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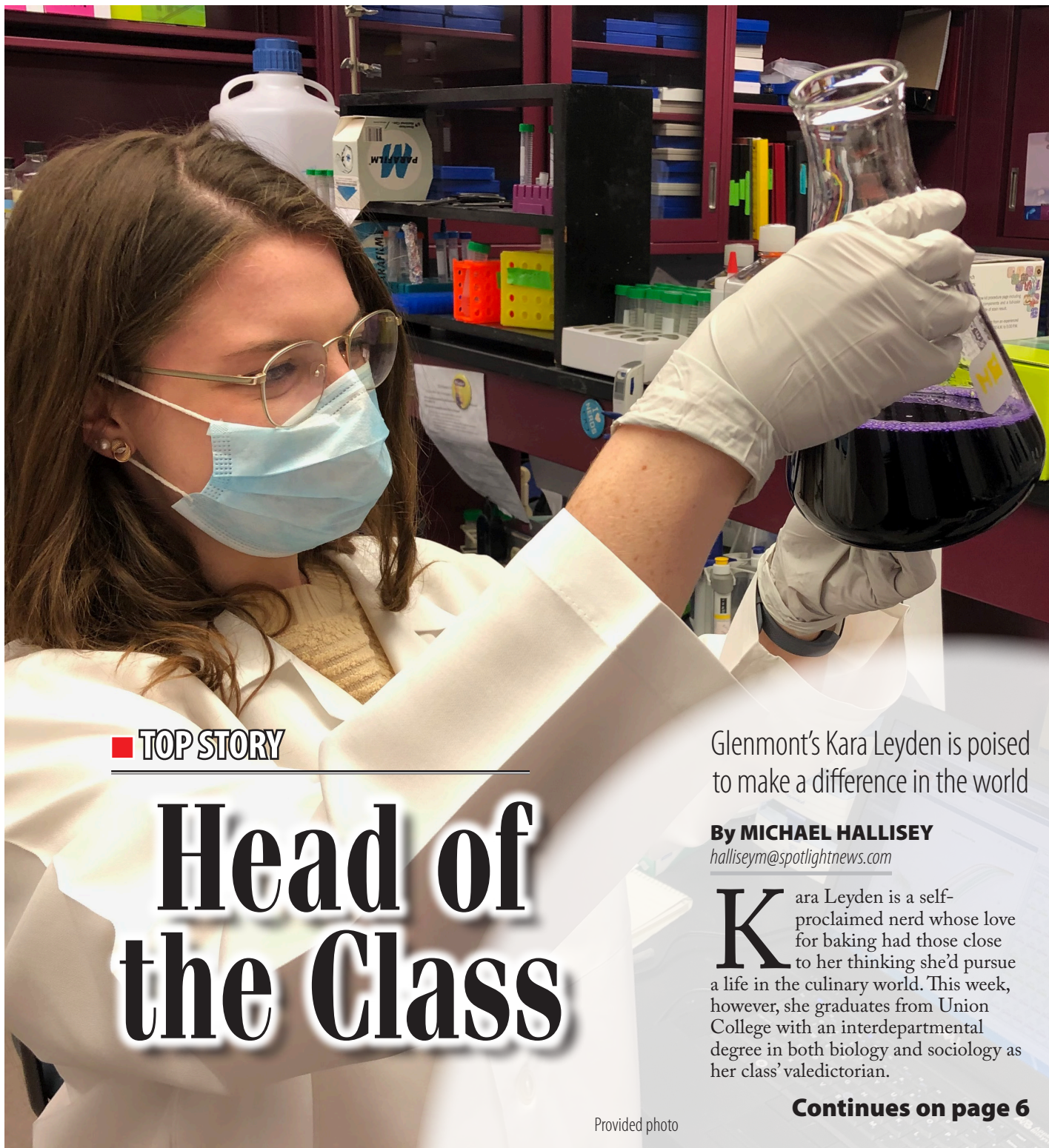
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### TOP STORY

# Head of the Class

Glenmont's Kara Leyden is poised to make a difference in the world

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**K**ara Leyden is a self-proclaimed nerd whose love for baking had those close to her thinking she'd pursue a life in the culinary world. This week, however, she graduates from Union College with an interdepartmental degree in both biology and sociology as her class' valedictorian.

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## NEWS



### New 138-acre wood

Land conservancy group opens new preserve, Hollyhock Hollow Sanctuary.

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### Music is forever

Foster House Studios hosts a night of music with Victory Soul Orchestra.

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TOWN GOVERNMENT



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# Dive Pool gets new contractor

Still set to open in summer 2021

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**BETHLEHEM** — The Town Board voted unanimously on Wednesday, May 27, to set aside MidAtlantic

Construction's bid and award the contract to build a new dive pool to P&S for \$822,000.

The town originally awarded the contract to MidAtlantic Construction in February for \$719,000.

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works Paul Penman said MidAtlantic informed the town that it

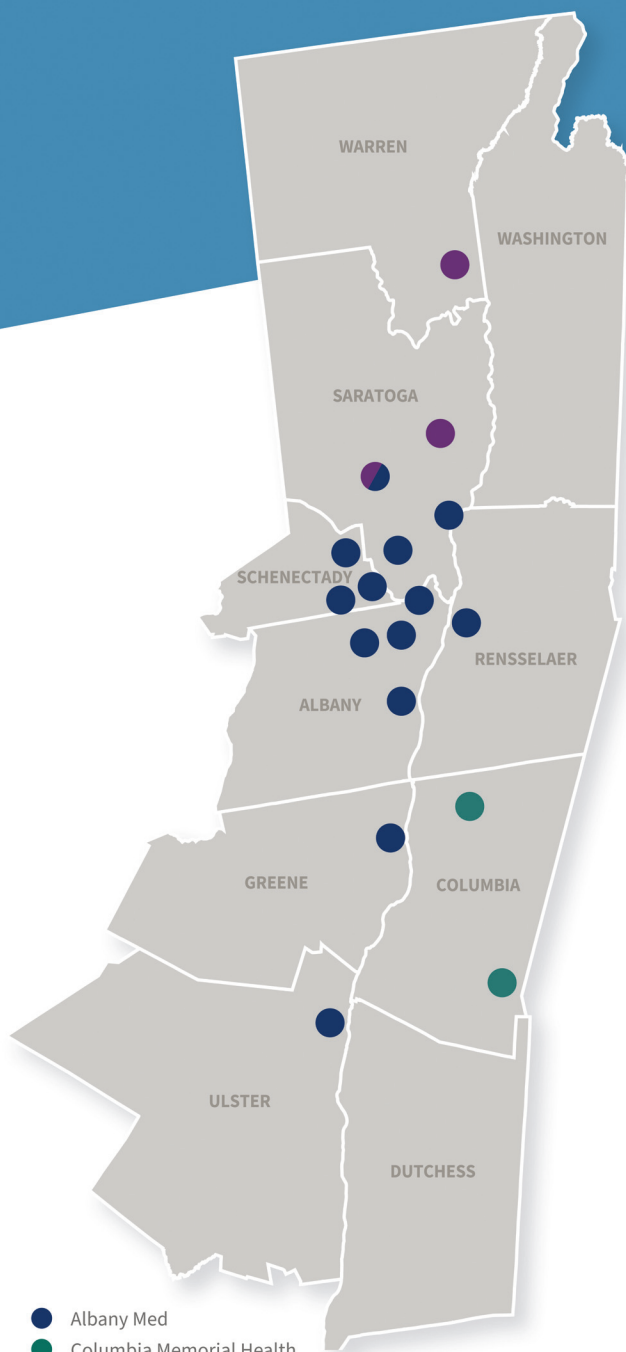
made "some assumptions on how [it was] going to build the pool and what was included." After the town informed it that the pool had to be built the way it was bid, MidAtlantic wanted more money and a change order to correct those assumptions.

In a follow-up phone interview this week,

Penman explained that the assumptions MidAtlantic made centered on two items. First, MidAtlantic planned to make the pool's volume bigger by slightly changing the pool's set dimensions.

"When we ran our calculations, it determined that it would impact the pool's filtration rate," he

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said. "We have a filter system that cleans the pool and it is sized to treat a certain amount of water for a certain amount of time. Their planned changes would have added more water to the pool so we wouldn't get the same filtration rate and we told them it wasn't acceptable."

Second, MidAtlantic planned to use the existing dirt that surrounds the original dive pool as backfill. "But the soils report we've done said they weren't acceptable and can't be used," Penman said. "It's known as structural fill; when you put it back and compact it, you don't want any settlement under it. The concrete panels may settle or heave afterward. There was a certain compaction requirement and the existing soils weren't adequate to be used."

He added that upon learning this, MidAtlantic then wanted to be paid more money to bring in more backfill.

As the town refused, MidAtlantic declined to execute the contract's award and the town put a claim against its bid bond which would help recover around \$30,000 — this is one way the town can mitigate the contract's increased amount.

After MidAtlantic's departure, Penman recommended the town set aside the bid and go to the number two bidder, P&S.

Penman noted that P&S' \$822,000 bid to build a new dive pool is still lower than the engineer's original estimated cost of \$897,492.

Town Supervisor David VanLuven said in Penman's experience, this was only the second time a bidder failed [its] bid bond which is "a very unusual and unfortunate situation but I think we've got a positive path forward."

Penman said he has not experienced a situation like this for about 30 years.

It remains unclear if construction would start in July or September. "Either case, it'll be open for next year's pool season in summer 2021," Penman said.

