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The Community Market Resets its Reopening

Piermont foodies don't despair. The empty Community Market – our downtown's missing front tooth -- may reopen soon as a gourmet takeout place, with a coffee bar, a smoothie station and other amenities.

"It is going to be like a mini Dean & DeLuca," promised Victor Rose, the man who is managing the store's rebirth. Dean & DeLuca is an upscale Manhattan grocery store chain. Rose is a 57-year-old former chef who has been hired to plan the new store, hire its staff and oversee its operation. "I am pushing so hard to be open by Memorial Day," he said.

"It is going to be a market place with casual seating in the front," he added. There will be beer and wine and soft drink sales in the back and a catering area. You are going to get everything you need here -- soups, sandwiches, salads, desserts."

Despite his assurances, Piermonters can't help but be skeptical. Our last Newsletter had Mark Pavlicek, the Community Market's owner, promising an April opening. Piermont Building Inspector Charles Schaub had his doubts then and he still does. "I can't tell you anything about the market because I haven't seen anything go on for a year there. It's gutted," he said.

Pavlicek also is the owner of the ill-fated Austin's sports bar. It occupied the space that had been Slattery's Steakhouse. After it closed last summer, Pavlicek hoped to reopen it as the North River Grill but those plans didn't work out. That's when he brought in Rose and gave him a share of the business.

Rose immediately renamed the space the Flywheel Tavern and started rebuilding the kitchen. It should be opening soon, he said, but definitely not as a sports bar. "It is going to be a contemporary American grill serving burgers, sandwiches, salads, fresh fish and all natural beef," he said. "All the vegetables and produce will be locally sourced."

"There is no guarantee that the Flywheel Tavern will succeed. "I told Mark that the restaurant business is a crapshoot," Rose said. "I'll give us a 60 percent chance that we'll be successful."

Rose certainly should know. He grew up in a Greenwich Village restaurant family, went on to graduate from the prestigious Culinary Institute of America, and was a chef at the Plaza Hotel, Ritz-Carlton and some top restaurants. He



*Fishing for striped bass on the Piermont Pier
Photo by Fred Burrell*

even did a three-year turn as a personal chef for Paul Sorvino, the actor. He's says he's been associated with many restaurants in New Jersey and Manhattan.

He works now as a consultant to the Marriott Corporation. Its brands include Ritz-Carlton, Renaissance and W Hotels. He travels the tristate area and meets with the company chefs. "I am a hospitality, food and beverage expert," he explained.

Piermonters are rooting for him to succeed here. No one wants any vacant stores in our village, especially the Community Market, and we can always use another good restaurant. -- *Bob Samuels*

Two Farmers Markets Now

Lucky Piermonters now have a choice of two farmers markets on Sundays (9:30 am – 3 pm). They'll both be open until the weekend before Thanksgiving. The new one is The SOUK, which until now has only operated in the winter. It is held at the The Outside In gallery, 249 Ferdon Ave. The second is Down to Earth Market, the one we are accustomed to. You'll find it downtown in the M&T Bank parking lot.

President's Corner



For almost 70 years Piermont had a butcher shop without peer anywhere. Its well-aged prime meats drew wealthy customers from as far away as Manhattan. It also sold less expensive cuts, chickens and homemade sausages to locals, including members of the vibrant African-American community that lived along the Sparkill Creek.

The Boss Meat Market was located on the south end of Piermont Avenue. It's where the Village Auto Body is now. The store, which also sold some fruits and vegetables, is long gone but the barn-like building, where they now hammer out dented side panels, is still there. It's where the Boss family kept its horses and animals waiting to be slaughtered. It was a different world.

The story began in 1899 when Henry Boss, fresh off the boat from Germany with his wife and young daughter, came to Piermont and leased a failed meat and ice business. Henry was a hard worker and the business flourished. After just three years, he'd made enough to buy out the previous owner.

Ice was a major part of it. There were no refrigerators back then. Everyone had ice delivered to their home ice box. Boss harvested his from what we now know as the Sparkill Creek skating pond. He did very well. At one point, he had four trucks, selling 20 to 30 tons of ice a day.

Winters had to have been much colder and longer. Now, with luck, the pond might freeze long enough to allow a few days of skating. This year it didn't open at all. Back then, the pond water was close to pristine. No one now would put anything they were going to eat near ice from the creek's filthy waters.

Boss's son John, who would go on to run the business, was born in 1903. In middle age, he told how his stern father made him, at age six, start helping to slaughter animals. He hated that but he loved going with his father in a horse drawn surrey to various area farms to buy the animals.

Business was booming. The family bought its first car in

1912. Finally, "there were no more horses to groom and feed; no more stables to clean before going to school," John happily remembered. Around 1916, the family was one of the first in the area to have its house wired for electricity. They also were one of the first to get a telephone.

During World War I, they lost some customers who resented the family's German background. When the war ended, Henry sent John to Germany to learn sausage making. Then the Depression hit. Two pounds of pork chops went for 25 cents and "few had the money to buy them," John recalled.

