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Retired RVPD Lt. John J. DeVoe on his next leadership post

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PARK RIDGE

They make Park Ridge 'a great place to live'

Borough cheers 18 volunteers and American Legion commander

Park Ridge honored 18 volunteers at its Oct. 27 Community Service Awards ceremony in the council chambers. Their peers nominated them for work ranging from delivering meals to broadcasting high school sports, Mayor Keith Misciagna said.

Misciagna presented a separate Mayor's Award of Recognition to Ryan O'Hara, commander of Cpl. Jedh C. Barker Memorial American Legion Post 153. O'Hara served as a reconnaissance Marine from 2006 to 2014 and held the rank of sergeant. He lives in Park Ridge with his wife, Melissa, and their son, Reid.

"It was great to see the council

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OUR VOTERS HAVE THEIR SAY

Democrats poised to gain in Hillsdale, Westwood; Republicans hold leads in Emerson, Woodcliff Lake

BY MICHAEL OLOHAN
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THE BLUE WAVE that swept Democrats to control of Congress on Nov. 3 flowed from the Pascack Valley as well. Democrats appear poised to gain council seats in Hillsdale and Westwood and hold both seats on the ballot in Park Ridge. Republican incumbents led in Emerson and Woodcliff Lake, while council incumbents in Montvale and River Vale ran unopposed.

The biggest local shift was in Hillsdale, where two Democratic challengers were on track to give their party a 4–2 council majority. The closest contest was in Emerson, where Republican Mayor Danielle DiPaola led by 107 votes in her bid for a third term and just 38 votes separated the candidates for the second council seat.

The Bergen County Clerk's Office reported that 316,728 of the county's 678,327 registered voters cast ballots, or about 47%. The unofficial returns include early and Election Day votes and partial counts of mail-in and write-in votes. County election boards have until Nov. 9 to receive ballots mailed and postmarked by Election Day and until Nov. 14 to receive ballot cure forms. The county canvassing board is scheduled to meet Nov. 18.



Half an hour after the polls closed — Westwood Democrats tally council returns at Lolita's around 8:30 p.m. Nov. 3. From left are Erick Martinez, vice chair of the Westwood Municipal Democratic Committee, newcomer Kristian Rasmussen, Councilwoman Erin Collins and former committee chair Erik Saavedra. In unofficial returns, running mates Collins and Rasmussen finished ahead of Republican Council President Lauren Letizia and former Councilwoman Beth Staples for the two seats. Photo by Lauren Banks, Westwood Municipal Democratic Committee, courtesy of Erin Collins.

Emerson

DiPaola led Democratic challenger Joseph Solimando III, 1,667 to 1,560. In the council race, Republican incumbent Michael Timmerman led the field with 1,687 votes. His running mate, Councilwoman Ashley Rice, drew 1,607, followed by Democratic challengers Venessa Manzano with 1,569 and Julia Guttilla with 1,527.

• For context, see Michael Olohan's election profile "Battle

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MONTVALE

Developer driving data center at former KPMG site

Nearly 322,000-square-foot proposal advances ahead of Nov. 18 hearing on affordable housing agreement

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A Russo–Hekemian development venture has asked the borough to confirm that existing zoning permits a nearly 322,000-square-foot data center at the former KPMG property, ahead of a Nov. 18 court hearing on an affordable housing agreement that includes that development option.

The amended agreement would allow the developer to build either 250 homes, including 50 affordable units, or an enterprise data center alongside 50 affordable units. The property is a 34-acre tract at 3 and 51 Chestnut Ridge Road.

Cherry Hills-based Fair Share Housing Center opposes the amendment, citing potential noise, air pollution and other impacts on residents living near the facility. Montvale and the developer support the arrangement and plan to present testimony at the hearing.

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BURKE FOUNDATION

The Dennis Burke Foundation for ALS raised more than $25K at its third annual fundraiser. The proceeds will help assist local families, fund research, and provide scholarships.

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Back in time...

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Wants answers on WT's swim club site

To the editor:

THE TOWNSHIP of Washington's administration had two soil tests performed at the former swim club site. The second report showed the PCB's have gone beyond the borders. No surprise. So now what? When will the residents and children have access to the promised park? We all know this is a multimillion-dollar project. Mayor, be transparent and let the taxpayers know the game plan.

Robert Bruno
Township of Washington

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Cheers to WT first responders

To the editor:

A FEW MONTHS AGO I needed the services of the Washington Township Police Department and the Washington Township Volunteer Ambulance Corps. I am grateful for their prompt, compassionate response to my call. They explained what to expect and helped me feel calm and comfortable. My family also reached out to the ambulance corps for equipment needed and spoke with Mr. Rich Miras, who was very helpful and accommodating.

The ambulance corps' supply room is a treasure trove of medical equipment and supplies. If you need medical supplies, make it your first stop.

Thank you to both the Police Department and the ambulance corps for their efficient service and support when I needed it most.

Madeleine Ciocco
Township of Washington

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Rotary taking orders amid 39th Annual Fresh Fruit Festival

The Park Ridge Rotary Club is accepting orders for its 39th annual Fresh Fruit Festival, featuring citrus from Indian River, Florida, along with fruit assortments and vegetables.

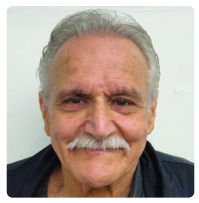
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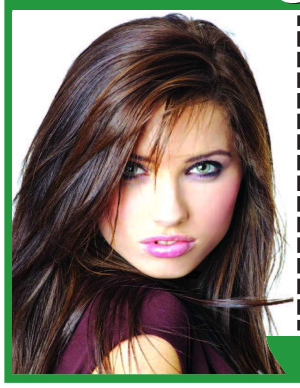
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After job cuts and tax increase, Westwood Regional girds for higher health costs

BY JOHN SNYDER
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TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

Westwood Regional is preparing for another rise in employee health insurance costs as it builds its 2027–28 budget. The district's benefits advisers expect a substantial increase, Superintendent Patrick J. McQueeney told families in his November update, though the district is still waiting for a renewal rate from its private health plan.

Families in Westwood and the Township of Washington felt the effects of rising costs in the last budget cycle. The district adopted a $78.9 million budget for 2026–27 that raised taxes and cut 14 positions — 10 teaching and secretarial jobs combined and four administrative positions. Rising health insurance costs were among the pressures the district faced.

McQueeney said he discussed insurance costs at the Oct. 29 Board of Education meeting. In his November update, he cited the average 34.4% premium increase New Jersey approved for active employees in the state's School Employees' Health Benefits Program for 2027. Westwood Regional buys coverage separately. Its advisers told the district to prepare for a similarly steep increase, but the local figure will depend on its renewal.

Administrators are reviewing expenses, staffing and program needs. McQueeney said no decisions on the 2027–28 budget have been finalized. His update identified no proposed cuts and gave no estimate of the effect on school taxes in either town. The district expects to present the budget for approval in April 2027.

When does a screen help students learn?

At its first meeting Oct. 8, Westwood Regional's Digital Steering Committee took up a question teachers face across grade levels: When does a school-issued device help a student learn, and when would the lesson work better with a printed book, a pencil or a conversation?

McQueeney said the committee discussed what counts as educational screen time and how expectations should change as students move from the early grades through high school. Parents, students, teachers, administrators, technology professionals and school board representatives serve on the advisory group. Administrators plan to use its feedback, along with research and a review of classroom practices, to develop a guide for teachers.

Board recognizes students for national academic honors

The Westwood Regional Board of Education recognized five Westwood Regional High School students named Commended Students in the 2027 National Merit Scholarship Program. Alphonsa Alexander, Elliott Beyer, Nicholas Doell, Kate Lambert and Kaan Noyan scored among the top 50,000 students nationwide on the PSAT.

Doell, Lambert and Noyan were also among 31 Westwood Regional students the board recognized for earning honors in the 2026 College Board National Recognition Program. The program recognizes academic achievement on the PSAT or Advanced Placement exams.

The other College Board honorees were Tomiris Amirbekova, Feyisayo Amusan, Hudson Cerne, Danielle Chan, Sydney Chan, Carter Cimino, Aca Comunale, Ean Connelly, Sophia DeMarco, Audrey Duda, Grace Eustic, Jake Faggello, Alexis Grigoriou, Kezia Gunawan, Isabella Iorio, Ritikka Jeyachandran, Aram Kalayli, Ariana Kalayli, Claire Lee, Riza Lodi, Jacob Mahtaban, Dante Makula, Zoe McGregor, Kaitlyn McKay, Hannah Murray, Sean Pierro, Juleimy Reyes and Logan Weinzierl.

Doell is one of 110 high school and college students in the 2027 class of New Jersey Governor's STEM Scholars. Doell has worked as an assistant HVAC tradesman, interned at two engineering design firms and co-authored a research paper on quantum matter simulations, according to his program profile. (See also Oct. 26, 2026 Pascack Press.)

At Brookside School, three fifth-graders recently brought McQueeney a proposal of their own. The school is collecting tickets that recognize five traits in the district's Cardinal P.R.I.D.E. program — perseverance, respect, integrity, discipline and excellence. The students met with the superintendent to pitch ideas for a schoolwide celebration if Brookside fills its ticket bucket.

■ *Disclosure: The writer has a student attending Westwood Regional High School*

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He put the Pascack Valley on George Washington's map

Historian Billy Neumann brings Robert Erskine's story to Park Ridge on Nov. 15

Where Emerson shoppers now turn in for groceries at Old Hook Road and Main Street, George Washington's mapmaker marked Jacob DeBaun's farm. A little farther along on Robert Erskine's 1780 map of the Pascack Valley is Bogert's Mill, at a spot Westwood residents can still find by its street names alone: Mill Street and First Avenue.

Historian William "Billy" Neumann will tell the story of the man behind that map on Sunday, Nov. 15, at 2 p.m., when the Pascack Historical Society presents "Robert Erskine: Mapmaker to George Washington" at its museum, 19 Ridge Ave.

Erskine was a Scottish-born engineer running the ironworks at Ringwood when Washington chose him in 1777 to serve as the Continental Army's first geographer and surveyor general.

Before Washington could move troops through unfamiliar country, he needed to know where the roads led and what his men would encounter along the way.

Getting those details onto paper took time. In a letter to Washington, Erskine estimated that a surveyor with a crew of six could cover about five miles a day. Two people would carry the measuring chain, one the instrument and three the flagstaffs used to

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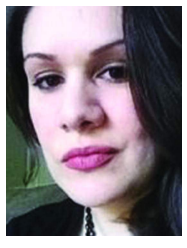
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A view north on Main Street, now Pascack Road, in Park Ridge circa 1906. This is the Park Avenue intersection as it looked before traffic lights and paved roads. The grammar school (now the high school) is out of frame to the right.

Held up by highwaymen in Park Ridge



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"THAT THIS NEIGHBORHOOD is infested with a regular band of desperadoes can no longer be doubted," the Montvale Standard wrote on Nov. 10, 1906.

"A highway robbery in true Jesse James style was committed in Park Ridge within a stone's throw of the brilliantly lighted Main Street, and under the still more brilliant light of a full November moon."

In last week's *Back in Time* you read about the brazen burglary that took place at the Ter Kuile mansion on Grand Avenue in Montvale while the family was asleep (if you missed it, you can find it at thepressgroup.net). Our story picks up the following night and takes us less than a quarter of a mile away to Pascack Road—then known as Main Street—in Park Ridge.

It was a clear night with a full moon. A young man named Ira Van Orden had attended a masquerade ball that lasted until after midnight. He escorted to their residences two young ladies from Park Ridge who attended the party, and then made his way toward home. He cut through the farmers' fields off Pascack Road, north of Park Avenue, singing and whistling as he went.

As the Montvale Standard described, "He was in fine spirits, for the ball had been a great success."

