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## The Community Market is Back!

By the time you read this, the reborn Community Market should be opened or on the verge of opening. The new store promises to be all that Piermonters have been dreaming of since Alan and Sara Kravitz sold it in 2004 to what turned out to be a series of unsuccessful owners.

We're going to offer everything from toilet paper to brick oven pizzas," promised 52-year-old Hank Hovorka, the store's new proprietor. He plans to open it from 7 am until 9 pm, seven days a week. And yes, they'll make deliveries as the Kravitz's did.

"We'll have a butcher, a fresh fish section, a cheese section and a charcuterie. It's going to be kind of like a condensed little Wegmans (an upscale New Jersey chain), or a Dean and DeLuca (a similar New York City chain)," he explained.

"But it won't be all upscale," he quickly added. "We feel that it's important for the village to have some affordable options. We're going to let the public steer us where it wants to go," he added. "If we find out what we thought was going to sell doesn't, we'll adjust to what the people want."

The Village Board is allowing the store to have 24 seats, so you'll also be able sit down to eat anything from a bagel to a full meal. There had been rumors that Hovorka was going to convert the store into a restaurant. That was never his plan, he said. "There was a bit of confusion in town about our intentions," he acknowledged.

"That's understandable because anyone who knows me knows that I'm a restaurant guy, not a food market guy but I've always been attached to this particular spot. My father tried to buy the Community Market years ago. When

it became available again around last Thanksgiving, we jumped in with both feet.

"I've always liked Piermont," the Sparkill native added. His first job coming out of the Culinary Institute in the mid-1980s was working here as a cook for Peter Kelly at Xaviers. Next came a stint in the city at the very upscale Il Mulino. After that he opened a series of Nyack restaurants, including Heather's Open Cucina and Lushanes.

Today he owns the Whiskey Kitchen in Valley Cottage, which he runs with his four kids. "They have worked with me on and off for years. I have a built in labor force. Everyone is involved at some level. They are kind of taking control of the future," he proudly adds.

Piermonters are wishing them and the Community Market well. They are hoping its future is long and successful.

-- Bob Samuels

### New Businesses Join New Market

A number of new business are opening on Main Street this Spring and Summer. To the north at #510 is La Reine, a fashion forward jewelry and accessories boutique. Diagonally across from Community Market, Nancy Loving has opened project-based ArtSuite Gallery, solely representing art of "Maine Master" Harold Garde. Welcome back, Mitchell Warren and Northeast Salvage, to #458! D'Vine Pie, coming our way via Sparkill, will be putting the Pie back in Piermont at #453, and Flower Power will be arriving at #451 with Piermont's first herbal apothecary.



**The Village Board has closed the Piermont Pier to motor vehicles every Sundays this summer, from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The Piermont Civic Association is pleased. It long pushed for more car-free days on the pier, and after Piermont Landing was finished, it successfully fought to open the North Shore Walkway to all pedestrians, not just people who lived there.** —Betsy Franco Feeney photo

# Piermont Reflections



If you moved here after 2010, you probably never met Bob or Rosemary Cone. That's the year they decided that they'd had it with our high taxes and cold weather. Before any of their friends could talk them out of it, they'd sold their big Franklin Street house and were driving away. Piermont lost much of its fun and warmth that day.

The Cones were both over 80. They had a daughter in California and a son in Oregon but they were too independent to live with either of them. Never big on planning, they wandered west, finally stopping to visit friends in Tucson. At first, everyone was happy, but fish and houseguests go bad after three days. There were angry words. The Cones soon found themselves back in their Honda, without a destination.

This time they didn't go far. In nearby Green Valley they spotted a charming, affordable house for rent. Just like that, they signed a lease. They stayed in that town until Bob's death at 91 in December. Rosemary is now living in Oregon.

Few knew that Bob was a World War II vet who had been training for the invasion of Japan when the war ended. After finishing college on the GI bill in Cincinnati, his hometown, he came to New York City and soon met Rosemary. She was there to start a career after graduating from college in her native Florida. Bob had a brief run in advertising, but he was too restless for a conventional job.

He never needed another one. Remarkably, he had invented a photo chemical that allowed anyone with a dark room to print black and white pictures on hard surfaces. It worked. The Cones lost some of their first orders when Bob, forgetting that he'd put them on the roof of the car, drove off. They blew all over Piermont Avenue.

He called the business Rockland Colloids. Its Liquid Light sold well enough through camera stores and by direct mail to support the family and to provide part time jobs for a number of Piermonters. He manufactured it here in our village and shipped everything from our post office. It was the second largest plant in Piermont, after the paper mill, a friend joked.