Perhaps to show he was a loyal American, he enlisted in the Navy during World War II at the age of 39. He became a cook on small ships in the Atlantic Coastal Patrol. Three years later he was back at the store, helped by his sister, a sister-in-law and a woman who had helped his aged parents. The business supported them all. In 1968 he decided to hang up his apron for good. "And now in closing," he wrote in a pamphlet about the store, "I want to thank all of you, my many, many friends for your patronage and patience."

John Boss left Piermont and moved to a home he had built in the foothills of the Berkshires. Sadly, he died shortly after that.—Bob Samuels

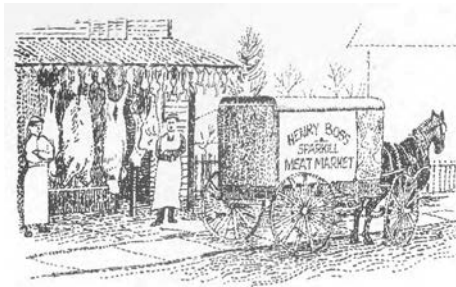


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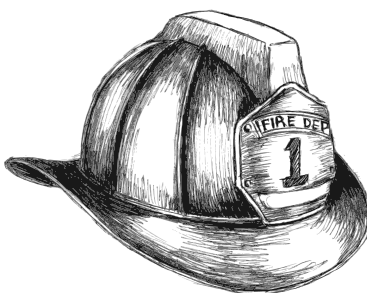
From the Piermont Fire Department and Empire Hose Company

The Piermont Fire Department and Empire Hose Company are proud to announce the results from our 2017 elections of Officers:

For the Piermont Fire Department: Chief Don Hardy, 1st Assistant Chief Dan Goswick Jr., 2nd Assistant Chief Sam Kropp, Captain Lawrence Cabrera, Lieutenant Nick Chodor, 1st Lieutenant Zachary Gloria, 2nd Lieutenant Scott Silva, 3rd Lieutenant Reese McNichol, 4th Lieutenant Donna Alise, 5th Lieutenant Hope Goswick, Chief Engineer Al Bartley, Assistant Engineer Jerry Ables, Assistant Engineer James Alise, Jr.

For the Empire Hose Company: President Mark Carlucci, Vice President Tim Temple, Recording Secretary Julie Pagliaroli, Financial Secretary Joan Chadwick, Treasurer Matt Stevenson, Director Erica Gould.

We hope you will join us in congratulating our 13 members completing the NYS EMT certification this June, joining our 21 active EMTs who provide one of the best and quickest ambulance services in the county for our community. We are always looking for new members, and we encourage anyone interested in getting involved to come visit us at 554 Piermont Ave. any Monday evening.



Volunteering is an excellent opportunity for young people to get some valuable training and great experience, while helping out their community. Skills developed in training for firefighting, EMS, underwater rescue, and high angle rescue can be applied to any number of vocations, and look great on educational and professional applications alike.

As we move into BBQ season, we would like to remind our residents that nearly 9000 home fires are caused by grilling every year, most of which could be prevented by simple safety measures that you should be aware of. Most importantly, grills should only be placed well away from the home, deck and railings, or vehicles, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches, or anything flammable. The most common cause of grill fires is a buildup of grease or fat, so be sure to keep it clean. Check the gas

tank hose for leaks before using it each year, and if you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call 911. Let's keep it safe this summer, and for those of you participating in our Yellowbird raffle fundraiser, our drawing will be held on July 8th at the Goswick pavilion.
— Nathan Mitchell

Summer Fun for kids ages 7-18 with Piermont's Police Athletic League, at the Community Center on Hudson Terrace !

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Working Our Way to the Caucus

Unlike the endless campaigns preceding national, state or even many local elections, Piermont's yearly runs for trustee and alternate year runs for mayor, have usually seemed more like strolls, a time when some candidates, though not all, occasionally walk door to door to drum up support. Such walks tend not to commence much before August of election year and climax at the Democratic Caucus in Village Hall on September 7th. There, candidates for whatever offices are to be filled are nominated and seconded and then—once all of them have been introduced—voted upon. Because Piermont is overwhelmingly Blue (at least in local elections) the winner of the Democratic caucus is effectively elected, a result formally announced on voting day.

But not this year. This year we have a judgeship, two trustee seats and one mayoral job to fill, and this year we actually have a race for mayor between former Piermont Trustee Steve Silverberg, and a very eager newcomer to village governance, Bruce Tucker.



Bruce Tucker

Bruce Tucker has lived in Piermont for 27 years, having moved here from Valley Cottage. He discovered the village a decade earlier when the Old No. 7 band he has led since his college years played at the Turning Point. Both his

sons were born and raised here and attended the village's Community Playgroup on whose board he served.

