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## PLEASANTVILLE COMMUNITY TO PARTAKE IN TWO POPULAR EVENTS

The streets of Pleasantville will be brimming with activity throughout the day on Saturday, October 26th, with an event for just about everyone. The day kicks off with hundreds of participants expected to take part in the 9th annual Tina Gambino 5k Run/Walk which starts at Pleasantville High School at 9:00am (registration time is between 7:30–8:45am). Then, at 10:30am, children and their families will begin lining up for the Ragamuffin Parade and Harvest Day. The parade begins on Academy Street next to Bedford Road School at 11:00am.

The Tina Gambino 5k raises money for the Tina Shaina Gambino Memorial Foundation which runs several programs, including a college scholarship for Pleasantville students who work to the best of their abilities, are involved in community service and have a positive, outgoing attitude. Tina was a senior at Pleasantville High School when she passed away suddenly in 2004.

Tina's mother, Janice Gambino says that it is always uplifting to welcome the vast numbers of people attending

Tina's 5k Run/Walk. "The foundation is committed to the spirit of community and kindness, of helping others, and it's apparent from the enormous show of support they too hold strong to these ideals," said Gambino. "Tina's Run provides an occasion for families, friends and neighbors to participate in a shared activity be it walking, strolling or running. Importantly, it also presents an opportunity to open up conversation to develop and appreciate an understanding of a life well lived."

Members of the Pleasantville Middle School band will lead the way for the Ragamuffin Parade down Bedford Road to Memorial Plaza where there will be pumpkin decorating, rides and entertainment. The Pleasantville



Farmers Market will also be at Memorial Plaza from 8:30am–1:00pm. The Pleasantville Department of Recreation reports that the Ragamuffin Parade is one of the Village's best-attended events, second only to the Pleasantville Music Festival.

Rain date for the parade is Sunday, October 27 at the same place and time. Don't forget to check out the Village of Pleasantville's social media channels for photos of this year's event.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Planning Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, 10/23, 8:00pm, Village Hall

Board of Trustees Work Session/Meeting  
Monday, 10/28, 7:00pm, Village Hall

Coyote Informational Presentation  
Wednesday, 10/30, 7:00pm, Senior Center,  
1A Clinton Street

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting  
Thursday, 10/31, 8:15pm, Village Hall

Architectural Review Board Meeting  
Thursday, 11/7, 8:15pm, Village Hall

Veteran Day Ceremony  
Monday, 11/11, 11:00am, WW1 Memorial,  
Memorial Plaza

Planning Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, 11/13, 8:00pm, Village Hall

Board of Trustees Work Session/Meeting  
Thursday, 11/14, 7:00pm, Village Hall

Board of Trustees Work Session/Meeting  
Monday, 11/25, 7:00pm, Village Hall

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# CO-EXISTING WITH WILDLIFE: COYOTES AND OUR COMMUNITY

With the uptick in coyote sightings over the past few years, it is becoming increasingly important to understand how to safely co-exist with these beautiful creatures.

The Village of Pleasantville has engaged with a number of experts and is proud to partner with the [Wolf Conservation Center](#) for a Coyote-Education Session on Wednesday, October 30 from 7:00–8:00pm at the Clinton Street Center, 1 Clinton Street.

Decades of research has shown that once coyotes establish themselves in a certain area, they will remain. As such, the guest speaker from the organization will speak to safely co-existing with coyotes in our community and what people can do if they encounter one. Please be sure to join us for this important and informative discussion.

Last year, the Village worked with Chris Nagy, Co-founder of Gotham Coyote Project and Director of Research at the Mianus River Gorge. A wildlife biologist, Mr. Nagy delivered a Village-sponsored presentation in late 2018, which aired on PCTV and can be seen at <http://www.pctv76.org/video/2435/>.

“With our residents raising questions and, in some cases, expressing concerns about seeing coyotes, we recognize that it is incumbent upon us to do all we can to understand



coyote behavior and provide educational opportunities for our residents,” said Village Board Trustee Nicole Asquith. “We have been working closely with our police department and the Conservation Advisory Council to find the best and most appropriate ways of responding to people’s questions and concerns.”

## ABOUT THE WOLF CONSERVATION CENTER



The Wolf Conservation Center is dedicated to dispelling myths and misinformation regarding eastern coyotes, one of the most maligned species in North America. A close cousin to the wolves we are dedicated to protecting, coyotes play an equally vital role in our local ecosystem as an apex predator. Coyotes are explorers, opportunists, and one of the most successful carnivores in North America because of their ability to cope, if not thrive, after decades of persecution at the hands of ranchers, landowners, farmers, and government agents. Learning more about the natural history of coyotes can help people understand their ecological role and how to successfully coexist with them. The WCC aims to increase awareness and access to accurate information regarding this dynamic keystone species in our own backyards.”

# A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE: ANNOUNCING PLEASANTVILLE'S NEW FOOD SCRAP PROGRAM

The Village of Pleasantville and Pleasantville Recycles are thrilled to continue their efforts towards a sustainable Village with the launch of our Food Scrap Program.

Village residents may bring all food scraps – including fruits and vegetables, meat, fish, dairy, bones, all leftovers and paper towels – to the Food Scrap Drop-Off Site at the DPW Recycling Center, located at 1 Village Lane, every Saturday from 9:00am–3:00pm.

The program is simple! Food scraps are collected in a countertop pail, which can be lined with a compostable bag. Next, filled bags are placed in a storage and transportation bin. Finally, storage and transportation bins can be brought to the Food Scrap Drop-Off Site at the DPW Recycling Center. Food scrap starter kits, which can be purchased at Village Hall for \$25, include a 2-gallon countertop pail, a 6-gallon

storage and transportation bin, and a roll of 25 compostable bags to line the countertop pail. Payment can be made via cash or check.