Rosemary did all the paper work and answered calls. Many were from customers in a dark room desperate for help. One time we were driving with the Cones on vacation in Florida when their cell phone rang. "Rockland Colloids," Rosemary answered sprightly. "Just a moment, please, and I'll connect you to our technical department," she told the caller. After a pause, she handed the phone to Bob in the front seat. We bit our fists to keep from screaming with laughter as he helped the frantic customer.

The Cones were active for years in Piermont. Rosemary had been on the Civic Association Board and Bob had been its President and occasional editor of this newsletter.

They both contributed articles. They welcomed friends and neighbors to their house. Both of them were excellent cooks. Just to rile everyone, Bob would make some outrageous claim. He argued one evening that gays were evil because a college professor had made a pass at him. Everyone at their large dining room table started yelling at Bob, telling him how wrong he was. He loved that.

A few weeks later, a gay couple, some 20 years younger than the Cones, bought the house across the street. Bob and Rosemary liked those guys so much that they had them over all the time. A stranger would have thought they were relatives. No one ever reminded Bob of his argument. He probably wouldn't have remembered it anyway.

We kept in touch. They came back to Piermont several times for visits. We'd all get together for a picnic in Tallman. Bob would make a run out to White Castle for some of those greasy little hamburgers he adored. In the spring, 2013, issue of this newsletter he wrote that they couldn't move back because prices were now out of reach. "So you can't go home again," he said, "but you can think about it, and not a day goes by that we don't...."

For those of us who shared countless splendid evenings in their company Piermont will never be the same.

— Bob Samuels

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# Update on DEC's Piermont Marsh Plans

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), and NY Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, jointly authored a "Draft Piermont Marsh Reserve Management Plan" dated December 2017. It was posted on DEC's website for a public comment period that ended March 1, 2018. The plan, a byproduct of the 'New New York Bridge' construction had its origins in 2013. At that time environmental groups Riverkeeper and Scenic Hudson negotiated compensation for the environmental damage that construction of the new bridges would cause with the Thruway Authority (NYSTA, the owner of the new bridges, and with NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) acting as environmental regulator. This 'Compensatory Mitigation Plan' (CMP) had one item that DEC long hoped to find funding for - 'Wetlands Enhancement at Piermont Marsh'. The CMP was to be completed within seven years of the effective date of the DEC Permit to NYSTA for bridge construction. That would be 2013 + 7 = 2020. We are now in 2018!

This 2013 plan and related permit stipulated that NYSTA must design and, after DEC's approval, implement a plan to (i) "... enhance and restore Piermont Marsh that will reduce invasive species (primarily phragmites)"; (ii) restore the hydrologic connection of an oxbow in Crumkill Creek; (iii) enhance the quality of Sparkill Creek stormwater entering the marsh; and (iv) assess the feasibility of restoring historic wetlands north of the Sparkill, along the south side of frequently flooded Ferry Road.

The original (2013) CMP specified, for item (i), that phragmites control would be implemented on approximately 200 acres through application of herbicide or other means. Maintenance spraying was to be performed over a five-year period as needed. Particularly the herbicide application raised concerns and the ire of a good portion of Piermont residents. For item (iii), many Piermonters felt that a cleanup of the Sparkill should be a top priority. Few Piermonters were concerned about items (ii) and (iv). DEC held a number of public meetings in Piermont to seek input for putting together a marsh management draft plan. Key points raised by Piermonters at these early (post 2013) public meetings were:

1. Don't use herbicides, and certainly not in such proximity to the village.
2. We need the phragmites to provide crucial protection from wave action and debris impact during severe storms, like the

marsh provided during Hurricane Sandy.

3. Phragmites is proven to be an environmental asset to clean up polluted waters. Hence, reduction of phragmites is not helping to clean up the polluted waters that enter the Hudson and marsh via the Sparkill.

4. There is aesthetic value to an uninterrupted reed-filled marsh. Phragmites eradication could create ugly tidal mud flats for years to come. This could hurt Piermont's tourist based economy.

5. Removal of phragmites is likely to accelerate erosion of the marsh, which is already threatened by sea level rise and storms.

6. Eradication of phragmites in the marsh is not sustainable, is futile, and a waste of taxpayers' money. Phragmites thrives in and is adapted to polluted waters, while many of the pre-phragmites marsh plants succumbed, prominently since the 1960s, to largely man-made environmental stresses.

