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In Your Backyard

Colavita's Corner

Eastchester is home to many high-end retail stores as well as small shops which are the core of our business community. Though they all sell different merchandise, products and services, one of the things they have in common is the collection of sales taxes.

Sales taxes are collected by the state, and a small fraction is remitted back to the Town of Eastchester. One would think that a tiny fraction of each transaction conducted in our business community may not be significant. However, the aggregate sales tax revenue collected by the town normally exceeds \$2 million. This revenue source directly

impacts our town budget and therefore your town tax bill. When deciding where to shop this holiday season, please support our local retailers and shops. Patronizing local vendors eases our tax burden.

There is another good reason to support our local retailers and shops. A healthy economic environment keeps stores rented and keeps rents stable, thereby reducing tax certiorari claims against the town.

So this holiday season, please keep your purchases in the Town of Eastchester whenever possible, for the sake of both our business community and taxpayers.



Anthony Colavita

Assemblywoman Paulin Announces \$23,000 Grant for Eastchester and Bronxville Justice Courts

Assemblywoman Amy Paulin has been advised by New York Chief Administrative Judge Ann Pfau that the justice courts in Eastchester and Bronxville have been awarded grants under the state's Justice Court Assistance Program. These courts will be receiving in excess of \$23,000 to undertake renovations and to purchase equipment to improve their operations and make their facilities more secure.

In announcing these grants, Pfau said, "Town and village courts play a critical role in the justice system of our state. It is vital that these courts, whose jurisdiction includes non-felony criminal prosecutions, motor vehicle cases, small civil claims and landlord-tenant



Assemblywoman Amy Paulin

disputes, be well-equipped and secure."

Paulin added that "these grants will help the courts of Bronxville and Eastchester serve the people of

the communities in which they sit, and to further the administration of justice. I look forward to the continued operation of this program and to working with the state to ensure that our justice courts remain an integral and successful component of our justice system."

The State Legislature in 1999 established the Justice Court Assistance Program to provide supplementary state assistance in the form of grants to the town and village justice courts. These grants, awarded by the chief administrative judge of the state court system, make it possible for justice courts to acquire essential equipment to enhance security and maintain a dignified and appropriate appearance.

Senior Citizen Programs

The Center at Lake Isle

Monday, December 15

9:30 Line Dancing with Theresa Kover and Pat MacLeod

12:15 Exercise with Inga de Forme Rehabilitation

12:15 Computer with Vincent Antonelli

1:15 Bob Moynihan, Musical Memories, CDs and DVDs

Cards Daily

Tuesday, December 16

8:30 Early Bird Aerobics, Video

9:30 Exercise with Paige Brodsky

10:30 Miriam Haaran, Creative Writing

11:00 Leave Center for Arthur Avenue

12:30 Trip Committee

12:30 Bridge and Cards

Wednesday, December 17

Center Closes at 1:00pm today

9:30 Tap Dancing with Paula Tarrantino

9:30 Drawing with Stephanie Rocker

11:00 Choral Session with Noel Hart Entertains at Sunrise in Mt. Vernon

12:30 Music-Drama with Ann Droukas

12:30 Mahjong with Miriam Roschell

12:30 Art Class with Betty Uses

12:30 Exercise with Evey Riccobono

Thursday, December 18

9:15 Country Western Dancing with Pat MacLeod

10:00 Yiddish Class with Leah Ehrlich

12:15 Center Celebrates Holidays,

Peter Lawrence Entertains

12:30 Pokeno and Cards

12:30 Computer with Vincent Antonelli

12:30 Knitting Class with Patricia Dorgan

Friday, December 19

8:30 Exercise with Julie Rosen

9:30 Lite Exercise with Mary Ann Scrobe

10:45 Gilda Press, Information and Conversation

12:30 Bridge and Cards

12:30 Chair Yoga with Louise Fecher

The Lake Isle Senior Center is located at 660 White Plains Rd. in Eastchester. For more information and transportation, call 914-337-0390.

Garth Road Senior Center

Wednesday, December 17

11:30 Hot Lunch Available, Reservations Required

12:00 Jane Rose, Let's Get Creative

2:00 "Let's Get Moving!" Exercise with Forme Rehabilitation

Friday, December 19

11:30 Exercise, Sponsored by Senator Jeff Klein

12:30 Holiday Luncheon, Reservations Required

1:30 Jeanne Claire, Holiday Entertainment, Sponsored by the Community Fund

The Garth Road Senior Center is located at 235 Garth Road in Scarsdale. The center is open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 12-4 p.m. and can be reached at 914-771-3340.

Serving Our Country

Ahmed Faried has graduated from the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Leader's Training Course at Fort Knox, Ky.

The four-week course is a leadership internship for cadets that can lead to the ultimate goal of becoming an Army officer. College students experience and examine the Army without incurring an obligation to serve in the Army or ROTC, and are eligible to receive two-year college scholarship offers and attend the advanced ROTC course at their college.

Cadets are observed and evaluated during classroom and field training exercises to determine their officer potential in leadership abilities and skills. The cadets are trained to have a sound understanding of traditional leadership values during the challenging, motivating and "hands-on" training. The training develops well-disciplined, highly-motivated, physically-conditioned students, and helps improve the cadets' self-confidence, initiative, leadership potential, decision making and collective team cohesion. The cadets receive training in fundamental

military skills, Army values, ethics, warrior ethos, rifle marksmanship, small arms tactics, weapons training, drill and ceremony, communications, combat water survival training, rappelling, land navigation and squad-level operations field training.

Faried is currently a student at Northeastern University in Boston, Mass., and his parents, Jibrael and Bridget Adu-Faried, reside on Fulving Avenue in Tuckahoe.

In 2005, Faried graduated from Tuckahoe High School in Eastchester.

Campus News

Samuel Bae of Eastchester, a student at Binghamton University, State University of New York, has recently been awarded scholarships from the Olive B. and A. Lindsay O'Connor funds. Established in 1997, these scholarships are awarded to full-time

undergraduates enrolled in the Binghamton University's Harpur College of Arts and Sciences, with preference given to freshmen students with academic merit and proven financial need.

Citibabes to Launch Second Location in Scarsdale March '09

Citibabes opened the doors to its first location in Manhattan's SoHo neighborhood in November 2005. Their mission was to create a private family club, resource center and ultimately, a community, where children can take exciting classes, play, learn, socialize and eat while parents, extended family and caregivers can take workshops, work-out and meet friends.

In spring 2009, Citibabes will offer families in Scarsdale just that

when they launch their second location.

The new 9,000-square-foot Scarsdale location will offer unique classes for ages two months to 10 years, summer camp, musical performances, a preschool alternative, educational computer stations, four classrooms that open up into a 1,250-square feet of space, a room for personalized private birthday parties and an indoor playground designed by Edwin Schlossberg's

renowned eco-friendly firm, ESI Design, featuring 1,100-square feet of safe structures and informative play stations.

For adults, a full-service gym with a yoga/spinning room, personal trainers and group classes, including a pre-natal program will be offered, in addition to an all-organic café and a hip retail store that will be open to the public—all of which is nestled under one considerably busy roof.

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