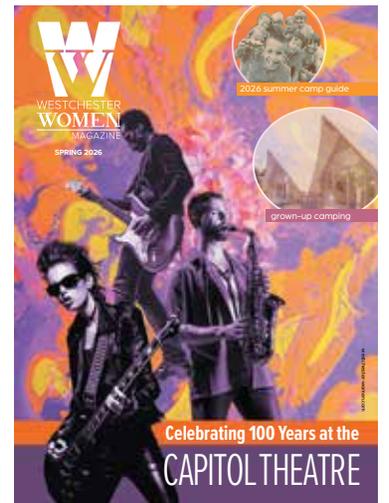


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Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle Hosts Governor Hochul's Announcement of \$16 Million to Reconnect Lincoln Zone in New Rochelle

New York State Gov. Kathy Hochul announced \$16 million in State funding for New Rochelle's LINC project during a visit last month to the Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle's Remington Clubhouse. The funding restores critical support for the project, which will reconnect the Lincoln Zone now separated by Memorial Highway, after previously allocated federal dollars were withdrawn.

The Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle's Remington Clubhouse was selected as the site of the announcement due to its central location and longstanding role as a community partner. The Club, located in the Lincoln Zone, is a community anchor in that neighborhood. In addition, New York State previously entrusted the Club to administer state initiatives such as LEAPS programming, which expands



community-based after-school services for elementary school students by providing academic support and enrichment, prioritizing social and emotional wellness and strengthening family and community

engagement.

The Remington Clubhouse serves youth from kindergarten through age 24, including middle school students, high school students and young adults. As part

of the planning process, youth from the Remington Clubhouse took part in a focus group on the LINC project, providing feedback on renderings and sharing their vision for multi-purpose green space, basketball courts, barbecue areas and improved walkability along Lincoln Avenue.

"The Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle is honored and appreciative that the Remington Clubhouse was specially selected as the setting for Gov. Hochul's visit and important announcement," said CEO Becky Mazzanobile. "The Club has always served as a gathering place for community dialogue and civic engagement. It was an honor to host this event, which reflects the Club's commitment to supporting initiatives that strengthen New Rochelle and lower Westchester County neighborhoods

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From the Office of the New Rochelle City Manager



NEW ROCHELLE CITY MANAGER
WILFREDO MELENDEZ

Dear Neighbors,

It's hard to believe we're already three months into 2026. While many workplaces ease into the year, our staff at City Hall has hit the ground running responding to emergencies and setting up the work to be done in the coming months.

Late January brought Winter Storm Fern, which dumped more than 10 inches of snow on our City. The largest snowfall our City has seen in almost a decade. Following Winter Storm Fern, City crews worked tirelessly to restore normal conditions throughout New Rochelle. Our Department of Public Works teams have spent much of February traveling around

the city to remove snow from roadways, particularly around schools and other high-traffic areas, to ensure safe passage for residents, students, families, and first responders. Cleanup efforts were made more challenging by the extreme cold temperatures we experienced throughout the month, which prevented snow and ice from melting and required sustained, hands-on removal.

As many households also felt the impact of prolonged cold weather through higher heating costs, assistance programs are available to help residents manage their Con Edison bills, including New York State's Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) and Con Edison's payment plans and energy affordability options. I encourage anyone facing financial hardship to explore these resources on Con Edison's website or by calling 1-800-752-6633. Supporting our community through difficult winter conditions remains a top priority.

Last month, I presented my 2026 Workplan to City Council. The Work Plan serves as a roadmap of our strategic priorities and goals, as identified[CT1.1] in the 2026 Budget, along with Council

priorities and department operations broken down into five key pillars:

- Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness
- Resilient Infrastructure
- Environmental Sustainability and Stewardship
- Economic Development, Opportunity, Prosperity and Growth
- Community Building

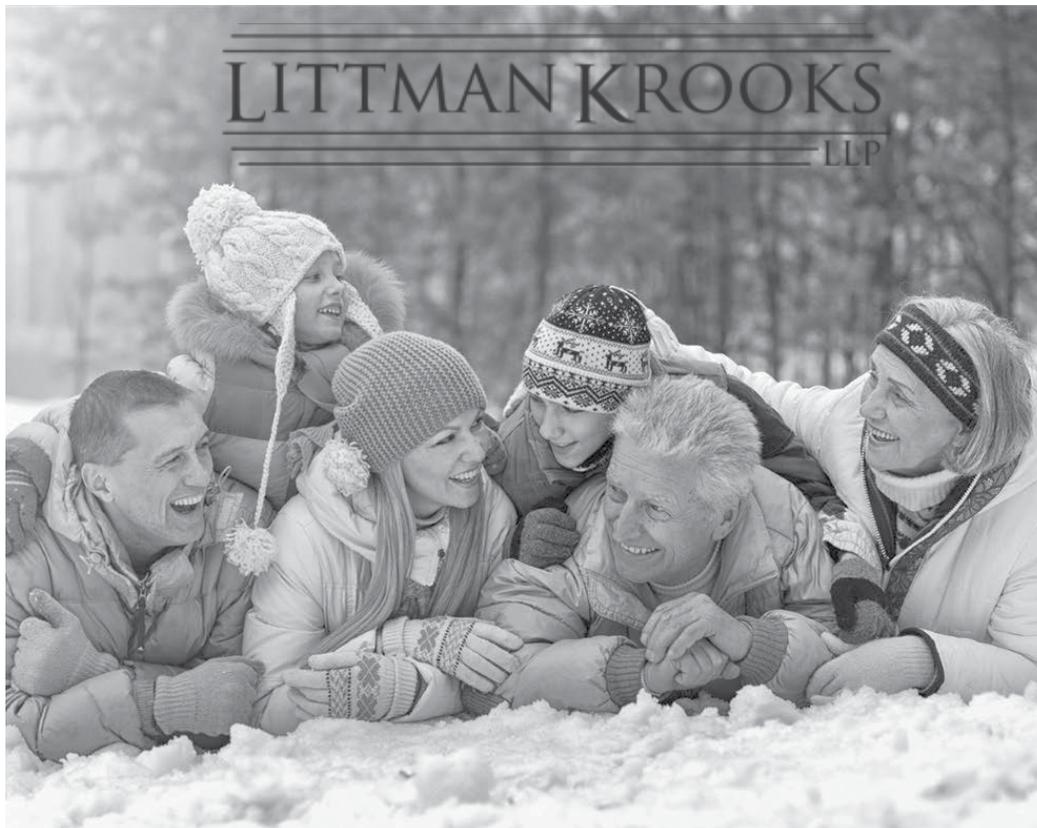
Some of the highlights of this year's Work Plan include the development and implementation of a Local Safety Action Plan (LSAP), a citywide program aimed at making safe streets for all, drainage improvements along the Quaker Ridge Road corridor, a stairwell replacement at the Pinebrook Tennis Center, as well as a once-in-a-generation investment into improvements at Ward Acres Park. This Work Plan builds on the ongoing work from our departments and is focused on improving and enhancing the quality of life for New Rochelle residents for years to come.