## ■ ENVIRONMENT

# New 138-acre preserve opens

Public usage expected to rise amid pandemic

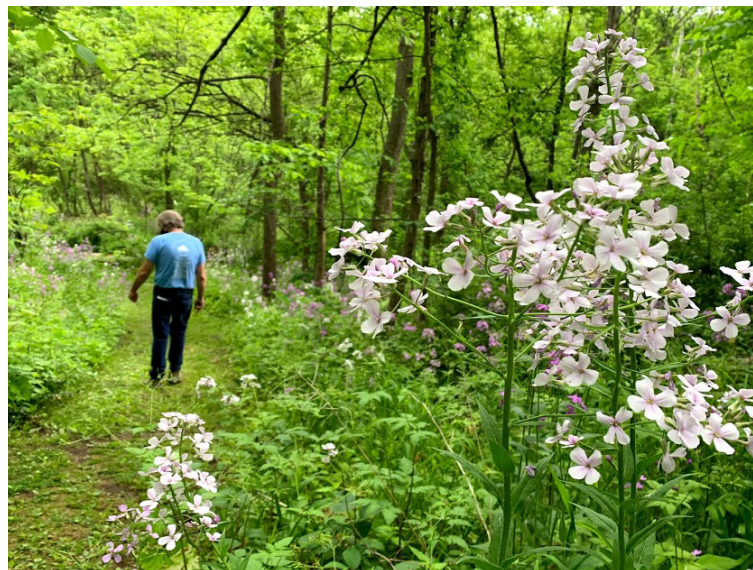
By **DIEGO CAGARA**  
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**SELKIRK** — The Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy unveiled its newly-acquired 19th preserve, the 138-acre Hollyhock Hollow Sanctuary, on Wednesday, June 3.

Located at 46 Rarick Road in Selkirk, it includes 3.5 miles of hiking trails through the woodlands and along the Onesquethaw Creek. People can explore the deciduous forest, view a shallow pond that attracts numerous bird species like the Belted Kingfisher and Great Blue Heron, and appreciate the area's limestone geology. The pond and Onesquethaw Creek are fed by water through a series of inaccessible underground caves that run north to south along the preserve.

"The limestone also really promotes the growth of plants here and the soil acidity is just right that a lot of species do really well here," said MHLHC executive director Mark King during a private tour of the preserve. "This preserve provides a great habitat for many species of birds and animals, and it's great to have an intact natural system."

King also noted that since the COVID-19 pandemic reached the Capital District in the spring, MHLHC has observed that people have used its trails more to appreciate nature and temporarily remove themselves from what is



Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy executive director Mark King, left, gives a private tour of the new Hollyhock Hollow Preserve, which offers a natural respite from the outside world.

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happening in the world. "So we're pleased to offer another preserve for the community to enjoy the benefits of nature," he said.

King said that the Hollyhock Hollow Sanctuary will likely not have additional signs or informational kiosks throughout because introducing and maintaining them are costly; MHLHC wants to maintain its natural state.

The preserve is the former estate of University at Albany professor Robert Rienow and his wife, Leona Train Rienow, who was a writer. It included a residential house, a farm and a rock quarry. According to King, when Robert died from smoke inhalation in 1988 after the house caught on fire, his will had the estate bequeathed to Audubon International — a Troy-based non-profit environmental education organization which now works to introduce sustainable natural resource management practices in golf

courses, developments and resorts.

Audubon International then used the property as a public preserve and its headquarters through 2013. King said that as the organization shifted its focus onto golf courses in recent years, it decided to donate and transfer ownership of the property to MHLHC in January 2020 at no cost. The COVID-19 pandemic did not affect the acquisition process and MHLHC staff and volunteers worked through June to rebrand and improve the preserve's existing trails and facilities.

However, King said MHLHC normally would have held a big opening celebration to mark the preserve's unveiling. Due to COVID-19, a soft opening took place instead, with just about a dozen residents arriving to explore the property and trails.

As with some of its other

preserves, MHLHC created an interactive online map of the Hollyhock Hollow Sanctuary with its Mohawk Hudson Maps app. According to MHLHC's website, the interactive map can be used offline after the app is downloaded and saved on your smartphone's home screen. The map can pinpoint a user's location at the preserve, provide GPS navigation, explore its trails and measure distances between set points.

To learn more, visit [mohawkhudsonmaps.org](http://mohawkhudsonmaps.org) or [mohawkhudson.org/map-your-visit](http://mohawkhudson.org/map-your-visit).

As the pandemic remains ongoing, King said he hopes the public will enjoy and appreciate what the Hollyhock Hollow Sanctuary offers. "We've gotten emails from people constantly thanking us for having the preserves so they can go out," he said. "We have preserves across Albany, Schenectady and Montgomery counties."



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# Restoration of historic burial vault begins

Aims to preserve local history and educate future generations

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**SLINGERLANDS** — Restoration works for the Slingerland Family Burial Vault began in late May and will continue through this July, according to Bethlehem Town Historian Susan Leath.

The project was supposed to start this past spring but it was temporarily held off due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Built in 1851, the burial vault, located on 1566 New Scotland Road, is the final resting place for several significant Slingerland family members, including Leah Britt Slingerland (1776 – 1863), William H. Slingerland (1830 – 1910) and John I. Slingerland (1804 –



The historic Slingerland Family Burial Vault's restoration continues to depend on donations from the public since spring 2018. So far, \$53,000 has been donated while the project costs a total of \$105,779.

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1861). The vault has since suffered from decades-long deterioration like insufficient maintenance and vandalism.

Restoration works finally commenced on May

19 when local gravestone conservator Chris White volunteered to clean the monument that sits on a hill on top of the burial vault. The cleaning solution White used will cause the

monument to continue whitening in the next few weeks.

Since May 27, Ganem Contracting Corporation, a Capital District contractor that restores historic

buildings and masonry, began construction at the site. At a cost of \$58,000, it is repairing the burial vault's entrance facade and its two wing walls as well as replacing its stonework, according to Frank Slingerland, a living indirect descendant of the historic Slingerland family.

Frank is in the ninth or 10th generation of the Slingerland bloodline and is a member of the Friends of the Slingerland Family Burial Vault, a community group dedicated to restoring the burial vault and raising awareness of the historic Slingerland family.

Leath said, "We've had an archaeologist come in and clean up the inside of the vault because it's been vandalized and abused for many years and we wanted to be careful in cleaning it out. Also, the sarcophagi inside were broken and we had it cleaned out and repaired. We also had a

structural engineer assess the vault and its top."

Leath added that the \$58,000 facade and wing walls' restoration are just a part of the overall project to improve the whole site which would cost \$105,779. Upcoming works include replacing the burial vault's current rotten door, landscaping the surrounding area, fencing and setting up an informational kiosk about the vault and the historic Slingerland family.

Since spring 2018, the Friends of the Slingerland Family Burial Vault began fundraising to help pay for the project. As of Wednesday, June 3, Frank said \$53,000 has been raised so far and the project's fundraising remains ongoing.

Leath said donations have mainly come from Slingerland family descendants, historic public walking tours of the vault and surrounding area, local residents and historic preservation advocates, including a \$2,525 grant from the Albany County Legislature.

"It's awkward because given how difficult things are now because of COVID-19 but this is still an important project," Leath said, encouraging the public to donate if they can.

Frank agreed, "It's about preserving history and the members of the Slingerland family buried here had a huge impact on Bethlehem and the greater area. Preserving history leads to the education of future generations."

Leath also noted that since the pandemic began, people have used walking trails and the nearby Albany County Rail Trail more, so the burial vault could benefit from that and be a so-called pit stop for walkers to appreciate and learn the town's history.

To donate, visit [www.slingerlandvault.org/donate](http://www.slingerlandvault.org/donate). For more information about the project and its progress, visit [www.slingerlandvault.org/progress](http://www.slingerlandvault.org/progress) or contact the Friends of the Slingerlands Family Burial Vault at [friendsofthevault@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofthevault@gmail.com).

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## From page 1 ... Head of the Class

"I'm just surrounded by so many people who are so intelligent and amazing, amazing professors who are so supportive," Leyden said. "I don't want to say it was easy. It wasn't. They made it possible."

Despite what Rensselaer students may say, Union College is listed among the most highly sought after schools in the country. Its 2018 enrollment class received more than 6,700 applicants, but less than 39 percent were accepted. The Phi Beta Kappa member said the students she encountered during her studies inspired her to achieve in the classroom and have fun while outside of it. Nerd or not — she's also a Beta Gamma Sigma (Business Honor Society) and Alpha Kappa Delta (Sociology Honor Society) — Leyden said she appreciated the healthy balance of work and play during her time wearing Union garnet.

"I get very excited about certain things even my immediate family don't get,"

Leyden said after proudly confessing her nerd status, one in which she can't avoid after graduating with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. "I'm the only one interested in pursuing a career in medicine. [But] I have other things I enjoy doing. It's not all academics."

2020 has posed a challenge to graduating seniors, many of whom unknowingly said goodbye to friends and teachers as coronavirus-related shutdowns were initiated three months ago. Classes continued through Zoom meetings and emails, but the social aspect of college life was taken away.

"It's been pretty heartbreaking," Leyden said from her home in Glenmont, sharing a vivid memory of when she and her classmates learned they had to leave campus. "It was a Thursday afternoon at school. It was noon. I was standing, waiting to get coffee, and it was all of a sudden an exodus." The student body received



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— Kara Leyden,  
Union College  
Class of 2020  
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an email announcing the cancelation of classes that day, and within a week learned they had to move out and expect to take final exams online. "It was a whirlwind."

The coronavirus that grabbed headlines and changed everyone's lives this year also played a separate role in Leyden's developing career. Before she starts medical school at Albany Medical College in August, she'll spend this summer in a laboratory as a researcher for biotech

start-up FluroTest L.L.C. designing a rapid test to detect COVID-19.

The opportunity presented itself about a month ago through a friend involved with the start-up. The design is anticipated to develop a test that will detect both the presence of the virus or the antibody the body creates after fighting the infection.

As hospitalization numbers and the CDC began suggesting shutdowns to prevent social gatherings, there was an issue over the quality of tests. As the pandemic stretched from March to April, states were still reporting the lack of availability of tests. Quality tests continue to be a focal point in the discussion to combat the spread of the virus.

"It's very exciting," she said. "I hope it works."