And why does he want to be mayor of Piermont? On a personal level, he says he wants to give something back after having spent most of his Piermont years deeply engaged in his Elizabeth, New Jersey business. Bruce began his post-college employment in the factory of the father of a Bingham-

ton college friend who made sheets for water beds and, the year he moved to Piermont, he moved on to start what was to become a multi-million dollar textile manufacturing business in Elizabeth, N.J. His business grew to have 110 employees, but textile manufacturing like other occupations began to migrate overseas to low wage countries, and his business was acquired in 2009. He stayed on for four years before finally retiring in 2013. And now he has time to serve Piermont.

Bruce first thought of running for Mayor in October when he heard that Chris Sanders was retiring. At that point he began going to Village Board meetings to get a sense of the issues the village faced. Though he is currently serving the Village as a member of and treasurer for both the Library



Steven Silverberg

and the Historical Society, and his Old No. 7 Band often volunteers for village events, he, like most residents had no history of attending regular board meetings.

Thus some of his hopes for what he might do as Mayor are already on the village's wish list. These include keeping taxes down, saving money by sharing services with other municipalities, expanding the no vehicle days on the Pier, exploring

solar for the village and/or getting LED bulbs for our streetlights. He sees Waterfront Resiliency as a major issue and wonders whether we could work together on that issue with other river villages that share the same threats.

But some of Bruce's concerns are less familiar. He is concerned about the sustainability of the village, given the high proportion of residents who are over 65, and would like to

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encourage young people to live here. "Millennials want to walk," he points out, and we have a walking village, so he wants to explore what might be done—tax incentives for example—to help create a vibrant downtown so that places like the Community Market will not sit empty.

And though our cyclist influx is a familiar concern, Bruce is concerned that the new Tappan Zee bridge will double our cyclist load with riders going up the Westchester side, over and down the Rockland side and vice versa. He recognizes the the cyclists as an economic engine, but we need to be prepared to seriously enforce our cyclist-aimed laws.

Tucker's opponent in the mayoral contest will be lawyer Steven Silverberg, partner in the law firm of Silverberg Zalan-tis in Tarrytown, NY, who has been a resident of Paradise Har-bor in Piermont since he moved here from Valley Cottage in 2003. He spent one year as Chair of the PiermontPlanning Board just before he was elected a village trustee, a position he filled for two and a half terms, stepping down in 2015.

Thoroughly a New Yorker, Steve was born and grew up in Brooklyn and attended Brooklyn College followed by NYU School of Law. After beginning his career as an Assistant District Attorney, he became Deputy Town Attor-ney for Greenburgh, initiating what has turned out to be a 42 year career working largely for municipalities in land use and municipal law. In over 4 decades he has served more than a dozen communities in the region, providing counsel in areas such as land use, zoning, contracts, con-

struction, telecommunications and employment. He cur-rently serves as attorney for the town of Ossining, and the Village of Tarrytown, as Planning and Zoning Attor-ney for the Town of Haverstraw and as special counsel to the City of Mount Vernon City Council.

Given his present commitments to other municipalities, will he have time to be mayor? He's taking on a new part-ner specifically to lessen his own workload, he notes, and is confident he'll have plenty of time for Village work. And why does he want to be mayor of Piermont? He is deeply concerned about the future of the village as a waterfront community in a time of rising waters and fiercer storms. When on the Village Board he worked to make the Water-front Revitalization Program permanent and to have a Board member serve as it's Chair so that the Board gets reg-ular reports on its progress.

Moreover, after five years on the board, Steve concluded that too many things get dealt with as they have always been, and sees the need for more openness. He has several ideas for improving coordination within the village depart-ments and communication between the Board and the pub-lic. For example, well before an actual meeting, the agenda should be on the Village website and trustees should have the materials they will be discussing. And what about the fact that lawyers have been accused of having a big hammer and seeing everything as a nail? Quite the contrary, Steve says, he prefers to settle rather than sue. — Joan Gussow