And following a winter weather-related delay, the City of New Rochelle will kick off the Third Annual Skate @ Lincoln from March 30 to April 4. The Spring Break event

will transform the Lincoln Park basketball courts into a festive skating rink. Skate @ Lincoln will run daily from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., offering residents and visitors a week of free, family-friendly fun. The event features complimentary skate rentals, music to keep the energy high, and free hot chocolate for the first 100 visitors each day.

And as our work continues, I want to remind you of all the ways to connect with City Hall. You can sign up for our NewRo Alert system at www.newrochelleny.gov/newroalert to receive calls, texts and/or email updates. The MobileNR app, available on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store, is also a great tool to let us know about any non-emergency concerns in your neighborhood. We've also just completed an upgrade to our City website at NewRochelleNY.Gov, featuring a cleaner layout that's more friendly for mobile-users. And, as always, you can also look to our City social media accounts on Facebook, Instagram and X.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. As always, your feedback and engagement help shape our efforts, and I encourage all residents to reach out to my office with any questions, comments or suggestions.



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New Rochelle Father-Son Duo Charged with Violent Menacing of Partner, Neighbor Using Loaded Gun and Machete

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that a father and son in New Rochelle were both charged in a 19-count indictment with various felonies related to their alleged, repeated menacing of the father's partner and a neighbor, including with the use of a loaded gun and a machete.

Donald Thomas, 47, and Sincere Thomas, 25, were arraigned on the charges Tuesday morning before Judge Susan Capeci, presiding judge of the Integrated Domestic Violence Part. Both defendants pleaded not guilty to the charges.

The breakdown of the indictment is as follows: Donald Thomas: Criminal Possession of Weapon in the Third Degree (D felony, 5 counts); Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree (C felony, 3 counts); Reckless Endangerment in the First Degree (D felony, 1 count); Criminal Possession of a Firearm (E felony, 1 count); Menacing in the Second Degree (A misdemeanor, 2 counts); Endangering the Welfare of a Child (A misdemeanor, 1 count); Reckless Endangerment in the Second Degree (A misdemeanor, 1 count); Assault in the Third Degree (A misdemeanor, 1 count); and Harassment in the Second Degree (violation, 1 count). Sincere Thomas: Criminal Possession of Weapon in the Third Degree (D felony, 4 counts); Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree (C felony, 2 counts); Reckless Endangerment in the First Degree (D felony, 1 count); Criminal Possession of a Firearm (E felony, 1 count); Menacing in the Second Degree (A misdemeanor, 1 count); Endangering the Welfare of a Child (A misdemeanor, 1 count); Reckless Endangerment in the Second Degree (A misdemeanor, 1 count)

Prosecutors requested that Judge Capeci raise the amount of bail previously set for Donald Thomas and set a cash bail amount for Sincere Thomas, who is currently released on his own recognizance. Judge Capeci maintained the previous bail amount for Donald Thomas and maintained the ROR status for Sincere Thomas.

The defendants are due back in court March 17.

DA Cacace said: "The sheer volume of charges in this indictment reflects the severity and unrelenting nature of the defendants' alleged conduct. What began as a simple dispute spiraled needlessly into a multipronged conflict, including alleged acts of menacing and harassment, putting innocent lives at risk and endangering the welfare of a young child.

"All too often, intimate partners are subjected to everyday violence and suffer through it in silence. I am proud of the partner in this case for speaking up. The entire New Rochelle community is safer today because of her courage."

As outlined to the court during a bail application and in charging documents, on Jan. 13, following a dispute with a neighbor, Donald Thomas punched his partner in the face and is said to have pulled a pocket knife on the neighbor. Thereafter, Donald is accused of attempting to slash the neighbor with a machete.

After the neighbor retreated to his apartment, Donald is accused of enlisting his son, Sincere Thomas, from their apartment in the same building to assist with the alleged menacing. Donald is then accused of pulling a gun on his partner and attempting to have her draw the neighbor out of his own apartment, this confrontation allegedly occurring in front of an 8-year-old child.

The Thomases are then accused of going to the neighbor's apartment door, where Sincere allegedly slashed the door with a machete and Donald allegedly shot at the door with a firearm, whereupon they both fled.