The December 2017 release of the DEC's draft plan had raised the expectations of many Piermonters, including the Village of Piermont's Board of Trustees that the draft plan would take most of the above listed concerns into account. The draft plan differed from the earlier presented proposals in two main points: 1) DEC recognized that the tall, dense phragmites in the marsh had an important service function, namely reducing the potential damage from wave action and debris impact during major storm flood events; and 2) DEC reduced the initial program for phragmites removal to three test areas in the central part of the marsh measuring a total of 40 acres (about the size of 30 football fields). One thing that didn't change was the use of herbicides in the Marsh to eradicate Phragmites. Many were deeply disappointed, if not concerned, when they examined the draft plan. In response to a FOIL (Freedom of Information Law) request, the DEC released the written comments that the DEC stated had been submitted by the 3/1/2018 deadline. Examination of the submitted comments showed the following statistics of the FOILED files:

A total of 95 individuals and organizations had submissions (excluding those few where more than one comment was provided by the same individual).

Of the 95 submitted comments, 6 comments (or 6.3%) were neutral to DEC's December 2017 draft plan by just making a few technical or regulatory/bureaucratic comments;

Some 21 comments (22.1%) supported the draft plan, many in the hope that restoration of the native marsh plants would



Village Hall meeting in February to review Draft Marsh Plan —photo by Robyn Watts

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be successful, whatever the side effects;

And a strong majority of 68 comments (71.6%) opposed the DEC draft plan, some quite strongly. The latter group voiced concerns for (a) the draft gives short thrift to the Sparkill cleanup task, i.e. the DEC draft plan omits any proposals to improve the creek's miserable, if not sickening water quality. (b) Others pointed to the fact that DEC has not given up on using herbicide (glyphosate), despite widespread public concerns about its potential health effects on humans, and negative impacts on birds, amphibians, fish, and some rare plants currently calling the marsh their home; (c) another concern was marsh erosion after phragmites removal, even if restricted to the now more modest-sized test areas as currently proposed by DEC. Critics pointed out that erosion or loss of marshland, especially if it extends beyond the central test areas, is likely to increase the risks from storm damage to the Village; and (d) many of the opponents of the draft plan thought the best plan would be NO ACTION by DEC; many pointed to the seeming futility of trying to wipe out the Marsh's highly adaptive phragmites and cited evidence that the large majority of nationwide programs to keep "invasives" at bay and restore "native" vegetation had failed to achieve their goals, and did so at a cost of tens of millions of dollars.

Many of the yes votes for the draft plan came from members of the Piermont Marsh Conservancy, while many of the no votes were supporters of the Piermont Marsh Alliance

(PMA). Some 37 of the no votes were submitted from a tear-out sheet published in OUR TOWN that opposed the use of the herbicide glyphosate. Piermont Marsh Alliance has provided the Piermont Library with a copy of the submitted comments. A group of 10 scientists from the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, several of them involved in long-term studies of the Piermont Marsh, raised numerous concerns supported either by references to their own research or quoting other, published, peer-reviewed articles. They criticized that much of the research performed by LDEO scientists had been ignored by DEC's draft plan. (Note: The LDEO submission by several of its scientists was counted as a single submission). Scenic Hudson was cautiously neutral; Riverkeeper had many concerns, and made the compelling argument for marsh preservation, as opposed to "restoration". The Nature Conservancy gave pretty much a blank support of the draft plan, with hardly a single concern raised!

There was one glaring omission in the FOIL files provided by the DEC: The February 20, 2018 resolution by the Village of Piermont's Board of Trustees final version as posted on the Village website, February 23, 2018, was missing! Why was it missing? This BoT resolution authoritatively summarized most of the concerns Piermonters and their Village Government had voiced for several years, but now were compiled concisely, and had been submitted as a unanimous Village Board resolution to the DEC website before closure of the comment period on March 1, 2018. An inquiry with DEC about the omission in the FOIL files was answered: "we are aware of the Village BOT resolution". If that's the case, why omit the Piermont Board's resolution from the FOIL file? This omission does not instill trust in DEC's process to inclusively and equitably handle the public's comments.

Residents of Piermont and their Village Government will keep a close eye on DEC's forthcoming response to the public comments, and how they influence the next and presumably final version of the marsh management plan. Will Piermont be a true partner for development of a final marsh management plan and its implementation? At least some Piermonters are skeptical and are poised to jump into political, and possibly legal, action as needed.

— Klaus Jacob

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## Piermont's Lively Community Center

Ever wonder what goes on at the Community Center on Hudson Terrace? Did you even know that Piermont has a Community Center? It does – its the home of The Piermont Police Athletic League which was founded in 1981 by former police chief Tom Gaynor, along with former Mayor Bill Goswick and Charles Bullock who were looking for ways to help local underprivileged kids. It all started with a 3-day trip to Lake George with 50 of these kids who got a chance to enjoy a real vacation. away from a from the old factories. From there, the Piermont PAL was born.