As he walked on that cool early November night, the full moon was high in the sky and illuminated his surroundings. It also created shadows, like the one next to the stone wall he was approaching. In a small rural community like Park Ridge, Van Orden could not have foreseen the danger that was hiding in the darkness.

"Suddenly three figures arose in front of him. He felt a piece of cold steel pressed against his temple and he heard a muffled but

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Bergen Volunteers A.I. forum a draw for nonprofits and business leaders

PARAMUS — Bergen Volunteers brought Bergen LEADS alumni and other local leaders together for a panel discussion on the practical uses and potential risks of artificial intelligence, part of a series of activities connecting local professionals with opportunities to learn and serve.

Bergen County Commissioner Vice Chairwoman Tracy Zur moderated the discussion, which featured perspectives from health care, business automation and law.

Panelists were Donnalee Corrieri, senior vice president of communications and community advancement and chief marketing officer at Bergen New Bridge Medical Center; Kris Scheufele, founder

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Retired RVPD lieutenant to lead FBI National Academy alumni group



RIVER VALE — John J. DeVoe was a River Vale police officer when he graduated from the FBI National Academy in 2013. Now the retired lieutenant will lead the private nonprofit that serves nearly 14,500 academy graduates across 48 chapters.

The FBI National Academy Associates named DeVoe executive director after seven months as acting director. Jim Gallagher, the association's national president, announced the appointment Oct. 25 in Orlando, Florida. DeVoe will oversee the group's national office in Quantico, Virginia, and its training and membership programs.

Born and raised in Hasbrouck Heights, DeVoe graduated from Don Bosco Prep in Ramsey. He began his police career in 1996 as a special law enforcement officer in Seaside Heights and later joined the River Vale Police Department, where he rose to lieutenant. He also served as a senior investigator with the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office Cyber Crimes Task Force and on the executive board of Pascack PBA Local 206.

After graduating with the FBI National Academy's 252nd class, DeVoe joined the association's New Jersey chapter board and served as chapter president in 2020 and 2021. He joined the national office in 2023 as director of strategic partnerships and became acting executive director in March.

"Seven months ago, I was asked to step into this role, and I said yes because this Association has done so much for me, personally and professionally," DeVoe said in the announcement. "Whatever progress we've made since then belongs to our National Team, and it was built for our members. That's who I serve."

Held Up:

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threatening voice say, 'Keep quiet.' Mr. Van Orden was not asked to hold up his hands. His hands were held behind his back by one of the ruffians as if in a vise. The third bandit went through his pockets."

The robbers got a nice little sum from Van Orden. In his pockets he had $8.75 cash, which doesn't sound like much, but an equivalent value is about $330 in 2026. After the attack, the trio fled into the night and Van Orden ran home. We expect he did not sleep very much.

The criminals hit two more targets before they left town a few days later. The night after the holdup on Pascack Road, the burglars attempted to enter a house a short distance away. A large dog inside the residence scared them off. Two nights after that, the Montvale train station was broken into.

"What can be done to stop the depredations of the vagabonds who are infesting our neighborhood and causing honest men to get into their beds at night with a feeling of insecurity as to life and property?" asked the editor of the Montvale Standard.

This was years before the formation of municipal police departments as we know them. People had to take the law into their own hands.

The newspaper editor called for the formation of a Vigilance Committee to patrol Park Ridge and Montvale after sunset until the crime spree subsided. Besides that, the editor wrote, "Keep your shotgun loaded or your revolver in good working order and have the weapon handy for use at night."

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Talking development, traffic, water tower, deer at farm forum

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MONTVALE

About 40 residents gathered early Saturday, Oct. 24, to discuss local concerns with Mayor Michael Ghassali at the Montvale Farmstand, part of an 8.4-acre farm the borough purchased and preserved in 2025.

Over coffee outside one of the farm's operating greenhouses, residents asked about a proposed data center and affordable housing at the KPMG site, a planned water tower, plans for a Trader Joe's and options for managing the deer population.

[For more of Ghassali's data center-related comments, and the proposal taking shape, see our related story on page 1.]

Plans for Veolia water tower

Ghassali said crews were laying pipe at 127 Summit Ave. as part of Veolia's water tower project to improve water pressure on the west side of town. Local officials will help choose the tower's color, he said. He drew a laugh when he told residents what they would see once it rose above the tree line.

"My name, Mike Ghassali, will be on the tower," he said.

The borough changed the zoning on the 28.4-acre site to permit public utility facilities in its AH-6 affordable housing zone. It sold the property to Veolia North America in late 2023 for $4,725,000, or $250,000 more than the borough paid for it.

Waypoint Residential had proposed a 170-unit senior living complex, then reduced its proposal to 157 units. The developer withdrew the proposal after several hearings at which concerns arose over density and environmental constraints on the property.

Ghassali also said plans were underway for Trader Joe's to replace The Fresh Grocer at Chestnut Ridge Shopping Center. He said the borough had concerns about parking and wanted changes to improve traffic flow within the shopping center. He said Trader Joe's would have a "smaller footprint" than The Fresh Grocer.

Traffic and commuter parking

Ghassali said NJ Transit's Pascack Valley Line makes 36 stops in Montvale daily between 5 a.m. and 1 a.m. He said each stop holds up traffic on East Grand Avenue and Kinderkamack Road for three to four minutes.

Ghassali said Wegmans and the town's 17 restaurants also draw heavy traffic, and there was little the borough could do to move vehicles through the area around the railroad tracks more quickly. Residents asked about additional commuter parking, speeding on West Grand Avenue and heavy trucks using that road. Council member Dieter Koelling said residents could submit traffic complaints through the borough website.

Ghassali said Montvale was working with Woodcliff Lake officials to address traffic expected from developments at the former BMW and Hilton sites. He said the two sites together were expected to add more than 500 housing units.

Managing the deer population

Ghassali said borough officials were talking to a company about nonlethal deer management and expected it to give a presentation at a future council meeting. He said the options appeared limited.

"We don't want to see a deer with an arrow in between," said Ghassali, who ruled out a bow hunt for Montvale. He said Pascack Valley towns had been discussing options and that the state and county did not want to get involved. "We can't do it in Montvale alone," he said.

Carolee Adams suggested asking U.S. Rep. Josh Gottheimer, who represents the 5th District, to help secure federal funds for deer control. She said Gottheimer had raised concerns about tick bites and Lyme disease in New Jersey.

Residents also discussed trapping and sterilization. Some said sterilization could cost upward of $1,000 per deer and that many deer do not survive trapping and relocation.

One resident said the cost of sterilization should be weighed against damage to flowers and shrubs, vehicle collisions, injuries and the spread of Lyme disease. He suggested towns could share the expense.

Asked what kept him up at night, Ghassali cited "overdevelopment and losing control" and said legislation introduced in Trenton could erode Montvale's authority over development.

Ghassali also said he had no concerns about Hasidic families living across the state line in Monsey, New York. "They own buildings and pay taxes and I have no issue with them whatsoever," he said.

Joining Ghassali at the forum were council members Dieter Koelling, Chris Roche, Theresa Cudequest and Douglas Arendacs, along with farmstand operators Matt Epstein and Matt Worgul. Epstein and Worgul had bid on the farm lease and now operate the stand under a lease from the successful bidder, D'Agostino Landscaping.

Pumpkins adorned the refurbished farmstand at 56 Craig Road. Ghassali encouraged residents to stop in for fresh produce, pastries, pies, and hot and cold drinks.



Westwood's $20 senior parking permit offers an alternative to coins, apps

Westwood residents aged 70 and older can buy a $20 hangtag that lets them park in any borough space designated for hourly parking without feeding a meter or using an app. Council President Lauren Letizia said a single $20 payment now covers the rest of 2026 and all of 2027.

Councilwoman Cheryl Hodges, the borough's parking utility liaison, said the idea grew out of discussions about modernizing parking payments. Westwood is considering a cashless system, she said, but has no immediate plans to adopt one.

"When paying cash for parking, it is 25 cents for up to an hour," Hodges said. At that rate, the permit costs the same as 80 quarter payments. A driver who puts a quarter in the meter for each visit would break even on the 80th visit, even if some stops last only a few minutes. Drivers who buy the hangtag must still observe the time limit on the meter or lot sign.

The age cutoff drew questions after Letizia announced the program. Denise Cillo Egan asked why eligibility begins at 70 rather than 65. Hodges said the Parking Utility Advisory Board recommended age 70 and the council approved it. She did not give a reason for choosing that age. The advisory board's May 26 meeting minutes record its recommendation to the mayor and council.

Residents must sign a waiver when the permit is issued and display the hangtag when parking. Anyone who transfers a permit to another person loses the privilege for three years.

Residents can apply through the borough website or call the Parking Utility at 201-664-7100, ext. 121. — *Staff report*

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Where's Gottheimer on airport issues?

To the editor:

CONGRESSMAN Josh Gottheimer's [editor-invited] response to Audrey Herget's letter about Teterboro Airport noise offers assurances but supplies none of the details necessary to evaluate them.

Rep. Gottheimer was elected in 2016. After nearly a decade of requests for assistance, we are entitled to ask: What, specifically, has he accomplished toward reducing the excessive, low-flying aircraft noise disrupting our communities?

He states that he met with the Federal Aviation Administration multiple times "just last week." On what dates? With whom? What changes did he request? What answers did he receive? Were commitments made, and is there a timetable for action? None of that information has been provided to us.

He also refers to letters demanding answers from the FAA. We have not been furnished with those letters or the FAA's responses. We invite him to make them available, together with a clear account of the measures he has proposed and pursued.

To our knowledge, the congressman has never personally attended a TANAAC meeting. Attendance by staff, if that ever happened (we recall the possibility of one meeting where a Gottheimer staff member may have attended), deserves acknowledgement, but residents need sustained leadership and follow-through. Our experience has instead been a revolving door of office personnel: someone expresses interest, responsibility passes to someone else, and residents are left explaining the problem again without a clear account of progress.

His response also leaves unanswered the specific questions raised in our original letter concerning aircraft weight restrictions, scheduled passenger service, and federal noise-monitoring requirements. Has his office investigated those questions? What conclusions has it reached, and on what basis?

Joining the Quiet Skies Caucus and expressing concern do not, by themselves, demonstrate an effective program for relief. Residents need specific objectives, documented efforts, accountable staff, and regular reports explaining what has been achieved and what remains unresolved.

The congressman says he is "not backing down until our neighbors get relief." We welcome that commitment. But after years of appeals, another promise is insufficient.

Please establish a public record that gives residents reason to believe this promise will be kept: release the correspondence, identify the meetings and their outcomes, and present a concrete plan with milestones for action.

Our communities have waited long enough for evidence that our concerns are producing more than assurances.

Mary Ellen Stickel
Township of Washington

Pascack Pi-oneers host blood drive Nov. 17

MONTVALE — The Pascack Pi-oneers FIRST Robotics Team 1676 and Pascack Hills High School Medical Club will host an American Red Cross blood drive Tuesday, Nov. 17, from 2 to 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria, 225 W. Grand Ave.

Prospective donors should review the Red Cross's eligibility requirements before registering. Final eligibility is determined at the time of donation. Red Cross donor eligibility information.

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LUB CITES HEIGHT, SCALE IN DENIAL OF 122-UNIT ASSISTED LIVING PLAN

BY MICHAEL OLOHAN
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The Land Use Board said a proposed 122-unit assisted living facility at 70 Main St. would need a substantial redesign to fit the surrounding residential neighborhood. The board voted 5–0 on Oct. 15 to adopt a resolution spelling out why it rejected the plan in September.

Home for the Armenian Aged, Inc., sought to demolish its former nursing home and build a 2?-story, 125-bed assisted living facility on the 3.5-acre site. The board voted 6–1 on Sept. 17 to deny the application after six hearings that began in January.