The next day, following Donald's apprehension by the police, Sincere is accused of threatening Donald's partner with a kitchen knife in front of the child.

The investigation into this incident was conducted by the New Rochelle Police Department.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Paige Pirtle and Domestic Violence Deputy Bureau Chief Janelle Armentano.

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As AI Transforms the Future of Work, Iona University Partners with Industry Leaders to Launch Groundbreaking Summer Program

As artificial intelligence rapidly transforms the economic landscape and the future of work, Iona University announced a bold new summer program designed to place students at the intersection of education, industry and technological innovation as they prepare for evolving workplaces.

Education in Real Life reflects the vision of Iona President Seamus Carey, Ph.D., and builds upon Iona's mission of meeting modern-day challenges while remaining anchored in its foundational commitment of providing a transformative educational experience.

Set to launch this May, the four-week program will engage with three critical industries: energy, construction and hospitality. Students will simultaneously study texts that provide context and meaning to the human experience as expressed through these fields.

"It is no secret that AI is having a profound effect on the workplace across nearly every sector of the economy, changing both the prospect of work and perhaps even its meaning, for the future our students will live in. The best way to ask questions about what's ahead is to start with what leaders in key sectors are already doing, and how they see the technology influencing their operations and opportunities," Carey said. "Education in Real Life starts there, while remaining rooted in our commitment to an education that deepens the capacities of human understanding and purpose. At Iona, we see artificial intelligence as a partner to the real intelligence education fosters—and that the real world demands."

Applications to join the inaugural cohort are now open. The program will welcome 20 first- and second-year college students, each of whom will receive a \$1,000 stipend and three (3) free credits as part of this innovative learning experience. Learn more and apply at iona.edu today.

Through coursework, conversation with industry leaders, small-group activities and site visits, students will examine how AI and other digital technologies are rapidly reshaping planning, performance and workforce needs. At the same time, students will connect industry knowledge with the reading of texts relevant to the themes raised by consideration of energy, building, hospitality, and the world they shape.

The first group of industry partners includes Eos Energy Enterprises; Consigli Construction Co., Inc.; Union Square Hospitality Group; Wyndham Hotels and Resorts; and legendary Westchester restaurateur John Crabtree. Working alongside Iona faculty, these partners will be central to Education in

Real Life, allowing participating students to:

- Explore real industries to understand their core demands and objectives as well as how AI can reconfigure strategy, systems and operations.
- Engage directly with industry professionals and faculty mentors, gaining clarity on the evolution of industries and the jobs that support them.
- Examine real-world career journeys and opportunities.
- Connect reading and reflection to the pursuit of personal and professional goals, linking lessons with technical and professional experience.

"I want to express my gratitude to our partners for their willingness to contribute to our important and exciting experiment," Carey said. "They are on the front lines of workforce transformation, just as our faculty are on the front lines of educational transformation. This program will no doubt serve as a catalyst for future innovation at Iona. My hope is that it will also offer a model for how the world of study and the world of work can engage in richer conversation through human connection as well as technology."

Education in Real Life reinforces Iona's mission to prepare students who are not only fluent in emerging technologies like AI but are also grounded in ethics, creativity and human understanding. Visit iona.edu for more information or to apply to be part of the first cohort.

Founded in 1940, Iona University is a master's-granting private, Catholic, coeducational institution of learning in the tradition of the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers. Iona's 45-acre New Rochelle campus and 28-acre Bronxville campus are just 20 miles north of Midtown Manhattan. With a total enrollment of over 4,000 students and an alumni base of 55,000 around the world, Iona is a diverse community of learners and scholars dedicated to academic excellence and the values of justice, peace and service. Iona is highly accredited, offering undergraduate degrees in liberal arts, science and business administration, as well as Master of Arts, Master of Science and Master of Business Administration degrees and numerous advanced certificate programs. Iona students enjoy small class sizes, engaged professors and a wide array of academic programs across the School of Arts & Science; LaPenta School of Business; NewYork-Presbyterian Iona School of Nursing & Health Sciences; and Hynes Institute for Entrepreneurship & Innovation. Iona also continues to be recognized in prestigious national rankings.

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Wide Variety of Consent Agenda and Resolutions Presented at Legislative Meeting

BY STEPHEN E. LIPKEN



City of New Rochelle Mayor Yadira Ramos-Herbert called the February 17th Regular Legislative Meeting to order, beginning with the Consent Agenda, Webster Avenue State/Local Master Agreement Resolution authorizing the implementation and funding in the first instance 100% of the Federal-Aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-aid eligible costs, of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project, appropriating funds.

Next, Proposed Amendment to City Code re: Parking Regulation Changes (Westchester Place) Ordinance amending Section 312-83, Schedule XII: Parking Prohibited at All Times; Section 312-85, Schedule XIV: Time Limit Parking, and Section 312-87, Schedule XVI: No Stopping or Standing, of Chapter 312, Vehicles and Traffic, of the City Code (Westchester Place).

10 Scholar-Athletes Participate in Signing Day at Iona Prep



Iona Preparatory School in New Rochelle celebrated ten standout scholar-athletes on Signing Day, recognizing a major milestone in their academic and athletic journeys. Athletic Director Ryan Mahoney, along with school leaders and coaches, praised the students for their dedication, sportsmanship, and commitment both in the classroom and on the field. The celebration marked a proud moment for the Iona Prep community as these student-athletes officially mark the start of their collegiate careers.