Today the Community Center is a PAL headquarters for thriving programs. This summer, Piermont's youngest - families with babies, 1 year-olds and preschoolers can join Family Playgroup Art and Movement, set for Mondays at 5pm. Kids can come play basketball on Tuesdays - grades 4-7 start at 6pm. On Thursdays at 6 pm, 7-12th graders take the court. Are you between the ages of 10 and 18 and interested in boxing? We have a ring for you! Join PAL's boxing program on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30. Girls and boys PAL beginners Baseball starts in July at Rittenberg field, and young golfers ages 7-18 can join the PAL golf program when school lets out for the summer. What a line-up!

The Piermont PAL's goal is to "build individual self-esteem through team play and hard work and to use supervised activities (both athletic and cultural) as a way to promote positive choices in the lives of our young people". Approximately 250 children and young adults, from Piermont and beyond, participate in programs such as Boxing, Golf, Baseball, and even Aikido annually while getting the chance to meet and work with role models. The community center also has a gym that is open year-round and basketball courts for teenagers to use.

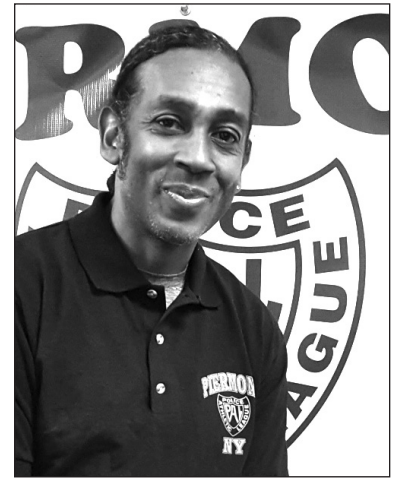
Tahlaad Mahboeb, PAL's director since 2016 explains that "our programs continue to evolve to reflect the needs of our community. The newer generation of parents are into things like yoga and meditation so they are looking for alternative activities for their children". Thus, the introduction of Aikido and more recently Tai Chi, two martial arts not directed toward fighting or competitive tournaments. "It's too easy to learn how to hurt someone", continues Mahlobeb. "These martial arts have spiritual elements to them. It's more important for kids to learn how to better understand others".

And that philosophy is very much in synch with Piermont PAL president and police chief Michael O'Shea who has often been quoted as saying "Our primary job as policemen is to help people". O'Shea has been with the PAL since the beginning and served as the Youth Officer in 1985, before becoming director and now serving as President. "The thing that makes me most proud is when a young man or woman comes back to me and says 'you really helped me'. That's what it's all about". The Community Center and Piermont PAL also help out families in need during the Holiday season. This past season, they provided food, coats and gift cards to over 100 families.

So what does the future hold? There is a new youth and

toddler program. And you can also expect kayacking this year. Mahloeb would like to offer more programs for adults including breathing and meditation classes. He also plans to continue introducing more art and wellness programs to encourage kids to discover their creative selves and their surrounding environment. "We have gotten great support from the community, especially Chief O'Shea, Mayor Tucker and The Village Board of Trustees", says Mahloeb. "This makes it so much easier to get things done and to build and improve what we are doing. Of course we are always open to more donations, but the thing we need the most right now are volunteers".

For more information about the Community Center and the Piermont PAL, visit their website ([piermontpal.com](http://piermontpal.com)) and their Facebook page (@[piermontNY](https://www.facebook.com/piermontNY)). Or email [info@piermontpal.com](mailto:info@piermontpal.com) — Joe Serra



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# Catching up on Village Business

## Lighthouse Memorial

The Village Board has given its preliminary approval to the proposal to construct a lighthouse memorial to the 2 individuals that died when their powerboat hit a barge on the Hudson in 2013. The Board is awaiting an acceptable engineering report for the project, to be built at the current site of the siren tower at the edge of Parelli Park. The lighthouse structure would be about the same height as the tower and would house electronic siren equipment. The lighthouse would be funded by the Lindsay Stewart and Mark Lennon Memorial Fund, with the intention that there will be no cost to the Piermont taxpayer. And yes, we would still have a siren call emanating from that location.

## End of the Pier -Three things

**First** Repairs and replacement, in-kind, to the bulkhead and seating destroyed by the Nor'easter storm of March 15th has been delayed by permitting requirement of NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation, and may not be completed by Memorial Day.