As she sets out on her path in medicine, Leyden said she hasn't settled on a specialty just yet. She wants to concentrate on exposing herself to different specialties before honing in on one and allowing for that to cook and settle.

Prior to devoting her time to science, Leyden

spent time in the kitchen. Her passion involved baking cupcakes. As a high school senior attending the Academy of the Holy Names, she managed her own business. The experience helped develop the topic of her admissions essay for college.

"I love cooking and baking," she said. "It has been a passion of mine since I can remember."

The relationship between baking and science may not be straightforward, but those who have tried their hand at baking can appreciate the need for attention and detail required for both fields. Botch the measurements on a recipe and you may be surprised by the taste. Leyden, who focused her prize-winning sociology thesis on the psychological effects of bariatric surgery, said there's still wriggle room in the kitchen to play around.

"In my mind, there's less rigidity than people think," she said. "My favorite part about cupcakes is being creative. Especially with decorating and flavor combinations and stuff like that. ... There's endless possibilities."



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**TOWN OF BETHLEHEM Albany County - New York ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 17 at 6:00 PM via Zoom to take action on an application submitted by Andrew Leja, Attorney, on behalf of National Grid for a Use Variance under Article XIII, Section 128-99 Schedule of Uses and an Area Variance under Article VI, Section 128-47, Fences. The Applicant is proposing to construct an electrical substation located at 109 Van Dyke Road, Delmar. Note: this is a continuation of the Public Hearing from an application submitted in September 2014.

Due to the public health and safety concerns related to the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) the Board will not be meeting in-person. In accordance with Executive Order 202.1, the meeting is being held electronically via video conference and a transcript will be provided at a later date.

Plans and other materials received related to the proposed application are available on the town's website: townofbethlehem.org. Members of the public may view and listen to the meeting live by visiting the Town's Website and clicking on the MEETINGS bar along the left side of the page. Select Zoning Board of Appeals as Meeting Group and click on video icon for the June 17, 2020 meeting date.

The public may also actively participate to provide comments during the public hearing by registering to attend the meeting via Zoom. A link to the registration and instructions can be found on the CALENDAR located on the Town website by clicking the June 17th meeting date for the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.

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Additionally, the public may submit comments to the Board in advance of the meeting. Public comments must be submitted via email to zoningboardofappeals@townofbethlehem.org by 3 PM the day of the meeting in order for the comment to be read aloud by a Board Member during the public hearing and recorded into the minutes. The Board will close the public hearing and accept additional comments via email up until 48 hours after the meeting to ensure the Board receives and reviews all public comments so submitted. David Devaprasad Chairman Board of Appeals D-247244

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71-04 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/04/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 141-08 70th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11367. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245354

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

7101 SOUTH ISLAND LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/20/20. Latest date to dissolve: 05/31/2119. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Mariam Sikander, 23 Kirby Lane, Jericho, NY 11753. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-247174

**TOWN OF BETHLEHEM Albany County - New York ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 17 at 6:00 PM via Zoom to take action on an application submitted by Timothy Freitag for an Area Variance located at 746 River Road, Glenmont. The Applicant is proposing construction of a fence that does not meet the Town Zoning Code requirements under Article VI, Section 128-47, Fences and freestanding walls, B. Fences and freestanding walls in residential districts, (1) not exceeding four feet in height.

Due to the public health and safety concerns related to the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) the Board will not be meeting in-person. In accordance with Executive Order 202.1, the meeting is being held electronically via video conference and a transcript will be provided at a later date.

Plans and other materials received related to the proposed application are available on the town's website: townofbethlehem.org. Members of the public may view and listen to the meeting live by visiting the Town's Website and clicking on the MEETINGS bar along the left side of the page. Se-

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lect Zoning Board of Appeals as Meeting Group and click on video icon for the June 17, 2020 meeting date.

The public may also actively participate to provide comments during the public hearing by registering to attend the meeting via Zoom. A link to the registration and instructions can be found on the CALENDAR located on the Town website by clicking the June 17th meeting date for the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. Additionally, the public may submit comments to the Board in advance of the meeting. Public comments must be submitted via email to zoningboardofappeals@townofbethlehem.org by 3 PM the day of the meeting in order for the comment to be read aloud by a Board Member during the public hearing and recorded into the minutes. The Board will close the public hearing and accept additional comments via email up until 48 hours after the meeting to ensure the Board receives and reviews all public comments so submitted. David Devaprasad Chairman Board of Appeals D-247243

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

91 NEW DORP PLAZA, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/17/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 91 New Dorp Plaza, 2nd Floor, Staten Island, NY 10306. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245921

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

93 KEYSTONE APARTMENTS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/12/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 417 7th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245788

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

A.D.S. BROS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/15/20. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2119. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1977 E. 16th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11229. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-246566

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

A.LIVE WORLDWIDE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/21/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of

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process to the LLC, c/o B. Berger, 8801 Shore Road, 2F East, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245506

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

BLACK BEERDED NERD, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/28/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 3099 George Urban Boulevard, Depew, NY 14043. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-246746

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

BRIAN P MURRAY GLOBAL CONSULTING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/24/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 8 Pauley Lane, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244961

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

BRIDGEVIEW III E LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/15/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 9322 Third Avenue, Suite 502, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-246105

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

BRIDGEVIEW III H LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/15/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 9322 Third Avenue, Suite 502, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-246106

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

CASCADE CLEANING CONTRACTORS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/14/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Matt Flashner, 2 Averly Place, Smithtown, NY 11787. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245946

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

CAYE JOAILLIER LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/12/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Ayesha Mehta, 601 West 57th Street, Suite 30G, New York, NY 10019. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245780

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CITYWIDE LOGISTICS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/19/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1877 East 21st Street, Brooklyn, NY 11229. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-246190

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

COMFORT HOMES REALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/23/09. Latest date to dissolve: 01/01/2030. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2705 Eastchester Road, Bronx, NY 10469. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245022

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

CUSTOM DESIGN INNOVATIONS LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 03/05/20. Originally filed with Secretary of State of New Jersey on 04/18/2017. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 740 Poole Avenue, Hazlet, NJ 07730. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245340

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

DIZ REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/04/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, ATTN: Niko Dizdar, 32-60 34th Street, Apartment 3R, Astoria, NY 11106. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-247179

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

DoubleOrVii LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/04/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 440 Foster Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245280

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

DUTCH DISINFECT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/30/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Thomas van de Veer-donk, 8 Lookout Pass, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245179

**LEGALS****NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

EASTON PROPERTIES REAL ESTATE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/11/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 126 E. 10th Street, New York, NY 10003. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245738

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

EKA CONTRACTING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/07/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 20-38 169th Street, White-stone, NY 11357. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245545

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

EMPR II LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/11/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 381 Park Avenue South, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245897

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

ERIPLO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/18/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 36-05 28th Avenue, Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-246123

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

FF GUERREROS DELI & GROCERY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/01/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 440 Foster Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245280

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

FJB SPORTS CARDS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/22/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 120 East 85th Street, New York, NY 10028. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244934

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

GIANNIS REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/29/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY

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shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 7916 5th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245076

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

GR GOURMET MARKET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/03/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 366 N. Broadway, Suite PH-5, Jericho, NY 11753. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-247100

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

GREATER THINGS ROASTERS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/20/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2433 US Route 9W, Ravena, NY 12143. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245453

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

GREEN GRASS HOLDINGS, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 05/22/20. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware on 05/20/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 214 N. 11th Street, Apartment 4T, Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-246573

## NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

ISABEL JAY, LCSW, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/22/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 119 Payson Avenue, New York, NY 10034. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Licensed Clinical Social Work. D-245023

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

J.E.T.L. REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/09/09. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 869 Yonkers Ave, Yonkers, NY 10704. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-246149

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JPM REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/05/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Tuch & Cohen LLP,

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1025 Old Country Road, Suite 411, Westbury, NY 11590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245398

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

KAIA PARTNERS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/11/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 308 East 38th Street, Unit 12, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245279

## NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

KALTER LAW, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/05/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 1325 Avenue of the Americas, 28th Floor, New York, NY 10019. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Law. D-246387

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

KARP & RO SPIRITS COMPANY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/06/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Brett Rogosin, 511 East 20th Street, Apartment 4A, New York, NY 10010. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-246337

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LEPAS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/18/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 36-05 28th Avenue, Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-246124

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LMS GOLF LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/30/20. Office: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2839 State Route 203, Valatie, NY 12184. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245734

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MATTERHORN SYNDICATE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/03/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Herzog & Sheffield, P.C., 59 John Street, Suite 9B, New York, NY 10038. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-247101

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**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
MBK CONSTRUCTION LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/12/20. Office: Greene County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 13 Green Lake Road, PO Box 462, Leeds, NY 12451. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245782

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MIGRATION LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/04/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 56 Spring Street, Apartment #3, New York, NY 10012. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-247182

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MIMISH DESIGNS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/20/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 135-24 Hillside Avenue, Richmond Hill, NY 11418. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-246413

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MINDFUL MEDIATION LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/12/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 9 Royden Road, Tenafly, NJ 07670. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245783

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MR. FLOWER FANTASTIC, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/28/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Heller Horowitz & Feit, P.C., 260 Madison Avenue, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-244935

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

NEW SCOTLAND HOSPITALITY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/04/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 289 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-247183

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

NEWCO CAPITAL GROUP II LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 05/08/20. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware

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on 05/05/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 90 Broad Street, Suite 903, New York, NY 10004. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-246293

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

NEWCO CAPITAL GROUP III LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 05/08/20. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware on 05/05/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 90 Broad Street, Suite 903, New York, NY 10004. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-246294

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

NEWCO CAPITAL GROUP IV LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 05/08/20. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware on 05/05/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 90 Broad Street, Suite 903, New York, NY 10004. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-246295

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

NEWCO CAPITAL GROUP LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 04/28/20. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware on 04/16/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 90 Broad Street, Suite 903, New York, NY 10004. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245383

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE.

**TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY, NY.**  
Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing as part of its regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, 06/16/2020 at 6:00 p.m., regarding a Subdivision Application and lot line change, submitted by James Nicholson and Gerald Nicholson, as shown on drawing entitled "Lot Line Revision of the Weisheit Re-Subdivision & Minor Subdivision Plat Lands of James F. Nicholson Gerald Nicholson, 807 River Rd, Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, State of New York", dated May 14, 2019, prepared by RDM Surveying Consultants, 8 Grange Rd, Troy, NY 12180. Documentation related to the application can be obtained by contacting [ilombardo@townofbethlehem.org](mailto:ilombardo@townofbethlehem.org). Notice of Public Hearing will be mailed to proper-

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ty owners within 200 feet of the subject property. Said notice will also be published in the 06/10/2020 issue of the Spotlight Newspaper. Written comments must be submitted to the Planning Board by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting, either by US mail to the Planning Office, 445 Delaware Ave, Delmar, NY 12054 or via email at [planningboard@townofbethlehem.org](mailto:planningboard@townofbethlehem.org), in order to be read aloud during the public comment period at the start of the meeting and recorded in the minutes. The Board will accept additional comments, via email, up until 48 hours after the meeting is held. The meeting will be held via Zoom due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

To register to participate in the Public Hearing / Zoom Meeting: Click on the link within the 06/16/2020 agenda packet and it will bring you to a registration form. Complete the registration form in its entirety and click on Register. A registration confirmation and link to the Zoom meeting will be sent to the email you provide. On the day of the meeting, 15-30 minutes prior to the start time of the meeting, click on the link to join the meeting. Further instructions on meeting registration can be found in a guide featured on the Town's Website / Meeting Portal. Individuals who do not wish to participate in the Zoom meeting may view and listen to the live meeting or watch the video recording at a later date by visiting the Town's Website / Meeting Portal at <http://bethlehemtownny.igm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx> D-247139

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PANIFEX PRESS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/03/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Herzog & Sheffield, P.C., 59 John Street, Suite 9B, New York, NY 10038. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-247102

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PASADENA LEISURE CLUB LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/12/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 495 Broadway, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10012. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245784

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PST WORLDWIDE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/01/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it

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may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 205 East 78th Street, Apartment 2J, New York, NY 10075. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-246917

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

R&D ROYALS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/28/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Robert Suyunov, 8133 165th Street, Jamaica, NY 11432. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245034

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ROLLING RIDGE PARTNERS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/01/20. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2070. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Kevin J. Keane, 500 Mamaroneck Avenue, Harrison, NY 10528. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-246918

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ROMBE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/28/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Roman Yakubov, 18432 Cambridge Road, Jamaica Estates, NY 11432. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245036

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SANGRIA FUNDING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/27/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 20 West 20th Street, Suite 1102, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-246694

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SE ELITE MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/07/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 267 Elsmere Place, Fort Lee, NJ 07024. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245852

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE.

**TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY, NY.**  
Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing as part of its regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, 06/16/2020 at 6:00 PM regarding a Special Use Permit / Site Plan Application, to construct a 5 MW Ground-Mount-

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ed Solar PV System on 35.8 +/- acres on a 184 +/- acre parcel at 275 Beaver Dam Rd, Selkirk, as shown on drawing entitled "Site Plan, Borego Solar Lands of Pagnotta." Documentation related to the application can be obtained by contacting [nowens@townofbethlehem.org](mailto:nowens@townofbethlehem.org). Notice of Public Hearing will be mailed to property owners within 200 feet of the subject property. Said notice will also be published in the 06/10/2020 issue of the Spotlight Newspaper. Written comments must be submitted to the Planning Board by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting, either by US mail to the Planning Office, 445 Delaware Ave, Delmar, NY 12054 or via email at [planningboard@townofbethlehem.org](mailto:planningboard@townofbethlehem.org), in order to be read aloud during the public comment period at the start of the meeting and recorded in the minutes. The Board will accept additional comments, via email, up until 48 hours after the meeting is held. The meeting will be held via Zoom due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

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## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SKYROCKET10, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/21/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Cedric Osborne, 876 Park Avenue, Apartment 7N, New York, NY 10075. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-246388

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SLDR BURGER BAR LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/07/20. Latest date to dissolve: 05/06/2120. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 33-19

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Broadway, Apartment 4A, Astoria, NY 11106. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245547

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SQUIRE AGENCY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/08/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 40 British American Boulevard, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245899

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

Team CHRCH LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/28/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 294 Garretson Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-246414

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

THE BEREND REALTY GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/03/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 530 East 72nd Street, Unit 1B, New York, NY 10021. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-247103

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THE HIP HOP ICE CREAM SHOP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/07/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 135 Fingerboard Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245548

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TranBonnans Brooklyn, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/15/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2003 East 21st Street, Brooklyn, NY 11229. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-246104

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

TRI-HILL REALTY GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/08/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 346 Park Avenue South, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10010. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-245635



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At this time, we cannot accommodate on-the-spot requests; all items must be reserved through the catalog.

To arrange a curbside pickup: Place your items on hold through our online catalog.

Visit [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org) and click on "Search the catalog" to get started.

With other libraries in the Upper Hudson system operating on their own phased reopening schedules, we may not have access to all of the materials outside of our collection right away or there may be delays.

Please keep that in mind when looking for items to place on hold, as we work with our partner libraries to do our best to fill your requests.

You will receive a notification through email, text or phone (depending on your account preferences) when one or more of your items are ready.

Come by the library from 2 to 6 p.m. weekdays to pick them up.

When you arrive, please park in the designated pickup zone.

Once at the library, give us a call at (518) 439-9314 and press 5.

A staffer will assist you



with your checkout and bring your items to you in a no-contact exchange.

For your safety and ours, please remain in your vehicle until our staffer has left the pickup area.

We are also accepting returned materials, from 2 to 6 p.m. weekdays. Please use the designated dropoff areas.

Returned items may take up to a week to show as checked in on your account so staffers can isolate and organize the materials.

Just a reminder: Checked out materials have had their due dates extended while we have been closed and have NOT been accruing fines.

## Election results

Please visit [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org) for the results of the June 9 budget vote and trustees election.

## Get ready for summer reading

Are your summer plans up in the air? Not anymore!

Let your imagination transport you during the 2020 Summer Reading Challenge.

This year's theme, Imagine Your Story, invites readers of all ages to explore the stories that inspire and encourage us.

Sharing this reading adventure with others is a great way to feel connected to your community, and you can do it all online.

Watch our website beginning June 15 for Summer Reading sign-up information for adults, teens and children.

Once you sign up, you can get started checking off your reading milestones right away!

## Fun fractured fairy tales

Bethlehem Central School District third-graders got a jump on the summer reading theme with a recent assignment that asked them to write their own version of a fairy tale.

You can click through and read these imaginative stories on our website at [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/fractured-fairy-tales-from-bcsd-third-graders](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/fractured-fairy-tales-from-bcsd-third-graders).

## Got questions?

We are available to answer your reference questions — even when our doors are closed.

Just reach out by email at [information@bethpl.org](mailto:information@bethpl.org) and staff will assist you. You can also call the library at 518-439-9314 and leave a message.

We will get back to you as soon as we are able, but please allow additional time for questions asked via voicemail.

— Kristen Roberts

# Reopening plans

As Phase Two of reopening in New York State becomes the norm, area libraries are re-establishing limited services.

We are making final preparations to begin contactless curbside pickup service on Tuesday, June 16 (by appointment only) starting with processing hundreds of existing holds that have been dormant on our shelves since mid-March.

Anyone who requested items prior to the pandemic shutdown will be notified and asked to call us to set up their appointment for pickup. In this way, we can best ensure a smooth and worry-free transaction for everyone involved.

Our hours of operations for these parking lot transactions will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Tuesday and Thursday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Please note: at this juncture, only staff in staggered teams will be allowed into our building as we launch this initial phase of service.

We encourage you to stay connected and informed through our website, Facebook and Instagram, and e-news.

As always, feel free to call us at 518-285-0050 or email us at [ask.librarian@guilderlandlibrary.org](mailto:ask.librarian@guilderlandlibrary.org) with any questions you might have as we systematically move forward with



resuming services safely.

We will post updates on our website as we gradually reintroduce additional levels of service, and we appreciate your patience throughout this transition.

## Summer reading

Summer reading registration is underway! Children, teens and adults — literally everyone — is invited to join our literary journey to Imagine Your Story.

It's a great way to stay engaged and intellectually stimulated over the summer months. Participants can log their reading activities in Beanstack and earn chances to win prizes!

Sign up today at: [guilderlandlibrary.org/srp](http://guilderlandlibrary.org/srp) and start logging your reading Monday, June 22. Also on this web page, check out virtual events for all ages, teen selections, storytimes, school resources and more.

## Drag Race trivia

We're celebrating Pride Month with a fabulously fun night of RuPaul's Drag Race Trivia on Tuesday, June 16 at 7 p.m.

Teens and adults, join our popular Trivia Tuesday night by answering questions about this favorite multiple Emmy-winning reality competition.

Play along from home individually or recruit your

team members.

Team captains ages 16+ will be responsible for communicating to the library hosts, and anyone that needs the virtual meeting login information can register by going to the Events tab on [www.guilderlandlibrary.org](http://www.guilderlandlibrary.org).

Will you "sashay away" a winner?

## Personal enrichment

We're collaborating with Albany Guardian Society to offer several virtual programs we think you'll enjoy! All classes will be held through the videoconference platform Zoom. Registration is required by calling AGS at 518-434-2140. When registering, let them know you are a GPL patron. You'll receive a link to the Zoom session via email the day before the event. AGS can provide further instructions on Zoom if you've never used it.

On Thursday, June 18 at 1:30 p.m., we'll learn how to "Boost the Benefits of Plants in Your Diet." This class will cover how to maximize the vitamins and minerals in the fruits and veggies you grow, and how preparing your produce cultivates distinct health benefits. The presenter is Amanda Vrsalovic, garden educator at Capital Roots. Please call AGS at 518-434-2140 to register.