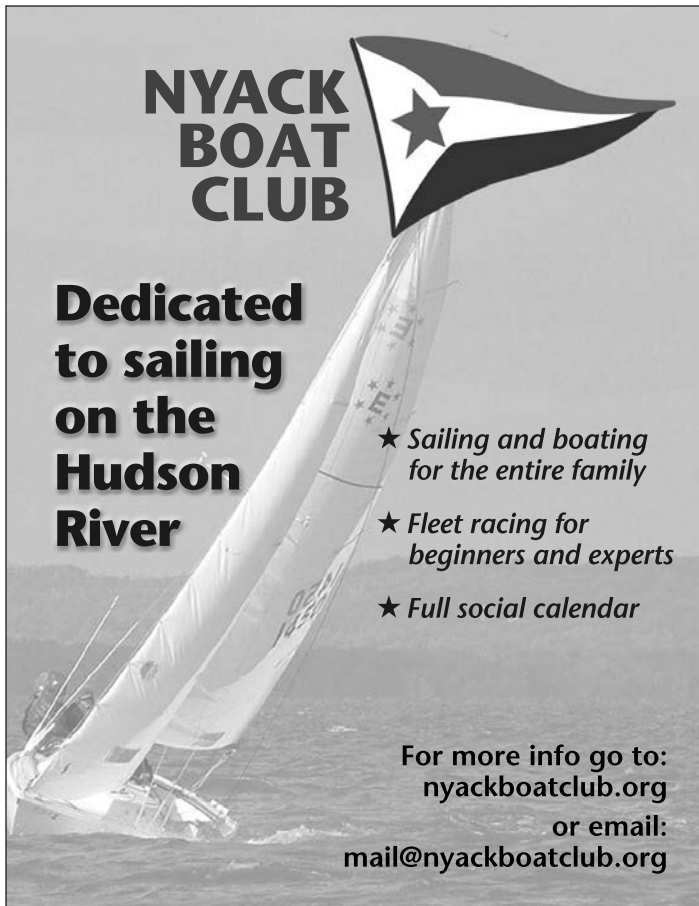


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Will Pier 701 Stop the Music This Summer?

For the past three summers, residents, many of them furious, have been pleading with the Village Board to stop the music and noise coming from the deck of the Pier 701 riverside restaurant. Finally, the Board seems ready to act.

The Board could have closed the restaurant by withdrawing its special permit to operate. Instead, it has asked Village Attorney Walter Sevastian to draw up a resolution forbidding Pier 701 from having any outdoor music. Under the proposed new rules, the Board can grant exemptions if the eatery asks for a special permit for a one-time occasion like a wedding or a party. Otherwise, any music, live or recorded, has to be indoors, with all the restaurant's windows and doors shut, and not audible beyond the property line.

The Hudson side of Piermont's topography is much like an amphitheatre, and is the perfect vessel to carry the sounds of people and music on the waterfront not just to neighbors, but also uphill. Residents from the far ends of Hudson Terrace and the upper reaches of Orchard Terrace have told the Board about how the music from Pier 701 woke their sleeping children and ruined their peaceful enjoyment of their porches and yards.

Pier 701 is located in the Waterfront 2 zoning district of Piermont. There has been a restaurant operating there for over 100 years. While there are many uses allowed in that zone none, every use requires a Special Permit from the Village Board. When the owners of Pier 701 came in for permits to rebuild their deck, heavily damaged by Hurricane Sandy, and expand seating and parking, many residents came to the hearings to tell the board their concerns.

In 2015, the Village approved some expanded use with a Special Permit loaded with conditions, limits and restrictions regarding parking, traffic and noise. The permit broadly states that the Pier 701 shall comply with the Village Noise Ordinance, and control the noise emanating from the dining areas on the premises so as not to disturb adjoining property owners. It also stipulated that there be no outside music, and that sound be physically buffered using suggestions made by 701's acoustic consultant.

In the Summer and Fall of 2016, and again in the Spring of 2017, residents were back before the Board with complaints and reports of violations of the terms of the permit. There was noise from the musicians inside, they reported, and from a guitarist playing on the deck. Residents had called the police, alerted the building inspector and at times gone to 701 personally to ask that the music be controlled.

Because of a violation of the conditions of its permit, Pier 701 is now before the Village Board for approval of its yearly Special Permit renewal. The problems at 701 made apparent the need for more on-going leverage when it comes enforcement of Piermont's Noise Ordinance, resulting in the Village Board instituting a series of fines for repeated violations that occur within a 1 year time frame.

Dean Taucher, an Orchard Terrace resident who appeared before the Board numerous times regarding noise from 701, reached out to the owner of Pier 701, Dan Witton, with a conciliatory suggestion:

"... I am not a sound engineer but have often had to address sound issues in conjunction with a sound experts in my capacity as a production designer in Film & TV and as a set designer in the theater. I think most of us have been to Disneyworld or Disneyland. At these parks where they have different rides, themes and characters, the Disney sound engineers have carefully and successfully created distinct sound zones. What this means in theory and in practice is that soundtracks from one area of the park do not overpower or intrude into another zone (ie other theme, music, sound effects). I believe they achieve this by having smaller wireless speakers peppered throughout each area which allows music to be heard everywhere in that zone and only that zone without having to depend on loud volume from a single source such as a band's P.A. system with amped instruments. I believe similar systems are available commercially and if installed and operated with a dual goal of music for Pier 701 and peace for his neighbors, everyone wins." — Margaret Grace



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Fish Ladder Device to be Reinstalled at Ferdon Pond in June

A fish ladder device at Ferdon Pond in Piermont to help baby eels over the dam and into the fresh waters of the Sparkill Creek will be reinstalled in June, according to Nicole V. Laible, Environmental Management Assistant, Rockland County Division of Environmental Resources.