**Second** The proposed construction of a ramp and floating pier adjacent to the end of the Pier is on hold pending sourcing additional funding from our representatives in Albany. \$250K was procured, but the lowest bid for the project was \$350K. The devastation caused by the storm of March raised concern about the viability of that location for our fireboat.

**Third** Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory says it is close to its fund-raising goals to refurbish their building at the end of the pier, adding historical murals and access to real-time tide, weather and climate information.

## New Piermont Website Up and Running

When Mayor Bruce Tucker was campaigning, he promised a new, official village website. If you open <http://piermont-ny.gov/> you'll see that it's a promise he's kept. Although Tim Temple, the page manager, says it "is a work in progress," the information it offers is already a little overwhelming. On the homepage, you can see the next scheduled meetings of all Piermont boards, follow links to village departments and volunteer organizations, see a very good documentary about our fire department and even pay a parking ticket. There's more, much more. Newsletter space is limited but space on the Piermont site isn't. Check it out yourself.



**Piermont Civic Association Board of Directors with Mayor at Easter Egg Hunt.**

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missing: Joe Serra, PCA Board, IT

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# Piermont's Macedonia Baptist Church—at the Corner of Paradise

The white columned stucco building sits snugly on the south facing corner of Piermont and Paradise Avenues, and although the present structure is only 40 years old, what is now Piermont's Macedonia Baptist church had its beginning 94 years ago. In 1924, the Reverend W.T. Ingram founded a Baptist mission consisting at first of just seven members in what had been a private house on Piermont Avenue.

It is very likely that the mission's first location was 551 Piermont Ave. There, a foundation stone is incised with the words "Macedonia Baptist Church", the date is obscured. The congregation outgrew its first home in two years, and then again in the early 1940's when the church was able to purchase a larger wooden building on the site where the church now stands, at the foot of Paradise Avenue.

The initiation of a building fund twenty years later led in 1972 to the purchase of two adjacent plots including a house which is now the church parsonage. The old wooden building was torn down and construction began on a new church. Meanwhile, worship services took place at Village Hall, until 1978 when the present church was dedicated.

The sanctuary is a spacious blue carpeted hall with stained glass windows on either side, and lined with light wood pews with blue upholstered seat backs. At the front of the room are the altar, benches for the choir, an organ on the left and high up behind the altar a large framed opening to the baptistry which is entered from an upstairs hall at the

west end of the church. This allows baptisms to be viewed from the church. The present congregation consists largely of descendants of the early worshipers; none of them now live in Piermont but all live in Rockland.

The church's current pastor, the fifth since the congregation was first established, is the Reverend Edward D. Hinson, chosen by the congregation to be their new pastor in 1988. The story of how he landed in Piermont is memorable. Born in South Carolina, he left home to go into the military and after his service he returned from overseas to New York. At the time he first encountered Piermont, he was happily serving as Assistant Pastor at the Morning Star church in Queens.

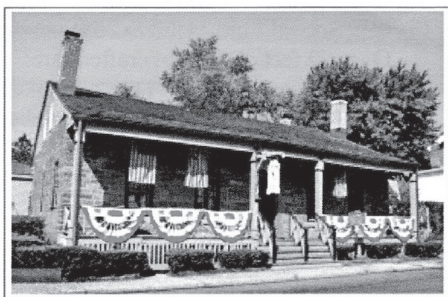
Meanwhile the pastor of the church here had retired and one of the church deacons was assigned to find a new preacher for each Sunday service. The deacon knew Edward Hinson's brother, also a preacher and asked him to come preach one Sunday. Edward came along, and the deacon then asked Edward himself to preach on the following week. He agreed, and he must have been remarkable because the members immediately voted to make him pastor. Was he happy to be called to serve in Piermont? "No," Reverend Hinson laughingly explains, "I didn't want to be here. I liked the city, but God made it very clear that I was being called. I was angry and complained for ten years. And then one day God said to me 'Shut your mouth.'" I knew it was God, and I did. And ever since I've been happy to be in Piermont."

In his twenty first year of service, Dr. Hinson found himself called to guide his church through a major existential challenge. Below the church proper, there is a lower floor the size of the sanctuary above—a fully finished and fully equipped fellowship hall which was seriously damaged in 2012 by superstorm Sandy. The invading water filled the lower floor to a level of four feet, ruining not only tables and chairs but a fully-equipped kitchen. It took not only insurance, but faith and a dedicated effort by the small congregation to fully restore the hall which was ready to be filled with food, prayer, gratitude, long-standing fellowship and lots of familiar laughter when the church celebrated Reverend Hinson's 29th anniversary in April.