Bottom Row (L-R):

- Jon Gallino – Franklin & Marshall College, Division III Track & Field
- Kayden Ceballos – Post University, Division II Baseball
- CJ Malespin – Union College, Division III Football
- Joe Wolf – Bucknell University, Division I Football
- Eric Pirrello – Fordham University, Division I Football

Top Row (L-R):

- Marko Matesic – Manhattan University, Division I Soccer
- Abraham Guerrero – Carnegie Mellon University, Division III Football
- Brennen Pressley – Gannon University, Division II Football
- Jeff Maldari – Anderson University, Division II Baseball
- Elliot Cornejo – Mount Saint Mary's University, Division I Soccer

Proposed Acceptance of New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) CARES UP Grant Program Ordinance accepting a CARES UP Grant Award from NYS Office of Mental Health and Amending Ordinance No. 198 of 2025, Budget of the City of New Rochelle for 2026.

Establishment of a Cannabis Excise Tax Trust Account and Related Requirements Resolution authorizing establishment of a Cannabis Excise Tax Trust Account and approving the proposed 20% allocation percentage and proposed eligible uses (sponsored by Councilmember Sara R. Kaye).

Approval of the reappointment of Wilbert Ortiz to the New Rochelle Board of Ethics by the City Manager.

Resolution accepting the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS) as complete pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SE-QRA).

Proposed applications for NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Applications to NYSDOT for four Complete Streets and Active Transportation Projects.

Resolutions encompassed Settlement of Claim re: Workers Compensation filed by David DeJesus; Acceptance of Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Offer for Permanent Exclusive and Non-Exclusive Easements in connection with the Penn Station Access Project (PSA); and finally, Proposed Resolution Amending Condition No. 4 of Resolution 129-2010 regarding the Special Permit for Hudson Country Montessori School, pursuant to Article XII of New Rochelle Zoning Code.

Veolia Water NY Employee Assists Jamaican Relief Effort



there, but we gained a lot, too.”

Vanessa is one of three Veolia New York employees who have recently trained to be part of the VeoliaForce. Over the past year, the organization has deployed two other teams to locations around the world to assist with disaster relief.

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When Vanessa Armstrong joined Veolia’s New York team in 2023, she didn’t expect her work would take her to Jamaica.

But, that’s where this New Rochelle-based Water Quality Specialist and Laboratory Supervisor spent the holidays as part of a team working to bring potable water back to 5,000 St. James residents affected by Hurricane Melissa.

Vanessa was deployed to Jamaica by VeoliaForce - Veolia Foundation’s international natural disaster crisis response team. She volunteered to join the force mid-2025, completed her training in September and was mobilized just a few months later with only three days’ notice.

She arrived to find a community desperate for help. “People were out there in the mornings waiting for us to start up the system so they could brush their teeth,” Vanessa said, explaining that the community was having a hard time accessing drinking water and that price gauging at nearby markets had become a problem for many.

Vanessa’s deployment spanned three weeks, with team members working 12-hour shifts, seven days each week. Her assignment while in St. James was to train the local team to manage the storage of the Aquaforce water purification systems after the relief mission is complete.

When asked about what she values most about her recent experience in Jamaica, Vanessa replied, “I left with a renewed sense of purpose and humility. It felt good to be able to give back to the community and to people who look like me. They gained a lot by us being

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and expanding opportunities and quality of life for the families we serve.”

Approximately 60 state, county and local officials and community stakeholders attended the event, including New Rochelle Mayor Yadira Ramos-Herbert, Representative George Latimer, New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins, New York State Senator Shelley Mayer, New York State Assemblymember Steve Otis and Westchester County Board of Legislators Majority Leader Terry Clements.

The LINC project, short for Linking Innovation, Nature and Community, will transform a portion of Memorial Highway into a pedestrian-friendly corridor with green space, bike lanes and improved crossings. Originally constructed in the 1960s, the highway divided a historically Black neighborhood from downtown New Rochelle. City leaders have described the project as a long-term effort to restore connectivity, expand economic opportunity and support continued residential growth.

Gov. Hochul's announcement ensures the project can proceed without delay. In her remarks, she also highlighted New Rochelle's housing development activity, noting that the city has built approximately 4,500 new homes since 2020 and issued more than 1,000 housing permits annually in recent years. She pointed to a reported decline in average rent growth of 3% to 5% as an example of how increased housing supply can advance affordability.

“This is about more than infrastructure,” said Gov. Hochul said. “It is about reconnecting communities and building the housing and public spaces that allow people to live with dignity and opportunity.”

Mayor Ramos-Herbert said the LINC funding restores momentum for a project that has remained a priority through years of planning and community engagement.

“When federal support was pulled, it was a setback, but it did not change New Rochelle's resolve,” Ramos-Herbert said. “This funding puts us back on track to transform six lanes of highway into a connected public park that restores walkability, creates green space and unlocks economic opportunity for our residents.”

New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, a Yonkers native who represents the 35th Senate District including Greenburgh, Mount Pleasant, Yonkers, parts of White Plains and New Rochelle, emphasized the impact of past infrastructure decisions on historically marginalized neighborhoods and the importance of sustained partnership to

move the project forward.

“For decades, Memorial Highway divided neighborhoods and limited opportunity,” Stewart-Cousins said. “The LINC project is about reconnecting communities, creating public space and ensuring that the benefits of growth are shared. Today's commitment brings us closer to making that vision real.”

Congressman Latimer, who served as Westchester County Executive for seven years before being elected to Congress, described the announcement as an example of coordinated leadership across levels of government.

“There are two stories here, what partnership can create and what communities can achieve when leaders work in the same direction,” Latimer said. “New Rochelle is showing what it looks like to invest in connection, opportunity and progress.”