The property is in the borough's R-7.5 single-family residential zone, where an assisted living facility is not a permitted use. The applicant also sought permission to exceed the zone's 32-foot height limit. The proposed building would have risen 43.5 feet on Main Street and 40.5 feet on Broad Street. A proposed exit driveway on Broad Street would have met the Samuel Street intersection, where borough rules require at least 50 feet of separation.

In its 17-page resolution, the board cited the building's size and height, the amount of land it would cover or disturb, and the way vehicles would enter, exit and move around the property. Members concluded that attaching conditions to an approval would leave those concerns unresolved.

"Materially reducing those detriments would require a substantial redesign of the application, not merely the imposition of reasonable conditions," the board wrote.

Over the course of the hearings, the applicant presented testimony on facility operations, architecture, engineering, planning, traffic and stormwater. At the Sept. 17 hearing, eight people spoke after more than two hours of expert testimony. Three expressed support, and five questioned or opposed the proposal. Some residents said they could support a smaller facility or one at another location. School district officials also raised concerns about student safety.

The former Armenian Nursing and Rehabilitation Center closed in April 2021. Its remaining residents transferred to nearby nursing facilities.

A notice of the board's decision appeared Oct. 25 in The Record–Herald News. Officials told Pascack Press the applicant has 45 days from publication of the notice to file an appeal. Brian Chewcaskie, the applicant's attorney, did not respond to a request for comment by press time.

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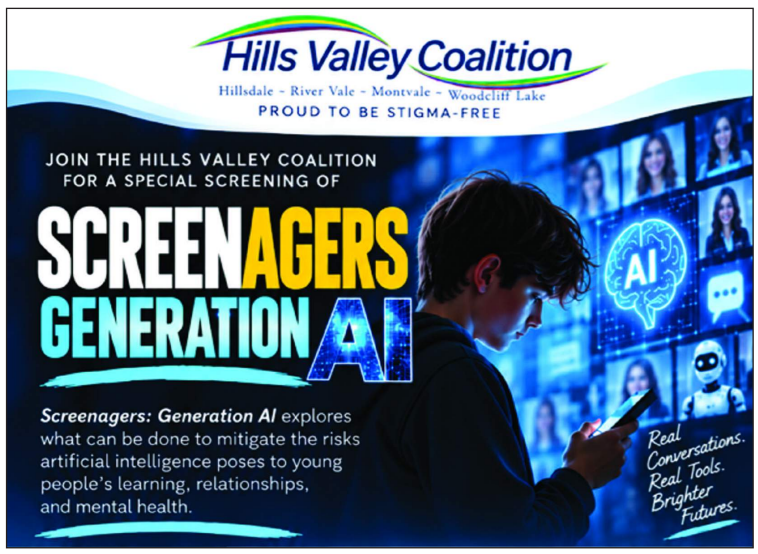
Hills Valley Coalition plans programs on overdose prevention, youth anxiety, and A.I.

PASCACK VALLEY — Woodcliff Lake will unveil a box where anyone can pick up free naloxone anonymously, the first of three community programs the Hills Valley Coalition is helping present in November and December. Two gatherings in Montvale will give families a chance to discuss youth anxiety and how artificial intelligence is affecting children.

• **Nov. 10 — Woodcliff Lake Buster Box launch.** The borough, the coalition and Alumni in Recovery will introduce the Buster Box at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Tice Senior Center in Woodcliff Lake. The box, dedicated to the memory of Max Lenowitz, will offer free naloxone, a medication that can reverse an opioid overdose.

The evening will cover current drug threats and the use of Narcan nasal spray. Speakers include Samantha Marri, Buster's sister, Ellen Carmody, co-director of parent programs for Alumni in Recovery, and Patrice Lenowitz, a Woodcliff Lake resident who helped advance Max's Law.

• **Nov. 23 — "The Anxious Generation" book discussion.** Parents, teachers and other residents are invited to discuss Jonathan Haidt's book at 7 p.m. Monday in the media center at Pascack Hills High School, 225 W. Grand Ave., Montvale. Participants are welcome whether or not they have read the book.



The discussion will focus on how anxiety affects young people at home and at school. It is part of a three-part book series presented by the coalition, The Balance Project and Wait Until 8th Pascack Valley.

• **Dec. 9 — "Screenagers: Generation AI."** The coalition will screen the film at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Pascack Hills High School. It explores how artificial intelligence can affect young people's learning, relationships and mental health. Afterward, pediatric speech-language pathologist Jodi Tesser will answer questions and lead a discussion about communication and emotional development.

The screening is free and open to parents, caregivers, educators and students in grades 6 and up. Registration is required.

Hills Valley Coalition, serving Hillsdale, River Vale, Montvale, and Woodcliff Lake, says it works to promote a stigma-free and substance-free environment. Visit HillsValleyCoalition.org

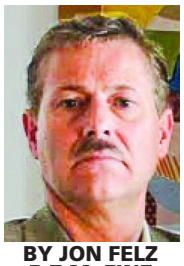
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Catching up to dad's wartime experiences



BY JON FELZ
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Dear Jon,

My father was a pilot before, during, and after WWII. He volunteered to help the Chinese fight the Japanese several years before the United States entered the war. He was very secretive about his wartime experiences, telling us only that he flew several types of aircraft before and during the war. After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor brought the United States into the conflict, he joined the U.S. Army Air Corps as a fighter pilot.

When we emptied his safe deposit box after his death, we found the item I've photographed for you. I had never seen it before, and we've been unable to find any information about it. Can you tell us anything about this item?

— Dan

Hi, Dan,

Every now and then, a piece of history crosses my desk that doesn't just tell a story — it practically echoes with the roar of a radial aircraft engine.

To the untrained eye — no offense to the antique dealers — these may look like ordinary military aviator wings. But to historians and military collectors, the letters they bear represent one of the most thrilling, dangerous and often overlooked chapters of wartime aviation.

Senior appraiser Jon Felz of R.Z.M. Fine Arts & Antiques Inc. answers your questions on fine art, American coins, and great antiques. Send your questions and photos to rzmantique@aol.com



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Let's examine their history and what makes them so collectible.

As you explained, your father flew in China before America's entry into World War II. The enamel letters CNAC stand for China National Aviation Corporation, an organization established before the war that played a vital role in supporting Allied operations in China.

CNAC pioneered air routes across the formidable Himalayan region between India and China. Its aircraft transported personnel and supplies to Flying Tigers bases, helping sustain American volunteer pilots fighting Japanese forces.

After the Flying Tigers were incorporated into the U.S. military in July 1942, some of their pilots joined CNAC. Given your father's history, it's possible he followed a similar path, although his service records would be needed to establish that connection.

The work was extraordinarily dangerous.

Flying as many as 150 hours a month, often in unarmed transport aircraft, CNAC pilots navigated treacherous mountain passes, severe weather and the constant threat of Japanese fighters. Many missions were flown through clouds or at night to reduce the risk of enemy interception.

After the Burma Road was lost in April 1942, the air route over the Himalayas — famously known as "the Hump" — became a critical supply lifeline.

Between April 1942 and August 1945, CNAC crews completed more than 38,000 flights over the Hump, transporting approximately 114,500 tons of essential personnel and supplies to Chinese and American forces operating in China, Burma and India.

The operation demonstrated the potential of large-scale military airlift and helped establish methods later employed during the Berlin Airlift.

CNAC also supported the Burma campaign, delivering supplies to Allied ground forces, evacuating Chinese and British troops, and transporting personnel and equipment for construction of the Ledo Road.

It was a grueling and unforgiving assignment. Many aircraft and their crews never returned.

Now, let's turn to your wings.

Based on the photographs, they appear to be made of sterling silver and remain in very good condition. Equally important, you have retained what appears to be the original cardboard presentation box.

Collectors place considerable value on original packaging, particularly when it accompanies rare military insignia. Surviving examples of these boxes are difficult to find, making yours especially noteworthy.

And now for the question you've been waiting for: What are they worth?

Based on their apparent authenticity, condition and the presence of the original box, I would place their current market value at approximately $3,500.

That is a substantial valuation for a small piece of military insignia, but rarity, historical significance and condition are powerful factors in the military collectibles market.

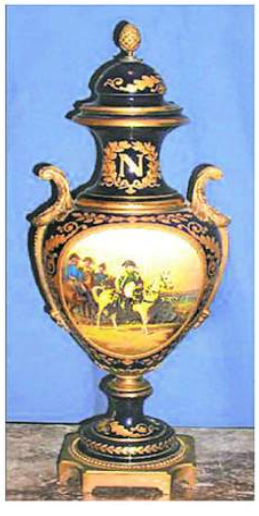
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chambers full of the people that make Park Ridge a great place to live," Misciagna said.

The community service honorees included Christopher Brown of the Police Reserves, Kyle Ladewig of the Volunteer Fire Department and Albert Quackenbush of American Legion Post 153. The borough also recognized Tod Christie of the Green Team, Michael Curran of the Zoning Board and Michael Mintz of the Pool Commission.

School and youth organizations were represented by Taylor Keenan of the West Ridge Parent Teacher Organization, Bobby Meidanis of the East Brook Parent Teacher Organization and Pamela Guarderas of Park Ridge Girl Scouts. Anthony Caprio of the Park Ridge Athletic Association, Maureen Howell of the Recreation & Cultural Committee and Will O'Toole of PKRG-TV also received awards.

Other honorees were Clayton Bosch of Pascack Reformed Church, Bridget Bruno of the Greater Pascack Valley Woman's Club and Vincent Lemba of the Park Ridge Knights of Columbus. The borough also recognized Cheryl De Mallie of the Golden Age Social Club of Park Ridge, Pamela Poliandro of the Tri-Boro Food Pantry and Susan Smilon of Meals on Wheels North Jersey.

The food pantry and Meals on Wheels will share the proceeds of a benefit concert on Sunday, Nov. 29, at 4 p.m. at Park Ridge High School. The concert is in its second year. Admission is free, and donations will be accepted at the door.



Park Ridge's 2026 Community Service Award recipients gather in the council chambers Oct. 27. The borough honored 18 volunteers nominated by their peers for work ranging from delivering meals to broadcasting high school sports. Group photoo courtesy of the Borough of Park Ridge; O'Hara photo — remarks at this year's 9/11 observance — by John Snyder/Pascack Press.

Opportunities to get involved around Park Ridge

• **Thanksgiving food drive, Nov. 7–8.** Our Lady of Mercy Church will collect Thanksgiving food for local pantries on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 7 and 8. Bring donations to the church gathering space.

• **Ambulance corps open house, Nov. 8.** Meet the Tri-Boro Ambulance Corps crew on Sunday, Nov. 8, from noon to 4 p.m. at 10 Mill Road in Park Ridge. Residents interested in joining can ask about training, which the corps provides. No prior experience is necessary. For information or a membership application, call 201-391-2332 or visit tbvacnj.org.

• **Free rabies clinic, Nov. 9.** The borough will offer rabies vaccinations for New Jersey residents' dogs and cats on Monday, Nov. 9, at the Utility Garage, 15 Sulak Lane. Bring dogs from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and cats from 7:30 to 8 p.m. Dogs must be on a nonretractable leash. Bring proof of prior rabies vaccination for a three-year vaccine.

• **Pocketbook Bingo, Nov. 12.** Operation Graduation will hold a fundraiser for the Park Ridge High School Class of 2027 on Thursday, Nov. 12, at the Park Ridge Elks Club, 13 Sulak Lane. Doors open at 6:15 p.m., and bingo runs from 7 to 11 p.m. Admission is $50 per person. Designer handbags are the bingo prizes, and the evening includes a tricky tray and a 50/50 raffle. Guests may bring an appetizer to share with their table.

• **Benefit concert, Nov. 29.** A concert benefiting Meals on Wheels North Jersey and the Tri-Boro Food Pantry returns for a second year on Sunday, Nov. 29, at 4 p.m. at Park Ridge High School. Meals on Wheels delivers to residents who have difficulty preparing meals or leaving home. The pantry serves Park Ridge, Montvale and Woodcliff Lake. Admission is free, donations will be accepted at the door, and sponsorships are available.