— Luanne Nicholson

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We recognize the enthusiasm bottled up inside each individual who decides to take on the added responsibility to represent his or her district. It seems we have people from all walks of life, each with varied experiences that can suggest they possess the aptitude for the job. Bankers, housewives, executives, lawyers — not one position is any more or less worthy of the job. As voters, however, we have our own logic behind each selection. One candidate approached us for an endorsement and we had to politely decline. Our paper doesn't endorse candidates. But, that kind of energy and determination can be inspiring.

Though we don't endorse

candidates, we can share what we want to see in our ideal school board member. We simply want a humble, public servant.

Over the years, our strongest criticism towards school boards has been when they've fallen silent. This week should always serve as a reminder of not only why you've decided to run for the board but how you earned that privilege. Each board member serves as our community's advocate. We are not just taxpayers. We are shop owners who support our students' endeavors. We are families who trust our children will be safe in the hands of each person employed at the school. We meet with you each month to learn what you are doing for us and we approach you in those same meetings

with our concerns.

These meetings are not just necessary, the transparency expected at these meetings is paramount to the obligation you have to those you represent. It's important you appreciate the rules and needs for Open Meeting Law. These rules are often fumbled and can break our trust in you. One district explains executive session as "sometimes necessary" and "may precede or follow regular meetings and are for the discussion of sensitive subjects such as personnel matters and employee contract negotiations." This quote, taken from the district's website, suggests a need for it to revisit Open Meeting Law.

An executive session should never "precede or

follow" a regular meeting. It should take place within the start and conclusion of a regular meeting. And, though boards often make this mistake, "personnel matters" is not sufficient cause to push the public away. "Personnel matters" has too often been used to cover up bad behavior. Policies to remain quiet due to "personnel matters" can expose a district to future litigation. Conversely, the silence of another district can hide the potential danger our district could unwittingly inherit.

Be aware, we also take issue that in many of our local districts there is no clear way to contact members of the school board. A link is often provided where the information is deposited into a communal bin with

the district itself. This is a conflict of interest as board members are not district employees. They serve on the board to oversee the district.

This is not a time to celebrate school pride. Board members are not on a school team. If you are on any team, you are on our team. You represent the community that surrounds the campus. You are our representative who we have elected to hold the district accountable for its actions. When something goes wrong, we expect an answer from you and not the district's public relations office. Do this correctly and you have our endorsement. We appreciate and encourage the enthusiasm you have going into this important role. We will be watching.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Can't stay closed any longer

To whom it may concern,

My names is Brandon Gutierrez I am the owner, operator of A Sneaker City, a small business located in the Crossgates Mall.

I would like to express my great concern over not being able to open as part of the phase 2 reopening plan outlined by Governor

Cuomo.

Over the past 11 plus weeks our businesses have done everything that was asked of us by the government.

We stayed home as directed for the safety of ourselves and everyone around us. Which we understand is of the utmost importance, and

we are willing to make any necessary accommodations to ensure the safety of our staff and clientele.

Honestly we can't stay closed any longer rents and insurances are due funding if received personally I did not, was not geared towards helping anyone long term.

I'd like to understand

why Walmart and Lowes can remain open and will probably see double maybe triple digit increases in profits while small businesses are closing everyday because of the loss of revenue.

I strongly recommend that Governor Cuomo allow malls to reopen as part of Phase 2.

There are plenty of examples of larger crowds and bigger stores that have been opened.. We need to reopen so as to regain some sort of normalcy and for the survival of our businesses.

Thank you for your consideration on the very important matter.

Sincerely,  
Brandon Gutierrez  
Owner/Operator  
A Sneaker City

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Hoping Crossgates can reopen

Over the last several weeks we have worked with hundreds of businesses to ensure a safe and responsible re-opening consistent with the detailed phasing plan released by New York State.

Our collective investment of time and money into safely and responsibly re-opening Crossgates was considerable. What's more, our retailers and their employees were anticipating the scheduled Phase Two re-opening [on June 3] as a way to get back to work and begin supporting their families and our local economies.

Re-opening is key to the survival of these retailers, many of which are locally owned and are now in grave danger of never being able to open their doors.

What's more, we believe our very large open spaces easily facilitates social distancing and will lessen the density in stand-alone stores that are allowed to re-open in Phase Two. Additionally, not all of our tenants will be reopening

in Phase Two. Restaurants and entertainment venues, which comprise a good portion of our facilities, will remain closed until subsequent phases. By design, this will further lessen the density of guests in our centers.

Our extensive safety protocols put into place over the past two months meet or exceed State, CDC and national health guidelines to protect the health, safety and well-being of everyone. And our tenants and their employees are anxious to get back to work.

We hope the State will reconsider its surprising decision over the coming days and urge it to allow enclosed shopping centers to open alongside other retailers in Phase Two.

Thousands of jobs, businesses, livelihoods and regional economies are depending on it. We are ready to open with the health and well-being of our guests, retailers and their employees a top priority.

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# BCSD stands together

Dear BC family:

A year ago when the district adopted a strategic plan to help lead BC into the 2020s, it was important that our goals were focused on the whole child. Academics, absolutely.

But just as important are the three important building blocks for lifelong personal growth: character, community and wellness. These encompass the practices and traits that promote understanding, empathy and contributions to a healthy society.

Society is being tested right now with something new and dangerous, coronavirus; and something old and dangerous, racism and racial injustice. Both demand our attention and both deserve it.

While much of our efforts in recent weeks have been focused on how to keep our students safe with a possible return to school in the fall, we know that our students, staff and families are hurting differently right now. The death of George Floyd in Minneapolis and unrest across the country has brought

a mix of emotion for all of us: sadness, outrage, confusion, fear, uncertainty and discomfort. Our children, in particular, are in need of our attention.

Several of our teachers and counselors have shared age-appropriate resources on how to discuss issues of race, and the events of the last several days. These are conversations that we wish could take place in our classrooms as they are most impactful face to face, most effective as part of a continuing dialogue.

To help with those conversations, we are sharing some resources you may find are useful:

- Healthy communication about race – A resource for parents, American Psychological Association
- Books to help explain racism and protest to children, NYTimes
- Talking to kids about race, National Geographic
- Books, podcasts and toolkits for discussing race – for children and adults

[Our readers can access these links from the online version of this letter.]

In these troubling times, I think one of the most important things we can do is to remind our students that their school will be a safe place for them when they return. We can reassure them that their school stands for others and this means their school — and the entire Bethlehem Central School District — condemns racism and stands together, even while we are apart. Above all else, we want them to know that we all share a desire to learn more, do more and make our world a better, safer place.

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Sincerely,  
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The Capital Region continues to reopen under Phase Two. As a reminder, Phase One businesses included Construction; Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting; Retail (limited to curbside or in-store pickup or drop off); Manufacturing; and Wholesale Trade.

Please continue to support our local businesses as people start to get back on their feet.

Make sure to maintain social distancing and follow other public health guidelines to help prevent an increase in the spread of the coronavirus.



Visit our **Restart Resources** page for info, guidelines and safety protocols that will help prepare you to reopen your business.

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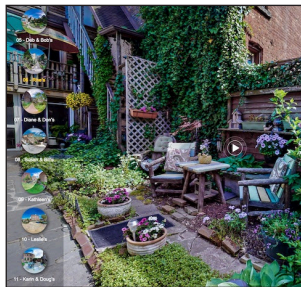
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By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**  
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## RECENTLY ANNOUNCED

# Music to make your head spin 360°

Empire State Youth Orchestra 40th birthday culminates with three-night digital festival and premiere of Ágreda's "Ay Caray"

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**  
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**SCHENECTADY** — The work that goes into preparing 400 young musicians in the Empire State Youth Orchestra requires time, patience and face-to-face feedback. The latter, however, was one obstacle Music Director Carlos Ágreda and his staff could overcome, but the challenge of throwing a music festival to celebrate the orchestra's 40th birthday season seems insurmountable. But, it's happening.

The ESYO announced its 40th birthday season is to culminate in a digital festival featuring thirteen ensembles and over 400 young musicians from around the region.

The three-night digital festival streams online on Facebook Watch and YouTube nightly at 7 p.m., beginning Thursday, June 11 through Saturday, June 13.

The festival's title, "Sounding Together," comes from the root meaning of the word "symphony."

"We wanted to see what opportunities we had here, that we wouldn't normally be able to do if we were not in this crisis," Ágreda said. The Sounding Together Digital Festival is a first-of-a-kind performance for ESYO and a direct result of



**Empire State Youth Orchestra's Music Director Carlos Ágreda has witnessed the benefits from socially distanced students this season.**

Provided photo

the orchestra's commitment to playing through New York's COVID-19 pause.

The concept of "Sounding Together" started after a group of ESYO musicians and friends formed a virtual Jazz combo. Each member recorded their part at home using their cell phone, then ESYO musician Sam Hatfield mixed and produced the video. Similar projects occurred

in Symphony Orchestra after Ágreda, who has also been actively making music online with colleagues across the country, challenged members of the orchestra to collaborate and perform chamber music together online.

"This festival is a celebration of learning and a testament to the resiliency of our young music-makers," said Rebecca Calos, ESYO's executive

director. "Like many schools and orchestras across the country, we've been challenged to learn, rehearse, and perform, apart and online," she continued. "I'm so proud of the remarkable creativity of our musicians and the dedicated conductors and teaching artists that have inspired ESYO to keep playing."

Performing the festival through a digital format has placed more work on everyone, Ágreda said. ESYO has been working since mid-April towards the performance and presentation. The composer estimates from his symphony orchestra alone, he has devoted 11 hours a day for the past two weeks. That includes gathering nearly 50 videos and working with videographers through the editing process. Now, multiply that by the other 12 ensembles.