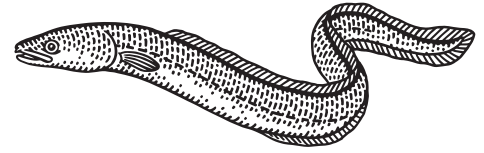
Laible, The New York Department of Environmental Conservation, the Rockland County Soil and Water Conservation District and local Piermont volunteers tested the concept of the fish ladder for two weeks at the dam in October 2016 before withdrawing it for the winter. The fish ladder device collects eels at the bottom of the dam in a bucket and then volunteers must move the eels into the Sparkill Creek.

"NYS DEC and County SWCD will be coordinating a pilot eel ladder program to run this summer through the fall to collect data on the American eel," Laible said. "An information session will be scheduled in the Nyack/Piermont area and volunteers will receive formal training and be provided with all necessary equipment to participate," she noted.

The date for the information session has not yet been

set. Would you like to volunteer to help the eels? This is a great program for

young and old alike. All those interested should contact: Nicole Laible at laiblen@co.rockland.ny.us – Ron Derven



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Rockland Cemetery's Long Connection to Piermont

Rockland Cemetery, located off of Rout 340 in Orangeburg, is not technically part of the Village of Piermont, yet the two have been indelibly linked for the past 170 years, sharing much more than a common border atop Mount Nebo on the west side of Route 9W.

That's because Rockland Cemetery is the final resting place for many Piermonters dating back to the 1840s up to the present, including three victims of the 9/11 attack. With only about 25 percent of the 155 acres of cemetery land used to date, it will continue to be the final resting place for many Piermonters and others for decades to come.

Its board of directors is made up mostly of current and former Piermonters as well and includes Richard Ramsay, President; Phillip DeLorenzo, until his passing several weeks ago he was Vice-President; Tim Temple, Treasurer; Kevin O'Malley, Secretary; Suren Kilerciyan; James Dean; and Bob Hoene. Local fire departments and local veterans groups help maintain the graves of veterans and celebrate the lives of the all too many young men and women who have fallen in wars, dating back to the Civil War.

But for those who have not visited the grounds, walked the roads or enjoyed of the magnificent views atop Mount Nebo of the Hudson River and the Village of Piermont 600 feet below, they have missed a great deal.

On a recent visit to this magnificent setting, we met Jackie Curtiss, Office Manager; Jody Leote, Superintendent; and Tim Temple, Treasurer. It should be noted that the entire operation of the cemetery and grounds keeping (always beautifully cared for) is undertaken by just four fulltime staff people.

"The cemetery was founded 170 years ago by Dr. Eleazar Lord in 1847," noted Tim. "In addition to being an educator and author, Dr. Lord was also first president of the Erie Railroad. He envisioned the cemetery as being a prominent burial ground for New York City and its surroundings. He brought the Erie Railroad and its passengers to the area, even renaming the sleepy hamlet of Tappan Landing "Piermont". Jackie added that during the early days of the cemetery's existence, there was talk of making it the national cemetery of the United States, an honor later bestowed on Arlington Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia where many of our war dead are buried.

Jackie describes Rockland Cemetery as non-sectarian – people of all religions are buried there. The cemetery handles between 175 to 220 burials a year. Sometimes there are eight in a week.

A big challenge over the past 170 years has been to carefully maintain paper records, many of which are handwritten. Jackie is working on a multi-year project with a mapping company, to digitalize all of the cemetery's paper maps, spreadsheets, old written documents and ledgers.

In an age when many people are seeking more information on their roots, Jackie has often been able to assist those trying to find family members. In one case, the daughter of an elderly man contacted Jackie for help. It seems that her father and his older brother had been placed in an orphanage as children and had subsequently lost contact. The daughter

said that her father had searched most of his life for his older brother, but to no avail. Jackie went through her records and discovered that the older brother had indeed been buried at Rockland Cemetery and notified the daughter. Her father at last had found his older brother.

Major General John Charles Fremont, the great explorer of the American West is buried at Rockland Cemetery. There is a large monument erected to him by The State of New York to commemorate his service and mark his grave. He was appointed Military Commandant of California in 1847. He was a U.S. Senator from California and in 1856 he was nominated for President of the United States.

Martin R. Williams, founder of the Piermont Paper Company, is entombed in a mausoleum there. While traveling in Piermont in 1901, Williams selected the site of the abandoned Erie Railroad Terminal to be the location of what would become the largest paper making mill on the East Coast.

Florence Ripley Masten, author and poet, is laid to rest there, above the village she called home, described in her poem "Over the Tappan Zee" published in 1960. — Ron Derven

Over the Tappan Zee

*There's a green place with a pier and a mount
More thrushes are signing
than you can count
And moon falls in a silver fount
Over the Tappan Zee*

*The houses wander like flocks of geese
Down to the river to dream of peace
Where ghostly, whisperings never cease
Over the Tappan Zee*

*Phantom sails are on the tides
The half moon at her anchor rides
And war canoe of the Mohawk glides
Over the Tappan Zee*

*The old patroons are in the hills
But only the owls and the whippoorwills
Know the fields that the farmer tills
Over the Tappan Zee*