• **Food pantry drop-offs.** The Tri-Boro Food Pantry accepts donations on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m. Donors may also use the collection box in the Borough Hall lobby during business hours. To arrange another drop-off time, call 201-573-9083.

• **Tutor training.** Literacy Volunteers of Pascack Valley and the Park Ridge Public Library are midway through a free online course for tutors who want to help adults learn English. The final sessions are Tuesdays, Nov. 3 and 10, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. All four sessions are required to qualify. For information about becoming a tutor, email literacyvolunteerspv@gmail.com or visit literacyvolunteerspv.org.

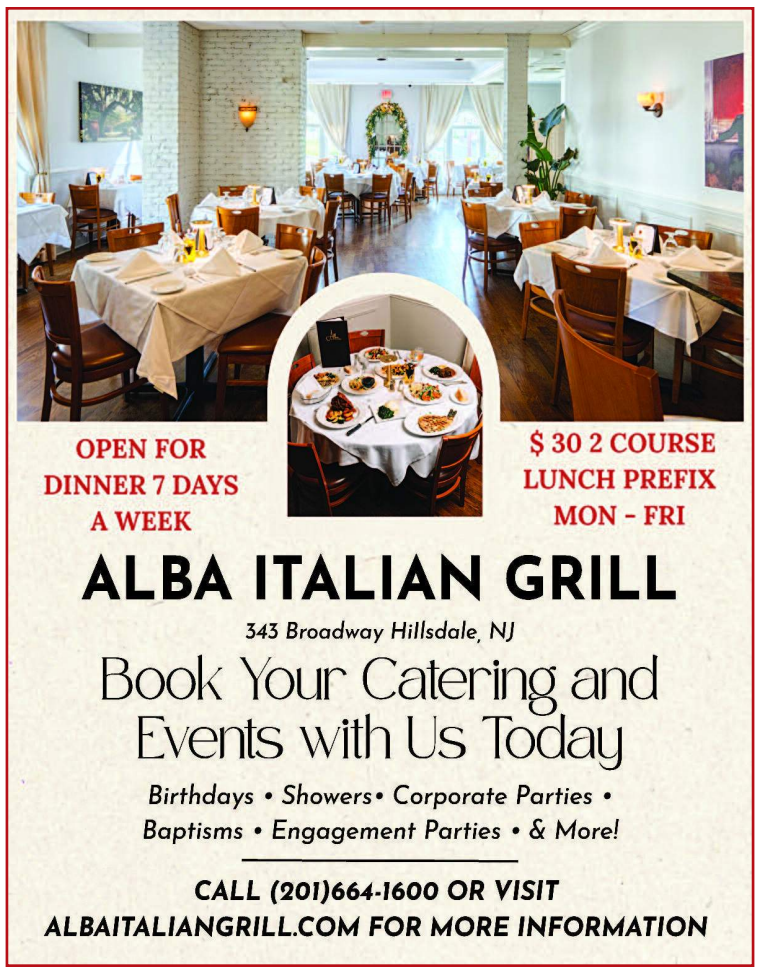
• **Recreation news.** Park Ridge Recreation reported openings in its TGA youth tennis and junior golf clinics. Its fall chair yoga series ended Oct. 29, and the six-week Zumba series concludes Nov. 3. For program details, call 201-573-1800, ext. 521. Middle and high school students can earn community service hours by helping at recreation events. To sign up, call the same number or email recreation@parkridgeboro.com.

• **Girl Scouts and the Golden Age Club.** Park Ridge Girl Scouts welcomes girls in grades K–12, with troops at East Brook, West Ridge and Our Lady of Mercy Academy. Families can contact Carrie Rauschenberger at prgstoolkit@gmail.com. The Golden Age Club welcomes residents age 55 and older. For information, call club president Brenda Yanni at 201-410-7981.



• **Behind the camera.** PKRG-TV is looking for camera operators to help cover Park Ridge High School football, basketball, volleyball and other sports. Beginners are welcome, and the station provides training. To get involved, email pkrg@parkridgeboro.com. Games and other programs are available on PKRG-TV's on-demand channel.

— Staff writer John Snyder







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and AI automation strategist at NJ Business AI; and Michelle Schaap, an attorney whose practice includes cybersecurity, privacy, construction and technology law.

The breakfast event drew a packed room, according to Bergen Volunteers. The organization encouraged participants to check the Bergen LEADS page on its website for future events.

The gathering was among several recent activities highlighted by the nonprofit, which also teamed up with employees of Tata Consumer Products–North America in Montvale for a volunteer project benefiting adults with disabilities.

On Oct. 7, the team assembled 100 "party-in-a-box" birthday bundles for adults served by Spectrum for Living. Each package contained cake mix, icing, balloons, candles and cards.

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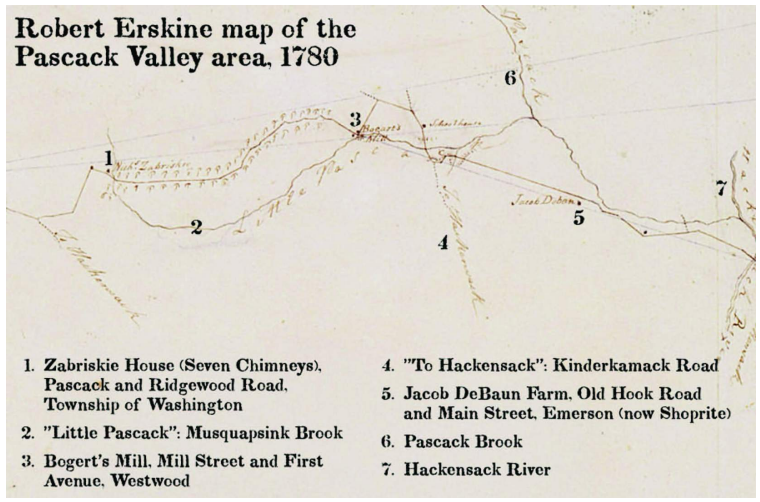
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sight a straight line. Princeton University Library's account of Erskine's survey work

Nearly 250 years later, valley residents can follow some of those lines through their own neighborhoods. The road marked "To Hackensack" is Kinderkamack Road. The stream identified as "Little Pascack" is Musquapsink Brook. And near the meeting of Pascack and Ridgewood roads in the Township of Washington, the map marks the Zabriskie house, known locally as Seven Chimneys.

The museum opens at 1 p.m., an hour before the talk. Admission is free for Pascack Historical Society members and $10 at the door for nonmembers. Light refreshments will be served. Seating is limited and first come, first served.

— Staff report



Historian William "Billy" Neumann will tell the story of the man behind this map on Sunday, Nov. 15, at 2 p.m., when the Pascack Historical Society presents "Robert Erskine: Mapmaker to George Washington."











Ace? He's cool; he's with the band

■ *A.J. Croce puts in a good word with his audience for a dog with a Pascack Valley rescue*

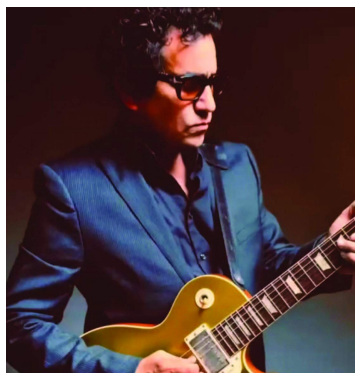
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Ace, a 7-year-old pit bull, has been with S.A.F.E. House Animal Rescue and Sanctuary long enough that when singer A.J. Croce's tour team asked about an animal who could use some help finding a home, the rescue sent his name.

That put Ace on the bill, in a manner of speaking, at the Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown. At his Oct. 22 concert, Croce told the audience about Ace and the people caring for him, said Nancy O'Toole, the rescue's secretary, in cheerful outreach to our news desk. Croce asked concertgoers to consider adopting a pet or taking one in as a foster.

The rescue has roots in the Pascack Valley. Its founder and president, Dana Lynch, grew up in River Vale, graduated from Pascack Valley High School in 2005 and moved to Westwood with her family the following year. She lived in the borough until 2021, when she bought a home in the West Milford area.



Westwood is still the rescue's mailing address. The animals themselves live with foster families across north Jersey. Some of those families are colleagues of Lynch, a veterinary technician at Oradell Animal Hospital in Paramus, O'Toole said. The group holds adoption events and fundraisers throughout the region. Its name stands for Saving Animals From Euthanasia.

In Ace's case, the rescue is looking for an experienced adopter who can build on the training he's had. His adoption profile describes a dog who has "made progress," can be reactive, and has learned to wear a muzzle. He takes daily medication for a thyroid condition. The rescue says he'd do best in a home with adults and no other pets.





Musician A.J. Croce with staff from S.A.F.E. House, an animal rescue group with Pascsack Valley roots, at the Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown. At his Oct. 22 concert, Croce told the audience about Ace (lounging in the grass, right) and the people caring for him. *Courtesy photos*

O'Toole said a member of Croce's team contacted Lynch and asked whether the group would like to take part.

Curious, we sniffed around for more info. Turns out Croce and his fiancée, Taylor Heilpern,

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A second chance to make the team

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■ *Billy Rowland still plays ball with friends he grew up with. He'd like Hillsdale's youngest softball players to have that chance, too.*

FIFTY-TWO first- and second-graders played softball in Hillsdale this past season. Billy Rowland is thinking about who they'll be playing with when they're 12 or 14. Those are the ages, he says, when Hillsdale starts losing girls to out-of-town clubs. At 47, he still plays baseball with some of the kids he grew up with.

"I didn't make the travel or All-Star teams, but I had parents and coaches who kept the game fun, encouraged me and gave me time to develop into a well-rounded ballplayer," he said.

There was usually a game to be had in the backyard or out in the street with his parents, his uncles and the neighborhood kids. Now Rowland, whose daughter is 11, leads softball player development for the Hillsdale Baseball & Softball Association.



"We want a strong hometown option where players can develop alongside their friends and take pride in representing Hillsdale," he said.

Hillsdale has long picked travel teams in the spring for the summer Kinderkamack Softball League, according to association President Lawler. This year, girls in grades 1–8 can try out for the Hawks and Lil' Hawks in January and spend eight weeks training with their teams. Travel players must also play Hillsdale rec softball, and spring travel practices will fit around the rec schedule.

The 52 youngest softball players were among 141 registered in grades 1–8 last season, Lawler said. Another 51 children are playing tee-ball. Between those coming up and the older girls who have gone elsewhere to play, Lawler sees room to grow at both ends.

"We also anticipate that this club-style structure will encourage older players (12U/14U) who currently play for out-of-town clubs to return to the program," he said.

Based on turnout, Lawler expects multiple rec teams in each two-grade division, at least one Lil' Hawks travel team apiece for grades 1–2 and 3–4, and Hawks teams at 10U, 12U and 14U.

Rowland joined the board midway through the 2026 season and began visiting clubs with training facilities. At Northeast Supreme in Chestnut Ridge, he and owner Russ Cohen spent three hours touring the facility and talking through options for Hillsdale players. Cohen had already trained several Hillsdale baseball teams. Now local softball coaches will work alongside instructors from GRIT Softball, Northeast Supreme's house club, and take those practice plans outdoors in April.

Amanda Gallo leads the association's softball program, with Dave Burns and George Chicolo serving as vice presidents. Lawler said he and Gallo have spent two years encouraging more mothers to take part in running the program. Recent meetings have drawn the full 18-member board and as many as 10 parents.

"We have listened to their feedback and incorporated it into this new model," Lawler said.

For players, one feature of that model comes into play the

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FIRST-PERSON: IN MY EXPERIENCE...

'We chose life.' Hope on Oct. 8

When I heard activist Rachel Goldberg-Polin say that "words can change the world," I started thinking about what I wanted to say with mine.