County Executive Jenkins, who succeeded Latimer in that role, noted the broader significance of the investment and framed the project as part of an ongoing effort to repair longstanding divisions.

“As we recognize Black History Month, it is important that we confront not only achievements, but also the policies and infrastructure decisions that caused real harm,” Jenkins said. “This investment ensures the LINC will move forward and begin repairing that damage. It is about bringing people together and moving our community forward.”

With the New York State funding commitment secured, the LINC project can continue into the next phase of implementation, with city and state partners moving forward on the work needed to deliver new public space and improved connections between neighborhoods.

For 95 years, Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle has been an integral part of the community, offering quality, achievement-driven programming encompassing academics, mental wellness, fitness, leadership and civics. Today, it is one of Westchester County's largest nonprofits and a leader in youth development, serving over 12,200 youths annually at 12 school sites and two clubhouses.

Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle's impactful before-school, after-school, elective, and summer offerings empower members to excel in school, become good citizens, and lead healthy, productive lives while effectively bridging the gap between school and home. Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle is proud to be affiliated with Boys & Girls Club of America, widely considered as both the leading youth organization and among the top nonprofits in the United States. Learn more at BGCNR.org.

Iona University to Present Prestigious 2026 Legacy Award to Mastercard's Timothy Murphy

Iona University is pleased to announce it will honor Timothy Murphy, vice chair for Mastercard, at its annual Trustees Scholarship Award Gala on April 29, 2026. Murphy will be presented with the esteemed 2026 Iona Legacy Award.

This event celebrates the University's dedication to service and scholarship by honoring distinguished community leaders who exemplify the Iona mission of transforming lives through education. The gala will take place at Cipriani 42nd Street in New York City.

Headquartered in Purchase, Mastercard is held in high esteem among Westchester County's Fortune 500 companies, employing nearly 100 Iona alumni and regularly hosting students for tours, mentorship opportunities and career networking.

“We are excited to recognize Tim Murphy at this year's gala,” said Iona President Seamus Carey, Ph.D. “In both his career and through his leadership in service to others, Tim demonstrates a deep commitment to excellence that positively shapes the world around him. We look forward to celebrating his legacy and strengthening the longstanding relationship between Iona and Mastercard.”

“I'm deeply honored to receive Iona's 2026 Legacy Award,” Murphy said. “This recognition reflects values that have guided my career and community work: expanding opportunity, strengthening education and helping build pathways for people to thrive. I'm proud that Mastercard is contributing to Iona's incredible efforts to open doors for students, especially first generation and high need scholars. Iona's scholarship program changes lives, and supporting that mission is profoundly meaningful to me.”

Murphy is vice chair for Mastercard, serving as an ambassador for the company globally and focusing on strategic relationships with regulators and policymakers. He is also a member of Mastercard's executive leadership team and management committee.

Before this appointment, Murphy was chief administrative officer, a role in which he drove alignment and execution across functions such as law, government affairs and policy, franchise, people and capabilities, corporate security and more to best position Mastercard to deliver for all stakeholders. He also previously served as general counsel, bringing a business mindset to advance Mastercard's legal and regulatory affairs, public policy, corporate governance and compliance.

Throughout his 25-plus year tenure at Mastercard, Murphy has also served as chief product officer, president of the company's U.S. region, and executive vice president of customer business planning and analysis. Before joining Mastercard in 2000, he was an associate in the New York and London offices of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton.

Murphy is chair of the Board of Trustees for the National Urban League and co-chairs the Cyber Readiness Institute. He sits on the boards of Northwestern Mutual, the Mastercard Impact Fund, Community Solutions, and is a trustee of the U.S. Council for International Business. He is also on the advisory boards of the Asia Society Policy Institute and the Tech for Good Institute, and is a member of the Aspen Cybersecurity Group, Legal Services Corporation's Leaders Council, the Economic Club of New York and the Council on Foreign Relations. Murphy was named a Legend in Law in 2018 by the Burton Foundation.

He earned a Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School and a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Amherst College.

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Timothy Murphy

What Is a Trust? A Plain-English Guide to an Often Overlooked Estate Planning Tool



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When people think about estate planning, they often think first of a will. While a will is an important document, it is only one of many tools available to help people plan for the future. Another tool that is frequently misunderstood or overlooked is a trust. Trusts are not reserved for the wealthy, nor are they inherently complicated. In fact, for many families, a trust can be one of the most effective and flexible ways to manage and protect assets

during life and after death.

At its most basic level, a trust is a legal arrangement that allows property to be held and managed for the benefit of someone else. When a trust is created, assets are transferred into the trust and are no longer owned outright by an individual. Instead, the trust becomes the owner of those assets, and they are managed according to the written instructions set forth in the trust agreement. Those instructions determine how the assets are invested, used, and eventually distributed.

The person who creates the trust is commonly referred to as the grantor, settlor, creator, or trustor. This is the individual who decides which assets will be placed into the trust, who will benefit from the trust, who will manage the trust, and under what circumstances distributions may be made. A trust may be created during a person's lifetime or upon death, and it can be customized to reflect the grantor's specific family situation, financial goals, and long-term concerns.

Every trust has at least one beneficiary. The beneficiary is the person or organization for whose benefit the trust exists. Beneficiaries may include children, grandchildren, spouses,

individuals with disabilities, or charitable organizations. Depending on the terms of the trust, a beneficiary may be entitled to receive income, principal, or both. In some trusts, distributions are required at certain times or ages, while in others, distributions are left to the discretion of the trustee to ensure that funds are used appropriately.