—Joan Gussow



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# Conversion to LED Lighting Will Save Money, Reduce Greenhouse Gases

Piermont will switch its street lights to LED [light-emitting diode] lighting to cut energy costs and reduce the village's carbon footprint. In fast-tracking one of his key campaign promises, Mayor Bruce Tucker said: "This project will help us save the Village a lot of money and help us get designated as a Climate Smart Community (CSC)," he said. The Climate Smart Communities Program is a New York State effort to help local governments reduce greenhouse gas emissions. 221 communities around the state are currently involved in the CSC program. Locally, Piermont joins Rockland County, Orangetown, the Village of Montebello, Haverstraw and Nyack that are also working on their CSC designations.

What is LED lighting? Light-emitting diodes are semiconductors. As electrons pass through these devices, they convert to light. Compared with incandescent bulbs or compact fluorescent lamps (CFL), LED lights are far more efficient at converting electric energy into light, which means that less energy radiates from the bulb as heat. Governor Cuomo wants at least 500,000 street lights in the state replaced with LEDs by 2025.

According to the Department of Energy, LEDs have the potential to change the future of lighting in the U.S. because these bulbs use 75 percent less energy than incandescent bulbs and last 25 times longer. Lest you assume that converting to LED street lighting is as easy as converting to these energy savers at home, Mayor Tucker assures residents that it is not. "I hope to get this project done by year-end, but first

we have to buy all of the street light fixtures in Piermont from Orange and Rockland Utilities – about 190 -- and [at press time] we are waiting for them to give us a price."

Meanwhile Piermont has hired a sustainability consultant, Marcy Denker, to help the village with the lighting change-over and the Climate Smart Program. Denker in turn is coordinating with a firm called RealTerm Energy, which was also hired by Piermont, which will be handling the actual change in lighting. Sandy Stead, energy recovery special from RealTerm, will be working with the village.

Mayor Tucker said that one of the keys to getting the transition to LED lighting right is having the proper lighting in each area of Piermont. "In downtown Piermont, we may want the lighting to be brighter than on some residential streets," he said. "The actual LED lights that we will use are adjustable. RealTerm Energy will go around to every light pole in the village and adjust both its brightness and the warmth of the light."

One of the big complaints about earlier versions of LED lighting was that there was too much blue light. The lights that will be installed in Piermont can be easily adjusted to bring up other colors of the light spectrum.

Remarkably, Mayor Tucker said that the payback on this project will be only three years: "After that, our ongoing savings will belong to every Piermont resident," he noted.

— Ron Derven

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|-------------------|--|
| Monday, May 28    | Memorial Day Parade from Firehouse to Kennedy Park, followed by Memorial Day Program of Remembrance, Parade starts at 9am                            |
| Tuesday, May 29   | VVeterans Watchfire at the end of the Piermont Pier. Fire lighting at midnight   |
| Friday, June 1    | Piermont Public Library Teen Film Festival "Five-Minute Flicks", doors open at 6:30 pm   |
| Sunday, June 3    | Piermont Public Library Annual Student Art Exhibition: <i>Interiors of the Imagination</i> .<br>Artist's Reception 3 - 4pm                           |
| Sunday, June 10   | Piermont's Historic Train Station Museum open 12:00 - 3:00 pm  |
| Saturday, June 16 | Piermont's Historic Train Station Family Fun Day [coincides with the State's <i>Path Through History</i> Weekend] 12:00 - 5:00 pm                    |
| Wed., June 20     | Piermont Public Library "Piermont Reads" <i>Neighbors</i> , by Thomas Berger. Launch Party at library, 6:30 pm.                                      |
| Thurs June 21     | Music in the Park featuring the Old Number 7 Band. Sponsored by the Piermont Civic Association. Flywheel Park, 7:00pm - 10:00 pm (Rain date June 28) |
| Sunday, June 24   | Piermont Pubic Library Concert Series - Jazz with The Bob Wylde Trio. 2 pm.  |
| Sunday, June 24   | Piermont's Historic Train Station Museum open 12:00 - 3:00 pm  |
| Monday, June 25   | Piermont Public Library registration day for Children's Summer Reading Program: <i>"Libraries Rock"</i>  |
| Thursday, June 28 | Piermont Public Library registration day for Children's Summer Reading Program: <i>"Libraries Rock"</i>  |
| Sunday, July. 8   | Piermont's Historic Train Station Museum open 12:00 - 3:00 pm  |
| Saturday, July 14 | Bastille Day sponsored by the Piermont Chamber of Commerce, noon-10pm, Main Street and Flywheel Park   |