The "Sounding Together" Digital Festival is to feature many of the student-produced videos alongside virtual performances of all 13 ESYO ensembles and the virtual premiere of Ágreda's original composition, Ay Caray!

"It was a process, and it was challenging," said Ágreda. "The idea of synchronizing home performances in a grid-view video is not new, but we wanted to find a way to build an innovative virtual orchestra experience," he continued. "What can we do that we wouldn't be able

to do if we were in person? How does a conductor fit in a virtual performance if he, she, they don't have the musicians in front of them? That is how we came with the idea of creating the first ever VR/360° orchestra."

With the help of Griffin Bengraff, a Digital Media Arts major at the College of St. Rose, Ágreda began reworking Ay Caray! in to a composition for a virtual orchestra.

"For this project, we wanted to create a new virtual orchestra experience," said Bengraff. "In order to reflect the magnitude of a symphony orchestra, we adapted a traditional 180° degree orchestral layout into a new 360° degree space," he continued. Using VR technology and spatial audio, Bengraff was able to create an immersive experience that places the audience in the center of the orchestra.

Despite the challenges of social distancing, Ágreda said the virtual classrooms they created opened opportunities for guest lecturers they had not considered in the past. Younger musicians learned more about music theory than in years past.

"We would get into a room and perform music, but we never [did] get to talk about the music. Talk about theory, about history, about all the aspects about music that are so important for a performance," Ágreda said. The added education enriched the experience

for the players, and the scale of improvement from the younger players was notable. The music director said he plans to continue incorporating some form of virtual classroom even once students are able to come back together again.

Festival highlights include ESYO's Wind Ensemble performing "Amazing Grace" with composer/arranger Jay Dawson; a quilted performance of "What a Wonderful World" by Concertino Strings; music by the Jazz and Percussion Ensembles; digital concerts by Concertino Winds and Brass; and at-home performances by members of CHIME, String Orchestra, and the Lois Lyman Concerto Competition winner William Lauricella and finalist Elihu Conant-Haque. The festival also includes Senior Spotlights to honor the ESYO Class of 2020, student reflections on playing through the pause, and dedications to front line healthcare heroes, first responders, and Capital Region teachers.

For a complete listing of festival concerts and information on how ESYO is playing through the pause, visit [esy.org/soundingtogether](http://esy.org/soundingtogether). The Sounding Together Digital Festival is made possible by the generous support of the University at Albany Foundation and the Metlife Charitable Foundation.





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# Smell the roses

Rain or shine, have a walk through Troy's annual garden tour

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**TROY** — Troy's popular Hidden Garden Tour has returned as a virtual tour.

"Earlier this spring, we realized that we would not be able to host The Hidden Garden Tour as usual this year. So we set to work bringing the garden tour to you," said Peter Grimm, president of the Friends of Prospect Park which organizes the annual event. "This is always such a beloved, friendly event that invites visitors into the hidden, green spaces of our city. We did not want to lose that community spirit this year, so that's why we're bringing it to you, virtually."

Now in its 21st year, the tour is a fundraiser to benefit Troy's Prospect Park. Ordinarily, tour goers pay an admission fee to receive a self-guided map to more than 40 private gardens which are open for one night only throughout the Historic Sage, Washington Park and adjoining neighborhoods. In previous years, the rain-or-shine event has attracted more than 1,000 tour goers in one day.

This year's virtual tour features 28 gardens, captured in 360-degree interactive photographs that viewers can explore online with their computer or mobile devices. Twelve gardeners recorded personal video messages, which are embedded in their stop on the virtual tour at HiddenGardenTour.com.



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"We hope that you will enjoy this tour and that you'll see how different each garden is. They all kind of exemplify the personality of each of the homeowners," Grimm said. "This event has always been about showcasing the humanity and livability of Troy. And we think that still shines through, even in a digital medium."

While most of the gardens are approximately the same size, about 20 feet by 30 feet, they vary greatly in style. Some of the gardens feature charming pathways, fountains and pools. Some are filled with flowers, while others have more plants and vegetables — all lovingly tended by gardeners of all skill levels.

The online virtual tour is offered at no charge, but donations are welcomed and will benefit ongoing improvement projects in historic Prospect Park, located on Congress Street in Troy. Friends of Prospect Park, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit hopes to provide free event programming in the park in future, when such

activities are deemed safe to the public. Donation information is available on the tour's website.

The virtual tour can be accessed through a desktop or laptop computer as well as via tablet or smartphone. The experience differs slightly by device. On a tablet or smartphone, one can interact with the 3D garden photos by touching the image. On some devices, the 3D photo moves as the device moves, creating a virtual reality effect. On a desktop or laptop the tour will automatically cycle through the gardens, spinning slowly or users can control the view with their mouse or trackpad. Certain gardens have a "play" button that will launch a special video message. The gardens are listed by number and the owners first names in the left hand column and clicking on the circular icon will open that particular garden's 3D tour.

Visit <https://www.hiddengardentour.com> on your desktop or laptop computer.



■ FEATURE

# Nutkin, the baby squirrel

A Glenmont family nurses baby squirrel back to health, turns into a teachable moment

By JACKIE GOLD  
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During a time when we are all distancing, one family came together to save the life of a squirrel.

One day, Debbie Wooster, a local elementary school teacher, received a call from her son Henry. He had found an injured animal on the road and asked her to come to save it.

"I leaned over, and I could see it was bleeding from its nose," Wooster said, "But I could see it was breathing."

Wooster drove the squirrel home, cleaned it up, and tried to play a squirrel baby distress signal where they had found the squirrel with the hope that the mother would hear it.

When the mother did not return, the Woosters did not give up on saving the tiny squirrel's life.

"We brought it home and researched how to take care of it," Wooster said. Over the next few weeks, the Woosters did everything they could to help rehabilitate the squirrel: bottle feeding, creating a cozy home in a box, and ensuring he was fed.

A few days later, "Nutkin", the name they gave the squirrel, opened his eyes for the first time. Once this happened, the Woosters knew that they would have to return Nutkin to the outdoors soon.

"We wanted to make sure we did what was right by him because we wanted him to be free," Wooster



said.

To do so, the Woosters began giving Nutkin outdoor training in their chicken coop.

"And then he transitioned from there on his own back out to the trees. He'll still visit in there, and he still comes to our house to visit," she says.

But Wooster saw this as more than just rehabilitating an animal. She also employed Nutkin to provide a teachable moment to students.

Over Zoom, Wooster joined classes to show-and-tell about Nutkin and

provide a lesson in science, writing and empathy.

"They eventually started sharing stories of when they have saved someone or something or an animal," Wooster said. "It was a good discussion on empathy."

The Wooster's compassion has shown us that, especially during these times of distancing, we can all take steps to come together.

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**MUSIC**

# The words of the day

Current events inspire music about social unrest and quarantine

**JB!! aka Dirty Moses**

Social unrest will push people into action, and they often turn to the tools of their trade. For John Brown, that tool is music.

Best known as JB!! aka Dirty Moses, Brown composed his latest track in less than a day. "Die Tonight" is an anthem for today's protestors against the death of George Floyd at the hands of four Minneapolis police officers. And it's chilling.

JB!! opens with Malcolm X as he shares his "Ballot or the Bullet" speech. Though he spoke those words more than 50 years ago, they describe today's world.

"The government has failed us; you can't deny that. Anytime you live in the twentieth century, 1964, and you walkin' around here singing "We Shall Overcome," the government has failed us.

*"There's too much pain in the hood to heal, we can't deal, we can't breathe, we can't drive, we can't kneel. So you leave us no choices, burn the city down, since you took away our voices."*

— JB!! aka Dirty Moses



JB!! aka Dirty Moses

... Today it's time to stop singing and start swinging. You can't sing up on freedom, but you can swing up on some freedom."

JB!! shared the track with me just before Albany's South Pearl Street was set ablaze amidst a riot that ignited in the city's South End. The violence was a stark contrast to the peaceful demonstration exhibited hours before

around Washington Park. Nonetheless, today's political and social climate is volatile and it only needed a spark. Albany County Executive Dan McCoy estimated damages associated with the riot at \$1 million the other day. The Capital City joined several others across the country with similar unrest, including New York City, Minneapolis, Kansas City

and more.

JB!! teams up with fellow area emcee Masai on a single that paints what it means to be Black in today's America. He evokes the names of Ahmaud Arbery, Dion Johnson and Colin Kaepernick; the former shot and killed while jogging and driving, respectively, while the latter was heavily criticized for kneeling during the

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**CLUES ACROSS**

- American composer
- Very fast aircraft
- Workplaces
- A mount on a surface
- Small freshwater fish
- Double-reed instrument
- Canadian flyers
- Famed astronomer
- Smooth, shiny fabric
- Profited
- Conspiracy
- Infections
- Chum
- Secondary school (abbr.)
- Resistance unit
- Sound unit
- Ancient city of Egypt
- Crease
- Polished
- For goodness \_!
- College basketball tournament
- Scorches
- Describe precisely
- Thick piece of something
- Frocks
- Indicates near
- Senior enlisted US Army member
- A note added to a letter
- A nose or snout
- Clumsy
- Satisfied to the fullest
- Display of strong feeling
- Popular awards show
- Cuisine style
- Expresses pleasure
- Monetary unit of the Maldives
- Utah city
- Fight
- Messenger ribonucleic acid
- Body part
- Suspiciously reluctant

**CLUES DOWN**

- Fruit of the service tree
- At some prior time
- Mongolian city \_\_ Bator
- Strongboxes
- Russian river
- Gurus
- Horse mackerel
- Pearl Jam's debut album
- Confines
- First month of Jewish ecclesiastical year
- Famed Idaho politician
- Prevents from seeing
- Indicate time
- Male parents
- Tab on a key ring
- The Great Dog constellation: \_\_ Major
- Frying necessity
- Former CIA
- The leader
- Produces
- London soccer club
- Closes
- Region in the western Pacific Ocean
- Not present
- Small drink of whiskey
- Begat
- Helps little firms
- Pointed end of a pen
- Fencing swords
- Inches per minute (abbr.)
- Hymn
- Philippine island
- Flemish names of Ypres
- A way to inform
- Small lake
- Linear unit
- Central Japanese city
- Partially burn
- Sports award
- Part of your foot
- Atomic #21

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national anthem as a member of the NFL's San Francisco 49ers.