The trustee is the individual or institution responsible for managing the trust. The trustee's role is fiduciary in nature, meaning the trustee is legally obligated to act in the best interests of the beneficiaries and in accordance with the terms of the trust document. Trustees are responsible for managing investments, paying expenses, maintaining records, filing required tax returns, and making distributions. A trustee may be a family member, a trusted friend, a professional advisor, or a corporate trustee such as a bank or trust company. With some trusts, a person creating a trust serves as the initial trustee and names successor trustees to step in if they can no longer serve.

Trusts also have tax and reporting considerations that vary depending on the type of trust created. Some trusts use the grantor's Social Security Number and do not require

separate income tax filings during the grantor's lifetime, while others require their own tax identification number and annual tax returns. Depending on the structure of the trust, income may be taxed to the trust, the grantor, or the beneficiaries. While these rules can seem complex, proper planning ensures that reporting requirements are met and that tax consequences are understood and managed.

There are many different types of trusts, each designed to serve a particular purpose. Some trusts are revocable and allow the grantor to retain control and make changes during their lifetime. Others are irrevocable and are commonly used for tax planning, asset protection, Medicaid planning, or planning for a loved one with special needs. Trusts may be designed to support a surviving spouse, preserve assets for children, or provide long-term oversight for beneficiaries who may not be ready or able to manage assets outright.

Trusts are governed largely by state law, and the rules can vary significantly from one state to another. State law determines how a trust must be created, what language is required for certain types of trusts, how trustees may act, and how trusts are taxed and administered. A trust that is not properly drafted may not function as intended or may even be invalid. For that reason, trusts should always be prepared and reviewed with careful attention to applicable state law to ensure they are properly established, enforceable, and aligned with the grantor's goals.

Despite their usefulness, trusts are often overlooked because they are perceived as unnecessary, expensive, or overly complex. In reality, trusts can address issues that a will alone cannot, such as avoiding probate, maintaining privacy, planning for incapacity, protecting beneficiaries from creditors, or ensuring that assets are used over time rather than distributed all at once.

In the end, a trust is not about making an estate plan complicated. It is about creating a plan that reflects your wishes, protects your loved ones, and provides clarity and stability for the future. For many individuals and families, a trust is not just a helpful addition to an estate plan but rather it is an essential one.

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Table Hopping: Everyone is Irish on St. Paddy's Day

The leprechauns are coming! St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday, March 17th, will be celebrated with all its local color. Throughout Westchester, towns and villages are hanging shamrocks on storefronts and homes giving the Hudson Valley its sparkling moment in the Emerald Isle. If you want to partake in the traditional foods, spirits and reveling sprinkled with a good dose of blarney, here are some suggestions. Be sure to check ahead for special events, and larger groups are advised to make advanced reservations. Erin Go Bragh!

Partners Ro Flanagan, Shane Clifford and Chef Brendan Donohue, proprietors of popular Jack's Bar & Kitchen, a popular Irish American tavern in Eastchester, premiered Jill's Bar & Restaurant in Mamaroneck, across from Harbor Island Park. Jill's, a colorful ode to modern Ireland, serves a winning combination of gastropub favorites and modern-American and European specialties along with a good dose of hospitality. A special menu will be served including such traditional favorites as Corned Beef & Cabbage, Fresh Cod & Chips, and Shephard's Pie. There's also Truffle Parm Fries, Chili Roasted Cauliflower, Lobster Cobb Salad, Braised Beef Short Ribs, Ahi Tuna Bowl, and Surf & Turf Tacos. Jill's, 100 W. Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck, off the corner of Mamaroneck Ave. Happy Hours. Weekend brunch. 914-341-1776 www.jillsbarandrestaurant.com

Jack's Bar & Restaurant, 219 Main St.,

Eastchester. Owner Shane Clifford and his friendly crew have all the good cheer, TVs and finger foods you want. Generous specialties coming out of Chef Brendan Donohue's kitchen include traditional Corned Beef & Cabbage; Double-Stacked Smash Burger; Shepherd's Pie; decadent Short Rib Mac N' Cheese; Jack's Meatballs; Seared Scallops; Chicken Curry; Shroom Pizza out of their woodfired oven; Berkshire Pork Chop; and Grilled Lamb Sliders. 914-652-7650 www.jackseastchester.com

I recently got back to the Beechmont Tavern, across from IONA University in New Rochelle. It has been around since 1928, they say, and proprietor Rob Hayes keeps the place warm and buzzing. We ordered their popular traditional chicken wings, a Gael burger and fries, and a summery goat cheese and pear salad. We shared. All were great. Beechmont Tavern, 750 North Ave., New Rochelle. Open 7 days. 914-636-9533 www.beechmonttavern.com

McShane's Public House, 123 N. Main St., Portchester. Partners Edmund Cleary and Vincent Furey offer a taste of the Emerald Isle in Port Chester and the crowds follow. Popular traditional specialties include Colcannon Croquettes, Bangers & Mashed, Corned Beef Reuben and Lamb Sliders. 914-937-7800 www.mcshanesportchester.com

Dunne's Restaurant & Pub, 15 Shapham Place, White Plains. A neighborhood treasure,

an authentic Irish tavern with all the traditional Gaelic accoutrements intact. Owner Declan Farrell keeps it a friendly, home-style place with a good kitchen to boot, dishing out generous servings of traditional Irish-style fare. Try their fabulous Corned Beef & Cabbage, Corned Beef Reuben Sandwich, Beer Battered Fish & Chips, or Salmon Crisp, grilled salmon on sautéed spinach topped with baked mashed potatoes. 914-421-1451. www.dunnespub.com

Rory Dolan's, 890 McLean Ave., Yonkers. To many in the greater Westchester Irish community this is the motherload. There will be traditional feasting galore all day and evening. Try to get there off peak, if possible. There is a parking lot. Visit Rory's newest spot in White Plains: Archie Grand. 914-776-2946 www.rorydolans.com

Bread & Brine, 119 Main Street, Hastings-On-Hudson (914-479-5243) The place bustles inside and out, and 'summers in Maine' is the theme. Host and owner Jeremy McLellan and his crew will be dishing out plenty of spirited cheer. Great chowders. Oysters are a seasonal treat. A fine Fish & Chips and Lobster Rolls. www.breadandbrinehoh.com

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Same County. New Address.