*The gray roads spread their wings like swallows
Climbing the hill that a lost trail follows
Into the woods and haunted hollows
Over the Tappan Zee*

*This is my home, this mountainy land
By the sky and the river spanned,
With the evening star like God's own hand
Over the Tappan Zee*

— Florence Ripley Mastin

St. John the Baptist Church - a Beacon on the Hudson

There is a new wind blowing across the grounds of St. John the Baptist Church in Piermont these days. It is not the blustery, seasonal breeze off the mighty Hudson River. Rather, it is the kind of wind which stirs hearts and inspires visible change that invigorates its grateful parishioners. In fact, a lot has changed over the past year since the parish was blessed with the good news that it would not be closed by the Archdiocese of New York. Indeed, St. John's was saved from a fate that befell several other parishes in the Westchester-Rockland County area in 2015.

Along with customary sacramental and spiritual activities of the parish which include religious education for the children, a vibrant Spanish youth group, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) for converts and other Christians seeking full communion with the Catholic Church, weddings and baptisms, funerals, and frequent Eucharistic adoration and benediction, the upcoming social calendar of events is chockfull. Recently, the annual springtime Communion breakfast honoring a notable civic or religious leader of the community. This year's honoree was Anna Hickey. Weekly hospitality get-togethers occur after each Sunday's 10:30 am Mass and family pancake breakfasts are a happy part of the collegial spirit enjoyed among the parishioners.

Under the dynamic, pastoral guidance of its Parish Administrator Fr. Thomas Kunnel, a cleric of the St. Philip Neri New

York Oratory, St. John's sponsors out-reach ministries to the community including an annual Thanksgiving food drive, homebound and hospital visits to the sick, a St. Vincent de Paul Society providing relief to the distressed and homeless, adult bible study classes, prayer groups such as the Legion of Mary, a local chapter of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, the Men's Club and many other laudable, faith-driven efforts. Each of these ministries and others endeavor to bring a witness of Christ's love for all in word, deed and prayer.

In appreciative service to its neighbors, St. John's Connelly Hall serves as a polling place on Election Day and is a center for the Piermont Senior Citizens Club and Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Its Health Ministry discusses trending wellness topics and offers valuable tips for seniors to promote optimal mental and physical quality of life.

Recently, an inspiring addition to the picturesque parish grounds was the creation of a St. Francis of Assisi "Peace" garden bordered with a beautifully painted wall mural by local artist Don Farin. Future construction plans include an expanded parking lot and a new meeting room in the Rectory.

Inside the church proper, outdated technology was upgraded with new lighting, tablets, smart boards and state-of-the-art sound equipment in the choir loft. Of particular note, this month will see the roll-out of a new St. John the Baptist computer program ("app") which can be downloaded through the online Apple Store to cell phones and other electronic devices. The "app" is a wide-ranging source of information and events occurring at the parish as well as a rich, spiritual resource for daily Scripture readings and devotional prayers which dovetails with the Church's website: www.stjohnspiermont.org.

Of course, the central focus of all parish activities is the coming together as a congregation at the Holy Mass which is celebrated each weekday at 8am, and three times on the weekend including Saturday evening at 5pm, Sundays at 8am and 10:30am. A Spanish Mass is celebrated at 1pm. Its weekly Masses are truly alive with prayerful worship and beautiful hymn-singing from its superbly talented choir members.

Yes, this perceptible, new wind embracing St. John the Baptist Church has brought a spiritual revitalization which has heartened this parish of 500 families of diverse cultures. Since its founding in 1852, St. John the Baptist has been a beacon to the faithful, welcoming all visitors to its doors.
— Deacon John Cunningham

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Piermont Civic Association

Saturday, May 20	Village Wide Yard Sale , Sponsored by the Piermont Civic Association. 10am-4pm, Flywheel Park. Rain Date May 21.
Monday, May 29	Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies . Parade from Fire House to Memorial Park for Memorial Day. Program at 10am. Memorial Day services follow at the end of the Piermont Pier.
Sunday, June 11	Spirit of Korea: An exploration of Korean culture through film, ceremony and cuisine . Sponsored by the Piermont Library. 2pm. Piermont's Historic Train Station Museum Open 12-3pm.
Saturday, June 17	Piermont's Historic Train Station "Family Fun Day" Sponsored by the Piermont Historical Society, 12-4pm.
Sunday, June 18	Pier closed to Motor Vehicles.
Sunday, June 25	Piermont's Historic Train Station Museum Open 12-3pm.
Sunday, July 9	Piermont's Historic Train Station Museum Open 12-3pm.
Saturday, July 15	Bastille Day , Sponsored by the Piermont Chamber of Commerce, Noon – 10pm, Main Street.
Sunday, July 16	Pier closed to Motor Vehicles.
Thursday, July 20	Music Under the Stars with the Old No.7 Band . Sponsored by the Piermont Civic Association 7:30pm-10:30pm. Flywheel Park. Rain date July 27.
Sunday, July 23	Spirit of Korea: Lotus Flower tradition and lantern making , 2pm. Sponsored by the Piermont Library. Piermont's Historic Train Station Open, 12-3pm.
Tuesday, July 25	"The Recycled Garden: Trash to Garden Treasure" presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension, sponsored by the Piermont Public Library 6pm – 7:30pm, Piermont Public Library.
Monday, July 31	Builder Bees and Friends , a program for children, Sponsored by the Piermont Public Library, 4:30 – 5:30 pm, Piermont Public Library.