"There's too much pain in the hood to heal, we can't deal, we can't breathe, we can't drive, we can't kneel," he sings. "So you leave us no choices, burn the city down, since you took away our voices."

Kaepernick had inspired other professional athletes to use their platform as a means of silent protest against police violence directed towards black people. Political opponents,

including President Donald Trump, said the now-former quarterback was disrespecting military veterans instead. In recent days, law enforcement officers and National Guardsmen assigned to police America's cities have shown acts of solidarity by kneeling before protestors, including Schenectady Police Chief Eric Clifford.

In this track, JB!! doesn't call out for violence. The song is a history lesson that reaches back from Malcolm X to old school rapper

Ice-T. The West Coast rapper has a storied history of controversy related to the topic of police and race relations. In 1991, he produced the song "Cop Killer" for his metal band Body Count. It drew the ire of law enforcement agencies across the country. Especially in life of the Los Angeles riots soon afterward. Ice-T told The Telegraph as recently as March that he doesn't "hate cops, I hate racists."

You can stream the single at Soundcloud.



Cameron Gallagher



Alex Hitrick

### Alex Hitrick

Alex Hitrick is no stranger to the local music scene. For seven years, he played parties and events as part of a three-piece band named Hitrick and Brooks. Most recently, he's played the keyboard for local party band Funk Evolution. However, Hitrick just graduated from The College of Saint Rose's prestigious music program and knocked out a CD to boot.

Hitrick released *Apple Trees* on Saturday, May 30. It's an 11-track album with clear influences from a band that often released under Apple Records. The mystery

behind this magical reference is completely intentional to avoid lofty comparisons, but a tour of this work is well worth the listen under today's current events.

"Blueberry Blue Dream," a zany trip with a cacophony of instruments jammed into all four minutes and 31 seconds of the song. It sets the tone for an extended, light-hearted listening experience.

*Apple Trees* is available on all streaming platforms. For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/apple-trees>.

### Frank Palangi

Palangi was already in the midst of releasing his fourth album *Bring on the Fear* when the COVID-19 pandemic started its spread. Despite the name, he insists the name is a mere case of conscience.

"I didn't know, but it actually fits into it: the title, *Bring on the Fear*, and the single is called "Gone Mad," Palangi said. "It's like, yeah, I can relate to that [now]." He laughs.

The album dropped on Friday, June 5. A video release of one of its tracks "Gone Mad" went online last month. It's the first track from Palangi's fourth

studio album. He said this work is "a little bit" darker and heavier from previous releases, but he still wouldn't call it heavy metal.

*Bring the Fear* is self-produced and mastered by Grammy Award-nominated producer Robert Venable. Palangi also teams up with Kelly Clarkson's drummer Lester Estelle, and Brian Craddock and Brandon Maclin from Daughtry. The EP features five tracks in streaming format, but the CD that will be available for purchase on Palangi's website will include a total of 14 songs.

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Jamel Mosely

## From page 1 ... Music is forever

life on Victory Soul Orchestra's latest video through Foster House Studios.

The Albany rapper's name, known on the stage as JB! aka Dirty Moses, has been linked with the funk and soul band for two years. He's the gent in the New York Yankees ballcap gesticulating on its Facebook cover picture captured at Lark Fest. He's been lending words to the voiceless troupe since they crossed paths on the stage one night at Savoy Taproom.

The cocktail bar and restaurant holds the torch for a Lark Street music scene once held by Justin's. Some people lament the loss of the latter, a classy jazz joint with renowned chef Ric Orlando in its kitchen, as the end of the neighborhood's Golden Age. However, today's generation sees places like Savoy and Lark Hall bookending a neighborhood culturally diverse with choices for cuisine and art. It represents the ebb and flow of life.

Savoy's modest stage was hosting the biggest names in the scene for its first birthday that night. Names included Girl Blue, Ryan Leddick Trio, Jeff Nania and many others. Brown recalls how he was on stage with DJ Trumastr when Victory Soul Orchestra started setting up

behind him. Regardless of its size, there's no hiding a nine-piece band with a horn section as it prepares to play.

There's usually a break in the music as one band breaks down to make room for the next. Brown's instrument is his voice, and Trumastr has his turntable. Maybe some assumptions were made, or maybe times were crossed between bands, but a line was crossed somewhere.

"I looked back. Gave them the evil eye. They looked at me. Gave me the evil eye," Brown said. "Joel [Yannuzzi] and I are too old to do anything stupid." But, there was some "negative energy" generating between the two acts. People picked up on it, as did Jason Pierce, Savoy's owner. He approached them both to suggest playing a set together. And, just like that, another birthday was established.

Victory Soul Orchestra adds a different flavor to Brown's hip hop style. It sounds fresh. Knocks you in the knees to where you think it's different. Old school rappers laid down words in front of backbeats and melodies captured in songs from the past. A blast from a good horn section is powerful. It worked out alright for Jay-Z and Kanye West not too long ago, but watching an emcee work in front of a live band is a dance worth seeing.

"Basically we wanted to record live with video," Yannuzzi said, describing something out of MTV's past. He wanted to capture the energy of a live performance surrounded by an audience. That sparked a conversation with Josh "Mirk" Mirsky at Foster House Studios.

Mirsky has lent a hand to Yannuzzi and the band before. When the band dropped

# HOROSCOPES

## June 2020 Week 2

### ARIES - MAR 21/APR 20

Aries, when faced with too many options, you may have difficulty making a final decision. This is when you may need to bring in a second opinion.

### TAURUS - APR 21/MAY 21

Don't let indecisiveness get in your way, Taurus. You really know what you want deep down, so put those plans into action as soon as you can. Others may come along for the ride.

### GEMINI - MAY 22/JUN 21

Don't feel like you need to make sense of everything all of the time, Gemini. Sometimes things will work themselves out and will become more clear over time.

### CANCER - JUN 22/JUL 22

Don't put too many eggs in one basket, Cancer. Look for different opportunities to diversify your skill set and make yourself more attractive to both acquaintances and employers.

### LEO - JUL 23/AUG 23

There is little point focusing all your energy on a situation that you know will not go in your favor, Leo. Instead, start zeroing in on a different project or task.

### VIRGO - AUG 24/SEPT 22

Creative pursuits are keeping you busy, Virgo. While they may fill the hours, figure out a way to turn hobbies into something profitable. You may need the money soon enough.

### LIBRA - SEPT 23/OCT 23

It is hard to foster tight relationships when you do not actively work on them, Libra. Sometimes you need to take the lead and initiate contact with others.

### SCORPIO - OCT 24/NOV 22

Don't be too hard on yourself if some poor news at work seems to be directly related to one of your assignments, Scorpio. You were only one factor in this situation.

### SAGITTARIUS - NOV 23/DEC 21

Take as many moments as you can steal for yourself in the days to come, Sagittarius. Soon enough you will be too busy to sit and relax for any amount of time.

### CAPRICORN - DEC 22/JAN 20

Friends certainly have your back, Capricorn. You must be willing to accept their assistance in your time of need. Even though you're a giver by nature, accept the help.

### AQUARIUS - JAN 21/FEB 18

Aquarius, it may be up to you to step up and make up some of the financial deficit in your household when you get news that affects everyone. You can quickly recover.

### PISCES - FEB 19/MAR 20

New career goals may have to be put on hold for the time being, Pisces. Another issue takes precedence at the moment.

Astrobeat last January, it prepared to hold a release party at The Hollow Bar + Kitchen. When the band got up onto the stage to play its set, they discovered the struck head had punched a hole through their kick drum. A few minutes later, the band takes the stage and starts to play. Mirsky is standing in the VIP section babysitting the fresh bass drum he just brought over from his studio. Our music scene is family. Snap back to this January, the band was recording in that same studio atop Washington Avenue Armory.

Mirsky said he always wanted to do a "Live at Foster House" series. He'd host a band and record the audio tracks while a videographer comes in to capture the visuals. There was another idea to produce the production like a silent disco, supplying the audience with headphones to hear the mastered product.

"We filmed it. ... It doesn't sound like a live album. It sounds like a studio album," Mirsky said. "It really came out awesome."

Jamel Mosely of Mel eMedia produced the video, which was released on YouTube last month. It features the JB and Victory Soul Orchestra surrounded by about 30 friends and family dancing or swaying in their chairs with their headphones on. "He was a quiet presence the whole time," Yannuzzi said of Mosely. "He's a great observer."

The four-song video opens with "Suspension of Disbelief" before the

band goes full throttle with "Shoot Your Shot." The only track off Astrobeat that features Brown on the record, it carries the inspirational message to go out and grab your dream. Mirsky calls the Victory Soul Orchestra video the "maiden voyage" to his idea of producing similar video-recording packages for a Foster House Studio series that will feature local bands. Capturing the energy of a live performance while not compromising sound quality on a monthly basis, he said, would be ambitious.

"If I can apply that and get enough people interested it would be one of the more fun things I've done for my studio and in my studio in a very long time," Mirsky said. "I really enjoyed it."

A libation is a ritual that serves to honor the dead. It involves the pouring of a valued substance, often the product of one's hard work — wine, olive oil, rice, honey. It's a practice that extends back to antiquity throughout several cultures including those in Africa.

Brown's libation was an offering through music. "God Self Icon" served as the final of four songs on the video, but the band continued to play a concert afterwards to entertain the audience, many of whom helped fund the video and recording; passing on the gift of music.