Westchester County Moves to a Mandated .gov Webpage

Westchester County Government officially transitioned its website domain from westchestergov.com to WestchesterCountyNY.gov effective March 2, reinforcing the County's commitment to transparency, security and public trust.

The previous web address will automatically redirect to the new .gov site to ensure a seamless experience for residents, businesses and partners.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: "This is about clarity, credibility and public confidence. When residents visit a .gov website, they know they are accessing official government information. Moving to WestchesterCountyNY.gov aligns us with federal standards and strengthens trust in how we communicate with the public. Our goal is simple: make it easier for people to know they are in the right place."



What Changed

- The County's official website address will now be WestchesterCountyNY.gov
- The previous address, westchestergov.com, will redirect automatically

What is not Changing

- County services and programs
- Department pages and content
- Online forms and resources
- How residents access services

The online experience remains the same — only the web address is new.

The transition is part of a broader modernization effort to ensure the County's digital presence reflects best practices in government communications and cybersecurity.

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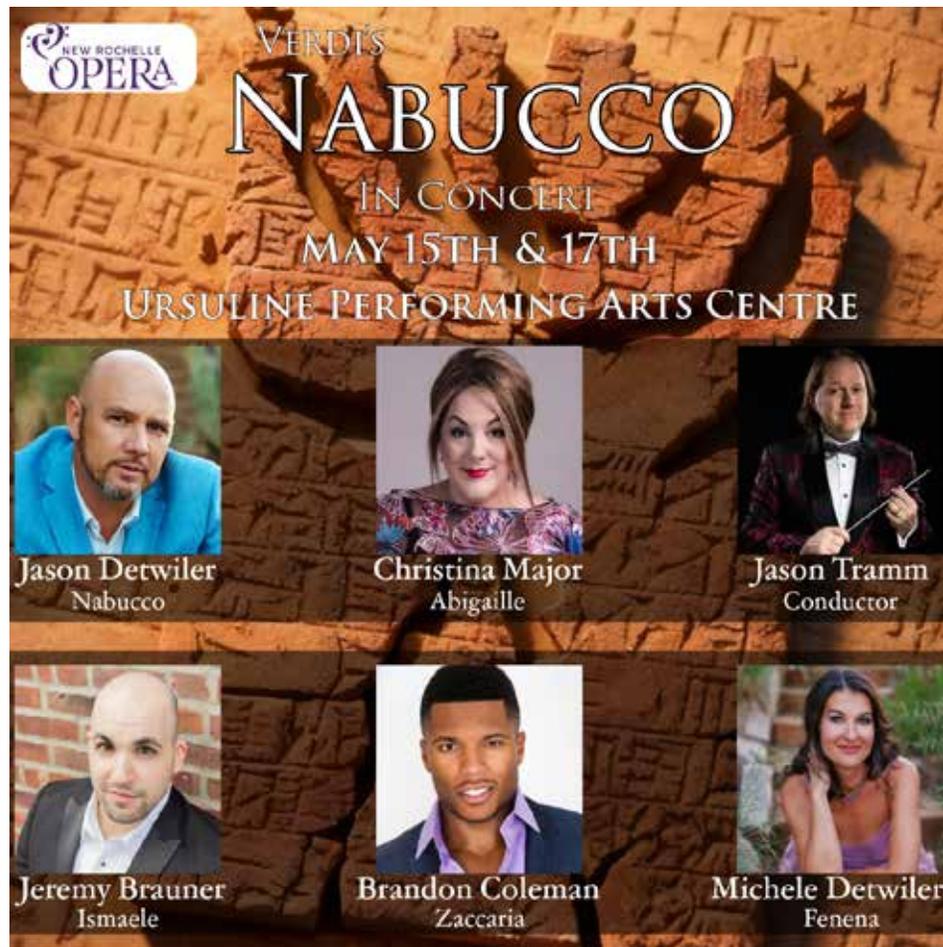
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New Rochelle Opera Announces Principal Casting for Verdi's Nabucco



New Rochelle Opera proudly announces the principal casting for its highly anticipated concert version of Giuseppe Verdi's monumental opera Nabucco, to be presented on Friday, May 15 and Sunday, May 17, 2026, at The Ursuline School in New Rochelle, New York.

Under the baton of Maestro Jason Tramm, Artistic and General Director of New Rochelle Opera, this powerful concert performance will feature a distinguished cast of vocal artists:

- Jason Detwiler as Nabucco – (Tulsa Opera and Opera Idaho)
- Christina Major as Abigaille – (Teatro Colón and Opera Tampa)
- Jeremy Brauner as Ismaele – (Sarasota Opera and Cedar Rapids Opera)
- Brandon Coleman as Zaccaria – (Metropolitan Opera and Sarasota Opera)
- Michelle Detwiler as Fenena – (Opera Idaho and Opera Modesto)

Premiered in 1842 at La Scala, Nabucco marked Verdi's first great triumph and remains one of the composer's most stirring and politically charged works. Best known for the iconic chorus "Va, pensiero," the opera tells a powerful story of exile, faith, redemption, and liberation. The score brims with dramatic intensity, soaring vocal lines, and monumental choral writing that has inspired audiences for generations.