- Saturday, Aug. 5** **Hudson River Estuary Fish Count**, at the end of Piermont Pier, Sponsored by NYS Depart. of Environmental Conservation.
- Sunday, Aug. 6** **Piermont's Historic Train Station Museum Open 12-3pm.**
- Thursday, Aug. 17** **Music under the Stars with EV Latin Jazz.** Sponsored by the Piermont Civic Association. 7:30pm-10:30pm, Flywheel Park. Rain Date Aug.24.
- Sunday, August 20** **Pier closed to Motor Vehicles.**
Piermont's Historic Train Station Museum Open 12-3pm.
- Sunday, Sept. 3** **Piermont Historical Society-led guided Piermont Tour** in conjunction with NY State's Hudson River Valley Greenway Ramble, Noon-3pm, meet in parking lot behind Confetti's restaurant
Piermont's Historic Train Station Museum Open 12-3pm.
- Monday, Sept. 4** **Labor Day Music Festival** to Benefit Piermont Police Athletic League Produced by The Turning Point. Noon-6pm. Rittenberg Field, Ferry Road.
- Friday, Sept. 8** **Movie Under the Stars: Back to the Future**, Sponsored by the Piermont Civic Association, 8:30-10:30pm, Flywheel Park. Rain Date September 9.
- Sunday, Sept. 17** **Piermont Historical Society-led guided Piermont Tour** in conjunction with NY State's Hudson River Valley Greenway Ramble, Noon-3pm, meet in parking lot behind Confetti's restaurant
Piermont's Historic Train Station Museum Open 12-3pm.



Summertime, Piermont Marsh Photo by Betsy Franco Feeney



From The Library

The Library is pleased to announce its summer cultural series entitled Spirit of Korea: An Exploration of Art, Culture and Craft. This series will consist of two events focused on exploring Korean art, culture and history.

The first event will take place on Sunday, June 11th at 2pm. The event features Kyung Won Pak. Ms. Pak is the Director of the Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project, a non-profit organization that is dedicated to raising awareness of Korean history and culture. While the headquarters of the KSCPP is in South Korea, there are

branches in the United States as well as in Germany and the United Kingdom. The event will focus on multiple facets of the culture of Korea.

We begin with two films of old and modern Korea. The first film explores the topic of the hidden treasures of Korean Art and the second film focuses on modern Korea. The ancient artifacts discussed in the first film demonstrate the incredible devotion and perseverance of the artisans of that time. The second film will illustrate how these characteristics helped to transform the country into what it is today, a hub of construction, shipping and technology. After the program, there will be a reenactment of a traditional Korean wedding ceremony performed for our attendees and traditional Korean food and beverage will be served. This will create an immersive experience through

which our attendees can gain insight into the Korean culture.

The second event will take place on Sunday, July 23rd at 2pm and will feature Younhee Shin. Ms. Shin is the Program Coordinator for the Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project. The event will explore both the meaning and importance of the Lotus Flower in Korean culture and art. It will also serve as an introduction to Korean artistic tradition and the aesthetics of Korean art. The event will include a question and answer period, as well as an opportunity for each attendee to create their own Lotus Flower Lantern as an embodiment and reminder of the topics introduced and explored during the event. Please contact the Piermont Library at (845)359-4595 to register for each event.

In the Gallery:

June: "Journey to Brazil!" Join us as we take a journey through art to Brazil in our annual Student Art Show featuring works from Alexis Starke's art classes for students in grades 1 – 8.

July: "The Joy Of The Present Moment: Watercolor Reflections of the Hudson River. Recent Watercolor Paintings of the Hudson River at different Seasons of the Year by Maggie Carney.

August: Recent Works By Jane Cowles. Mixed media artist Jane Cowles works with paper, clay, wire and a variety of objects to create her unique view of the small objects she sees. Inspired by botanicals, her work has fragility in that it cap-

tures a moment in time and gives it permanence.

The library's annual Adult Summer Reading raffle will kick off on Monday, July 3rd and continue until Friday, August 25th. During the course of this eight-week period, submit an entry form for each book you've read over the summer to enter into our raffle. A winner will be chosen every Friday.

Because this year's summer reading program's theme is Build a Better World, we're putting out a "History Over Time" 4D New York City puzzle in the Hudson River Reading Room. Library visitors are invited to participate in assembling the puzzle over the course of the summer to help us "build" New York.

On Tuesday, July 25th from 6:00pm to 7:30pm, Cornell Cooperative Extension presents "The Recycled Garden: Trash to Garden Treasure" with Master Gardener Vivienne Dieckmann.