Eliya Cohen and Ziv Abud had gone to the Nova festival — an outdoor dance music gathering near Kibbutz Re'im in southern Israel, about three miles from the Gaza border — to dance with people they loved.Three years and one day after the Hamas attacks of Oct. 7, 2023, I heard them tell the story of how they were separated that morning and what it took to bring Cohen home. The Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey brought the couple to Temple Emanuel of the Pascack Valley on Oct. 8.

Around 6:30 on the morning of the attacks, Cohen and Abud, now his wife, fled to the bomb shelter known as the "Shelter of Death." They hid together beneath bodies as Hamas terrorists threw grenades inside. Abud lost consciousness. Cohen was taken hostage into Gaza.

After her rescue, Abud spent the 505 days of Cohen's captivity speaking up for his return.

"Behind each person that everyone sees, there is a real person, with a real family that wants him to come back home," she told us.

Cohen described what it took to get through those days. "We had all the reasons in the world to give up and commit suicide. But instead, every day we woke up and chose life."

How could someone wake up in those circumstances and keep making that choice?

Cohen told us about a fellow hostage, Hersh Goldberg-Polin.



BY MAYA ZISLIN
SPECIAL TO PASCACK PRESS

He was Rachel's son. Hours before the two were separated, Hersh told him, "Eliya, if you have the why, you will find the how." Hersh did not make it out of Gaza alive.

Cohen remembered what went through his mind. "Immediately I figured out my *why*: My why is my family and the people who are fighting for me outside. I have to do anything I can to survive — not for me, but for them, because they are expecting to see me alive, and I have to get out alive."

When Abud spoke about fighting for Cohen to come home, I understood what that meant to her. Hearing Cohen describe those same days, I understood what her fight meant to him. She was outside trying to bring him home. Inside, he was thinking about the people waiting for him.

When I think about Oct. 7, I think about what happened to us. When I think about Oct. 8, I think about what people in my community did next. Abud spent one day after another speaking up for the person she loved. And when Cohen told us what Hersh had said to him, those of us sitting in a temple in New Jersey got to hear Hersh's words, too. Looking back, I think that's what helped me understand what Rachel meant.

After the event, I spoke with U.S. Rep. Josh Gottheimer (D-5). "Tonight is a reminder of what happened and what Hamas terrorists did to people, and how terrible it was, but also how people persevered," he told me.

A big reason I started reporting was to find my voice as a Jewish teenage girl. Writing for *Pascack Press* and *The Jewish Standard* while I'm still a student at Pascack Hills has given me a chance to ask people about their lives and share what I learn with readers beyond my school. That's my "why."

I'm still thinking about the question I had when Cohen said he chose life each morning. I could wonder how he did it, but only he could tell me whose words came to mind and who he imagined waiting for him.

I wanted readers here to know what happened to Cohen and Abud on Oct. 7. And as a Jewish teenager sitting in that audience on Oct. 8, I wanted you to hear what Cohen said about being Jewish. That part of his story stayed with me, too.

"I am Jewish. I am proud to be Jewish, and even in the darkest place, in the tunnel, I will stay Jewish."

* * *

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The story, of course is ongoing: the massacre was part of the Hamas-led attacks on southern Israel on Oct. 7, 2023, which killed about 1,200 people and took 251 hostage. The attacks triggered the Gaza war, which devastated the territory before an October 2025 ceasefire largely halted major fighting.

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came up with the idea after adopting their dogs, Mose and Hushpuppy, through small rescues in Kansas and Pennsylvania. Now, at each stop on Croce Plays Croce, a show featuring his music and that of his late father, Jim Croce, he makes time to introduce the audience to a local animal welfare group. The couple calls the effort Tour for Tails.

"I'm fortunate to have an audience that comes together every night to enjoy music," Croce told Pascack Press. "If we can use a few minutes of that time to introduce them to an organization doing good work in their community, why wouldn't we?"

When the tour ends in December, one participating group will receive a donation, food and supplies through a random drawing, according to the tour team. S.A.F.E. House has room in its network for more foster families, O'Toole said.

To ask about Ace, apply to foster or adopt, or make a donation, visit safehars.com. Checks can be mailed to S.A.F.E. House Animal Rescue and Sanctuary Inc., 216 Westwood Ave., P.O. Box 832, Westwood, NJ 07675.

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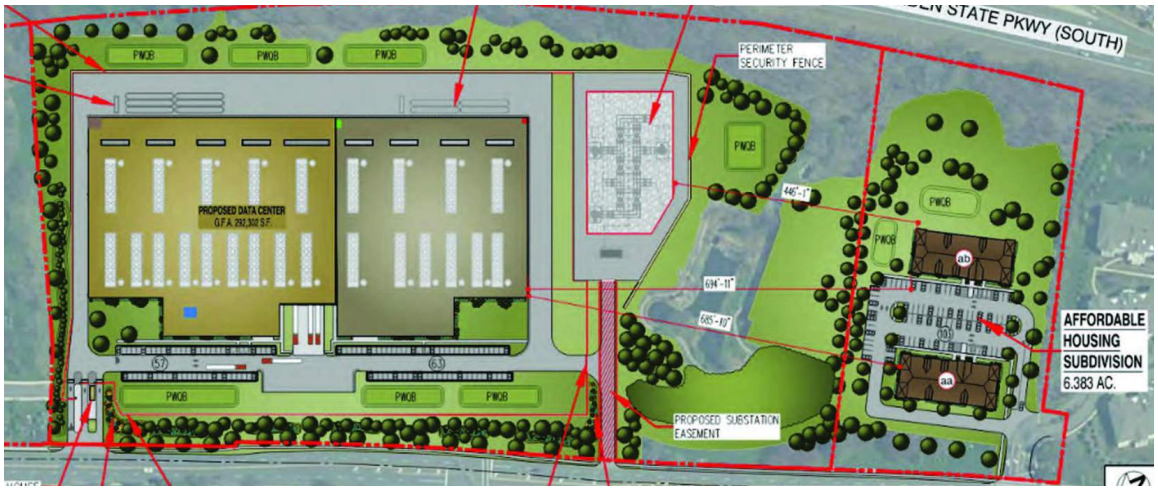
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The zoning request makes clear "H&R intends to develop the data center on the KPMG site," Edward Russo, chief executive officer of Russo Development and a manager of the property's owner, H&R Montvale LLC, said in an Oct. 27 certification filed with the court.

H&R Montvale LLC is a joint venture between affiliates of Russo Development and The Hekemian Group, LLC.

Russo said the venture had obtained verbal confirmation from Montvale that the proposed center complies with the borough's OR-2 Office-Research Zone. The zoning permit application seeks confirmation that it could proceed without variances, subject to approval of a conforming site plan.

The Nov. 18 hearing concerns the amended fourth-round affordable housing agreement. Russo's certification anticipates a separate application for site-plan approval. It was unclear whether Judge Lina Corriston would rule at the hearing or afterward.



Proposed data center and affordable housing | H&R Montvale LLC/Borough of Montvale

Application seeks zoning determination

Pascack Press reviewed an Oct. 26 letter from the Beattie Padovano law firm, hand-delivered to Montvale Construction Official Christopher Gruber and included as Exhibit K in S. Hekemian Group's court filing.

The letter describes a proposed 321,949-square-foot data center and requests confirmation that the use is permitted in the OR-2 zone. Signed by attorney Antimo L. Del Vecchio, it accompanied a zoning permit application, a zoning plan dated Oct. 23 and a $250 filing fee.

The materials were included in a 466-page court filing submitted Oct. 27. A presentation depicts 6.383 acres devoted to the 50 affordable units, arranged in two three-story buildings with 103 parking spaces.

Ghassali told residents at a borough gathering in October that opponents of AI data centers have come from as far away as Philadelphia to attend local meetings. He described the facility proposed for the 34-acre KPMG site as "a back-up data center." He said the financial company proposing it hoped to support services such as online banking.

Ghassali compared the proposed facility with the data centers that handle Google searches, saying the KPMG facility would use less water and electricity. He said the existing zoning permits a data center on the property.

Ghassali said he plans to hold a town meeting after the court issues its decision. If the court approves the amendment, he said, more information about the facility's operations will be made public. He said noise from the proposed enterprise data center would be quieter than background traffic on the nearby Garden State Parkway

Fair Share challenges proposal

Fair Share spokesperson Jag Davies said the application underscored that the data center proposal was "a real and immediate concern."

"In their certification, the developer uses the South Brunswick data center as an example of what this will be similar to and that it is the same developer, which is one of the data centers with the most opposition in New Jersey," Davies told us.

Davies also challenged the borough's use of the affordable housing process.

"Municipalities have many options for meeting their affordable housing requirements, but using the process to sneak a data center through the back door isn't one of them," he said.

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‘Give Where You Live’ holiday market

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WOODCLIFF LAKE

■ *Better Together hits the ground running on purpose; seeks families, local nonprofits for Dec. 6 giving event*

The Better Together Foundation is inviting Pascack Valley families to meet local charities at its “Give Where You Live” Holiday Market and is seeking more nonprofits to host tables. The market runs Sunday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Tice Senior Center.

Parents and children can walk from table to table and ask each group what would help most. A family might pick an item from a wish list, sponsor a particular need or find a place to volunteer together. Local 501(c)(3) organizations can apply to reserve a table by scanning the registration QR code on the foundation’s “Calling Local Charities!” flyer. Space is limited.

Jennifer Charnow, the foundation’s co-president, said she hopes families from throughout the valley and beyond will come, especially parents looking for a way to introduce their children to the work going on close to home.

“We want kids to see that giving back isn’t just something adults do. It’s something families can do together, and there’s no better time to introduce that message than during the holiday season,” Charnow wrote to Pascack Press.

Charnow and fellow founder Jen Auerbach had been friends for 22 years when they started Better Together. Charnow served four years as co-president of the Pascack Hills High School Parent Faculty Association. For two of those years, she and Auerbach led the association together as co-presidents. As their children moved into adulthood, the two began looking beyond the school communities where they had spent so much of their time.

“We’ve spent so many years nurturing our families and supporting our schools and community,” Auerbach told Pascack Press in October. “Better Together feels like a natural next chapter for us—taking everything we’ve learned and the relationships we’ve built and using them to bring people together for causes that matter.”

The foundation’s first event, “Pink Girls Just Wanna Have Fun,” raised more than $10,000 for Spoil Me Pink, a local nonprofit supporting women affected by cancer, Charnow said.

The choice of beneficiary was personal for Charnow, a Woodcliff Lake resident of 20 years who was diagnosed with breast cancer in March 2023.