Presented in concert format, this performance will place Verdi's electrifying music front and center, allowing audiences to experience the full emotional and sonic power of the score through orchestra, chorus, and soloists.

Maestro Jason Tramm shared his enthusiasm for the upcoming performances: "Nabucco is more than an opera—it is a testament to the enduring power of faith, resilience, and the human spirit. Verdi's music reminds us that even in moments of exile and uncertainty, hope can rise in breathtaking harmony. We are thrilled to bring this extraordinary work to New Rochelle with such a dynamic cast and chorus."

Tickets are now on sale and may be purchased at:
<https://ticketstripe.com/events/6729108557965714>

Founded in 1985, New Rochelle Opera has built a reputation for presenting compelling performances of grand opera while fostering artistic excellence and community engagement throughout Westchester County and the greater New York region.

Performance Dates:

Friday, May 15, 2026, Sunday, May 17, 2026

Location: The Ursuline School New Rochelle

March 2026 Events at the New Rochelle Public Library

Exhibit - It Happened Here: Life in New Rochelle During the American Revolution
 March 2- March 27

During regular Library hours
 This original exhibit by the New Rochelle Council on the Arts explores New Rochelle's pivotal role during the American Revolution, when the city became part of Westchester's lawless "Neutral Ground." Through modern photographs paired with historic maps, records, and eyewitness accounts culled from the Westchester County Historical Society's McDonald Interviews.

The exhibit covers two parts of the American Revolution War years in New Rochelle - before the Battle of White Plains - in October 1776, when the British and Hessians landed and encamped here and martial law was in effect - and afterward, up to the end of the war in 1783. During this time New Rochelle was part of the so-called Neutral Ground, a "no-man's land" of pillaging, plundering, and strife. Location: Lumen Winter Gallery

AARP Tax Assistance

Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

NRPL is pleased to partner with AARP Tax-Aide, to provide tax help to the New Rochelle community. First come - First Served. No appointments will be available. If you arrive at the Library before 9:00 am, you can sign in on the official sign up sheet posted on the Lawton Street Entrance. The sign up sheet will be posted by 7:30 am on some days AARP may need to stop accepting new tax patrons earlier than 2:00 pm in order to finish all tax returns in the time available.

VoiceScapes Audio Theater Presents an Afternoon of Comedy and Drama
 Saturday, March 7, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Get ready to laugh out loud. Enjoy an entertaining lineup of VERY FUNNY comedies and thought-provoking dramas in this collection of original, contemporary short plays, brought to life by the talented ensemble of VoiceScapes performers.

Location: Ossie Davis Theater

Registration is required at bit.ly/NRPL_VoiceScapes

Songcatchers Student Showcase

Sunday, March 8, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Songcatchers Student Showcase celebrates Songcatchers' most dedicated and prepared young musicians as they share their talents with the New Rochelle community. This special performance highlights the hard work, creativity, and confidence the students have developed through their music education. Join us for an inspiring afternoon of live music, community spirit, and the next generation of artists taking the stage. Location: Ossie Davis Theater

Registration is required at bit.ly/Student-Showcase_03_08_26

Brown Bag Book Club: Her Hidden Genius: a novel by Marie Benedict

Tuesday, March 10, 12:00 - 1:30 pm

A librarian-led book discussion. Newcomers welcome. A supply of the book to be discussed is available to borrow from the first floor hold shelf. Drop in.

This month's featured title: HER HIDDEN GENIUS: A NOVEL by Marie Benedict

Location: 2nd Floor Meeting Room

Tween Book Club Discussion: The Moth Keeper by K. O'Neill

Tuesday, March 10

4:30 - 5:30 pm

Join us for snacks, trivia, and to chat about this month's book club pick! Registration

required, registration for each discussion begins four weeks before each discussion date. The first 10 registrants will be given a free copy of the book! Register by calling 914-813-3716 or visiting the Desk in the Children's Room at the Main Library. Location: Children's Room

Friday Night Concert: Michael Powers' Blues Heritage Band

Friday, March 13, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Experience powerhouse blues with NY Blues Hall of Famer and Grammy nominee Michael "MURCH" Powers and his electrifying Blues Heritage Band. Hear originals from his acclaimed albums Onyx Root, Prodigal Son, and Revolutionary Boogie, plus tributes to J. Reed, M. Waters, and J. Hendrix. Emceed by author Topsy M. Durham, daughter of jazz icon Eddie Durham. Location: Ossie Davis Theater
 Registration requested at bit.ly/Michael-Powers_03_13_26

NRPL Film Series: A Celebration of Black Movie Musicals - THE WIZ (1978)

Saturday, March 14, 2:00 - 4:30 pm

The Wiz (1978) - Directed by Sidney Lumet - 134 mins; Starring Diana Ross, Michael Jackson, Richard Pryor

Location: Ossie Davis Theater

Registration requested at bit.ly/NRPL_TheWiz

Women's History Month Piano Concert with Moriah Trenk

Sunday, March 15, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Celebrate Women's History Month with an inspiring solo piano recital by Moriah Trenk, featuring Romantic-era works by Clara Schumann, Florence Price, Viola Kinney, and Robert Schumann. Alongside the music, Trenk will share insights into the lives and legacies of these remarkable composers. Location: Ossie Davis Theater
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