This presentation will emphasize using recyclable materials in the garden. This program also will offer a discussion of composting kitchen scraps and yard waste. Call 845-359-4595 to register.

The Library will offer a variety of events for children to celebrate the

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Front Line Report

Make 'Closed Home' Report Before Going on Vacation

With Piermont residents are urged to make a "closed home" report with the Piermont Police Department before leaving on vacation or even taking a short business trip of three days or longer, according to Chief Michael O'Shea, Piermont Police Department.

"With the spring and summer approaching, we want Piermonters to notify us when they will be away so that we can check their residence while they are gone," explained Chief O'Shea. "We also suggest putting lights on timers, telling a neighbor that you will be gone and being sure to stop mail and newspaper delivery or make arrangements to have them collected by someone."

Chief O'Shea also said that as more bicyclists and tourists visit the Village in the warm weather, the Police Department will be targeting Rt. 9W, Fardon Avenue and Piermont Avenue for speeders. "We always say to residents, if you see something, say something. If


you see someone pass a stopped school bus picking up or dropping off students or violating another traffic law, call us and we will respond. Residents can call us at our dispatch number, which is (845) 359-0240 or email us at Piermontpolice@rcpin.net."

Chief O'Shea announced the appointment of Officer Dennis Rolón to the Piermont Police Department. Officer Rolón has a wealth of experience in community policing and he is an instructor at the Rockland County Police Academy. Officer Rolón is also a commercial vehicle inspector. "We know here in Piermont that Rt. 9W is an issue, so among Officer Rolón's many other duties he will inspect trucks on Rt. 9W and remove unsafe vehicles from the road," said the Chief.

Rubbish/Debris Collection Starts

Tom Temple, Supervisor of the Piermont Department of Public Works (DPW), said that the DPW started rubbish/debris collection this year on April 4. It will run through the spring,

summer and into the fall and end on October 3: "We ask that all items be placed curbside for pickup in a neat and orderly fashion, he urged. "We also would ask that residents be sensitive to the timing of when they put out their items for collection because it affects the appearance of our Village. Items should not be placed curbside until the weekend before the scheduled pick-up date. Any debris generated from work performed by contractors will not be accepted and must be removed by the contractor." The DPW Supervisor also reminded residents that the DPW cannot accept any type of household hazardous waste (chemicals, paints, batteries, etc.), which now includes all electronic waste (e-waste) such as televisions, computers, computer peripherals (i.e. monitors, keyboards, mouse), small electronic equipment (i.e. VCR's, DVR's, cable box receivers) and small-scale servers. All of these items are accepted at the Rockland County Household Hazardous Waste facility in Pomona, he noted.—Ron Derven



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July 24th to August 4th – ORGANIC+SUSTAINABLE GARDENING - We'll learn about seeds, plants and how a garden grows, as well as animal and insect garden inhabitants and visitors! Children will create and take home a container butterfly garden that will attract pollinators to their own gardens.

August 7th to August 18th – ART - We'll explore a variety of art mediums including drawing, painting, collage, printing, textile arts and nature inspired art, with visits from professional artists and field trips to local galleries/museums.

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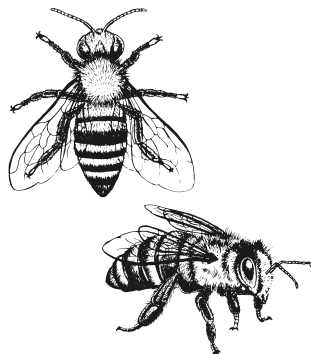
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Build a Better World theme during the summer reading program. Our kickoff event, hosted by The Mighty Five Libraries, will be a concert by Tom Gardner and the Uncle Brothers on Tuesday, June 20th at 7:00pm. The event will take place in the gym of St. Catharine's Church in Blauvelt. All are welcome to attend this family music event.

Buzz over to the Library on Monday, July 31st from 4:30pm to 5:30pm for our program Builder Bees and Friends. This event is an interactive and fun S.T.E.A.M.-oriented investigation of the interdependence of our local pollinators and the plants/bushes they seasonally visit. Children will be introduced to indigenous pollinators and their favorite sweet treat haunts to understand how both benefit our natural environments and home gardens.



This presentation will include a visit with the mysterious "Bee Keeper," a make-believe storyboard visit with the Bee Builders/friends to learn about their sweet snacking habits, a multisensory, hands-on exploration of some bee-enticing treats, an interactive game where children become "the bees," creation of bubble bee nesting boxes, a Bee-buzzing sing-along and take home goodie bags. We will host an end of Summer Reading party on August 3rd that will include pizza, goodies and even more prizes for our youngest readers! For more information on any of the events at the Piermont Public Library, please feel free to contact us at (845) 359-4595 or check us out on our website www.piermontlibrary.org, where you can join our mailing list to receive notifications of upcoming Library programs.

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