- Wed., July 15**  
**Piermont Public Library** *Andrew Weatherly: The Art Beyond a Syndrome, Artist's Reception.*  
 2:00 – 4:00pm
- Sunday, July 18**  
**Music in the Park** featuring Forever Young, Doo Wop and Oldies. Sponsored by the Piermont Civic Association, Flywheel Park, 7:00 – 10:00 pm. (Rain date July 25)
- Sunday July 22**  
**Piermont's Historic Train Station Museum** open 12:00 - 3:00 pm
- Sunday, August 5**  
**Piermont Public Library**, a fundraising exhibition *Amusements: Digital Photography* by Jessica Bowen. Artist's Reception 2:00 to 4:00 pm.
- Sunday, Aug. 5**  
**Piermont's Historic Train Station Museum** open 12:00 - 3:00 pm
- Saturday, Aug 11**  
**Great Hudson Fish Count**, organized by DEC's Hudson River Estuaries Program, Piermont Pier 1:00pm – 3:00 pm
- Thursday, Aug. 16**  
**Music in the Park** featuring Tequila Sol Project. Sponsored by the Piermont Civic Association, Flywheel Park, 7:00pm – 10:00 pm (Rain date August 23)
- Saturday, Aug.18**  
**Catfish Chaos Fishing Derby** for kids and adults, sponsored by the Hudson River Fisherman's Assoc., Piermont Pier noon – 3:00pm
- Sunday, August 19**  
**Piermont's Historic Train Station Museum** open 12:00 - 3:00 pm
- Sunday, Sept. 2**  
**Piermont's Historic Train Station Museum** open 12:00 - 3:00 pm
- Monday, Sept 3**  
**Labor Day Music Festival** Fundraiser for Piermont Police Athletic League. sponsored by the Turning Point, Goswick Pavilion and Rittenberg Field, noon – 6pm
- Saturday, Sept. 8**  
**Piermont Fire Department - Engine Hose Co. #1** hosts Rockland County Volunteer Firemen's Parade





## From The Library

### Teen Film Festival

On **Friday, June 1st** the Dennis P. McHugh Piermont Public Library will partner with the Michael J. Armstrong Memorial Foundation to host "Five-Minute Flicks," a new competition in collaboration with the film program at South Orangetown's Tappan Zee High School.

The competition, which will award three cash prizes, honors the life of 9/11 victim Michael J. Armstrong while celebrating the creative talents of local teenagers. **Doors will open for this event at 6:30 pm.** The viewing of entries will begin at approximately 7 p.m., and admission is free.

### Concert Series

The Dennis P. McHugh Piermont Public Library presents a Spring 2018 Concert Series entitled What's Your Jam? This year's series invites attendees to explore two different genres of music to discover which gets their toes tapping.

The first concert, on **Sunday, May 20th at 2 pm**, features folk singer/songwriter James O'Malley. Mr. O'Malley delivers his songs in a subtle, whispering tenor that draws the listener into the story he is telling. His songs are universal, often written with a subtle humor. The second concert, on **Sunday, June 24th at 2 pm**, features The Bob Wylde Trio. The trio's sound centers around soft and swinging jazz. The Trio is led by jazz guitarist Bob Wylde, and features soothing vocals by Marty Elkins, and the well-known bass of Mike Richmond, a thirty-year veteran of Stan Getz's band.

### Piermont Reads

"Piermont Reads" is a reading project centered on Thomas Berger's novel, *Neighbors*. Think of it as a village-wide book club. The project

begins with distribution of free paperback copies of the book at our **Launch Party on Wednesday, June 20th at 6:30 pm.** (*Supply is limited. Don't miss your chance to pick up a copy.*) Light refreshments will be served.

Read the book over the summer months, then join us for two Piermont Reads events in the Fall. A scholarly talk by Library Trustee, Dr. Cara Stepanian, will be held **Sunday, September 23rd at 2 pm.** A screening of the film adaptation of the book will be held **Friday, October 5th at 7:30 pm.** Please join us for the launch of this exciting new project. "Piermont Reads" is sponsored by a bequest from Jeanne Redpath Berger.

### Summer Reading Program: "Libraries Rock" for Adults

The library's annual Adult Summer Reading Raffle will be held for 8 weeks. Adults (18 and over) are invited to submit an entry form for each book you read over the summer. A winner will be chosen every Friday, July 13th – August 31st. Prizes will include gift certificates, gadgets, books and more.

**The 2018 Summer Reading theme is "Libraries Rock"** and what better way to kick it off than by exploring our new streaming music services? You can use your Piermont library card to stream up to 3 hours of music per day and download up to five songs per week. Visit [piermontlibrary.org](http://piermontlibrary.org) and look for the "Freegal" link or download the "Freegal" mobile app.