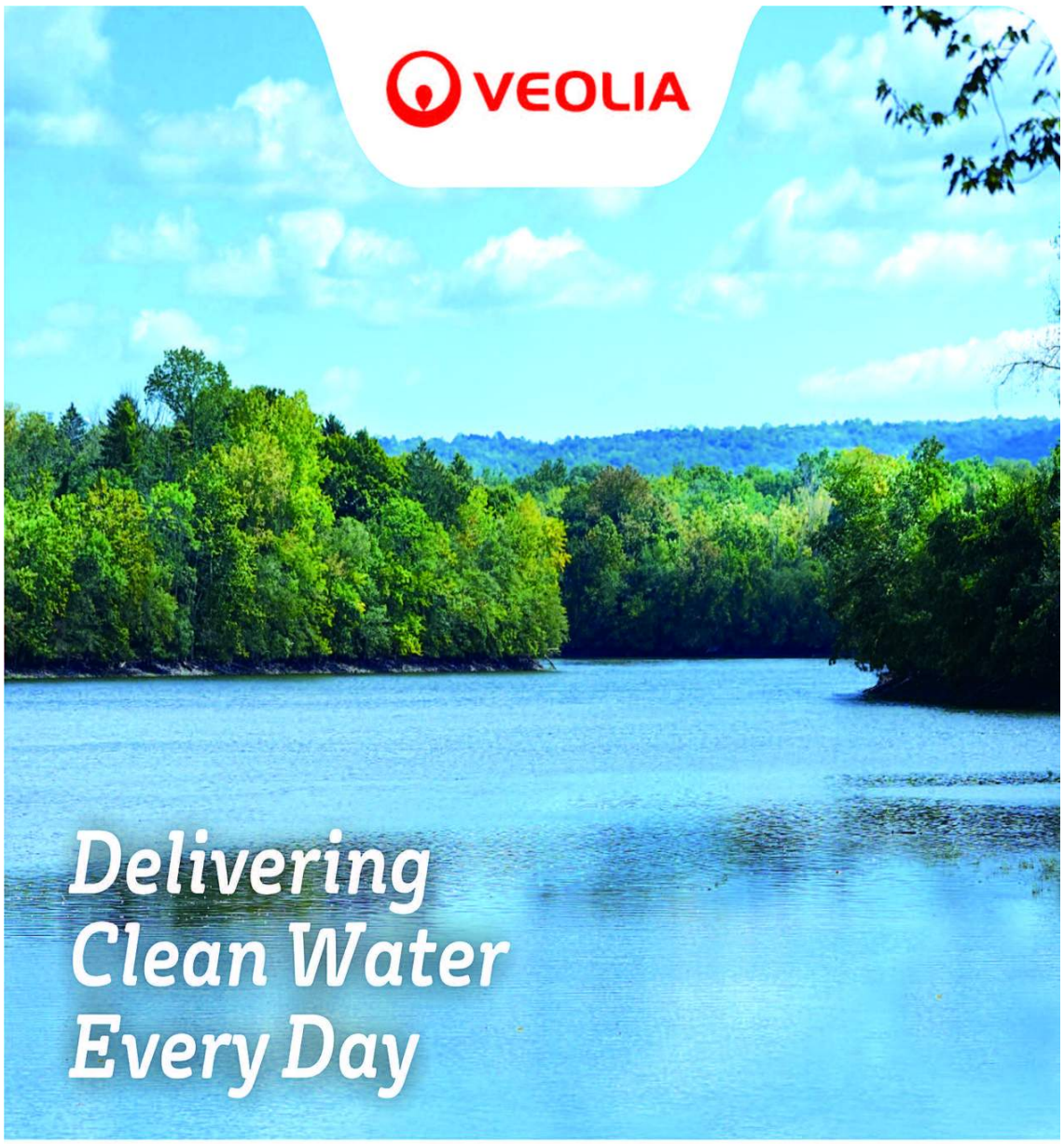
“There are so many things happening medically and emotionally at once. Organizations like Spoil Me Pink remind women that they aren’t walking through it alone,” Charnow said in October.

The December market gives other small charities a chance to tell their stories in person. Each participating group will have space to explain whom it serves, what it needs now and where a volunteer could pitch in. For a visitor who learns about a cause for the first time, Charnow said, even passing the word to a neighbor can help.

“Giving back doesn’t always have to mean making a huge donation,” she told Pascack Press in October. “Sometimes it’s showing up. Sometimes it’s volunteering. Sometimes it’s telling someone else about an organization doing great work. We want to make it easier for people to find meaningful ways to get involved.”

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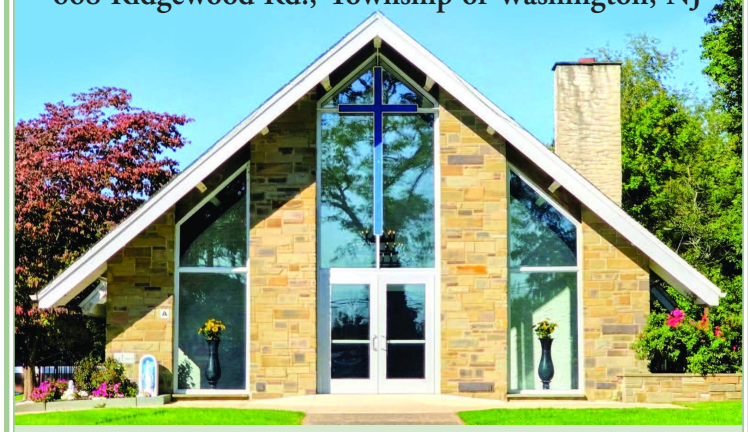


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‘Battling ALS? We want to hear from you’

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■ *Dennis Burke Foundation for ALS picks up funds, allies with third major outing*



Dennis Burke’s family at the fundraiser. From left: his son Kristian and Kristian’s wife, Dairine; his nieces Alexa, Skyla and Shawna; his daughter Hannah; his nieces Ashley, Chrissy Campione, and Emma Phelps. *Photo by Mary Evans.*

The Dennis Burke Foundation for ALS raised more than $25,000 at its third annual fundraiser. The proceeds will help the foundation assist local families affected by amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), fund research and provide scholarships.

“We are incredibly grateful to everyone who came out, donated, volunteered, contributed raffle prizes, and supported this year’s fundraiser,” said Alissa Burke, the foundation’s president.

“Every dollar helps us continue Dennis’s vision of helping families who are facing this devastating disease.”

Since its founding in 2024, the foundation (dbf4als.org) has donated $25,000 to the Eleanor and Lou Gehrig ALS Research Center at Columbia University. It has also awarded several scholarships to graduating seniors at Pascack Valley High School.

Earlier this year, Brody Kidd, then a Pascack Valley High School senior, drew on Dennis Burke’s 40 years as a carpenter in his winning scholarship essay. Kidd, who planned to pursue a stationary operating engineer apprenticeship with Local 94, proposed “Blueprints for a Cure,” a project that would bring trade students and professionals together to build ramps and make homes more accessible for local families living with ALS.

“Dennis Burke spent 40 years doing what he loved, and I hope to bring that same dedication to my work as a stationary engineer,” Kidd wrote.

Alissa Burke said Dennis wanted to help families going through what his own family had experienced. The foundation offers assistance directly to local individuals and families affected by ALS.

“We want to hear from you,” Alissa Burke said. “We want people in our community to know they do not have to face this journey alone.”

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What was the last thing you learned to do?



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By Dr. Eric Kaplan, DC, DACNB, FACFN, FABVR

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MAYBE YOU learned a few steps for a wedding or enough Italian to order dinner on vacation. Either way, you had a reason to pay attention, practice and try again. That's what I like about learning something new as we get older. Pick something you'd enjoy doing even if nobody told you it was good for your brain.

People often start thinking about brain health when a familiar name slips away. Forgetting the name of your favorite restaurant once in a while happens to many of us. A change that keeps interfering with daily life deserves a conversation with your doctor. If you're getting lost on the way to a restaurant you've visited for years, for example, tell your doctor exactly what happened. Alzheimer's is a progressive disease that affects memory and thinking, and other conditions can cause memory problems, too. Some of those conditions can be treated.

Hearing deserves attention in its own right. If you can hear the person across the dinner table speaking but keep missing the punchline, that's a good reason to get your hearing checked. Hearing loss is associated with a higher risk of dementia. There's also a more immediate reason to address it. If hearing aids are appropriate for you, they can make it easier to follow the conversation and join in.

Some of the most practical steps for brain health already fit into an ordinary week. Take a regular walk with a friend. Make time for sleep. At your next checkup, ask about your blood pressure and, if you have diabetes, how well your blood sugar is managed. And if that dance class still sounds like fun, put it on the calendar. You'll get an evening of music, movement and company while you learn the steps.

For readers experiencing dizziness or balance problems

At Kaplan Brain & Body, I'm offering a videonystagmography (VNG) evaluation for $21. The test records eye movements to help assess how the balance system is working. If you've been experiencing dizziness or unsteadiness, call to ask whether this evaluation is appropriate for you. Reach my office at 201-261-2150 or info@kaplanbrainandbody.com. You can also visit www.kaplandc.com.

For more on brain health, listen to Boost Your Brain Power with Dr. Eric Kaplan, available on demand through AM 970 The Answer. You can also find my book, Boost Your Brainpower: A Guide to Improving Your Memory and Focus, on Amazon, or follow Kaplan Brain & Body on social media.



Bill would add organ donor option to passport applications, tax returns

Americans could register as organ donors when applying for a passport or filing a federal income tax return under a bipartisan bill announced Oct. 22 by U.S. Reps. Josh Gottheimer (D-N.J.) and Mike Lawler (R-N.Y.) at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, N.Y.

The Lauren Shields Organ Donation Act is named for a Stony Point, N.Y., resident who spent six weeks waiting for a heart transplant as a child. Shields went on to advocate for organ donation and helped champion New York's Lauren's Law in 2012. In 2020, her mother, Jeanne, donated a kidney to her. Shields died June 26 at age 26.

Gottheimer recalled his own mother's experience waiting for a transplant while battling sarcoidosis.

"She tried valiantly to get a new lung – perhaps the only chance at saving her life. She never received one," he said.

Data:

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He pointed to Ghassali's Aug. 12 email to residents promising "full transparency and open communication throughout the process" if data center plans were presented. That message outlined town hall and small-group meetings and a commitment to "share information with the community as it becomes available."

Developer outlines facility

In its court presentation, H&R distinguishes the proposed enterprise data center from larger campuses serving artificial intelligence and cloud computing customers.

The developer describes a single building of fixed size with one corporate occupant operating its own systems. It projects total electrical demand of no more than 30 megawatts and a closed-loop, air-cooled design with no evaporative water consumption.

The presentation also lists water use of about 11,500 gallons a day, approximately $1 million in annual payment-in-lieu-of-taxes revenue and a distance of about 537 feet to the nearest proposed affordable housing unit.

Russo said the building would meet the zone's height, floor area, coverage and setback requirements.

"The proposed data center is a conforming use in the existing zone and continues a use already on the site," he said in his certification. "Like the office and research uses the district was designed for, it is an enclosed building with no outdoor storage or distribution activity … It is a secure, controlled-access facility with few visitors, and it generates less traffic than other permitted uses, including the office space it replaces."

Russo also cited data centers his affiliates have developed near homes elsewhere in the region. One at 1700 MacArthur Boulevard in Mahwah, leased to a major financial services firm, is 256 feet from the nearest home, according to his certification. Another is in Orangeburg, N.Y.

The developer's filings support its case for including the data center and affordable housing on the same property. Fair Share's objections and the borough's position are scheduled to come before the court Nov. 18.



Emerson Community School registration

EMERSON — Registration is open for Emerson Community School's fall 2026 session, offering low-cost afternoon and evening classes for adults and children.
Run through Emerson Public Schools, the program is open to New Jersey and New York residents. Organizers encourage early registration because classes can fill quickly. For the brochure and registration, visit emersonschools.org/emerson-community-school. For information, email co-directors Erin Amicucci and Kate Gallucci at ecschool@emersonschools.org.

Free rabies clinics Nov. 7

• The Montvale Board of Health will hold its annual free rabies vaccination clinic Saturday, Nov. 7, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the DPW Garage, 1 Memorial Drive. The clinic is open to everyone, including nonresidents. Dogs must be on nonretractable leashes; cats must be in secure carriers. Proof of previous vaccination is required for a vaccine to be valid for three years.

• The Township of Washington holds its annual rabies clinic on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at 350 Hudson Ave. All are welcome. Dogs must be on leashes and cats must be brought in carriers.

Embroiderers group meets Nov. 9

MAHWAH — The Bergen County Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America will meet Monday, Nov. 9, at 10:30 a.m. at the Mahwah Public Library, 100 Ridge Road. The public is welcome.

Members bring embroidery, needlepoint and cross-stitch projects, along with knitted and crocheted items for community outreach. Guild meetings include workshops, lectures and time to work on ongoing projects.

Woman's club to honor members, collect food Nov. 9

MONTVALE — The Greater Pascack Valley Woman's Club will celebrate its members' work over the past year at its annual Membership Appreciation Night on Monday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m. at the Montvale Community Center on Memorial Drive.