Jamel Mosely

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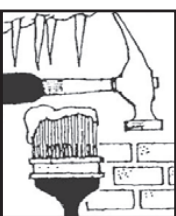
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# Protecting the sunshine of your eye

Keep your baby sun-safe

Spending time outdoors is a summertime tradition for people of all ages. Sunny summer afternoons may be especially cherished in 2020, when people across the globe have been forced to spend more time indoors as they adhere to social distancing guidelines implemented to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Parents of infants may be extra excited to get outdoors this summer. Chances to get out and about don't come around very often for parents of infants, and those chances may be even more rare as social distancing guidelines remain in place. But before parents rush out the door to soak up some summer sun, it's imperative that they take steps to protect their tiny tots from UV rays.

• Avoid exposing infants to the sun. The Skin Cancer Foundation notes that infants' skin is especially sensitive to the sun, so the organization advises parents to shield children six months and younger from the sun rather than using sunscreen. Instead of

applying sunscreen to their infants, parents should keep them out of the sun entirely. Seek shade between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., when the sun's rays are especially intense. When taking infants out in their strollers, make sure they are shaded at all times and avoid walking on the sunny side of the street.

• Dress babies for the sun. The SCF advises parents to dress their babies in brimmed hats and lightweight clothing

common sense, but the SCF notes that researchers at the University of Miami found that only 43 percent of parents consistently cover their babies with hats, and even fewer (40 percent) cover babies with long-sleeved shirts and pants when going out in the sun.

• Consider sunglasses. Sunglasses are another way parents can protect their children from the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays. Sunglasses can be an alternative for parents whose infants keep taking



that fully covers their arms and legs. Dressing babies for the sun may seem like

Wide-brimmed hats and long sleeve shirts can help protect infants from the sun on warm summer days.

off their hats, as many baby-sized sunglasses are equipped with elastic straps to keep the glasses on. Sunglasses may be vital because the melanin in infants' eyes is still forming, and that development can be adversely affected if infants' eyes are exposed to UV rays.

• Introduce sunscreen at six months. The SCF advises parents to begin applying sunscreen to their infants when their children reach six months of age. Choose a broad-spectrum, water-resistant

sunscreen with a minimum sun protection factor (SPF) of 15. The SCF notes that sunscreens that contain zinc oxide and titanium dioxide are good choices because these physical filters do not rely on absorption of chemicals and are therefore less likely to cause a skin reaction. The SCF also advises testing the sunscreen on your baby's wrist before applying it all over the body. This can indicate if the product irritates the child's skin and needs to be replaced, or if it's safe to use.

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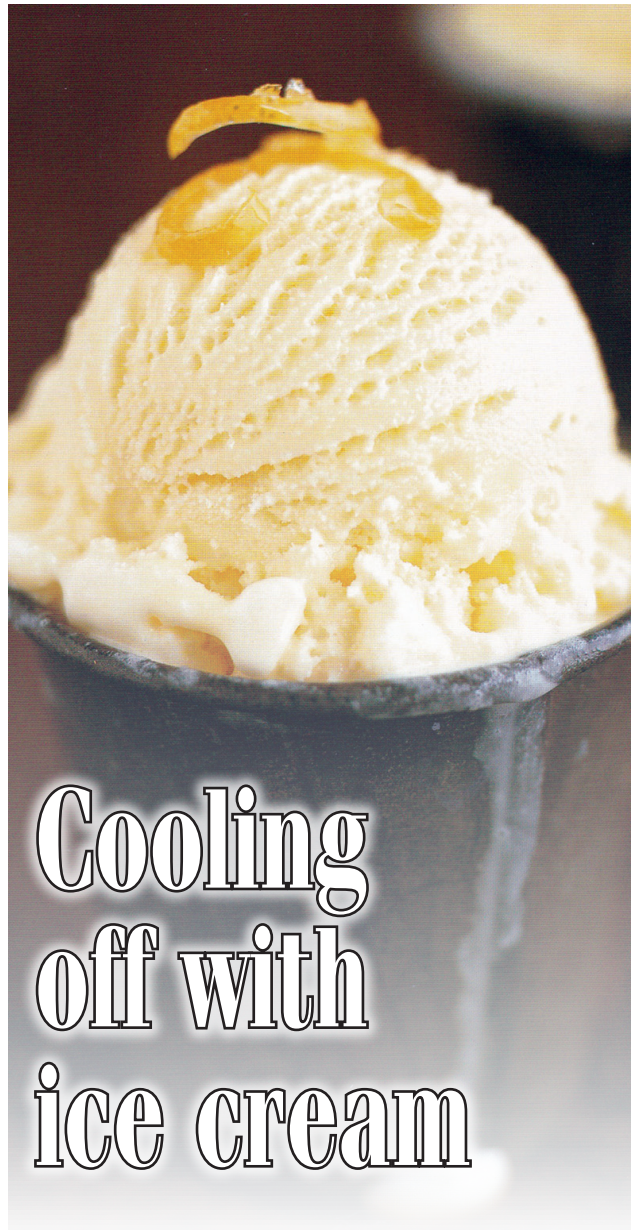
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Meyer Lemon-Buttermilk Ice Cream

**Ingredients: Yields 1 quart**

- 3/4 cup (6 ounces) heavy whipping cream
- 2/3 cup granulated cane sugar, divided into halves
- 2 Meyer lemons, (1 zested and both juiced to equal 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice)
- 1/2 Tahitian vanilla bean, split horizontally
- 1/3 cup whole milk
- 6 extra-large egg yolks
- 1 1/4 cups (10 ounces) buttermilk, chilled

**Instructions**

Stir the cream and 1/3 cup of the sugar together in a small saucepan. Finely grate the zest from the lemon into the pan. (The lemon can then be juiced as part of the 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice.) Scrape the vanilla seeds from the bean into the pan and then add the bean. Bring the cream to a boil over medium heat. Turn off the heat, cover the top of the pan with plastic wrap, and let cool to room temperature. Transfer to a bowl, cover, and refrigerate overnight.

The next day, strain the cream through a fine-mesh sieve and return to the saucepan. Add the milk. Bring to a simmer over medium heat.

While the cream mixture is heating, combine the egg yolks and the remaining 1/3 cup sugar in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the whip attachment. Beat on medium-high speed until the mixture is pale and thick and forms a ribbon when the whip is lifted from the bowl, 3 to 5 minutes.

Switch the mixer to low speed. Slowly pour the hot cream mixture into the bowl and beat just until combined. Do not beat to a froth.

Return the mixture to the saucepan and cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until the custard coats a spoon and registers 160 F on an instant-read thermometer, about 5 minutes.

Pour through the fine-mesh sieve into a bowl. Cover the bowl and refrigerate the custard overnight.

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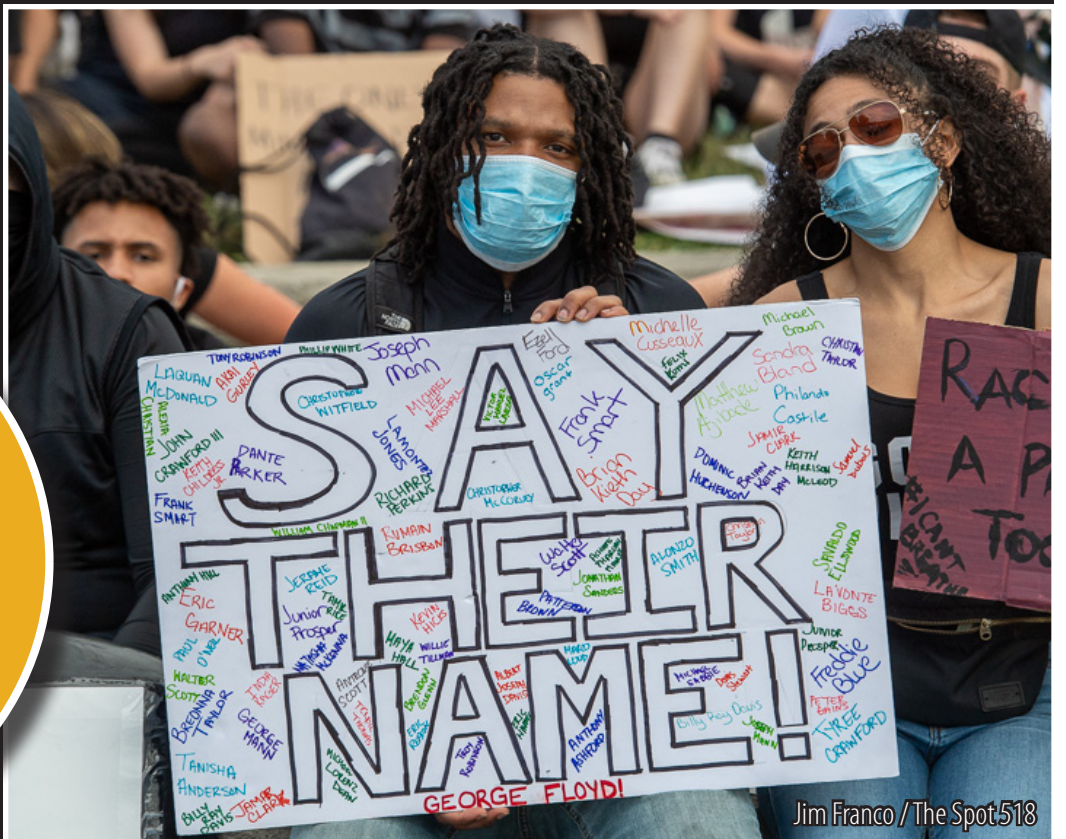


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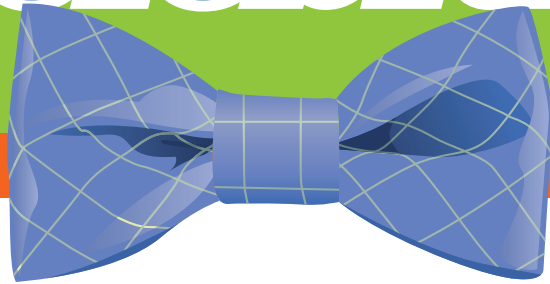
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