### Summer Reading Program: "Libraries Rock" for Children

Be a Rock Star Reader! Join us at the Library this summer from June 25th to July 30th for our summer reading program for children ages 3-12. We'll have special programs, crafts, and weekly

book check-ins with prizes. Come in on Monday, June 25th or Thursday, June 28th to register. Then drop in weekly on Mondays or Thursdays from 3:30 – 6 pm to see Miss Nancy to talk about a book and pick up your prize. Check our Summer Reading brochure for special events like Bash the Trash, Mighty Five Field Day, The Life of Mozart presented by the Traveling Lantern Theatre Company, a screening of the movie *Rock Dog*, and more.

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### Summer Art Shows

For the month of June, the Library will present its Annual Student Art Exhibition: Interiors of the Imagination. An Artists' Reception will be held on Sunday, June 3rd, from 3:00 - 4:00 pm. All are welcome. Throughout the year, the Library offers free art classes focusing on a variety of materials and techniques to students in grades 1 - 8

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# Front Line Report

## Piermont Police Buy Drone to Assist in Emergencies

The Piermont Police will acquire an aerial drone to assist in emergencies and truck traffic enforcement on 9W, according to Chief Michael O'Shea.

"We will certify three officers as drone pilots through the Federal Aviation Administration," he said. "It is a big process, but we will be certified by this fall."

The Village selected a drone popular with law enforcement -- the DJI Inspire 1 Drone -- which has a very high resolution camera. The Village will purchase extra batteries for the unit because drones cannot fly for more than 20-30 minutes without having to land and have a fresh battery installed.

On another matter, with vacation season fast approaching, Chief O'Shea advises residents to always notify his department when they will be away. The police will make extra checks on the home when out on patrol.

Because texting and cellphone use have been associated with increasing numbers of auto accidents, the chief warns that the Village is stepping up enforcement of traffic laws prohibiting the use of phones in cars without a Bluetooth device. Pull over to the side of the road to use the phone or text, he advises.

## Rubbish Collection Until October 2

Tom Temple, Superintendent of Public Works, said that the DPW has started its rubbish/debris collection, which will run bi-weekly until October 2nd. "We ask that all items be

placed curbside for pickup in a neat and orderly fashion," he said. "We also would ask that residents be sensitive to the timing of when they put out their items for collection. 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."

As a reminder, the DPW cannot accept any type of household hazardous waste (chemicals, paints, batteries, etc.), which includes all electronic waste (e-waste). All of these items need to be taken to the Rockland County Household Hazardous Waste facility in Pomona. Go to <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/66872.html> for a full list of items.

## Congratulations! To New Officers

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taught by Alexis Starke. This year, the focus is on interiors and projects are inspired by contemporary American artist Ann Toebe, Belgian Surrealist René Magritte, and contemporary Korean visual artist JeeYoung Lee. Patrons are always delighted to see the creations of our youngest artists.

In July, the Library presents *Andrew Weatherly: The Art Beyond a Syndrome* with an Artist's Reception and brief talk on **Sunday, July 15th, from 2:00 – 4:00 pm**. Andrew Weatherly is a young man with Down's Syndrome who has found his voice through art. Insightful, intuitive, sincere, and passionate about his work, Weatherly also has a resolve that has allowed him to overcome many obstacles. Viewing art as a tool for both personal and social growth, Weatherly explores his creativity through painting, photography, and writing; has published two books on his experiences; and regularly gives talks about his experiences as an artist and in life.

Additional information about this inspiring young man

can be found on his website at [www.andrewweatherly.com](http://www.andrewweatherly.com).

For the month of August, the Library will feature a fundraising exhibition entitled *Amusements: Digital Photography* by Jessica Bowen. An Artist's Reception will be held Sunday, August 5th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Ms. Bowen celebrates her 10th anniversary as Piermont's Library Director in June of 2018. This exhibit is a fundraiser with all proceeds benefiting the library. Ms. Bowen credits the many artists who exhibit in the Library's monthly shows as part of her inspiration. Ms. Bowen describes her upcoming exhibition as follows, "My show, *Amusements*, is a celebration of summers in New Jersey and New York. Subjects include New Jersey beaches and boardwalks, amusement park rides, traveling carnivals, and fireworks." The artist's reception will have a boardwalk and carnival theme. All are welcome, so please join us!

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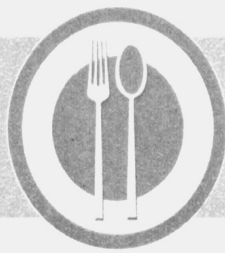
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