The club will collect nonperishable food for the Tri-Boro and Helping Hand food pantries. Members will also discuss plans for Cookies and Cocoa with Santa, set for Friday, Dec. 4, at the Park Ridge Elks Lodge. For information about the Santa event, call 201-819-2457.

The club has served the Pascack Valley for 36 years and welcomes women interested in community service. It meets on the second Monday of each month from



Denise Solda and Jennifer Snyder of the Greater Pascack Valley Woman's Club present a donation to Denise Pallotta of the Helping Hand Food Pantry in Hillsdale.

September through June. For membership information, email GPVWC1990@gmail.com.

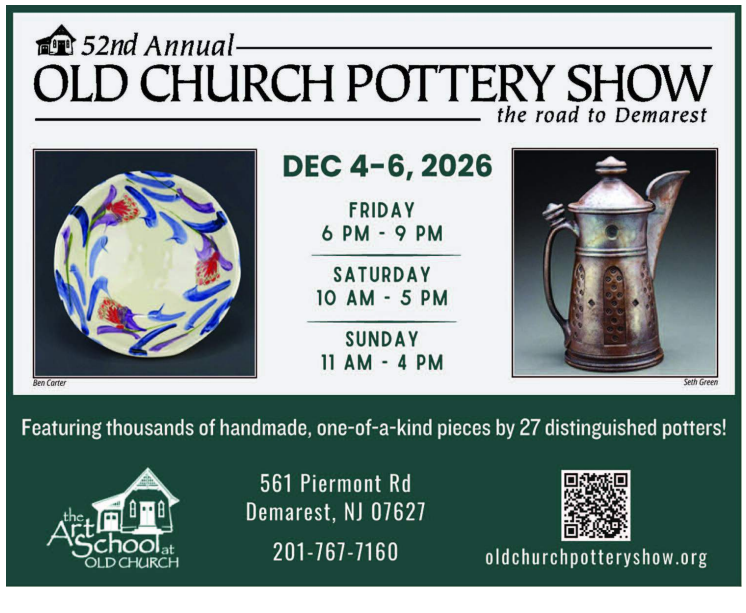
Communities to honor vets Nov. 11

Veterans Day ceremonies in Emerson, Hillsdale, Park Ridge, and the Township of Washington will honor those who served in the U.S. military Wednesday, Nov. 11. All four ceremonies begin at 11 a.m. *Other observances are taking shape as well; let us know and we'll update our list. As always, check with organizers for updates.*

• **Emerson:** The borough and American Legion Post 269 will hold a ceremony at the Emerson Senior Center. A complimentary breakfast for Emerson veterans and their fam-

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When should you change your investment strategy?



ERIC KOHLMEIER

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YOU MAY take a "set it and forget it" approach to investing. But over time, life events, the timing of when you need the money, and market events are likely to compel you to revisit your strategy. Here are some things to consider when they arise.

Dealing with life events

Events — both expected and unexpected — like the following could cause a change in your long-term goals and time horizon:

- Graduation
- Marriage, divorce or remarriage
- Birth of a child or grandchild
- Change in health status
- Job loss, retirement or early retirement
- Death of a loved one

These types of events may prompt you to revisit your investment strategy, and in fact, they may be good reasons to make changes. Do you need to reprioritize your investment goals, spending, or how much debt you need to pay down?

Before you reallocate your investments, remember to plan with the same careful consideration you gave to creating your original investment strategy.

Responding to market action

In addition to life events, you may want to revisit your investment strategy during periods of market volatility. Is that college tuition, mortgage or vacation payment nearer than you anticipated, making you realize that you may need to be more conservatively invested?

It is worth noting that your time horizon for needing the money is the key factor here. Avoid making emotional decisions based on today's 24/7/365 news cycle. It can be tempting to react to headlines when you might be better off simply riding out volatility if you have a longer time horizon.

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That doesn't mean you should never respond to market action. However, it's often a good idea to think long and hard before you change — or, at the extreme, abandon — your strategy.

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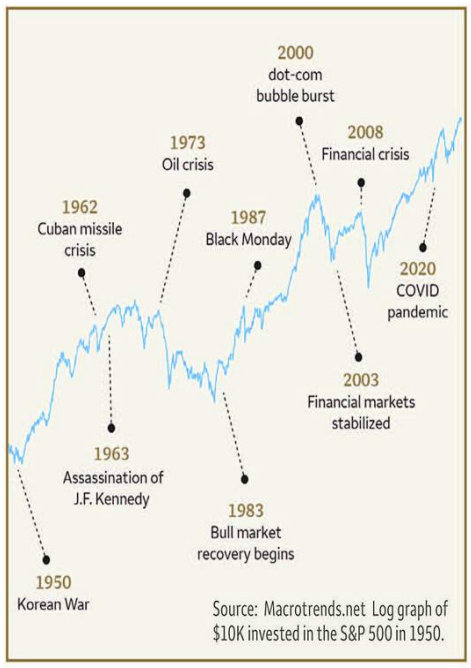
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Dad:

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If you have your father's flight logbook, military service records, photographs, uniform or other materials establishing his connection to CNAC, they could add considerably to the historical importance and potential market value of the wings.

Such records would help establish provenance — the documented history of an artifact — which is particularly valuable to serious collectors.

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Thank you for sharing this fascinating piece of aviation history and allowing me to examine it.

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Rising Above Bakery to debut recipe book at Nov. 8 fundraiser



MONTVALE—At Rising Above Bakery, baking is an opportunity for young adults with disabilities to develop skills and connect with others. Now, the nonprofit's bakers have another accomplishment to share: their first cookie cookbook.

The Nyack-based organization will debut Baked Side by Side: A Little Book of Cookies & Sprinkles, its annual fall fundraiser, scheduled for Nov. 8 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Fire & Oak in Montvale.

The brunch will feature interactive cookie-decorating stations and a live baking demonstration, giving guests a chance to participate while learning more about the bakery and its community. The cookbook collects cookie recipes created by and featuring the bakery's own bakers.

Tickets are $115 per person, with proceeds directly supporting Rising Above Bakery's programs for young adults with disabilities. The organization serves families throughout Bergen County and neighboring Rockland County, New York.

Founded in January 2021 by licensed speech therapist Shiri Reuveni-Ullrich, Rising Above Bakery offers a bakery setting where participants can build baking and social skills as part of an inclusive community. It operates out of the Rockland Community College building at 70 Main St. in Nyack.

The Montvale gathering will bring that community together around the bakers' work, with the cookbook offering a new way to share their recipes beyond the bakery.

"Fall is fundraising season for so many organizations doing wonderful work in our community, and we've always been glad to give when asked," said Reuveni-Ullrich, the organization's founder and president. "This year, it's our turn to ask. And we couldn't be more excited to celebrate our bakers, debut their cookie cookbook, and bring our community together to do it."

The public is invited to attend. Local businesses and individuals can also support the fundraiser through sponsorships, raffle baskets or in-kind donations.

For more information about Rising Above Bakery and ways to support its work, visit risingabovebakery.org.

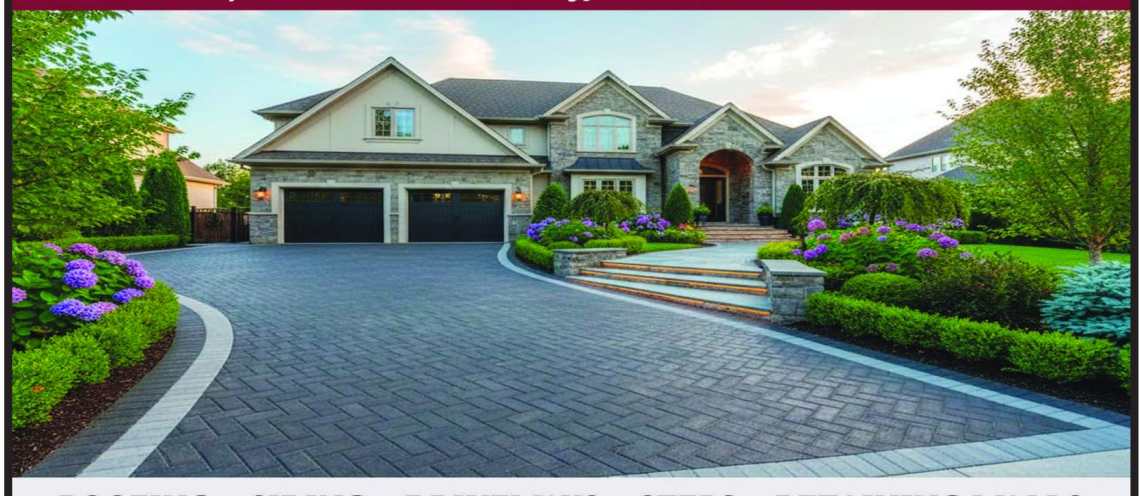
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day the rosters are posted.

"A single evaluation does not define a player's potential," Lawler said.

"I don't want anyone to be turned away because they didn't get selected, so we will offer another tryout in the spring/summer to fill a spot or two for each team," Rowland wrote to Pascack Press.

A girl can come out for that later tryout even if she skipped the first one. In the meantime, players can sign up for Sunday rec workouts. Rowland also plans to offer skills clinics and open practices for girls working toward a roster spot.

Northeast Supreme instructors will evaluate hitting, fielding, running, catching and throwing during an optional clinic that begins in December. Coaches will schedule separate team tryouts for January, and GRIT will make the final roster decisions. Rowland has given some thought to how it will feel for the girls to walk into practice together once the teams are picked.

"We want the girls all in the same workout gear when they're practicing," he wrote. His philosophy? "Look good, feel good, play good."

Lawler said coaches will give the association a three- to five-point evaluation for each player so they can track her progress. Rowland will also be watching for the girl who listens to a suggestion and makes an adjustment, or takes a moment to encourage a teammate. By the end of the season, he'll have a few questions of his own.

"Are players improving? Are they enjoying themselves? Are they becoming better teammates and coming back next season?" he said. "Those answers matter more than our win-loss record."

What families need to know

• **Clinic and tryouts.** The $75 pre-tryout clinic is open to HBSA softball players in grades 1–8. Sessions run from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Northeast Supreme on Fridays, Dec. 4, 11 and 18 and Jan. 15. Rowland recommends the clinic, but players can go straight to their team's $30 tryout. Coaches are scheduling tryouts for mid- to late January.

• **Travel costs.** Selected players pay $375 for the eight-week winter program, including $75 for a sweatshirt, T-shirt, hat, sticker and car decal. The summer league fee is another $200. Uniforms cost extra. Rowland is working on a fundraiser to help families cover that expense.

• **Rec workouts.** All Hillsdale softball players can register separately for eight Sunday sessions, 11 a.m. to noon, Feb. 7 through April 4, with no session March 28. Families pay $75 and the association covers the other $75. Registration opens in December.

• **Registration.** Visit https://leagues.bluesombrero.com/hbsa. You can also visit the Hawks softball Instagram page to find rec and travel updates. @Hillsdale_Hawks_Softball

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Voters:

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for the gavel in 'The Family Town'" at thepressgroup.net.

Hillsdale

Just one vote separated Democratic running mates Gabriella Ianni and Dena Toms, who led the council field with 2,308 and 2,307 votes, respectively. Republican incumbent (and council president) Clemente Osso drew 2,192 and Republican newcomer Danielle Ganter drew 2,115.

If the results hold, Ianni and Toms will join Democrats Melissa Mazza-Chiong and Christopher Camp on the six-member council. Republicans Robert Colletti Jr. and Anthony DeRosa hold the other two seats.

• Election profile: "East-side cell service fix divides council hopefuls as election nears"

Park Ridge

Democratic council incumbents Robert Metzdorf and Michael Mintz led with 2,148 and 2,080 votes. Republican challengers Marc Weinberg and Sebastian Hennessy received 1,683 and 1,677.