Composting keeps food out of the waste stream, where it currently makes up a large percentage of what is sent to the county's incinerator with the rest of our trash. With its high water content, it does not make good fuel. However, when composted, food scraps and organic waste can be turned into a soil amendment that helps grow more plants, fruits and vegetables.

Compost returns valuable nutrients to the soil to help maintain soil quality and fertility.

For more information on the program, call the DPW at 914.769.3883 (M–F, 9:00am–3:00pm) or email [info@PleasantvilleRecycles.org](mailto:info@PleasantvilleRecycles.org). Be sure to follow PleasantvilleRecycles via Facebook and Instagram for updates on all our sustainability and recycling efforts.



## UPCOMING FAMILY EVENTS

### Tina Gambino 5k Run/Walk

Proceeds support the Tina Shaina Gambino Memorial Foundation, which generously contributes to the Pleasantville community and beyond. Race day registration is from 7:30 – 8:45am at the Pleasantville High School. The race begins at 9:00am.

### Ragamuffin Parade & Harvest Day

Children of all ages are invited to wear their costumes and walk the parade route down Bedford Rd. on 12/26. Line up begins on Academy St. adjacent to BRS at 10:30am. Parade starts at 11:00am.

### Letters to Santa

Drop off letters to Santa at the Mount Pleasant Library or the Recreation Department beginning Monday, 11/18! Address your envelope to "Santa Claus, North Pole." No Postage Needed! All letters dropped off before Friday, 12/13 will be answered by Santa himself. Just be sure to include your return address.

### Breakfast with Frosty

Enjoy time with this lovable snowman at the Clinton Street Center, Saturday, 12/14 at 9:30am. For Ages 2–8 Fee: \$20 per person. Please pre-register

### Community Sing-A-Long and Lighting Ceremony

Gather at the corner of Manville Road and Great Oak Lane on Tuesday, 12/3 at 7:00pm. Co-Sponsored with the Pleasantville Chamber of Commerce.



## WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

Mid-November is the anticipated start date provided by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) for a long planned rehabilitation project of the Catskill Aqueduct. This aqueduct supplies water to the Village of Pleasantville, and for the duration of the 10 week project the Village's water will come from the Delaware and Croton systems. There will be no interruption in service or water quality; however, since the water source is different, residents may notice a slight change in taste. Updates on the project will be provided as further information is available.

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# MEET OUR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMITTEE: PLEASANTVILLE WALKS

When speaking with residents about why they chose to make Pleasantville their home, it is often heard, “We love that it’s a walking village!” And it truly is. With a plethora of shops and restaurants in walking distance for many residents, the safety of pedestrians is a top priority.

The Village is pleased to formally introduce “Pleasantville Walks.” This committee is dedicated to improving pedestrian safety, encouraging walking for the health of people and the planet, and creating a culture of mutual respect between pedestrians and drivers. To help convey the importance of this important initiative, the committee created a campaign – **Slow Down, Look Up**. Their signs can be seen throughout town – and more are available by reaching out to the committee.

The Pedestrian Safety Committee has been engaging in a dialogue with the Pleasantville Union Free School District, the Village Board of Trustees and the Pleasantville Police Department to ensure that students and parents know the safest walking routes to schools. There are 11 crossing guards stationed throughout the Village between 7:15–8:45am and 2:15–3:45pm. Note: some locations vary. Additional information

will follow in the coming months on this “Safe Routes” program.

Early in the formation of the committee, it administered a survey to hear directly from the community about its biggest concerns. Over 700 residents participated. With the results of this feedback, the committee has been working with the Village to champion broader safety measures, which include examining crosswalks and infrastructure in the most critical areas. A direct outcome of this work is the reflective pedestrian awareness signs recently installed at crosswalks around the Village.

To keep the Village as safe as possible for residents of all ages, people are asked to exercise safe practices with respect to pedestrian safety and awareness, whether driving or walking through town. Obey speed and traffic laws, **give way**. Be aware of and utilize existing crosswalks and yield to pedestrians, **look up**. Avoid distractions, such as cell phones, **show respect**. Show care for friends and neighbors, **be patient and considerate**.

The Pedestrian Safety Committee includes local residents Carrie Roberts (chair), Samantha Hoover, Melisa Russo, Adrienne Knott and Brian Goldblatt and



is supported by Board Liaison, Nicole Asquith. The committee continues to be interested in engaging with the community and coming together to drive positive change and is looking into hosting a public forum to share ideas. They can be reached at: [ppc@pleasantville-ny.gov](mailto:ppc@pleasantville-ny.gov). Watch for updates from this committee and others on the Village’s social media channels and website.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

**Holiday Parking:** The Village suspends parking meter fees for the time allowed on one, two and three hour meters from Friday, November 29th through Wednesday, December 25th. Meters will be bagged to indicate no payment required; however, please note that the time limits for parking remain in effect.

**Winter Parking:** Restrictions go into effect on December 1st. No vehicle shall be parked for a period longer than 30 minutes on any street or

highway in the Village at any time between the hours of 1:00am and 7:00am from December 1, 2019 through April 1, 2020.

**Tax Payment:** The second installment of Village property taxes are due on or before Tuesday December 31, 2019. Village Hall will be open until 4:00pm on December 31st to accept payments in person. A clear and legible postmarked date of December 31, 2019 is acceptable for payments that are mailed to Village Hall. Payments can also be made online without penalty until 11:59pm on December 31st.



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