Voters also backed a measure



Michael Olohan is a veteran municipal reporter who joined Pascack Press and Northern Valley Press in 2017 and returned after retiring in 2024. He covers local government, schools, and community issues across the Pascack and Northern valleys.

to make the borough's municipal open space levy permanent, with 2,852 in favor and 418 opposed. Voters first approved the levy in 2016 and renewed it in 2021. The mayor previously said the council would retain the authority to amend or end it.

The annual levy is seven-tenths of a cent per $100 of assessed property value. For a home assessed at $475,614, the average cited by borough officials, that comes to $33.29 a year.

• Election profile: "Park Ridge council hopefuls debate costs, water and development"

Westwood

Democratic incumbent Erin Collins led the council field with 2,655 votes. Her running mate, Kristian Rasmussen, drew 2,341, putting him 426 votes ahead of Republican incumbent Lauren Letizia, who received 1,915. Former Republican council member Beth Staples received 1,727.

Rasmussen first ran for Westwood Council in 2024 alongside fellow Democrat Lisa Bontemps, when the pair fell short against Republican incumbents Cheryl Hodges and Anthony Greco.

• Election profile: "Council hopefuls talk plaza's future, 'Hub' priorities"

Woodcliff Lake, Montvale, River Vale, and the Township of Washington

In Woodcliff Lake, Republican council incumbents Joshua Stern and Julie Brodsky led with 1,447 and 1,439 votes. Democratic challengers Eric Bittman and Aleisia Gibson Wright drew 1,258 and 1,237.

Montvale's Republican council incumbents ran unopposed. Douglas Arendacs received 1,893 votes and Theresa Cudequest received 1,877.

• Election profile: "Cudequest opposes A.I. data center; race uncontested"

River Vale's mayor and two council incumbents also ran unopposed. Mayor Mark Bromberg received 2,530 votes. In the council race, Democrat Denise Sieg received 2,527 and Republican James Tolomeo received 2,206.

The Township of Washington had no mayoral or council seats on the ballot.

Contested school board races

Beth Kornblatt and Robert Stephen Oosting led for the two seats representing Hillsdale on the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education. Kornblatt drew 2,011 votes, Oosting 1,357 and Patrick Farley 1,249.

In Park Ridge, four candidates sought three local school board seats. Josephine Hunt led with 1,729 votes, followed by Rachelle Browne with 1,544, Shanai Jensen with 1,364 and Amara Wagner with 1,279.

In a separate contest for a one-year unexpired term, Wagner led with 29 votes.

Follow the count

• **Results by town.** The Bergen County Clerk posts unofficial returns for municipal and school board races and local ballot questions. Totals can change as more ballots are counted. Bergen County election results

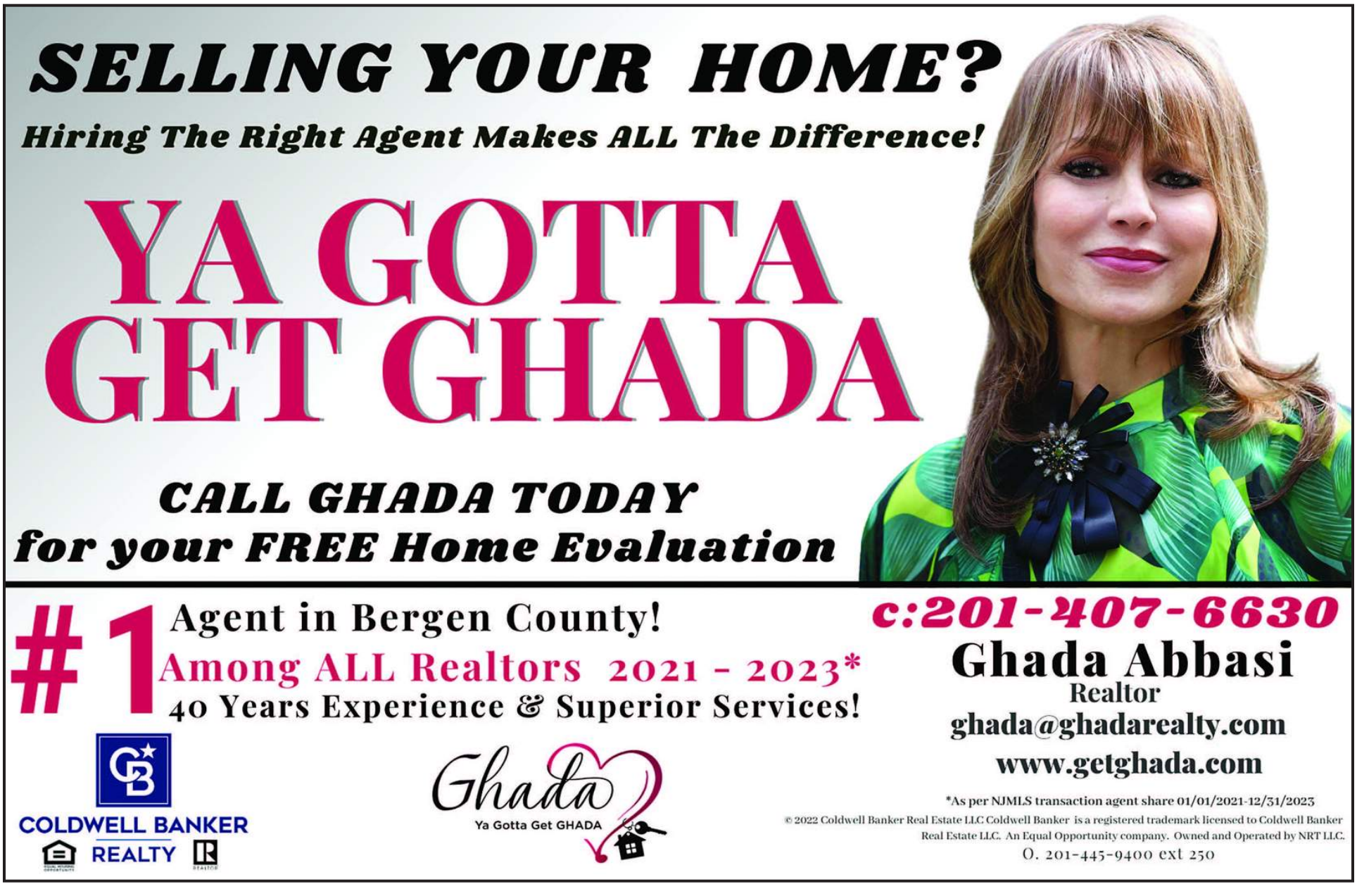
• **Ballots left to count.** The county posts a daily tally of ballots still to be counted and expects to certify results Nov. 18. Daily ballot count report

• **Mail-in ballots.** Ballots postmarked by 8 p.m. Nov. 3 must reach the Bergen County Board of Elections by 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9. Voters who receive a notice about a signature issue have until Nov. 14 to return their cure form.

• **Election questions?** For results, call the County Clerk's Elections Division at 201-336-7020. For mail-in ballot or signature questions, call the Bergen County Board of Elections at 201-336-6225.

• **From our elections desk.** Pascack Press is following the local races, the stories behind the results, and residents' views on what comes next. What should we be following in your town? We welcome news tips and letters to the editor. See our website for submission guidelines.





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ilies, provided by Emerson Community Policing, begins at 10 a.m. Call the Borough Clerk's Office at 201-262-6086, ext. 1200.

• **Hillsdale:** American Legion Post 162 will hold its ceremony at the memorial in Veterans Park in downtown Hillsdale. Veterans will raise new flags representing the military branches, including the U.S. Space Force. For information, visit americanlegionpost162.org.

• **Park Ridge:** American Legion Post 153 will hold its annual memorial service at the post on Ridge Avenue, honoring veterans living and deceased. Memorial wreaths will be presented and "Taps" will be played. Organizers encourage attendees to wear red, white and blue and residents to display the American flag.

• **Township of Washington:** The township will hold its ceremony at the Township of Washington Public Library. Township offices and the library will be closed for the holiday.

Emerson seniors Friendsgiving luncheon Nov. 12

The Emerson Senior Citizens will hold their monthly membership meeting at noon Thursday, Nov. 12, at the clubhouse, 20 Palisade Ave. A catered Friendsgiving luncheon will follow. The cost is $10 per member. On Wednesday, Nov. 18, the group will travel to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse in Hampton for a Christmas show and lunch. The trip costs $85 for members and $95 for guests. Payment is by check only, payable to Emerson Seniors.

Dine at Davey's to benefit Montvale Public Library

The Friends of the Montvale Library will host a "Dining for Dollars" fundraiser at Davey's Irish Pub & Restaurant, 5 Park St., Monday, Nov. 2, through Thursday, Nov. 5. Davey's will donate a percentage of participating customers' lunch and dinner bills to the Friends of the Library. The family-owned restaurant, in operation since 1974, opens daily at noon. To participate, diners must present a "Dining for Dollars" coupon before paying their bill. Coupons are available at the Montvale Library, from Friends of the Library members and online at montvalelibrarynj.org. For more information, call the library at (201) 391-5090.

Bible study in Hillsdale

Community Bible Study is an interdenominational Bible Study for those seeking to learn more about God and His Word through personal study, small group discussion, class lectures, and fellowship. Join women of all ages on Wednesday mornings from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. or online on Tuesday/Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:15 p.m. We will be meeting at Pascack Bible Church, 181 Piermont Ave. from Sept. 16, 2026 – May 19, 2027. An Introductory Coffee will be held on Sept. 9 at 9:15 a.m. For more information, call Manda at 201-967-9343.

Westwood asks parents about preschool needs

The Westwood Recreation Department is asking borough parents of young children to share their preschool needs as it plans programs for the next school year. Parents can complete the survey at tinyurl.com/2026preschoolsurvey.

The department's state-licensed preschool holds classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Four-year-olds attend from 9 a.m. to noon and 3-year-olds from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The program has prepared more than 350 children for kindergarten over 17 years, according to the department. Call 201-664-7882 or visit westwoodnj.gov/recreation.

Westwood gingerbread contest goes stars, stripes, holiday lights

WESTWOOD — Celebrate Westwood Arts Hub will hold its fourth annual gingerbread house contest Monday, Dec. 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Westwood Community Center, 55 Jefferson Ave. This year's contest has its first official theme, "Stars, Stripes & Holiday Lights!"

Builders of all ages may enter a house made from scratch, assembled from a kit or constructed from cardboard. Entries should be decorated in advance and dropped off between 4 and 5:30 p.m. on the day of the contest.

Visitors can view the houses and vote alongside local judges from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Awards will be presented at 7:45 p.m. Sponsor Matt O'Hare of Coldwell Banker Realty NJ will provide gift cards to Westwood businesses as prizes in several categories.

Registration is $5 per entry, and space is limited. Register for the contest. For questions, email westwoodartshub@gmail.com.



New homes for Halloween costumes

HILLSDALE — More than 60 donated Halloween costumes found new homes at Meadowbrook Elementary School's annual Harvest Festival, where the Pascack Valley High School Environmental Club offered gently used costumes for $1 each.

The club holds the event each year to keep usable costumes out of landfills. To donate a gently used costume for next year's event, email club adviser Michela Piccoline at mpiccoline@pascack.org.

Representing the Pascack Valley High School Environmental Club at the Harvest Festival are, from left, adviser Michela Piccoline, Carly Gemmellaro, Joslyn Cortolano, Valentina Lustberg, Victoria DaCosta, Antonio Ponce, Suren Makichyan, Charlotte Germain, Caleb Pacor, Jesse Merker and Christina Ely.

— Via Mary Doherty

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of public Auction is hereby given that on November 20, 2026, at am, Ridgewood Moving Services will be offering the following storage units for sale by public auction, under the Uniform Commercial Code lien process to be held at 575 Corporate Drive, Suite 405, Mahwah, New Jersey 07430.

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